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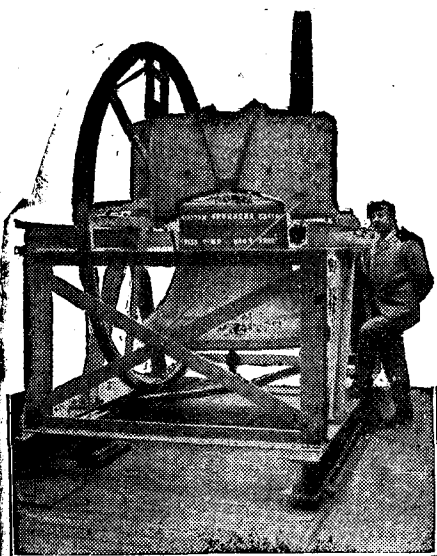
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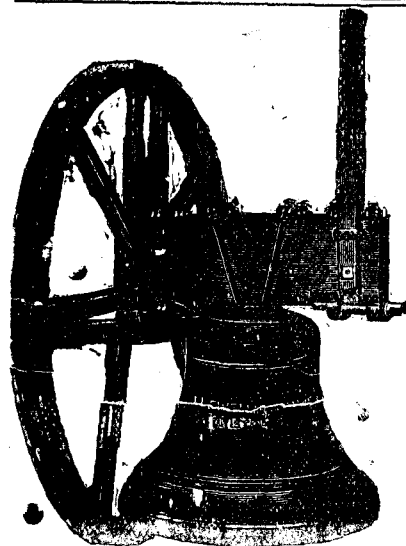
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## DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The parish church of Llangibby, dedicated to St. Cybi, was on Saturday afternoon, December 21st, the scene of an interesting ceremony, namely the dedication of two new bells placed in the tower to the memory of the late Mr. Hopton Addams Williams. It will be remembered that that gentleman succeeded the late Mr. John Lawrence as Master of the Llangibby Fox Hounds, and during his lifetime it was decided by the members of the Hunt to recognise his sterling worth, both as a country gentleman and a sportsman, by an appropriate presentation, but before the plans were fully matured Mr. Williams passed away. Subscriptions had come in freely to Mr. E. Waddington and Mr. J. C. Llewellyn, the hon. officials of the fund, and the question of how best to expend the money and do honour to and perpetuate the memory of the deceased gentleman was decided in favour of an addition of two bells to the peal of six in the parish church, which were installed at the time of the restoration by Sir Hopton Williams. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor, bell founders, of Loughborough, who had also to recast the old 4th bell to lower it half a tone to perfect the new scales. The two new bells bear the simple inscription: "Hopton Addams Williams, 1907." There was a large congregation in the quaint old church for the service. The Rev. Harry Cockson (Rector of Llanllowell and Vicar of Llanbadoc), preached the sermon, and the Rev. Herbert Addams Williams, Rector of Llangibby, read the dedicatory prayers. During the service the hymns commencing "Of all the saints" and "Hark, hark my soul" were sung.

The local band started the bells in rounds and Queens, and afterwards a few short touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by visiting ringers, and then a peal of Triples was attempted by the ringers from All Saints church, Newport, conducted by J. W. Jones, a change-course occurring half-way, the bells were brought round. The "go" and tone of the bells is excellent, every one being delighted with them, and as regards the hanging great credit is due to Messrs. Taylor's representative for the way in which he has carried out the work. The work done is a new treble, new tenor 15 cwt., and the re-casting of the old 4th. There not being room enough to place the eight on the same level, the two largest bells are placed below in a steel frame.

