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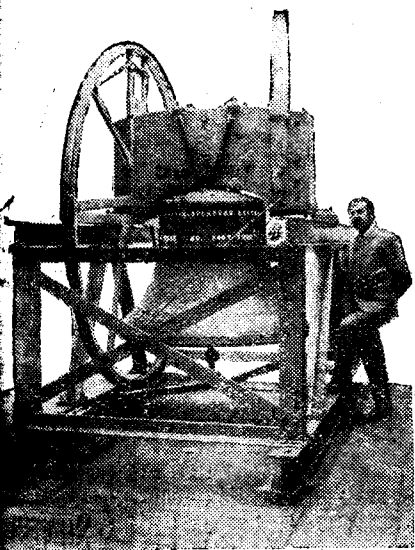
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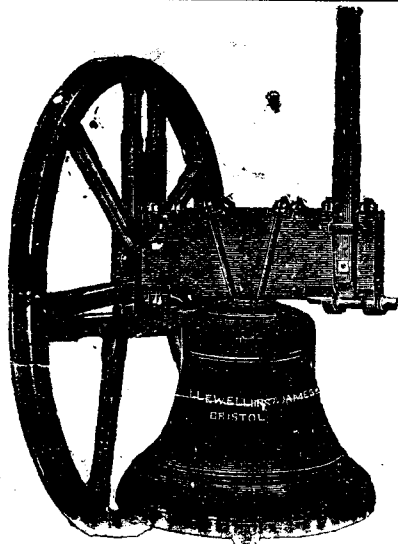
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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

The Annual General Meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, February 3rd, at its headquarters, St. Clement Danes, Strand. The bells were raised about 3.45 p.m., and were rung half-muffled in respect to the late King of Denmark. A large number of members attended, and amongst those who came from the country were Mr. F. S. Bayley (Portsea); W. Pole Routh (Reading); T. Lincoln (Writtle, Essex); W. H. Fussell (Slough), and others. Touches in different methods were rung up to the service, which was held in the church at 5.30. The Association form of service was used, the choir being in full attendance, and was further augmented by some of the members, including Mr. E. Lawford Dale, of Sion College. Mr. R. A. Daniell, B.A., read the lesson, but through the indisposition of the Hon. Chaplain and Rector (Rev. J. J. H. S. Pennington, M.A.), the curate (Rev. —. Street), welcomed the members, and gave an excellent address, which we shall publish next week.

At the conclusion of the service, which had been well attended, there was a short interval, of which members made their own arrangements for tea. The business meeting and election of officers then took place in the parish room, Clare Market, near by the church, the use of which had been kindly placed at the disposal of the Association by the Hon. Chaplain. The business meeting commenced at 7 o'clock. The Master (Mr. G. R. Fardon) occupied the chair, being supported by nearly all the officers and committee, and a good number of members. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the election and ratification of several members having taken place, the Hon. Secretary then read his annual report as follows:—

That during the past year periodical meetings for united-practice and social intercourse had been held at St. Mary, Battersea, S.W., on Saturday, May 20th. The tower was open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., when some thirty members attended from fifteen different parishes. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, etc. were rung. A social was afterwards held at The Raven inn, Battersea Square.

Another was held on Saturday, September 9th, at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, N.W. Mr. Mark Woodcock (Trustee), and Mr. Richard Bevan (N.W. representative committee), obtained the permission, and made the necessary arrangements. The tower was open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and was well attended, even considering the inclement weather that prevailed. A social was afterwards held at The White Horse, Pont Street.

Another meeting was held on Saturday, December 9th, at All Saints, Poplar, E. The Rector (Rev. J. Mossley), kindly gave his permission, and personally welcomed the members. A very good practice was obtained.

Twenty-seven new members had been elected during the year, which was a slight decrease on the two previous years, but it was not expected that that number of new

members could be maintained, though we were instructing ringers all over the county.

Fifteen peals had been rung, but we must note that in this year we had had only ten months as the Association working year now ended on December 31st, but in this number of peals seventy-two members had taken part, a list of which was read, and the number of peals accredited to each member. They had been rung in seven different methods, and conducted by eight different conductors, Mr. J. E. Davis calling six. Several were worthy of note; the peal at Hammersmith on September 28th, by nearly all a local band in which several scored their first peal; the "Thomas's" peal of Stedman Caters at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, City; and the first peal by this Association of London Surprise Major, conducted by Mr. H. R. Newton, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, in November.

We held our third annual concert on Saturday, October 14th, in the St. George's Hall, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate Street, City. In the afternoon, previous to the concert, six peals were arranged, but five were lost, nearly all the band each ringing over 2 hrs. We had changed the place of the concert each year for want of more space, some 500 people attending the last one, the hall being crowded to its utmost capacity. It had been the means of bringing a large number of members and friends together for a most enjoyable evening. The artists were nearly all of high-class standard, the change-ringing being of the best, course of Stedman Cinques and three leads of Kent Treble Bob Royal, and the tune-playing on handbells by different companies being applauded. The Secretary said he would have liked to have seen some of his northern friends down on the programme for some of this, but they regretted the distance was too far to come from Yorkshire. Financially, it had proved a slight source of revenue to the funds, but this was not the idea from which it originated, but was promoted from the social point of view.

We very much regret that we have lost by death Mr. H. Stubbs, of Stoke Newington, who was accidentally killed on May 5th, and left a widow and eight children. A subscription list was opened, and a sum of £13 6s. 6d. was subscribed. A sum of not less than £1 was forwarded to Mrs. Stubbs each week from May 19th, until the entire sum was exhausted.

