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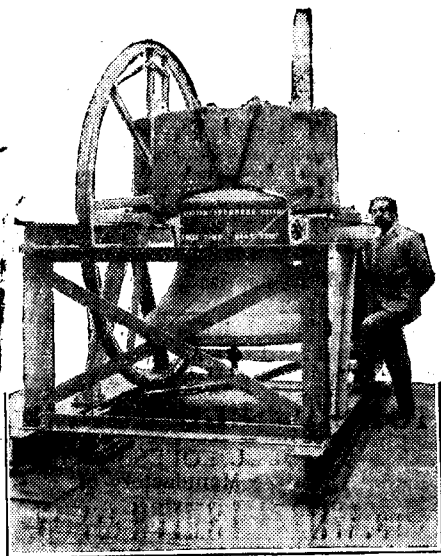
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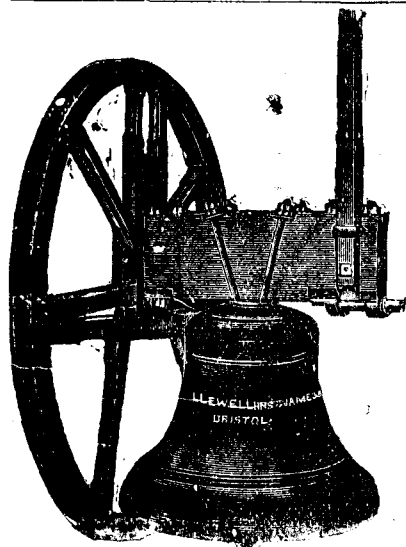
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BENJAMIN ANNABLE, AND THE LONDON OF HIS TIME.

By R. A. DANIELL.

(Continued from page 626.)

In the days when Annable was ringing there were, as now, gatherings in which members of the College Youths and Cumberlands and other Societies, now extinct, could meet for peals together, but they were not organised in the permanent manner adopted by the St. James's Society in 1824. Peals rung in this way were sometimes known as "Friendly Peals," and as such commemorated on tablets. Societies where men met belonging to various old mutually-exclusive companies seem to have been mostly of a social rather than scientific character, that is, men met, not to practice new methods, but to ring, in the course of a social evening which included a supper, a touch, or occasionally a peal, in some method with which they were well at home. This is exemplified by the proceedings of the Ramblers' Club, of which I gave some account in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 20th, 1900, and following issues. But I have not come across any record of any peal in which Annable took part away from the College Youths. He was admitted in 1721, served the office of Steward in 1737, and of Master in 1742. His peals with this Society appear to number fifty-six, of which he called forty-nine, and I make them out to be as follows:—

Bob Triples	1
St. Dunstan's Triples	1
Union Triples... ..	2
College Triples	1
Simon's Triples	1
Bob Major	17
Bob Major Double	3
Bob Major St. George	1
Bob Major Reverse	1
Morning Exercise	1
College Bob Major	1
Treble Bob Major	9
Grandsire Caters	6
Grandsire Caters Double	1
Bob Royal	2
Treble Bob Royal	1
Grandsire Cinques	5
Bob Maximus... ..	1
Bob Maximus Double	1
Total	56

Annable rang his last peal in 1754. It may be an accident, or it may be a confirmation of Mr. Jasper Snowdon's view, given in his "Grandsire," of the opposition of Annable to Holt's peals of Triples in that method, that Annable took no part in the two College Youths peals called by Holt in 1752.

Of Annable's ringing performances apart from the above, I have found but little—the excursion to Calais and the visit to Oxford. The former arose in this way.

The College Youths were invited to open a ring of eight at St. Mary's, Dover, in the year 1732, and they accordingly did so. On their way they rang 5040 Bob Major at Canterbury Cathedral on May 30th, 1732, which performance is claimed to be the first in that steeple. The members taking part were James Richardson, Wm. Pickard, John Ward, John Dearnor, Richard Spicer, Samuel Jeacocke, Benjamin Annable, John Cundell and James King, the tenor being rung double-handed by the last-named; and on the ensuing first of June they rang a similar peal at St. Mary's, Dover, without King. So from having these records we know pretty well who the men were who on the following day crossed over to France and rang a course of Cinques on handbells at Calais, and another when half-way across the Channel on the return journey. Besides the peal at St. Mary's they rang some Doubles at St. James's, Dover, including among other methods, Stedman. This is interesting because it shows that Stedman's Principle was not unknown in London at that time, though it does not seem to have been practised on higher numbers.

Of the excursion to Oxford we only know from the diary of Hearne, who was resident in Oxford at the time. On Whit-Sunday, May 13th, 1735, fifteen London ringers arrived in Oxford and stayed till the following Saturday. Annable's name is mentioned as being of the party, but who the others were we have no means of knowing, as though peals were attempted at New College, Magdalen and Christ Church they all failed owing to breaking of ropes or other mechanical defects.

Hearne also informs us that Annable was putting out a new edition of *Campanalogia*, and the latter's manuscript notebook in the British Museum Library remains a tangible evidence of his intentions in that direction. Mr. Dains has recently dealt so fully in these columns with the contents of this volume, that it would be superfluous for me to pursue the subject. But one does wish that it contained some materials for forming an opinion of Annable's position and calling in life. Mr. J. W. Snowdon, I believe, considered there was evidence that he was a baker, and so of course he may have been; but it does not seem to me by any means certain that that word as appearing in his book is meant as a description of himself. There are, too, in the volume the words "Amsterdam Coffee House," which may signify that he kept that establishment—an occupation which then catered for a higher class of customers than now. But all is uncertain, and about his personality we must as yet be content to guess. Thinking it possible that as he was buried at St. Bride's he might in some way be identified with St. Bride's parochial affairs, I obtained permission for a search in the Vestry Minutes of that parish of his time, but without succeeding in finding anything relating to him. So far as we can judge by analogy from such other persons as we have some knowledge of with whom he rang, Annable was probably a respectable tradesman in the City of London.

