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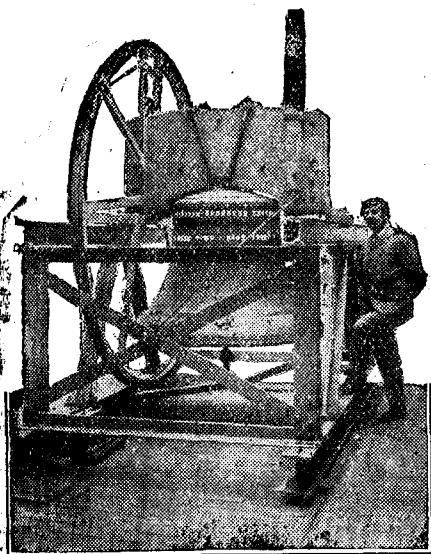
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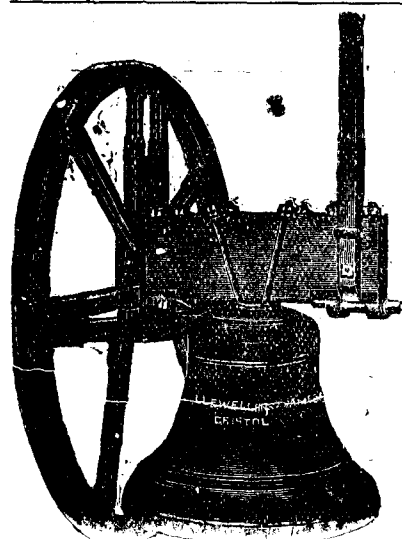
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WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

It is scarcely a year ago since this paper recorded the opening of a new ring of bells (then increased from three to five) at the above village, distant some twelve miles from Lincoln, and six miles from Gainsborough. Friday evening, August 17th, witnessed the augmentation from five to six. For years three bells did duty for the various offices of the church, but through the generosity of R. C. Bacon, Esq., of Willingham House, there now hangs in the tower one of the sweetest toned ring of six bells the writer has ever heard. The donor of the bells must have spared no trouble or expense in securing from the well-known firm of bellfounders at Loughborough, an example of what their long experience can produce. In addition to the tone of the bells, the framework will bear the strictest investigation; and last, but not least, the bell-chamber itself has received careful forethought, and made a place fit to hold such expensive articles of Church belongings. The louvres have been bricked up to prevent undue exposure to wind and weather, and the chamber made secure from winged intruders by being latticed. The company who met to assist in the opening of the bells, consisted of four from Lincoln, who journeyed the twelve miles by motor, and two from Gainsborough. The Lincoln contingent, who had the advantage of the latest form of locomotion, were the first to arrive, and had the opportunity of taking a hurried tour of the grounds, gardens and stables whilst waiting for their Gainsborough friends. At the special request of Mr. Bacon, some 6-scores of Doubles were rung after the bells had been raised in peal. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob, conducted by R. F. Lane, was then rung by R. Dawson, G. Flintham, G. Chester, G. M. Moston, J. W. Watson, R. F. Lane. The local band of ringers consisting of the donor (R. C. Bacon, Esq.), Messrs. H. Bingham, H. Housman, W. Herring and H. Plowright also rung several rounds, which shewed that if they had not yet mastered the intricacies of change-ringing, they had made favourable progress under the tuition of Mr. Dawson, of Gainsborough.

At 9 p.m., after the bells had been lowered in peal, the visitors were invited to adjourn to Willingham House, lying almost within the precincts of the church, where a bountiful repast awaited them. Ample justice was done to the good things provided, whetted no doubt by the invigorating country air, and after the inner man had been quite satisfied, Mr. Linley, the President of the Northern Branch of the Guild, in a few well-chosen remarks, proposed the health of Mr. Bacon, thanking him for the great work he had done in providing the village

with a capital peal of bells, and for his hospitality to the visitors. Needless to say the toast was duly honoured, and received an encouraging reply from Mr. Bacon.

Mr. R. F. Lane, of Loughborough, to whom great credit is due for the manner in which he had carried out the important work entrusted to him, was not forgotten, neither the founders of the bells (Messrs. Taylor), and Mr. Lane promised to convey to his employers the kind remarks made upon the work.

Time which flies by far too quick on these occasions, demanded a dispersal of the company who journeyed homewards quite satisfied that "something had been attempted and something had been done," and done too in a style which cannot fail to bind all classes together for the full enjoyment of this short span of life, and for their mutual benefit.

NORTH MORETON PARISH CHURCH, BERKS.

The ring of five, tenor 15 cwt., at the above church, has been rehung in an iron frame with new fittings, and new ropes by Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich. On Wednesday, August 8th, ringers drove over from the neighbouring parish of Harwell, and having raised the bells in peal, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 25 mins. by H. C. Mulford, R. G. Rice, W. Hitchman conductor, R. F. Deal (London), and V. R. Hitchman. The inhabitants of this village have heard no half-pull ringing on their bells for thirty years, so presumably they appreciated this performance. Several touches were afterwards rung, in which L. Hitchman (Long Wittenham), took part, and after lowering in peal and hastily inspecting the bells by the feeble light of a candle, the party entered the vicarage to partake of refreshments kindly provided by the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Young. The visitors were greatly pleased with the excellent "go" of the bells, which are of remarkably fine tone, and it is hoped that they will be increased to six or eight at no distant date.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at Petersfield on Monday, August 6th, when members attended from Fareham, Portsea, Havant, Liss, and Petersfield; also Mr. J. W. Whiting (District Secretary), and Mr. J. J. Jones (Hon. District Secretary of the Guildford District). The proceedings of the day opened with a well-struck peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original), which was conducted by W. Lebbon, after which the business meeting was held at St. Peter's hall. In the absence of the Rev. C. W. Scott, Mr. J. Harper was voted to the chair. The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, the same being agreed to. The other

business was of the ordinary routine. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells during the day. About thirty members sat down to an excellent tea provided by Mr. Baker, for which a vote of thanks was accorded.

