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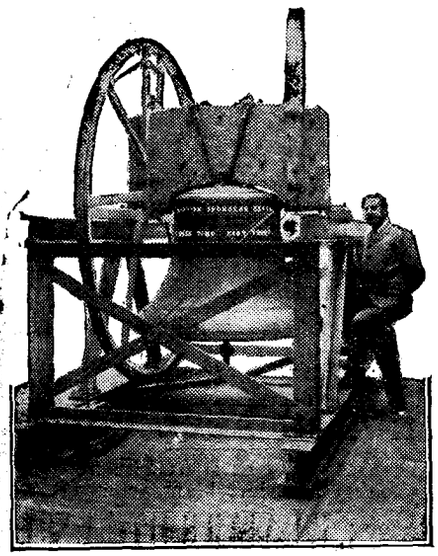
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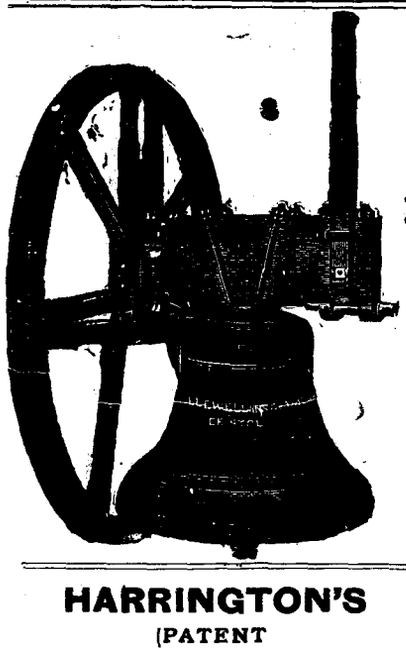
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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Guildford District was held at Cobham in a recent Saturday, when the beautiful weather helped to attract an attendance of between fifty and sixty from the following places: Bramley, West Clandon, Cobham, Cranleigh, Dunsfold, Ewhurst, Farnham, Guildford, Hersham, Merrow and Shalford. The Vicar (Rev. Canon Leighton Grane), very kindly placed the bells at the disposal of the visitors, and ringing was indulged in during the afternoon and evening. At 5 p.m. a short service was held, the Rev. K. E. Cartwright officiating in the absence of the Vicar. The organist and choir were in attendance, and the form of service was that sanctioned by the Bishop for the use of the Guild. It included the hymns, "Ring forth, holy bells," "We meet before Thy Throne," and that written for the Guild, "The sacred bells of England, how gloriously they ring."

Subsequently the visitors partook of high tea admirably served by the host of The Running Mare. The Rev. K. E. Cartwright presided, and afterwards in the name of the Vicar, welcomed the ringers to Cobham. He expressed the Vicar's regret that a previous engagement prevented him from being present, and hoped the visit would not be the last the Guild would make to Cobham. He added that he thought he ought to pay a tribute te their late Vicar (Mr. Stillman), and his work in connection with the bells. One of the first things he took in hand when he came to Cobham was the restoration of the five bells. He enlisted the sympathies of the people, and soon got enough money to have the bells rehung and a new one, dedicated to the King, added. Since that time, largely owing to Mr. Stillman's encouragement, the ringing capacities of the Cobham band had gone ahead very much, and he would like, in that connection, to pay a tribute of thanks to Mr. Hunt for the instruction he had given them. In conclusion, the chairman said that, although change-ringing was in itself a most interesting science, yet nothing was entirely justifiable in itself unless it were a means to an end, and he hoped all would recognise that the science of change-ringing should be the means of drawing the people to church and emphasising the position of the church in the parish; that the tone of the bells should simply be an expression of the true ring in their hearts, and that the harmony and music in the bells should be an expression of the general good feeling among the ringers and all other church-workers in the place.

Mr. Pulling (peal secretary), reported that during the quarter three peals had been rung in the district; Bob Minor at Cobham; Superlative Surprise Major at Holy Trinity, Guildford; and Bob Royal at Holy Trinity, Guildford. The ringers who accomplished the first two deserved hearty congratulation.

A vote of condolence with the widow and family of the late Mr. H. L. Garfath, of Farnham, was proposed by Mr. C. Willshire, seconded by Mr. J. Hunt, and supported by Mr. J. J. Jones (Hon. Secretary), each of whom spoke of the loss which the district had sustained by the death of Mr. Garfath. The motion was carried, the members rising in their places.

Two new members were elected. Mr. J. Hunt (St. Nicolas, Guildford), was appointed to succeed Mr. Garfath as a member of the Central Committee of the Guild. West Clandon was fixed as the place for the next quarterly peal, Mr. Trewin being elected to conduct a peal of Bob Minor. Hearty thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the Rev. K. E. Cartwright for the service and presiding at the meeting, and to the organist and choir for their attendance at the service.

During the evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Plain Bob and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung on the tower bells, as well as Grandsire Triples and Caters on the handbells. The meeting was most successful and enjoyable.

ZEAL MONACHORUM, DEVON.

The above village was *en fete* on a recent Tuesday on the occasion of the re-opening of the church tower and bells. The latter have been silent for two or three years, owing to the dangerous state of the tower. The Rector (Rev. E. T. Allen), noticing this state of affairs, made up his mind to try and bring about an improvement. Quietly working round, he succeeded in forming a small committee, consisting of himself and Mr. R. Davey, of Burstone, late surgeon of the Wesiminster Hospital, who kindly undertook to get the work done. To facilitate this, Mr. Davey very generousiy subscribed the handsome sum of £200, and Mr. John Cole also gave £5. Subscription books were taken by the Rector, who succeeded in securing £35; Mr. W. H. Fry, £22; Mr. Jos. Brealey, £11 8s.; and Mr. J. Hooper £10 6s. 6d. Mr. Harry Stokes undertook the re-hanging of the bells for a sum of £90. The work has been well executed, and gives great satisfaction. The parishioners anxiously looked forward to the re-opening of the tower and bells.