The auditor (Mr. J. Pryor), then presented the balance-sheet for 1905, which showed a balance in hand of £8 1s. 3d., which was a decrease. The balance-sheet was given in full detail of the items of expenditure and sources of income. Mr. Pryor explained the decrease, that after the last annual meeting they had revised rule xvii., so that all expenditure incurred in the year should be included in the balance-sheet for that year, so that they now really got two years' working expenditure on the balance-sheet, as they had always been a year in arrears.

On the motion of Mr. R. A. Daniell, seconded by Mr. R. Bevan, the balance-sheet was accepted. The fifteen peals rung during the past year were submitted. It was proposed by Mr. A. Jacob, and seconded by Mr. A. N.

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Hardy, that they be entered in the grand peal-book; and it was further proposed that Mr. W. H. Fussell undertake the work.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was next proceeded with. Mr. G. R. Fardon retired from the chair, but was again nominated and duly elected. Mr. Thomas H. Taffender was re-elected Hon. Secretary, and Mr. Challis F. Winney was re-elected Hon. Treasurer. From the office of Junior Steward Mr. William J. Troughton was promoted to that of Senior Steward; for the office of Junior Steward a heated election took place. Mr. Frank A. Smith (Kennington), and Mr. Charles J. North (Clapham), were nominated. These gentlemen retired from the room whilst the election took place, each of the proposers speaking for their man. On a vote being taken they each received the same number of votes. The Master decided to draw by lots; a hat was quickly forthcoming, and the Master duly declared Mr. Frank A. Smith duly elected. Messrs. Daniell and Woodcock were re-elected Trustees, and the following eight gentlemen as a representative committee: Messrs. Bevan (N.W.); Carew-Cox (W.); A. R. Jacob (N.); T. Langdon (S.E.); A. R. Peck (E.); F. G. Perrin (S.E.); J. Pryor (S.W.); and A. A. Scambler (E.) It was proposed and carried that two members represent the Association on the Central Council as heretofore; and Messrs. Fardon and Winney were elected.

Votes of thanks were accorded the officers for the work of the past year; also to the authorities of St. Clement Danes, and the organist and choir for their reception that day.

Mr. Taffender, replying on behalf of the officers, thanked them, and said it was Mr. Daniell who took such a great interest in the Association, to whom the thanks for the arrangements of that day were due. This concluded the business meeting which had occupied 2 hrs. 20 mins.

The members then adjourned to the meeting-house, it being too late for more ringing, thus bringing to a close another successful annual meeting.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Once again has Worcester, which has the proud distinction of being called the Faithful City, *civitas in bello et in pace fidelis*, been roused from its usual quiet by the annual meeting of the above Association held there on Easter Monday. Although it is a city of no great size, still, for all that, it can boast of a goodly number of bells, there being twelve at the Cathedral in regular use, and also three half-tone bells to make two rings of eight, beside the clock bell weighing 90 cwt. Beside these, which were only available from 5.0 to 6.30, there is a very fine ring of ten at All Saints, although sadly in need of repair, eight at St. Helen's in good going order, and three rings of six.

The bells at St. Helen's were first to be raised, and were in great demand all day. It was at this church, which, by the by, is the Mother Church of the Diocese, that the service was held, and as on a similar occasion two years ago the address was delivered by the late Rev. Canon Cresswell Strange, so this year did the members have the pleasure of listening to a splendid address by his successor, the Rev. Canon Wilson, an address which will not quickly be forgotten by those who had the pleasure to hear it.

After the service the members proceeded to the chapter house of the Cathedral, which was kindly lent by the Dean and Chapter; and much regret being felt at the

absence of the Dean, who, for several years having taken the chair at the annual meeting, was, owing to the illness of his son, unable to be present, nevertheless a very able chairman was found in the Rev. Canon Wilson. After the minutes of the last annual meeting had been confirmed, and Pershore chosen for the next meeting, it was decided to attempt the quarterly peal either at St. Helen's, Worcester, or Hallow, Mr. Albert Hill being appointed conductor. Several new members being elected, Messrs. T. J. Salter and John Smith were appointed to represent the Association on the Central Council. Some alterations to the rules having been gone into, the whole of the officers were re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. Canon Barnard and Mr. Samuel Spittle as vice-presidents. The business concluded with the passing, unanimously, of the following resolution: "In view of the recent attack on the Central Council, it is resolved that this Association express its entire confidence in that Council."

A vote of thanks having been passed to all those who, by their help and kindness, had made the meeting such a success, an adjournment was made to The Angel, and a goodly Angel it proved to be, for a most substantial tea had been provided there for the members by the generosity of Mr. W. H. Johnson, to which full justice was done.

More ringing, and then to the railway station, brought to an end a day that seemed to have been thoroughly enjoyed by everyone; for, for others beside ringers, Worcester, with its noble Cathedral and its delightful river, can, in weather as was experienced that day, be thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-first annual meeting of this Association was held on Easter Monday at Eastbourne, when eighty members attended, chiefly from the Eastern and Central divisions. The tower of Christ Church was opened for ringing at 10 a.m. The special service was held at that church, the Rev. A. A. Allen preaching the sermon. After the service the members took luncheon at The Royal restaurant. The Mayor of Eastbourne (Councillor S. N. Fox) presided, Archdeacon Sutton, the Master, Mr. G. F. Attree, Rev. F. E. Doubleday (Hellingly), Messrs. F. B. Tompkins, A. B. Bennett, G. Watson, and R. J. Dawe were also present. The Master proposed the toast of "Church and King." The Rev. A. A. Allen responded, and the Mayor referred to the meeting as being the first annual one held in Eastbourne, and also the fact that the Association came of age this year. He spoke of the different kinds of bells, and complimented the Association on its work, and hoped it would soon hold another meeting there.

