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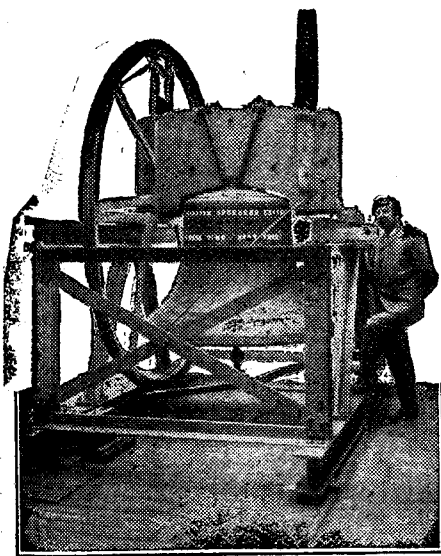
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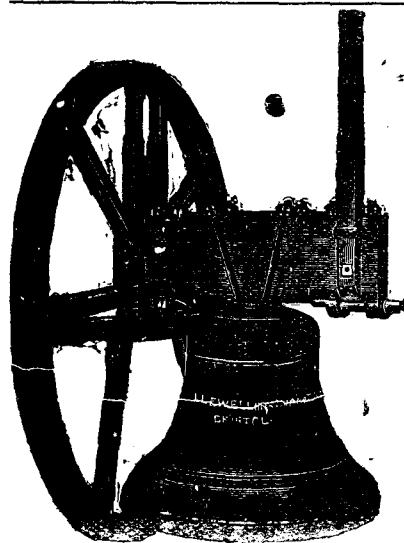
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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

The Harvest Festival Service was held at the above church on Thursday evening, October 4th, at 7.30. In addition to the above service was included the dedication of two new trebles, the gift of Mr. D. T. Willis, jun., of this town, one in memory of his late uncle, the other a thankoffering for the recovery of his beloved mother after a long and serious illness. After the vast congregation had filled our grand old church, and the Vicar had read the prayer of dedication, the signal was given, and then to the astonished company pealed forth the delightful sound of ten bells, one of the finest peals of many miles round. Only a few rounds were rung, all the local band standing in the first touch, and the service was then continued, after which a number of touches were rang, giving all interested the chance of a pull, among whom was the giver, Mr. D. T. Willis. Loud and long are the thanks we offer him for so grand a gift; may his future be a long and happy one, and we trust he will never tire of coming to ring with us. The bells were cast and hung by Mears and Stainbank, who have given every satisfaction.

On Saturday, October 6th, our monthly meeting was held, and well attended by visitors, all declaring ours to be one of the finest peals in Bedfordshire. Several touches were rang, including Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal.

J. N.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

For the first time in the history of the above Association, the village of Catterick was visited on a recent Saturday, for the purpose of one of the periodical meetings held by that body. Hopes are entertained that the meeting held on Saturday, which was looked upon somewhat as missionary work, will result in a more lively interest being taken in ringing in the village, and that the ringers will before long be numbered amongst the members of the Association. The day being gloriously fine, an average number of members attended, though the early return train arrangements, the last train leaving Catterick Bridge station shortly after six o'clock, kept some few of the members at home. However representatives were present from Stockton, Darlington, Middleham, Richmond, Shildon, York, etc., the Darlington band journeying by road, and visiting on the way the church at Bolton-le-Swale, where one or two touches were successfully brought round on the handy peal of six which hang there. The belfry at Catterick church, which though somewhat small, is neatly fitted up, and ornamented with framed photographs of some prominent local Church people, framed cards recording various performances of the local band,

and a fine photo of the peal itself was visited by most of the members during the afternoon, and various touches rung, the longest being 1024 of Kent Treble Bob rung in good style by a mixed band.

Tea was partaken of at 5 o'clock at The Angel hotel, and as the train was due to leave at 6.24, and the station a good two-mile walk, the proceedings at the meeting which followed the repast were necessarily very brief.

Mr. G. J. Clarkson, President of the Association, occupied the chair, and Dr. Pauli was the vice-chairman, the Vicar of Catterick being also present.

The chairman formally proposed the loyal toasts, and then went on to propose the "Archbishop and Clergy." In doing so he apologised for the absence that day of their Secretary (Rev. R. Hodgson), who was away from home fulfilling an important engagement, and then in the name of the Association thanked the clergy of the North Yorkshire district for giving leave so freely to ring in the different towers, and noted with pleasure the fact that the clergy were taking a more active interest in the practical side of the ringing art.

The Vicar of Catterick responded. He heartily welcomed the members of the Association to his parish, complimented them on the good work which they were doing throughout the district, and hoped that before very long the band of ringers at his church would be enrolled as members of the Association. He wished the Association every success, and assured the members they would be heartily welcomed whenever they made Catterick their place of meeting.

Two or three new members were proposed, amongst whom were the Rev. E. Wilton, curate of Northallerton. A move was then made to the station, and at Darlington the members separated for their respective destinations.

THE STOCKTON-ON-TEES SOCIETY.