There was a service at 3 o'clock, at which there was a large congregation. The first part of the service was taken by the Rector, the Lessons being read by the Rev. Canon Woodman, of Down St. Mary, while the Lord Bishop of Crediton preached the sermon. Ringers attended from Bow. Down St. Mary, Lapford, Coleridge, Spreyton, Newton St. Cyres, and Sampford Courtenay, each band ringing a touch on the bells just rehung with new beams, floor, oak frame, and new fittings, quarter-turned. The sound of the bells gave much pleasure to the parishioners and others.

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THE REPORT ON THE CLASSIFICATION OF LEGITIMATE METHODS.

May I be allowed to welcome this report, and to express an appreciation of its value and of the lucid manner in which it is arranged. I am not quite sure whether I have correctly grasped all the details of the Classification and have therefore drawn up the following tabular classification. This seems to me to place the matter beyond any doubt, and I would suggest that when the report is reprinted, some such table be prefixed to it. Also that all the reference letters and numbers and style of letting of names be made to correspond throughout and so to be consistent and helpful. (The Examples and their notes should have as deep an inset as possible and the foot-notes be referred to by asterisks, etc.)

It will be noticed that I have kept to the actual wording of the report as far as one could; but I am afraid that the titles of classes (d) and (e) are impossible. If there be not yet in existence a sufficiently distinctive method to become eponymous to the class, as in the other cases, why not for the present call them Penultimate and Ultimate?

H. DRAKE.

TABLE OF CLASSIFICATION OF METHODS.

DESCRIPTION OF PRINCIPLE	PRINCIPLES used:—			
	A. as Methods.	B. as Foundation of Methods.		
		i. Plain Methods*	ii. Treble Bob Methods.*	iii. Alliance Methods.
I.—PLAIN HUNT PRINCIPLE. (No interior places.)	I. A. Original	I. B. i. Grandsire (E. Bob). Double Oxford.	I. B. ii. Superlative.	I. B. iii.
II.—IMPERIAL PRINCIPLES. (Adjacent places made together.)	II. A. Forward.	II. B. i. Canterbury Pleasure Mi.	II. B. ii. Oxford, Kent. Ed. Imperial Bob.	II. B. iii.
III.—COURT PRINCIPLES. (No adjacent places made together.)	III. A. Stedman. Duffield.	III. B. iii. Court Bob, Mi. and T., R. and D. College Single, Mi. and R. Norwich Court S. R. and D. Ma. to Max.	III. B. ii. Drew's Court Surprise Roy.	III. B. iii.

* Each of these methods may have 2 variations:—(a.) Plain Bob, (with one hunt).
(b.) Grandsire, (with two hunts).

† Each of these principles may have 5 variations:—(a.) Surprise, (a place at every cross section). } on 6, 8, 10, 12 bells.
(b.) Delight, (,, ,, ,, but one) }
(c.) Exercise, (,, ,, ,, ,, two) on 8, 10, 12 bells.
(d.) Pas alla-tria (,, ,, ,, three), on 10, 12 bells.
(e.) Pas alla-tessera (,, ,, ,, four) on 12 bells only.

‡ Other principles are those in which the hunt double-dodges, IV; and is allied with a plain hunt, V; or with a single-dodging hunt VI; or an alliance of all three VII; and they may be classed as:—IV. B. ii. or iii. as the case may be, etc.
Again there may be a cross combination as:—II. B. i. Forward Bob Ma.; or III. B. i. Duffield Bob Ma. S. R. and D.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Pleasley on Saturday, May 26th. Members were present from Ashover, Ault Hucknall, Blackwell, Clay Cross, Heath, Pentrich, Pleasley, South Normanton, Shirland, Swanwick, Tibshelf, Wingerworth, and North Wingfield. Owing to the absence of the aged Rector (Rev. J. Blomefield), the Rev. —. Dodsworth was voted to the chair. The minutes were duly read and confirmed. The Rector provided a splendid tea to which fifty sat down. Hearty votes of thanks were given to the Rector for the tea, use of the bells and room; also the churchwardens and ladies who catered for the tea. The best thanks of the members are due to the local ringers for their efforts to make all welcome, the beautiful scenery of Pleasley Vale being greatly enjoyed by a large number of the visitors. The bells, a very musical ring of five, were kept going in various methods until nearly 9 p.m.

THE LATE MR. JOHN BONNEY AND HIS MAJESTY'S WEDDING.

The following extract from the *Essex Standard* h reached us in a devious way. Mr. Nevard sent it to M Winney, Mr. Winney to Mr. Daniell, and Mr. Daniell ourselves. We print it as an interesting reminiscence a celebrated occasion, and though a parson's rights his rights, and Lent is Lent; equally so, import national occasions of rejoicing are subjects for natio thanksgiving—and there is such a thing as unsympathe red-tape. We need not at this distance of time expr opinions on the illegality of the conduct of Bonney his bold band, but the sympathy of our readers at lar however strong Churchmen they may be, will, we h no doubt be with them rather than with the Vicar, as the sympathy of their fellow-townsmen at the time:

A Famous Sudbury Bellringer.

John Bonney, formerly of Sudbury, has just died at an advanced age in Bethnal Green. Thereby hangs a tale of old Sudbury. John Bonney was the last survivor of the band of bold bellmen who, on the occasion of the marriage of King Edward VII., defied the Vicar of Sudbury, to the intense delight of his parishioners and the townspeople generally. In the *Essex Standard* of February 27th, 1863, it was mentioned that great preparations were being made in Sudbury to celebrate the royal wedding, but that "the Rev. Mr. Molyneux, of unenviable notoriety, has, with his usual spirit of opposition, refused to allow the bells of St. Peter's and St. Gregory's churches to be rung."

The explanation was that the reverend gentleman disapproved of the marrirge taking place in Lent. He thought that nothing could be more improper than to ring the bells in the Lenten season, and wrote to the Committee that "the rejoicings and festivities, which will be so common, are much to be deplored." In vain was he reminded that he had himself married a couple in Lent, and had not only allowed the bells to ring, but had even attended the wedding breakfast. On the day before the royal wedding he had a new lock put on the belfry door, took possession of the keys, and, like a strong man armed, retired at night to his virtuous couch, rejoicing in bis own unrejoicing spirit.

