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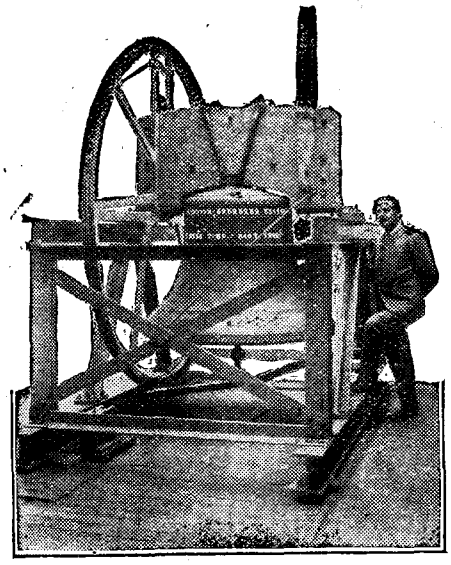

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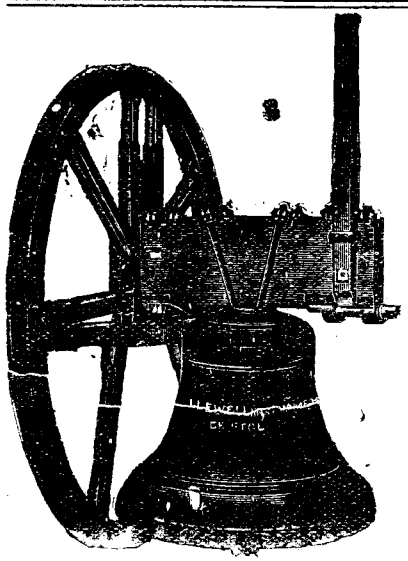

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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, January 5th, and was well attended by members from Bedford, Woburn, Luton, Dunstable, Bletchley, Newport Pagnell, Aspley Guise, Crewe, and Linslade. Touches of Stedman Caters, Treble Bob, and Bob Royal, were rung during the afternoon. The company, consisting of a pleasure party of about twenty, then adjourned to partake of tea. In the absence of the Rev. A. Rust through illness in his family, the minutes of the last meeting were not produced. The Rev. W. W. C. Baker held the place of chairman, for which post he is so well suited.

Two new members were elected, and a short discussion then took place with regard to the overlapping of another society. It was decided to bravely fight against such action by members who wish to remain firm and true to their association, and it is hoped that all will see how much better we, as brother ringers, shall get on if all cling together. There is strife and variance in everything, but let us as a company stand to our colours, support one another, and try our utmost to bury past grievances, and in the year 1907 determine to go hand in hand. This can never be while there is so much personality in the belfry, it will ever cause disturbances, and these we wish to do without.

Various touches were rung during the evening, consisting of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters, Bob Royal, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Double Norwich, and Superlative. At the close of which I trust that all were satisfied with their pull in the grand old tower, of which us Leightonians are more than proud.

J. Nicholls.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

This Association, represented by Messrs. W. H. Rice (captain), Arthur James, David Williams, C. Moss, E. Chamberlain, R. Smale, R. Moss, Henry Williams, Howell Gwyn, together with the Vicar, assembled shortly before eleven o'clock in the belfry of Sketty Church on Christmas Eve. After engaging in prayer the Rev. C. G. Lillingston expressed pleasure at being present and reverently continued "To the honour and glory of God, in memory of a peal of Grandsire Triples rang in this tower Tuesday, January 31st, 1606, I now dedicate this tablet, Christmas, 1906." He then unveiled a brass mural tablet, subscribed by the villagers, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung on January 31st, 1906.

Mr. Charles Morse (secretary), in a neat little speech, thanked the Vicar for the kind words he had spoken and the interest he had taken in their unique fete in that tower, and Mr. Harry Williams seconded. The company heartily endorsed. The season's compliments having been exchanged, the ringers rang out a merry peal to herald Christmas morn.

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

WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.

A very interesting and instructive event took place at St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, January 6th, 1907. The Rector (Rev. G. Hyde Smith) unveiled a tablet, recording the first local peal on the bells rung by parishioners, on May 10th, 1906.

The children's service held by the Rector during the afternoon formed a fitting occasion for the ceremony.

The ringers rang the bells for the service, and opened with a 720 of Kent Treble Bob: F. Laker, S. White, J. Walter, E. Trendell, H. Smith, S. Walter (conductor). After this, W. Norris conducted three courses of Plain Bob, E. Slingsby, of Sturry, assisting. The service then commenced with an Epiphany hymn.

The Rector's address was divided into two parts, the first part dealing with the Epiphany, the second with the unveiling of the tablet. He gave the ringers great praise for their energy and perseverance in the ringing of the bells and church work generally, and referred with much pride to the mutual feeling of sympathy existing between him and them. He said the work was now done in a very different manner than when he first came to the parish more than thirty years ago. He advised all to follow their example of bull-dog perseverance in whatever they undertook. The ringers then rang "their best," whilst the congregation listened. The children, about fifty in number, then marched into the belfry, saw the Rector unveil the tablet, and listened attentively to his explanations. The final hymn was No 379 (A. and M.)

The service finished, the adults numbering about twenty, then visited the ringing chamber, which had been decorated very tastefully in harmony with other parts of the church, viewed the tablet, signed the visitors' book, and observed how the bells are rung in various methods, viz., Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Thus ended a very great event in the life of the parish, and one which will be remembered for many years to come by those who had the privilege of witnessing it.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

The annual meeting of the Halesworth and Chediston companies took place on Tuesday last, the members prior to business being invited to a capital dinner by their President, Rev. A. R. Upcher, M.A., Rector and rural dean. This was served at The Swan hotel, when after a short touch on the church bells, nearly a full muster sat down to a bountiful spread about half-past seven. The chair was occupied by the Rector, who was faced in the vice-chair by Mr. J. Howard (treasurer), and supported by Mr. W. Cady (Chediston treasurer), Mr. F. C. Lambert (secretary) and Mr. W. Baker (assistant secretary).

At the business meeting which followed, the secretary read his report, showing that the members had rung two peals of 5040 changes during the past year, one at Halesworth, for which a peal board had been erected, and the other at Rumburgh. The ringing for Sunday services had been well maintained, and the company had the pleasure

of ringing on three days during the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to Henham Hall. The treasurer (Mr. Jas. Howard), read out a statement of accounts, shewing a small balance in hand, and the Chediston treasurer (Mr. W. Cady), also gave an interesting account of the state of finance of the Chediston company, which was accepted as very satisfactory. The above officers were all re elected, and Mr. H. Pratt was chosen Secretary of the Chediston band in place of Mr. T. Crane, who had resigned through ill-health. The new members elected at this meeting included four ladies (honorary and performing) for Halesworth, and two probationers for Chediston.