The society in connection with the bells of Stockton parish church was formed in 1877 by Mr. G. J. Clarkson, under a commission from the late Canon Falconer, and on June 5th, 1876, rang its first full peal of Minor, the ringers being T. Whitfield, 1; W. Newton, 2; T. Stephenson, 3; R. Alcock, 4; W. Stephenson, 5; G. J. Clarkson, 6. The career of this society as a six-bell company, which came to an end in 1898, when the old peal was dismantled for rehangng with the addition of four larger bells to make ten, was a brilliant one, as many as 1299 peals of Minor having been rung on the bells, of which 335 were in seven Surprise methods. With the enlargement of the ring to ten bells, followed an extension of the company, which now comprises two generations. Exclusive of the late Thomas Whitfield, whose con-

nection with the society ceased in 1883, and W. Stephenson, the present doyen of the company, who now takes only a nominal part in the ringing, five of the senior group have recently passed their fiftieth year, and it was on this account that a 5000 was rung as a Jubilee commemoration, the date selected being the birthday of J. Waller. A result of the way in which this society has held together is that of the officials connected with the parish church, the oldest by many years are to be found in the belfry, where fathers and sons now regularly ring together.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. H. DRAKE.

A quarterly meeting of the East Dorset branch of the above Guild was held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, September 29th, and was attended by members from Bournemouth, Childe Okeford, Lytchett Minster, Okeford Fitzpaine, Shillingstone, Sturminster-Newton, Swanage and Wimborne. The usual service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Minster, and an address given by the Vicar (Rev. J. M. J. Fletcher), towards the close of which he brought in the old, old fact that people are influenced, not so much by what a man says, as by what he does, and so ringers had a more powerful call to their fellow-Christians than by making their bells speak finely—and that call was the example of a holy life.

After the service the party were shown over the old chained library by Mr. Hart, verger, and captain of the home band, and a move was then made to the new Church House, where the general meeting was held, the chairman of the branch (Rev. J. C. M. Mansel-Pleydell), presiding. After the minutes of the annual meeting at Wareham had been read and passed, the main business of the meeting came on—the presentation to the Rev. H. Drake. The chairman spoke in the warmest terms of all that Mr. Drake had done for the branch by his enthusiasm, his knowledge, and the devotional spirit in which he entered into the work, so that his presence had always been an inspiration to lift bell-ringing in the district to a higher level. He hoped that their little present would serve to sharpen, if ever such sharpening should be needed, some happy associations of his good work in Dorset. He then assisted Mr. Drake in unveiling the contents of the small table in front of him, and there appeared a small model bell, complete in every detail, a truly dainty bit of hanging from the Whitechapel Foundry.

Mr. Drake, in returning thanks most heartily to the chairman and members for the kind words and gift, spoke somewhat pathetically of his objection on principle to all presentations, and how he had failed on this occasion to circumvent the generous intention of the branch. He then expressed how strongly he felt that the real work in the district had been done by the ringers themselves, whose constant support he gratefully remembered and appreciated.

A hearty vote of thanks was then passed to the Vicar for his address and the arrangements for the meeting; and to the Rev. A. G. Stote and Mr. Score for assisting in the service.

The Vicar, in reply, gave the members a hearty welcome, and spoke in a humorous way of an old custom, known as the "Crowning of the King," which continued in his former parish of Tideswell, in Derbyshire, up to a couple of generations ago. The ringers used to elect a new captain every year, and would then proceed to crown him with a crown remarkably like a dunce's cap, mount him on a horse, and headed by a band, parade him round

the town. The Vicar then followed up his welcome by entertaining the party in the recreation room to an excellent tea, provided by Mrs. White.

By the wish of the churchwardens, ringing on the Minster bells were to have been confined to half-an-hour; but even this was unfortunately impossible owing to serious illness just close to the tower; so after tea the whole party went out to Canford, where the tower was open for ringing by kind permission of the Vicar, and the bells were kept going, and several 6-scores brought round till it was time to return to Wimborne for the last train. The Rector of St. James's, Poole, had also given his good leave, but not enough members from the Isle of Purbeck turned up for a party to stop there on their way home.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the above Association was held at Lyminster on Saturday, September 22nd. The bells were raised about 4 p.m., and touches in various methods of Minor and Doubles were rung till 5.30. A move was then made to the parish room, where an excellent tea was kindly provided by the Vicar (Rev. P. T. Andrews), the rev. gentleman being also present and taking the chair. Members were present from Arundel, Brighton, Bosham, Goring, Heene, Lyminster, and West Tarring; also the Secretaries of the Central and Western divisions; Messrs. Dawe and Evans, numbering twenty. After the tea the chairman gave an interesting lecture on "The Origin of Bells, and the uses of the Curfew bell." The minutes of the last meeting were then read and passed, and three new members elected. On the proposition of Mr. Lindup, it was resolved that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Arundel, the Secretary to make the usual arrangements.

Mr. Merritt proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for providing the tea, and granting the use of the bells. The rev. chairman suitably replied, and said he was pleased to give the ringers a welcome to Lyminster. The tower was again visited, and ringing continued till 8.30.

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."

THE LATE MR. JASPER W. SNOWDON.

SIR,—I note your leader promising to see what can be done in reference to a re-publication of the likeness of the late Mr. J. W. Snowdon, a dear friend of mine, who flourished twenty to twenty-five years ago. I am one who would be delighted to see his picture reproduced in "THE BELL NEWS." I should also like very much to see a fitting biography published therewith, which I feel confident would be interesting to members of the Exercise at large, both old and young. I remember him telling me amongst the many other items of interest, he kept an account of the cause of peal attempts which failed. Another item of interest which may not be recorded in the peal book. When about two-thirds through a peal of Treble Bob, the hero at the tenor conducting, the 7th man complained and asked how much more there was to ring. The reply was "not much; fancy you are in the last course." The rejoinder was—"fancy you are done up," only not quite so complimentary. "But we got the peal," said he.