But early on Tuesday morning he was awakened from his slumbers by hearing the bells pealing forth with all their merry might. John Bonney and his colleagues had secured a ladder, scaled the battlements, and forcibly entered the belfry, taking with them a good supply of provisions. Someone had informed the police that men were making burglarious attempts upon the church tower, but the local superintendent of police looked the other way, and sent a too zealous policeman, who was anxious for instructions to arrest the bellringers, on a message to a distant village. The bell-ringers barricaded the doors and continued to ring the bells throughout the day. The Vicar wrote to the Mayor calling upon him to remove the trepassers, but his Worship, who probaby was not innocent of all knowledge of what had happened, declined to intervene. When the bellringers appeared from time to time on the church tower, they were heartily cheered by the crowds below, who, by means of rope sent them up further refreshments. The ringers were all dismissed by the wrathful Vicar, but the people of Sudbury took good care that they should not suffer financially. At the time the *Essex Standard* asked "Where are the churchwardens?" This question was never answered. But it did not matter. The incident added enormously to the rejoicing and the merriment of the good town of Sudbury, and the names of John Bonney and of his daring brother bellmen will live for ever in the ancient borough.

Correspondence.

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

To the Editor of "The Bell News and Ringers' Record."

Analysis of Peals.

Sir,—In the school books of some thirty years ago, there was a tale with a moral of a boy who stayed away from school to turn a grindstone, and was afterwards thrashed by the man who had got him to do so, for playing truant from school. My feelings after the last Central Council Meeting were very similar, I should imagine, to those of the boy in the tale. One Rev. gentleman is reported to have said that "he did not approve of dragging down the Exercise, which he considered the analysis did." Another gentleman, although supporting the views that some recognition should be made to the compiler of the analysis, is reported to have said that, "he was not an admirer of the analysis," and, yet, if a current report is true, he is now drawing attention to the fact that the analysis has not appeared since the return for 1903. It was my intention to have prepared the analysis for 1904, and as a matter of fact I had commenced the compilation of same; but after the remarks passed at the Central Council Meeting last year, the moral of the tale before mentioned came home to me so forcibly, that I resolved that I would never lay myself open to such treatment again.

It was very kind of those members of the Central Council who tried to get some recognition for a work that concerned the whole Exercise, and I am grateful to them, but the Council as a body seemingly did not consider that even a vote of thanks was deserved, in fact some individual members were quite willing to give more kicks than halfpence.

Hence, so far as I am concerned, the analysis (to quote Mr. W. Willson) "is as extinct as the Dodo." George Baker.

"Practical Politics."

Sir,—I do not propose to criticize at length the cataract of words which Mr. Willson has contributed to your last issue. I will merely remark in passing that it seems to me, as I should think also to most of your readers, that Mr. Papillon's expression is a perfectly fair summing up of the latter portions of the first and second paragraphs of Mr. Willson's contribution to your number of the 31st March. Also that a man who is so irrelevant and abusive—for his attack on Mr. Trollope is sheer abuse—in his manner of recommending a scheme to his fellow-ringers, does not inspire them with much confidence in his power of overcoming practical difficulties. For business is business, and is usually dealt with in business language. Dose Mr. Willson, when in the chair of the societies which he names, bring business before them in such a bombastic fashion? In fact, I consider that your readers have a substantial grievance against Mr. Willson in this matter. If he were an unlettered ruffian it might be otherwise, but just because he is not, and is among that class of educated members of the Exercise to whom we have a right to look to maintain an elevated tone in contributions to your columns, we are entitled to complain that he has introduced a business proposal in so irrational and offensive a manner. Let me appeal from Mr. Willson to Mr. Willson. Who would imagine, if both compositions had been anonymous, that the contributions I have referred to, and the admirable appreciation of the late Mr. Wakley originated with the same individual? Let Mr. Willson be true to his own better mind, and advance propositions to his fellow-ringers in a courteous manner, and no doubt his proposals will then receive that careful attention which is due to his business capacity.

R. A. Daniell.

Sir,—In my opinion Mr. Willson has made himself infamous by insulting the Central Council, which he must admit is the chosen representative of the ringing world, (and of which, unfortunately, he is not at present a member); and if I had not had personal experience to the contrary, I should have been surprised at "Our Paper" descending to the publication of such effusions, which certainly cannot tend to raise the standard of ringers or ringing. But at the same time I heartily approve of Mr. Willson's desire to introduce a Benefit Fund for ringers, and would welcome any possible scheme which he may bring forward and willingly assist him if possible, believing as I do, that it is desirable, possible, and practical, and having had considerable experience in Friendly Society work as secretary, etc. for thirty years, I do not see any insuperable difficulty in the matter.

Perhaps Mr. Willson will enlighten us and make himself famous. John F. Penning.

Sir,—I for one am ready to disagree with Mr. Willson as to the music of Grandsire Major v. London Surprise. Not that I am going to defend the C.C., as I consider the members of that body are quite capable of doing that themselves. Their proceedings have very little interest for me, so I hope Mr. Willson does not term me a fool (see "Bell News" for March 30); and possibly if he had been a little more polite when first writing on

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the question of a benevolent fund, he might have had the pleasure of seeing it on the Agenda for the next C.C. meeting. This by the way. He now raises the point of music. May I remind him that that is a matter of opinion. Grandsire Major may contain music properly composed, but I am of the opinion that it contains more bad than good, if not why is there not more rung? Secondly, he says London is only rung because of its intricacy. Possibly so. But I beg to suggest to him and to others as well, that London, properly composed and properly conducted and well struck, even on handbells, does contain music; and so I suppose he will say I must be possessed of the qualities he mentions. Probably so. Therefore I hope that he will not call me a (properly composed) fool, but agree that it is a matter of opinion. WILLIAM KEEBLE.

CLASSIFICATION OF METHODS.

