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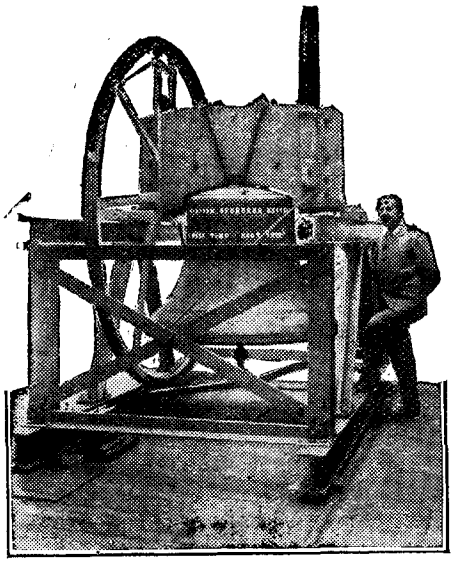

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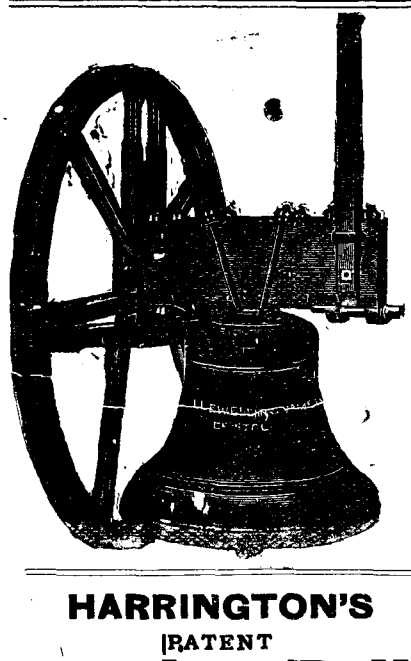

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THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

A good deal of success attended the experiment of holding an extra or third meeting for the year, with the object of bringing the above Guild into direct touch with the ringers of places not usually visited in connexion with the two regular meetings, which was carried out in North Devon on Saturday, February 2nd. The Guild bands sending representatives comprised St. David's, St. Sidwell's, and St. Thomas (Exeter), Heavitree, Lympstone, Littleham, Clyst St. George, Harpford, Kelly, and Plymstock. The towers visited were Lapford, Coleridge, Zeal Monachorum, Colebrooke, Morchard Bishop, and Down St. Mary. The bells at Lapford and Colebrooke were found to be badly in need of overhauling. At the other places, and especially at Coleridge (where Mr. Stokes, of Woodbury, carried out restoration last year), the bells went well. Scientific change-ringing was done at each tower, and in that way an attempt made to place before the local round and call change-ringers the advantages and possibilities of half-pull methods. The visitors were everywhere well received, and the excursions made by different parties were thoroughly enjoyed.

The whole of the representatives and as many of the local ringers as could accept invitations were entertained by the Guild to tea in the evening in Down St. Mary school. The President of the Guild (Rev. Maitland Kelly), presided, and there were also present the Rev. G. F. Molineux (Hon. Secretary, who made excellent arrangements for the convenience of the bands), and Canon Woodman (Rector of Down St. Mary). The company numbered about 50.

The President remarked that one of the objects of the meeting was to bring non-members into closer touch with the Guild. There had been an idea that the members of the Guild held aloof, but that was not by an means their desire, and their presence in the country parishes would, he hoped, do a great deal towards removing any false impression. He proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon and Mrs. Woodman, and to the clergy of the different parishes visited for their hearty welcomes.

The Rev. G. F. Molineux seconded. He said the Guild wished to extend its work among the ringers in the country parishes, and to bind ringers generally together in one common union. The Guild made liberal grants to bands attending meetings, provided teas at the socials, and gave assistance to bands in learning change-ringing, which offered endless scope for advancing, while rounds and call-changes marked the end of the tether under the old style of ringing.

The motion was carried. Canon Woodman in replying, said that if the Guild visited Down St. Mary at any future time he would try to give equally as hearty a welcome as on this occasion.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society was held on Saturday, January 10th, at the parish church, Stafford. Members began to muster up about four in the afternoon, when the bells were raised, and touches in various methods rang. A short service was held in the parish church at 5 o'clock, at which a very helpful address was given by the Rector of Stafford. An adjournment was then made to the Church Institute, where a good tea was found to be in readiness. Grace being said by the Rector, full justice was done to the good things provided. On looking round the tables it was found that the following towers were represented: Christ Church (West Bromwich); St. Peter's (Wolverhampton); St. Luke's (Blakenhall); Wednesbury, Walsall, Bloxwich, Cannock, Norton Canes and Stafford. Among the visitors were Mr. G. Wood, of the Potteries, and Mr. J. George, of Rugby.

A very hearty vote of thanks was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously to the Rector of Stafford for the use of the bells and the Institute; for the tea, and also for his very helpful words in the church.

The Rector, in replying, said that as the time went round, he should be only too pleased to welcome the Society again to Stafford.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

Saturday, February 2nd, saw a good number of members of the South-Eastern branch of the above Association assembled in the schoolroom, Boreham, where the Vicar (Rev. D. N. Yonge), had provided many good things to be partaken of, with as many cups of tea. At 5 o'clock a punctual start was made, and the changes rung in capital style for nearly an hour, when the Vicar called "stand" for grace, after which he proposed the health of the Association, and went on to say how glad he was to receive it at Boreham. He had completed twenty-one years' work at Boreham, and this was the first time he had been called on to entertain members of the Essex Association. Mentioning the tower and bells, which date back to the twelfth century, although there were but six bells, no doubt they had a history, and a list of some good performances rang on them. He was of the same opinion as an old ringer who was laid to rest but three months ago, that was that two trebles ought to be added. This old ringer (Joseph Young), several times promised him £5 if he would push it forward, but other repairs and additions to the church were first thought necessary. Now as the general wants of the interior had been supplied, he hoped in due course to get the additional two bells, but a lot depended on the architect, whether he thought the tower would carry two more bells. This tower has recently been strengthened with iron girders fixed in such a way that although the tower was twelve months ago unsafe, it is now quite firm. Speaking of his ringers during his time as Vicar of the parish, he had had some good, but still there were a few good ones to-day, who he hoped would keep up the reputation of the Boreham ringers.

The business of the meeting was then proceeded with, four new members being elected. Great Baddow, coupled with Danbury, were selected for the next meeting to be

held on May 4th. Mr. Judd then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. D. N. Yonge for his hospitality, and the way in which he had received the Association. Referring to the rev. gentleman's remarks as to the bells, and the increase from six to eight, he was strongly in favour of the old ringers for the addition of two to complete the octave, remarking that if bells when hung with the tenors in the centre, and the other bells round in proportion so as to distribute the weight, the tower of Boreham was strong enough to carry twenty bells. He also thanked the Rev. Canon Hulton for his presence there that day.