HENRY DAINS.

P.S.—Perhaps our esteemed Mr. Wm. Snowdon would consent to pen a few lines as a biography of his respected brother, expositor, historian and author of change-ringing, to accompany the picture.

C.U.C.G.R. RINGING TOUR IN THE MIDLANDS.

On Monday, August 27th, eight members of the Cambridge University Guild (seven parsons, and one layman to do the talking!) assembled at Loughborough, and were most kindly received and entertained by Mr. Taylor. A peal of Treble Bob was rung on the little ring at the foundry, a success which was all the more pleasant because several members of the band had openly prophesied that we should not be able to manage the bells, the treble weighing only about 1 cwt. In the morning, by the kindness of the local men, we were able to have a pull on the ten at the parish church, and then away to Ripley, where we rang Stedman for two-and-a-half hours or so, without a peal. However, after consultation with the curate and churchwarden we started again next morning and rung a good peal, the first of Stedman by the Guild. The result was telegraphed to the Rev. F. E. Robinson, as representative of the Oxford University Society, who very kindly sent his congratulations. After the peal the following telegram was handed to the conductor: "Bellringers—Ripley church. If any sympathy left for others, stop row immediately. Distracted." The post office had been trying to deliver this for two hours, but the tower door resisted their efforts. "Distracted" seems to be well known to the Ripley ringers, who intend, we believe, to give him something to complain of. Duffield was next visited. Here we unfortunately failed to get ten men together, and attempts for Double Norwich and Bob Major both came to grief. On Thursday morning we inspected the Duffield Bank railway, and then took train to Nottingham, where we were again unsuccessful with Double Norwich, Lenton being the tower. Next day, the hottest day of the hottest week, we rang a peal of Treble Bob on the bells of Southwell cathedral, tenor 28 cwt. The ropes hang two on each side of the tower, round a wooden balcony, with a hole nearly 20 feet square in the middle, through which can be seen the floor of the church, 60 feet below. Finally we attempted a peal of Stedman Triples in hand, but here we have not yet met with success, though we have been very near it.

The Guild has rung twenty-eight peals, as follows: on handbells: Bob Triples 1 (conducted by H. L. James, which is now a standing joke against him), Major 11, Royal 2, Maximus 1, Grandsire Caters 1, Kent Major 3, Royal 1, Double Norwich Major 1 (the first ever rung double-handed). On tower bells: 3 Minor methods 1, Grandsire Triples 1, Bob Major 1, Kent Major 3, Stedman Triples 1. Our tradition is mainly one of handbell ringing, because it requires only half as many men. For at the University men have only a limited amount of time to spare for such a pursuit as campanology. And further, as the normal period of residence is less than three years, for half of which time the men are away from Cambridge, it is impossible to keep together a band for tower bell ringing. Usually, in the seventeen or eighteen months which alone are available, the learner cannot be advanced beyond Bob Minor on tower bells, for he has to be taught how to handle a rope, and to ring rounds. As a result of all this, though we have a large number of members, very few indeed are available for peal-ringing, not more than two dozen in all; and most of these are clergymen in different parts of England. Under the circumstances, our 28 peals in 27 years may be considered a very fair record. We hope future to have an annual ringing tour, when we can attempt some of the higher methods.

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

Review.

"THE BELLS OF ENGLAND." By J. J. Raven, D.D., F.S.A. London: Methuen and Co.

Last week we announced the publication of this work, which so pathetically appears as the life of its venerable author has drawn to a close. An enthusiast from a boy about bells and all things connected therewith, he has been spared long enough to write this excellent treatise. Books on bells, as our readers have good reason to know, may be divided into two classes, the one consisting of really valuable books, such as county histories, which being published in small editions, are scarce and expensive, and have to a great extent mainly a local interest; the other class consisting of popular books, which are mainly compilations, having little that is original about them, and that little not always to be relied on. Here we have a book which he who runs may read, the result of the life's work in its own line of a scholar and an antiquary.

The volume is divided into twenty chapters, dealing with the history of our church bells all through the Middle Ages and down to our own time, and a good deal of miscellaneous matter such as large bells, carillons, handbells, poetical extracts, and laws and customs.

There are several counties—such as Warwickshire, Oxfordshire, Northumberland, Durham, Cheshire and Herefordshire—whose bells have not yet been fully investigated, but our readers may be interested to learn that the earliest bell bearing a date which has hitherto been discovered is at Claughton in North Lancashire, dated A.D. 1296.

Commencing with handbells long before the Christian era, Dr. Raven conducts us down to the rings of bells of our own day, and the ability with which he has traced groups of bells and their founders throughout the Middle Ages is a monument of the result which may come of the investigations of a thoroughly competent antiquary. The book is well printed and admirably illustrated. The chapter on change-ringing is perhaps as good as one could expect, seeing that it is merely an incident to the main subject, but we all know the difficulty of making people understand what ringing really is, and we think a chance has been missed in not providing some such illustrations, showing a bell at hand and backstroke, as appear in *Rope-Sight*. Perhaps it is owing to an oversight that the account of old ringing books given on page 244 is defective, but as a good deal has been written about them lately, we need not now add more. And there is no evidence to connect the "Schollers of Chepesyde" with the College Youths.