Five years ago the six bells were rehung by Messrs. Taylor, previous to which they had not been rung for some time, being in a very dilapidated state as regards the frame and fittings. After the rehanging a young band was started, and change-ringing being unknown by anyone there, assistance was sought, and soon their first 120 of Grandsire was rung. Then the question of completing the octave was suggested, but for want of funds could not be carried out. When the question of in what form a memorial should be placed to Mr. Hopton A. Williams, the ringers thought this was their opportunity, and urged the Rector to put forward the adding of two more bells. Several things were suggested and proposed by different

members of the committee, but eventually it was decided to have the bells. Apart from it being the best thing to do from a ringers' point of view, nothing could be more appropriate to the occasion either, seeing that the old six bells cast in 1712 by the Rudhalls of Gloucester, bear the inscription on them—"Sir Hopton A. Williams, churchwarden," and after a lapse of nearly 200 years for one by the same name and also of the same family, and also churchwarden of the same church, for two new bells to be placed to his memory.

After the ringing ceased the whole of the ringers present, both local and visiting, were invited to The White Hart hotel by the Rector, where it was found an excellent luncheon was awaiting them. The Rector having to leave early to attend a meeting, the ringers gave him a hearty send-off by singing "He's a jolly good fellow," and the remainder of the evening was spent by the singing of songs, etc., thus in all probability history repeating itself as regards the dedication of bells after a period of close on 300 years.

## THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Tibshelf on Saturday, December 15th. Owing to the inclemency of the weather a small attendance was the result. But members were present from Blackwell, Clay Cross, Selston, Swanwick, South Normanton, Morton, Tibshelf, Tevershall and North Wingfield. The Vicar (Rev. G. E. Atkins), was voted to the chair. The minutes were duly read and confirmed. Messrs. Marshall and Cook were duly appointed auditors for the Easter accounts. Major R. P. Leach was duly admitted as an honorary member.

The members (thirty in number), were regaled to a substantial tea through the generosity of the Vicar, Major Leach, and churchwardens. The above were duly thanked; also the ladies who so kindly waited at the tables. The bells, a musical ring of six in F sharp, were kept going to Treble Bob and Plain methods until after 8.30 p.m., all the visitors spending an enjoyable afternoon and evening.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting took place at St. Woolos, Newport, Monmouth, on Boxing Day, December 26th, and proved to be about the largest as regards attendance in the history of the Association. Previous to the meeting a shortened evening service was held in the church at four o'clock, which was conducted by the curate, the Rev. R. W. Davies, who also gave an address, touching upon the duties, etc., devolving upon ringers and their calling. Immediately after the service all were invited to the Parish Institute by the churchwarden (A. J. Stevens, esq.), with his usual generosity, to tea, where an excellent one was awaiting, and to which an unusual number sat down. Tea over, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to that gentleman for his kindness. Mr. Stevens then took the chair, and the meeting commenced by him

apologizing for the absence of the Vicar of the parish which unfortunately was unavoidable.

The Hon. Secretary was then called upon to read the minutes of the previous meeting which were accepted as correct and signed. Arising out of the minutes Mr. J. W. Jones gave his report as to the instruction given to the Merthyr tower and it was decided for a few more visits to be made.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was the next business, Mr. T. Dawe of Llandaff being unanimously elected Master. The other officers were re-elected.

The place for the next Annual Meeting was next discussed and it was eventually decided to be held at St. John's, Cardiff, on December 26th, 1908. It was also arranged for the next Monmouthshire quarterly meeting to be held at Trevechin, Pontypool.

Mr. J. W. Jones, the Assistant Hon. Secretary, was then chosen as the representative to attend the meeting of the Central Council.

Then followed a proposition which was carried that the Association purchase a light ring of handbells for the purpose of teaching change-ringing, as the Instructor was often handicapped owing to the tower in many cases where instruction was being given not having any handbell, W. N. Stone, Esq., also A. J. Stevens, Esq., both of St. Woolos, Newport, very kindly subscribing 10s. 6d. each towards the cost of them.

The election of new members was next proceeded with, which numbered thirty-two, and included amongst them thirteen from Bedwellty, which is a new tower to become affiliated, and who are anxious to go in for change-ringing, at present an unknown quantity to them.