The President, addressing the company, expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet the bellringers of his two parishes, and to hear such excellent reports from the various officers. He reminded the ringers that they were all church workers, and as such should try and do their best to carry out this work to the honour and glory of God. He held that church bells were a continued object lesson, reminding worshippers of their duty, and reproving those who failed in such duties. They had a very musical ring of bells at Chediston, but there were only four, and doubtless a treble bell would be a great improvement to the peal. Possibly in the future this bell would be added. The rev. gentleman concluded his remarks by heartily thanking the ringers for their continued and long services to the church.

Handbell ringing, songs, readings, etc., occupied the remainder of the evening, during which a vote of thanks was accorded to the President for his attendance, and kind entertainment. The singing of "God save the King" at 11 p.m. brought to a close a most successful and enjoyable meeting.

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AN INTERESTING RECORD.

On New Year's Eve the old custom of ringing the old year out aad the new year in, was revived after an interval of eleven years, and the incident is all the more interesting from the fact that four out of the five ringers were members of the family at the vicarage, and that the ages of the oldest and youngest ringers were eighty-three and twelve respectively. The following were the ringers: E. Reader (sexton, 83), 1; L. H. Shelton (13), 2; A. T. Shelton (12), 3; Rev. N. Shelton (Vicar), 4; O. W. M. Shelton (16), 5. The tenor weighs nearly 20 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

During 1906 fifty-two complete 720s were rung ou the bells of St. Laurence, Seal Chart, in the following methods: Grandsire, Plain Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure by eight local men. D. J. Goldsmith 48, conducted 24; J. Ford 51, conducted 10; W. Wenban 46, conducted 4; A. Burr, 43; J. Austin 42; G. E. Kettel 31, conducted 9; F. Osborne 27; H. Goodwin 20, conducted 5; and two visitors—A. Bailey 1; M. Exeter 1.

A subscription list has been opened on behalf of the widow and children of the late Fred Maude. The Shipley Parish Church Society has headed the list with a donation of £1 1s. 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.

SURPRISE MINOR METHODS.

In "The Bell News" for December 22nd last year, my esteemed friend Mr. William Snowdon graphically described his hunt through the old ringing books for Surprise Minor methods, basing his selections upon the definitions laid down by the Central Council's Committee on Method Classification. For his compliments and recognition of the Committee's labours, I thank him very kindly.

In one part of his very interesting and valuable article Mr. Snowdon refers to myself and my researches into Annable MS. In response thereto, I shall be glad to refer him to the methods published in our paper some eighteen months or two years ago, pointing out those that hold up to the Surprise standard.

"Bell News," Vol. 23.

Norwich Treble Bob ... page 341
Reading Surprise ... ,, 376 } Annable's Notebook.
Oxford Surprise ... ,, 400

College Bob the 3rd. Stedman's Campanalogia, 1677 Edition.

"Bell News," vol. 24.

Canterbury Bob, page 124. Annable's Note Book.
Westminster, as given in Standard Methods.

These are all Surprise methods in my view. "Norwich Treble Bob," as Annable entitles it, has no places when Treble is laying behind, nor when at lead except at a bob, but the absence of places in both positions balance the method constitutionally.

Mr. Snowdon also asks for Annable's version of Cambridge Surprise Major. This will be found below.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

As given in Annable's MS., p. 120.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7
1 2 4 6 3 8 5 7
2 1 6 4 8 3 7 5
2 6 1 4 3 8 5 7
6 2 4 1 8 3 7 5
6 2 1 4 3 8 5 7
2 6 4 1 8 3 7 5
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7 5 8 1 4 3 6 2
5 7 1 8 3 4 2 6
5 1 7 8 4 3 6 2
1 5 8 7 3 4 2 6
5 1 8 3 7 2 4 6
1 5 3 8 2 7 6 4
P.L. 1 5 8 3 7 2 4 6
B.L. 1 3 5 8 7 2 4 6

The following note by Benjamin Annable is given on the same page, and may be interesting to method students:—

> This peal hath the same likeness of Cambridge Surprise on Six Bells as high as its possible to prick it. Therefore it justly may be called as it is here.
>
> The treble is a Treble Bob hunt, and as long as she is under seventh's place, going up or down, the first six bells worke it exactly.
>
> But when she is dodging behind the bells in 1 and 6ths lies still, and when she lye behind the bell in 7ths lye with her, and the other 6 make a single dodge.

This note, in my opinion, Mr. Editor, makes it pretty clear that Annable is the author of this version of Cambridge Surprise Major, if not the Minor also.

HENRY DAINS.

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.

STOWE CHURCH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

A large new clock is to be erected in this church from a legacy left for the purpose by a parishioner, and the executors have placed the order for a new clock with Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

BY THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

5040.

2 3 1 4 5 6 7	5	6	7	8	4th	12	13	4th	3	4
7 3 6 4 1 2 5	–				–	–	–	–	–	–
1 3 2 4 5 7 6		–	–		–		–	–		–
1 3 6 4 5 2 7	–		–	–	–	–	–	–		–
1 3 7 4 5 6 2	–		–	–	–	–	–	–		–
4 6 2 5 3 7 1	–			–						

Repeat six times, with S instead of the last bob gives 2314576.

The first four courses have ten sixes each, and the last only four.

The 3rd is observation in this part: then the 6th, 7th, 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th.

2 3 1 4 5 7 6	4th	12	13	4th	3	4	5	6	7	8
2 1 7 4 5 3 6	–		–	–		–	–		–	–
2 6 7 4 5 1 3	–	–	–	–		–	–		–	–
2 3 6 1 5 7 4	–	–	–	–		–	–			
2 3 6 1 5 4 7	–	–	–	–	–	–		s	–	
2 3 7 4 5 6 1	–	–	–	–	–	–		–	–	s
2 3 6 4 5 1 7	–			s	–			s	–	
6 3 1 4 5 2 7	–			–	–		–	–	–	–
1 5 7 2 4 6 3	–	–		–		–				

The first seven courses consist of ten sixes each, and the last of six only. The 5th is the observation bell in this part; then the 4th, 2nd, 1st, 7th, 6th and 3rd.