SIR,—After Mr. Trollope's several attempts at convincing us one had almost come to the conclusion that one must try to believe that it is Double Norwich Caters, etc. Mr. John Carter's very pregnant letter of your issue of May 12th however puts quite a different complexion on the whole affair. It is evident Mr. Carter could say much more on this subject. The pity is that he hasn't done so, and done it sooner, as the C.C.'s meeting is now here, and probably the idea will be carried. A greater amount of discussion in your columns would have done good.

OLD STRING.

SIR,—Mr. J. Carter in writing to you about the Report on Classification of Legitimate Methods begins with two principles, but he uses the word in a different sense from its use in the report where it is used in the same sense in which it was used in the Report on Legitimate Methods, and this wants pointing out, as this loose use of language is one of the things which wants to be most carefully avoided. It only raises verbal dust, which obscures the argument. The rest of Mr. Carter's letter is open to the same objection, for if we are to use the word variation in the sense in which Mr. Carter uses it, we arrive at the result that there is only one peal of Triples, which consists of 5040 changes, and all the other so-called peals in different methods or the same method are only variations.

Mr. Willson, in this week's "BELL NEWS" compares Grandsire Major and London Surprise, has something to say about London Surprise music. In the first place the real Grandsire method on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells is commonly called Plain Bob, which originally was called Grandsire Bob, vide the "Campanalogia," and in the second place the music of London Surprise is better than either Kent or Oxford Treble Bob, inasmuch as the tenors are kept better together than in either Kent or Oxford, and when they are parted the parted changes are fewer in number at one time than in either Kent or Oxford. The fact is it has become the fashion to decry the music of London, but really it is very good only at first unusual, so that a ringer must become accustomed to it in order to appreciate it.

H. LAW JAMES.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells of Cheadle parish church, Cheshire, on Easter Sunday, April 2nd, 1882. It was duly reported in "THE BELL NEWS" at the time, and its authenticity was never disputed. Therefore the peal of Stedman Triples rung on the same bells on Apil 27th, 1906, cannot have been the first peal on the bells. WM. GORDON.

A SUGGESTION.

SIR,—As the Central Council meet shortly would you kindly voice through "THE BELL NEWS" a thought that has often occurred to me, whether it would be feasible to have a National Ringers' Festival. Granted each diocese or county has its annual meeting, yet to my mind a day when every Association and ringers generally could meet together would have a most splendid effect. Say the venue was London, and a service at St. Paul's Cathedral, with the Archbishop to preach. I can well imagine that grand building resounding with the voices of such an assembly. And then could not a social conference or public luncheon be held at which any special ringing points could be brought to public attention. Of course I could see that such an event might be impossible to carry out, but, Sir, other organisations do have a day of meeting altogether for the purpose of uniting, and we ringing members of our loved isle are not so much recognised by the public generally as we are entitled to be, and if such a gathering would be possible to celebrate our cause should be strengthened, and no doubt such influential members as compose the Central Council would be able to set the matter going. J. W. WILKINS.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Sixteenth Meeting of the Council will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 5th, at the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, at 11 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned from one o'clock till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit if necessary till 5.30.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

AGENDA.

1.—Election of President, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

2.—Minutes of the last meeting.

3.—Statement of Accounts and of Sales of Publications.

4.—Election of Honorary Members.

5.—To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees:—

(a) Peal Collection.
(b) Condition of Rings.
(c) Church Press.
(d) Points for Peals.
(e) Legitimate Methods.

6.—To discuss the following proposed alterations in the Rules of the Council, viz.:—

(a) That in the thirteenth line of the second Rule the word "fifteen" be substituted for the word "twelve."

(b) That in the first line of the sixth Rule the word "Easter" be replaced by the word "Whitsuntide."

(c) That to the tenth Rule be added the words—"That every new member, whether Representative or Honorary, shall, before taking his seat, be introduced by an old Member to the President, or, in the absence of the President, to the Chairman of the Meeting."

7.—To call attention to the fact that the last publication of the Analysis of peals issued under the authority of the Council was on December 31st, 1904, the returns being those for the year 1903, and to move a resolution.

8.—To discuss the possibility of establishing a Labour Bureau for the benefit of Members of the Exercise.

9.—To fix the place of Meeting for next year.

10.—Other business, if any.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Secretary.*

A social gathering will be held in the evening at the Westminster Palace Hotel, commencing at 9.30 p.m., at which Sir Arthur Heywood will have pleasnre in seeing the members of the Council and ringing friends.

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On Saturday, May 19 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	*Treble.*	EDWARD A. HEBN	5.
ROBERT B. ROBINSON ..	2.	THOMAS WICK	6.
WILLIAM STORY..	3.	OSWALD SIMM	7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER.. ..	4	ROBERT RICHARDS ..	*Tenor.*

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by JOSEPH E. R. KEEN.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 26, 1906. in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

JOHN BASDEN	*Treble.*	JOSEPH J. PRATT	5.
JOSEPH J. PARKER	2.	HENRY H. CHANDLER ..	6.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD ..	3.	REUBEN FLAXMAN	7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ..	4.	ARTHUR HARDING ..	*Tenor.*

Conducted by J. BASDEN.

Rung in honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday.

Handbell Peals.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. NEOTS SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, May 10, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

LOUIS J. FLINT	1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN ..	5-6
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN ..	3-4.	HERBERT FIELDS	7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

Umpire—Lewis Watson.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. NEOTS SOCIETY.)

On Friday, May 18, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

"AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

LEWIS L. WATSON ..	1-2.	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN ..	5-6
LOUIS J. FLINT	3-4.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN ..	7-8
EDMUND C. CHASTY	9-10.		

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by SYDNEY J COLEMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and is his first peal in the method as conductor. Umpire—H. Fields.

Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ALDEBURGH (Norfolk).—On April 12th, at the parish church, a date touch of Minor, 1906 changes, being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, 456 of Plain Bob, and one lead of Doubles. C. Smith, R. Smith, H. Collis, H. Lambert, W. Baldry conductor, W. Lovett. Rung with the bells deeply-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Col. S. W. Smyth, who had been Mayor of the borough six times.