But the book is an excellent one, and all members of the Exercise who may have the opportunity of buying or borrowing it should certainly read it. Dr. Raven acknowledges his indebtedness to the labours of others in the same field, but the lucid arrangement of his materials—whether of his own gathering or theirs—is admirable.

Miscellaneous.**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Sunday, September 29th, at St. Luke's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 39 mins. J. Purser, A. Smith, R. P. Knight, H. Knight, W. Brant, D. Jones, J. E. Groves, T. Creede.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CLAPHAM.—On Sunday, September 30th, for evening service at the Roman Catholic church, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A. Hardy, E. Chapman, H. Gummer, F. Perrin, W. Hartshorne, W. G. Matthews, W. Hollier, J. Davis conductor. First in the method on the bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Thursday, September 6th, at St. Giles' church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Durman, G. Goodship, A. H. Burgess, E. Hughes, E. Haynes, A. W. Osborne conductor, F. Griffin, W. Dormer. Rung after the wedding of Miss Flanagan to Isaac Broad, esq. On Sunday, September 9th, 420 Stedman Triples. G. Goodship, F. Griffin, P. Hickey, E. Haynes, E. Hughes, E. Denham, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. H. Burgess. On Monday, September 10th, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Durman, C. Higgs, G. Goodship, E. Haynes, E. Hughes conductor, J. Swain, A. W. Osborne, F. H. Snook. 504 Stedman Triples, 180 Bob Major, conducted by A. W. Osborne. A course of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Swain, C. Cox, N. Cox, C. Moulden, A. W. Webb, F. Whatmore, E. Hughes, A. W. Osborne. On Sunday, September 23rd, being the dedication festival, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Durman, G. Goodship, A. H. Burgess, E. Haynes, F. Griffin, E. Denham, A. W. Osborne conductor, W. Dormer. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. A. H. Burgess, P. Hickey, E. Haynes, F. Griffin, E. Hughes, E. Denham, A. W. Osborne conductor, G. Goodship. After service 336 Stedman Triples. G. Goodship, P. Hickey, E. Haynes, C. Moulden, N. Cox, C. Cox, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. H. Burgess.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Sunday, September 16th, for evening service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Leavey, E. Ham, H. White conductor, C. F. Hansford, G. Paice, A. Burgess, J. E. Ballard, H. Knight. On Sunday, September 23rd, 504 Stedman Triples. Alice White, E. Ham, Dora White, C. F. Hansford, J. Ward, J. E. Ballard, H. White conductor, A. Burgess. On Tuesday, September 25th, 504 Stedman Triples. H. White conductor, Alice White, Dora White, C. F. Hansford, J. Ward, A. Burgess, J. E. Ballard, H. Knight. On Sunday, September 30th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. Alice White, E. Ham, C. Holdaway, C. F. Hansford, Dora White, J. Ward conductor, H. White, A. Burgess.

MINEHEAD (Somerset).—On Saturday, September 29th, 759 Stedman Caters. S. Wyatt, A. W. Brighton, J. Routley, A. Doble, P. Merson, J. Burge conductor, F. Millard, E. Burgess, W. White, W. Evans. This is the first touch of Stedman Caters on the bells.

PORTISHEAD (Somerset).—On Tuesday, September 25th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. *Miss Nellie Gillingham, E. Gouldstone, R. Cottle, E. Knight, *C. Lane, J. Nisbett, W. Gillingham conductor, *H. W. Heywood. *First quarter-peal. It is believed to be the first quarter-peal by a lady in the Association.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sunday, September 23rd, for morning service, 336 Plain Bob Major, in 20 mins. H. Rawding, V. Gosling, A. H. Burnham, W. Peabody, F. Blood, J. Woolley conductor, R. Gee, T. Horton. On Sunday evening, September 30th, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. W. Peabody, V. Gosling, A. H. Burnham, E. Hughes, F. Blood, J. Woolley conductor, T. Horton, A. J. Hobbs. Mr. Hobbs is lay reader at All Saints' church.

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KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, September 30th, for Divine Service in the evening, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival! 1224 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters. F. G. Symonds, H. G. Miles, G. F. Williams, A. F. Harris, S. A. Wright, A. V. Selby, J. T. Kentish, E. G. Stibbons, W. E. Garrard conductor, F. Redknapp.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BECCLES.—On Tuesday, September 25th, at St. Michael's church, 1062 Grandsire Caters, in 44 mins. T. Holmes, C. E. Parnell, G. E. Symonds conductor, A. J. Cornish, H. Reynolds, G. Baxter, H. Hopson, W. Spalding, H. Ling, R. Freestone.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HASTINGS.—On Sunday evening, September 23rd, at Christ Church Blacklands, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. Richardson, J. Livermore, jun., S. Saker, R. Ford, J. Livermore, sen., F. Lock conductor, S. F. C. Saker, W. Swain.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Sunday, August 19th, for morning service, 360 Duke of York, 120 Violet, and 60 Double Court H. Carter, F. Elliott, C. Gale, A. Phillips, G. H. Carter, W. H. Lawrence conductor. For evening service, 720 Grandsire. G. H. Carter conductor. After service 360 Woodbine. On Tuesday, September 4th, 720 Kent. F. Elliott, W. H. Lawrence, G. H. Barker, E. L. King, A. Phillips, G. H. Carter conductor. On Sunday, September 16th, 720 Double Oxford. A. Phillips, F. Elliott, C. Gale, A. Phillips conductor, G. H. Carter, W. H. Lawrence. On Wednesday, September 18th, 720 City Delight. H. Carter, F. Elliott, C. Gale, A. Phillips, G. H. Carter, W. H. Lawrence conductor. 720 Duke of York. On Sunday, September 25rd, for morning service, 720 New London. A. Lawrence, F. Elliott, C. Gale, A. Phillips, G. H. Carter, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Sunday, September 30th, 720 Kent. H. Carter, F. Elliott, C. Gale, A. Phillips conductor, S. Page, G. H. Carter. On Monday, October 7th, 360 Duke of York. H. Carter, F. Elliott, C. Gale, G. H. Carter, A. Phillips, W. H. Lawrence conductor.

BECKENHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, September 13th, at St. George's church, 546 Grandsire Triples. C. Terry, G. Durling, G. Clarke, F. King, F. Terry, J. Lovett, W. Smith conductor, C. Austin. 588 in the same method. C. Terry, W. Saw, G. Clarke, G. Durling, F. Terry, W. Dennis, W. Smith conductor, C. Austin. On Sunday, September 16th, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Terry, W. Saw, G. Clarke, F. King, F. Terry, W. Dennis, W. Smith conductor, C. Austin.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Saturday, September 29th, 360 Bob Minor. J. Hodson, J. Porter, J. Collett, J. Smallwood, J. Perry, J. White conductor. On Sunday, September 30th (Harvest Festival), 420 Grandsire Triples. B. Docker, J. F. Smallwood, C. Mackenzie, J. Porter, E. Mansell, J. T. Perry conductor, A. Hackley, G. W. Rastall. Two touches of 111 Grandsire Triples, one with J. Hodson on the treble, the other with A. Scrivens.

CARDIFF.—On Thursday, September 27th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Johnson, H. Day, H. Lockwood, Sergt.-Major Dawe, W. Miller, W. Biss, A. Rowley conductor, F. Chamberlain. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Day, on the attainment of her 21st birthday, the ringers wishing her many happy returns. On Saturday, September 22nd, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Williams, H. Day, H. Lockwood, W. Miller, Sergt.-Major Dawe, W. Biss conductor, A. Rowley, F. Chamberlain.

DERBY.—On Tuesday evening, September 25th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Plain Bob, with the tenor covering. G. Basson, G. Clark, W. Bidgood, G. Tomlinson, W. Holbrook, J. Pagett, G. Thompson.

GOSPEL OAK.—On Sunday evening, October 7th, for Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Ellis, E. Young, R. Bevan, W. Pickworth, R. G. King, W. Nudds conductor.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On September 30th, at St. Saviour's church, 720 Bob Minor. H. May, G. B. Lucas conductor, H. Rumens, F. J. Rumens, W. J. E. Jones, H. F. Hull. First 720 by the ringers of 3, 4, 5.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus on October 18th; at 8 p.m. The annual dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, E.C., on Saturday, November 3rd., at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, H. P. Harman, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. P. O'Meara, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, J. Pettit, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, M. A. Wood, or W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—Members are requested to take note that the annual general meeting of this Association will be held to-day, Saturday, October 13th, at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, on the invitation of the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Kensington. At 3 p.m. members will assemble for ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Christ Church, Spitalfields, and St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, until 4.45 p.m. At 5 p.m. there will be a service at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, at which the sermon will be preached by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Middlesex. At 6 p.m. tea will be provided, and will be followed by a meeting for the transaction of business. If there is time at the conclusion of business, ringing may be resumed. **ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.** 18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The Fourth Annual Grand Bohemian Concert will be held in the St. George's Hall, Champion hotel, Aldersgate Street, City, to-day, Saturday, October 13th. Doors open at 7.15 p.m. Commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission only by programme, price sixpence each.

T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec. 5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton to-day, Sat., October 13th. Bells ready at 4. **WALTER HUGHES.**

The Bedfordshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Toddington to-day, Saturday, October 13th, at 2.30 p.m. **A. RUST, I. HILLS, Hon. Secs.**

The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—Owing to unavoidable circumstances the next meeting at Chesterfield is postponed from Saturday, October 6th till to-day, Saturday, October 13th. **SIDNEY F. PALMER, Hon. Sec.**

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The eight-bell contest in connection with the above society will be held at Dewsbury to-day, Saturday, October 13th. **WALTER IDLE, Sec.**

The North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tickhill to-day, Sat., October 13th. Tea and business meeting in Parish Room at 5 p.m. **B. DABLEY, Hon. Sec.**

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this

district will be held at Lamberhurst on Saturday, October 20th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at the vicarage at six o'clock, followed by business meeting. All members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the district Secretary not later than Wednesday, October 17th. **W. LATTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.**

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The autumn meeting will be held at Witney on Saturday, October 20th. Evensong at 4 in St. Mary's church. Address by the Rev. J. B. Kirby. Meat tea in Assembly Room at 4.45, at 1s. per head. Bells available all the afternoon. **A. E. REEVES, Asst. Sec.**

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Cowfold on Saturday, October 20th. Tower open at 3. Tea at 5.30 in village hall, 6d. each to those who let me know by Wednesday, October 17th. **ROBERT J. DAWB, Div. Hon. Sec.** 15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