This peal was built from B blocks. It is an irregular fourteen part, as here presented. It might be made an irregular twenty-eight part, but it cannot be made into a regular seven part. It is the only peal yet published which contains no irregular sixes, and the only one on a seven-part plan; but it is not adapted for ringing because it contains 56 six bob sets, which cannot be broken up; but it suggests future possibilities from B block composition which are worth looking into.

*** It is 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.

THE MUTILATION OF BELLS.

The following letter, under the above heading, has appeared in *The Guardian*:—

SIR,—Although this subject is somewhat technical, its importance to clergy, churchwardens, and lovers of bells leads me to ask you to admit its discussion in your columns.

Sixty years ago, when the new Houses of Parliament were approaching completion, the late Lord Grimthorpe was asked by the Board of Works to superintend the provision of a clock and bells in the clock tower; and as in his opinion bell-founding had no scientific basis, he secured in his Agreement power to make experiments at the public cost on the composition of the metal, the form or outline of bell, and the thickness necessary for a given note. The results being published, bell-founding, which had rested on the traditions of rival firms, and had taken no account of the deterioration of metals in modern smelting, was put on a firmer basis, and it was proved that good bells can still be cast if sufficient metal be allowed for the proposed pitch. One result of these experiments was to alter the form of the heavier bells. Formerly all church bells were cast with long ears (called canons) attached to the crown of the bell, which were let into the wooden stock and fastened to it by iron straps. Lord Grimthorpe came to the conclusion that canons were not necessary provided that the crown of the bell were made thicker in proportion. He never, so far as I have heard or read, sanctioned the practice of cutting off the canons of existing bells and grinding the unfortunate crown to a smooth face. This is even done to peals made up of bells cast in different centuries, It is well known that founders have always had different theories as to the distribution of the necessary weight of metal, and so one crown in a peal may be much thinner than another, and yet this drastic rule-of-thumb is implied impartially to all alike. I would ask, what advantage is there to counterbalance the cost and the risk of weakening a good bell, always remembering that it takes now 25 cwt. of bell metal to produce the soft, rich tone which two centuries ago could be got to a given pitch out of a ton of metal?

Looking at the devastation of the fire at Selby Abbey some weeks ago, I saw, to my great surprise, that the musical peal of that church had been mutilated as I have described; the crown of each bell, after being ground down, had been pierced with holes, and the weight of the bell borne by steel wire which would be attached to the block. What I saw led me to make further enquiries, and, by the kindness of a friend, I am able to give a list of the bells, with their condition after the fire:—First (Mears, 1863), crown torn; second (Mears, 1863), crown torn and a piece broken out; third (Mears, 1821), crown torn; fourth (Sellons, York, 1710), broken in pieces; fifth (Sellons, 1710), crown slightly cracked; sixth (Sellons, 1710), crown torn; seventh (Sellons, 1710), crown torn and cracked from crown to lip; weight of tenor slightly over a ton. The mere perusal of this chronicle of damage is sufficient to show the result of the tampering with the crown of each bell. The sight of them is still more instructive. Bell-metal is easily fused, and the bells seem to have been torn by their own weight as half-toasted cheese will drop off a toasting-fork. The usual fate of church bells in fire is to be cracked by water or broken by falling.

I wish that clergy or churchwardens solicited by a founder to mutilate a peal of good bells would come to look at the Selby peal, which are in the Abbey, and may remain there for some time.

HENRY GREEVES,

Wistow Vicarage, Selby, December 31, 1906.

Obituary.

JOHN BURKIN, OF NUTFIELD, SURREY.

On Saturday, January 5th, we laid the above-named ringer to rest in the quiet little churchyard of Nutfield. Old Jack, as he was known by all, had a long and honourable career as a six-bell ringer, in fact he was one of the old school who believed in doing things well, good striking being his motto. He was one of the oldest ringers in the county, and was known for miles round. He assisted in the ringing at Nutfield on the coronation of Queen Victoria, and also at her two jubilees, and up till about three-and-a-half years ago kept up his ringing for Sunday services and practice nights. When health began to fail him he often said "his heart was good enough, but it's my wind;" but he was always willing and pleased to give a young ringer advice. He was called the father of ringers here, and some good ones he has turned out. I think his last course was a little over three years ago, on the treble, but for upwards of sixty years he was to be seen in the belfry regular. He was the father of that well-known ringer, William Burkin, a former Master of the College Youths, of whom he was very proud, now deceased about three years. He was in his 87th year, and his illness he bore like a christian should. With the assistance of W. Mayne, of Bletchingley, we rang a 720 with bells deeply muffled. May he rest in peace. S. E.

RAYMOND SUMMERSELL, OF SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of the above named ringer, which took place at his residence on December 21st, very sudden. Deceased followed his employment as a plumber on the Knepp Castle Estate up to the day he died. He had been ailing previously, but still with that resolute nature which he possessed he continued to keep up till he was seized with a paralytic fit, from which he never rallied. The funeral took place at the parish church, Shipley, on December 24th, being carried to his last resting place by four of his fellow-workmen, and followed by all his old brother-strings. He was in his 52nd year. The bells he loved to ring were rang deeply-muffled by the Shipley company, assisted by Messrs. F. W. and J. Rice, of Crawley, and that grand old veteran Mr. H. Burstow, of Horsham (who has turned 80) under whom deceased learnt the Art. A kind letter came to hand in the belfry from Mr. E. C. Merritt, of Brighton, expressing his deep regret to the Shipley company in their loss, and with Mrs. Summersell in her great bereavement. Mr. Summersell will be long remembered by ringers from far and near visiting the neighbourhood for his kind hospitality, and much sympathy is felt for his sorrowing wife and family, who would always help him to make a visit to the old church a visit of pleasure. Touches of Oxford Single, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob were rung after the funeral by J. Bowell, J. Rice, F. W. Rice, S. Woolgar, W. Pearce, W. Denman, A. Cripps, H. Burstow, H. Tourle. On Saturday evening, December 29th, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Oxford Single Bob. J. C. Penn, R. Bowell, W. Pearce, H. Tourle, J. Bowell, W. Denman conductor. On Sunday, before morning service, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Plain Bob. J. Bowell, R. Bowell, W. Pearce, H. Tourle, A. Cripps, W. Denman conductor. Before evening service 720 Court Bob. J. C. Penn, R. Bowell, W. Pearce, S. Woolgar, J. Bowell, W. Denman conductor. Deceased had taken part in three peals of Minor, but would always make himself content to ring a 720 if it was well struck, for nothing pleased him better than good striking. I take this opportunity on behalf of the Shipley band in expressing their profound regret and sorrow in losing such a prominent member, and to his relatives and friends in their great bereavement. Rest in peace. A. C.