The Archdeacon of Lewes proposed the re-election of the Master, Mr. Attree, who had been Hon. Secretary, and also the founder of the Association. This was carried with acclamation. The other officers were then re-elected, Messrs. Baker and Fuller being appointed as Auditors.

The report and balance sheet were adopted. The balance had increased from £23 17s. to £27 13s. Repairs have been executed in several belfries. Soon it will be difficult to find bells in bad condition in Sussex. Sixty-two peals had been rung, rather less than last year, but as the master said, it was not always the Association which rang the most peals which did the most good.

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A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. G. Baker, who has hitherto prepared the analysis of the peals rung by the Association, and it was decided that a presentation be made to him out of the funds of the Association.

The alteration of Rule VIII. was proposed by Mr. F. Bennett: "That the fee to an instructor appointed by the Association shall be 30s. for a course of twelve lessons, which will be paid by the Association. The local band paying travelling expenses."

The next annual meeting will be held at Horsham on the first Saturday in May. After a hearty vote of thanks had been passed to the Master for presiding, the members visited the towers of All Saints, St. Saviour's, and St. Mary's.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRASSENDALE (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, November 8th, 720 Woodbine. T. Morris, J. Turner, R. H. Green conductor, G. R. Newton, W. Hughes, J. Allen. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. H. Green, J. Turner, J. Allen, T. Morris, W. Hughes, G. R. Newton conductor.

THE LOUGHTON BELLS.

I hear on good authority that the constant excuse of sickness to prevent the ringers using the bells is creating an impression in and around London, that Loughton is becoming a very unhealthy place of residence. It is to be regretted if prejudice or vacuity of soul prompts anyone to feign illness, and thus deprive the ringers of their innocent yet skilful pleasures. The church is conspicuously removed from the town's industrial centre, so that no interruption of business can possibly be maintained. If the general complaint of sickness be real, the following soliloquy of the bells themselves may be suggestive:—

Those Loughton bells, those Loughton bells
Are holding a council among themselves
Why sickness brings such silent spells—
So many people ill.

If Sunday morn be wet or fine,
We always start soon after nine.
For on that day you may opine
There's nobody ill.

Sometimes on wedding days we ring,
And to the bride sweet charms do bring
For pleasure then is on the wing—
There's nobody ill.

We celebrate the King's birthday,
Which drives the measles far away,
While patriotic voices say
There's nobody ill.

But should the ringers want a peal,
Wherein their art they might reveal,
The answer comes to their appeal:
There's somebody ill.

Or should they ask a practice night,
To emulate their hearts delight,
Fate sternly says in measured spite,
There's somebody ill.

The sequel then to us seems clear,
If on a Tuesday night you hear
The bells harmonics on your ear,
You're sure the doctor wont appear—
There's nobody ill.

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MR. WILLIAM WILLSON.

I have to acknowledge the three letters on the above from the Rev. T. L. Papillou, J. A. Trollope, and G. H. Phillott. The Master of the Essex Association stigmatises what I have written as abusive language. I regret that the rev. gentleman takes that view. I suppose there is a time to be stern, as well as a time to be suave? To consider criticism as opposed to flattery to be abusive is a travesty upon English. The difference between courteous and abusive argument, it seems to me, depends (1) whether you are in favour of the argument, and (2) on the social status of the questioner. Any one who follows parliamentary speeches must notice what is a sharp rejoinder, a well-merited rebuke, or a fighting speech on the part of a minister, is always construed into a "scurrilous attack" if uttered by one of the opposition or a backbencher. I made no attack upon any individual. Moreover the rev. gentleman has evidently forgotten that "the" Council is dead. It is a new Council that now awaits election. It is in the position of a Government that has dissolved, and any elector has the inalienable right to criticise the late Council as he thinks fit, and no one from the President downwards has any authority to call the critic to order. The Council does not exist. The Rev. T. L. Papillon's inference in par. 2, that my remarks applied to the whole of the Council, and therefore I ought not to appeal to them is erroneous. I am expecting nothing from the old, but am looking to the new. The rev. gentleman is obviously under a misapprehension in regard to the scheme. There is a vast difference between an insurance society in the orthodox sense, and a Benevolent Fund. To say it would be no easy job, especially for amateur actuaries, may be true, but it would not be a very hard one. There are numbers of us who have passed through all the chairs of our respective friendly societies, and if the Rev. T. L. Papillon will pardon the remark, such men know quite as much about these things from personal experience as any professional actuary, whose certificate is only given as a public guarantee. A Benevolent Fund is administered on the principle of "every man according to his needs." I thank the rev. gentleman for his criticism; I asked for it and am getting it. The more of it the better, but I am afraid the estimable Vicar of Writtle does not follow the speeches of the House of Commons verbatim, or his censure upon me would not have been so severe. Still I almost regret one sentence, viz.: The handful of dogmatic cranks. Perhaps I ought not to have written that.