The Surrey Association.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at The Shaftesbury hall, High Street, Sutton, on Saturday, October 20th. Tea at 6 o'clock. The bells at All Saints, Benhilton, will, by kind permission of the Vicar, be available from 4 o'clock. **CHARLES DEAN, Hon. Sec.**

Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Kirkheaton on Saturday, October 27th. Draw for ringing at 3.15 p.m. Tea provided at 6d. each for those who order some by October 22nd. **J. COTTERELL, Hon. Sec.** 302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

The Kent County Association.—A meeting (without allowances), will be held at Selling on Saturday, October 27th. Belfry open at 3 p.m. **G. DENNE, Hon. Dis. Sec.**

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—The next meeting will be held at Swaffham Priors on Saturday, October 27th. **J. M. CLARKSON, Hon. Sec.**

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Holbeck (St. Matthew's), on Saturday, October 27th. Bells (8), available for ringing at 2.30. Peal to be attempted. Business meeting will be held at The Spotted Cow inn at 7 p.m. **FEED R. BARRACLOUGH, Hon. Sec.**

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Writtle on Saturday, October 27th, in the Iron Room. Tea at 5 o'clock, 6d. each to members. Members intending to be present at the tea kindly notify me not later than the 24th inst. The towers of Great Bandow, Widford, and Writtle, will be open for ringing after 3 p.m. Chelmsford 7.30 to 9 p.m. **HENRY F. COOPER, Dis. Sec.** County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bromley on Saturday, October 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Further particulars next week. **T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.**

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Annual Festival at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Monday, October 29th. The following bells will be open: Cathedral, all day, except during services; St. George's, Jesmond (morning); Gosforth, Gateshead (St. John's), Benwell, all day; All Saints, after 5 p.m. Committee meets at Hotel Metropole at 12 noon. Festival service in Lady Chapel of the Cathed-

ral at 1 p.m.; address by the Rector of Allendale. Dinner and meeting at Hotel Metropole at 2 o'clock, 1s. 6d. members, 2s. 6d. non-members. Intending diners please notify by Thursday, October 25th.

WM. T. ROBSON, Hon. Sec. 24, Ingleby Terrace, Sunderland.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The monthly meeting of this society will be held at Earlsheaton to-day, Saturday, October 13th. Meeting to commence at 6.30. Meeting-house—The Park hotel. The eight-bell contest is postponed until Easter 1907. **WALTER IDLE, Secretary.**

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Owing to the illness of the Hon. Secretary, the issue of the annual report has been unavoidably delayed. It is proposed to issue a combined report for the years 1905 and 1906 early in the new year. The Hon. Sec. is exceedingly sorry for the delay, and hopes members may not be seriously inconvenienced. **C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, Hon. Sec.**

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Will visitors and friends kindly note that the bells at St. Martin's church are now in course of repair by the firm of James Barwell, Ltd., so that there will be no ringing for some weeks, either on Sunday mornings or Tuesday evenings. Notice of resumption of ringing will appear in due course. Applications respecting any ringing arrangements should be addressed to the undersigned. **ALBERT WALKER, Ringing-Master.** 106, Avondale Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

Portsea Parish Church.—The usual Tuesday evening practice at this church will be discontinued during the winter months, and in future practice will be held on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in each month at 8 o'clock, when any ringing friends will be made welcome. **J. HARDING, Hon. Sec.**

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1906.

THERE is a small village in the county of Hertford, with not more than 300 inhabitants, Little Munden by name, and which is several miles from any railway station. Our readers who carefully peruse the various records week by week will have seen the name of this village frequently. In such a small place it is necessary that constant and pertinacious endeavours must be made to keep practice up to the mark; not very easy where many of the inhabitants have to be employed early and late in agricultural pursuits. The Little Munden company have been more than anxious for some time past to achieve seven 700s in as many methods. This week's records inform us that their perseverance to this end has culminated

in success, for on the 9th instant seven 700s of Treble Bob were obtained, and one who heard the ringing mentions it as being "magnificent," so far as the striking was concerned. It is worthy of remark that this company have broken the county's record four or five times. It needs continual supervision on the part of Mr. W. H. LAWRENCE and his ringing brethren to attain to such a position, and no doubt they will be complimented by many who have experienced the difficulties of keeping a company together, especially in a small place like Little Munden.

Perhaps some wealthy local Churchman in the neighbourhood may be induced, on hearing of the prowess of our friends, to make enquiry if an augmentation of the bells to eight would not be desirable.

The Analysis for the year 1905 has been received, and will be published very shortly. Every ringer should be provided with the knowledge which such an important compilation embraces, and no reason now exists why all who are concerned should not become practically acquainted with it.

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 Saturday, October 6, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN Treble.	ROWLAND FENN 6.
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JOHN ARMSTRONG 5.	REUBEN CHARGE Tenor.

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

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JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN.* .. Treble.	*GEORGE H. BARKER 5.
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Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

*First peal in the method.

The Provinces.

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On Friday, September 28, 1906, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 27½ cwt.

G. J. CLARKSON Treble.	J. WALLER 6.
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J. MUMFORD 5.	T. STEPHENSON Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by G. J. CLARKSON.

First 5000 of Royal by J. Mumford, who took the place of R. Alcock, who was not well enough to stand in.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 1, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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Conducted by WILLIAM H. NEWELL.