The Rev. D. N. Yonge rose again in reply to the few remarks made by Mr. Judd, and jokingly said if Mr. Judd got one bell, he would get the other. He quite agreed with the hanging of the bells with the tenors in the centre, as also had the architect (Mr. Chancellor), and he hoped in due course to have a peal of eight to compare with the other peals of eight in the district.

The ringers then adjourned to the tower, and successfully brought round touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent, Woodbine, New London and Cambridge Surprise Minor, 9 p.m. arriving all too soon, bringing a happy gathering to an end.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.

The quarterly meeting of the Midsomer Norton and district branch took place on Saturday, February 2nd, at Shepton Mallet. There was a good attendance of ringers from the towers at Midsomer Norton, Doulting. Frome, Leigh-on-Mendip, Camerton, Paulton and High Littleton, as well as the members of the Shepton Mallet Guild. In the first place the ringers ascended the tower, and rang various changes. Later they met, by invitation of the Rector, churchwardens, and Messrs. A. Marchant and J. Hodges, at tea at The Red Lion club room. The Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, president of the branch, presided, supported by the Rev. R. L. Jones, Mr. H. Rumsey and others. The minutes of the last meeting of the branch at High Littleton, at which the Shepton Mallet ringers were admitted as probationers were read and confirmed, and several new members and a probationer was admitted. Special mention was made of the valuable instruction given by Mr. Shearn voluntarily to the members of the Shepton Mallet tower, and the President also expressed the thanks of his tower to Mr. Shearn, whose only fault was that he so persistently refused every hospitality. They must all, he suggested, try their best to get him to modify his views in this respect.

Mr. Marchant, on behalf of the Shepton Mallet ringers, heartily concurred in the remarks of Mr. Honnywill. Shepton Mallet felt greatly indebted to him for the way in which he had come forward to help them, and they hoped he would continue to do so. They felt that under his instructions they should get on after a bit.

A discussion took place with regard to the proposed meeting to amend the rules of the Diocesan Guild.

Following the meeting a further peal was rung before the service, at which the sermon was preached by the Rev. R. L. Jones, Rector of the parish. The text was taken by the preacher from St. John ii. 5, "His mother said to the servants, Whatsoever He saith unto you do it." The direction to the servants was admirably applied to all church work, and especially that of the ringers and choir. The Rector, in a powerful manner, showed that there was nothing unmanly about religion, and there was no reason why all the work attached to it should be left to women. Christ chose men and men only for His work, and appointed them as apostles, and there was no excuse for men not following in their Master's footsteps. There was nothing more suitable to call forth their strength and vigour, and intelleet and manliness. The special hymns during the service included Tennyson's ringers' hymn. The bells were again rung at the close of the service.

Sundry minor matters were dealt with, and the chairman and secretary thanked for their services for the day, and the Rector and churchwardens for their hospitality.

SOUTHILL, BEDS.

On Saturday, January 26th, 1907, a successful combined practice was held at the church of All Saints, when members put in an appearance from Bedford, Clifton, Hitchin, Sandy, Southill and Warden, numbering eighteen, when some good ringing was done. It was proposed to hold the next monthly meeting at Clifton, and that peals in the future be rung as non-association, as the meetings are going to be run entirely free of any body. Several 720s were rung, and the bells were lowered in peal. One and all expressed themselves that this was the best meeting ever held in the county, and it is hoped members will peg away at the higher methods, and show what can be done. C.R.L.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

To commemorate the ringing of the peal of Treble Bob Maximus at Bow Church, Cheapside, on January 19th, the Rector, the Rev. A. W. Hutton, M.A., very kindly entertained the ringers of the peal at a dinner, at the Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on the 2nd inst.

After an excellent meal the following toasts were given: "The King," proposed by the Rev. A. W. Hutton; "The Ringers of the Peal," proposed by the Rev. A. W. Hutton, response by Mr. E. P. O'Meara (master of the society); "The Founders of the Bells," proposed by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, response by Mr. A. Hughes; "The Rector and Churchwardens of St. Mary-le-Bow," proposed by Mr. E. P. O'Meara, response by Mr. W. W. Thompson, senior churchwarden. The proceedings were further enlivened by songs, duets, etc., admirably rendered by the reverend chairman, and Messrs. G. Aylmer, A. Blair, F. Kemp, and H. Verney, with Miss Kate Limbert as a most accomplished accompanist, all of whom are members of the Bow church choir. Treble Bob Royal, Stedman Caters, and Cinques were rung on a fine set of handbells, kindly lent by Mr. Hughes. A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of Auld lang syne and the National Anthem.

ST. MARY ABBOTTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

The annual meeting and supper of the above Guild was held on Wednesday evening, January 30th, at the Church Hall. Ths Vicar presided, supported by Mr. Leach (churchwarden). A company of about thirty-five sat down, including the members of the Guild, with the Rev. —. Brown (Secretary), Mr. Pennefather (Treasurer), and a few ringing friends, viz., Messrs. Cockerill, Newton, and Winney (College Youths), and Messrs. Dains, Daniell, and Kentish Cumberlands). After supper the usual

toasts were proposed. The Vicar spoke of the ringers as important workers, modest, but noisy. He complimented the band on having a good teacher and conductor in Mr. Garrard, and thanked the members for the trouble taken during the past year.

Mr. Leach expressed his pleasure in being present. He said tnat he and his fellow-warden were pleased to do all they could for the ringers. He referred to new ropes and mufflers recently acquired, and to occasional visits paid to the belfry.

Mr. Daniell gave a short speech, in which he thought the ringers ought to be proud to think their church-warden visited the belfry. He never knew another one to do so.

Mr. Miles proposed "The Health of The Visitors," to which Messrs. Cockerill and Dains responded.

Mr. Garrard next read the report. He spoke of rather heavy expenses of the past year, including the re-hanging of the 9th. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire to London. Four peals were rung by the Guild, being one each of Double Norwich Major and Caters, Superlative Surprise, and Stedman Caters (the latter composed and conducted by H. G. Miles). The strength of the Guild at the end of the year was twenty-one ringing members.

The rest of the evening was spent in songs, recitations, handbell ringing, etc., the chief contributors to the programme being the Rev. —. Brown, Messrs. Cockerill, Daniell, Mackman, Miles, Newton, Selby, Stibbons, and Symonds, with Mr. Wright at the piano, and was brought to a close by singing "Auld lang syne" and the National Anthem.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

The following appeared in the *Melbourne Argus*, 13th April, 1905:—

"The St. Paul's Cathedral Society of Bellringers, at their quarterly meeting this week, resolvad to send a letter of congratulation to Mr. Wm. Shenton, of Armadale, on the attainment of his jubilee as a ringer in Australia. Mr. Shenton and Mr. C. Norman are the only survivors of the team who rang the first peal on the bells of St. James's Old Cathedral fifty years ago last month."