True it is such persons are few in number. We look down the lists of Ringing Societies of the early half of the eighteenth century, and find very few names which con-

vey any further meaning to our minds; but the few that do so, convey a satisfactory one.

The first of these is Francis—afterwards Admiral—Sir Francis Geary. He joined the College Youths in 1725, and forthwith rang in five peals with them, including ringing the 6th bell in the first peal of Bob Maximus at St. Bride's. As at this time he was only seventeen years of age, he must clearly have had a strong aptitude for the Exercise. After this, his name drops out of the records, presumably owing to his naval career, but his continued interest in change-ringing is evinced by the somewhat unexpected fact of his serving the office of Steward in 1744. He took part in the wars with Spain and France, and was appointed Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth in 1770, and later commanded the Channel Fleet. According to the Dictionary of National Biography, "he is spoken of as a man of a singularly calm and equable temper, and of a most kindly disposition, but without the restless energy and dogged determination of a great commander."

The next name is that of John Hardham. He was a celebrated Tobacconist and Snuffman in Fleet Street. A Tobacconist's shop bearing his name still exists, but not on the original site, which has been cleared for the improvements about Ludgate Circus. Hardham was admitted into the College Youths in 1724, and was Master in 1747. In 1749 he was nominated constable of St. Bride's parish, and paid a fine of £9 to be excused serving, and in 1755 he paid a fine of £10 to be excused serving the office of Overseer of the poor in the same parish.

Then there was William Laughton, admitted the same year, and Steward in 1731. He was a Watch and Clock-maker in Leather Lane, and left behind him a manuscript which I noticed in these columns in January and February 1900. And there was John Patrick, too, admitted in 1730, Steward 1733, Master 1736. He lived upon Ludgate Hill, and made barometers and other scientific instruments for the Admiralty. His copy of The London Scholars' Book, annotated with his own hand, is in the Library of the British Museum. All these men rang with Annable and Geary rang with them all. The absurd statement sometimes made that Annable was a Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge is demonstrably false, as any one can see for himself by perusing the lists of Professors in the Calendar of that University, from which his name is conspicuously absent. Whence the error came I know not. It is possibly that it arose from the following inflated paragraph from a newspaper of the time, which is preserved among the manuscripts of Dr. Mason, formerly a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, who was both a change-ringer and a Professor in the University.

"A few nights ago was buried under the Tower of St. Bride's, Mr. Benjamin Annabel, the best ringer that was ever known in the world. Till his time Ringing was only called an Art, but from the strength of his Great Genius he married it to the Mathematics, and 'tis now a science. This Man in figures and Ringing was like a Newton in Philosophy, a Rattcliffe in Physic, a Hardwicke in Wisdom and Law, a Handel in Music, a Shakespeare in Writing, and a Garrick in Acting. O rare Ben!"

This language is, of course, absurdly exaggerated, and what can be more ridiculous than to talk of Annable as marrying Ringing to Mathematics? Inasmuch as change-ringing was mathematical from the start, you might as

reasonably speak of marrying a man to his infancy. No doubt Annable was one of the foremost ringers of his day both in performance and composition. But we do not know enough of what either he or others were doing in these respects to justify a more precise statement. Still this London tradesman, as he almost certainly was, deserves the recognition of posterity as one who contributed in a high degree to the development of the Exercise, and the position he held as leader of the College Youths seems to be indicated by the fact that soon after his death dissensions arose in that Society which led to the secession of a body of members who established the first Society of Junior College Youths.

(Concluded.)

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Guildford District of the above Guild was held at Farnham Castle on a recent Saturday afternoon, upon the kind invitation of the Bishop of Winchester. The weather unfortunately was wet, yet there was a large gathering of members, over seventy attending. The parishes represented were Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas (Guildford), Farnham, Haslemere, Dunsfold, Shere, Seale, Godalming and Shalford. Touches on the bells of the parish church took place from two o'clock to about 3.30, when the members proceeded up to the Castle. They were accompanied by the Rev. A. R. Wiseman (Rector of Seale), and the Rev. M. H. Fitzgerald (chaplain to the Bishop), who conducted the party over the historic building, including the keep, and gave interesting accounts of everything that came under notice. Soon after four o'clock all repaired to the large dining-hall, where they sat down to an excellent meat tea. The Bishop of Winchester was present to receive his guests, and the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, of Thorpe (Secretary of the Guild), and Mr. Hollier (organist of St. Mary's, Guildford), were also present. After tea the quarterly business was transacted, the Bishop presiding over the proceedings. Mr. John J. Jones (Hon. Secretary), read the minutes of the previous meeting, and Mr. A. Pulling (Peal Secretary), then presented his quarterly report. The past quarter, he stated, was a very good one, nine peals having been rung, comprising Bob Major 3; Minor Methods 1; Grandsire Triples 1; Stedman Triples 1; Stedman Caters 1; Double Norwich 1; Superlative 1. Seventeen new members were elected, and it was resolved that the next quarterly peal should be one of Grandsire Triples, and should take place at Shere, and be conducted by Mr. M. Bignold.

Mr. C. Willshire (Guildford), was called forward, and the Bishop addressing him said a very pleasant task had been entrusted to him, having been requested by Mr. Garfath, of the Farnham band, to present to him (Mr. Willshire), a walking-stick in token of the band's great appreciation of his kind services as instructor. The band were very thankful to him for what he had enabled them to do by his professional instruction, and the stick was given to mark the sense of their obligation to him.

Mr. Willshire, on receiving the stick, which was of ebony and silver-mounted, said it came to him as a great surprise. He was very grateful for it, and he hoped that the instruction given by him to the Farnham band would prove of service to them.

The Bishop humorously remarked that he hoped Mr. Willshire would live so long as to need the stick to get upstairs to ring the bells.

A course of Grandsire Caters was then rung on handbells by J. Hunt, 1-2; T. W. Radford, 3-4; J. J. Jones, 5-6; C. Willshire, 7-8; S. Radford, 9-10. This was followed by a course of Grandsire Triples. Both were smartly performed, and were warmly applauded.