Subscriptions were afterwards taken, and after the usual votes of thanks the meeting closed. The bells of both St. Woolos and All Saints' churches being placed to the use of the members, steps were made for both towers, and touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Stedman rung, thus concluding a most successful meeting.

### THE LATE MR. S. GOUGH OF GARSTON.

#### MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED.

The unveiling of the tablet in the porch of the Garston Parish Church, recording the muffled peal rung on the bells in memory of the late Mr. S. Gough, of the Avenue, Garston, took place on Saturday afternoon. A shortened evening service was held in the church prior to the ceremony, the Vicar, the Rev. T. Parnell Rowe, M.A., and the Rev. J. Shaw conducting.

Mr. J. Rawlinson, churchwarden, unveiled the tablet, which was inscribed:—"In memory of Mr. S. Gough, died October 20th, 1907, aged 85 years, a muffled peal of Grandsire Triples, Holt's ten-part, in two hours 53 minutes. R. Kelly 1, T. Morris 2, A. H. Edwards 3, R. H. Green 4, J. W. Rawlinson 5, J. Allen 6, Walter Hughes 7, E. B. Bright 8; conducted by Walter Hughes. Rev. T. Parnell Rowe, Vicar; E. W. Turner, J. Rawlinson, wardens." Mr. Rawlinson said he felt affected in performing that ceremony, because he had been his old friend all his life, very nearly 60 years. That board had been in that porch 30 years, with the one vacant tablet remaining, and it grieved Mr. Gough very much to think that his name would have to fill that tablet some day. He thanked God that he had spared him so long a life.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., president of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers, gave an address afterwards in the church basing his remarks on the words

in the Epistle of St. Peter, "Good stewards of the manifold grace of God." The late Mr. Gough was well-known throughout the town of Garston, but those present knew him chiefly as a keen and enthusiastic ringer. He did not know how long he had known Mr. Gough, but he had always regarded him as one of his greatest friends in this part of Lancashire. There were ringers present who had been brought into touch with him more frequently than he had, and therefore he could only speak as an outsider. Amongst Lancashire ringers there were those who started well, and whose names are perpetually in the records, but after a time they lost interest, and they were heard of no more. Mr. Gough had been a striking contrast. He maintained his interest to the last, and when past his 80th birthday he rang a peal of 5,000 changes in that tower. His motive had not been primarily to secure enjoyment out of ringing, though that had come in a remarkable degree, but for the glory of God. He had always regarded ringing as a great privilege, and a great gift from God, which it was his duty to use to the utmost. Then they found some ringers who were selfish, thinking only of their own glory, and never troubling to help other less experienced ringers, but again Mr. Gough's life offered a contrast. Ringing taught one great lesson, brotherhood. So it was with their old friend. He would always help forward other ringers, and spread the knowledge of the art. To those present a memorial was unnecessary. Mr. Gough's example and influence would ever remain with them, but that board would stand at the entrance to the church, and in years to come speak of the example and influence of him who had been a good steward of the manifold grace of God. It might be said that ringing was not the greatest gift, but Mr. Gough did not think so, and he had tried to live worthily, using to the utmost the ability that God had given him.

After service the members adjourned to the Institute for tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, who presided over the business meeting held after tea. The minutes of last meeting were read and passed. It was proposed and seconded that the Rev. T. Parnell Rowe be elected a member. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Rawlinson for unveiling the tablet, also to Mr. Elsee for his address.

Mr. Davies proposed that the secretary report at the next meeting on the practices in Liverpool.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, also for providing tea. In reply he said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the members to Garston as it was the first meeting of ringers that he had attended.

### SEASONABLE NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.

We have examined some beautiful silk goods made by Mr. Wilfrid Matthews, of Bond Street, Macclesfield. They consist of kerchiefs of all kinds, wraps, and other fancy articles, wrought in beautiful and chaste designs. As gifts these are both seasonable, and reasonable; very appropriate at this time. Mr. Matthews still continues to weave ringers' handkerchiefs of designs which are very pleasing; in all colors and shades. For a peal-record in beautiful material, nothing is more pleasant to look upon; and nothing certainly more durable. Those who have not had any products of the Matthews loom have denied themselves a great pleasure.

