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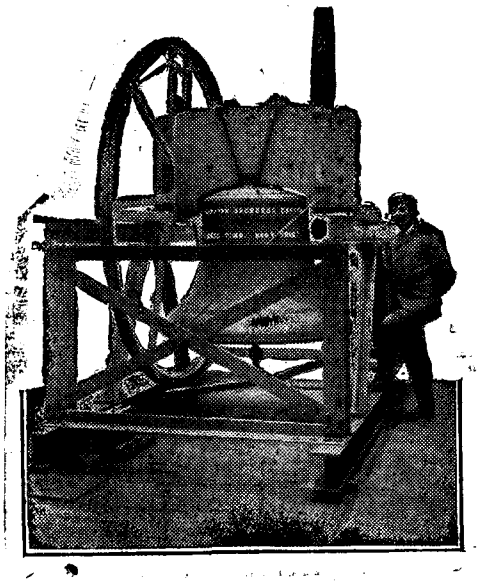

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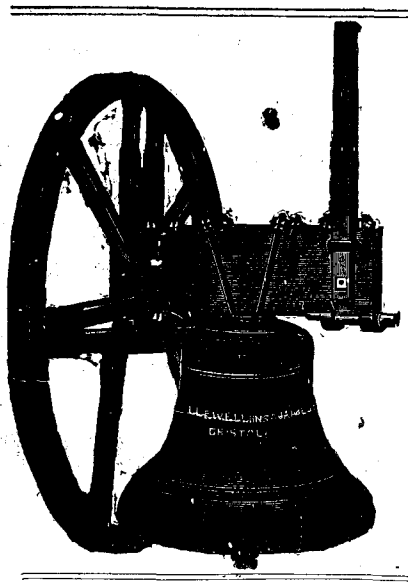

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the year was held at Hinckley on Saturday, January 27th. Members were present from Barwell, Burton-on-Trent, Cotgrave, Earl Shilton, Hugglescote, Leicester, Loughborough, Nuneaton Stony Stanton, etc. The bells were at the disposal of the ringers from 2 p.m., and various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. A great improvement has been made here quite recently by the fixing of sally guides, and the ropes can be handled with greater accuracy than before.

A very nice tea was served in the schoolroom, and at the subsequent meeting in the absence of the Vice-president, the Rev. W. P. Hurrell (Vicar of Hinckley), occupied the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

The Hon. Secretary read a list of the peals rung since the last meeting, and pointed out that the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Chesterfield on August 12th, 1905, would not be recorded by the Association on account of non-compliance with the rules; and the peal of Bob Major at Ripley on December 6th, 1905, had been found to be false. The Rev. M. H. Pimm and Mr. J. Hickman were chosen to audit the accounts of the Association for the past year.

Rule 9 was altered to read as follows: "That quarterly meetings of the Association be held in June, September and January in each year; the place of meeting to be fixed at the previous annual meeting; the committee to submit a list of suitable places for the consideration of the meeting." This was proposed by Mr. W. E. White, seconded by Mr. L. Bullock. Mr. W. Willson, sen. proposed, and Mr. A. Moss seconded, that Rule 13 be altered to 14, and that a new Rule 13 should be inserted as follows: "That each delegate to the Central Council shall be nominated at his district meeting; no district to nominate more than one." This was passed after considerable discussion. Twenty-two new ringing members were elected.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for so kindly taking the chair; and to the Hinckley band for the capital way in which they had made and carried out the arrangements for the day.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly General Meeting of the above Association was held at East Dereham, on Thursday, January 11th, about thirty members attending. The bells in the campanile of the parish church, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Arnold, were placed at the disposal of the members, and were kept going in various methods throughout the day. The Vicar presided at the dinner, with Mr. W. L. Duffield in the vice-chair, and supported by the Rev. C. L. Kennaway, Hon. Treasurer, Messrs. W. Emerson, H. Hopson, F. Day, J. Souter, J. Davy, C. E. Borrett (Secretary), and members from Aylsham, Tasburgh, Marsham, Diss, Swaffham, Gorleston, and the local company. The loyal toasts having been honoured, the toast of "The Bishop and Clergy," with thanks to Canon Arnold, was proposed by Mr. W. L. Duffield.

Canon Arnold, in reply, gave the members a warm welcome to the town, and in a very humorous manner proposed "Success to the Association," to which the Rev. C. L. Kennaway and Mr. C. E. Borrett responded.