The hymn "Ring forth, holy bells" was sung, after which the Bishop addressed the gathering, at the end of which he pronounced the Blessing.

A collection was made for the Winchester Cathedral Restoration Fund. The Bishop referred to the urgent need of repair and restoration. Touching upon the settlement that had occurred at the east end of the cathedral, he said it was

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estimated that £20,000 would have to be spent in preventing the settlement from going further, and in securing the safety of the splendid fabric.

Mr. Jones proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop, and stated that his lordship had half promised to attend the annual festival at Guildford.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter seconded, and the motion was heartily carried.

The gathering then broke up, and as each member left the Castle he received a hearty handshake from the Bishop.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT SALTBURN.

Given fine weather on a recent Saturday, Saltburn would have been the rendezvous of a goodly number of members of the above Association. As it turned out, however, a nasty biting wind, and rain practically all day, kept many members at home. Over forty enthusiasts put in an appearance, mainly from Stockton, Middlesbrough, Darlington, etc., and, all things considered, an enjoyable afternoon was spent. The ring of eight bells at Saltburn, and six at Marske, were available during the day, and the former were kept going until late in the evening. A committee meeting was held at 3 o'clock, when the principal item was the question of the presentation to be made to the late Secretary (Rev. W. P. Wright), who has left the district, being now at Hemingbrough, near Selby.

At 5.30 tea was partaken of at Allison's Temperance hotel, and this part of the programme received that attention for which ringers' gatherings are famed. An afternoon's ringing certainly tends to develop a hearty appetite.

After tea, the President (Mr. G. J. Clarkson), proposed the loyal toasts, which were duly honoured. In proposing the "Archbishop and Clergy" he paid tribute to the clergy generally for the interest they took in the ringers, and was especially pleased to find that some members of the cloth were taking such an active interest in the art, that they were becoming ringers themselves. This was an exceedingly good sign, and tended to benefit the Exercise.

The Rev. A. W. Lister, who during the afternoon had given practical proof of his ability as a ringer, responded, thanking the president and other ringers for kindly advice given him in his progress in the Exercise, and acknowledging the real and active interest he took in bell-ringing.

The Rev. R. Hodgson (Hon. Secretary of the Association), also replied. Though not himself a ringer, he took great interest in it; and was glad to say they had a young band in his parish of Skelton, who were making good progress; and anything he could do to further the interests of the Association would be done with willingness and pleasure.

Several new members were proposed, the most notable of these being the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton, Berks., who has during his career rung well over 1000 peals.

The next meeting of the Association was fixed for Easter Monday at Bedale.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 17th, a meeting of the members of the Grimsby District of the above Guild took place at Scunthorpe. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. on the splendid ring of eight bells at the parish church, and during the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob were rung, conducted by Messrs. Bixby and Seamer. A short service was held at 5.30 in the parish church, at which the Vicar gave an interesting and practical address on the office and duty of a ringer. After service a move was made for the "Jap Cafe," where a capital tea was provided through the generosity of the Vicar, who presided, and was supported by his churchwarden and a numerous and thoroughly representative gathering from Gainsborough, Barrow, Grimsby, and Scunthorpe. Mr. P. O. Bixby, of Gainsborough, the General Secretary of the branch, occupied the vice-chair. After partaking of the good things provided, the usual formal business was disposed of. Six new members, including Mr. R. C. Bacon, of Willingham-by-Stow, were elected, and Barrow-on-Humber was the place chosen for the next district meeting, the arrangements for which were left in the hands of Mr. W. H. Heyhoe, of Grimsby.

Mr. P. O. Bixby proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar. As this was his first visit to Scunthorpe, and he had not previously seen or spoken to the Vicar, he was rather handicapped, and could not possibly do justice to the gentleman. "What," Mr. Bixby continued, "has made a strong impression upon me and all the visitors this afternoon is the great interest the Vicar and churchwardens take in their bells and ringers, and the manner in which the ringers support them and show their gratitude for the interest taken in their welfare. To promote this good feeling between incumbents and ringers, is one of the chief aims of our Guild, and in many instances success has crowned our efforts. What we still want is for more of the clergy to follow this Vicar's example and co-operate with the Guild in furthering the work. The branch sets before us a high ideal, and we must not rest satisfied until that ideal has been attained, namely, to get incumbents and church authorities to take as much interest in their bells and ringers as they do in their organs and choirs; to show that they recognise the belfry as part of the church, and not use it as a lumber-room; to clean, decorate and furnish the ringing-chambers equally as well as the chancels and vestries; to obtain ringers from the right class of men (namely sound Churchmen) and occasionally attend their practices or meet them at a social gathering, and take a living interest in their welfare. This is our aim, and I am pleased to notice that Scunthorpe nearly reaches this ideal. In the name of the members present I heartily thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service and address, and for his kindness in providing us with an excellent tea." This was carried with acclamation.

The Vicar in responding said he had often been told that ringers were a thorn in the side of the incumbent, but he was happy to state that in Scunthorpe this was not the case. He was sure his ringers had gained a good deal by joining the Guild, and hoped that very soon the members would hold another meeting in his parish.

Mr. Heyhoe thanked the organist for his services, and congratulated the Scunthorpe ringers on the progress they had made in the art of scientific change-ringing. A year ago they were unable to ring Bob Minor, but now they had twelve members who were all able to ring Bob Major, and two of them had taken part in a peal of over 5000 changes. He urged them to persevere and practise the higher methods.

The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going until the time arrived for the departure of the visitors. P.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, March 11th, for evening service at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. A. Whight, A. Head, W. Newman, F. Gill, H. Dawson, H. F. Cooper conductor, H. Richell, W. Wade. Composed by W. Lincoln and rung for the first time.