Mr. Harper, on behalf of the members, gave Mr. J. Jones a hearty welcome to their meeting, and Mr. Jones in reply said it gave him much pleasure to see such a good gathering, especially the ladies present. It was decided for Mr. Lebbon to call a peal of Stedman at Havant, the date to be fixed by Mr. Whiting. On the whole the meeting was a great success, the members being well satisfied with their outing.

SERMON BY THE BISHOP OF SALISBURY.

At the annual meeting of the Salisbury Guild this year an address was delivered to the members by the Bishop, in the cathedral, from Psalm cl. 6: "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

His lordship said the Old Testament was not only not contrary to the New Testament, but was absolutely necessary for any Christian teaching that was to be full of life. St. Paul taught them that the scriptures were able to make them wise unto salvation through faith which was in Christ Jesus, and one of the most important tasks of the Church at the present day was to rescue Old Testament theology from contempt, and to turn the Old Testament into daily food for Christians. Speaking of sacrifices his lordship said the thing actually done must be an offering to God in spirit, so they did not usually employ instrumental music as an offering of praise to God. Organists were very fond, as they knew, of putting in a good deal of organ music by itself. That was not a wrong thing to do, but they could hardly suppose it was particularly pleasing to God. What instrumental music was wanted for in church was not to make a great display of musical talent, but to support the singing in the church, to support the spiritual worship of the church, and so it was with bells. They did not want the bells merely to sound musical peals. Although there was nothing wrong in that, and it was a very good thing for them to learn to do it, because it exercised them in their craft, and helped them to follow their vocation more perfectly. But what they did want bell music for was for spiritual purposes, which were so well recognised in the collects which they had said together in that service that morning.

The Bishop then explained the service which had just been used, and which was the one compiled by the Rev. Herbert Drake under his supervision, and with his assistance. He showed how it referred to bells like the silver trumpets of old calling men to worship; preparing those who entered for worship, and those who could not be present to join in spirit; helping the sick and suffering by the reminder they conveyed; calling on us to do our duty for the departed; and reminding the ringers themselves of their own duty of devotion.

Continuing, his lordship said so long as people were accustomed to connect the sound of the bells with Church going, so long was bell music a valuable thing. If they once simply regarded it as something pretty sounding in the ear, and as having no relation whatever to duty, then the spiritual part of Christ's religion would be lost. Christ's religion was not a religion of beauty by itself, but of beauty leading to truth, and drawing people to the

Prince and King of beauty, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. And so the music of the bells should always have as its final purpose the drawing of men to Christ, the drawing of men to God's House, where they would meet their Saviour, when they gathered together in His name. In the second place, bells were used not merely to gather people together for prayer, but for praise. The note of praise was a very important point in worship. They were far too apt to think of their religion as a solemn and awful thing, perhaps not so much as their forefathers, not so much as they ought to do in connection with their sins, and their sorrow for their sins, but still they were apt to look upon religion as a duty. He very much wished they could have something like that type of religion in daily life which was represented so well by that well-known picture, "The Angelus," where a man and woman, quite humble people, in the midst of digging their potatoes in the field, were resting from their toil as they heard the bell in the middle of the day. He urged the members of the Guild to suggest that when people heard the bells ringing for daily service, they should just stop a minute or two in their work and put up a prayer to God. There was in the work of the ringers, as in all Church work, a double relation to God—a relation of the Church at large, and a relation of themselves as part of the Body of Christ, forming a little inner church within the Church. They were a guild of ringers. They were bound together by the sense of common duty, and duty to one another as well as duty to the Church at large. He hoped and believed that most of those present felt this very strongly. They would not be present that day unless they felt it, but there were a great many others who did not feel it so strongly as they did. They must, therefore, be missionaries, so to speak, to other ringers, to give them a sense of corporate religious life. Let them make that thought real to them, that they had to do their work as one body, even though separated into many different companies. They ought to be jealous for the good reputation and the nobility of character of the whole body of ringers. He took that opportunity of doing his own personal part in this, and thanking them and their fellows most heartily for the way in which made his visits to many a country parish more beautiful and happy than they otherwise would be. It was with a heart swelling with thankfulness that he constantly heard the bells ringing when he was visiting a parish for confirmation, or a church opening, or the consecration of a burial ground, or merely upon a friendly visit. He could always thank the choirs, and he always tried to do so personally, but he could not often thank the ringers, because he did not have an opportunity of seeing them. Proceeding, the bishop said ringing the bells was a Church service, and they ought to have a short collect before they began. He asked them to say that it was his wish that this should be done. Just as the clergy and choir in the vestry always said a collect together before they began their part of their service, so the ringers should in the belfry. If it was only a practice it would be a good thing, because it would remind them of the truth with which he began, that all Christian worship was worship in spirit and in truth. It was not merely beauty they aimed at, but beauty as leading to truth. He was quite sure they all felt the necessity of high personal character, and he was sure they would feel injured and outraged if it was thought there was anything like drunkenness connected with bellringing. There was a time when a great vessel full of beer used to be set in the belfry, and every man was expected to take his share,

He supposed that was a thing of the past, and he thanked God for it. It was necessary that they should be jealous of one another's character, and try by good example to keep up a high standard of personal character among the members of their Guild.

AN ANCIENT PARISH CHURCH OF THE NORMAN ERA.

(By William Hampson, late *Observer* office, Radcliffe, Lancashire).