Room for J. Armiger Trollope! This unauthorised champion of the late Council, in his customary redundant manner "rushes in where, etc." He too affects the discourteous game, and presumes to lecture me upon my style of manners, writing and everything else. I am not aware that I ever mentioned J. A. Trollope's name, and certainly never knew until now that any one had found fault with his (?) book, but if he wants battle, why I am delighted to oblige him. In the first place perhaps J. A. T. will tell me where I can find some of his writings outside of the ringing press, in order that I may improve my style. My remarks seem to have hurt, or as Cousin Jothan has it:—"hit him where he lived." His attempt to shield himself behind such men as J. Carter, H. Dains, or A. Craven, whom he designates his colleagues, is a weak subterfuge to borrow light from these luminaries. Does he imagine that the ringing world looks forward in the throes of expectation to his periodical obfuscatory enigmas of the plain hunt! and the mysteries of Bob Major? Rip Van Trollope can go to sleep again for another 100 years, and the Exercise won't mourn his loss. With a loud shout that "the cap don't fit me," he proceeds at once to fit it on himself. He says "any fool can find fault." Exactly so, that is why he rushes in. This is the gentleman who wishes me to mend my manners:—"The statement that I or the Committee sought to dictate what they shall or shall not ring is an offensive and malicious lie. Is that clear?" (Now in all my writing—whatever they are—I have never descended to this style.) I say emphatically it is not a lie but the truth. Without any further parley let us to the PROOF. The resolution moved at Canterbury by J. Armiger Trollope was—not that Grandsire Major or Bob Triples be discontinued—but that peals rung be not booked. The resolution was not accepted, and quite right too;

but what authority has Armiger Trollope, that he should infringe upon individual liberty by asking Associations to boycott true peals rung by their members? If this is not dictation—and dogmatic dictation—tell me what is?

No one knows more about Grandsire Major than John Carter. The late Jasper Snowdon rang Bob Triples. Henry Johnson rang Grandsire Major and Royal (and also Stedman Major and Royal, Treble Bob Caters). The President of the Council has himself given money prizes for Grandsire Major in hand to my own knowledge, and I don't think any "smaller fry" need worry, whether the greater recant or not. One word regarding the Bob Major collection. Does Mr. Trollope understand what it means to subordinate public use to private gain? What subsidy has he paid to the funds of the Council for the privilege of packing the book full of his own peals? The cost of publication would not have been the same had he only allotted to himself the same space he gave to others. If he wished the Exercise to obtain his figures, he might have brouget out a book at his own cost. No other collector would have had the astounding audacity to cram sixty to seventy peals of his own into a volume he was appointed to edit (?) and then to have the unblushing effrontery to say: "When I look at the really fine peals of my own that I left out, I stand surprised at my moderation!"

The Trollopian assertion that his work will be remembered "after William Willson and his vapourings are forgotten" is undoubtedly true. Although the impudence of this juvenile Hector has long been mistaken for wisdom, his "work" will remain—a monument of colossal assurance.

I am glad that Mr. G. H. Phillott has given evidence of interest in this matter of a Benevolent Fund. It might be possible in course of time to acquire a portion of a convalescent home, but this is a matter for after consideration. My position at present is this: Should I be elected on Easter Monday at the annual meeting of the M.C.A. at Burton-on-Trent, I intend to give notice of motion for a committee of enquiry of ways and means. It would be within the province of that Committee to

- (1) Obtain by census the number of organised ringers.
- (2) To submit the question to each Association.
- (3) To frame a scheme and report to the next meeting.

While I have my own scheme I have no desire to push it forward. It is the principle I contend for at this juncture. Because it has been rejected almost without discussion by "wiser men than Willson" in the past is no reason why it should not be brought up again. Possibly the wiser men have grown wiser still by this time, and with the advent of new men with new ideas—which I think all will agree is a desirable thing—a move can be made. Of one thing I am certain. A scheme is practicable. If I am not elected I hope the agitation will still go on, and any assistance I can give to anyone who takes my place will be cheerfully given.

MR. J. R. PRITCHARD.

I am afraid Mr. Willson opened his campaign (if I may call it such) with too much booming of guns and a sad waste of powder. To the average ringer, it is true, the proceedings of the Central Council are somewhat incomprehensible, and that apparently too much time has been spent on mere technicalities, but all the same, the discussions have done much good by bringing out decided improvements in our ringing generally, and also talent that would otherwise have been hidden, and last but not least, the ungrudging labour of many of the exponents of our Art in improving its qualities all round, as well as binding our many county and other associations more closely together, and giving each other an insight into their various systems of working.

Now as to the Benevolent scheme. That such a thing is much needed has been shewn by the appeals that have from time to time appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," and which have been very generously responded to; but Sir, I agree with Mr. Willson that we should put ourselves on such a footing that similar appeals in the future would become unnecessary. Many ringers I admit are happily above the necessity of such a fund, finding provision for themselves through their various Trade Societies, Odd Fellows, Druids, Foresters, and such like, and of course do not wish to add to their burden of weekly or monthly subscriptions.

But I submit Sir there are many who do not belong to any such Societies, and who when employment or health fails, or when death steps into their homes, are sadly put about, and to whom a little help would be a boon. It is these who appeal to us; and the means whereby help could be given when necessary, involves some thinking out of a scheme to the attainment of that end.

I submit if each member of our various Associations were to subscribe say one penny per month, or one shilling per year, the whole to be pooled into one National Ringers' Benevolent Fund, there would soon be funds enough to go on with, and thus the large and strong Associations would help the smaller and weaker ones.

As to Management I have no doubt the C.C. would only be too glad to select from their number a Committee (no more than one to belong to the same Association), to whom the appeals could be made through the Secretary or Committee of the Association to whom the appellants belonged; and again means be devised whereby the appeals could be met at once without waiting for the annual meeting of the C.C., but the Committee's action to be ratified at their next general meeting.

I am afraid it is rather late for anything practicable to be done at the next meeting, but still it ought I think be opened up, and the matter could then in the ensuing year be discussed by the various Associations in a thorough manner, and their representatives would at the next meeting be able to compare notes, and a scheme be formed on a sound and solid basis. Let us hope the meeting of 1907 will have accomplished this task.

JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

P.S.—One Association I know of (the Liverpool Diocesan Guild), has such a fund. Perhaps their Secretary would throw some light on this subject as to working, etc.

MR. J. S. PRITCHETT.

While deprecating the tone of Mr. Willson's letter and his forcible-feeble remarks anent the Central Council, I have been much interested in the correspondence as to a Benevolent Fund for ringers. It will be within the recollection of some of your readers that I brought forward some such proposition a few years ago, when it was opposed by Sir A. P. Heywood on the ground that it was outside the proper work of the Central Council. While unable to accept this view and fully recognising the great utility and importance of such a fund if it could be established upon a workable basis, further reflection has convinced me that it would be quite impossible to carry out any such scheme in practice. The difficulty of collecting the subscriptions from a large number of persons thinly scattered all over the kingdom would, I think, be found insuperable. The matter, however, is well worth further discussion.

PULFORD (Cheshire).—On Friday, March 16th, at the parish church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, a quarter-peal of Union Triples. T. Huxley, R. Sperring, H. W. Wilde conductor, J. V. Wright, F. Milton, J. Morgan, E. Rowlands, G. Jones. This quarter-peal, which was composed by H. W. Wilde, is the first in the method by all the band, also the first on the bells, and is believed to be the first of Union Triples ever rung in the county.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Oldham, to-day, Saturday, April 21, 1906. Bells ready at 10 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

EDMUND SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The quarterly meeting of the above Deanery will be held at Glastonbury, to-day, Saturday, April 21st. There will be a ringers' service at 10. Tea at Barretts Bros., at 5.5d. each to members, with business meeting after. The bells at both towers will be available after 1 o'clock.
F. G. COLES, *Hon. Sec.*
34, Blacklands.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Leigh, to-day, Saturday, April 21st. Bells at liberty from 5 to 8. Meeting at 8.
G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

Erdington Parish Church Society.—The annual dinner of the above society takes place on Monday, April 23rd, at the Acorn hotel, Erdington, at 6.30 p.m.

J. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*
49, Sheffield Road, Erdington.
P.S.—Bells open from 5.30 to 6.30.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, April 28th, at the Parish Church, Tamworth, the bells will be available for ringing touches during the afternoon and evening. There will be a short service in the church at 5 o'clock, at which every member present will be expected to attend. A free tea will be provided by the churchwardens for all those sending in their names not later than the 23rd inst. to
S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

Ashton-under-Lyne Society will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, April 28th, 1906, at their headquarters, St. Michael's Parish Church. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock.
CHAS. BOWER, *Hon. Sec.*
25, Chadwick Street, Coochbrook.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 28th. Tea and meeting at the Co-operative hall at 4.30. Tickets for tea 1s. 2d. each. Ringers' service in the Cathedral at 6.30. Preacher, the Ven Archdeacon Bond. Towers open for ringing Cathedral (8) from 7 to 9. St. Peter-at-Arches (8) from 3.30 to 4.30. St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) from 2.30 to 4. St. Botolph's (5) from 2 to 2.30 and from 7 to 9. Those who propose to attend are asked to notify Mr. Geo. Chester, Granville House, Carline Street, Lincoln, on or before Tuesday, the 24th inst.
REV. J. F. FLOWERS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—(Northern Branch).—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 28th. Tea at the Co-operative hall at 4.30 at 1s. 2d. each. Members producing receipts for subscriptions

for 1906 free. The usual towers will be open for ringing. Service in the Cathedral at 6.30. Annual meeting in the ringers' chapel immediately after the service.

P. O. BIXBY, *Hon. Sec.*
"Stedman," Ropery Road, Gainsborough.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting and tea in the church room at 6 p.m. Those intending to be present at tea must notify me not later than Wednesday, 26th.
T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
6, Alexandra Terrace, Chislehurst.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, April 28th, at Burley. Bells available for ringing at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Cardigan Arms, at 7.30 p.m.

FRED. K. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*
29, Elsworth Place, Armley, Leeds.

The North Notts Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at Retford, on Saturday, April 28th. Meeting at West Retford school, 3 p.m. Service in West Retford church, 4 p.m. Tea at Newcastle Arms, 5 p.m. Members of kindred associations will be made welcome. Three towers open for ringing.

B. DABLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held on the new bells at Rishton, on Saturday, April 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30.
THOS. DUXBURY, *Branch Sec.*

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch, will be held at Frome, on Saturday, April 28th. Tea 5 p.m. at The Union Jack. Evensong 6.30 p.m.

ISAAC B. HOLMYARD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Birch, Rusholme, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells at 4.30. Meeting at 7. The Rector has promised to preside. Those intending being present kindly send their names to Mr. W. E. Ryder, 23, Langley Road, Fallowfield, before April 25th.
W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association—Half-yearly meeting.—This meeting will be held at Preston, on Saturday, May 5. The bells of the parish (8), St. Mark's (6), and Penwortham (6) will be at liberty from 2.30. Meeting in the National School, Avenham Lane, at 5.30. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, } *Hon. Secs.*
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The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Sheffield, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Arrangements have been made for a large photograph to be taken of the members in the parish churchyard at 5 p.m. All members please attend if possible. General meeting 7.30 p.m.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*
87, Bradley Street, Sheffield.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of members of this Association will be held on Saturday, May 19, at St. Sepulchre's Church, E.C. (10 bells) by kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. The Vicar will give a short address to ringers at evensong, which will be said at 6.30 p.m., and it is particularly requested that

all ringers will attend this service. The hon. secretary will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