A very interesting feature was the attendance at the dinner of Mr. Augustine Brown, a veteran of 86, and probably the oldest ringer in the diocese. Mr. Brown conducted a peal of Stedman Triples at East Dereham in 1851, and the old gentleman was delighted to take part in courses of Bob Major and Stedman Triples on the hand-bells at the conclusion of the meeting.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of members of this association was held at Reigate on Saturday last, the 27th January. The members to the number of about thirty, representing Ashtead, Beddington, Carshalton, Charlwood, Croydon, Epsom, Guildford, Horley, Leatherhead, Redhill, Reigate and Streatham towers, sat down to tea at Mark Dean's Refreshment House at 6 p.m. This concluded, a business meeting followed, presided over, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector, by the Rev. Reginald Jones. Minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the members proceeded to elect the officers for the ensuing year. The Rev. A. S. W. Young, the Vicar of Kingston-on-Thames, was re-elected treasurer, and the honorary secretary, Mr. Chas. Dean, was also re-instated. Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, son of the sole partner in Gillett and Johnston, the well-known Croydon bell-founders and clock makers, was elected assistant honorary secretary, whilst Dr. Arthur B. Carpenter, and the honorary secretary were appointed to represent the association on the Central Council of Change-Ringers for the next three years, and Messrs. Brooker and Canning were re-appointed auditors. It was reported that since the last meeting, six peals had been rung, making twenty-nine for the year, and an aggregate of 530 since the association was formed.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Putney on Easter Monday, and the secretary was instructed to obtain the use of Fulham bells in addition. It was also agreed that the summer meeting should be held at Betchworth, whilst that for October was fixed to take place at Benhilton (Sutton). Several new members were elected, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and to the Rector for the use of the bells at St. Mary Magdalene, where touches of Grandsire Caters and Triples, Stedman Caters and Triples, Treble Bob and Plain Bob Royal, and Double Norwich Major were rung by the members during the evening.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27th, about 80 members of the above assembled at Hagley, a remarkably pretty village near Stourbridge, and during the summer, a very popular holiday resort among the inhabitants of Kidderminster and Stourbridge. It is also noted as the home of the Lyttletons, the residence of Lord Cobham, Hagley Hall, being close to the church.

At 4.30 the members assembled in the church for the service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Manley Power, the address also being delivered by him; then from the church to a room, where a most substantial tea had been provided by the generosity of the Rector, the rule, business before pleasure, being reversed, the members thinking the business would go better if the pleasure came first.

After the company assembled had done their best with the good things provided, and a hearty vote of thanks had been enthusiastically accorded the Rev. Manley Power for his kindness, the business was gone into. Worcester was again selected as the place for the annual meeting on Easter Monday, and Mr. T. J. Salter being elected conductor for the quarterly peal to be attempted at Hagley. Several new members were elected, including two lady performing members, and as the Association already possess two, it has the proud distinction of possessing four ladies as performing members. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought one of the best attended quarterly meetings to a close.

The bells, a nice light ring of eight, tenor about 9 cwt., were kept going during the afternoon and evening, as also were those at Clent, a tower about two miles distant, several members walking across there after the meeting.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

A Meeting in connection with the above district was held at Wissett, on Friday evening, January 26th, and was well attended by members from Bramfield, Chediston, Halesworth and Wissett, including three lady members from Halesworth, who took part in the ringing both on the tower and handbells. Six-scores of Doubles in various methods were rang on the tower bells, and touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor on a new and musical peal of handbells belonging to one of the Chediston company. One ringer present, Mr. J. Punchard, of Bramfield, has during the last twelve months walked 370 miles to assist in ringing in the various towers of the district. After leaving the tower, a pleasant hour was spent at the ringers' meeting house, with touches and tunes on the handbells, and a very successful meeting was brought to a close with a hearty vote of thanks being accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Deanery Branch of this Association was held at Kilmersdon on Saturday, January 27th. Ringers began to arrive in the village about 3 p.m., and soon the six bells were raised by an ardent band of enthusiasts. A few 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, and at 5 o'clock there was an adjournment for tea at The Jolliffe Arms, where host Seymour had carefully provided for the wants of the inner man. Tea over, a good business meeting followed, presided over by the genial Vicar of Kilmersdon (Rev. G. P. Whately), and several new members were proposed, no fewer than four towers being represented by the nominees. Tea was succeeded by a very bright and hearty service in the church, when a most appropriate address was delivered by the Vicar, in the course of which he gave a hearty welcome to the ringers who had attended from various parts of the Deanery.

Ringing was resumed on the conclusion of Divine Service, and a 6-score of Stedman Doubles was rung as well as some more Grandsire. The Kilmersdon ringers who have not yet joined the Association, rang some set-changes in good style, their striking being excellent. The towers represented were Frome (St. John's), Buckland Dinham, and Midsomer Norton.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM.

This Guild, which has recently altered the boundaries of its influence so as to take in the whole of the newly created Diocese of Birmingham under the title of "The St. Martin's Guild of Church Bell Ringers for the Diocese of Birmingham," held its first quarterly and annual meeting on the evening of Tuesday, the 23rd ult, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese having graciously consented to become president. The rules of the Guild were revised to suit the altered conditions, and it became necessary, under such revisions, to elect various officers for the ensuing twelve months.

Several gentlemen were elected vice-presidents, and J. S. Pritchett, Esq., M.A., B.C.L., was enthusiastically re-elected presiding ringing master.

Mr. Albert Walker was elected deputy ringing master, and Mr. John Neal, treasurer.

The hearty thanks of the meeting were unanimously voted to Mr. W. Short for his past services as deputy ringing master, and regret was expressed that the calls of business prevented him retaining that office.

The meeting also decided to hold the usual Anniversary Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on Saturday, March 3rd next, at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, and various preliminary arrangements were made in connection therewith.

We can only express a hope that under the new auspices it will continue to extend the utility of its work without in any way detracting from its traditional character.

Some time ago it was stated that a prominent member of the Exercise had kindly offered to write a series of papers having for their object the elucidation of the higher methods, for beginners. We have the satisfaction of informing those concerned that the first of these have come to hand and will appear in our next number. The first paper is upon Double Norwich Court Bob.