Rung to commemorate the recovery of Mrs. Laurance Gee from a dangerous illness

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 2, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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THOMAS JORDAN 4.	†ARTHUR JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal in the method. †First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

DUNSTER, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 3, 1906, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES J. HOLE Treble.	THOMAS E. ELLIOTT .. 5.
GEORGE STACEY 2.	JAMES R. JONES 6.
R. ALFRED G. DADDS* .. 3.	ALFRED W. BRIGHORN .. 7.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 4.	CHARLES W. THRUSH .. Tenor

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

*First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late James Grabham. Further reference elsewhere.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, October 3, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

SAMUEL REEVES Treble.	JOHN JAGGAR 5.
REUBEN HALL 2.	JESSE SCREEN 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	THOMAS H. REEVES .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Godden, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 4, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM E. HOLLOWAY .. Treble.	REV. C. W. O. JENEYN .. 5.
EDGAR HUMFREY 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL 6.
ALBERT E. LOCK 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN EVANS 4.	FREDERICK WOODWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the Rector, the Rev. A. W. N. Deacon.

BRIGHOUSE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE HALIFAX AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 6, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANCIS W. BRADLEY .. Treble.	JESSE RUSHWORTH 5.
JAMES COTTERELL 2.	ALBERT JAGGER 6.
JOHN LAWSON 3.	THOMAS H. GELDAR .. 7.
GEORGE NAYLOR† 4.	*ELI BARBER Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ELI BARBER.

†First peal. *First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Algernon Firth.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST DAVIS† Treble.	JOHN BRAGG 5.
WILLIAM MEEKS 2.	*ROLAND BRAGG 6.
GEOFFREY MARTINEAU .. 3.	SAMUEL BRAGG 7.
STANLEY BRAGG 4.	ROBERT SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by ROLAND BRAGG.

†First peal. *First peal as conductor.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 8½ cwt.

A. RUMBLE Treble.	W. GREENSLADE 4.
G. BENNETT 2.	E. ANDREWS 5.
G. H. GALE 3.	A. T. ATHERTON Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST ANDREWS.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH)

On Saturday, October 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM MYNARD Treble.	EDWIN S. MYNARD 4.
JOHN LOVELL 2.	FREDK. J. MYNARD 5.
FREDK. W. BOOTH 3.	WILLIAM FREEMAN Tenor.

Conducted by W. FREEMAN.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells; also the quickest.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN WOODBERRY Treble.	GORDON CHECERTS .. 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER 2.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 6.
JOHN BASS 3.	CHARLES BEAMAN .. 7.
JAMES R. NEWMAN 4.	WALTER BRETHERTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT MATTHEWS.

This is the 200th peal by T. J. Salter for the above Association; also J. Bass' 50th peal. Reference elsewhere.

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Bob Minor. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES SAMSON Treble.	EDGAR BAILEY 4.
NORMAN BAILEY 2.	CHARLES BAILEY 5.
ERNEST BAILEY 3.	ALBERT J. LINCOLN Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES SAMSON.

First peal as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. Treble.	CHARLES W. BELL 5.
GEORGE TEMPLE 2.	HERBERT E. HOLDER .. 6.
FREDK. A. SKUSE 3.	THOMAS F. KING 7.
CHARLES COLLIER 4.	WALTER E. APPERLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES HUNT, and Conducted by WM. J. PRESCOTT.

Rung in honour of the eleventh anniversary of the wedding of G. Temple.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in A flat.

GEORGE JONES Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE 5.
WILLIAM SCONCE 2.	HENRY DEW 6.
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3.	JAMES MORGAN 7.
JOHN SCONCE 4.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. T. PEGLER.

First peal of Treble Bob by the Association.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 8, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BROWNING* .. Treble.	ROBERT BRETT SMITH .. 5.
RICHARD HIMS 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	ISAAC EMERY 7.
GEORGE FRENCH 4.	GEORGE HEAD Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

*First peal on eight bells. Rung on the eve of the conductor's birthday, the band wishing him many happy returns.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY).

On Tuesday, October 9, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, City Delight, Violet, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY CARTER Treble.	ALBERT PHILLIPS 5.
FREDERICK ELLIOTT 2.	GEORGE H. CARTER 5.
CHARLES GALE 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob ever rung in the county, and first by the above Association, and was rung by an entirely resident band.

Handbell Peal,

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 9, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

WILLIAM DAVIES 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6.
EDWIN H. LEWIS 3-4.	THOMAS HAMMOND, SEN. 7-8.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Umpires—E. Counce and W. H. Davies.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, September 30th, for Harvest Festival, 896 Double Norwich Court Bob. G. Bester, H. E. Balaam, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong, M. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor.

MALDON (Essex).—On Sunday, September 23rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Cranmer, A. Mansfield, W. Brinkley, H. Mansfield, T. Gozzett, A. Gozzett conductor.

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A VISIT TO A BELL FOUNDRY.

By IMPRESSIONIST.