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A SHORT time ago reference was made to the kind of treatment the bells of the parish church of Eccles, Lancashire, had undergone under the hands of people whose knowledge of church bell hanging was not equal to the work. Comments by well-known ringers appeared in our pages, and we also thought fit to remark upon it at such time. We have not, however, yet heard that any steps have been taken to rectify matters in connection with these bells. Surely those concerned, especially the writers who in this paper pointed out their present condition, have taken care to make representations to the church authorities, that something considerable remains to be done in the matter. We placed ourselves in communication with the respectable and large firm of Manchester ironmongers who were called in to do what was done, but they referred us to the churchwardens, adding the very telling remark: "We understand our business." That addition was perfectly gratuitous, because no one has any doubt whatever that the firm in question fully understand the business of furnishing ironmongers and its adjuncts. There is no blame whatever attached to them. They were

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called upon to carry out the job, and their employe did it to the best of his experience, which was nil, so far as church bell hanging was concerned. What is required is that some influence may be brought to bear upon the church authorities—and not only these, but the Churchmen—of Eccles, to induce them to call in a skilled bell-hanger to report upon the condition of the bells. And then have them restored by competent hands.

CHETWYND CHURCH, SALOP.

A large tower clock has just been erected in the above church by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. It is constructed to show the time on two faces, and chime the Cambridge quarter chimes. There is a brass memorial tablet fixed on the works with the following inscription: "To the honour and glory of God and in loving remembrance of John Charles Burton Borough, this clock was given by his two sons Thomas George and Charles Gawen. Easter Day, 1906."

In addition to erecting the clock Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have also rehung the ring of bells in the tower with all new fittings, and strengthened the frame, and the ringers rang a peal on Easter Sunday, when the "go" of the bells was pronounced excellent.

NOTICE OF LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

A company will meet at Mottram on Saturday, April 28th, and attempt to ring Mr. Sottanstell's 12,000 Treble Bob Major, in the Kent Variation. Start at two o'clock.

The Provinces.

WOODLESFORD, NEAR LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Treble, College Exercise, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, City Delight and London Scholars' Pleasure.

JOSEPH HAIGH Treble.	J. W. T. HOLGATE 4.
JOSEPH C ABBISHAW 2.	G. W. STEEL 5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN 3.	WALTER CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by G. W. STEEL.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S.		Tenor 8½ cwt.
JAMES MATTHEWS Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.	
EDWIN BURSTOW 2.	*ARTHUR HUTCHING 6.	
HARRY EVANS 3.	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7.	
BENJAMIN BASSETT 4.	JOHN SMART Tenor.	

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

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SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES WHITING Treble.	EDGAR BAILEY 5.
CHARLES SAMSON 2.	CHARLES BAILEY 6.
SIDNEY BAILEY 3.	JOHN M. BUTTON 7.
NORMAN BAILEY 4.	ALBERT J. LINCOLN Treble.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by ALBERT J. LINCOLN.

*Reference to this peal elsewhere.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES (THE NORMAN TOWER),

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt in C sharp.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble.	HORACE F. MOORE 6.
ERNEST LINCOLN* 2.	HARRY R. MOORE 7.
GEORGE DEBENHAM 3.	ARTHUR E. MOORE 8.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON* 4.	JAMES CHINERY 9.
BERTIE W. DEBENHAM* .. 5.	HARRY A. TURNER Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by HARRY A. TURNER.

All the above are members of the Norwich Diocesan Association. *First peal in the method.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE WOODISS Treble.	ALFRED C. WICES 5.
ALFRED WOODROW† 2.	EDWARD W. BUTLER 6.
WILLIAM C. PARKER* .. 3.	†JOHN PHILLIPS 7.
GEORGE EDSEY, JUN.† .. 4.	†ALFRED J. REDMAN Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by ALFRED J. REDMAN.

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

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH)

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE R. NEWTON Treble.	SAM. W. STEWART 5.
THOMAS HAMMOND, SEN. .. 2.	EDWIN BREESE 6.
ALBERT LOVELL 3.	EDWARD CAUNCE 7.
WILLIAM BOOTH 4.	*CHARLES E. STEWART Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD CAUNCE.

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

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

RICHARD NICHOLS Treble.	SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE 5.
MAURICE SMITH 2.	HARRY SEAR 6.
WILLIAM STONE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
FREDERICK WEBB 4.	*HARRY HOPKINS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal on eight bells. Quickest peal on the bells.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

DAVID WHITING.. .. Treble.	OLIVER BROCK 5.
JAMES BETTS 2.	GEORGE ARCHER.. .. 6.
JOHN SMITH.. .. 3.	WILLIAM BASON 7.
ERNEST POPPY 4.	JOHN SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5223 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN Treble.	JOHN THORPE 6.
GEORGE HALSWORTH 2.	JAMES A. DIXON.. .. 7.
FRED COATES 3.	GEORGE LEWIS 8.
JAMES EVINSON 4.	WALTER ALLWOOD 9.
WALTER COATES.. .. 5.	ALBERT NASH Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED COATES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

SWANAGE, DORSET.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 22 cwt.

FREDERICK PHILLIPS.. .. Treble.	CHARLES FORFITT 5.
WALTER KERLEY 2.	JOHN P. BRISTOW 6.
EDWIN T. GREEN 3.	CHARLES E. GOODENOUGH .. 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4.	CHARLES MEREFIELD .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. E. GOODENOUGH.

G. Williams was elected a member previous to starting.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 15, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

Rung before the early service at 8 o'clock.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WM. ALLSOP Treble.	GEO. PIPES 5.
SAMUEL MALL 2.	WM. G. CHRISTIAN 6.
JOHN BROOK.. .. 3.	FRED WATKINSON 7.
JOHN HALL 4.	THOS. STIMPSON.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLIE RAWLINGS .. Treble.	HARRY BROWNJOHN* .. 4.
EDGAR GUISE 2.	ERNEST ANDREW.. .. 5.
WALTER APPERLEY.. .. 3.	FRED. WEEKS Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST ANDREW.