THE BROXBOURNE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held in the Mission Room, Broxbourne, on Friday, January 26th, at 8 p.m., the President (Rev. J. Salway), M.A. in the chair. The Treasurer presented his report, shewing a total balance in hand of £1 14s. 5d., which was regarded as very satisfactory, and the report was adopted. An honorarium was unanimously awarded from this balance to Mr. G. Radley for his services as honorary conductor during the last year.

Mr. Radley in thanking the meeting, said he would rather not have accepted anything, as what he had done had been a pleasure to him, and his only wish was to increase the knowledge of the Exercise amongst his fellow-ringers at Broxbourne.

The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, viz.: President—Rev. J. Salway; Master—Mr. J. Trick; Deputy-Master—Mr. L. W. Horder: Hon. Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. J. R. Pulham; with a vote of thanks for their past services.

The President congratulated the members on the marked improvement in the ringing during the past year. This was very gratifying to him, as any improvement in the ringing must be, but particularly on account of the effect it was now having on some of the parishioners, who in the past were wholly indifferent to the bells, if not worse, but who were now beginning to take a great interest in the ringing.

The Secretary thanked the President for his kind words of appreciation, and said the improvement was due to the tuition of Mr. Radley, and to the enthusiasm the ringers themselves displayed in the Exercise, in proof of which he would refer to their punctual attendance, both on practice-nights and Sundays.

A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.

On Saturday, January 6th, the members of the above Association were entertained to dinner by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pulham at their house. All the members were present with the exception of Mr. Trick (the Master), who was unavoidably absent through indispositlon.

At 6.45, after grace had been said, "go" was called, and the various course-ends were brought round in capital style, ample justice being done to the good things provided. Mr. Pulham (Secretary of the Association), proposed the health of "The King," and in doing so said he did not think His Majesty was a change-ringer, but there was one thing he had not the least doubt about, *i.e.*, that if he had taken up the Exercise, there would be very few methods he was not master of.

After smokes had been got on the go, Mr. Pulham expressed the gratification he and his wife felt at entertaining the ringers that evening, but was sorry the Master of the Association was unable to be present. He (the speaker) was very pleased indeed to hear from several independent sources, how much the improvement in the ringing was appreciated in the neighbourhood. It was, however, to be regretted that, owing to one or two residents not caring for the sound of the bells, it was exceedingly difficult to get any ringing other than on the usual practice-night and for the Sunday services. As to a peal, or an Association meeting, it was well-nigh impossible to get the tower for them. This was specially hard on the ringers themselves, as it must inevitably do them all good to mix and rub shouiders with each other, and perhaps more experienced ringers, thus making for skill further improvement in the ringing. He felt this very keenly, especially as the Broxbourne bells were the best peal for many miles round, but hoped that in course of time the ban might be perhaps removed.

With regard to the Association itself, he thought he could safely say it was never in a more flourishing state, though he would be the last to take any credit to himself for that. It was the enthusiastic way in which one and all stuck to it, that was the sauce. It is said that an association of any sort was flourishing or otherwise according to the state of its finances; and, if that be so, the Broxbourne Change Ringers' Association is in a very healthy condition, which he hoped to be able to demonstrate at the annnal meeting.

In conclusion, Mr. Pulham expressed his gratification at being able to welcome Mr. Knight as secretary of the Hoddesdon Association that evening, and took the opportunity of tendering him the thanks of the Broxbourne ringers for his active interest in their association.

Mr. Knight in replying, said it afforded him great pleasure to be present that evening. He was always pleased to do what he could to help forward the Exercise in any way, aud especially the Broxbourne Association He congratulated everyone present on the improvement in the ringing, and concluded by reiterating the advice of a well-known ringer:—"Whatever you ring, learn to strike it well." Better far ring Grandsire Doubles well, than go on to other methods and ring them indifferently.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Radley for his services as honorary instructor, was carried with acclamation.

After the table had been cleared, Mr. Pulham brought out his phonograph, which beguiled the rest of the evening, which concluded with "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

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."

"ILLEGITIMATE TERMS."

SIR,—As the statement in my article which Mr. Drake calls in question is a side issue that does not affect one way or the other the main argument of my article, it would have been out of place to have gone into any detailed explanation of what I meant. But I have been rather interested in the matter lately, and I have been trying to write a short account of the development of scientific ringing which would explain what I meant. Only I can't get the thing together. I know exactly what I want to say, but up to now I can't put it into words. Of course when I said that it was a law settled quite in the infancy of the Art that a bell should always be on the move, I did not mean a formal written law; for there was no authority to draw up a formal law. Nor did I mean that it was never broken; for it was continually being broken. What Shipway did is nothing to the point. He lived when the force that had developed scientific ringing out of Plain Changes was spent, and he knew as little about the Ancients as we do. But whether settled in the infancy of the Art or not, it is a fact that now-a-days no one whose opinion is worth having has disputed that four-blow places are not legitimate, and it is on that fact that my argument turns. If you admit that a four-blow place is the proper equivalent of two bells dodging, then Bob Triples is the proper proper seven-bell variation of Bob Minor. If not, Bob Triples

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is a mongrel. I am thankful to Mr. Drake for his suggestions as to verbal alterations, but the points he raises do not call for any explanation from me. My excuse must be the difficulty I always experience in finding just the right word or sentence to express my meaning, and I am more surprised when I succeed than when I fail. J. A. TROLLOPE.