Mr. Wm. Shenton alluded to above died on the first of November last, aged 77. He was born at Hillingdon, Middlesex, where as a young man he was for some years one of the ringers. He left England for Australia in June, 1854, at the time of the beginning of the Crimean War. At that time the gold fever was at its height. He however did not go straight to the gold fields, but obtained employment around Melbourne, and after saving some money bought a piece of land in what is now known as Armadale, and on which some time after he built an house of his own, and where, in retirement, he finished his days, dying as above stated on the first of November last, leaving a widow and two daughters. He suffered for about two years from paralysis, which of course put an end to his ringing career. Almost every Sunday morning for many years he walked to Melbourne, a distance of five miles, to take part in the ringing before church service.

He commenced ringing in Melbourne on the last Sunday in February, 1855, since when he has taken part in the ringing at almost all the public festivals in Melbourne, as also going on ringing tours in distant parts of the Colonies.

In "The Bell News" of 31st May, 1890, appears an account of the Society of Victorian Bellringers then on a ringing tour in Sydney, ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Philip's, Sydney, on April 9th, 1890, Mr. Shenton ringing the treble.

At Christmas, 1891, a party of eight went for a fortnight on a ringing excursion to Tasmania, 277 miles by sea to Launceston, and 133 by rail to Hobart, the capital, at one time a convict settlement. At this time he states: "If in my youn gdays in England anyone had told me I should live to ring a peal of 5040 changes in Van Dieman's Land, I should have thought him mad."

The Melbourne ringers were always taken kindly to by Bishop Goe and his wife, who once a year had them at their residence, Bishop's Court, to a good hot supper, and to spend the evening together, with some of their church brethren.

On the King's birthday, 1902, he went with others to Ballarat 100 miles up country, to assist in ringing a peal. On the occasion of the Prince of Wales's (now King) wedding in 1863 they were ringing for eight days, not including Sundays. When the Mail came in they started on spec, and then went to the Corporation about it, and they offered £12 to ring every day till the holiday was over. The ringers took their offer, and continued ringing morn, noon and night. Their expenses were light, and they got on first-rate, especially as a brewery was close at hand, at which they could get drink at any time. They also had a grand dinner given to them.

Mr. Shenton's ringing sometimes took a somewhat peculiar turn. For instance, about 1864, at the Theatre Royal, where Barry Sullivan held sway in *Faust*, the ringers were in requisition, but bells suitable for theatrical purposes were not easy to get in Melbourne; six only were obtained, and with difficulty. The largest was about 140 pounds in weight. It was a hard matter to get them in tune; they were hung up high, and a piece of string tied to the clappers, and then chimed away.

Subsequently they obtained an engagement at the Haymarket Theatre, where they wanted a peal of bells in a burlesque, but after trying Melbourne all over they could not obtain any that would do. They however got four of those they had at the Royal, but the others were sold. The next day they took a peal of very large handbells to try them, but nothing was settled, some thought they made noise enough, while others thought they did not. Well, after all they managed by the day of opening to rake up a peal of eight bells, the largest about 2 cwt., the smallest about 25 lbs., but as they could not get them rigged up in time for the first night, they started on the handbells, and a pretty mess they made. In the first place they had to ring when the band played, and two or three dozen people on the stage shouting with all their might. Next they had about three masters to tell them when to start and when to leave off, and they could not agree among themselves; so one would start them off and another would come and stop them directly. Altogether they had about five short turns, but I don't think it mattered much, for there was too much noise altogether; but bad as I thought our performance, I know some of the actors made a worse mess of it. But to-morrow, when the papers came out, *The Argus* will have such a long rigmarole about it, praising it up at all points. On the bills that are stuck about it reads: "The brilliant Campanalogians will produce some striking effects on their grand peal of eight bells." Striking, indeed, I thought, when I read it; it will be striking, and so it proved. Incidently be mentions that when Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kean were at the Haymarket, in spite of newspaper puff, failure attended them, and the bailiffs were put in the Theatre, from the inside of which everything was sold, including Kean's wardrobe.

Besides ringing he took an active part in cricket, playing in many matches both in Melbourne and elsewhere. Showing him to have been an active and busy man, he instances that one week's employment embraced the making of seven gallons of wine from fruit grown in his own garden, worked three-and-a-half days, played in two cricket matches, attended five rehearsals at the Theatre, besides doing his own cooking. He also at differeni times went to the goldfields, twice to New Zealand, but always returned to his little freehold at Armadale, and where he so recently ended his dsys.

Mr. Shenton came to England once only, in 1861, and at Hillingdon met some of his old pals, and rang several peals with them. Altogether he was a ringer for about sixty years. S.

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MEMOIR OF THE LATE JASPER W. SNOWDON.

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In February, 1872, Jasper Snowdon commenced to write on change-ringing in *Church Bells*, saying, "when the first difficulties of the Art are overcome, a new and glorious field for recreation, and also for scientific research is opened, which will amply repay the student for any expenditure of trouble at the outset." He closes this letter by quoting the text "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." His first essays were on "The in-and-out-of-course" of the changes, in December, 1873, a subject which to the non-ringing world may sound a little bewildering, and which, indeed, formed the basis of, and was brought before the American world some years after as the "fifteen puzzle." Even when busy with an abstruse subject the comic side of his character is seen by glancing at a footnote—in his own handwriting—to be found in his bound volume of *Church Bells*, underneath the following letter: "I wish to return my heartfelt thanks to Mr. Snowdon, for the explanation of 'In-and-out-of-course,' given by him in *Church Bells*, from which I have received much benefit." "*Rather like a patent medicine testimonial! J. W. S.*" In 1874, he wrote the "History of Grandsire Triples," and also on "The proof of Treble Bob Major." Early in 1875 we find him writing on the "Surprise Peals"—historically as it were; and in September of the same year he reports on the very interesting ringing MSS. of Dr. Mason, Fellow—in the middle of last century— of Trinity College, Cambridge. Early in 1876 he began an attack on the piratical habits of a certain class of composers of peals, which he designated "peal snatching." March, 1876, shows him writing articles on "Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Royal, etc.," and later on in the same year on "Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob;" and also on handbell peals—five thousand and upwards. Before 1876 closed, he was busy writing articles upon, and making interesting extracts from Annable's MSS., which had then just been brought to light by that great and indefatigable searcher after bell matter, the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, M.A. This Devonshire clergyman and well-known writer on bells, has since been gathered to his rest at the grand old age of 96, a great contrast to the shorter life here being noticed. In 1877 he contributed articles on "Barham's Peal Book." The Easter week of that year he and his friend Mr. Robert Tuke spent in London, during the greater part of which they were engaged in the British Museum, copying MSS. One result of their labours was the publication of "An account of the Society of Union Scholars, established 1713," which gives many interesting particulars of that Society, and also its rules and peal book.