THOMAS SALE.

The above-named ringor departed this life on Friday, November 21st, at Portwood, Stockport, in the 74th year of his age, having been a ringer more than fifty years. Mr. Sale learnt to ring in the very early fifties. At that time a new ring of eight had just been located in St. George's tower, Hyde, and a company of young men began to learn the Art of ringing under the tuition of Mr. William Harrison, of Mottram, the well-known ringer and composer, of which company our late friend became an active and striving member. Great progress was made, and many peals in different methods were accomplished. Too many for some people, for there is a tradition (often repeated by Mr. Sale) that at one peal attempt when the parson of the church wanted to stop the ringing, and not being able to get into the belfry, he had recourse to throwing stones at and through the window of the ringing chamber, which had the desired effect. Mr. Sale did the most of his peal ringing when the best place for reporting such performances was in the columns of *Bell's Life in London*, and peal records were often found next to a cock fight or a ratting contest. That time however was long before the advent of "The Bell News," our own paper, with its army of correspondents, its excellent reporting and interesting literature. Mr. Sale removed to Stockport about thirty years ago, and took part in all ringing at St. Mary's when health permitted. He also rang in the first peal at St. George's, Stockport, in December, 1906. Muffled peals were rung at St. Mary's to his memory, and a deputation of ringers from that church attended his funeral. His peal performances will be from eighty upwards in Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire. This is a computation, no list forthcoming. B.

JOHN RICHARD RUSSELL.

By the death of this promising and enthusiastic young ringer the Tonbridge company have sustained a serious loss. A member for some nine years past, he had persevered until he had mastered Grandsire and Plain Bob, and at his death had been making good progress in Stedman. Placed in a position that rendered peal-ringing a feat that could seldom be attempted—for, like many another, he could not embrace those opportunities of getting about among ringers of ability that fall to the lot of some members of the Exercise, yet he had accomplished at least two peals of Grandsire Triples in an eminently satisfactory manner. After a most painful illness of some six days he passed away peacefully on December 21st last, at the early age of 32, leaving a widow and one little girl to mourn his loss. His remains were interred in Tonbridge Cemetery on December 24, in the presence of brother ringers of Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, and Hadlow. Afterwards the ringers met in Tonbridge belfry and rang some short touches wite the bells muffled. He will be much missed by his many friends. *Requiescat in pace.*

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."

Information Wanted.

Sir,—May I enquire through your paper of the conductors of the nearest ringing towers to Hodnet where strangers are welcome to a pull. A. J. Tarr.

Smallest Village.

Sir,—Not having received an answer to above question I asked through your valuable paper, I should like to ask whether anyone can inform me if they know of a band of ringers in England residing in a parish of less than 300 inhabitants who have rang a peal of Treble Bob Minor in seven methods.

19, *Dapdune Road, Guildford.* James Hunt.

An Acknowledgment.

Sir,—I beg to apologise to my friend Mr. G. Lindoff for having published one of his peals, and give up claim to it, but I was under the impression that there had not been any peal of Double Norwich published on that plan, and having the qualities mentioned, and I do not know how I have missed noticing Mr. Lindoff's peal if it was published in "The Bell News" about ten years ago. W. H. Wilde.

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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 24th; and at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th and 29th, all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance is now due, and should be paid before February 28th.

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

The Kent County Association.-Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, to-day, Sat., 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. His Worship the Mayor of Greenwich (Councillor Charles Stone, J.P.), has kindly signified his intention of attending in state. Subseriptions 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, to-day, Sat., January 12th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*
302, *Hopwood Lane, Halifax.*

The Lancashire Association. — Liverpool Branch. — A meeting will be held at West Derby to-day, 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 to-day, Sat., 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, to-day, Sat., January 12th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. 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 to-day, Sat., 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. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
20, *Bull Street, West Bromwich.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Trowbridge to-day, Sat., 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, to-day, Sat., 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 (1s. 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.*

The Lancashire Association. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Walsden on Saturday, January 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

E. SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. — South and West District.—The next Meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, January 19th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Members and friends are asked to make an effort to attend.

J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The North Notts. Association. — Next quarterly meeting at Ordsall on Saturday, January 19th. Tea at 5 p.m. Members intending to take tea, please inform Mr. J. White, Ordsall, Retford, by January 15th.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Royal Cumberland Society. — The annual meeting of the above society will be held on Monday, January 21st, after the usual practice at St. Martin's at 8 p.m.

T. CARD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association -Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Hadlow on Saturday, January 26th. Further particulars will be announced next week. W. LATTER, *Hon Dis Sec.*

Worcestershire and Districts Association. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Kidderminstar on Saturday, January 26th. Service in St. Mary's church at 4 p m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. A presentation will be made to the late Secretary. The tower and bells at St. Mary's will be available during the afternoon and evening. A free tea will be provided for those only sending in their names to me before Wednesday, January 23rd.

J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. See.*
Bransford, Worcester.

Pendleton, Manchester. — The practice night has been altered to Monday from Friday. Those with annual reports please copy.

W. SHUKER.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1907.

A member of the Bedfordshire Association who resides in the town of Leighton Buzzard, sends us this week an account of an Association meeting held there. There is very little to be gathered from this account of what business was transacted at the meeting. Our correspondent, who signs his name to his communication, is rather in the dolours with respect to the want of union among the members with regard to the grievance of what is known as "overlapping." If we understand the question rightly, it is a mere bogey. If ringers living in one county prefer to join a ringing Association in another county, what is there to hinder them? Ringers, like many other people, have sometimes strange and peculiar ideas, and are tenacious in adhering to them. We must put up with these things, and do the best we can with their existence. Obstinacy is found in every walk of life: "A wilful man will have his way," and it is better to let people enjoy their own obstinate inclinations than worry over them. Somehow or other matters which apparently

will not mix, come out right in the end. And therefore we must poesess our souls in patience while looking forward, hoping for more agreeable conditions to arrive.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 31, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN ANSELL .. .. ..*Treble.*	JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. 5.
GEORGE PAICE .. .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 6.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. .. 7.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD .. .. 4.	THOMAS CARD .. .. ..*Tenor.*

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

Rung with the bells half muffled for the midnight service.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

EDWARD LUCAS .. .. ..*Treble.*	HENRY TORBLE.. .. .. 5.
FRANK C. NEWMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. JUDD .. .. 6.
SAMUEL HAYES .. .. .. 3.	THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. 7.
CALEB FENN .. .. .. 4.	ALBERT C. HARDY .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by ALBERT C. HARDY.