Archæology, the science of antiquity (especially in the case of pre-historic antiquities), has interesting studies in the old churches which still remain dotted here and there over the rural shires of England, mementoes of Savon and Norman masonry. One of these is at Radcliffe, seven miles from Manchester, within sound of the Manchester Town Hall bells. These latter number twenty-one, and weigh 34 tons. The Radcliffe structure before undergoing several "restorations," each one of which assisted in the world of vandalism, which has left merely the most infinitesimal portion of the erstwhile sacred edifice, was a typical old church. Its ancient sculptured figures, quaint carving, oaken beams, splendid decorative art in painting and lettering, solid masonry, massive tower and great roomy belfry which a modern writer describes as too large for eight bells, with which it is now furnished. Often when a juvenile have we ascended the stone steps (almost spiral in fixing), after Church time. Their condition is nondescript, we always compare them to the smooth Georgian sixpences which have ceased to circulate. The belfry door was studded with iron bolts, and made of solid oak, and the flooring was supported by massive joists, and the boards were old of great thickness, but worm-eaten. Stout ropes came through eyelets in the upper floor for the ringers, and each was prepared at intervals with soft, fleecy handholds to enable the bellmen to pull the bells and regulate the stroke of the hammer to produce the changes rung. In the graveyard below the sacred pile (reminding us of Gray's beautiful elegy), yet slumbers at rest a child sister, never to be awakened by the peals of music of bells in Radcliffe church tower, although they make the welkin a vast volume of sound.

The old church we refer to is as stated, situate at Radcliffe, a very ancient place in Lancashire. It is of pre-historic date, its parson—not the first perhaps—being mentioned as "Robert, Parson of Radcliffe," in A.D. 1235. Radcliffe is one of the only four villages mentioned in connection with the district of East Lancashire in the Domesday book. From this we may infer that the old church perhaps existed in the 11th century. Bells are not mentioned for centuries afterwards, but it may be presumed that one primitive exponent of the science of campanology would be in the service, to summon worshippers from the surrounding small holdings, and the castle-tower residence of the Lord of the soil and manor, the noble house of De Redcliffe.

In A.D. 1552 the Ecclesiastical Commissioners reported

that the church at Radcliffe possessed "one (chailes) chalice i i j vestment, one coope, one crosse of coop (copper) i i j belles, i j handbells, one masse boke (book), i j corp as with Casez, Ault Clothes, and one Surples." The church and its possessions, in the "Liber Regis" is valued (as a living) at £21 os. 5d. per year, but at the present date it is set down as worth nearly £1000 per ann. The church tower is disproportionately large for the accommodation of the bells with which it is furnished. Till 1785 there was no clock in the tower of Radcliffe church, but the late Sir Ralph Assheton having bequeathed forty guineas towards the expense of furnishing a public clock, and the remainder of the cost having been supplied by subscription, this useful index of the progress of time was supplied. When removing the paint from the pulpit, the date 1606 was revealed, beautifully inlaid in coloured wood.

These old churches which were built in the Norman early period are all rapidly passing away, having been restored out of themselves, and the old Radcliffe parish church is one of them. The history of its bells would be full of interesting anecdotes if we could ask for space to narrate the story of the purchase, installation, ringing for weddings, funerals, and public events. How bonny brides and happy bridegrooms rejoiced, and the bells emphasised the ecstasy.

The eight bells at Radcliffe parish church, which are yet performing their loyal mission of love, were cast at the Loughborough Foundry, Leicestershire.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18th, the annual meeting of the Rochester district was held at Rochester. Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock at the Cathedral, also at St. Margaret's, and continued until 6 o'clock. An excellent tea was provided in the Corn Exchange. Out of the record number of 103 that applied to the Secretary for tea tickets, ninety-eight sat down, including the Rev. J. K. Wilson, Vicar of St. Margaret's, who took the chair in the unavoidable absence of the Archdeacon of Rochester. The usual business was afterwards carried out, Mr. Alfred Osborne being re-elected Hon. District Secretary, and Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins representative of the district.

The following towers of the district were represented: Upchurch, Borden, Milton, Rodmersham, Rainham, Gravesend, Swanscombe, Tunstall, Bobbing, Milton-next-Gravesend, Teynham, The Cathedral, Chatham and Gillingham; and also members from Woolwich, Deptford, Sidcup, Dartford, St. Mary Cray, Chislehurst, Maidstone, and several non-resident and life members, including Messrs. Waghorn, sen., Davis, Thornton and Pickworth.

During the evening the Cathedral bells were again available, also St. Mary's, Chatham, and members who had not visited either tower before this occasion were highly pleased with the "go" of these two fine peals of eight. The last touch was finished at St. Mary's as late as 9.30, being a 448 Superlative Surprise Major rung by F. Shedd, S. Taylor, J. E. Grensted, J. E. Davis, W. Easter, F. A. Holdee, J. Tulett, W. Haigh conductor.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The First Meeting of the Sixth Council was held in the Church House, Westminster, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 5th, 1906, when there were present 61 out of 86 elected representatives, and 6 out of 10 Honorary Members.

On the motion of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., was unanimously re-elected President.

The President having taken the chair and thanked the Council, announced that the next business was the election of one to fill the combined offices of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer. On the motion of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies was unanimously re-elected. The Hon. Secretary then thanked the Council for the honour conferred on him. Letters of regret for absence were read from the Revs. H. E. Tilney-Bassett, and A. H. F. Boughey, and from Messrs. N. J. Pitstow, W. Snowdon, and F. E. Ward.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurer then submitted the following statement of accounts. Starting with a balance of £37 7s. 10d. in hand from the previous year, there had accrued to the Council £7 2s. 8d. from Sales of Publications during that year, and £2 12s. from the same source during the past year; from sales at the Meeting 2s. 1d.; from affiliation fees £11 2s. 6d., making a total of £58 7s. 10d. The expenditure had been:—Meeting at Canterbury £2 14s. 6d.; Printing and Stationery £11 5s. 9d.; Postage 11s. 10d.; Repaid Messrs. Bemrose and Sons £1 12s. 0d.; leaving a balance in the bank of £42 3s. 10d. These accounts having been previously audited in detail by the Standing Committee, were passed unanimously on the proposal of Mr. R. A. Daniell, seconded by Mr. H. Dains.