In August, 1878, he was one of a band of amateurs invited by C. A. W. Troyte, Esq., to Huntsham Court, his seat in Devonshire, for a week's change-ringing; in addition to his host, he here met Captain J. E. Acland-Troyte, Rev. R. H. D. Acland-Troyte, Leonard Proctor, Esq.—the well-known veteran ringing squire—Rev. A. du B. Hill, G. H. Phillott, Esq., C. D. P. Davies, Esq.—(now Rev.)—and W. B. Fulford, Esq. In the September of the same year he wrote articles on "The proof of the Surprise Peals," and at the end of the same year published his first book "A Treatise on Treble Bob," which a competent critic said "dealt more clearly with the mathematical side of change-ringing than any other work previously issued." This was followed towards the end of the same year by Part II. of this same Treatise, a production which is a marvel of perseverance and methodical arrangement, and which ranks as a standard work, requisite as a reference book for all composers and conductors in the method.

In 1879, he turned his attention to writing an elementary work which he intended as an offset to balance his failure in first learning to ring; to this he gave the name of "Rope-Sight." This, then in its 3rd (now 5th) edition is, says the *Biographical Magazine*, "*the* text book for learners, and has been adopted as such by the societies of change-ringers which now exist among the undergraduates of the two great English Universities."

In 1880 he contributed an article to the *Leisure Hour* on the great American "Fifteen Puzzle" already mentioned. This had been brought under his notice one evening by a clergyman who had married an American lady, and whose friends had sent it over as the latest novelty. Having got to 13, 15, 14, and feeling satisfied that this was a final result, he left it for the night saying he would think it over. Early next morning, without any further trial, he pronoueced it to be a very interesting practical example of the laws of the "In-and-out-of-course" of the changes now so well known to the scientific ringer. At the beginning of 1881 he produced "Standard Methods" as a second work for learners, he himself having found great assistance in mentally retaining different methods by the aid of coloured diagrams. This has also become a standard work, more especially for beginners who have mastered "Rope Sight." The publication of this work, which is in its 2nd (now 4th) edition is said to have "greatly raised the number of methods which a good ringer is expected to know." In this year he was chosen to unveil a monument to the late William Harrison, at Mottram, which ceremony he performed on Saturday, July 2nd, in the presence of the Right Rev. Bishop Kelly, Archdeacon of Macclesfield; the Rev. J. R. C. Miller, Vicar of Mottram; and a large assembly of ringers and members of the Oddfellows' Society, when he paid a warm tribute to the worth and labours of that veteran ringer and composer.

He is then found enlisting the sympathy of ringers towards another veteran, Henry Hubbard, whose name, as an author and composer, will long be remembered by the Exercise. This fine old specimen of the last generation of ringers was too old and feeble for work, and as fortune had dealt very sparingly with him, this interest was well-timed. About this period his denunciation of "peal-snatching" was again very severe; but it may be pointed out that he did not in all cases condemn composers for wilful piracy, but rather for allowing themselves to remain so grossly ignorant of what others had done, thus allowing themselves to travel over the same ground. Part II. of "Treble Bob" was specially designed to throw light on the standard compositions of that method.

Up to this time he had written chiefly in the columns of *Church Bells*, the well-known popular church paper, edited by the Rev. Canon Erskine Clarke, the bell-ringing portion being then under the more immediate editorship of the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, already referred to. Now, however, another paper—"THE BELL NEWS," entirely devoted to ringing had been started, which had more space at its disposal, and, consequently it commended itself to his pen. In these latter columns, in 1882, he began writing on the method of "Double Norwich Court Bob," which he considered the best of all the plain methods. These articles were interspersed with others on "Notable performances on 5 and 6 bells," "Long lengths in more than one method," and "Peals of more than 10,000 changes, and the continuation of a classification of Treble Bob Peals. In 1883 he was engaged in re-writing articles on "Grandsire Triples" in this paper; and in 1884 he followed with articles on "Stedman's Principle," and in 1885 sent further revised contributions on the "Surprise Peals." These last his death cut short. At the end of 1884 he had re-written and published in book form his "Double Norwich Court Bob Major," and at the time of his death the first chapters of "Grandsire" were in the printer's hands for issue in a similar form. In addition to all this writing, intended for the Exercise, he from time to time contributed articles to the magazines specially written with the object of popularising and explaining to the outer world interesting points in change-ringing.

Whilst dealing with his writings, it is worth while noticing the power he had of commanding the confidence of nearly all the leading ringers of the day. Almost every one of note corresponded with him, and fearlessly gave him their thoughts and opinions, knowing that he would deal honourably with the interests of all concerned. As an instance of his fairness, in the preface to his "Treatise on Treble Bob" he writes: "I must acknowledge the hearty thanks I shall always owe to my earliest instructor in the science of ringing—Mr Henry Hubbard, and also to my friends Mr. Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, Mr. William Harrison, of Mottram, and to Messrs. James and Tom Lockwood, of Leeds, who, with an untiring patience, a frankness and willingness I have never otherwise met with, have always been willing to answer my many questions, and also to impart whatever they knew to me. Anyone who may, therefore, learn anything from the following pages must remember that it is to these men, and not to myself, that they are indebted for

the means of obtaining such information." His power of unearthing and investigating facts and carefully weighing them, is perhaps best, or at any rate most interestingly, shown in this history of Grandsire Triples.

(To be continued.)

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."

RE-METHOD CLASSIFICATION.

SIR,—In a recent issue of "THE BELL NEWS," I observe Mr. Henry Dains introduced two eight-bell Surprise Methods, *i.e.* Islington and Albion Imperial, and also one six-bell Surprise Method, which he transposed from Primrose Treble Bob. In the latter I am very sorry to point out that he has only reproduced Cambridge Surprise as shewn in Standard Methods. Although it must be grieving to spend both thought and time to no avail, yet I hope Mr. Dains will replace this with another one or more, as I contend there is more need for six-bell Surprise Methods than any other. I endorse Mr. Dains' request for Mr. W. Snowdon to return to this subject, and kindly ask if he will give his opinion on my last composition, *i.e.* Chester-le-Street Surprise, and also upon the following which I have transposed from Cambridge Surprise, having completed it on January 22, 1907, (the King's accession). I accordingly name it King Edward Surprise. The following are the figures:

King Edward Surprise.

123456	621435	523416	513426
	264153	532461	154362
214365	624513	354216	514632
124635	265431	534126	156423
216453	256413	351462	
261435	524631	354126	P.154632L.
624153	254361	531462	B.154263L.

