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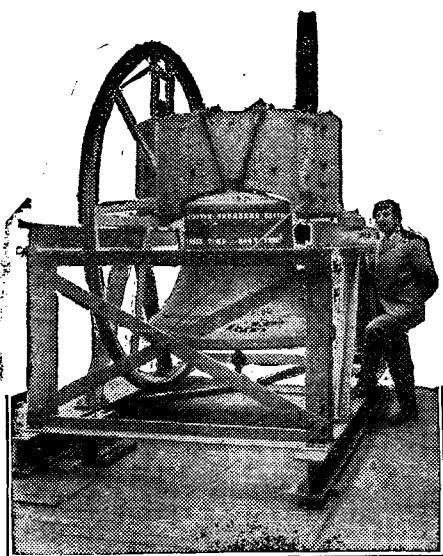
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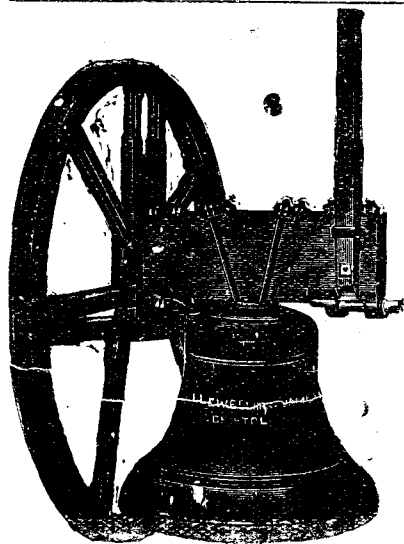
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DEDICATORY SERVICE AT BURSTOW, SURREY

On the afternoon of Sunday, December 23rd, the inhabitants of the surrounding district attended an interesting service in the church of St. Bartholomew, Burstow, when a new treble bell was dedicated to take its place to complete a merry ring of six. The gentleman who is responsible for this Christmas gift to the church is John Newton, esq., of Bridgeham House, Burstow, who has lately spent also a great deal of money in the restoration of the tower. The bell was mounted with an inscription: "This bell was added to the peal of Burstow Church at Christmas, 1906, by John and Kate Newton, of Bridgeham, to commemorate the birth of their daughter Catherine Dorothy Page Newton ('Dorothy,') which took place on the 3rd Novr. 1901."

Owing to illness, the Vicar of Burstow (Rev. C. J. Walbrand-Evan), was unfortunately not able to be present at the ceremony, and in his absence the Rev. H. T. Lewis, Vicar of Horley, kindly officiated. In a very interesting address he dealt with the importance which men had attached to bells in connection with Divine Service from the earliest Norman times in this country. He alluded to the generosity of the donor, and earnestly hoped it might prove a stimulus to others to go and do likewise.

At the close of the service two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung by C. F. Johnston. T. Blackburn, N. Wakefield, A. Songhurst, F. Sadler, P. Etheridge. The work of casting the new treble and hanging it in a new self-contained frame of iron and steel, was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who some five years ago had recast the rest of the peal, and hung them in a new frame. They now make a pretty peal of six, and everyone was agreed that the treble was in perfect tune with the rest of the peal, and spoke out well among her bigger sisters; whilst the ringers expressed themselves well pleased with the "go" of the bells, there being present for the occasion some of the Horley ringers, whose bells have lately been rehung by the Croydon firm.

OLD WOLVERTON CHURCH, BUCKS.

The bells at the above church have just been taken in hand by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and have been rehung with all new bearings, etc. The frame has been strengthened and made rigid, and the whole peal has been put in first-class order. Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung to test the work, and the ringers expressed themselves as being well satisfied with the "go" of the bells.

PRESTON OLD CHURCH, BRIGHTON.

The work on the above is now nearing completion, and the damage caused by the late disastrous fire is being made good. It will be remembered that the whole of the interior of the church was burnt out and the tower especially suffered, it being swept quite bare from top to

bottom by the flames, with the result that the three bells, two of them very aged by the way, were cracked by the heat and rendered useless. In connection with these an interesting little event took place at the first stroke of the new year, when the bells, after being re-cast and re-hung, were sounded for the first time after restoration. The work was entrusted to the well-known firm of bell-founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have recast the bells, tuned them, and hung them for ringing in a massive English oak frame. The bells have been reproduced in facsimile, the old inscriptions being preserved, and they sound the notes c d and e respectively, and for the future will sound the call for service as they did in the past.

ST. KEVERNE, CORNWALL.

This parish is at the extreme south-west of the county of Cornwall. Upwards of £410 has already been raised towards the estimated cost of the St. Keverne church bell scheme, amounting to £580.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Boxing-Day the annual meeting was held at Llandaff. In the absence of the Dean, who was unavoidably unable to preside, the chair was very kindly taken by Minor Canon Day. In his opening remarks, on behalf of the Dean he welcomed the Association to Llandaff, and then immediately called upon the Assistant Hon. Secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were then read, accepted as correct, and signed. The election of officers for the ensuing year was next proceeded with, and Mr. J. Butler, of St. Woolos, Newport, Monmouthshire, was unanimously elected Master. The Hon. Secretary (Rev. Connop L. Price), and the Assistant Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones), were unanimously re-elected.

The place for the next Glamorganshire quarterly meeting was then discussed, and as an invitation from Bridgend had been received, it was eventually decided that the invitation be accepted, and that the meeting be held there on Easter Monday next. The Monmouthshire quarterly meeting will take place immediately after at Caldicot. New members were then elected from the following towers: Blaenavon, Newport, Cowbridge, Merthyr, Cardiff, St. Fagans, Penarth and Bridgend.

Subscriptions were next taken, and after a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, the meeting closed. All the members present were then very kindly invited to the schoolroom, where an excellent tea provided by the Dean and his daughters (the Misses Davey), awaited them. Tea over, the tower was again visited, and the bells rung for the evening service. During the day touches of Triples and Major were rung. The very best thanks from the Association was accorded the Dean for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, and for the tea.