Miscellaneous.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HADDENHAM (Cambs).—On Monday, April 30th, for practice at the parish church, 2520 Bob Minor. W. Cockle, W. Robinson conductor, W, Thoulbon, E. Rose, G. Day, B. Porter.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, May 5th, at the parish church, with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late W. Wakley, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob which came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. J. H. Swinfield, H. Briggs, J. Fenton, J. W. Chapman; A. J. Hassian, J. George, H. Argyle, A. R. Aldham.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, March 25th, at St. Helen's church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. C. Jones, W. Powell, J. R. Newman, W. H. Johnson, G. Checketts A. Hill, E. Watkins, J. Pardoe.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday, May 20th, at St. Alphege church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, composed by G, Daynes. E. Price, W. Foreman, H. Hoskins, J. Lamb, F. Perrin, I. G. Shade, J. E. Davis conductor, W. Jakeman.

TENTERDEN (Kent).—On Tuesday, April 24th, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Ellen Barbara Baker, a daughter of one of the local ringers, 518 Grandsire Triples. F. Milstead, G. Cramp, A. Snelling, C. Tribe, J. J. Mankelow, R. Edwards, G. Neve, F. Mitchell. On Tuesday, May 8th, at the marriage of Miss Beatrice May Liddle, of Heywood House, Tenterden, 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Tribe, H. Baker, W. Baker, G. Cramp, J. Mankelow, A. Snelling, G. Neave conductor, H. Baker. On Monday, May 14th, for practice, 518 Grandsire Triples. F. Milstead, H. Baker, A. Snelling, A. Hinds, J. Mankelow, C. Tribe, G. Neve conductor, F. Mitchell. Also 504. W. Unwin, C. Tribe, W. Baker, A. Snelling, A. Hinds, R. Edwards conductor, G. Neve, S. Hook.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Monday, April 30th, for practice at St. George's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 53 mins. T. Jackson, E. Morfee, W. Jackson, H. Jackson, G. D. Warburton, J. Mottershead, H. Meakin, G. Astbury, J. W. Bayley, G. Marshall. Composed by J. George, conducted by H. Meakin. On Sunday, May 5th, 501 Stedman Caters. J. Booth, E. Morfee, T. Jackson, H. Jackson, G. Astbury, J. Mottershead, H. Meakin conductor, G. D. Warburton, J. W. Bayley, G. Marshall.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEACONSFIELD (Bucks). — On Wednesday, April 25th, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Buckland, L. Rolfe, R. Young, J. Batting, J. W. Wilkins, R. Buckland. On Sunday, April 29th, 336 Grandsire Triples. S. Child, A. Bagley. On Wednesday, May 2nd, 406 in the same method. F. Buckland, L. Rolfe, L. Batting, R. Young, J. Bratting, J. W. Wilkins, R. Buckland, S. Child.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Wednesday, May 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins. L. Meager, H. Sear, J. Higgins, F. Hedges conductor, A. E. Powell, E. Marks, F. Sear, V. Sear.

HOLBEECK (Yorks).—On Saturday, April 28th, as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Kendall, wife of the late Vicar of Holbeck, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. S. Mitchell, P. Johnson, H. Tomlinson conductor, J. Woodhead, J. E. Matthews, J. O'Brien, W. E. H. Ash, M. Killoran.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On Wednesday, April 18th, for a wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Freeland, G. Edser, sen., F. G. Woodiss, A. Woodrow, C. J. Hamblin, J. Emery, G. Woodis conductor, R. J. Polley.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Saturday, May 12th, after meeting short for Stedman Caters, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. E. Spiller, G. Thompson, A. E. Gasson, A. Ashman, F. Wellard, T. Mannering, W. Spice conductor, A. Burridge.

OSSETT (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, April 8th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, 720 Bob Minor, in 26½ mins. W. Illingworth, F. Ward, A. Audsley, F. Cole, E. Mardsen, J. Bennett. First 720 by all except the conductor.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 1906.

The Central Council Meeting next Tuesday will be a memorable one, if only by reason of the honour which will be conferred on the Rev. F. E. Robinson. We are fully in accord with the statement that there is a widespread desire to specially recognise the wonderful achievement of the Master of the Oxford Guild in his attainment of a thousand peals, but evidently there was a difficulty as to to the proper and correct mode of celebrating such achievement, and at the same time give due honour to the reverend gentleman. Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., has however, with his usual happy knack of dropping upon the right thing, solved the question, by a congratulatory dinner to Mr. Robinson, and no doubt such a proceeding will be highly successful from every point of view. Many will look anxiously for a good report of the proceedings. "The Master's" prowess is well-known in all parts of the country, the public press alluding to him almost weekly. A very excellent Nottinghamshire newspaper recently published his portrait, and the editor of this paper has kindly offered it to us for reproduction, and we hope it will accompany the report of the ceremony.

It seems that the question of a Benevolent Fund for Ringers may be raised at the Central Council Meeting after all. At the annual meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Earl Nelson as President, asked the Rev. H. Drake, on behalf of the Guild, to bring the question forward as a speeial subject.

The Metropolis.

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

On Wednesday, May 16, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK G. PERRIN	*Treble.*	HENRY S. ELLIS	5.
ALFRED B. PECK	2.	SAMUEL E. ANDREWS	6.
HENRY R. NEWTON	3.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS	7.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS	4.	JOHN N. OXBORROW	*Tenor.*

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by JOHN N, OXBORROW.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE ST. JAMESS SOCIETY) AND THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	*Treble.*	WILLIAM H HOLLIER	5.
ARTHUR N. HARDY	2	THOMAS LANGDON	6.
FREDK. G. PERRIN	3.	*ERNEST BRETT	7.
HORATIO GUMMER, JUN.	4.	JAMES E. DAVIS	*Tenor.*

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE	*Treble.*	EDGAR WIGHTMAN	5.
WILLIAM MILLAR	2.	ERNEST CLAYTON	6.
SAMUEL J. BIRD	3.	GEORGE HAYDEN	7.
SAMUEL HAYES	4.	HENRY TORBLE	*Tenor.*

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by HENRY TORBLE.