It had been found necessary to recast the bells of St. Thomas's church, Pendleton, Manchester, and so it happened that at 7.30 a.m. September 22nd, 1906, a representative party of ringers and friends, including the Rev. J. Edward Rees, Vicar of the above church, took train to Loughborough to witness the interesting ceremony, the birth of the new bells. By the early morning light might have been seen a crowd, who in accordance with tradition, were laden with a miscellaneous collection of ironmongery. Messrs. Chapman and R. Newton, who doubtless had a few copper kettles, Mr. S. Greenhalgh, who for the nonce took the part of conductor, and busied himself collecting the fares, possibly to have enough coppers for a bell of his own, and last, but not least, the Imp, with his swollen cheeks and bulging pockets. Through an oversight there was no saloon reserved, but several nice parties were made up in separate carriages, and although the train had as passengers a party who are adept at "ringing the changes," no one complained of missing anything. On arriving at Loughborough the train was met by Mr. E. D. Taylor, who conducted the party to the Foundry. Here the most interesting sight of the day was seen, where in the moulding shop the life of the new bell is started, and it may not be out of place if I attempt to explain in language unadorned with technicalities how a bell is made. The molten metal is run from the furnace down a channel into a ladle, from this into a receptacle composed of black sand leading to the mould that is partially buried. This comes in contact with the central or rather the invisible core, between the core and the outside iron mould, the shape which the bell will assume on being cast. The molten metal filling up the space and cooling and hardening forms the bell. While the metal was being melted the party, at the invitation of Mr. Taylor, made a tour of the Foundry, and in this way spent a very instructive and interesting time, and on the way saw a new peal of bells, temporarily set up for sounding, which had been made for St. John's, Bournemouth; also during the course of inspection another peal was discovered ready for shipping to New Zealand.

Before returning to the moulding shop we were privileged to ring upon the foundry peal, weight of tenor 6½ cwt., and succeeded in touches of Treble Bob Major and Stedman. The following took part: W. C. Hunt, F. Smith, A. E. Wreaks, S. Greenhalgh, H. Chapman, W. H. Shuker, R. Newton, and R. Ridyard. At the conclusion of this Mr. Taylor informed the party that the new bells were about to be cast, and this proved to be the feature of the day, when about 5½ tons of white hot metal was poured into the ladle and then into the various moulds as before described.

After this an adjournment was made to The Great Central hotel for dinner, and after refreshing the inner man the Rev. J. E. Rees (truly a ringers' friend—were there many more of a like calibre) in passing a very hearty vote of thanks, entered into a stirring speech, in which he spoke of the vast enterprise of the firm who had so kindly provided the entertainment, and for their brothers from Manchester, and said that he had observed the diligence of the men who had left not the most minor detail neglected, during the absence of their employers.

In seconding this Mr. Blaycoe, organist of St. Thomas's church, remarked on the excellent minor tone effect which is attained on the foundry peal.

Mr. John Taylor, in replying, said he could not explain the phenomenon; it was one of the unexplained things, and could only be acquired probably by constant practice, but would remain a technical mystery, adding that it gave him very great pleasure at having been able to entertain the ladies and gentlemen present.

After a short rest for pipes and conversation, the party then made for the parish church, which possesses a beautiful ring of ten, equal, in the writer's opinion, to any of the best in the country. A return to Mr. Taylor's residence for tea was then made, after which Mr. and Miss Taylor gave a selection on the carillon bells, and this made a fitting end to a most enjoyable and instructive day.

In conclusion I must mention the admirable manner in which the whole excursion and catering was carried out by the Great Central Railway, and again to our kind hosts, who had enabled us to see the bells in embryo.

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Obituary.

LISTER CAWOOD.

It is with regret that we have to report the death of the above-named ringer of Otley, Yorks., which occurred after a prolonged illness on September 27th, at the age of 61 years. He was one of the originators of the Yorkshire Association, and was well-known as a composer of no mean order, also as a conductor. He started his ringing career over forty years ago, and rang his first peal in the year 1868. He was interred at Otley cemetery on September 29th, the funeral being attended by his brother-ringers and ringers from other towers. At the conclusion of the burial service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells at the graveside. The ringers afterwards ascended the tower and rang a few touches with the bells muffled.

THE WAKLEY MEMORIAL.

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THE PEAL AT KIDDERMINSTER. — John Bass's 50 Peals.—Five Minor methods 3: Seven ditto 2; Grandsire Triples 9; Caters 2; Stedman Triples 10; Oxford Bob Triples 1; Bob Major 8; Royal 1; Canterbury Major 2; Double Norwich Major 4; Kent Major 8; total—50.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Members of the Guild in the Basingstoke district had an enjoyable meeting for business and combined practice at Shirfield-on-Loddon on Thursday, October 4th. Twenty-five members, including one lady, were present from Basingstoke, Bramley, Oakley, and Shirfield. The Rev. A. G. and Mrs. Barker welcomed and hospitably entertained the party to a meat tea and supper in the comfortable club-room. A short touch of Grandsire Triples on handbells was given by the Basingstoke band. The business meeting was held, Mr. H. White (Basingstoke), in the chair, and all adjourned to the belfry, where the handy ring of six were set swinging to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Bob Minor, in which every member present took some part. A very enjoyable and useful evening was spent. The next meeting for business and combined practice will be held on Saturday, November 24th, at Andover.

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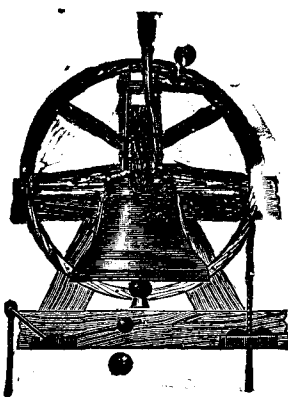
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