Peal-Boards

made by JAMES HUNT, Change Ringer, of 109, Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Second Session of the Sixth Council will be held at Exeter on Whitsun-Tuesday, May 21st, 1907. Reports of Committees and any Notices of motion should reach me not later than Saturday, the 20th April, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in "THE BELL NEWS." Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan and County Associations will kindly bear in mind that Affiliation Fees (2s. 6d. for each elected representative) became due on the first instant, and should be forwarded as soon as convenient. The rights of representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be grateful if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in the address of themselves or of representatives, or of any change in the representation itself.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec.*
Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26th, eight members of the above Guild paid a visit to St. Mary's church, Bridport, for the purpose of attempting a peal of Grandsire Triples. The local ringers very kindly got everything in readiness. Success however was not to be, for after ringing upwards of 1400 changes in 55 mins. a halt had to be called owing to the heavy going of the tenor. The band were C. H. Jennings, C. F. Uphill, G. Stone, J. Benger, T. H. Beams, G. T. White, G. Preston conductor, T. Hide. Two touches were afterwards safely brought round, in the first of which a lady took part (the first lady that ever rung in the tower.) These were 161 Grandsire Triples by Miss Sparshott, C. H. Jennings, G. Stone, C. F. Uphill, T. H. Beams conductor, G. Preston, G. T. White, J. Benger. And 504 in the same method by the same band for the peal. An adjournment was then made to The Greyhound hotel, where Mr. W. B. Northover, the Hon. Secretary of the local Guild, and ex-Mayor of the town, had most thoughtfully ordered a hot luncheon, to which the whole party, including the veteran Mr. Hodges, from Dorchester sat down under that gentleman's chairmanship. The inner man having been satisfied, and the donor most heartily thanked for his hospitality, a walk was taken to Bradpole, where the six bells of Holy Trinity were quickly set in motion to the tune of Grandsire Doubles, a 240 of which were rung by Miss Sparshott, G. Preston, T. H. Beams conductor, J. Benger, G. T. White, C. H. Jennings. And 120 Stedman Doubles by T. H. Beams, 1; C. F. Uphill, 3; the same as before. This is believed to be the first change-ringing on the bells, and which terminated the day's ringing.

After partaking of the cup that cheers, the party wended their way stationwards, having spent a pleasant time. Change-ringing being almost unknown in this part of Dorset, it is hoped that this visit may stir up some of the ringers of the numerous towers in the locality to emulate their deeds, and seriously take up the study of the scientific production of changes.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. T. H. Beams, who is now residing near the town, has started the Bridport band, and that Messrs. Warner and Sons age to be called in to inspect the bells in the early spring. B.

ST. PATRICK'S, DUBLIN.

The singing of Christmas carols on Christmas Eve by

choir of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, always attracts a large congregation. Children were specially invited to the service, and at its conclusion the members of the St. Patrick's Society rang a short touch. On St. Stephen's Day the ringers went to Limerick, and after morning service inaugurated the re-swinging of the peal of bells in the Cathedral tower. Six of these bells were cast early in the seventeenth century, and were the gift of the Mayor of Limerick of that day.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.

On Wednesday, December 26th, at 2.30 p.m., six members from the above parish could be seen ploughing their way through the blinding snow, their object being to have a pull on the handy ring of six at Haddenham parish church, tenor about 18 cwt. Arriving there about 3.15 p.m., they were given a very hearty welcome by the Vicar, after which the bells were soon raised and set swinging to Oxford Treble Bob, and a 720 was tapped off in fine style in 24 mins.

After a short interval, during which some inspected the bells, others brought our handbells, and a short touch of Plain Bob was brought round. After touches of Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent and Plain Bob was brought round, the bells were again lowered, and once again we were out again in the snow, homeward bound. As we passed the old parish church one member suggested that we should turn in for just one 720. Bells quickly raised, off we went for College Single, and a well-struck 720 was brought round in 23 mins. After lowering the bells we quickly dispersed, each member ploughing his way through the snow to his respective abode to celebrate the season's festivities. The following are the members who took part: Messrs. Markwell (5), R. Dewey, H. Sharp. They wish to thank the Vicar of Haddenham for the use of the bells, also for his kind reception. M.

SPONDON PUMPING STATION, DERBYSHIRE.

A large clock with four dials has been fixed in the turret of these buildings by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—WOODFORD GUILD.

During 1906 forty-three complete 720s were rung on the bells of St. Mary's, Woodford, in the following methods: Plain Bob 18; Kent 15; Oxford 2; Double Court 2; Doubles 2; and one each of Cambridge, Woodbine, College Single and Double Oxford. The following members and visitors took part in the above: J. Kimberley, 40; G. A. Black, 38; G. F. Margetson, 33; S. H. Green, 29; P. A. Coard, 25; E. Wightman, 23; G. Carter, 6; J. Rann, 6; E. A. Bacon, 5; F. French, 2; J. Mardell, 2; J. Moule, 2; B. Marks, 2; H. Harris, 2. And the following one each: R. Frow, —, Booth, F. Squires, T. H. Beams, and H. W. Kirton. The conducting was shared by G. A. Black, 18; E. Wightman, 14; E. A. Bacon, 2; S. H. Green, 9.

There was a remarkable scene at the Northgate station of the Cheshire Lines Railway at Chester on Wednesday afternoon, when the Rev. Jas. Francis Howson, son of the late Dean of Chester, and for sixteen years Vicar of Christchurch, left to be inducted to the living of Guiseley, Yorkshire. So many parishioners expressed a wish to accompany the rev. gentleman that a special train had to be engaged, and in this pastor and flock left amid cheers on their long journey to Yorkshire.

THE LATE LADY BURDETT-COUTTS.

In Lady Burdett-Coutts, who passed away full of years and honours last Sunday, England, says *The Guardian*, has lost one of the noblest women of an age that has been, almost beyond all others, rich in examples of noble womanhood.