P.S.—The calling is the same as Cambridge Surprise.

J. ROBINSON.

A STRANGE LETTER.

SIR,—Happening to read through some back numbers of your excellent paper, which I always study week by week, I came across a speech made at some ringers meeting, by a well-known member of the Exercise, who made the remark that bell-ringing is better than football for young men. I think this is a most untrue statement. Is not football the greatest game played in our country. I think that I shall receive the support of all when I say that football is more beneficial to young men than bell-ringing, and that it is every whit as difficult to master. Finally, it is absolutely impossible for some people to become good footballers, while everyone without exception can learn to become a change-ringer, provided they stick to it and try. Now I am not writing from one point of view, because I play football and am a change-ringer. Hoping you will publish this, so that I may hear opinions of other members of the Exercise.

G. MACFARLANE.

BOW BELLS AND DICK WHITTINGTON PANTOMIMES IN THE PROVINCES.

SIR,—Possessing a splendid peal of musical bells, which have been carried in more than one pageant, including the one at Lichfield, I conceived the idea of introducing them into the provincial pantomimes of Dick Whittington, of which there are a number, yet not one of them grappled the idea of having the bells on a car tor street parade, playing tunes or peals *en route*, although as the bells of Bow, they would have been a novel mode of advertising the show. Not only this plan but also another, is that of playing the bells from the front of the theatre at opening time, as well as on and off the stage in certain scenes, each and all in good time before the approach of Christmas, but the results were nil. One manager was going to do something tremendous in the matter of bells; he was going to have some as heavy as church bells, so as to be heard above a brass band on the stage, but the beauty of the whole thing is that the bells, brass band, and the orchestra were to go at it all at one time. Could a madman conceive anything more likely to create a panic on the opening night. The effect of quickly clearing the theatre after securing the treasury may be all right, but to be serious, would any brass band submit to such an arrangement?

BOW BELLS.

PITY THE POOR BELL-RINGERS!

SIR,—Every year (August) there is a big floral fete takes place at Shrewsbury. Now at the foot of one bill, about three years old, which I have before me, is a notice that no bell-ringers will be admitted. Why this should be passes my comprehension, because all musicians appearing there are engaged and paid for. Besides it is a gala affair, money being charged at the entrances. In another case, at Grantham, an outdoor fete and gala was announced last year. Being an artist on bells, I offered myself for engagement, and was taken aback with the request to send five shillings, and in return I could have a stand for my use and make collections among the people. This you will admit was rather rich for a gate money affair, to drag my heavy plant all that way, pay travelling expenses, and pay five shillings for the privileges of contributing to the amusement of the people, who had already paid their entrance money to the grounds, and therefore were entitled to hear and see everything provided free from any further charge. I am afraid that in a good many instances the secretaries of outdoor fetes do not lay before their committees many applications for engagements, but reject them on their own initiative.

BELL-RINGER.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Referring to the alleged long peal at Mottram, can no one—Canon Helmore, for instance—give some account of the long peals (24,800 and 40,320) commemorated in the belfry of (Kentish) Leeds? I found the exploit some years ago firmly believed in by the men of Kent.

OLD RINGER.

SIR,—Is there any gentleman who would be kind enough to tell me the composers of these two 720s of Grandsire Minor?

(1) 23456		(2) 23456	
65243	1	65243	1
*23654	2	34625	1
45263	1	52364	1
36425	1	34526	2
52346	1		
36524	2	Eleven times repeated,	
P.L. 34256	2	with single instead of	
Five times repeated.		bob at 1st, 4th, 8th and	
*Single in third and last parts.		9th part-ends.	

Also I should be glad of any other 720s in this method.

R. G. RICE.

SURPRISE MINOR.

SIR,—In your last issue of the 2nd instant, a Mr. Severn states that he has been in possession for two years of Chester-le-Street Surprise Minor, as produced by me through the medium of your paper on the 19th ult. Now it is an easy matter to make a statement like the above, but if Mr. Severn can prove he has given publicity to those figures previously, in any practical way, then I will willingly give him the preference, but not otherwise. Not that I am particularly proud of them, because as Mr. Severn must know, providing he compiled the figures, that the bell which has been on the front for a whole lead, on a bob being called, makes four blows in 4ths, 3rds, and in, where it remains for that lead. Thus at a bob, one bell is practically two whole leads on the front, but as Mr. Snowdon in his article on Surprise Minor, December 22, 1906, did not touch on this point, I thought it worth while to submit same. On the 28th ult., I submitted one more, *i.e.* King Edward Surprise, which has at a bob one bell in the middle for two whole leads. The same appears in this week's "BELL NEWS," and on which I kindly ask Mr. Snowdon's opinion.

J. ROBINSON.

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The majority of ringers, we think, would never for one moment have essayed to make the slightest comparison between the Art of Change-Ringing and the game of football. Yet we find a writer in this number actually asserting that "football is more beneficial to young men than bell-ringing, and that it is every whit as difficult to master. It is absolutely impossible for some people to become good footballers, while everyone without exception can learn to become a change-ringer, provided they stick to it and try." Remarkable! We emphatically deny all this. To mention football in connection with change-ringing in this manner is almost a sacrilege. If we look at the surroundings of the former and its general environment, we shall see in change-ringing things notably dissimilar.

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Conducted by W. NYE.

First peal by all the band except the ringer of the 2nd. W. Tickner was elected a member previous to starting.

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*First peal, and first attempt. Rung on the 74th birthday of Mr. J. Wright, the band wishing him many happy returns.

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On Thursday, January 31, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

FREDERICK C. HILL*	*Treble.*	FRANK BENNETT	5.
HENRY STALHAM*	2.	†WILLIAM H. ALLFREY	6.
HERBERT RANN	3.	†PHILIP ALLFREY	7.
GEORGE H. HOWSE	4.	EDMUND H. LINDUP	*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Major. †First peal in the method.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHISE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 31, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

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

Composed by JOSEPH PIGOTT, and Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLER.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Lewis, who was a ringer at the above church for over thirty years. He was interred in the cemetery at Selly Oak.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 31, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANK A. SPARSHOTT	*Treble.*	HENRY F. ELLIOTT	5.
EDWIN T. GREEN	2.	ALBERT BEST	6.
CHARLES FORFITT	3.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH	7.
CHARLES HUGHES	4.	GEORGE PRESTON	*Tenor.*

Conducted by E. T. GREEN.