THE LONDON SCHOLARS.

SIR,—The further letter of Mr. Cole is of great interest, and shows what might be got by systematic research in bygone files of newspapers. And certainly the labours of himself, Mr. Slater and Mr. Sadler ought to act as a stimulus to indulge in this "Ghost of amusement." I am afraid I cannot do so to any extent at present, as what time I have for the British Museum must just now be allotted to my share of getting out the descriptive catalogue which the Central Council has requested its Literature Committee to prepare. Perhaps, however, later on I may be able to do some searching, unless in the meanwhile someone else should take the subject in hand.

R. A. DANIELL.

A SURMISE.

SIR,—I have read with very much interest Mr. Daniell's article on "Change-Ringing as an athletic exercise." May I suggest to him that the game of Trol Madams is identical with the Trolmy-dames of Shakespeare's time and "nine-holes" as played with marbles by boys of the present day. Hence the name of "trolly" given to the larger-sized marble used in the game. Hoping my surmise will be found correct.

MILDRED RICHARDSON.

ODD AND EVEN-BELL METHODS.

SIR,—In his article in your issue of January 20th, Mr. Trollope speaks of "places made every whole pull immediately next the path of the Hunt."

While this statement is not sufficiently vague to be misleading, yet a more definite phrasing would make his argument more clear.

Might I suggest the following:—

> Double Norwich consists of a plain Hunt and seven working bells, the paths of which are decided by "Places made immediately on either side of the path of the Hunt, except at the Hunt's whole pull at lead and behind. These places are made wherever there is an even number of bells over those places which are made over the Hunt; and similarly an even number of bells beneath those places which are made beneath the Hunt."

Having omitted the phrase about "extreme places" (as being unnecessary in any case), the above definition would apply (according to Mr. Trollope's argument) to odd as well as even bells by adding the words "or Hunts," after the word "Hunt," in every instance. H. DRAKE.

THE PEAL AT DURHAM.

SIR,—With reference to the letter by "Apropos" in your issue of the 27th inst., I am glad to observe that my previous letters have had some attention from your readers. When I first wrote you, it was with the purpose only of giving praise to the peal and those concerned in it, but I find others have taken the matter up in quite a different light, although not contradicting my statements. "Apropos" asks if my name is a *nom de plume*. I beg to say that I have no other name. In my honesty I gave it at the beginning of the correspondence, and I think when your correspondent "Apropos" is asking for a real name, it is unfair of him to hide his personality behind a *nom de plume*. I do not see why he should esteem any silence on my part in this matter an equivalent to the answers he anticipates, whatever they be in his idea. However I am not silent, but rise to the occasion, and respectfully say it is not "a trumpet at a premium." I have no interest beyond the object I have already mentioned, nor have I made any statement which may be considered under the heading of "repress," nor have I entered into the policy of retaliation; it is not necessary, and you may gather from my previous remarks that such is not the case. I have no fault to find with your correspondent asking questions, which is generally the way to obtain knowledge not previously possessed, but I must confess that there are parts of his letter that I fail to see the object contained in some of the remarks and questions made, as they are outside of the sphere of my correspondence. H. ATKINSON.

JOHN BUNYAN'S ANVIL.—DISCOVERY OF THE RELIC.

[From *The Daily Telegraph* of November 10th, 1905.]

Nearly two years ago *The Daily Telegraph* was the first to announce that the original warrant whereby six baronets and seven esquires clapped John Bunyan in Bedford gaol, was to be sold at public auction. When it appeared it fetched £305. The news now comes that the "wicked tinker's" anvil has been discovered, and it will forthwith be offered to collectors at Sotheby's. There seems to be no doubt about the genuineness of the find. It is in the shape of an inverted obelisk or cone, weighing about 60 lb., and is 2-ft. in length. Stamped on its iron surface are the roughly seared words, "J. Bunyan, Hel'stow," and the date "1647." At that time Bunyan would be nineteen years of age, and would have returned home after seeing some months' active service with Fairfax. The relic was found in the following manner: an ironmonger at St. Neots, in succeeding to an old business of one Carrington, turned out and sold a large quantity of iron implements and tools as old scrap iron. A marine store dealer bought some of the rubbish, and the anvil was amongst it. St. Neots is only a few miles from Elstow—Bunyan's birthplace—which was formerly called Helenstow. When Bunyan was dreaming dreams and claiming the rights and gifts of a seer, he was exhorted by one of his more lenient judges to stick to his trade of tinker, as his "real gift lay in ye repayring of olde kettles." Fortunately for English literature, Bunyan persisted in his mission. The anvil has endured, and probably will endure, much longer than the copies of the first edition of "The Pilgrim's Progress," but what its value may be must be left to the arbitrament of auction. Four years ago one of the few copies extant of the earliest imprint of "The Pilgrim's Progress" fetched £1475.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT WORTLEY.—The band set out with the intention of ringing the first peal in the method on the bells at Bolsterstone. On arriving there after a stiff climb of two miles from the station, a start was made, but after half an hour's ringing, we were requested to cease owing to a case of serious illness near the church. Not to be disappointed, we walked (or shall we say rolled) down the hill again into Deepcar, and after a snack of bread and cheese set off to try our luck at Wortley Church (one of our lucky towers), distant two more miles. Arriving there, we obtained the Vicar's ready permission to ring, found the obliging steeple-keeper, rang the quickest peal on the bells in fine style, and walked the two miles again to Deepcar in time to get another snack of bread and cheese and catch the last train to Sheffield, very well pleased with our half-day's excursion.