Angela Georgina Burdett was born in St. James's-place, on April 21st, 1814. She was the fifth and youngest daughter of Sir Francis Burdett and granddaughter of Mr. Coutts, a partner in the famous banking-house that bears his name. The bulk of Mr. Coutts's large fortune was left unreservedly to his second wife, formerly the beautiful actress, Miss Harriet Mellon, who four years after his death married the Duke of St. Albans. She bequeathed, however, almost the whole of her first husband's money to his grand-daughter, Angela Burdett, with the proviso that she should take the name of Coutts. Thus in 1837, Miss Burdett, at the age of twenty-three, found herself the uncontrolled mistress of a fortune that, even allowing for some exaggeration at the time, cannot have fallen far short of a million. It was only natural that she should become at once an object of public interest, and that there should be curious speculation as to the manner in which she would dispose of her money. From the first, however, her own mind seems to have been clear on this point. "What is the use of my means," she wrote some years later to Charles Dickens. "but to try and do some good with them." The words are the keynote of her life. She gave generously, but she gave wisely, and took infinite pains to find out the best way of helping those who were in need. It has been well said of her that "it was her special aim to benefit the working classes by ways involving no loss of independence or self-respect in the recipients of her bounty."

To give the barest list of her good deeds would be beyond the limits of our space. The marvel is that her wealth, great as it was, sufficed for all that she accomplished with it. Her liberal gifts to the Church, of which she was a loyal and devoted member, are matter of history. The bishoprics of Capetown, Adelaide, and British Columbia were endowed by her. She built St. Stephen's church, Westminster, in memory of her father, in 1846-50, and St. Stephen's, Carlisle, in 1864. Westminster, which her father had represented in Parliament for thirty years, and for which her husband afterwards sat for many years, was also endowed by her with a Technical Institute in Viucent Square, and she gave largely to the Public Library and baths in Great Smith Street, which she opened in 1893.

But it was in the East-end that her benefactions were more particularly needed, and it was there that her generosity was most strikingly shown. In many ways she was in advance of her time. It was to bring a good and cheap food supply to the poor of Bethnal Green that she built Columbia Market at a cost of £250,000, a cost that seems lavish until we see in it a forestalling of later efforts to bring beauty into lives spent in squalid and uninteresting surroundings. Then the underlying purpose of the "rich carvings and polished granite," the "towers and belfries and polished arches deeply engraved with appropriate texts of Scripture," which excited so much amazement at the time, becomes apparent. The market, it is well-known, was a failure, but the building remains, and may yet serve an end that would have rejoiced the generous donor.

It was in June, 1871, that Queen Victoria, whose esteem and friendship for Miss Burdett-Coutts had grown with

the years, offered her a peerage, and she became Baroness Burdett-Coutts of Highgate and Brookfield in the county of Middlesex. The honour was followed a year later by the gift of the freedom of the City of London—never before conferred on a woman—and to this was added, in 1874, the freedom of the city of Edinburgh.

Of the gracious hospitality which Lady Burdett-Coutts dispensed for more than half a century, whether in Stratton-street or at Holly Lodge, Highgate, there is not room to speak here. All the distinguished men and women of the time were numbered amongst her friends, and when the full history of her life is written, the fame of the perfect hostess will be seen second only to that of the great philanthropist. Her social gifts and opportunities were to her, no less than her great wealth, a trust, and as such she exercised them during the long and faithful stewardship to which her countrymen will look back as one of the chief glories of the Victorian age.

THE LATE REV. CANON VENABLES.

The death is announced of the Rev. George Venables, Rector of Burgh Castle, Suffolk, and Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral, at the age of eighty-five. In 1874 he was appointed Vicar of Great Yarmouth, where he was so prominent and beloved a figure. During his twelve years' residence at Yarmouth he worked incessantly and unsparingly to secure the restoration of the ancient parish church, which is the largest in the kingdom. The work of restoration was practically completed in 1884, and Canon Venables gave a further proof of his enthusiasm in the work by the presentation of a massive oak pulpit, bearing figures of the twelve Apostles. Whilst Vicar of Great Yarmouth (in 1881) Mr. Venables was appointed an Honorary Canon of Norwich. He was a member of the Royal Commission on Patronage, and was Select Preacher at Cambridge in 1883. He became Rector of Burgh Castle in 1888, and in the little Suffolk village, situate but a few miles from his late parish, he laboured to the end of his days.

Canon Venables, though not a ringer, was in sympathy with ringing. To the columns of *Church Bells* he was, some years ago, a frequent contributor, and many of his quaint sayings in that paper to ringers are still remembered. The term "Stedyman's," and others of similar kind were a play on the names of ringing methods he delighted in. Canon Venables was a splendid type of an earnest and practical priest who not only worked unweariedly in his ministrations to those who acknowledged allegiance to the Church, but also tried to win those who were separated from her, recognising, as he did, that Churchmen themselves were greatly to blame for the prevalence of Dissent. His constant appearance about Yarmouth clad always in black velvet trencher and cassock of similar material was well known, and he had a kind word for everyone he met.

SOUTHEND.—The nave which has been added to Southchurch parish church, at a cost of £3,000 was dedicated on Wednesday by the Bishop of St. Albans, who expressed the hope that to meet the needs of the rapidly growing parish, the larger scheme to provide for a total accommodation of 700 at a further cost of £4,000 would not be long delayed.

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Date Touches.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

ILKESTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, December 9th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1906 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 5 mins. C. J. Baker, S. Burgoyne, J. Hufton, A. Nicholson, J. H. Iliffe, H. Harrison, F. Johnson conductor, A. T. Baker. Composed by Joseph Barrow, of Long Eaton.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday evening, December 4th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, on handbells, a date touch of 1906 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 2 mins. A. Symonds, 1-2: W. Fayers, S. H. Symonds, W. Dent, T. Pryke, E. Simpson, 7-8. Composed by J. P. Bradley, and conducted by A. Symonds.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, December 30th, for Divine Service in the morning at Christ Church, a date touch of 1906 Stedman Triples, in 67 mins. G. Bester, S. Wade, W. Pickworth, J. E. Miller, F. G. Tegg, H. Miller, J. Armstrong conductor, F. J. Budd. Composed by H. S. Reeves.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Christmas Eve, at Christ Church, a date touch of 1906 changes, in 61 mins., consisting of 466 Plain Bob and 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. G. Cornell, W. Smith, W. Keeble conductor, F. Squires, S. J. Bird, J. B. Marks. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. E. D. Pratt, who was the recipient the same evening, in the vestry, of a purse of gold and an address on his leaving the parish for Hale End.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Hants).—On Sunday, November 4th, for morning service, 840 Grandsire Triples. G. Uphall, F. LeClercq, A. Smith, W. Lowman, E. Clapshaw, C. Edwards conductor, T. Uphall, H. Kimber. On November 25th, for evening service, 1721 Grandsire Triples. G. Uphall, F. LeClercq, A. Smith, W. Lowman, E. Clapshaw, C. Edwards conductor, T. Uphall, E. Bowditch. On December 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Blake, G. Uphall, F. LeClercq, W. Lowman, A. Bargent, C. Edwards, T. Uphall conductor, E. Newell.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On November 28th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss E. Newlyn (the Mayor's daughter) to Captain Barry, late 19th Hussars, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1295 changes), in 55 mins. H. Bagshot, V. Street, F. Sparshott, E. Hinton, R. Street, S. Best, B. Best, A. Wooff, G. Preston conductor, B. Kerley. On Monday, December 3rd, for practice, 1680 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 10 mins. H. Bagshot, V. Street, E. Hinton, G. Plummer, S. Best, R. Street, B. Best, G. Preston conductor.

LYMINGTON (Hants).—On Tuesday, December 4th, at the church of St. Thomas of Hereford, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. Miss C. Sparshott first quarter-peal, G. Preston conductor, G. Stone, C. Hughes, E. Elliott, H. Elliott, S. Clark, A. Ayles. Arranged for Miss Sparshott.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOLVERTON (Bucks).—On Sunday, December 30th, for evening service, 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. Bull, A. Phillips, G. Horwood, E. Percy, E. Beckett, E. Eales.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday evening, December 10th, on the front six, after meeting short, 720 Bob Minor. A. Symonds conductor, S. H. Symonds, F. Parker, W. Dent first on tower bells, E. Simpson, L. Leeks.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, December 2nd, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for morning service, 408 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, H. Little, G. Jordan, W. Watts conductor, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, A. Jordan. On Wednesday, December 5th, for practice, 336 Double Oxford Bob Major. A. Jordan, G. Gray, W. Prior, G. Jordan, J.

Luckey, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor. A quarter-peal of Penning's Place Triples. G. Gray, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. This is the first quarter-peal ever rung in the method.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

WORKSOP.—On December 20th, 704 and 576 of Kent Treele Bob by C. Watkinson, H. Haigh (conductor), B. Ball, G. Huby, W. Marshall, G. Watkinson, H. Marshall, T. Thorpe. Also on Xmas Eve a quarter peal, 1280 of Kent Treble Bob in 46 minutes by C. Watkinson, H. Haigh (composer and conductor), B. Ball, W. Marshall, J. Ashton, G. Watkinson, G. Heeley, H. Marshall. This is the first quarter peal on eight bells by all, except the conductor and the 5th ringer, who hails from New Mills. Also for early Xmas morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob, C. Watkinson, H. Haigh, B. Ball, D. Ball, W. Marshall, G. Watkinson, H. Marshall (conductor), T. Thorpe. These touches are the first on eight bells by all except the conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

LEA (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, December 30th, at St. Helen's church, 720 Bob Minor. F. S. W. Butler, J. C. Tinker, T. Cragg, A. H. Wheeler, R. Dawson, G. Wilson conductor, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. C. Tinker, T. Cragg, F. S. W. Butler conductor, A. H. Wheeler, R. Dawson, G. Wilson. The above two 720s were arranged for Mr. Thomas Cragg.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DONCASTER (Yorks).—On Christmas morning, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. H. Fevre, R. Bayles, W. Bellamy, C. Scott, H. Brock, G. Clow, G. Halksworth conductor, W. Howard.

GODSTONE (Surrey).—On Wednesday, December 5th, for practice, 720 College Single. H. Homewood, H. G. Williams, W. Oliver, A. Taylor, C. Leigh, L. Page conductor.

HANSLOPE (Bucks).—On Christmas Day, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. Kingston to Miss R. Amos, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 26 mins. E. Eakins, E. Freeston, H. Warner, T. Evans. First 720 by an entirely local band.

HARBORNE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, December 23rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 43 mins. A. Beacham, J. Pigott, T. Pigott, W. R. Mason, H. Grosvenor, G. Pigott conductor, S. Groves, G. Hitchman.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Saturday, November 24th, at All Saints church, 1136 Stedman Caters. G. Thompson, J. Grensted, E. Spiller, W. H. B. Wilkins, T. Mannering conductor, F. Ashman, W. Spice, A. Tawney, A. Palmer, J. Bonny.

REDHILL (Surrey).—On Monday, December 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Gear, A. Gear, W. Streeter, J. Cotterel, A. Bashford conductor, H. Card, H. Edwards, E. Dennis.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Thursday, December 13th, for practice, 672 Superlative Surprise Major. F. G. Tegg, E. G. Tomlinson, H. E. Balaam, W. Pickworth, N. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. Miller, S. Wade conductor. And 252 Stedman Triples. H. E. Balaam, S. Wade conductor, J. Miller, H. Hiller, W. Pickworth, N. Tomlinson, F. G. Tegg, W. Crane. On Thursday, November 25th, for practice, 448 Superlative Surprise. G. Bester, W. Pickworth, H. E. Balaam, J. Armstrong, N. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor. On Sunday, November 28th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. S. Wade, J. E. Miller, F. G. Tegg, N. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. Armstrong conductor, W. Pickworth, H. Balaam.

SELLY OAK (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, December 2nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 44 mins. S. Jessop, W. Mason, J. Bragg, H. Withers, S. Groves, G. Pigott, S. Bragg, A. Pegler conductor.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On December 11th, at Christ Church 720 Plain Bob. H. Bodger, E. A. Lebbon, W. Smith, F. Squires, W. Keeble conductor, G. Cornell. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. A. Lebbon, W. Smith, G. Cornell, F. Squires, W. Keeble, J. B. Marks first as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 31st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 10th and 24th; and at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th and 29th, all at 8 p.m. The subscription of rs. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance is now due, and should be paid before February 28th.