NUNEATON.—On Thursday, November 7th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Goodyer, J. H. White, H. Argyle, T. Cure, J. F. Clarke, T. W. Chapman conductor, also a course and 180 of Oxford Bob,

**Notices.**

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John-at-Hackney on January 7th and 21st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on January 9th and 23rd; St. John, South Hackney, on January 13th and 27th; St. Paul's Cathedral on January 14th and 28th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on January 30th; all at 8 p.m. Members are earnestly requested to attend the meeting at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on January 14th, when important business will be brought forward. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on financial matters, is now due, and should be paid before February 29th next.

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

**The London County Association late the St. James's Society.**—In accordance with rule xvii a special general meeting will be held on Monday, January 13th, at 9 p.m. in the Association's room at headquarters, The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, W.C. The usual practice will not take place at St. Clement Danes. All members are requested to attend. T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill.

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bramley to-day, Sat., January 4th. Bells (6), available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 7.30 p.m. at The Cardigan Arms.  
GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Luton to-day, Sat., January 4th, at 3 p.m. Tea at Franklin's Restaurant, George Street.  
REV. A. RUST, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Heavy Woollen District Society.**—The yearly meeting of the above society will be held at Dewsbury on Saturday, January 11th. Meeting-house—The Little Saddle inn. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Members are requested to attend, as there is some important business. Subscriptions are due at this meeting.  
WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, January 11th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea at The Chequers at 5.30., at 9d. per head. All members and friends invited.  
H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Lawrence's church, Chorley, on Saturday, January 11th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.  
R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The monthly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, January 11th. Tea at 5.30. Service at Christ Church at 6.30. All subscriptions are due at this meeting. The annual reports will also be issued. All who intend to be present please notify Mr. G. Smith, 23, King William Street, Tunstall, not later than the previous Wednesday.

REV. E. V. COX, } *Hon. Secs.*  
J. JOHNSON, }

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, January 11th. Bells ready at 4.30.  
WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lutterworth on Saturday, January 18th, full particulars of which will be published in our next issue.  
For W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*  
JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held at the parish church, Darlaston, on Saturday, January 18th. Bells available from two o'clock, and during the evening. Short service in church at 5 o'clock. Committee meeting and tea will be held in the Girls' Institute opposite the Town Hall. Tea, 1s. per head for all those sending their names not later than the 13th inst. to  
S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

20, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**Halifax and District Association.**—The next quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest will take place at Brighouse on Saturday, January 18th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by January 13th.  
J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Middleton, on Saturday, January 18th. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting 6.30 prompt. All ringers welcome.  
JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 18th. Bells ready at 5. Business at 7.  
W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, January 25th. Service in the Minster at 4 p.m. Sermon by the Rev. Canon Nolloth, D.D. Local Hon. Sec.—Mr. Walter Gibson, 3, Brithunus Terrace, Long Lane, Beverley. Circulars will be issued on or about January 8th.  
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**NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.**—Wilfrid Matthews, Bond Street, Macclesfield

**NOTE TO PEAL.**

**THE PEAL AT KEIGHLEY.**—This peal was rung to celebrate the unique succession of ringing in the Hardcastle family of Halifax, Yorks., during the past century. The first of this ringing family was William, who we find at seventeen years of age took part at the opening of Keighley bells, ringing the second bell in a peal of 5088 New Treble Bob Major, which was rung by the Halifax company at the opening of the bells, March 30th, 1807. Particulars of this peal will be found in Sottanstell's works. This William Hardcastle kept his ringing up to a ripe old age, ringing peals with the Halifax and other companies in various methods, till we find him ringing a 5000 when 69 years of age, and another at Halifax when 73 years old, ringing the third bell with his grandson at the tenor. His grandson Joseph Hy. Hardcastle, we find busy at a rope when fourteen years of age, and with a great career before him, which was developed into a great reputation as a thorough ringer and incomparable conductor; he also served the Yorkshire Association for many years in an official position, and his portrait with biography appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" some years ago, which many will remember. The surviving ringing member of the family, "Young Joe," as he is familiarly called, and great grandson of William Hardcastle, now took the opportunity of ringing the same bell in a peal of Treble Bob at the same church as his great grandsire had done a century ago. This was accomplished in a masterly style and accompanied by the congratulations of the favoured participants in this interesting event, which was voted a record of ringing hereditament.