It was proposed by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and seconded by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, that Mr. John Carter, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and Messrs. J. Pettit, J. S. Pritchett and J. A. Trollope be re-elected Honorary Members. Carried unanimously. On the proposal of the Rev. C. E. Matthews, seconded by Mr. H. White, Mr. G. Williams was also unanimously elected an Honorary Member.

The following were elected on the Standing Committee, viz., the President and Hon. Secretary, the Revs. H. A. Cockey G. F. Coleridge and F. E. Robinson, with Messrs. G. F. Attree, H. Dains, R. A. Daniell, J. Griffin, R. S. Story and W. Snowdon.

Before proceeding with the main portion of the Agenda, the President gave a valuable and stirring address on the Education Bill, his words being followed with close attention throughout, and warmly applauded at the close.

Dr. A. B. Carpenter and Mr. H. Dains, on behalf of the Peal Collection Committee, reported that the fourth sheet of the Double Norwich Section had been printed. The report was adopted, and the Committee consisting of Dr. A. B. Carpenter, Mr. H. Dains, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies were re-elected.

On behalf of the Committee, on the Condition of Rings, the President gave an exhaustive Report with full details, saying that the work had now come to an end.

After a long and interesting discussion on various points raised by the Report, and as to the best means of bringing it to the notice of the authorities, it was proposed by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, and seconded by the Rev. H. L. James, that the President be requested to tabulate the chief results of enquiry into the Condition of Rings, and to communicate them in the form of a letter or article to the Press, together with any practical points in connection with the care of bells which may be suggested thereby.

A vote of thanks to the President for his work, proposed by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, and seconded by Mr. A. T. King, was carried by acclamation.

For the Church Press Committee Mr. R. A. Daniell reported that the work of preparing the descriptive Catalogue was in a forward condition. The Report was adopted, and the Committee consisting of the Revs. H. A. Cockey, M. Kelly, T. L. Papillon, and Messrs. H. Dains and R. A. Daniell was unanimously re-elected. On behalf of the Committee on Peal Values, Mr. R. S. Story reported that the Committee recommended that 36 points should be given for seven 720s in Surprise methods

on six bells; 50 for fourteen 360s in Surprise methods on six bells; eighteen for seven 720s on six bells in methods with "broken leads," and 22 for Double Norwich Court Bob Caters.

It was proposed by Mr. J. Griffin, and seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, that the Report be adopted. This was carried, as was also a resolution proposed by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, and seconded by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, that the Committee be requested to consider the question of points for peals rung double-handed on handbells, and to report to the next meeting.

The Report of the Committee on Legitimate Methods was brought forward by the Rev. H. L. James, who also moved its adoption. This having been seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope, was carried unanimously. A resolution on the motion of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, re-electing the Committee, thanking them for their past labours, and asking them to continue the work and report to the next meeting, was carried unanimously, those thus re-elected being the Revs. H. L. and E. B. James, with Messrs. J. Carter, H. Dains and J. A. Trollope.

The President proposed, and the Hon. Secretary seconded the following alterations in the rules, the proposal being unanimously carried.

- That in the thirteenth line of the second Rule the word "fifteen" be substituted for the word "twelve."
- That in the first line of the sixth Rule the word "Easter" be replaced by the word "Whitsuntide."
- 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."

Mr. J. A. Trollope having called 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, a long discussion ensued, the result of which was that the Rev. H. Drake moved, and Mr. A. T. King seconded a resolution thanking Mr. Attree for his past labours in connection with the Analysis, and proposing that Messrs. C. E. Borrett, J. Griffin, A. T. King and J. A. Trollope be appointed a Committee to continue the work. This was carried with only three dissentients.

Mr. C. Willshire moved that the Council take steps to establish a Labour Bureau. This was seconded by Mr. H. White. After discussion Mr. R. A. Daniell kindly offered to make an attempt, to be considered entirely unofficial, to keep a register at his office. This being thankfully accepted, the motion was withdrawn.

On behalf of the Lancashire Association the Rev. H. J. Elsee cordially invited the Council to hold their next meeting at Manchester. While saying that he was sure that the Council warmly appreciated the wish of the Lancashire Association, the President took occasion to point out that, following the usual rotation, the next meeting would naturally be held in the west of England. On the motion of the Rev. M. Kelly, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, it was unanimously resolved to hold the next meeting at Exeter.

On the motion of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, a cordial vote of thanks was by acclamation passed to the President.

The Archbishop of York has appointed to the canonry in York Minster, vacant by the death of Canon Temple, the Ven. W. H. Hutchings, Rector of Kirkby Misperton and Archdeacon of Cleveland.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday, August 28th.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

Exeter Cathedral.—No practice during August. EDWIN SHEPHERD.

160, Sidwell Street, Exeter.

Royal Cumberland Society.—The fortnightly practice at St. Martin's will be discontinued until Monday, September 3rd.

T. CARD, *Hon. Sec.*

9, Grosvenor Road, Lower Edmonton.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—It is desired to draw attention that members meet on the first Sunday in each month to ring for morning service at 10 a.m. at St. Clement Danes, Strand; also every alternate Monday for united practice from 7.45 p.m. to 9.45 p.m., when all ringers will be made welcome. Under the new arrangements that exist at this church, all matters in connection with the bells or ringing in the first instance, are to be made to the Hon. Secretary of the above Association.