C. G.

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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.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, *Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.*

The London County Association, (late the St. James's Society), Est. 1824—The annual general meeting of the above Association will be held to-day, Saturday, February 3rd. The tower of St. Clement Danes, Strand, will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. to 5.25 p.m. and after the business meeting. Special ringers, service in the church at 5.30 p.m., which all members should make it their duty to attend. The business meeting will be held in the Parish Room, Clements Inn, at 6.45 p.m., when the hon. chaplain to the Association, the Rev. Septimus Pennington, M.A. will address the members. A social will be held in the Associations room at The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, at 9 p.m. The anthem to be used at the service will be that by Henry Purcell, of the time of Fabian Stedman, familiarly known as the "Bell Anthem." All ringers and friends will be heartily welcome.

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

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.— A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hertford, to-day Saturday, February 3rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea at the Coffee Tavern, Old Cross, 5,30. Business mesting 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 to-day, Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Subscriptions for 1906 are now due. A. R. MANNING, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Walsden, to-day, Saturday, February 3, 1906. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.

EDMUND SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*
6, *Back Bury Street, Heywood.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association. — The next meeting will be held at Burslem, to-day, Saturday, February 3rd. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Service at 7 p.m.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Sussex County Association. — Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, to-day, Saturday, February 3rd. Bells of Christ Church, St. Leonards and Christ Church, Blacklands available for ringing at 2.30. Service at 5. Tea by kind invitation of the Rev. Prebendary Hodges at 5,30. Towers of Christ Church, Blacklands, St. Clements, and All Saints' open in the evening,

G. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch. — A meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, February 3rd, at St. Luke's, Liverpool. Bells ready at 5. WALTER HUGHES.
3, *Belmont Place, Garston.*

St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley. — The monthly practice of this Guild will be held at Dudley, on Monday, February 5th, at 7.45 p.m. W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

The S. Margaret's Society, Westminster. —The annual meeting will take place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Friday, February 9th, 1906, at 8.15 p.m.

JAMES E. DAVIS, *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.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—The next quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Eling, on Saturday, February 10. Bells available from 2.30 p.m., and those of St. Michael's, Southampton, after tea. Tea at the Anchor Inn, at 5 o'clock. JAMES W. ELKINS, *Dist. Sec.*

Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John, Deansgate, on February 10th. Bells at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. H SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Central Northamptonshire Association. — Northampton District. — The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Duston, on Saturday, February 10th. Bells ready at 2,30. Tea in the parish room at 4.30.

FRED. WILFORD, *Dis. Sec.*
55, *Lutterworth Road, Northampton.*

Essex Association of Change Ringers.—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, February 17th. Tea will be provided in the parish room at 5 o'clock, meeting to follow. Members intending to be present kindly inform me not later than 10th inst. Reduced fares from Chelmsford providing ten or more send in their names to me not later than 7th inst. Train leaves Chelmsford 3 13 p.m. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1906 are now due.

H. F, COOPER, *Dist. Sec.*
County Offices, Duke Street Chelmsford.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—The usual anniversary "Henry Johnson" Commemoration Dinner will be held on the evening of Saturday, March 3rd next, at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham. Full particulars will appear in later issues. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 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.*

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire,

The Metropolis.

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On Monday, January 29, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PUTNEY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN T. KENTISH	*Treble.*	ERNEST G. STIBBONS	5.
HENRY G. MILES	2.	JAMES WILLSHIRE	6.
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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Thursday, January 25, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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FREDERICK G. PERRIN	3.	ALFRED B. PECK	7.
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E. FISHER	*Treble.*	J. CRAWFORD	5.
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On Saturday, January 20, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

J. HALL	*Treble.*	A. M. C. FIELD	5.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH J. PARKER	*Treble.*	MAURICE SMITHER	5.
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GEORGE MARTIN	3.	THOMAS PRICE	7.
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(GUILDFORD DISTRICT)

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Saturday, January 20, 1906, in Four Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7328 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY*	*Treble.*	*GEORGE W. MOSS	5.
GEORGE HOLLIS	2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	6.
JAMES THOMPSON	3.	*R. WILFRID COLLIER	7.
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CHARLES SAMSON	*Treble.*	EDGAR BAILEY	5.
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THOMAS BEADLE	4.	WILLIAM WARNE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. JUDD.

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SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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JOHN S. RUMMING	4.	ROBERT P. KNIGHT	*Tenor.*

Conducted by SERGT.-MAJOR A. PYE.

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On Saturday, January 20, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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ARTHUR LATHAM .. .. 4.	PETER PRESTON.. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

*First peal.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

FREDERICK PALMER .. ..*Treble.*	WALTER PERKINS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 2.	DAVID NICHOLLS .. .. 6.
EDWARD CHAPMAN* .. .. 3.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 7.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 4.	JOHN J. MAWBY .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

*First peal in the method.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr.