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

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S TWELVE-PART (No. 8.) Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE .. .. ..*Treble.*	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 5.
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JOHN J. LAMB .. .. .. 4.	*HARRY MAY, JUN ... ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method. The above composition, in twelve equal parts, is now rung for the first time.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, January 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM E. JUDD .. ..*Treble.*	JOHN W. KELLEY .. .. 5.
EDMUND V. HARVEY .. 2.	JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. 6.
ARTHUR JONES .. .. .. 3.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 7.
LOUIS ATTWATER .. .. 4.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, SOUTHGATE.)

On Tuesday, January 8, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-sex Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, ENFIELD.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDMUND G. TOMLINSON ..*Treble.*	HARRY E. BALAAM .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 2.	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. TEGG.. .. 3.	JOHN E. MILLER .. .. 7.
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. 4.	SIDNEY WADE .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

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On Friday, January 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' No. 1. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE EDWARDS .. ..*Treble.*	EDWARD BRIDGER .. .. 5.
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ALBERT LONGLEY .. .. 3.	HARRY SEAL .. .. .. 7.
ELGAR KING .. .. .. 4.	ERNEST EVEREST .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by PERCY DENTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Edwin Smith.

[This peal has evidently been forgotten till now.]

ENMORE, SOMERSETSHIKE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 9 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor about 18 cwt.

CLIFFORD TOTTLE .. ..*Treble.*	E. C. SWEET .. .. .. 4.
CHARLES EVANS.. .. .. 2.	A. E. COLES .. .. .. 5.
H. TOTTLE .. .. 3.	ALBERT BURN .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by A. E. COLES.

First peal on the bells. Rung on the 65th anniversary of His Majesty's birthday.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 10, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM WHITE* .. ..*Treble.*	ARTHUR MILES .. .. .. 5.
ARTHUR GOWER .. .. .. 2.	GEORGE PENFOLD .. .. 6.
ERNEST GOWER .. .. .. 3.	JOSEPH SHARP .. .. .. 7.
GEORGE H. HOWSE .. .. 4.	CHARLES CRUNDEN .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOSEPH SHARP.

*First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Piper.

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A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of College Single and Oxford Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

RICHARD W. PORTER ..*Treble.*	GEORGE SCOTT .. .. .. 4.
THOMAS CRAGG .. .. .. 2.	FREDERICK W. STOKES .. 5.
PERCIVAL J. STOKES.. .. 3.	JOHN CRAGG .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

First peal on the bells.

HOLBECK, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

LEONARD PEEL*.. .. ..*Treble.*	JOHN C. MATTHEWS .. 5.
WILLIAM WOODHEAD .. 2.	PATRICK LARVAN .. .. 6.
MARK MELIA .. .. .. 3.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD.. .. 7.
PERCY JOHNSON .. .. .. 4.	GEORGE MCHALE .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by P. JOHNSON.

*First peal. Rung on the occasion of the weddfng of J. A. Teale, who has been a member of the local company for some years, to Miss E. Burn, of Holbeck, his brother ringers wishing them much happiness.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY	*Treble.*	WALTER COATES	6.
JOSEPH ATKIN	2.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY	7.
CLEMENT GLENN	3.	THOMAS HAIGH	8.
JOHN W. J. COTTAM	4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN	9.
WILLIAM G. ROSE*	5.	WALTER ALLWOOD	*Tenor.*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung in hooour of the comtng of age of the 4th ringer, who attained his majority on Christmas Day. bis brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. *First peal on ten bells.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 22½ cwt.

ARTHUR C. RUMBLE	*Treble.*	*ALFRED ROSEWELL	4.
URCH GREENSLADE	2.	GEORGE H. GALE	5.
GEORGE BENNETT	3.	*HENRY PORTER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE H. GALE.

*First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of opening a new floor in the church. First peal by a local hand. The tenor man has rung on these bells for fifty years.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

G. CLARK*	*Treble*	*F. HARRIS	3.
A. BOOKER*	2.	*C. BLACKMAN	4.
J. NETLEY	*Tenor.*		

Conducted by J. NETLEY.

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

GUILDFORD. SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

CHAS. WILLSHIRE, JUN.*	*Treble.*	GEORGE W. CHALLICE	5.
JAMES HUNT	2.	RALPH WOOD	6.
GEORGE W. BRION†	3.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN.	7.
ALFRED H. PULLING	4.	*WILLIAM LOADER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

*First peal. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. The age of the ringer of the treble is 15 years.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE EXETER RINGERS' CYCLING CLUB BRANCH.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

REV. G. F. MOLINEUX*	*Treble.*	JOHN HAYMAN	5.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE	2.	HARBY BURCH	6.
THOMAS LAVER	3.	FRANK DAVEY	7.
JULIUS SNOW	4.	ADOLPHUS SNOW	*Tenor.*

Conducted by ARTHUR W. SEARLE.

*First pea with a bob bell. First peal in the method on the bells.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN ANSELL	*Treble.*	ERNEST S. POLL	5.
GEORGE PAICE	2.	GEORGE A. CARD	6.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD	3.	JAMES PARKER	7.
GEORGE RADLEY	4.	THOMAS CARD	*Tenor.*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of College Single and Oxford Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor about 15 cwt.

RICHARD W. PORTER	*Treble.*	GEORGE SCOTT	4.
JOHN W. WOOD	2.	FREDERICK W. STOKES	5.
PERCIVAL J. STOKES	3.	JOHN CRAGG	*Tenor.*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

First peal on the bells.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

HENRY MULLARD	*Treble.*	THOMAS MACK	5.
THOMAS ATTWELL	2.	*WILLIAM DAY	6.
ALFRED H. PULLING	3.	FREDERICK BENNETT	7.
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT	4.	GEORGE W. CHALLICE	*Tenor.*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Attwell's daughter. *First peal on eight bells.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR ROOME*	*Treble.*	*GEORGE TOMLINSON	5.
WILLIAM BIDGOOD*	2.	GEORGE THOMPSON	6.
GEORGE BASSON*	3.	*WILLIAM HOLBROOK	7.
FRANK WORMINGTON*	4.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	*Tenor.*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART., and Conducted by ALBERT E. THOMPSON.