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

1, Budge Row, E.C.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the North and West District of this Association will be held to-day, Saturday, August 25th, at St. Stephen's church, Hampstead, by the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. H. N. Bate. The bells will be raised at 5 o'clock, and owing to local exigencies, the actual ringing must be limited to two hours. The Hon. Secretary will take it as a great favour if all, who can conveniently do so, will make a point of attending.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Wilfred's church, Ribchester, to-day, Saturday, August 25th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hawley to-day, Saturday, August 25th. Bells open from 3 o'clock.

C. H. PEARCE, *Dis. Sec.*

Vale Road, York Town.

The Bedfordshire Association.—A meeting will be held at Luton to-day, Saturday, August 25th. Bells available at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.

A. KING, *Local Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Mathern, near Chepstow, on Saturday, September 1st, at 4 o'clock.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*

J. W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Olney, Bucks., on Saturday, Sep. 1st. Bells open at 2 p.m. F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, September 1st. Tower open at 4 o'clock.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—A ringing meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, September 1st. A short service will be held in the parish church. Tea will be provided at 1s. 3d. per head. Ringers intending to be present at tea kindly notify Mr. W. Townsend, 44, West Banks, Sleaford, before Wednesday, August 29th.

REV. J. FLOWERS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, September 1st. Business meeting at 5 p.m. at The Green Dragon inn. N. J. PITSTOW, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The monthly practice will be held at St. Thomas's church, Dudley, on Monday, September 3rd, at 7.45. W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Burnham on Saturday, September 8th. Bells available from 2.0 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at The Royal Clarence hotel at 5 o'clock. E. BURGESS, *Secretary.*

The East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Selston on Saturday, September 8th. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. Stations—Pinxton and Pye Bridge, Midland Railway. Ringing friends invited. T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, September 8th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea at The Chequers at 5.30 at 9d. per head. Members and friends invited. H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, September 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. E. SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, September 8th. Bells ready at 5.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The North Wales Association.—The next half-yearly meeting will be held at Gresford on Saturday, September 8th, at 3 p.m. in the schoolroom. Bells available during the day. Tea will be provided free to members at 5 p.m. Leaders of companies are requested to communicate with the Rev. E. A. Fishbourne, Gresford Vicarage, Wrexham, stating number intending to be present at tea not later than September 4th. All subscriptions should now be paid. S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Batley on Saturday, September 8th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The Commercial inn, Clark Green, Batley. The six-bell contest in connection with the above Society will be held at Batley on Saturday, September 15th.

WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*

St. Mary, Handsworth.—WM. VERRY COMMEMORATION.—The second annual dinner will be held at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on Saturday, September 22nd, at 6.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from R. Faux, 65, Bacchus Road, Soho, Birmingham, or any of the ringers any time up to the date. Bells available from 2 o'clock to 6 o'clock. RICHARD FAUX, 65, Bacchus Road, Soho, Birmingham.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1906.

A well-known ringer, who has lately been visiting in the county of Hants., complains of one particular neighbourhood where the ringers are very supine and lethargic so far as ringing is concerned. It is said that they will rapidly go to the tower if money is to be got, if in fact there is "a job on," but there is no store set by practice, nor is much alacrity exercised in meeting a visitor. Of course this is an old complaint, which it was hoped had no existence in these latter days. We allude to it now for the purpose of giving a hint to those concerned to try and amend their ways, and become ringers in fact, not in name only. We shall be glad to hear later of a change for the better in this particular part of Hampshire.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Proposed memorial tablet to the late hon. treasurer, Mr. William Wakley.

Subscriptions to this object are respectively solicited from the ordinary, honorary, and life members of the Association. No single subscription to exceed half-a-crown.

Remittances may be made to the Hon. Secretary or to any of the district secretaries, and they will be acknowledged from time to time in this paper and in the *Nottingham Weekly Express*. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec. Cotgrave, Notts.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 14, 1906, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT 19, OLD JEWRY, E.C.,

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

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHBY	1-2.	BERTRAM PREWETT	.. 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE..	.. 3-4.	ERNEST PYE ..	.. 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—A. T. King. Rung to celebrate the birthdays of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughy and W. Pye, both falling on the above date.

The Provinces.

LENTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

LEWIS CHADBURN*	 Treble.	EDWARD BLAGDEN	 5.
GEORGE WEST ..	 2.	*CHARLES MOTT ..	 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY ..	 3.	THOMAS HORTON ..	 7.
WILLIAM WAGSTAFF ..	 4.	*ROWLAND FLINT ..	 Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL WESLEY.

*First peal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, August 9, 1906, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

WILLIAM C. WAKLEY	.. Treble.	EDWARD ISAAC STONE	.. 5.
WILLIAM JAMES SMITH	.. 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN	.. 6.
ALBERT PERCY WAKLEY*	3.	GEORGE ROBINSON	.. 7.
FREDK. HENRY DEXTER	.. 4.	GEORGE BULL	 Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

*First peal.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 10, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD, NEWCASTLE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

REES JAMES..	 Treble.	H. JENKINS ..	 5.
T. J. EVANS..	 2.	J. W. ERDINGTON	 6.
R. EVANS ..	 3.	J. COX ..	 7.
R. BURNSTONE ..	 4.	J. EVANS ..	 Tenor.

Conducted by J. Cox.

First peal on the bells by an entirely local band. Rang with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. T. Lloyd Edwards, churchwarden.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED BROOM*	 Treble.	WILLIAM HARPER	 5.
MARCELLUS J. DIGBY*	.. 2.	GEORGE HAYES ..	 6.
FREDERICK J. RING ..	.. 3.	*GEORGE MARTIN ..	 7.
WILLIAM LANE*	 4.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ..	 Tenor.