J. TAZWELL .. .. ..*Treble.*	H. HATTON.. .. .. .. 4.
T. RICKETTS .. .. .. 2.	G. LAWRENCE 5
F. PAVEY .. .. 3.	J. PENNY .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by T. RICKETTS.

First peal of Doubles by all; also the first on the bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, January 22, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. F sharp.

ALFRED SMITH .. .. ..*Treble.*	†ALFRED MILLS .. .. .. 5.
HENRY FARLOW* .. .. 2.	*FREDERICK FALLON .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BRANT* .. .. 3.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 7.
HENRY BENTLEY* .. .. 4.	DANIEL JONES .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by J. E. GROVES.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This is the first peal rang by the ringers of St. Luke's church unassisted, and was rung to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the accession of King Edward.

SILK HANDKERCHIEFS AND WRAPS.—For these goods send to W. MATTHEWS, Change-Ringer, Macclesfield.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 22, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWARD SMITH .. .. ..*Treble.*	EDWARD BRIDGER .. .. 5.
ERNEST EVEBEST .. .. 2.	ELGAR KING .. .. .. 6.
WILLIAM DENTON* .. .. 3.	PERCY DENTON .. .. .. 7.
GEORGE EDWARDS .. .. 4.	*GEORGE COOPER.. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by ERNEST EVEREST.

Rung on the anniversary of the accession of King Edward VII.; also a birthday compliment to the conductor. *First peal, and was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 22, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

W. KERLEY .. .. ..*Treble.*	E. WATERS .. .. 5.
C. FORFIT .. .. 2.	J. J. BRISTOW .. .. .. 6.
E. T. GREEN .. .. .. 3.	C. W. GOODENOUGH.. .. 7.
F. PHILLIPS .. .. .. 4.	C. MEREFIELD .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by C. W. GOODENOUGH.

Rung in honour of the fifth anniversary of the accession of King Edward.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 23, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK BURGAR .. .. ..*Treble.*	ARTHUR SLATER .. .. 5.
TOM O'HARA .. .. .. 2.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 6.
EDWIN JAMES .. .. .. 3.	JOHN ALLEN .. .. .. 7.
JOHN GOACHER .. .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. E. James's eldest daughter. Quickest peal on the bells.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 23, 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S TWELVE-PART (No. 3). Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ..*Treble.*	LEWIS SILVER .. .. .. 5.
GEORGE HAYES .. .. .. 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN.. .. 6.
ERNEST CARTER* .. .. 3.	†GEORGE MARTIN .. .. 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 4.	ALFRED THOMPSON .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

*First peal. †First peal of Stedman. Rang as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Silver and Cheesman.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

EDWIN J. BOTTLE .. ..*Treble.*	RICHARD S. STAINES .. 5.
HERBERT E. SIMPSON .. 2.	ALBERT J. DAY.. .. .. 6.
WILLIAM GOLDING .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.. 7.
HARRY J. TIDY .. .. .. 4.	SIDNEY C. LADD .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by H. E. SIMPSON.

CHATHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHESTER DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, January 25, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOSEPH E. GRENSTED	*Treble.*	WILLIAM HUNT	5.
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	2.	JOSEPH FAYERS	6.
ERNEST E. GURNSEY*	3.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN	7.
FREDERICK SHEDD†	4.	E. H. HINKLEY	*Tenor.*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. Messrs. Fayers and Shedd were elected members previous to starting for the peal.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jahuary 25, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent, and three 720s of Plain Bob.

ALBERT BERRY	*Treble.*	CHARLES NUNN	4.
EDWARD YOUNGS	2.	JOHN MAYS	5.
ALPHAEUS BERRY	3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Right Hon. Lord Henniker and E. Youngs.

LENTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 25, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 8¾ cwt.

WILLIAM WAGSTAFFE	*Treble.*	SAMUEL WESLEY	5.
JOSEPH WOOLLEY	2.	E. J. OLIVER	6.
THOMAS HORTON†	3.	PERCIVAL PRICE	7.
JOSEPH BAILEY	4.	*WILLIAM BELLAMY	*Tenor.*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM BELLAMY.

†First peal in the method. ‡First peal as conductor.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FRANK PEIRCE	*Treble.*	GEORGE BARTLETT	5.
HARRY COOMBES	2.	ROBERT MILES	6.
EDWIN COOMBES	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
WALTER LONGSHAW	4.	FRANK COLLIER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

MERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

FRANK PAINE	*Treble.*	ALFRED E. GOWER	5.
RICKS PAINE	2.	JAMES SWINERD	6.
SIDNEY PAINE	3.	DANIEL PAINE	7.
RICHARD PAINE	4.	EDW. S. RUCK	*Tenor.*

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Conducted by EDW. S. RUCK.

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DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN	*Treble.*	WILLIAM GROOM	5.
PERCIVAL WOODS†	2.	JAMES RUMSEY	6.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	3.	WILLIAM RUMSEY	7.
EDGAR HICKS	4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	*Tenor.*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

†First peal in the method.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

AUGUSTUS HARRIS*	*Treble.*	SIDNEY PEACOCK	5.
FREDE. A. HOLDEN	2.	ALFRED ROBSON	6.
SAMUEL TAYLOR (R.N.)*	3.	WILLIAM EASTER	7.
WILLIAM BATE†	4.	WILLIAM HAIGH	*Tenor.*

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

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

WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN	*Treble.*	SIDNEY F. PALMER	5.
JOHN THORPE	2.	ALBERT NASH	6.
FRANK BURGAR	3.	DAVID BREARLEY	7.
JAMES EVINSON	4.	ARCHIE BREARLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Quickest peal on the bells. Reference to this peal elsewhere.