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3456 - -	312654 - -
6354 - -	4256 - -
612453 - -	413652 - -
213465 3 -	2356 - -
312564 - -	6253 - -
4265 - -	2145638709x†
413562 - -	412365 - -
2365 - -	5263 - -
214365 - s	3562 - -
2145638709x†	314265 - -
3465 - -	5462 - -
5364 - -	2564 - -
512463 - -	213465 - -
3264 - -	5364 - -
315462 - -	512463 - -
2564 - -	3264 - -
4265 - -	4362 - -
413562 - -	4263 s -
2365 - -	415362 - -
412563 s -	2563 - -
3265 - -	3265 - -
5362 - -	314562 - -
514263 - -	2465 - -
3462 - -	5264 - -
315264 - -	513462 - -
4562 - -	2364 - -
2465 - -	215463 - -
213564 - -	3564 - -
4365 - -	4365 - -

123456
* 1, 6, 16s, 19s.
† 2, 5, 6, 13s, 14, 15, 19.

Has the 5th twelve times behind the 7th in the tittums position, with all the 5678s with the treble as second bell, and the 6th six times behind the 7th. Also the 6th twenty times behind the 8th with all the 5678s in the handstroke home position treble as second bell.

Rung at St. Martins, Birmingham for the first time, May 28th, 1905, conducted by A. Walker.

Has the 5th 14 times right and the 6th 24 times behind the 8th in the handstroke home position, with the whole of the 5678s in both positions with the treble a second bell.

Rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, for the first time, June 12th, 1905, conducted by A. Walker.

5007.
2314567890x 6 19

41625378x90*
3652 - -
2356 - -
214653 - -
3456 - -
312654 - -
4256 - -

6254 s -
4652 - -
2456 - -
213654 - -
4356 - -
412653 - -
3256 - -
6352 - -
112356†
Last 22 courses of peal 5007.

1, 5s, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17.
† 2, 5, 9s, 13s, 14, 15, 18, 19.

Has the 5th 15 times right and the 6th 23 times behind the 8th, the whole of the 5678s in both the tittums and handstroke home position with the treble a 2nd bell.

STEDMAN CATERS.

By G. T. DALTRY.

5139.
231456 5 16

514362978*
415263 - -
3562 - -
2365 - -
214563 - -
3465 - -
5364 - -
512463 - -
3264 - -
315462 - -
2564 - -
4265 - -

314562 s -
413265 - -
5362 - -
4563 - -
214365 - -
5463 - -
3564 - -
312465 - -
5264 - -
513462 - -
2364 - -
4263 - -

Repeat calling first course 1, 2,

5127.

2314567890x

31562478x90* 5 6 19
4526 - -
413625 - -
5326 - -
6523 - -
613524 - -
314265 - -
5462 - -
513264 - -
4362 - -

These last four courses 7 times repeated with single for bob at 5 in the 3rd coming part. Round with bobs at 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 14, 16, 17.

1, 5, 6, 7, 19.

10, 13, 14, 16, produces 214365879. Rounds next change.

* By 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11.

DOUBLE OXFORD ROYAL.

By T. TEASDALE, North Shields.

5040.

23456 M W H
52436 - -
42635 - -
62534 - -
43526 - -
24536 - -
53246 - -
25346 - -
32546 - -
54326 - -
35426 - -
42356 - -
34256 - -
54236 s -
23546 - -

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

By HENRY DAINS.

5120.

M W H

23456
23564 x -

23645 x -
62345 - -

62453 x -
46253 - -

24653 - -
35642 - -

63542 - -
56342 - -

56423 x -
45623 - -

45236 s -
44536 - -

52436 - -
43526 - -

32465 x -
26354 x -

26543 x -
52643 - -

65243 - -
54632 x -

54326 x -
35426 - -

52364 x -
46325 - -

34625 - -
34256 x -

23456 - -
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23456 - -

5 6 14 19

314256 s -
413652 - -

2356 - -
214653 - -

3456 - -
6354 - -

214365 - s s -
412563 - -

3265 - -
314562 - -

2465 - -
312564 s -

4265 - -
413562 - -

2365 - -
3124568709x†

213654 - -
4356 - -

412653 - -
3256 - -

413652 s -
2356 - -

214653 - -
3456 - -

6354 - -
214563 - s -

3465 - -
312564 - -

4265 - -
314562 s -

2465 - -
213564 - -

4365 - -
Rounds next change.

* By 1, 6, 19.
† By s2, 3, 7, 8,

9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, s21.

The above composition has half the course-ends either 5-6 or 6-5. The fifth or sixth is never below fourths at a course-end except two courses with the 6th in 3rds.

BOB MAJOR.

By H. WHITTLE.

5088.

23456 W E M H
45436 - -

44536 - -
24365 x -

32654 x - -
46325 - -

34256 x - -
23564 x - -

Five times repeated.
Single for bob 3rd and 6th parts.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, March 22nd; and at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Tuesday, March 27th, all at 8 p.m.

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

The Essex Association.—South Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Hornchurch, to-day, Saturday, March 17. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Bull Inn, 9d. per head. Business meeting to follow. May I remind members that subscriptions for 1906 are now due.

GEO. A. BLACK, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
5, Grove Crescent, Woodford.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Lindfield, to-day, Saturday, March 17. Tower open from 3 to 9. Service at 5. Tea 5.45, kindly provided by the Vicar.

ROBERT J. DAWES, *Div. Hon. Sec.*
64, Shaftesbury Road, Brighton.

The Bath and Wells Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 24th, at Dunster. Bells available all day. Service at 4 o'clock. Meat tea at the Luttrell Arms Hotel (6d. each to members) at 5 o'clock. Business immediately following. Members intending being present at tea should inform me not later than Tuesday, March 20th. Bridgwater.

A. E. COLES, *Hon. Sec.*

Nottingham District.—A meeting will be held in St. Peter's belfry, on Saturday, March 24th, at 7.30, to nominate a delegate for the Central Council.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Local Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne and Hoddesdon, on March 24th, when the tower of Broxbourne will be open from 1.30 till 5 o'clock. Tea at Hoddesdon at the Old Salisbury Arms at 5.30. Business meeting after, and ringing at St. Catherine's after meeting. Tea 6d. to all. All ringers and friends will be welcome.