* Elected a member before starting. First peal on the bells and by all except the ringer of the third.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

ANDREW TULLY Treble.	THOMAS TEASDALE 6.
EDWARD A. HERN 2.	GEORGE T. POTTER 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 3.	JOEL HERN 8.
GEORGE DIX 4.	ERNEST E. FERRY 9.
JOHN T. HOGG.. .. 5.	*AMOS DOWELL Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by T. TEASDALE.

* First peal on ten bells.

FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, — CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

DAVID ELLIOTT Treble.	FRANK C. NEWMAN 5.
HERBERT PYE 2.	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6.
SAMUEL BIRD 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
THOMAS CRANFIELD .. 4.	JAMES NEWMAN Tenor.

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

First peal of Oxford by 2, 3, 4, 5.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
AND CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PATES Treble.	WILLIAM TOWNSHEND .. 5.
WILLIAM DYER 2.	GEORGE H. PHILLOTT .. 6.
GEORGE PEARCE 3.	WALTER C. HUNT 7.
FREDERICK MUSTY 4.	REUBEN HEMMING Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by W. C. HUNT.

Handbell Peals.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 10, 1906, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

EDWIN H. LEWIS 1-2.	† HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON 5-6.
THOMAS HAMMOND, SEN. 3-4.	* THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. 7-8.

Conducted by H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

This is T. Hammond sen.'s 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Treble Bob, rung at Mottram, has been sent without the date.

Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GORLESTON (Norfolk).—On Monday, March 19th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1906 Bob Minor, being two 720s, 360 and 106, each called differently, in 1 hr. 8 mins. E. Jamieson, J. Denton, C. Burrage, C. Brighton, G. Orford conductor, A. Crowe.

ALMONDBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 11, for evening service, a date touch of 1906 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Robertson, F. Blakeborough, C. Cryer, A. Garner, J. Jenkinson conductor, W. Womersley, J. W. Nutton, J. Littlewood.

RAINHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, January 28th, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, a date touch of 1906 Plain Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 15 mins. A. Smith, F. Macey, S. S. Marshall, R. W. Belsey, J. W. Champion, C. Belsey conductor.

Miscellaneous.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS.—On Sunday, March 25th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Treble Bob Minor, being 240 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. W. C. Lawrence, F. T. Dawson, J. T. Taylor, B. Pegg, E. E. Johnson, J. E. Wheeldon conductor. On Sunday, April 1st, 720 Bob Minor. W. Dean, W. C. Taylor, W. C. Lawrence, J. T. Taylor, B. Pegg, J. E. Wheeldon conductor. For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. C. Taylor, F. T. Dawson, W. C. Lawrence, J. T. Taylor, B. Pegg, J. E. Wheeldon conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TENTERDEN (Kent).—Recently, for practice at St. Mildred's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. F. Milstead, H. Baker, W. Baker, C. Tribe, J. Mankelow, A. Snelling, G. Neve conductor, H. Baker. 504 in the same method. C. Tribe conductor, H. Baker, W. Baker, G. Cramp, J. Mankelow, G. Johnson, G. Neve, F. Mitchell. 336 in the same method, F. Milstead, H. Baker, jun., W. Baker, A. Hinds, C. Tribe, H. Baker, sen., G. Neve conductor, S. Hook.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND.—On Tuesday, March 13th, for practice, 720 Treble Bob Minor. W. Muse, A. O. Barber, C. F. W. Skelton, J. Bishop, jun., J. Edgegoose, W. Barker conductor. On Friday, March 16th, a plain course of Oxford Treble Bob. On Monday, March 19th, 1008 Bob Major. A. O. Barber, W. Muse, J. Bishop, sen., C. W. F. Skelton, H. Bishop, J. Bishop, jun., T. Richardson, W. Barker conductor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, February 21st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor, being the first 720 on the bells since the tenor was rehung. B. F. Tubb, F. Jones, W. Eldred, F. Pratt, C. H. Martin, C. Crampton.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon).—On Sunday, March 11th, at All Saints church, several courses of Bob Major and 336 in the same method. S. Jones, R. Heywood, J. Bullen, J. Jones, A. Corbin, A. Morgan, C. Bowen, J. W. Jones conductor. First touch in the method by all except the conductor.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRECON (South Wales).—On Sunday morning January 14th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. S. Watkins, W. Evans, S. Brooks, A. Bevan, G. Hardwick, W. Short conductor, W. Hargest, D. Price. For evening service another quarter-peal in the same method, in 44 mins. G. Giblin, W. Short, G. Hardwick, F. Stedman, A. Bevan, W. Hargest, W. Evans conductor, D. Price. On Wednesday, January 18th, on handbells, several short touches of Stedman Triples, all conducted by W. Short.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Monday, March 19th, for practice, 1568 Superlative Surprise. R. Potter, W. Howell, A. Shufflebotham, E. P. Buckingham, J. Sadler, C. Norfolk, E. W. Beckwith, D. Elliott.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Tuesday, January 16th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Haley's peal. G. Gray, W. T. Prior, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, G. Jordan. And 504 in the same method. G. Jordan, W. T. Prior, the rest as before. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Gold to Mr. Sydney Gold, of Cookham, Berks.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, April 1st, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Wade first quarter-peal away from the tenor, H. Head, W. Newman, H. F. Cooper conductor, H. R. Dawson, A. Head, H. Richell, W. Rice.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

SINGLETON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, January 21st, 720 Plain Bob, in 25 mins. R. Porter, C. Porter, J. Ronson, H. Walton, A. Southworth, T. Charnley.