The following five peals were arranged for the Rev. F. E. Robinson, on the occasion of his first visit to North Staffordshire:—

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 15, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

HORACE SMITH†	*Treble.*	J. JOHNSON	5.
JOHN DARLINGTON	2.	F. DARLINGTON	6.
G. SMITH	3	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
A. A. CLAY	4.	*REV. H. P. BARCHARD	*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

†First peal of Stedman. *First peal in any method. Previous to starting for the peal Mr. Robinson was elected a member of the above Association. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 16, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

G. A. SMITH	*Treble.*	J. JOHNSON	5.
W. G. THOMPSON	2.	F. DARLINGTON	6.
HORACE SMITH	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
JOHN GODBER	4.	*T. G. EDWARDS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. Messrs. Smith and Godber were elected members of the above Guild previous to starting for the peal.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 17, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

J. DARLINGTON	*Treble.*	WM. G. THOMPSON	5.
G. A. SMITH	2.	J. GODBER	6.
F. SMITH	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
REV. E. V. COX	4.	†WM. RIGBY	*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. *First peal of Stedman. The Rev. E. V. Cox and J. Darlington were elected members of the above Guild previous to starting.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 18, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGABET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S Tenor 14 cwt.

G. A. SMITH	*Treble.*	F. DARLINGTON	5.
F. SMITH	2.	J. JOHNSON	6.
J. DARLINGTON	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
WM. FITCHFORD	4.	WM. GRICE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung as a birthday peal to the tenor ringer.

FENTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

REV. E. V. COX	*Treble.*	WM. FITCHFORD	5.
G. A. SMITH	2.	J. JOHNSON	6.
J. GODBER	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
F. DARLINGTON	4.	E. A. SHERRATT	*Tenor.*

Handbell Peal.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 21, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. E. MOORE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

HORACE F. MOORE	1-2.	ARTHUR MOORE	5-6.
HARRY R. MOORE	3-4.	*CHARLES LOMAX	7-8.

Composed by ALBERT C. HARDY, and Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

*First peal double-handed.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS,

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE SHEFFIELD DISRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 25, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SIDNEY F. PALMER*	1-2.	WALTER COATES	5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN	3-4.	†ALBERT NASH	7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

†First peal on handbells, and in the method. *First handbell peal away from the tenors. Rung after meeting short for a tower peal. Umpire—Fred Coates.

Peal-Boards made by JAMES HUNT, Change-Ringer, of 19, Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STRETFORD (Lancashire).—On Thursday, December 21st, at the parish church, a date touch of 1905 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 11 mins. H. Chapman, J. J Moss, W. H Shuker, C. W. Birchall, W. Wigglesworth, W. J. Moss conductor. Rung on the 35th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Monday, October 16th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins G. Hayes, M. Digby, E. Carter, F. Ring, W. Martin, G. Martin, W. Harper conductor, A. Thompson. First quarter-peal by a local band.

UPPER DEAL (Kent) —On Sunday, January 7th, for morning service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Axon, H. Denne, E. Verrier, H. Barton conductor, E. Kemp, H. Castle.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

BANGOR (Carnarvonshire).—On Saturday, October 21st, at St. David's church, 720 Treble Bob Minor. C. Williams, Rev. Marshall, Rev. T. L. Jones, J. H. Midwinter, A. J. Hughes, W. T. Pegler conductor. On Saturday, October 28th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Crane, Rev. T. L. Jones, W. T. Pegler conductor, C. Williams, J. H. Midwinter, A. J. Hughes.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

FENTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 5th, for evening service, a quarter-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. First quarter-peal by all except ringers of 4th and 6th.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

MALINSEE (Shropshire).—On Friday, January 5th, 720 Bob Minor H. Bailey, F. Martin, G. F. Woodhouse, F. Archer, A. Woodhouse H. C. Woodhouse conductor. First 720 by all except H. C. and G. F. Woodhonse.

THE EXETER RINGERS' CYCLING CLUB.

EXETER (Devon).—On Sunday, October 29th, for Divine Service at St. David's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. T. J. Stokes, C. Carter, W. Richardson, A. W. Searle, E. Sargent, F. Davey, J. Moss, W. Acreman. Conducted by A. W. Searle. First quarter-peal by the treble man.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

OXFORD.—On Wednesday, January 3rd, at Merton College, a half-peal of Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 45 mins. A. Fox, Rev. G. Ridout, S. Hounslow, W. Finch, W. J. Smith, T. Payne, G. R. Fardon conductor, W. Stone. A peal was attempted, but finding it impossible to ring it in the time the conductor brought the bells round at half way.

CHISLEHURST (Kent).—On Monday, November 13th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. French, K. Hims, A. Durling, A. Darvill, R. Brett-Smith, G. Durling, T. Groombridge, G. Head.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On October 9th, at the parish church, 629 Grandsire Caters. J. Harding, T. Newnham, G. Marriner, W. C Otway, H. Wood, J. Wyatt, A. H. Winch, A. C. Otway, A. Dean conductor, E. Hull. Also 647 Grandsire Caters. J. Harding, A. H. Winch, G. Marriner, W. E. Otway, H. Wood, J. Wyatt, W. Marks, A. C. Otway, A. Dean conductor, E. Hull.