**J. COTTERELL'S 100 PEALS.**—Bob Minor 1; Triples 4, conducted 1; Major 5, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 2; Caters 4; Oxford Major 3, conducted 2; Kent \*53, conducted 20; 1 silent; Royal 15, conducted 5; Stedman Triples 9; Caters 4. Total—100; conducted 30. Rung in 30 towers. \*Includes a 10,400, conducted.

**STEDMAN CATERS BROADSHEETS.**

Mr. John Carter, 130, Walford Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham, will be pleased to send to any composers and conductors his broadsheet if they will send him a stamped addressed envelope.

**DONCASTER (Yorks.)**—On Saturday, November 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. H. Fevre, R. Bayles, C. Scott, H. Marwood, H. Brock, G. Clow, G. Halks worth conductor, W. Howard.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Session of the Sixth Council will be held at Cambridge on Whitstun-Tuesday, June 9th, 1908. Reports of Committees and any Notices of Motion should reach me not later than Saturday, May 9th, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in "THE BELL NEWS." Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan and County Guilds or Associations will kindly bear in mind that Affiliation Fees (2s. 6d. for each elected representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be forwarded to me 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 their own address or in that of any representative, or of any change in the representation itself.

Should it in any case be thought desirable to render a Postal Order secure by the insertion of the name of the office at which it is to be payable, may I ask Hon. Secs. not to insert "Stonehouse," which is more than six miles distant, but either "Saul" or "Frampton-on-Severn."

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec.*

*Frotherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.*

## CHRISTMASTIDE HANDBELL MUSIC.

Last week we printed the following paragraph:—

"MR. W. GORDON, of 44, Celtic Street, Stockport, has just published a splendid Christmas piece for handbell ringers, the title being as follows: "No. 196. Christians awake; and Hark! the Herald Angels sing." Arranged for six ringers, with two octaves of bells in G, also two Fs natural and two Cs sharp, 19 bells in all. This music is quite new, and is published at the low figure of 1s. 6d."

We have great pleasure in hearing that the publication of this music has been a great success, every purchaser being delighted with it. A few copies only are left unsold, but it is very probable that after next week it will be out of print. Purchasers regard it as quite a curio in its way; a document worthy of preservation, possibly in years to come a very valuable asset.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, November 3rd, for Men's Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. H. Bolton, A. Jones, E. Cassell, A. Whittington, J. P. Kent, F. Skevington conductor, H. Adams, G. W. Coombes.

## 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."*

## REPLY TO MR. O'MEARA.

SIR,—Mr. O'Meara is no less unfortunate in his second philippic than he was in his first: and if your good nature, Mr. Editor, will allow him, we are threatened with further doses of the same irrelevant kind, by instalments. If all this trumpety is not inspired by jealousy, I leave your readers to decide. It is no easy task to me to endeavour to treat him seriously, but I will try.

(i.) As regards charges made at St. George's and St. Giles',

Camberwell, I know nothing of their origin. They were certainly not instigated by me, and it is really too absurd of Mr. O'Meara to suggest that they were. The determination of the authorities at St. Giles' to charge a guinea (which I have never paid) was stated to be this—that the ringing of the bells by non-parishioners required the renewal of bell ropes oftener than would otherwise have been the case. This fee was first imposed in 1904, and I have never since sought permission to ring there. With regard to St. George's church, a small charge has always been made, and I do not know when it originated.