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

*First peal of Bob Major.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 15, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

HARRY JUDGE ..	 Treble.	HARRY HOLIFIELD	 5.
WILLIAM JUDGE..	 2.	EDGAR HUMFREY ..	 6.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE	.. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	.. 7.
FREDERICK WEBB ..	.. 4.	WILLIAM STONE..	 Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

RUMBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT)

On Thursday, August 16, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 6-scores each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles, and April Day, and twelve 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS BIRDIE ROBINSON	.. Treble.	T. LINTON WILSON	 3.
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT	.. 2.	ARTHUR H. TOOK ..	 4.
EDWARD CHATTEN..			 Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

First peal by a lady in this diocese.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, August 16, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

JOHN NEAL*	 Treble.	*JOSEPH PIGOTT ..	 5.
FRANK WITHERS*	 2.	SAMUEL GROVE ..	 6.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS*	.. 3.	*JAMES DOWLER ..	 7.
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Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by A. E. PEGLER.

*First peal in the method.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 18, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lbs.

ARTHUR F. WELLINGTON	Treble.	JOHN BASDEN ..	 5.
EDWARD CASSELL	 2.	FREDK. G. GODDARD	 6.
JAMES MERRICK	 3.	HENRY BROWNING	 7.
CHARLES DELL	 4.	HARRY SEWARD ..	 Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Seward on his 63rd birthday, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble.	*BENJAMIN BASSETT 6.
ARTHUR C. HAWES 2.	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7.
ALBERT D. STONE 3.	WILLIAM PALMER 8.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	KEITH HART 9.
GEORGE GATLAND 5.	*HARRY DUFFIELD Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal on ten bells. Mr. Hawes was elected a member in the tower.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 18, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT BAYLES Treble.	WILLIAM PEARSON 5.
WALTER COATES 2.	WALTER ALLWOOD 6.
GEORGE HALKSWORD 3.	ALBERT NASH 7.
CLEMENT GLENN 4.	*GEORGE OAKES Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal of Stedman Triples.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ILKESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 18, 1906, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN HUFTON† Treble.	JOSEPH BOURNE 5.
THOMAS H. COLBURN 2.	HARRY HARRISON 6.
ISAAC HUFTON 3.	HARRY WHITTLE 7.
JOSEPH H. ILIFFE* 4.	ALFRED T. BAKER Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal with a working bell.

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

J. G. W. HARWOOD Treble.	D. HAYWARD 4.
F. PESTELL 2.	J. R. BALLS 5.
E. R. TODD 3.	A. J. CROWE Tenor.

Conducted by D. HAYWARD.

Rung on the anniversary of the birthday of the treble ringer, being also his first peal on six bells.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY J. TUCKER Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY 5.
WALTER PRIOR 2.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 6.
GEORGE JORDAN 3.	THOMAS J. WATTS 7.
GEORGE H. BARKER 4.	WILLIAM WATTS Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 18, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble.	*GEORGE W. CHALLICE 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	GEORGE WOODISS 7.
JOHN J. LAMB 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 19, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GROOM* .. Treble.	†WILLIAM RUFFLES 5.
PERCIVAL WOODS 2.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6.
WILLIAM GRIMES 3.	JAMES G. RUMSEY 7.
GEORGE ROWE, JUN. 4.	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor.

Composed by JAMES PAGETT, and Conducted by WILLIAM GROOM.

*First in the method as conductor. †First in the method. Arranged to oblige A. W. Grimes. All the band are members of Court Star of A.O.F. Suffolk.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 20, 1906, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR EDWARDS Treble.	*ERNEST COPPEN 5.
THOMAS LINCOLN 2.	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6.
FREDERICK GILL 3.	FREDERICK H. COOPER 7.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY 4.	WILLIAM LINCOLN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

*First peal. G. Daynes was elected a life member of the Association previous to starting, for whom this peal was arranged and rang in joint as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Edwards and W. Lincoln.

Date Touches.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, August 19th, being the first anniversary of the death of the Rev. Dom Silvester Schlecht, late president of the St. Thomas's Society, a date touch of 1906 Stedman Triples was rung with the bells deeply muffled to his memory, in 1 hr. 5 mins. B. Witchell conductor, W. Stringer, E. Stringer, M. Murphy, G. Parsons, C. Dickens, H. Witchell, H. Dickens. Composed by C. Jackson.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LAMBERHURTS (Kent).—On Sunday, August 5th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. G. Fuller, J. Tapp conductor, A. Marshall, A. Henley, J. Bailey, W. Marshall. This is the longest length by the local band, who have recently joined the Association.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS. — On July 5th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. T. R. Jackson conductor, J. T. Thompson, T. Metcalfe, J. Williams, W. S. Forshaw, J. Burrows. On July 8th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob. T. R. Jackson conductor, T. Metcalfe, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, J. Huddleston, J. Burrows. On July 15th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. T. E. Shuttleworth, T. Metcalfe, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, J. Huddleston, J. Burrows conductor. On July 29th, for evening service, 720

Oxford Bob Minor. J. T. Thompson, J. Huddleston, T. E. Shuttleworth, T. Stuart conductor, W. S. Forshaw, J. Burrows. On August 5th, 720 Bob Minor. T. R. Jackson conductor, J. T. Thompson, W. H. Dennison, T. Stuart, J. Huddleston, J. Burrows. On August 12th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. W. S. Forshaw, T. Metcalfe, W. H. Dennison, T. Stuart conductor, J. Watson, J. Burrows. On August 14th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. T. Thompson, T. Stuart conductor. T. E. Shuttleworth, J. Watson, C. J. A. Cushing, J. Burrows. On August 16th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. T. Thompson, J. Huddleston, T. Stuart, J. Watson, C. J. A. Cushing, J. Burrows conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, August 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. S. Taylor, S. Peacock, S. Figgess, W. Bate, W. Easter, W. Haigh conductor, R. Lamb, A. Robson. On Thursday, August 16th, for practice, 2016 Superlative Surprise Major. A. Harris, S. Peacock, S. Taylor, F. A. Holden, W. Easter, A. Robson, J. E. Grensted, W. Haigh conductor. Longest length in the method by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th.