This was the quarterly peal of the Christchurch district.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

CUTHBERT WHITE	*Treble.*	*WALTER J. TUBB	6.
FRANK TUBB	2.	STEDMAN WHITE	7.
FREDERICK WHITE, SEN.	3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD	8.
EDGAR HUMFREY	4.	RICHARD WHITE	9.
HARRY HOLIFIELD	5.	FREDK. WHITE, JUN.	*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

*First peal of Caters.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, February 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

EDWARD ISAAC STONE	*Treble.*	HARRY WAKLEY	6.
WILLIAM JAMES SMITH*	2.	*EDMUND WILLIS	7.
CHARLES DRAPER	3.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN	8.
FREDERICK JAMES COPE	4.	GEORGE ROBINSON	9.
LEONARD BULLOCK*	5.	JAMES HENRY GALLIMORE	*Tenor.*

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 10. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT DUCKWORTH	*Treble.*	JOSEPH RIDYARD	5.
ARTHUR RIDYARD	2.	RICHARD RIDYARD	6.
ROBERT WALLWORK	3.	JAMES H. RIDYARD	7.
TITUS BARLOW	4.	THOMAS PEERS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JAMES H. RIDYARD.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-ON-THE-HILL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE JONES	*Treble.*	ROBERT SPERRING	5.
JAMES V. WRIGHT	2.	JOHN W. DAVIES	6.
HENRY W. WILDE	3.	JAMES MORGAN	7.
FRANK MILTON	4.	THOMAS ROWLAND	*Tenor.*

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER, and Conducted by R. SPERRING.

First peal in the method by the Guild. First in the method by all except the ringer of the 3rd.

CLAPHAM, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt.

ISAAC HILLS	*Treble.*	JOHN W. BARKER	4.
WILLIAM J. DAVISON	2.	FRANK WEBB	5.
CHARLES CHASTY	3.	HARRY TYSOE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

Reference elsewhere.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

EDWIN J. PANNETT	*Treble.*	GEORGE PENFOLD	6.
RICHARD W. HOATHER	2.	WILLIAM PALMER	7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT	3.	ROBERT J. DAWE	8.
HERBERT RANN	4.	ALFRED J. TURNER	9.
GEORGE ADES	5.	ERNEST W. TUGWOOD	*Tenor.*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by HERBERT RANN.

ASTON, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

SAMUEL PAGE	*Treble.*	GEORGE H. BARKER	4.
FREDERICK ELLIOTT	2.	CHARLES GALE	5.
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE	3.	ALBERT PHILLIPS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by ALBERT PHILLIPS.

First peal on the bells. The Rev. H. Oddy visited the tower and kindly invited the band to the Rectory for refreshments, which were gratefully partaken of.

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

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. in D.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Treble.*	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	5.
JOHN W. WHITING	2.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	6.
HARRY BARTON	3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	7.
WILLIAM T. TUCKER	4.	KEITH HART	*Tenor.*

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Major rang in the borough of Southampton.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Februarv 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26¼ cwt.

JAMES TULETT	*Treble.*	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	5.
WILLIAM HAIGH	2.	JOSEPH E. GRENSTED	6.
THOMAS MANNERING	2.	WILLIAM HARPER	7.
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	4.	WILLIAM J. WALKER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, and in the city of Rochester.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN KELLEY	*Treble.*	HORACE PALETHORPE	4.
WILLIAM KELLEY	2.	JOSEPH NORTH	5.
RICHARD PORTER	3.	GEORGE SCOTT	*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE ST. ALBANS DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Canterbury and Plain Bob, and one each of Oxford, College Single and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM LL. OLIVER	*Treble.*	N. WALLACE	4.
REV. A. G. LANGDON	2.	H. WALLACE	5.
E. SAGGERS	3.	B. PATMORE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by B. PATMORE.

This is the first peal rung by a Great Munden society, and also the first peal by any of the above members.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

A. BARKER*	*Treble.*	H. EMERY	4.
A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM	2.	J. T. BARKER	5.
W. SMITH†	3.	E. CLAYDON	*Tenor.*

Conducted by E. CLAYDON.

*First peal of Minor, †First peal.

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

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 4, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

HERBERT HOLMES	*Treble.*	JAMES FLOYD	5.
WILLIAM H. NEWELL	2.	CHARLES GOLDING	6.
HORACE FLOYD	3.	HARRY GOLDING	7.
WILLIAM J. NEWELL	4.	*RALPH PATTERTON	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. NEWELL.

*First peal.

EXETER, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY, EXETER.)

On Monday, February 4, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. WEBBER†	*Treble.*	ARTHUR W. SEARLE	5.
CHARLES CARTER	2.	†HARRY B. KINDERTLEY	6.
FRANK DAVEY	3.	JAMES MOSS	7.
JAMES VANSTONE†	4.	†FRANK GARDNER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by ARTHUR W. SEARLE.

First peal by the Society. †First peal.

Date Touches.

CALVERLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, February 3rd, for Divine Service, a date touch of 1907 London Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 10 mins. T. Binns, E. Keighley, W. Hollings, W. Popplewell, S. Wheatley, F. Waller, C. Pratt conductor, F. Page.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, February 3rd, at 51 George Street. on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. R. Pye, 1-2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4; W. Watson, 5-6; T. Loosemore, 7-8. Composed and conducted by A. J. Perkins. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Sunday, January 6th, for morning service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Robinson, R. W. Hyner, A. Lawrence, S. Palmer, J. H. Shepherd, E. Bishop conductor, C. J. Gardiner, A. W. Harrington. For evening service 504 Stedman Triples. R. W. Hyner, O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence, S. Palmer, T. Robinson, E. Bishop, C. J. Gardiner conductor, O. Norman. On January 29th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Robinson, A. Lawrence, S. Palmer, R. Thompson, C. J. Gardiner, O. Norman conductor, R. W. Hyner, A. W. Harrington. Also 336 Double Norwich Major. R. Thompson, R. W. Hyner, A. Lawrence, S. Palmer, T. Robinson, O. Norman. C. J. Gardiner, E. Bishop conductor. First touch in the method by all except the conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

OAKLEY, NEAR BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Monday, January 29th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. Mrs. Steedman, †Rev. F. G. Hume, H. White conductor, J. Ballard, *E. Lodge, W. Hunt. *First 720. †First 720 away from the treble. First 720 by a Rector of the parish on his own bells.

THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

EXETER.—On Sunday, January 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Monkley, W. Drake, W. Mogridge, T. Mudge, E. Sargeant, F. Murphy, E. Shepherd conductor, W. Acreman.