W. H. LAWRENCE, *Hon. Sec.*

Little Mundon.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District. The next meeting of the above will be held at Heston, on Saturday, March 31st. Bells ready at 4 p.m.

J. J. PRATT, *Dist. Hon. Sec.*

Hillingdon.

Hitchin, Herts.—All communications respecting the use of St. Mary's bells must be addressed to J. F. FOSTER, 82, Grove Road, Hitchin.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

In your last issue you gave a three-part peal by Mr. Henry Dains with a distinct feature of calls at the first and fourth leads being used throughout, but the composition is somewhat marred in my opinion by the too frequent use of singles, as I believe it is an axiom that

singles should not be used when the same result can be obtained by bobs. The result here being only to have two bells in 6th place. The composition, it is stated, has the 6th the full extent in 5-6, but this is obviously incorrect. I should not have troubled you with any remarks upon this composition had I not some years previously worked on the same lines, but as my labours in this direction did not satisfy my requirements in having as few singles as possible, I put the matter on one side so far as three-part peals were concerned, and obtained better results in one part. However, for the benefit of younger and more energetic composers with your permission, I subjoin my peal, and hope if the matter is worth the trouble that they may improve upon the idea, and cut down the singles to the lowest possible numbers in three part-peals.

5040.

23456	I	4	6
34256			
42536	s		
25346	s		
53426		s	
34526			
25634		s	
56234			
62534			
35264			
52634	s		
26534			
65234			
32564			
45236	s	s	s
52436			

Twice repeated.

N. J. PITSTOW.

A variation of the above may be obtained by calling a bob at one in the first course and omitting the bob at 6 in the third course. Also a bob at one may be added in the seventh course at the first lead.

RINGERS' SUPPER.

The annual supper of the Hoddesdon Society was held at the Salisbury Arms hotel, on Thursday evening, February 8th, 1906, at 7.30, when the Vicar, the Rev. P. E. S. Holland, presided, and Mr. N. P. Christie (one of the donors of the bells) occupied the vice-chair, while among those present were Mr. J. Dew (churchwarden), Mr. Jackson (organist), Mr. T. Taylor, Mr. Walder, and the following ringers:—Messrs. H. G. Rowe, J. Puplett, S. Knight, C. Matthews, W. Cavill, I. Cavill, E. Blake, G. Plummer, J. Ansell, W. Irons, A. Cains and G. Barker (Ware). After a capital repast provided by host Puddefat, the loyal toast proposed by the chairman was duly honoured. Mr. Dew then proposed the Hoddesdon Society, coupling the names of Messrs. J. Puplett and S. Knight, who suitably responded. Mr. Taylor proposed the toast of the churchwardens, and Mr. Dew responded. Mr. Knight proposed the toast of the organist and choir, and Messrs. Jackson and Walder responded. During the evening some capital songs were sung by Messrs. N. P. Christie, J. Dew, B. Walder, H. G. Rowe, A. Cains, and G. Barker. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Messrs. J. Puplett 1-2, G. Barker 3-4, H. G. Rowe 5-6, S. Knight 7-8, and selections were given on the gramophone by the host. Mr. Knight proposed the health of the host and hostess, commenting on the most excellent supper provided, to which the

host, Mr. Puddefat briefly responded. This brought to a close one of the best and most enjoyable evenings spent by the Society. In conclusion, should any company of ringers be spending a day or having their annual outing in the neighbourhood, they will find their wants well catered for by our worthy and respected host Mr. Puddefat, of the Salisbury Arms. Having sung "God save the King," the company dispersed to their various homes.

SCARBOROUGH—AN INVITATION.

As there is likely to be a number of change-ringers among the delegates attending the conference of the National Union of Teachers to be held at Scarborough during Easter week, the Scarborough ringers will be glad to try and make arrangements for ringing, either at Scarborough, Bridlington, or Robin Hoods Bay, if ringers attending the conference will kindly communicate with me as early as possible.

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WILLIAM PYE Treble.	JOHN T. KENTISH 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	REUBEN CHARGE 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, CLAPHAM.

On Tuesday, February 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, CLAPHAM,

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

FRANK HAIRS* Treble.	ARTHUR N. HARDY 5.
JAMES W. CHAPMAN 2.	GEORGE EDSER, JUN. 6.
GEORGE LANGFORD 3.	JAMES W. DRIVER 7.
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Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN R. SHARMAN Treble.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
REUBEN CHARGE 5.	ALBERT COLES Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, March 8, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL Treble.	BERT LANGEON 6.
YORK GREEN 2.	EMANUEL HALL 7.
WILLIAM TRUSS 3.	ALFRED PECK 8.
SAMUEL JOYCE 4.	WILLIAM COCKERILL 9.
JAMES SCHOLES 5.	GEORGE BARRILL Tenor.

Composed by JOHN BARRETT, and Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the composer and conductor, their birthday falling on the above date, the band wishing them many happy returns.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 8, 1906, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

CHARLES H. WALKER* .. Treble.	REGINALD EDWARDS 5.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 6.
GEORGE H. DAYNES 3.	HARRY WARNETT 7.
EDWARD N. PRICE 4.	HARRY BARRETT Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by H. WARNETT.

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

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 9, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM SHIMMANS Treble.	WILLIAM FOREMAN 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.* .. 3.	REGINALD EDWARDS 8.
EDWARD PRICE 4.	HARRY WARNETT 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE 5.	WILLIAM BERRY Tenor.

Composed by HAROLD N. DAVIS, and Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

*First peal on ten bells. †First peal on ten as conductor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 10, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 41 cwt.

REUBEN CHARGE Treble.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	FRANK SMITH 8.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 3.	*JAMES HUNT 9.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 4.	ERNEST PYE 10.
ISAAC G. SHADE 5.	WILLIAM PYE 11.
MARK WOODCOCK 6.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal of Cinques away from the tenor. Rung on the anniversary of the King's wedding.