(ii.) It is a terrible crime certainly to have unconsciously prevented a band of London ringers from ringing at St. Clement Danes on the 14th December last. I offer them my sincere apology; but I should just like to say that permission was given to me on the 25th September, so that if any one of the band had just taken the trouble to make enquiry, there need have been no disappointment.

(iii.) Mr. O'Meara defies me to mention a single instance where members of the Middlesex County Association have ever rung at a City church for Divine Service on Sundays. May I refer him to page 164 of "THE BELL NEWS" of 12th July, 1902? He will find a case reported there. Other unrecorded instances may have occurred. They might easily occur without my knowing anything about them; but Mr. O'Meara has defied me to give him a single case, and I hope I have satisfied him.

Here let me pause at this period of "peace and goodwill" to offer an olive branch to Mr. O'Meara, and also to Mr. Price, whom I am sorry to find rushing into print to tell me what my policy ought to be in carrying on the work of an Association to which at one time he did not disdain to belong. I suppose "stoney ringing" is not unknown to every county Association; and as regards the tower to which he appears to refer, he will find on enquiry that instruction is being given at the present time by a very able representative of my Association. What I wish to say to both these gentlemen is this: that I have at heart a very reverent regard for the old London Societies, and if only they will treat me with a little more consideration, they will find me quick to respond. Believe me, there is room for us all, and our work will be better done, if we leave one another alone. I have had persistent opposition in quarters where I might have expected better treatment, and all I wanted to achieve was to get an occasional privilege (such as a ten or twelve-bell tower) for my members. In asking for this privilege, I have invariably used the expression, "provided that, in making this request, I am not interfering with the privileges of any London Society." If I had not attempted to do the best I could for my members, I should have been a very poor sort of Hon. Secretary; but it has never entered my head that in doing so I was doing the old societies any real injury. I had thought that the service held a year or two ago at St. Clement Danes, at the suggestion of the Bishop of London, would have healed all misunderstandings, and I believe that it had this effect, save in the minds of a very few irreconcilables. We are now beginning to find out who these irreconcilables are. Let me say that I am ready to treat the old Societies with the consideration which ought to satisfy them if they will only try to meet me in the same spirit; but don't let any of them suppose that I am going to be snuffed out by the sort of irrelevant criticism of which we have had too much already. If any of these have foes to contend with, they will never be found in me, or in any member of the Middlesex Association; their enemies will be mainly those of their own household. Surely we shall all get on better by a policy of mutual understanding.

In apologising to your readers for the part I have taken in this correspondence, I plead simply, that it has been thrust upon me.

ARTHUR T. KING.

## "POINTS FOR PEALS."

SIR,—If after the correspondence in your columns Mr. Daniell still maintains that London men as a body object to points as points and not on account of the Middlesex Association, I appeal from him to your readers. Please note—I take no side in the dispute that has so unfortunately risen. All the parties are my very good friends and if I have any bias at all it is towards my own Society, the College Youths.