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

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Bramley to-day, Saturday, January 5th. Bells (6), available from ringing from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Cardigan Arms at 7 p.m.

FRED R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Burslem, to-day, Saturday, January 5th. Tea at 6 p.m. Service at 7.15.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard to-day, Sat., January 5th, at 3 p.m.

REV. A. RUST, } *Hon. Secs.*
I. HILLS. }

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—A meeting of the above will be held at Bexhill to-day, Sat., January 5th. Tower open at 3. Tea at The Bell hotel at 5. Tickets 9d. each. Unpaid subscriptions for 1906 should be forwarded to me as early as possible.

G. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lodge, Vale Road, St. Leonards.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Divine Service at 4.30 p.m. Address to be given by the Rev. Arthur Hart, Vicar, to which members are earnestly requested to attend. By the kindness of the Vicar tea will be provided for those members only who send me their names not later than Tuesday, January 8th. His Worship the Mayor of Greenwich (Councillor Charles Stone, J.P.), has kindly signified his intention of attending in state. Subscriptions become due, and should be paid at this meeting if possible.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Chislehurst.

Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest will take place at the parish church, Halifax, on Saturday, January 12th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by January 8th.

J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, January 12th. Bells ready at 5.30. Reports now ready.

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the North and East District of this Association will be held at St. George's in the East on Saturday, January 12th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. F. St. John Corbett). The bells will be raised at 3 p.m. There will be a

short service at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m., and will be free to those who intimate beforehand their intention of being present. All ringers and friends of the Association are cordially invited.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next meeting in the division will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, January 12th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, kindly provided by the Rector to those who let me know by the 9th inst.

ROBERT J. DAWE, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, January 12th, at the parish church, Stafford. Bells available for ringing touches during the afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided for all those sending in their names not later than the 8th inst. to

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

20, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, January 12th, at 3 p.m. The attendance of every member is earnestly requested.

E. H. ARNOLD, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Hoghton, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Huddersfield on Saturday, January 19th. Service at the parish church at 4 p.m. Local Hon. Sec.—Mr. W. B. Frith, 4 Benn's Avenue, Blacker Road, Birkby, Huddersfield. The Association circular will be issued on the 10th, containing full particulars of the arrangements.

JNO. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at South Wigston on Saturday, January 19th. The tower will be open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea (rs. each) at 4.30 in the Assembly Rooms, Clarence hotel. Will those who intend taking tea kindly advise Mr. W. W. Thompson, Conservative Club, South Wigston, not later than the previous Thursday. The eight bells at Wigston Magna will also be at the disposal of the visitors.

W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The first meeting of the New Year will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 19th. W. H. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*

St. Peter's Society, Brighton.—At a meeting held on November 13th, the Vicar (Canon Hoskyns), presiding, Mr. A. D. Stone, 15, Stanley Road, Preston, Brighton, was elected Secretary, to whom all communications should be sent.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1907.

In this number will be found the first notice of the next meeting of the Central Council. Those concerned, *i.e.* the Secretaries of the different Associations and Guilds, are invited by the Honorary Secretary of the Council to co-operate with him in the necessary preliminaries without delay; an invitation which it is to be hoped will be responded to with alacrity.

It is too soon to entertain the smallest conjecture with regard to the subjects for discussion at the forthcoming meeting. There is one however, which it is hoped may receive some attention. The recent correspondence received by us (much of which advisedly did not appear) regarding the truth of a particular peal, has led to many similar incriminations of others. It is not out of place to hope, therefore, that some authoritative announcement may be made at the Council's next meeting indicating that a test of some kind must be satisfactorily met before reports of performances of 5000 and upwards are allowed publication in any shape. That there are difficulties in formulating such an inquest we readily admit. But it is patent to a good many ringers that something ought to be

done if possible to prevent the recognition of unworthy peals. While it cannot be too strongly urged that the ringing of a true peal is a feat worthy of the highest approbation, reflecting lasting credit upon those who ring it, there should be a stern reproof for those who publish reports which are deceptive and dishonourable. If one ringer in every peal band can be found who when the ringing is not up to the mark will protest against its being recognised in any way, we may soon have a reform in peal-ringing. Perhaps the Council will make some pronouncement in this direction, for the evil is becoming great.

The Rev T. L. Papillon, Vicar of Writtle, Essex, and late Fellow and Tutor of New College, Oxford, has been appointed by the Bishop to the Honorary Canonry at St. Albans vacant by the death of Canon Whittington. Mr. Papillon is a member of the Essex Education Committee, and has done good service to the Diocese as a member of the Readers' Board, by the action of which eleven Diocesan Readers and 115 Parochial Readers have been licensed in the past year. Our readers will be fully aware that the rev. gentleman is one of us, being Master of the Essex Association, and a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

The Metropolis.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 22, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. Treble.	*D'OYLEY S. SIMONS.. .. 5.
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HORATIO GUMMER 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by N. J. FITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal in the method.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. Treble.	JAMES GEORGE 5.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
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Conducted by A. PITTAM.

*First peal. First peal on six bells.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt

GEORGE A. SMITH* Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
JAMES GEORGE 2.	GEORGE CHARGE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	ERNEST PYE 8.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	JAMES HUNT 9.
MAURICE SMITH 5.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, COLEMAN STREET,
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Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-IN-THE-EAST,
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*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of G. B. Lucas, and also the marriage of C. T. Coles to Miss Laura Meyer, which took place the previous Saturday.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

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RICHARD S. DEAL* Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 6.
FREDK. G. PERRIN 2.	D'OYLEY SIMONS 7.
ALFRED B. PECK 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 8.
HORATIO GUMMER 4.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 9.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First attempt on ten bells.

Handbell Peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 27, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. S. BIRD, 40, FINDHORN STREET, POPLAR,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

SAMUEL J. BIRD 1-2	ARTHUR J. NEALE 5-6.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4.	THOMAS CRANFIELD .. 7-8.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Umpire—John Moule. First peal on handbells by T. Cranfield, and rung as a birthday compliment to him.