On January 31st, 1259 Grandsire Caters. W. Drake, F. Davey. E. Shepherd conductor, C. Carter, W. Mogridge, T. Mudge, E, Sargent, F. Murphy, J. Moss, W. Richardson. On February 3rd, 543 Stedman Caters. E. Shepherd conductor, F. Davey, W. Mogridge, C. Carter, W. Drake, T. Mudge, E. Sargent, F. Murphy, J. Moss, W. Richardson.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday, November 25th, at All Saints church, to commemorate the heroic deeds of two Cardiff lads at Stone Cutter Island, Hongkong, one being the son of W. W. Canter, one of the ringers, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Carter's twelve-part. J. Bullen, A. Morgan, H. Day, M. Lewis, W. W. Canter, Sergt. Dawe, W. Coombes conductor, T. Baiss.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

WEST END (Southampton).—On Sunday evening, February 3rd, at the residence of Mr. G. Williams, on handbells, 504 Grandsire Triples. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; H. Barton, 3-4; G. Williams conductor, 5-6; W. H. Fussell, 7-8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SANDAL (Yorks).—On Saturday, February 2nd, at the parish church, 720 each of Oxford, Kent and Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 18 mins. W. Illingworth conductor, F. Ward, A. Audsley, F. Cole, E. Marsden, J. Bennett.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINSLADE (Bucks).—On Sunday, February 3rd, for afternoon service, a course of Bob Minor and two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. Mayne, F. Vickers, C. Rollings, A. Vickers, F. Redrup, W. Jeffs.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, January 10th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 1056 Bob Major. A. Jordan, G. Gray, T. Jordan, H. Little, T. J. Watts, J. Luckey, G. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. Rung in honour of T. Jordan's birthday. On Wednesday, January 16th, for practice, 704 New Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Gray, W. Prior, H. J. Tucker, T. Jordan, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, G. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, January 23rd, for practice, 588 Penning's Place Triples. G. Gray, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, W. T. Prior. On Wednesday, January 30th, for practice, 608 Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Gray, W. Prior, T. Jordan, W. Watts, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, H. J. Tucker, G. Jordan conductor. 588 Penning's Place Triples. G. Gray, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, H. J. Tucker. 320 Double Norwich Major. A. Jordan, T. J. Watts, J. Luckey, W. Prior, H. J. Tucker, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, February 3rd, for morning service, 672 Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Gray, H. Little, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, January 13th, at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, Johnson's 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 34 mins. E. Mullins, R. Duckner, J. Porter, J. Collett, C. Mackenzie, W. Ellis conductor, A. Hackley, G. W. Ellis.

CHIPPENHAM (Wilts).—On Tuesday evening, January 22nd, at St. Paul's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. *A. Hull, W. Ellis, S. Wiltshire, A. Knight, T. Daniels, W. Hulbert, F. Merrett, *M. Merrett. *First quarter-peal of Triples.

MORTON (Lincolnshire).—On Wednesday evening, January 30th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. A. Holmes, J. Lake, C. Neverson, A. Larkinson, J. Osborne, T. L. Bainbridge conductor. 720 Superlative Surprise. A. Larkinson, J. Lake, C. Neaverson, A. Holmes, J. Osborne, T. L. Bainbridge conductor. An attempt was also made for 720 London Surprise, but it came to grief in the last part. A. Larkinson, J. Lake, C. Neaverson, A. Holmes, J. Osborne, T. L. Bainbridge conductor. During the year 1906 seventy-six complete 720s have been rung in the following methods: London Surprise 1, Cambridge Surprise 4, Superlative Surprise 2, Oxford Treble Bob 18, Kent Treble Bob, 16, Bob Minor 17, Double Court 9, Double Oxford 5, Single Court 3, College Single 1.

SOUTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Sunday evening, February 3rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins. G. Williams conductor, A. Marks, C. J. Fray, C. Valentine, H. Barton, W. T. Tucker.

SHIPLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, February 3rd, for Divine Service a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Triples, in 45 mins. J. Joyce, E. Murgatroyd, T. B. Kendall conductor, J. Ross, W. Joyce, F. London, J. Broadley, E. Wichkam.

Obituary.

WILLIAM PEAD.

We have to record the death, in his eighty-first year, of this veteran change-ringer, after a long illness. He commenced his ringing career about 1845, at St. Nicholas, Deptford, under the auspices of the Society of Trinity Youths, and although no record has been kept of his performances, it may be safely said that he took part in upwards of fifty peals of Grandsire Triples. The funeral took place on Monday, February 4th, the first portion of the burial service being said at St. Mary's Church, Rotherhithe, of which he had been beadle for over twenty years. The aged Rector, Canon E. J. Beck, M.A., officiated, and a fairly large number of parishioners attended. The Society of Trinity Youths was represented by Mr. Pead's former pupil, Frederick W. Thornton, and William Weatherstone, a life-long friend. Canon Beck, in a brief address, paid a touching tribute to the worth of deceased, who, he said, was a thorough Christian and earnest communicant. He set a bright example to many, as, when he had finished calling others to the services, he never failed to attend himself, and was never absent from Holy Communion. The hymn "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds" (a great favourite of the deceased's) was sung, and the service brought to a close with the playing of the Dead March in Saul. The interment took place at Brockley. The usual whole pull and stand was rung at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, by the local company, and at St. Nicholas, Deptford, old associates and others rang a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in fifty minutes: George Rawlings, Frederick W. Richardson, William Weatherstone (conductor), Thomas Taylor, Frederick W. Thornton, Joseph Law, William J. Jeffries, Frank Howell.

MRS. JAMES BARRATT (of Eccles, Lancashire).

It is with feelings of deep regret we record the death of the above lady, the esteemed and beloved wife of Mr. James Barratt, the genial captain of the Eccles parish church ringers. Her death took place on Monday, January 28th, after a brief but painful illness, and much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved family. The funeral took place on Thursday, January 31st, in the churchyard of Eccles parish church, and in addition to the members of the family and other mourners, comprised several ringing friends from the surrounding district, as well as a goodly number of the general public, who thus testified their sympathy with the family. Truly can it be said of her that she was a true and loyal helpmeet to her husband, sharing his trials and rejoicing in his successes in peal-ringing. She was borne to her last resting place by the following members of the Lancashire Association: H. Chapman, S. Greenhalgh, J. Gregory (Pendleton), R. Ridyard (Worsley), and Messrs. A. and C. Trippier (Eccles). The service was conducted by the Rev. W. Gifford, curate. In the evening the bells were rung half muffled, as a tribute of respect, and a touch of 896 changes of Grandsire Triples was brought round, followed by the usual whole pull and stand, by J, R. Pritchard, P. Jackson, T. Grattan, H. Chapman, S. Greenhalgh, J. Gregory, R. Ridyard (conductor), A. Trippier. The writer cannot close this notice without conveying to Mr. Barratt and family (on behalf of all ringers who have come in contact with him), their deep sorrow and sympathy in his loss, knowing as we all do, it can be truly said of her "Her children rise up and call her blessed." May she rest in peace.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St, Michael's, Cornhill, on the 12th; St Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 21st and March 7th; at St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 26th; and at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 28th, all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th inst.