*First peal. First peal on the bells, and was rung to commemorate the election of Councillor R. B. Chambers, one of the churchwardens of the above church, to the office of Mayor for the borough of Derby.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 31, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

DAVID BREARLEY	*Treble.*	JAMES T. SHAW	5.
JOHN R. BREARLEY	2.	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH	6.
SAMUEL HARRISON*	3.	REGGIE DYSON	7.
ARCHIE BREARLEY	4.	WILLIAM HARRISON	*Tenor.*

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by D. BREARLEY.

*First peal. Rung to usher out the old year, the bells coming into rounds a few minutes before midnight. The tenor was then struck twelve strokes, then rounds and firing told of the birth of the new year.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 31, 1906, *in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES.
Tenor 30½ cwt.

ERNEST COULSON .. ..*Treble*	WILLIAM PERVIN .. .. 6.
RICHARD F. LANE .. .. 2.	HARRY WHITTLE .. .. 7.
JAMES GOODWIN.. .. .. 3.	HORACE W. ABBOTT .. 8.
ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT 4.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 9.
ERNEST W. ABBOTT 5	HORACE F. STUBBS .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRANK G. BURLEIGH.

PULHAM, NOROLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1906, *in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR ROOPE .. .. ..*Treble.*	CHARLES ROOPE.. .. .. 5.
CHARLES BAKER.. .. .. 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. 6.
FREDERICK BORRETT.. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE, SEN. .. 7.
WILLIAM ROOPE, JUN. .. 4	FREDERICK SURRIDGE ..*Tenor.*

Composed by J. PLATT, and Conducted by A. ROOPE.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE DEBENHAM SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 31, 1906, *in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM RUMSEY.
This peal was finished at 11 p.m.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1906, *in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES ROSE .. .. ..*Treble.*	GEORGE CATTERMOLE .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS .. .. 2.	JAMES ROSE.. .. .. .. 5.
ALPHAEUS BERRY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 1, 1907, *in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S No. 10. Tenor 21 cwt.

TITUS PEERS .. .. ..*Treble.*	THOMAS BARLOW .. .. 5.
ARTHUR RIDYARD .. .. 2.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 6.
GEORGE WAY .. .. .. 3.	JAMES H. RIDYARD .. .. 7.
JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. 4.	PERCY DERBYSHIRE .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by JAMES H. RIDYARD.

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

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 1, 1906, *in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES H. RIDYARD .. ..*Treble*	PERCY DERBYSHIRE .. .. 5.
ARTHUR RIDYARD .. .. 2.	TITUS BARLOW .. .. .. 6.
GEORGS WAY .. .. .. 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 7.
THOMAS PEERS .. .. .. 4.	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
This is T. Barlow's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

EDINBURGH.

On Tuesday, January 1, 1907, *in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.
Tenor 21 cwt.

EDWARD COWE† .. ..*Treble.*	J. S. M'CULLOCH .. .. 5.
THOS. S. THOM .. .. .. 2.	*J. R. ROBERTSON .. .. 6.
WM. B. SAMPSON .. .. 3.	C. CLEVELAND ELLIS .. 7.
ROBERT J. C. THOM.. .. 4.	W. C. S. HEATHCOTE ..*Tenor.*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. C. S. HEATHCOTE.
†First peal. *First peal in the method. 1, 3, 6 and 7 are members of St. Mary's Cathedral Society; 2, 4, 5 and 8 of St. Cuthbert's Society.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 3, 1907, *in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

MAURICE SELBY* .. ..*Treble.*	BENSON W. MILLARD .. 5.
FRANCIS E. B. CHARLRS.. 2.	ARTHUR E. MORGAN .. 6.
JOHN BULLEN .. .. .. 3.	JOHN W. JONES.. .. .. 7.
JAMES FORD* 4	CORNELIUS BOWEN .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES.
*Firat peal. First peal as conductor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 3, 1907, *in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HALEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 12¾ cwt,

HERBERT WOOD .. .. ..*Treble.*	FREDERICK FRENCH .. .. 5.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 6.
EDWARD AUDSLEY .. .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 7.
JOHN SAXBY* .. .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM BOND .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.
*First peal of Stedman.

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

On Saturday, January 5, 1907, *in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDGAR PEMBERTON .. ..*Treble.*	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS 3	JAMES MOTTS .. .. .. 7.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 4.	EDWARD EVANS .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.
Rung with the bells half muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Baroness Burdett Coutts, who was laid to rest at noon that day, in Westminster Abbey. Mr. William J. Nevard, for whom the peal was arranged, hails from Great Bentley, Essex.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT	*Treble.*	GEORGE PIGOTT	5.
WILLIAM FISHER	2.	†HARRY PRICE	6.
ROBERT PICKERING	3.	ROBERT MATTHEWS	7.
JOHN BASS	4.	†JOHN RAY	*Tenor.*

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART (No. 4.) Tenor 17½ cwt.

HARRY SEAL	*Treble.*	GEORGE EDWARDS	5.
FREDERICK WHIBLEY	2.	EDWIN SMITH	6
FREDERICK CURTIS*	3.	ERNEST EVEREST	7.
ELGAR KING	4.	GEORGE COOPER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

*First peal.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

WILLIAM FINCH	*Treble.*	EDGAR HUMFREY	5.
THOMAS PAYNE	2.	G. R. FARDON	6.
ALFRED FOX	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
HARRY HOLIFIELD	4.	WILLIAM STONE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the conductor's 750th peal of Stedman Triples, and was rung on the eve of his 74th birthday.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Saturday, January 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

WILLIAM GOODMAN*	*Treble.*	*THOMAS WATTON	6.
HERBERT SHEPPARD	2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE	7.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL	3.	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.	8.
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN.	4.	ALFRED ROWLEY	9.
HARRY GOODMAN	5.	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD	*Tenor.*

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by SAMUEL SPITTLE.

*First peal of Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Goodman, sen, and H. Goodman.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

JAMES RUMBLE	*Treble.*	ALFRED TRAPPITT	5.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT	2.	HARRY LAST	6.
DR A. B. CARPENTER	3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH	7.
CHARLES DEAN	4.	JOSEPH FAYERS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM SMITH.