The Provinces.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, December 17, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED MILLS Treble.	ROBERT PICKERING 5.
ALFRED J. SMITH 2.	DANIEL JONES 6.
ALFRED FALLON 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT 7.
HARRY FARLOW 4.	HENRY BENTLEY Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

NOTTINGHAM.-THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 20, 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT M. BLACKWALL .. Treble.	JOSEPH WOOLLEY 5.
SAMUEL WESLEY 2.	JOHN HICKMAN 6.
THOMAS HORTON 3.	E. J. OLIVR 7.
HARRY R. COBBIN 4.	WILLIAM BELLAMY Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. BELLAMY.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Thursday, December 20, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS,
5093 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN Treble.	FRANCIS E. HART 6.
JESSE GILLET 2.	GEORGE CONDICK 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 3.	SYDNEY M. LOXTON 8.
THOMAS BALDWIN 4.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 9.
CECIL T. H. BOXWELL .. 5.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and
Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE AND THE HALIFAX AND DISTRICT
ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, December 22, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER SMITH* Treble.	JOSEPH BROADLEY 5.
ERNEST A. MURGATROYD .. 2.	†GEORGE WHITEAKER 6.
JAMES COTTERELL 3.	*JOSEPH HY. BRAZEY 7.
THOS. B. KENDALL 4.	JOHN W. CUNDALL Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

*First peal. †First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday peal for John Jenkinson
(little Jack), on his 67th birthday.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

HENRY STEFF Treble.	ROBERT WALLWORK 5.
JOSEPH WOODS* 2.	*JOSEPH BANKS 6.
JOHN MCWILTON 3.	THOMAS WALLWORK 7.
THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD .. 4.	JAMES H. BANKS Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES H. BANKS.

*First peal in the method.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, December 22, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble.	JESSE GILLET 5.
SYDNEY M. LOXTON 2.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 6.
THOMAS NEWMAN 3.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 7.
GEORGE CONDICK 4.	JOHN AUSTIN Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by T. BALDWIN.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE,

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY).

On Monday, December 24, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN FLINT Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 5.
JAMES THOMPSON 2.	SAMUEL WESLEY 6.
HARRY MOSS 3.	RICHARD W. COLLIER 7.
JESSE MOSS 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by JNO. FLINT.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

GEORGE PIGOTT* Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
HORACE F. STREET* 2.	*SAMUEL GROVE 6.
FRANK WITHERS* 3.	*JAMES DOWLER 7.
JOHN WITHERS* 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLER.

*First peal in the method.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE KEMP Treble.	ALPHABUS BERRY 4.
JAMES ROSE 2.	FRANK CULLUM 5.
THOMAS DAVY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLE.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

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

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 30 cwt.

CHARLES H. CLARKE .. Treble.	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. 6.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 2.	WILLIAM C. GILLINGHAM .. 7.
WILLIAM RUMSEY 3.	WILLIAM WOOD 8.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 4.	JAMES MOTTS 9.
EDWARD SHERWOOD 5.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOSIAH HARRIS Treble	WILLIAM LEBBON 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	EDWIN J. HARDING 6.
GEORGE NOICE 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 7.
WILLIAM T. TUCKER 4.	*HENRY C. INGRAM Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman, and was elected a member previous to starting the peal.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ROWLAND FENN Treble	D'OYLEY SIMONS 5.
HARRY W. CATTERWELL 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6.
ACKLAND J. PERKINS 3.	GEORGE W. FAULKNER 7.
GEORGE ROUGHTON 4.	LEONARD W. COFSEY Tenor.

Conducted by ACKLAND J. PERKINS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

THOMAS H. REEVES* .. Treble	*HORACE F. STREET 7.
HERBERT KNIGHT* 2.	†ALF PADDON SMITH 8.
ALBERT WALKER† 3.	†SAMUEL GROVE 9.
CHARLES DICKENS† 4.	†JOHN NEAL 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	†JAMES E. GROVES 11.
THOMAS RUSSAM 6.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by G. HAYWARD, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

*First peal of Maximus. †First peal of Treble Bob Maximus. This peal, now rung for the first time, has the 5th and 6th only in 6ths place, with all the 6 5s and 5 6s. Quickest peal of Maximus on the bells.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE RUMSEY Treble	WILLIAM GROOM 5.
PETER LAFLIN 2.	GEORGE ROWE, JUN. 6.
PERCIVAL WOODS 3.	WILLIAM GRIMES 7.
SEDLEY COLLINS 4.	JAMES RUMSEY Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMES.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN BASS Treble	WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE .. 5.
WILLIAM FISHER 2.	WILLIAM SHILVOCK 6.
GEORGE HUGHES 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4.	*FRANK BOUGHTON Tenor.

Conducted by W. SHORT.

*First peal of Stedman.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble	WILLIAM E. BUTLER 5.
WILLIAM GODFREY† 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
WILLIAM C. PARKER 3.	JOHN PHILLIPS 7.
EUSTACE HARWOOD* 4.	ALFRED J. REDMAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

†First peal. *First peal of Major.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK BOUGHTON* .. Treble	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
GEORGE HUGHES 2.	WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE .. 6.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK* 3.	JOHN BASS 7.
WILLIAM FISHER 4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by W. SHORT.

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

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN .. Treble	JOHN AUSTIN 5.
SYDNEY M. LOXTON 2.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER 6.
JESSE GILLET 3.	GEORGE CONDECK 7.
THOMAS NEWMAN 4.	A. O. COOLE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

CLANFIELD, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

FREDERICK FARMER .. Treble	*HARRY WHEELER 5.
HARRY BROOKS 2.	JOHN MONK 6.
GEORGE CLARK* 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 7.
SAMUEL EEBLES 4.	*LEONARD FIDLER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

*First peal.

OLD WOLVERTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores, each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM BULL .. Treble	CECIL VALENTINE 4.
WILLIAM G. COWLY 2.	RANDAL V. PLUMB 5.
ALFRED CLARK* 3.	GEORGE HORWOOD Tenor.

Conducted by CECIL VALENTINE.