It is true that, as Mr. Daniell says, I can get but little among

the London men. Mine is the loss. But I am not so ignorant of London opinion as he would make out. This local dispute has raised so much dust that the real issue is obscured and I still look for some real solid objections to points as points. Mr. Daniell presses the most obvious, that of non-resident members and overlapping. But this is an objection almost entirely confined to London, and whatever may be the ignorance of ordinary men, Mr. Daniell surely knows that societies have a corporate existence and interests apart from the individuals. It is the societies and not necessarily the individuals that compete in the Analysis. This is not a forced argument. It holds with all cricket and football and suchlike societies where a man may easily belong to two teams and play for one at one time and another at another. Mr. Daniell makes the most extraordinary statement that "anything like competition between the London Societies appears to be absurd." And he is an historian! Has he never heard of the long warfare that ended in the 12,000 Treble Ten at Shoreditch? or the legend of the two trebles at St. Bride's? Competition is the breath of the nostrils of peal ringing. When you ring a peal if you are not competing against another band, you are competing against a record, or if not against a record against a fixed standard. Mr. Daniell, nor no one else, will ever do away with competition in ringing, and so long as human nature is what it is we shall always have with us these "that be never at heart's ease, while they behold a greater than themselves." Points for peals do not create this rivalry, they only try to systemise it. Do away with points and you do not touch one of the evils, real or imaginary, that some of your correspondents speak of. Mr. Papillon and Mr. Parker and Mr. Boufflower's objections touch peal ringing itself, and their objections remain, although you consign the Analysis and all its works to limbo. Again points for peals are certainly not the cause of the "friction and irritation" that Mr. Daniell speaks of. My point is that this friction and irritation caused by reasons with which I have nothing to do have been used to discredit the Analysis. Mr. Daniell says I cannot altogether defend it. I never tried; as a member of the Analysis Committee I am only anxious that both sides of the question should be heard. I know that many people away from London do highly value the Analysis and I don't want it to be discredited by a side issue. As for my proposed scheme there certainly would be no difficulty save in the flatulent roll call of the College Youths in finding out the membership of each society. Almost invariably the Annual Reports will supply the information. Mr. Daniell is just a little disingenuous in comparing my opinion with that of Sir George Grove. I am but a small being. Sir George is a recognised authority. Still he was not omniscient. He knew absolutely nothing about ringing from the inside while even the most candid of my friends will not deny me some knowledge on the subject. Whatever Mr. Daniell may say about ringing I always treat with the respect it deserves, though I may not agree with it. But when one quotes an outsider, even though he be as eminent as the late Sir George Grove I simply ask, Quel diable fait-il dans cette affaire?

J. A. TROLLOPE.

P.S.—May I wish yourself, Mr. Daniell, and all your readers a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Ealing, December 22nd, 1907.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Daniell's "query" in his letter of the 21st. (1) as to whether I consider certain proceedings fit in with the intentions of the originators of peal-points, I can only repeat (speaking personally) I think they do not. (2) as to its adjustment to fit in with the intentions of the originators, I see no difficulty whatever as we have a peal points committee of the Central Council, therefore it is open for any member of the Council to bring forward an amendment (of the present system) at the next Annual Meeting of the Council, and would no doubt lead to a very interesting discussion, and would eventually, I presume, be referred to the Peal Points Committee for their report on the same. It may perhaps interest some of our young ringers to know the history of peal points, which first came to light on May 11th, 1889, through a special meeting called by the Sussex County Association—at which yours truly was present—to settle a standard of points for peals rung in the different methods by the members of the different branches in the

Challenge Bell Competition. A report from this meeting was brought forward at the following Annual Meeting at Brighton, on July 10th, and after a long discussion was eventually passed. Following this Mr. Attree's analysis gradually evolved into the system, and has now become the standard of the peal points Committee of the Council. With reference to the Sussex Association Challenge Bell competition, points are strictly confined to bands affiliated to the Association, although they are shewn for all peal ringing members.

On looking over my "BELL NEWS" for 1889, I find this question of peals rung by members not resident in the County is no new thing, for in "THE BELL NEWS" for June 29th, 1889, page 151, will be found a letter from a gentleman at Bath. He quotes a question raised at a ringers' meeting, and would like to see it discussed in this paper, i.e. "Is it advisable that peals in which life members of various Associations ring should be scored as peals in any Association peal-book."

I have not been able to find any reply to this question in the following numbers. Just one word to Mr. O'Meara with regard to his remark in his letter as to a "clique" scoring most of the points for Sussex when it figured at the top of the Analysis. This remark was quite uncalled for, and has been answered by Mr. Sharman, but if he alludes to the band as a clique who rang the first peal of Loudon Surprise Major in the city of London I may say they were all members of the St. Peter's Amateur Society Brighton, and will therefore therefore leave readers of "THE BELL NEWS" to judge by the records in this paper for the years above mentioned, whether Mr. O'Meara's remarks were justified or not.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