Rung on the back eight through meeting one short for Treble Bob Royal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, COLEMAN STREET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST PYE	*Treble.*	WILLIAM PICKWORTH	5.
JOHN J. LAMB	2.	HARRY FLANDERS	6.
GEORGE R. PYE	3.	WILLIAM PYE	7.
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	*WILLIAM J. NUDDS	*Tenor.*

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Friday, May 4, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S PEAL.

CHARLES H. GORDON	*Treble.*	CHARLES H. TOMKINS	5.
RAYMOND J, WILKINS	2.	JOHN A. BURFORD	6.
WALTER E. APPERLEY	3.	GEORGE JAYNE	7.
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Rung on the front eight, on the occasion of the jubilee and re-opening after enlargement of Redcliffe endowed boys school by the Lord Bishop of Bristol.

WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 10, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

STANLEY WHITE	*Treble.*	HARRISON SMITH	4.
JABEZ WALTER	2.	*WILLIAM NORRIS	5.
WILLIAM WOOD	3.	SIDNEY WALTER	*Tenor.*

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WATCHET, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DECUMAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-score, called differently. Tenor 17½ cwt.

A. BARKER*	*Treble.*	*T. CHIDGEY	4.
S. PARON*	2.	C. GREEDY	5.
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Conducted by C. GREEDY.

*First peal.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST, JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS BALDWYN	*Treble.*	JESSE GILLETT	5.
SYDNEY M. LOXTON	2.	ERNEST E. DAVIS	6.
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Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

TODMORDEN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 15, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S SIX-PART No. 18. Tenor 14 cwt.

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HARRY GREENWOOD*	4.	JAMES WHITEHEAD	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM CRABTREE.

*First peal.

HULL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 15, 1906, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

T. STOCKDALE	*Treble.*	D. W. BROWN	5.
BERTRAM PREWETT	2.	J. W. STICKNEY	6.
F. W. STOKES	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
G. T. MARSHALL	4.	J. W. DALE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 15, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Tuesday, May 15, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BRUNDLE*	*Treble.*	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE	5.
JAMES MOTTS	2.	WILLIAM MOTTS	6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7.
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE	*Tenor.*

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 16, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES BAKER	*Treble.*	CHARLES ROOPE	5.
FREDERICK BORRETT	2.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE	6.
ALFRED SMITH*	3.	WILLIAM ROOPE	7.
FREDERICK ROOPE	4.	EGBERT BORRETT	*Tenor.*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by E. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 16, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK G. BRETT	*Treble.*	PHILIP H. PIERCE	5.
CHARLES LEMAN	2.	HENRY G. FAIRBRASS	6.
REV. F. J. O HELMORE	3.	EDWIN G. BUESDEN	7.
CHARLES W. BRETT	4.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN	*Tenor.*

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

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RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE T. GOODWIN	*Treble.*	WILLIAM C. PILCHER	5.
HERBERT DAY	2.	WILLIAM H. FROST	6.
JOSEPH BOURNE	3.	HENRY GEORGE	7.
WILLIAM FOX	4.	JAMES PAGETT	*Tenor.*

Composed by E. A. RIDGEWAY, and Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

This peal is now rung for the first time.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 17, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT	*Treble.*	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	5.
GEORGE PERRY	2.	ERNEST POPPY	6.
ERNEST LANHAM	3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	7.
EDGAR HICKS	4.	EGBERT BORRETT	*Tenor.*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

CHERITON, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 17, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

HARRY BEAL	*Treble.*	FRANK A. SLINGSBY	4.
ROBERT BEAL*	2.	WILLIAM E. PITMAN	5.
GEORGE C. WATERS	3.	CHARLES TURNER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

*First peal,

DONCASTER, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 17, 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 30½ cwt.

ROBERT BAYLES*	*Treble.*	WILLIAM PEARSON	5.
H. W. BROCK*	2.	*GEORGE CLOW	6.
G. HALKSWORTH	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
BERTRAM PREWETT	4.	ALBERT NASH	*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Thursday, May 17, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK JUDGE*	*Treble.*	ALFRED JOHNSON	5.
CHARLES W. PLAYER	2.	CHARLES TRIBE	6.
FREDERICK G. BURDEN	3.	GEORGE JOHNSON	7.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT	4.	ALFRED BLACKMAN	*Tenor.*

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.

*First peal.

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

PONTEFRACT, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 18, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

BERTRAM PREWETT	*Treble.*	THOMAS BARKER	5.
FREDERICK MOODY	2.	JAMES JACKSON	6.
ARTHUR WALKER	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
SAHUEL BROOKE	4.	THOMAS HOLDER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the 550th peal of Stedman Triples conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

CARTER'S No. 10. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

THOMAS BALDWYN	*Treble.*	WILLIAM J. SEVIER	5.
THOMAS NEWMAN	2.	JOHN AUSTIN	6.
JESSE GILLETT	3.	ERNEST E. DAVIS	7.
GEORGE CONDICK	4.	JOHN F. BALLINGER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK KIRK	*Treble.*	WILLIAM J. GILBERT	5.
DANIEL REDHEAD	2.	GEORGE LINES	6.
REGINALD LOVEDAY	3.	WILLIAM MEADOWS	7.
JAMES NICKERSON	4.	FRED GILBERT	*Tenor.*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by F. GILBERT.

First peal in the Oxford variation by all, on the bells, and by the Association.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MOTTRAM, STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6464 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

I. SIDEBOTHAM	*Treble.*	I. SCHOFIELD	5
F. HALL	2.	J. HARROP	6.
J. GODDARD	3.	J. HARRISON	7.
S. STOTT	4.	C. MARSLAND	*Tenor.*

Composed by E. TIMBBELL, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs.

GEORGE ABERY*	*Treble.*	HENRY TUCKER	5.
MARY CHILLINGWORTH	2.	JOHN SWAIN	6.
JAMES ABERY	3.	CHARLES GILES	7.
GEORGE W. T. SMITH	4.	ALFRED WATMORE	*Tenor.*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

*First peal on eight bells.