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

The Royal Cumberland Society. — The usual practice will be continued at St. Martin-in-the-Fields during Lent. Next meeting February 18th at 8 p.m. A JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*
10, *St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.*

The London County Association late the St James' Society.—Established 1824.—The annual general meeting will be held to-day, Sat., February 9th, at St. Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea, S.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Special ringers' service in the church at 6 p.m., when probably the address will be delivered by the Ven. Archdeacon Bevan. Immediately after the service tea will be kindly given by the Ven. Archdeacon Bevan in the Mission Room, Onslow Dwellings, Pond Place, near the church, to all those who notify me not later than Tuesday, February 5th. Business meeting to follow. The tower will then be open till 9 p.m. A social will afterwards be held at The Builders Arms, Britton Street.

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

The Essex Association.—South Western Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, to-day, Sat., Feb. 9th. Bells available from 3 30 p.m.

GEO. A. BLACK, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
5, *Grove Crescent, Woodford.*

The All Saints Society, Fulham. — The annual general meeting will he held to day, Sat., February 9th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea in Church Room at 6. Meeting after.

WM. T. ELSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held to-day, Sat, February 9th, at Harrietsham. Committee meeting at 4.45. Tea at The Roebuck inn at 5.30. As the charges for tea are over that allowed, 6d. will be charged for the same Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.

A. TAWNEY, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
Hamsey House, Florence Road, Maidstone.

The Surrey Association.-The next meeting will be held at the Mission Room, close to All Saints church, Kingston-on-Thames, to-day, Sat. February 9th. The bells at All Saints will be available from 3 o'clock, and tea will be provided in the Mission Room at 6 p.m., free to ordinary members, and to non-members at 1s. 6d. per head. CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. See.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.-Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Farnborough to day, Sat., February 9th Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Jubilee Hall at 5.30. Subscriptions for the year are now due. C. H. PEARCE, *Dis. Sec.*
Vale Road, Yorktown,

The Heavy Woollen District Association. —The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Kirkheaton to-day, Saturday, February 9th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The Beaumont Arms.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.-Leatherhead District —The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Epsom to-day, Sat., February 9th. Christ Church bells available from 3 p.m. Service in parish church at 5.30. Tea at Epsom Coffee Rooms at 6. Bells of parish church in the evening. Captains are reminded that subscriptions for 1907 are now due, and may be paid at the meeting.

T. G. DEVITT, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Newport, Salop, to-day, Sat., February 9th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting of the members of this district will be held at Alton to-day, Sat., February 9th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea in the Church House at 5 o'clock. JAMES W. ELKINS, *Dis Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Association.-The Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Shotley Bridge to-day, Sat., Feb. 9th. The towers of Benfieldside (6, tenor 13 cwt.), and Consett (8, tenor 17 cwt.), will be available. Tea will be provided in St. Cuthbert's Hall, Benfieldside, at 5 p m. Members 1s.; non-members 1s. 6d.

ARTHUR M. C. FIELD, *Hon. Sec.*
30, *St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Blackhill,*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild -Guildford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Godalming to-day, Sat., February 9th. Tower will be open at 2.30. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at The Little George inn, High Street. Chair will be taken at 5.45 by the Right Hon. St. John Brodrick. A committee meeting will take place at 4 p.m., and representatives are asked to ascertain the probable amount of donations their bands will give to the Garfath Memorial in Farnham tower, and the form they would prefer.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association. — A joint meeting of the Northern and Eastern Divisions will be held at Knebworth to-day, Sat., February 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. J. J. FOSTER, W. H. LAWRENCE, *Dis. Secs.*

The Lancashire Association.-Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, February 16th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7. W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec,*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leesfield on Saturday, February 16th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7.

E. SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 23rd. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea in the Mission Room, Hartland Road, at 6. Twickenham tower will also be open after the tea.

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

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. — The Anniversary "Henry Johnson" Commemoration Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, at "Ye Olde Royal" hotel, Temple Row. Birmingham. Dinner at 6.30 p.m. prompt, when the chair will be taken by Arthur T. King, Esq., of the Middlesex County Association. Dinner tickets free to fully qualified members, and 2s. 6d. to other members and friends: may be obtained by application on or before Wednesday, February 27th, to the undersigned. The twelve bells at St. Martin's will be available for ringing from 3 to 5 30 p.m. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, *Roland Road Handsworth, Birmingham.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A special meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, March 9th, for the revision of rules and other business. All amendments should be sent to the Secretary not later than February 22nd.

E. E. BURGESS, *Sec.*
Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

The Essex Association.—All being well eight members of the South-Eastern division will attempt a 10,176 of Bob Major at Widford, and not Great Baddow (owing to illness of the Rector's wife at the latter place), on Saturday, February 16th. Meet at 2.30 sharp

H. F. COOPER.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild. — All communications should in future be addressed to the Rev. C. W. Scott, The Vicarage, Portsea, who is now Honorary Secretary of the Guild, and not to me.

E. W. CARPENTER, *Late Hon. Sec.*

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT CLAPHAM (Beds.)—This was the first peal on these bells, which are the lightest ring of six in the county. They have been augmented to that number by the addition of a new treble by Messrs. H. Bowell and Son, and the old five put into good going order. Now the local company have thoroughly made up their minds to go in for scientific change-ringing. After the peal the company were invited by Mr. Fitzpatrick to join in having tea with the local company, and arrangements have been made whereby a member of the Bedfordshire Association will give instruction.

THE PEAL AT SOUTHOVER.—This was rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. and Mrs. W. Lee Elliott, who is leaving the parish for Blakeney, Norfolk; also as a birthday compliment to E. J. Pannett, and Messrs. Errey and Sturt, who are members of the local band; and to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dawe, and to commemorate the 39th anniversary of the wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. Dawe, sen.

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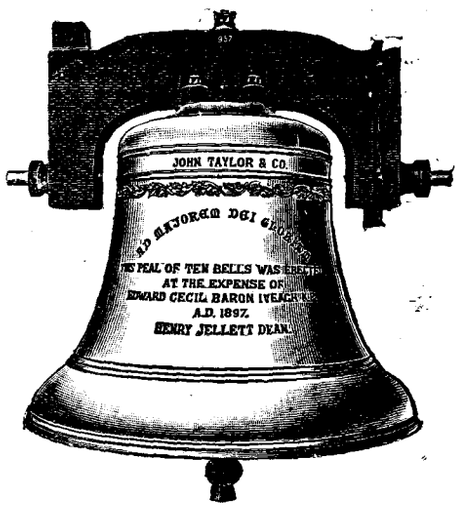

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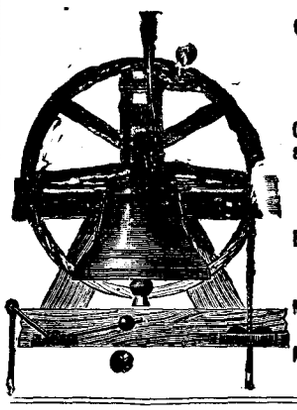

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