This is J. Lambert's 50th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

Miscellaneous.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROYSTON.—On Sunday, October 7th, for evening service, 720 Single Court, B. Bowskill, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, A. Wilkerson, conductor. On Sunday, October 14th, for morning service 720 Oxford T. Bob, A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, A. King, B. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson (conductor), R. King. On Tuesday, October 16th, for practice, 720 City Delight, W. Darlow, S. Roberts, E. Bonnett, B. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson (conductor), R. King. First in the method on the bells, and by all the band. On October 23rd, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. F. Griffin, B. Bowskill, E. Bonnett, W. Darlow, S. Roberts, R. King conductor. On Sunday, October 28th, for morning service, 720 Duke of York. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. For evening service 720 College Single. H. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, R. King conductor. On Sunday, November 4th, for morning service, 720 Kent. B. Bowskill, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, A. Wilkerson conductor. For evening service 720 Oxford. H. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, W. Darlow conductor. On November 14th, 720 Woodbine. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, B. King. On Sunday, November 18th, for morning service, 720 Merchants' Return. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On November 20th, for practice, 720 City Delight. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, S. Roberts, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On Tuesday, December 18th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson, conductor, R. King. First in the method on the bells and by all the band. On Christmas morning, for early service, a quarter-peal of Minor (1260 changes), being 720 College Single, 360 Oxford Bob, and 180 Plain Bob. B. Bowskill, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, A. Wilkerson conductor. On New Year's Eve 720 Double Oxford. A. Gilbert, S. Roberts E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Tuesday, December 11th, 180 Double Oxford and 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Carter, F. Elliott, C. Gale, G. H. Carter, A. Phillips, W. H. Lawrence conductor. First 720 in the method on the bells and by the band. On Sunday, December 23rd, 360 Bob Minor. Arthur Phillips, A. Carter, C. Gale, A. Phillips, F. Elliott, W. H. Lawrenoe. On Sunday, December 30th, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. H. Lawrence, 1-2; C. Gale, F. Elliott, A. Phillips, Arthur Phillips. On Monday, December 31st, to ring in the new year, 360 Plain Bob Minor before 12 o'clock, and after 360 Bob Minor. Arthur Phillips, A. Carter, C. Gale, A. Phillips, F Elliott conductor, W. H. Lawrence. On Saturday, December 22nd, on handbells, a course of Grandsire Caters. C. Gale, 1-2; G. H. Barker, 3-4; W. H. Lawrence, 5-6; A. Phillips, 7-8; G. H. Carter, 9-10.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On December 31st, at midnight, at All Saints church, 1263 Stedman Caters, in 52 mins. J. W. Driver, C. Charge, J. Herbert, E. V. Harvey, W. E. Judd, J. Attwater, J. W. Kelley, H. Adams, W. T. Elson conductor, B. Harvey. Round at 12.15 a.m. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Adams.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARLOW (Essex).—On Sunday, December 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, the last 1344 of Holt's Original, in 50 mins. E. Parish, H. Perrin, R. Tabor, R. Strong, C. French, T. Ellis, W. Hobbs conductor, S. Lindsell.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Wednesday, December 26th, 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal. J. A. Trollope, R. H. Hayward, H. Borrett, C. Baker, W. Steggall, D. Hayward, H. W. Stanley, J. Betts, E. Borrett, F. Borrett.

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, December 29th, at St. Mary Magdalene, 4100 Stedman Triples. C. Baker, H. Borrett, F. Borrett, F. Roope, C. Roope, W. Roope, E. Borrett, A. Roope.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, December 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. S. T. White, F. W. Richardson, A. Bennington, J. Law, W. J. Jeffries conductor, H. E. White, J. E. Davis, C. D. Letzer.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PONTEFRACT (Yorks).—On Monday, December 3rd, at the parish church, 756 Stedman. T. Barker, H. Walters, J. Carter, S. Brook, T. Holder, J. Jackson, J. Fryer, W. Pearson conductor. Longest touch in the method by the ringers of 2, 5, 7. 896 Grandsire. A. Walker, H. Walters, W. Brook, J. Pease, T. Holder, T. Barker conductor, W. Pearson, J. Jackson. On Monday, December 10th, a plain course of Double Norwich (first by the company). J. Carter, W. Brook, F, Moody, T. Barker, A. Walker, J. Jackson, J. Fryer, W. Pearson. And 576 Kent. H. Walters (first touch in the method, W. Brook, W. Pearson conductor, J. Pease, T. Holder, J. Jackson, J. Fryer, F. Moody. On Saturday, December 8th, at All Saints' church, an attempt for Taylor's 6-part collapsed just after the half-way. B. Moody, W. Brook, W. Pearson, J. Pease, B. Watkinson, T. Barker conductor, J. Fryer, T. Houlder.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Christmas Day, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. G. Hollis conductor, A. Knights, G. Thompson, H. Kirk, G. Davies, S. Price, D. Farthing, W. J. Thyng, B. A. Knights, R. W. Collier. Rang to celebrate the 60th birthday of Mr. D. Farthing.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon).—On Christmas Day, for morning service at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. F. Charles, B. Millard, J. Bullen, S. Jones, J. Ford, A. Morgan, J. W. Jones conductor, S. Baiss.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGWATER (Somerset).—On January 1st, at St. Mary's church, in 47 mins. (between 12 and 1 a.m. to welcome the new year), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Evans, E. C. Sweet, C. Tottle, H. Boobier, Rev. W. M. K. Warren, A. O. Major, A. E. Coles conductor, A. C. Hydon.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—On Christmas morning, to celebrate the marriage of one of their number (Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen) to Miss Townsend, eight of his brother-ringers assembled and rang at St. Margaret's a short touch of Plain Bob Major, followed by firing of bells and Whittington's. C. H. Clarke, W. Motts, E. Pemberton, C. A. Catchpole, W. Tillett, W. Wood, J. Motts, R. H. Brundle. Conducted by J. Motts.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAYFIELD (Sussex).—On Christmas Eve, at the parish church, a half peal of Grandsire Doubles, 2520 changes, being twenty-one 6-scores, each called differently. R. T. Lade, A. R. Miles conductor, F. Eade, J. Bagley, T. Lade, A. Groombridge, E. R. Fenner. Longest length on the bells and by all the band.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—The following touches we rung during Christmas for the various service at the parish church: 720 Bob Minor, 254 Stedman Triples, 224 Bob Major, 168, 504, 350 Grandsire Triples, 287 Grandsire Caters. A peal of Stedman Triples was also attempted but lost. The following took part: Messrs. Neighbour, Phipps, Twitcher, Butler, Wheeler, Markham, Witham, Biggs, Boxall, Tucker, White, Wilkins, jun., Wilkins, sen., Coles, Hayes, Page, the five last conducting.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, January 6th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Michael's church, 1008 Stedman Triples. S. R. Roper, G. H. Sentance, F. Webb, H. E. Hammond, H. J. Collins, F. Rudkin, C. H. Howard conductor, H. Coote.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, December 16th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. W. Marklow, S. Burt, J. Lish, L. Payne, E. Lish first quarter-peal, C. Tyler, G. Payne conductor, A. Wedges.