Rung after meeting short for Bob Minor. First peal on the bells after being rung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. *First peal with a bob bell.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

F. R. BARRACLOUGH Treble.	T. BARKER 5.
F. MOODY 2.	F. W. DIXON 6.
A. WALKER 3.	† J. FRYER 7.
J. CARTER 4.	W. PEARSON Tenor.

Conducted by F. W. DIXON.

† First peal with a bob bell.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES G. BENNETT Treble.	ELI WATERS 5.
WALTER KERLEY 2.	JOHN J. BRISTOW 6.
CHARLES R. FORFITT 3.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH 7.
EDWIN T. GREEN 4.	CHARLES MERRIFIELD Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH.

J. G. Bennett was elected a member in the tower before starting for the peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 27, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST W. COULSON Treble.	ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT 5.
FRANK G. BURLEIGH 2.	ERNEST W. ABBOTT 5.
RICHARD F. LANE 3.	HOBACE W. ABBOTT 6.
EDWARD READER 4.	HARRY WHITTLE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

OVERBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Oxford Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.

ERNEST GIBBS Treble.	† CLAUDE GIBBS 4.
WILLIAM RICKETTS* 2.	HUBERT SALISBURY 5.
PERCY GIBBS* 3.	LEONARD NICHOLS Tenor.

Conducted by L. NICHOLS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH)

On Thursday, December 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. in E

ERNEST SELLERS Treble.	HARRY BISHOP, SEN. 5.
ARTHUR SELLERS 2.	JAMES EDGOOSE 6.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3.	* FREDERICK TAYLOR 7.
CHARLES F. M. SKELTON 4.	WILLIAM BARKER Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 27, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM SHILVOCK Treble.	JOHN BASS 5.
GEORGE PIGOTT* 2.	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS 6.
WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
WILLIAM FISHER* 4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor.

Composed by the late REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. C. A. Clements, who was leaving this place the following day.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE 5.
GEORGE PIGOTT 2.	WILLIAM SHILVOCK 6.
WILLIAM FISHER 3.	JAMES E. GROVES 7.
JOHN BASS 4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor.

Composed by E. BARNETT, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT C. PRIDGEON Treble.	ALFRED W. GROVES 5.
EDWIN BRISTOW 2.	ARTHUR HUTCHINGS 6.
HARRY EVANS 3.	GEORGE GATLAND 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	* HARRY WADEY Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal. The ringer of the treble is only 14 years of age, and is the son of the Vicar of Steyning, it being his first attempt for a peal, the band congratulating him for the able manner he rang his bell throughout. It was also rang as a birthday compliment to G. Gatland, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 28, 1906, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

THOMAS BUTLER Treble.	BENSON W. MILLARD 5.
FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES 2.	JOHN W. JONES 6.
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 3.	FREDERICK ATWELL 7.
JOHN BUTLER 4.	JAMES PIPPIN Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. JONES.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the widow of John Wreford, who was steeplekeeper at the above church for twenty years; also to their son in law, William Davies, whose funeral took place on this day at St. Woold's Cemetery.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 29, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 26 cwt.

J. H. R. FREEBORN Treble.	G. R. FARDON 5.
FREDERICK WEBB 2.	HARRY JUDGE 6.
C. J. GARDNER 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
THOMAS PAYNE 4.	WILLIAM STONE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

HORBURY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, December 29, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;****IN THE KENT VARIATION.****Tenor 12 cwt.**

A. FOTHERGILLTreble.	E. ANDREWS 5
G. HUNT 2.	G. F. PICKLES 6.
G. BARSTOW* 3.	A. SMITH 7.
J. WOFFENDEN 4.	J. W. MOORHOUSETenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

*First peal on eight bells. First peal of Treble Bob by the ringers of 1, 4 and 6. First peal in the method as conductor.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)***On Saturday, December 29, 1906, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.****Tenor 18 cwt.**

JOHN HIGGINS*Treble.	ALBERT N. ATKINS 5.
HARRY HOPKINS 2.	*EPHRAIM MARKS 6.
FRANCIS HEDGES 3.	WALTER SEAR 7.
HARRY SEAR 4.	VALENTINE SEARTenor.

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

†First peal with a bob bell. *First peal on eight bells.

BURSTOW, SURREY.*On Saturday, December 29 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,****A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANK SADLER*Treble.	GEORGE ILLMAN 4.
JOHN SHERLOCK 2.	HENRY REEVES 5.
NORMAN WAKEFIELD 3.	PETER ETHERIDGETenor.

Conducted by HENRY REEVES.

First peal of Minor on the bells, which have just been increased to six by the addition of a new treble.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.***On Saturday, December 29, 1906, in Three Hours and Eighteen 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.**

GEORGE BULLTreble.	FREDERICK JAMES COPE 5.
REGINALD GRIMMITT STONE 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 6.
ALBERT PERCY WAKLEY 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK 7.
GEORGE ROBINSON 4.	JAMES HENRY GALIMORE Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

Handbell Peal,**ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.****THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****(ST. NEOTS SOCIETY.)***On Thursday, December 20, 1906, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,***AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.**

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

Composed by C. R. LILLEY, and Conducted by E. C. CHASTY.

Umpire—H. Fields. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE RINGERS' ONLY TRUE BADGE.—In Gold, Silver or Bronze.—Clocks, Watches, and all kinds of Jewellery.—**COLDWELL (Ringer),** Mirfield, Yorks.

Correspondence.

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

THE PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE AT MARKET DRAYTON.

SIR,—I must refer Mr. Bradney to my letter in your issue of the 3rd November, in which I wrote that "I am sorry that we should have made a false claim in regard to the peal of Superlative, rung at Market Drayton, on the 9th October." Surely this disclaimer is sufficient for anyone. **BERTRAM PREWETT.**

A CLAIM.

SIR,—I am sorry to have to inform my friend, Mr. H. D. Wilde, that the 5184 Double Norwich, published by him on 15th ult., was first published and rung about ten years ago, as my composition. **G. LINDOFF.**

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

On Saturday, December 22nd, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, members of the neighbourhood presented Mr. H. W. Kirtton with a time-piece, as a token of their esteem, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Loveday, of Brentwood, with every good wish for his future life at Bury, Lancashire. Mr. Kirtton very heartily thanked his brother-strings for their kindness.