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

SELBY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

THOMAS HODGSON*	*Treble.*	FREDERICK W. STOKES	5.
GEORGE HALKSWORTH	2.	*ABRAHAM HAIGH	6
BERTRAM PREWETT	3.	THOMAS HAIGH	7.
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY	4.	†THOMAS STRUDWICK	*Tenor.*

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. †First peal. Rung as a compliment to Canon and Mrs. Nolloth, of Beverley, on the occasion of their silver wedding.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

WALTER BARRETT	*Treble.*	CHARLES ROOPE	5.
GEORGE SYMONDS	2.	FREDERICK BORBETT	6.
EGBERT BORRETT	3.	WILLIAM ROOPE	7.
JAMES BETTS	4.	JAMES SOUTER	*Tenor.*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by E. BORRETT.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM HICKLING	5.
CHARLES DRAPER	2.	JOHN FLOWERS	6.
WALTER WALLACE	3.	EDMUND WILLIS	7.
JAMES PAGETT	4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE	*Tenor.*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May, 19 1906, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK BRUNNING*	*Treble.*	ERNEST POPPY	5.
HUBERT J. DAY*	2.	FREDERICK DAY	6.
ELIJAH BROOME	3.	ERNEST LINCOLN	7.
WILLIAM STANNARD	4.	DAVID WHITING	*Tenor.*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ERNEST POPPY.

*First peal.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 21¾ cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER	*Treble.*	FRANK BENNETT	5.
EDWARD C. MERRITT	2.	A. D. STONE	6.
JOHN RICE	3.	GEORGE A. KING	7.
ROBERT J. DAWE	4.	KEITH HART	*Tenor.*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

A very few peals are left over until next week. The particulars of a peal at Diss, Norfolk, is sent in skeleton fashion, no ringers' names or time of performance. Other peal reports will be found on page 101.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild. — North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Newton Longville, Bucks, to-day, Saturday, June 2nd, 1906. Bells open 2 p.m.

A. E. Powell, *Hon. Sec.*
Newton Longville, Bletchley.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association. — The next meeting will be held at Brownedge, to-day, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells at 3. Tea at 5.30. Short service at 7 p.m.

D. Preston, *Hon. Sec.*

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Painswick, on Whit-Monday, June 4th. Service at 12, with an address by Rev. C. Williams. Cold luncheon followed by a business meeting at the Falcon hotel at 12.45, 2s. each.

C. E. D. Boutflower, *Hon. Sec.*
30, *Broad Street, Bristol.*

The Kent County Association. — The annual general meeting will be held on Whitsun Monday, June 4th, at Tonbridge. Committee meeting at 11 in the parish church room. Service at noon. Address by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Tonbridge. Offertory for belfry repairing fund. Dinner at 1 p.m. in the Public Hall. Business meeting after dinner. Towers open SS. Peter and Paul, Tonbridge (8), St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells (8), Hadlow (8), Speldhurst (8) and Marden (6).

Fred. J. O. Helmore, *Hon. Sec.*
Canterbury.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—Southwold District.—A meeting will be held at Southwold on Whit-Monday, June 4th. Bells available from 1 o'clock until 5.30. All cordially welcome.

A. J. Naunton, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
Wrentham.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. — The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at Bishop Auckland. The eight bells of the parish church (St. Andrew's) Bishop Auckland, and the eight bells in St. John's, Shildon, will be at the disposal of members. Committee meeting at St. Andrews Church Choir Vestry at twelve noon. Dinner at Mr. Sharp's, Newgate End Cafe at 1 o'clock, 3s. 6d. members, 2s. 6d non-members.

Wm. T. Robson, *Hon. Sec.*
24, *Ingleby Terrace, Sunderland.*

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. — The eighth annual meeting will be held at Northallerton, on Whit-Monday the ring available being that of the parish church, ring of 8, tenor 17 cwt. A special service will be held by kind permission of the Rev S. M. Thompson, M.A., Vicar, at 12 noon, which members are earnestly requested to attend. Preacher, the Rev. T. Collins, of St. Martin's, Leeds. Dinner will be provided, 1s. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members, at the Rose and Crown at 1.30 p.m., followed by annual business meeting. The Committee will meet at the hotel at the conclusion of the service.

The Irish Association.—The annual meeting will be held in Bray on Whit-Monday, 8 bells. Lunch in Novara Hall, Novara Road, at 3 p.m. G. Lindoff, *Hon. Sec.*

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton, on Whit-Monday, June 4th. Lunch at Peacock hotel, 1 o'clock. Usual ringing arrangements. Service at All Saints Church at 12 noon.

Thos. R. Hensher, *Hon. Sec.*
11, *Midland Road, Wellingboro.*

The Essex Association. — The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, June 4th, at Chelmsford. 11.30 a.m. service at St. Mary's Church, with address by Rev. A. W. Jephson, Vicar of St. John's, Walworth, hon. Canon of Southwark Cathedral. 1.30 p.m.

Henry T. W. Eyre, *Hon. Sec.*
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association,—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pentre, Glamorganshire, on Whit-Monday, June 4th, at 4.30 p.m.

Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., *Hon. Sec.*
J. W. Jones *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild,—The Spring meeting will be held at Pangbourne, on Saturday, June 9. The bells at Pangbourne and Whitchurch will be available from 3 p.m. Short service in parish church at 4.30. Preacher, Rev. F. E. Robinson. Sandwich tea in The New Hall, 10d. each, at 5.15. Members and friends intending being present must let me know not later than Tuesday, June 5. Albert E. Reeves, *Assist. Sec.*
81, *Radstock Road, Reading.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Tong, on Saturday, June 9th. Meeting to commence at 6 o'clock.

Walter Idle, *Hon. Sec.*
47, *Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.*

The Lancashire Association. — As the A.M.C. of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows will be held at Barrow-in-Furness during Whit-week, any delegates attending the conference who are change-ringers, will be heartily welcomed by the Dalton ringers any evening during the week. A handy ring of 6 bells, in good going order. Dalton is easily accessible from Barrow. Communications to be addressed to the conductor.