HANLEY (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, November 28th, 742 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. J. Woodward, H. Allcock, W. Wade, A. Latham conductor, W. Harrison H. Cordell, C. Harp, J. Derbyshire. On Thursday, December 6th, 900 Grandsire Triples. J. Derbyshire, H. Allcock, A. C. Wright, J. Woodward, S. Sargeant, H. Cordall, A. Latham conductor, A. Lawton. On Saturday, December 8th, 240 Grandsire Minor. J. Derbyshire, H. Allcock, J. Woodward, A. Latham conductor, H. Cordall, S. Sargeant. On Sunday, December 9th, 504 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. F. Mountford, H. Allcock, A. Latham conductor, J. Woodward, S. Sargeant, H. Cordall, C. Mee, J. Derbyshire.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Tuesday, December 11th, for practice at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. G. Naish, J. H. B. Hesse, *A. Strutt, *J. Baldwin, J. Howes conductor, J. Chandler. Composed by C. Charge. *First quarter-peal in the method. Mr. J. Wright is 74 years of age, he having been a ringer at the above church for more than half a century.

(NUTFIELD (Surrey).—On Saturday, January 5th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, on the occasion of the funeral of Mr. J. Burkin, who had been a ringer in this tower for upwards of 60 years, a muffled 720 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Mayne, L. Killick, J. Tassell, T. Leeson, E. Snelling, F. Hawkins.

READING (Berks.)—On Sunday, December 30th, for evening service at St. Laurence's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. H. Holiday, E. Holloway, H. Runham, J. Fuller, F. Hopgood conductor, W. Runham, W. Newell, R. Dowsett. On New Year's Eve at 11.30, 504 in the same method, conducted by H, Runham. A few minutes before 12 o'clock, the Vicar (Rev. R. P. Newhouse), entered the belfry, and gave a short address to the ringers, wishing them success, and a happy new year. Then to usher in the new year, a touch was rung on the ten bells, the Vicar ringing the treble, and his curate (Rev. —. Symons) ringing the tenor.

REDDISH (Cheshire).—On Saturday, December 29th, on handbells, 180 Plain Bob Minor. W. Eckersley, 1-2; A. Barnes conductor, 3-4; A. Booth, 5-6. And 95 Grandsire Minor, standing as above. 120 each of Bob and Grandsire Doubles. A. Booth, 1-2; A. Barnes, 3-4; W. Eckersley, 5-6. On January 1st, at St. Elisabeth's church, to welcome the new year, 720 Plain Bob Minor, 7-8 covering. F. Lees, A. Barnes conductor, H. Smithson, A. Booth, T. Smithson, sen., W. Eckersley. First 720 by ringers of 1, 4 and 6.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, December 22nd, for practice, two 720s of Kent Treble Bob. First: J. Hall, W. Halford, R. Drage, A. Freeman, R. Cox, E. Gobey conductor. Second: A. Freeman, W. Halford, J. Hall conductor, R. Cox, R. Drage, E. Gobey.

STANTON-BY-DALE (Derbyshire).—On a recent Saturday, for practice, 1080 Bob Minor, 360 Kent, and courses of College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure. E. Scattergood, C. Tansley, F. Tansley, J. Hall, T. D. Thompson, E. Gobey.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, December 23rd, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 1280 Superlative Surprise Major. G. Best, J. Armstrong, H. E. Balaam, E. G. Tomlinson, N. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor. First quarter-peal in the method by the local society.

WEST DERBY (Liverpool).—On Tuesday, December 17th, at St. James's church, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. On Sunday, December 22nd, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor, both in 27 mins. R. Dilworth, J. Hudson, A. Taylor, W. Hargreaves conductor, R. Davies, J. Johnson.

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THE PEAL AT EPSOM.—JOSEPH A. LAMBERT'S 50 PEALS: Grandsire Triples 3; Grandsire Caters 3; Stedman Triples 29, conducted 6; Stedman Caters 2; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 4; Kent Treble Bob Major 7; Oxford Treble Bob Major 2. Total 50.

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RINGER'S WEDDING.

An interesting wedding took place at Southover church, Lewes, on Saturday, January 5th, the contracting parties being Mr. John Geall, eldest son of Mr. Edward Geall, of Waldron, and Miss Hannah Eliza Lawrance, second daughter of Mr. Alfred Lawrance, of Southover, Lewes. Mr. Geall and his father are members of the Sussex County Association of change-ringers. At the conclusion of the ceremony the local band rang various touches on the Southover bells in their honour.

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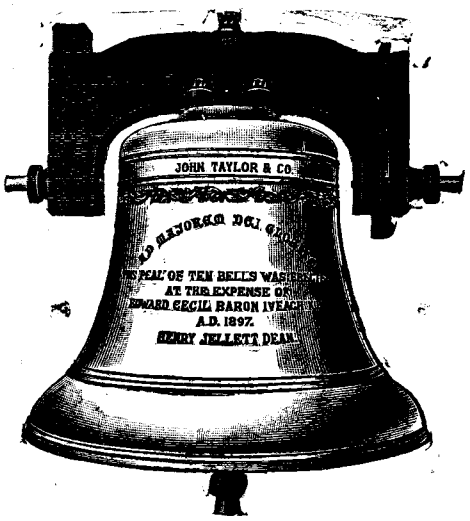

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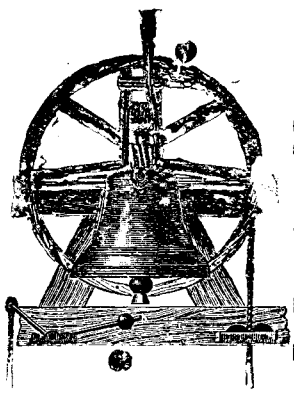

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