MALDON (Essex).—On October 2nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. C. Lambert conductor, A. Gessett, H. Mansfield, T. Gozzett. F. Chalk, C. Taber. On October 12th, 720 Plain Bob. F. Dodson, G. Hodge, J. Beach, E. C. Lambert conductor, F. Butcher, F. J. Lambert.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. S. Wade, F. G. Tegg, J. E. Miller, H. Miller, M. Fensom, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong conductor, A. Crane. Composed by James George.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 1st, at All Hallows church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Ellis, H. Barnett, jun., H. A. Barnett, J. Gibson, W. Dickinson, H. Ellis, C. A. Button conductor, A. G. Christmas.

Obituary.

GEORGE MIDDLETON.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of the above named ringer. He died at his residence 20, Radford Boulevard, Nottingham, on Friday, January 5th, 1906, aged 76 years. The deceased had suffered from a most painful affliction, cancer on the stomach. He had been a ringer in Nottingham for over 55 years, first at St. Peter's, then when All Saints Church was built in 1864, he was one of the first band of ringers appointed there, which position he held for very close upon 30 years. He then joined St. Peter's company again in 1893, and had continued to be a member of the same up to the time of his death. He was always one of the most regular and punctual attendants, never known to be late and never absent only through illness. He joined the Midland Counties Association of change-ringers in 1884, and although he had only scored 2 peals with the Association, he was heart and soul in short touches, and was a most reliable ringer in the standard methods. He was interred in the General Cemetery, Nottingham, on Wednesday, the 10th of January, and as the funeral was taking place, a muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells of All Saints which is close by, by the following:—A. J. Hobbs, R. Gee, A. Burnham, W. Peabody, F. Johnson, J. Woolley, conductor, F. Knibbs, W. S. Knibb.

In the evening a muffled peal of Bob Major was attempted at St. Peter's Church, but after ringing 3 hours and 4 minutes a mishap occurred, and the conducter called stand, W. Bellamy, conductor, T. Horton, J. Woolley, P. Price, F. Johnson, J. Hickman, E. J. Oliver, A. Roberts. The deceased had been a member of the Ancient Society of Foresters for a great number of years, and was one of the district trustees at the time of his death. He was borne to his grave by four of his brother Foresters, and the Foresters' service for the dead was read by Brother John Lees, the district treasurer.

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Also the chime of bells at Ames College, Iowa, U.S.A.

And the recast "Grandison," of Exeter Cathedral.

DEATH OF THE REV. CANON JAMES, RECTOR OF ST. MICHAEL, GLOUCESTER.

We regret to announce the death of Canon James, Rector of St. Michael, Gloucester. Three or four years ago Canon James had a very severe illness, since when be had been more or less of an invalid. He had a return of the trouble a few weeks ago, and on Friday alarming symptoms of heart failure were apparent. He passed away peacefully at 3.30 on Saturday afternoon.

Born near Wells, the Rev. George James received his early education at the Chapter Grammar School of that city, where he came under the notice of Archdeacon Law, then one of the Canons of the Cathedral and subsequently Dean of Gloucester. On leaving school Mr. James aided Archdeacon Law in the preparation of a popular series of tracts entitled "Christ is all," and in 1857 entered Trinity College, Dublin. He graduated B.A. 1862, M.A. 1865, and was ordained deacon in 1863, and priest in 1864, by the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol. He was curate of St. Mary de Lode, Gloucester, 1863-64, and Minor Canon and Librarian of Gloucester Cathedral and Chaplain of Gloucester Infirmary 1864-74. In the last-mentioned year he was appointed Rector of St. Michael with St. Mary de Grace, the patron of the living being the Lord Chancellor. He became Rector of St. Aldate in 1888, and Surrogate of the Diocese of Gloucester in 1886. He was the oldest incumbent in the city.

The deceased, who was a former chairman of the old Gloucester School Board, leaves a widow (daughter of the Rev. Canon and the Hon. Mrs. Bankes), two sons (the Rev. H. L. James, vicar of Surfleet, Spalding, and the Rev. E. Bankes James, Chaplain and Mathematical Master at Oswestry Grammar School), and one daughter.

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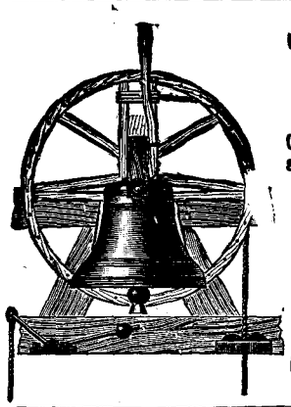

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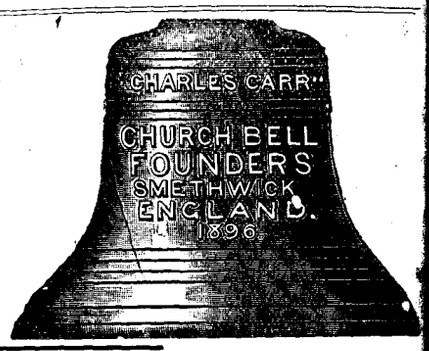

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