HINCKLEY (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, January 21st, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. T. B. Buswell, L. White, G. Tansey, W. Sharp, F. Cotton, G. Thompson, W. Humphreys, W. L. Woodward.

LONDON.—On Monday, January 15th, at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Flouter, G. Gains, W. Weatherstone conductor, H. Bottrill, W. Hewitt, R. F. Deal, H. May, A. Riley. On Saturday, January 20th, 720 Bob Minor. H. May, R. G. Rice, J. Barry, R. F. Deal, W. Weatherstone conductor, C. Potheary.

LUTON (Beds).—On Thursday, February 22nd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins., 6th and tenor covering. J. W. Barker, J. Davies, F. Hunt, C. Wing, J. Rookwood, W. Bygrave, A. King conductor, H. Shaw. On Sunday, February 25th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 20 mins. B. Gutteridge, B. Wilson, J. Davies, C. Wing, F. Hunt, J. Rookwood, A. King conductor, H. Shaw.

MILVERTON (Somerset).—On Sunday, April 1st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. E. Chapman, H. Norman, R. Scott conductor, F. Norman, W. Chapman, A. J. Andrews, W. White, R. Chapman.

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, November 25th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalen, an attempt for a peal of Superlative Surprise came to grief after ringing 2240 changes. A. Smith, A. Roope, C. Baker, F. Roope, F. Borrett, F. Surridge, W. Roope, E. Borrett. On Tuesday, November 21st, for practice, 672 Superlative Surprise. A. Smith, A. Roope, C. Baker, J. Allen, C. Roope, F. Roope, W. Roope, F. Borrett.

RAINHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, January 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Minor, in 50 mins. A. Smith, F. Macey, S. Marshall, R. W. Belsey, J. W. Champion, C. Belsey conductor.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday, March 25th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44½ mins. S. Marshall, H. E. Simpson, H. J. Tidy, T. W. Jarrett, E. J. Bottle, W. J. Walker, W. Golding conductor, H. J. Brooks.

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RINGING IN THE ISLE OF
PURBECK.

On Easter Monday, at the invitation of the Rector of Swanage, a meeting of ringers from the neighbourhood was held in St. Mary's schoolroom. About forty ringers were present from Wareham, Lytchett Minster, Swanage, Worth Matravers, Bournemouth, Fern Down, Christ Church, Burton, Okeford-Fitzpaine, Sherborne and Guildford. Apologies, owing to the inconvenient day, were received from the members at West Lulworth, Kingston and Corfe Castle. Tea was generously provided by the lady ringers who are now practising at Swanage, and was served at 4 p.m. Afterwards the Rev. H. Farley, Vicar of Lytchett Minster, was elected chairman, and the formation of a local Association was discussed. It was mentioned that all the neighbouring incumbents now take an active interest in the ringing

in their towers, and in change-ringing. It was thought that it would be best not to form an independent Association for the Isle of Purbeck, but to hold informal meetings of local members, and all other ringers, under the auspices of the Diocesan Guild. The Swanage ringers were asked to formulate a scheme, and to bring it up for discussion at the annual meeting of the East Dorset Branch on April 28th.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and to the ladies for providing the tea was proposed by Mr. Martin Stewart, of Fern Down, and seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, of Worth. The latter reminded ringers that they were only the deputies of the incumbent, who was the sole ringer who was canonically responsible for sounding the bells. He also pointed out how suitable such a gentle and regularly rhythmic exercise it was for ladies, whose health and carriage could not fail to benefit through practice in the Art. It may be

mentioned that in some neighbouring towers girls are beginning to ring at the age of 12 with excellent results.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung earlier in the day by a band from Bournemouth and Swanage, and practice touches on tower and handbells filled up the time till the last boat sailed at 7 p.m.

ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,
SOUTHWARK.

On Wednesday evening, April 11th, eight ringers of the above church rang the bells half-muffled for the memorial service in the church for the late Miss Buss for many years a member of the above church, and who for many years one of the Guardians. The deceased was much respected by all who knew her. After service the usual whole pull and stand was rung by T. H. Taffender, W. H. Taffender, G. F. Woodage, H. May, jun., H. Gunner, jun., G. F. Woodage, T. G. Walden, A. T. Gardner.

Obituary.

TOM MARS.

On Tuesday, April 10th, the above-named ringer passed away at 20, Howard Street, Wakefield. Although not taking to his bed above three days previous to his death, he had been in failing health for some time. The funeral took place at the cemetery, several ringers being present. Muffled touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the Cathedral bells from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. The wreaths included one from ringers and friends, and one from his brother-workmen at the colliery. Up to the last few years deceased was a member of the Cathedral company. His peal record is five peals of Grandsire Triples including one on handbells, and two of Grandsire Caters; total—7. All were Yorkshire Association peals. Deceased who was ever ready with his wit and humour, always made himself a favourite in any company. J. W. M.

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ADDRESSES WANTED.—J. D. Matthews; J. A. Trollope. We have a letter for the last-named, which has been returned, though it was directed as usual.

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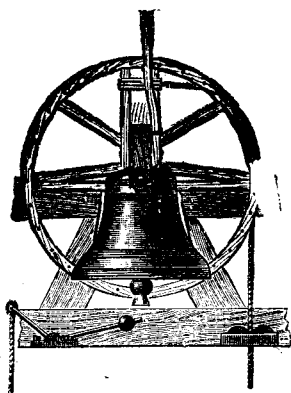
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