Handbell Peals.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT 19, OLD JEWRY, E.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5049 CHANGES.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires—J. R. Sharman and A. T. King. The above is a short course composition in seventy courses, and is the first of its kind ever conducted from a pair of non-observation bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 10, 1906, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT 26, ELLINGHAM ROAD, STRATFORD, E.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

SAMUEL J. BIRD† 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6.
ARTHUR J. NEALE 3-4.	JOHN MOULE 7-8.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

†First peal on handbells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Moule.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 11, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. PYE, 213, CANNHALL ROAD, LEYTONSTONE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5055 CHANGES.

WILLIAM PYE 1-2.	GEORGE R. PYE 5-6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3-4.	ERNEST PYE 7-8.
HARRY F. DAWKINS 9-10.	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—W. Keeble.

The Provinces.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED WINDSOR Treble.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD 5.
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Conducted by F. W. DIXON.

*First peal in the method.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALFRED BROOM Treble.	MARK JACOBS 5.
FREDERICK BARKER 2.	HARRY SIMMONS 6.
JOHN WHEADON 3.	ROBERT BRETT 7.
WILLIAM HARPER 4.	WILLIAM BOND Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT BRETT.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROOKES Treble.	SAMUEL OAKES 5.
JOHN WORTHINGTON 2.	ALFRED POTTER 6.
THOMAS PEERS 3.	JOHN POTTER 7.
WILLIAM DENNER 4.	JOSEPH POTTER Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN USHER* Treble.	HERBERT HUGHES 5.
JOHN THOS. HOPWOOD .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
JOHN USHER 3.	EDWARD H. GRIFFITHS .. 7.
HERBERT JONES 4.	*SAMUEL BIRKS Tenor.

Conducted by W. SHORT.

*First peal. First peal in the method by the local band.

NORTHALLERTON, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM HARRISON* .. Treble.	†MAURICE B. DALBY 5.
JAMES BAXTER 2.	*WM. THOMPSON 6.
JAMES BARNETT 3.	THOS. METCALFE 7.
JOSEPH BRETTILL 4.	*ERNEST BURNETT Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES BAXTER.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method with a bob bell.

TUEBROOK, LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES GARD† Treble.	*SAM W. STEWART 5.
WILLIAM BOOTH 2.	WALTER HUGHES 6.
WILLIAM HARGREAVES* .. 3.	ALBERT LOVELL 7.
EDWARD CAUNCE 4.	THOMAS HAMMOND Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD CAUNCE.

†First peal. *First peal of Grandsire.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, February 24, 1906, in Three Hours Four-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qrs.

J. S. HAWKINS Treble.	R. BUCKLAND 5.
P. W. WILKINS 2.	J. C. TRUSS 6.
W. HORNE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
W. H. FUSSELL 4.	J. W. WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. E. ROBINSON.

Rang on the twentieth anniversary of W. H. Fussell's first peal with the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

HARRY BARTON Treble.	PHILIP H. PIERCE 5.
CHARLES LEMAN 2.	FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 6.
ARTHUR A. ANDREWS .. 3.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4.	CHARLES W. BRETT Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.

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

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 25, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK PRITCHARD Treble.	DAVID HORNE 4.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	ARTHUR HADLEY 5.
CHARLES HORNE 3.	FREDERICK SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal on the bells.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, February 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

H. OLIVER† Treble.	*R. W. CHAPMAN 5.
F. SWEETZER 2.	F. HAINES 6.
H. GOODGER 3.	C. CHAPMAN 7.
E. OSBORNE 4.	R. HAINES Tenor.

Conducted by R. W. CHAPMAN.

†First peal. *First peal as conductor. This is the first peal by a local band.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN Treble.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	*ERNEST CHEESMAN 6.
HERBERT WOOD 3.	EDWARD AUDSLEY 7.
ROBERT BRETT 4.	WILLIAM SAUNDERS Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

*First peal with a bob bell.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, February 26, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Treble.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5.
SAMUEL WESLEY 2.	JOHN T. BUTLER 6.
JAMES THOMPSON 3.	R. WILFRID COLLIER .. 7.
ERNEST BUTLER 4.	JOHN P. TARLTON Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by [R. W. COLLIER.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THUBSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

F. C. MOODY Treble.	T. BARKER 5.
J. CARTER 2.	J. JACKSON 6.
S. BROOK 3.	W. PEARSON 7.
A. WALKER 4.	*J. FRYER Tenor.

Conducted by W. PEARSON.

*First peal of Triples.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH PENNINGTON Treble.	RICHARD HEALD 5.
ROBERT FIDDIES 2.	GEORGE PINCOTT 6.
WILLIAM DUCKWORTH 3.	WILLIAM PENNINGTON 7.
JOHN MOSCROP 4.	TITUS BARLOW Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE OF CHARITIE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART (No. 1). Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBERT BAKER Treble.	ALBERT BIGGS, JUN. 5.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN 2.	FREDERICK HUNT 6.
ALBERT BIGGS, SEN. 3.	WILLIAM HOLDSTOCK 7.
SAMUEL R. GARNER 4.	GEORGE WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by E. E. FOREMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Biggs, sen., the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, February 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THOMAS GWYNNE Treble.	GEORGE IRVINE 5.
WILLIAM COOK 2.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 6.
GEORGE ESSEX 3.	ERNEST W. MENDAY 7.
JOSEPH HANDS 4.	JOSEPH GOODGER Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Cook and Goodger, of Shiplake.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEO. HY. WHEELER* .. Treble.	SAMUEL HORSFALL 5.
JAS. HY. PETERS 2.	JNO. E. ASHCROFT 6.
ARTHUR KINSEY 3.	FREDK. T. SPENCE 7.
JOSEPH HUGHES 4.	WM. LEIGH Tenor.

Conducted by FREDE. T. SPENCE.

*First peal. First in the method for all the hand; also on the bells.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BREEZE Treble.	WALTER HUGHES 5.
EDWARD CAUNCE 2.	HENRY W. WILDE 6.
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. .. 3.	EDWIN H. LEWIS 7.
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4.	JAMES MARTIN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MARTIN.

First peal in the method by all except Messrs. Lewis and Wilde, on the bells, and by the branch. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. Gamble Walker for the use of the bells.

MALDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 27, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court, two of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM G. MANSFIELD* Treble.	JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.
ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 2.	ALFRED GOZZETT 5.
HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 3.	FREDERICK CHALK Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST C. LAMBERT.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. D. Buckingham.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

A. SAMS* Treble.	J. GRABHAM 5.
J. REED 2.	J. R. JONES 6.
J. HOLE 3.	H. MOORE 7.
G. ATKINS 4.	*F. PAGE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by H. MOORE.

*First peal.

CAPEL, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet, London Scholars Pleasure, College Pleasure, Kent, Collège Exercise, Woodbine and Oxford.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE CHEESEMAM* .. Treble.	*ARTHUR LINTOTT 4.
CHARLES TAYLOR 2.	*FREDERICK TULLETT, JUN. 5.
ARTHUR TULLETT 3.	EDWIN JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by E. JORDAN.

*First peal in any method, and who have only been practising Treble Bob ringing about four months.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ARTHUR SMEATHERS* .. Treble.	FRED WILFORD 5.
WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 2.	WALTER PERKINS 6.
FREDERICK PALMER .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 4.	HARRY PETTITT Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 27, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

CHARLES ROSE Treble.	CHARLES NUNN 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. 5.
ALPHABUS BERRY 3.	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. G. Craggs and Miss Gertrude Lipscombe.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (READING BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FULLER* .. Treble.	*EDWARD G. BLAGRAVE .. 6.
THOMAS FULLER* .. 2.	ALFRED WATMORE .. 7.
JOHN SWAIN† .. 3.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. 8.
HARRY RUNHAM .. 4.	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE .. 9.
CHARLES GILES† .. 5.	JOHN GOODENOUGH .. Tenor.

Composed by F. W. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

*First peal. †First peal of Caters. ‡First peal of Caters as conductor. Messrs. Blaggrave and Watmore were both re-elected members of the Guild previously.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 27, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

HERBERT GREEN .. Treble.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. 5.
WILLIAM H. BIRTWHISTLE .. 2.	THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 6.
MARQUIS W. LUND .. 3.	JOHN MCKELL .. 7.
THOMAS BANCROFT .. 4.	SMITH MURGATROYD .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE HAYES .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 2.	FREDERICK RING .. 6.
ERNEST CHEESMAN .. 3.	WILLIAM HARPER .. 7.
WILLIAM LANE .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 3, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

GEORGE W. BRION† .. Treble.	GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. 6.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 2.	THOMAS W. RADFORD .. 7.
FRANK BLONDELL .. 3.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 8.
CHARLES HAZELDEN .. 4.	JAMES HUNT .. 9.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 5.	*SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

†First peal of Royal. *First peal of Royal as conductor.

MORTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 3, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

THOMAS L. BAINERIDGE .. Treble.	*ALBERT LARKINSON .. 4.
JOHN LAKE* .. 2.	*JAMES OSBORNE .. 5.
CHARLES NEAVEYSON .. 3.	ARTHUR J. HOLMES .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR J. HOLMES.

*First peal.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STRET FORD (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.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, February 7th, at the house of Mr. W. Chapman, a date touch of Doubles, being 480 Plain Bob, 480 Canterbury Pleasure, and 946 Grandsire, in 50 mins. J. Bass, 1-2; R. Matthews (conductor), 3-4; W. J. Bretherton, 5-6. Longest length by all on handbells.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Monday, January 29th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1906 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins., in five different methods, viz.: 70 Kent Treble Bob, 36 Bob Minor, 360 Double Court, 720 Woodbine, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Smith, P. Garwood, B. Maxim, G. Aitkens, T. E. Salter, A. J. Clarke conductor.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday evening, February 6th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1906 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 12 mins. C. West, J. Wigmore, W. Mills, W. Hale, F. Cole, W. Bateman, G. Miles conductor, A. Hanks.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

STAINES (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 15th, at St. Peter's church, 1280 Bob Major, in 47 mins. A. A. Godfrey, W. W. Godfrey, W. C. Parker, E. W. Butler, A. Wicks, A. J. Redman conductor, J. Phillips, E. Collins. On Sunday, December 24th, 1280 in the same method, in 47 mins. A. Bates, W. W. Godfrey, W. C. Parker, A. A. Godfrey, A. Wicks, W. C. Butler, J. Phillips, A. J. Redman conductor. On Tuesday, January 9th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Day, A. A. Godfrey, W. C. Parker, E. Collins, A. Wicks, A. J. Redman conductor, W. E. Butler, A. Butler.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday evening, February 4th, at St. Mary's church, 1264 Bob Major, in 48 mins. F. Rumens, F. J. Rumens, R. Maynard, sen., F. C. Maynard, H. F. Hull, J. H. Wilkins, R. Maynard, jun., composer and conductor, F. E. G. French.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Sunday, January 21st, for afternoon service, 720 Kent. H. Carter, F. Elliott, E. Overall, G. H. Carter, A. Phillips conductor, W. H. Lawrence. On Tuesday, January 23rd, 720 Double Oxford. On Sunday, January 28th, for morning service, 720 Kent. F. Elliott, G. H. Carter conductor, E. Overall, A. Phillips, C. Gale, W. H. Lawrence. For afternoon service 720 Double Court. W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Sunday, February 4th, 720 College Single. F. Elliott, E. Overall, G. H. Carter, A. Phillips, C. Gale conductor, W. H. Lawrence. For afternoon service 720 Woodbine. W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Sunday, February 11th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Phillips conductor. On Sunday, February 18th, 720 Woodbine. H. Carter, C. Gale, F. Elliott, A. Phillips, W. H. Lawrence, G. H. Carter conductor. On Tuesday, February 20th, 720 City Delight. E. Overall, F. Elliott, C. Gale, A. Phillips, G. H. Carter, W. H. Lawrence conductor. First in the method on the bells and by all the band. And 720 Oxford Bob, conducted by C. Gale. On Wednesday, February 22nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. W. H. Lawrence, 1-2; E. Overall, F. Elliott, C. Gale conductor, A. Phillips.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, February 11th, after Divine Service in the evening, 720 Cambridge Surprise. G. Smith, S. Slater, B. Maxim, G. Aitkens, T. E. Slater, A. J. Clarke conductor. First 720 in the method by all except the 2nd ringer.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 10th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Percy Garwood and Miss Laura Ethel Howard of Long Melford, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Slater, T. Garwood, B. Maxim, G. Aitkens, T. E. Slater, G. Smith conductor. And 720 Cambridge Surprise. G. Smith, S. Slater, B. Maxim, G. Aitkens, T. E. Slater, A. J. Clarke conductor.