T. R. Jackson, P.G.
34, *Chapel Street, Dalton-in-Furness.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 9th, at Farnworth. Bells ready at 4.

Walter Hughes, *Branch Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Hellingly, on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Tickets 8d each. Business meeting to follow. Members intending to be present are requested to notify same to me not later than Wednesday, 13th.

G. Watson, *Hon Sec.*
The Lodge, Vale Road, St. Leonards.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bath, on Saturday, June 16th. Dinner at the Abbey Church House at 1.30 p.m. 1s. each to members, 2s. 6d. each to others. Business meeting immediately following. The business will include the election of new master and hon. sec. and treasurer. The present master and hon. sec. will not stand for re-election. Service at the Abbey at 4 p.m. Members intending to attend dinner must please inform me not later than Tuesday, June 12th.

A. E. Coles, *Hon. Sec.*
Bridgwater.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

By Fredk. Dench (*College Youths*).

5056.

23456	B	in.	M	W	4ths	H
764253					–	–
62534	x	–				–
52436			–			
34625			–	–		
62345				–		–
753642					–	–
56423	x	–				–
46325			–			
23564			–	–		
56234				–		–
742536					–	–
45362	x	–				–
35264			–			
62453			–	–		
45623				–		–
736425					–	–
34256	x	–				–
34562	x					–
725364					–	–
23645	x	–				–
63542			–			
45236			–	–		
23456				–		–

This is the 2nd 5056 obtained in this method.

AN INVITATION.

A friendly meeting for ringing will be held at Farnham Royal, to-day, Saturday, June 2, when the Rector and ringers will be pleased to welcome any visitors. Tea will be provided. Will intending visitors please send a line.

Farnham Royal. J. J. Parker.

On the occasion of the Royal Counties Agricultural Show being opened at Portsmouth in June, we shall be pleased to meet any ringers that would be likely to attend the show, and any arrangements can be made for them to ring at the Portsea Parish Church by communication with Mr. Harper, 62, Chichester Road, Portsmouth.

Change of Address.—Mr. F. Dench has removed to 3, Fransfield Grove, Sydenham, S.E.

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ROLVENDEN, CHURCH, KENT.

On Thursday evening, May 17th, a very interesting ceremony took place in the tower of the above named edifice, when some members of the County Association met there to witness the unveiling of a new peal board which was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. Drabble, who was also the kind donor of the peal board, this being of his own construction, the writing of the same in gold leaf being chiefly due to a local enthusiasist. The Reverend gentleman after reading the peal off the board said that it would be a pleasure to him to make another board if such was desired. A few rounds was then rung by the local band, and the Vicar, after wishing the band success for a peal, with others descended the belfry, and the band then rang Holt's ten-part peal in good style, finishing up just in time to secure refreshments which was kindly provided by the man on the treble who scored his first peal on this eventful evening. The fifth man was also lucky in scoring a birthday peal, the band wishing him the usual compliments. The board is inscribed as follows: "The Kent County Association, on Sunday, January 29th, 1905, in two hours and fifty-seven minutes, a peal of Grandsire Triples. 5040 changes was rung. Taylor's six-part, tenor 16 cwt. Edgar Burden, *treble*; Older Waghorn 2; Frederick G. Burden 3; William H. Lambert 4; Alfred Johnson 5; Charles Tribe 6; Charles V. Player 7; Alfred Blackman *tenor*. Conducted by Charles W. Player.—Rev. Drabble, Vicar.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, April 1st, at All Saints Church, a ¼-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. H. Folkard, J. Basden, E. V. Harvey, T. Beadle, W. E. Judd, G. Woodiss, J. Howes, conductor, A. Sheard.

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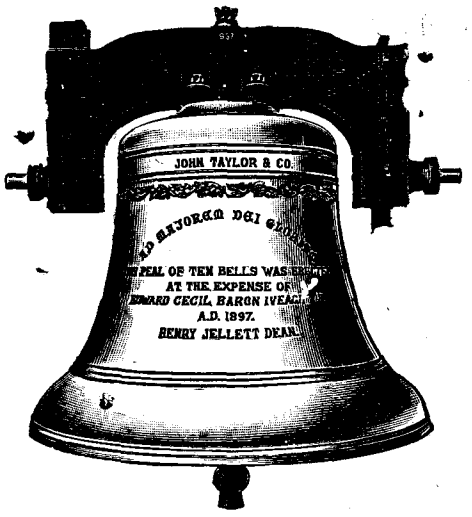
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12	34	5678
21	43	6587
12	34	6578
21	43	5687
24	13	6578
42	31	5687
24	13	5678
42	31	6587
24	36	1578
42	63	5187
24	63	1578
42	36	5187
24	63	5817
42	36	8571
24	36	5817
42	63	8571
46	28	3751
64	82	7315
46	82	3751
64	28	7315
46	82	7135
64	28	1753
46	28	7135
64	82	1753
46	81	2735
64	18	7253
46	81	7235
64	18	2753
61	48	7235
16	84	2753
61	48	2735
16	84	7253
18	67	4523

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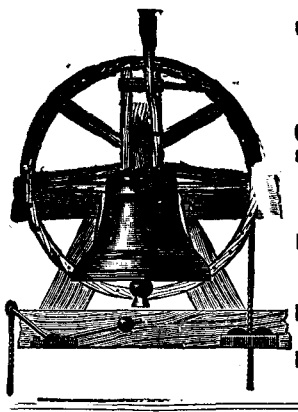
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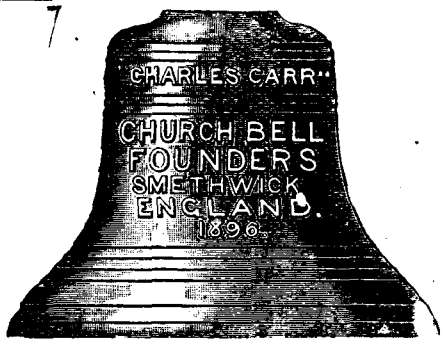
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