ROCHESTER.—On Sunday, August 19th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. W. Haigh, J. Tullett, S. Taylor, F. A. Holden, W. Easter, W. Walker, J. E. conductor, J. Rayner.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, July 29th, at the parish church, 408 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, H. Little, J. Luckey, W. Prior, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor, W. T. Prior. On Sunday, August 5th, for morning service, 408 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, T. J. Watts, G. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. On Wednesday, August 15th, for practice, 608 Superlative Surprise. G. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, H. J. Tucker, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, C. Charge, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, August 19th, for morning service, 640 London Surprise. G. Gray, G. H. Barker, G. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

OWSLEBURY (Hants).—On July 23rd, the Wickham ringers paid a visit to this church, and received a hearty welcome from the Vicar, the Rev. C. Buston, and rang 720 Oxford Single. H. J. Merritt, W. Singleton, W. Cooper, N. Welch, W. F. Churcher, G. E. Chappell. The Vicar complimented the ringers on their raising and falling. Mr. Chappell, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the Vicar for his kindly welcome, and hoped they would be able to pay him another visit.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

OXFORD.—On Monday, August 6th, at Christ Church Cathedral, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Caters, which was lost after ringing sixteen courses. W. J. Smith, C. Fowler, G. A. Smith, C. R. Lilley, A. Fox, S. Hounslow, H. Miles, E. Hims conductor, W. Stone.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, July 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Hollocks conductor, H. Crick, T. Hollocks, A. Clark, A. Hollocks, H. Poulson. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Poulson, A. Hollocks, A. Symonds conductor, J. Fayers, W. Hollocks, A. Clark. On Saturday, July 21st, 720 Superlative Surprise. T. Levitt, S. H. Symonds, A. Symonds, T. Hollocks, J. Fayers, W. Hollocks conductor. And 720 London Surprise. A. Hollocks, S. H. Symonds, H. Gladwell, T. Hollocks, T. Levitt, W. Hollocks conductor. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells and by all the band, and is supposed to be the first rung by six members of this Association, the last two being rung to celebrate the conductor's birthday.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, July 24th, for practice, 720 Violet. W. C. Taylor, F. T. Dawson, W. C. Lawrence, J.

T. Taylor, E. E. Johnson, J. E. Wheeldon conductor. On Sunday, July 29th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Harding, W. C. Taylor, W. C. Lawrence, J. T. Taylor, F. Dawson, J. E. Wheeldon conductor. For evening service on Sunday, August 19th, 720 Woodbine. W. C. Lawrence, F. T. Dawson, W. C. Lawrence, J. T. Taylor, B. Pegg, J. E. Wheeldon conductor.

CHEDDLETON (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, August 18th, 720 Woodbine. J. E. Wheeldon, Rev. E. V. Cox, D. Preston, H. Birch conductor, H. Carnwell, I. Moreton. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. I. Moreton, J. E. Wheeldon, D. Preston, H. Birch conductor, J. Gilbert, H. Carnwell.

BURBAGE (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, June 24th, 720 Violet. E. Stamper, J. E. Wheeldon conductor, S. Bennett, Egbert Stamper, M. G. Bennett, W. Longden. And 720 Kent. E. Stamper, F. Goldstraw, J. E. Wheeldon, S. Bennett, M. G. Bennett conductor, W. Longden.

BLEWBURY (Berks).—On Sunday, August 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Woodley, R. G. Rice, C. Gregory, J. Napper, jun., E. Humfrey conductor, E. Butler, J. E. Butler, H. C. Mulford. First quarter-peal on the bells since being augmented to eight.

HARWELL (Berks).—On Sunday, August 19th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. W. Hitchman, A. R. Bosley, R. G. Rice, L. Hitchman, V. R. Hitchman, E. Humfrey conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, July 23rd, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Simpson, S. H. Symonds, F. Parker, J. Moore, H. Smith, A. Clark, A. Symonds conductor, L. Leeks. On Sunday, July 29th, for evening service, 576 Kent Treble Bob. A. Symonds conductor, L. Wiseman, H. Smith, B. W. Pettitt, H. H. Cooper, E. Simpson, A. Saunders, L. Leeks.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, August 18th, for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples. A. Dodson, J. Miller, G. Bester, H. Balaam, W. Pickworth, H. Miller, S. Wade conductor, F. Budd. And 400 Double Norwich. G. Bester, G. Lucas, S. Wade conductor, H. Balaam, H. Miller, J. Attwater, G. Miller, W. Pickworth.

TUNSTALL (Staffordshire).—Recently, for practice, 1008 Double Norwich and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. F. Smith, G. Smith, W. Thompson, A. Clay, F. Darlington, J. Darlington, J. Godber, H. Smith, J. Johnson conductor. On Sunday, August 20th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Stedman Triples. A. Clay, H. Smith, J. Darlington, W. Thompson, J. Johnson, J. Godber, G. A. Smith conductor, T. Shone.

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

STEDMAN CATERS.

SIR,—To the main portion of Mr. Nunneley-Wood's letter I have nothing to say, but as regards the opening and homing courses of Mr. Hattersley's peal, so long as the treble is the seconds place bell, there is practically now no room left for originality, as they are all to be found in the Table in "Stedman." Both of the two particular courses in question are given on p. 112 of that book. And even if the 6th, or some other bell, be chosen for second's place, the question may be easily solved by some slight adaptation or manipulation of some course in the Table.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

SIR,—I cannot let the remarks of Mr. C. Hattersley at the foot of his composition, which appeared the week before last, to pass unnoticed, as they are entirely misleading, as the following facts will shew:—

On October 5th, 1899, I called a peal at Aston containing the two extents in 5125 changes.