LONDON.—On Tuesday, December 26th, at St. Mary's church, Islington, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. Rev. A. T. Hollis, G. Gains, G. Parrott, H. Dains, J. Barry, C. Pottery conductor, R. F. Deal, H. W. May. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. T. Hollis, who is leaving to take up the vicariate of Great Gaddesden, Herts.

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SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY

INTERESTING PRESENTATION.

On Tuesday, February 27, the members of the Saffron Walden Company presented Mr. A. F. James with a handsome clock with Cambridge chimes, as a token of their esteem on the occasion of his marriage with Miss Annie Pitstow, youngest sister of the Messrs. Pitstow, prominent members of the society. In the unavoidable absence of the master, Edward Taylor, Esq., Mr. J. F. Penning was deputed to make the presentation. Mr. Penning referred to the estimation in which Mr. James was held by all the band, and hoped that he would live long to honour the company with his presence, and that the clock would remind him of the many happy hours he had spent with them, etc.

Mr. James thanked the company for their valuable gift and good wishes, which, he assured them he very highly appreciated.

A FALSE PEAL.

Will you please insert this in next Saturday's "BELL NEWS" about a peal of Bob Royal:—"I am sorry to inform you that the peal of Bob Royal rung at Reigate and conducted by myself on Saturday, February 3rd, is false. Mr. F. Bennett has pointed this out to me. I must apologise to the rest of the company, and hope to be able to arrange one in place of that. I can only say I never expected to find a false peal in the latest edition of the Central Council collection of peals. It was Mr. Dains 5040, page 272. A. H. PULLING.

Obituary.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN
CHANGE-RINGER.

Mr. Caleb Payne died at 51, Waterloo Road, Maidstone, on February 12th, aged

63 years. Mr. Payne was born at Coventry, Warwickshire, was taught change-ringing on the celebrated ring of ten at St. Michael's in that town. He came to Maidstone in the year 1878, and soon started instructing the All Saints company in the art of change-ringing. They rang their first 5040 in 1881, which Mr. Payne conducted. He was also well-known at Frittenden, West Malling, Leeds, Aylesford, and many other towers where he conducted several peals, including a 10,080 at Frittenden. Owing to ill health he has not done much of late years. He was a watchmaker by trade, and for years employed by the well-known firm of Ashdown and Bartlett, of Week Street, Maidstone. The funeral took place on Monday, February 19, at the Maidstone Cemetery.

WILLIAM WARBURTON.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of the above-named ringer, the sad event taking place on the 21st February. He was 64 years of age and had been a ringer at All Saints Church, Stand, Whitefield, Lancashire, for about forty-six years, and was very seldom absent from the Sunday service or a practice. Although he had not taken part in many peals, he was, nevertheless a good ringer and an excellent striker. He was one of the oldest members of the Lancashire Association, having joined in the year 1879. He was carried to his last resting place by his own company on the 24th, who, the same evening, rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells of All Saints Church. The ringers were T. Chapman, H. Fitton, S. Morris conductor, G. Barlow, F. Bradshaw, W. Chambers, F. Fitton, and F. Smethurst.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORK-
SHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10th, at Marske-by-the-Sea, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 23½ mins: G. J. Clarkson, conductor, J. Clarkson, J. W. Newton, A. M. C. Field, W. Newton, T. Stephenson.

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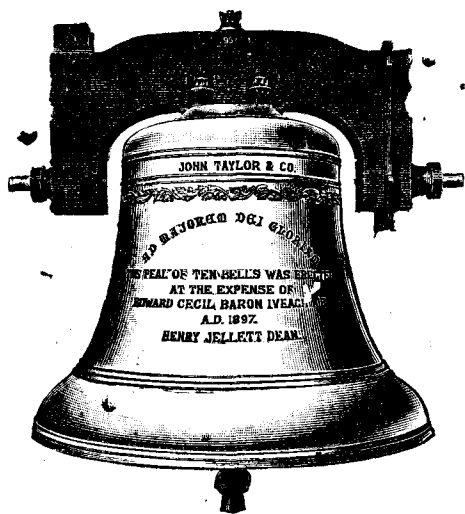
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The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing and upwards who desired to discontinue their payments was 123,586, the number in force being 1,102,267. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 24,608.

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The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £59,04,376, being an increase of £4,10,1,871 over those of 1904.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shows a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £148,941.

Since the completion of the Valuation the Actuary has reported that in his opinion a general increase of *two-and-a-half per cent.* could, with safety, be granted under the principal Industrial Branch Tables if provision were made for an increase in the liability of £750,000. The Board have accordingly revised the Tables as from 1st March, 1906, and have made provision to meet the increased liability by the transfer during the current year of £750,000 from the Reserved Fund to the Life Assurance Fund in the Industrial Branch, leaving this Reserve Fund at £1,000,000. The Shareholders will be glad to know that this revision affects nearly Thirteen Million Policies, and of this number over Ten Million Policies receive an immediate increase in the sum assured.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1905.

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We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1905, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1905.

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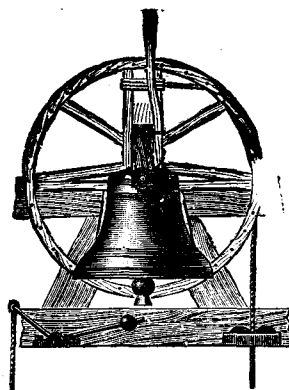
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