THE MAUDE FUND.

A subscription list has been opened on behalf of the widow and children of the late Fred Maude. The Shipley Parish Church Society wishes to head the list with a donation of £1 rs. The widow and children are left entirely destitute, having no relatives or means to look forward to. The Shipley ringers beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. F. B. Kendall, Earl Street, Hall Lane, Shipley, and will be acknowledged in this paper only.

SERIOUS CONDITION OF A HEREFORD CHURCH SPIRE.—The Dean of Hereford presided over a meeting held at the Town-hall, Hereford, on Saturday, regarding the serious condition of All Saints' Church spire. From the report of Mr. Nicholson, Diocesan Surveyor, who inspected it with a steeplejack, it appears that there is a fracture about 12 feet from the capstone, and a twist of one-sixteenth of an inch out of its original setting, presumably the result of the earthquake of 1876. It was decided to proceed with the work at once and appeal to the public for a sum of £200. One of the pillars on which the tower and spire rest has departed from its original shape. The church has a fair ring of eight bells.

HOOK MEMORIAL CHURCH, LEEDS.—The Vicar of Leeds has received a cheque for £5 from "A Grateful American Church-woman" for the tower fund of the Hook Memorial Church (All Souls). The donor writes:—"I see there is something still to be done to the Memorial Church. I owe a great debt to Dean Hook from having read his life."

A CHRISTMAS GIFT.—Mr. W. C. G. Gladstone, of Hawarden Castle, has presented the parishioners of Saltney Ferry, near Chester, with a site for a new church.

* * Notwithstanding the great quantity of peal-records this week, there are one or two lately received which have to remain over till next week. Our friends may rest assured that all such important matters will appear in their proper order, and with no delay. It will be found incumbent on all who ring peals to send on their reports as quickly as possible, so that they may be dealt with at the earliest moment by the compilers of the yearly Analysis.

PHOTOGRAPHS! PHOTOGRAPHS!—Have your carte and cabinet photos enlarged by W. GORDON, CHANGE-RINGER, Webb Lane, Stockport, and get the best **HANDBELL MUSIC** from him at the same time.

Obituary.

On Friday, December 14th, 1906, at his residence, Park Street, Wednesbury, there passed away Mr. Thomas Foster, a noted bell-ringer in the black country for many years. Born in 1825, and connected with the old parish church, Wednesbury, he commenced his ringing career when very young, and retained his connection with the old place till within a few months of his death, at the age of 81 years, and he was buried in the family grave at St. James' church, Wednesbury. He was held in great respect by all who knew him. His old company of ringers was represented at the funeral by Mr. Henry Tinsley, the present tower keeper at the old church. After the funeral the bells of the parish church were deeply muffled and a quarter peal of Bob Major, 1360 changes, was rung by the following band: H. Tinsley, W. E. Brittan, W. R. Small, C. Wallater, H.

Belcher, G. Hughes (conductor), W. Smith, J. Lawton: also a touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by C. Wallater. The late Mr. T. Foster was connected with the old church tower as ringer, conductor, and tower keeper for more than 60 years, and always took a lively interest in bells and bell ringing. He rang peals upon the old peal of eight, which were augmented to ten, and were opened on March 5th, 1855. The first peal rang by him was Kent Treble Bob Major, 5056 changes, at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich, November 25th, 1845, composed and conducted by Paul Cashmore. He also rang and conducted many peals of Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Royal, Kent Treble Bob Royal, and others in which I took part. He was a safe ringer and conductor. He also rang in long peal of Grandsire Caters, 10,061 changes, 5 hours 55 minutes, on May 21st, 1861, also peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal on Sunday, April 29th, 1866, the band being all natives of

Wednesbury; there are five of this band living now. I may here mention that in my earlier days of ringing at this place, at the death of one of the band of ringers at Wednesbury, the band met to ring with the bells muffled every night for a week, once a week for a month, once a month for a year, and once a year for seven years at the anniversary of the death of a ringer, but now in place of all this, they ring a peal instead, after the funeral of the deceased member. A peal of Stedman Caters was attempted on Saturday, December 20th, 1906, but failed after ringing about 1800 changes in 1 hour 25 minutes, by A. Wallater, H. Tinsley, W. Fisher, C. Wallater, W. R. Small, G. Hughes (conductor), W. Smith, H. Belcher, J. Lawton, F. Halls-worth, junr. This band are members of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Association, as also was the late Mr. T. Foster.

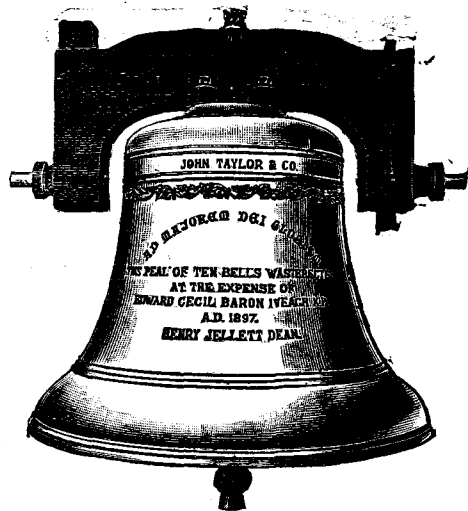
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Mr. Harry Burstow, of Horsham, who was eighty-one years of age on Tuesday last, completed sixty-four years' service as bell-ringer at Horsham, Sussex. He has never once been absent from his post, and he claims this to be a world's record in ringing. It will be remembered that we gave a portrait of our old friend some years ago.

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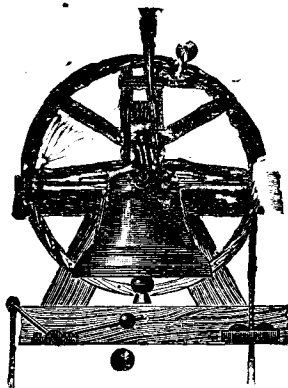
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