The following peal first appeared in the Middlesex report for 1901-2. Whether it lacks originality I will leave others to judge. I do not blame Mr. Hattersley for being out of touch with many of the modern peals, seeing what facility there is to place them before the Exercise. In the limited space that is grudgingly allowed to the composer, compositions from certain people appear to be barred.

G. LINDOFF.

STEDMAN CATERS.

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Repeated; calling first course 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13.

* 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11.

First rung at St. Mary's, Beddington, on May 3rd, 1902; conducted by W. Pye.

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Obituary.

JOHN JAMES.

It is with great regret we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, who passed away rather suddenly at his residence, Town Field, Lawton, on Thursday evening, August 2nd, in his 68th year. He was a member of the Chester Guild, and had been connected with the Lawton belfry about twenty years, and was always a regular attender. His ringing career was not marked by many peals, but he had rung in one peal at Cheddleton in Staffordshire. Nearly thirty years elapsed, then he rung in two peals at Lawton, these being the first two peals rung on the bells, which date back to 1713. The methods he rung were Plain Bob and Grandsire.

He was laid to rest in the churchyard on the Sunday following his death, the funeral ceremony being conducted by the Rev. S. Nunn, of Lawton. Deceased was followed to the grave by many of his relatives and friends, among the latter being some of his fellow-workmen on the North Staffordshire canal, where he had been employed as lock-keeper. Mr. Shaw, navigation manager, also attended. His brother-ringers were present to pay their last respects, also Miss B. Rigby, of The Grove, Lawton, who is an honorary member of the Chester Guild, and a lady who always takes a great interest in bells and ringers. At the end of the burial service in church the Dead March was played by the organist, and the deceased's brother-ringers carried him to his last home.

A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, by the local band, assisted by Mr. W. Rider of Birch, and A. Smallman of Barthomby.

THE REQUITAL OF LABOUR.

When leaving school, my father grew

Anxious to find me work;

Said he: "I have a place in view—

'Tis with the parish clerk."

"He wants some one to toll the bell,

Dig graves, and sweep the pews;

Wind up the clock at half-past twelve,

Weed paths, and clean the flues."

Forthwith I went; I thought the job

Might suit me very well,

For I could ring and call a bob,

And raise the tenor bell.

But lo! the sexton, Caxton-like,

Possess'd a printing press,

With racks and cases full of type,

And "copy" in excess.

"You know," said he, "sometimes we're slack,

With fun'rals and such-like;

I want a devil—don't start back!

To ink and roll the type."

"And when we're short of print, you know,

The church fills up the gap;

The organ bellows you must blow,

Methinks you're just the chap."

My story short, I may remark,

For five years I was bound

To serve the sexton, printer, clerk,

My fortune there I found.

Indentures signed, I soon found where

My passions were inclined,

His daughter Hebe, divinely fair,

Entranced my captive mind.

For her, like Jacob, years I served

The sexton long and well;

From digging graves I never swerved,

Or failed to toll the bell.

When time expired, I took my leave

Of Caxton and my home;

I captured Hebe, you may believe,

But he is in the tomb.

WOODFORD.

THE ROYSTON SOCIETY, HERTS.

On Thursday, August 16th, the members of this Society had their annual outing, the place chosen this year being Great Yarmouth. Orders were given to assemble at 5.30, and at 5.40 the whole of the members started in a brake and pair for a 13 mile ride to Cambridge, from whence the train was taken. Arriving at Yarmouth about 10 o'clock in splendid weather, various amusements were indulged in until dinner time, which was taken at the Aquarium. After dinner an enjoyable trip on the river Yare was taken to Gorleston, permission having been previously obtained to ring the bells, a handy peal of six, tenor about 12 cwt. Here the party were met by Mr. G. Orford, the instructor to the local company, and the bells were soon sending forth their music to the tune of Woodbine Treble Bob, a 720 being suc-

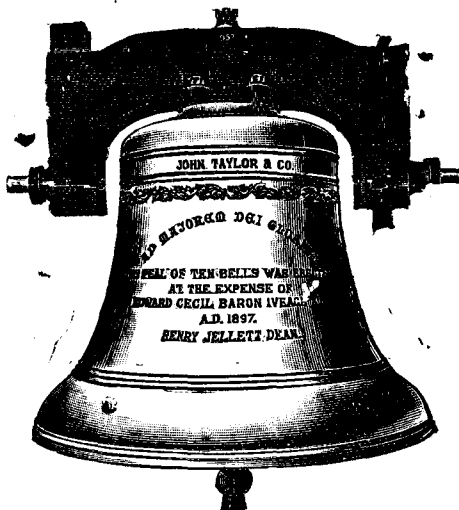
cessfully brought round, conducted by A. Wilkerson. On account of an organ recital further ringing was delayed, but this enabled the members to visit the top of the tower and take in the splendid view afforded by the sea and Great Yarmouth, a sight well worth seeing. On descending to the ringing chamber a well-struck 720 of Double Oxford was rung, conducted by R. King. And 360 Kent, the local captain standing in. Further ringing was brought to an abrupt conclusion through a rope breaking, but all seemed satisfied, and the return journey to Yarmouth was also taken by boat, where a substantial meat tea had been provided. Leaving Yarmouth at 9 o'clock Cambridge was reached about midnight, the drive enabling members to reach home at 1.30 a.m. The weather was delightfully fine, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves, the general opinion being the outing of 1906 was the best the Society has had. A. W.

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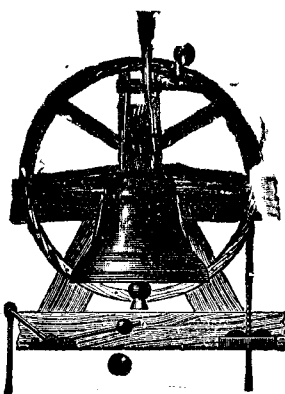
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