#### "LONDON ROYAL."

SIR,—Mr. Lindoff seems very hard hit over my taking up the question of the above, but may I point out to him, I am not at all put out at what he calls reverses. Why should I? It is quite open to anyone to practise and ring peals in any method they chose, and as to hitting out wildly at the men who rung the method, it never entered my head to do such a thing, for no doubt those who did ring it, were satisfied to call it London Royal, because it was put into their hands as such. My point is this: the method published by Mr. Lindoff is not London Royal, and the first peal of Royal in that method has yet to be rung. I may tell him it is not my intention at present of tearing laurels from those whose wish it is to credit themselves with them, I ask for no credit for bringing this question before the Exercise, but I asked in my letter of the 14th December which of the two leads published was deserving of the name of London Royal, and instead of getting the question answered, Mr. Lindoff gets on another tack, and tries to wriggle away from the main question by insinuations of a different nature. He has yet to prove that my letter conveyed either to him or to the band who rang the peal, that I belittled their performance or treated them in any way dishonourable. The band rang the method, I very heartily congratulate them, and instead of my being sorely hit, I am immensely pleased.

Mr. Lindoff's letter is made up of trifling queries. Will he please answer the question I asked, viz.: "Is the lead published by him London Royal, now that he has seen that produced by the Rev. E. B. James?"

I have stated my reasons why I wrote respecting the method and I suggest that Mr. Lindoff utilize his undoubted ability in the direction it is best suited, and not by trying to open up a discussion on what I term "ifs and buts."

F. G. MAY.

Bristol.

#### THE DISPUTED PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS AT BELFAST.

SIR,—I shall be glad if you will allow me space to state that the committee of the Bedfordshire Association, after a full consideration of all the facts of the case, decided to allow the peal of Stedman Caters at Bedford to remain in the peal book as the record of the first peal of Caters in that method in the county.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1907.

In the prolonged correspondence now appearing which deals chiefly with the working of the Middlesex County Association, we read of a very extraordinary regulation which is said to be in existence at the church of St. Giles, Camberwell, Surrey. This is nothing else but demanding a fee—and not a small one either—from any company of visiting ringers who desire to achieve a peal on the ring of ten bells at this church. Now and then we hear, but rarely, be it said, of some jack-in-office broadly hinting to the ringers that something of the kind is expected from them, something more than the usual steepelage which visiting ringers are never loth to pay. In the pages of the REV. F. E. ROBINSON'S work—"Among the Bells"—there is recorded a case in some benighted part of the country where the fee of five shillings is demanded before entering the tower! This is bad enough; but nothing to what the authorities of St. Giles, Camberwell, stipulate. They want, so we read to-day, the *modest* sum of one guinea from ringers who wish to attempt a peal! A very specious reason is assigned for this extraordinary charge. The authorities say that "the ringing of the bells by non-



parishioners required the renewal of bell-ropes oftener than would otherwise have been the case." Can we suppose for one moment that the authors of such a stupid regulation as this possessed well-balanced minds! There is a Houndsditch flavor about it.

If we can bring ourselves to believe that this Hebraic fee was actually for the purposes stated, it does not need the power of witchcraft or divination to enable any one to see at once that the object in view must be totally destroyed. If these authorities had been wise, they would have been spared the obloquy of such a regulation.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY (R.C.) CLAPHAM,

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Composed by JAMES HUNT, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

\*First peal of Major.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 21, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

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\*First peal in the method.

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†First peal of Stedman.

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\*First peal of Stedman.

#### RAMSBOTTOM, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| HENRY J. STEFF .. .. Treble. | ROBERT WALLWORK .. .. 5.    |
| THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD .. 2.    | THOMAS WALLWORK .. .. 6.    |
| HENRY W. KIRTON .. .. 3.     | TITUS BARLOW .. .. 7.       |
| JOSEPH BANKS .. .. 4.        | JAMES H. BANKS .. .. Tenor. |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by J. H. BANKS.

REIGATE, SURREY.  
(THE REIGATE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 21, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART.

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| J. WILLIAM POOLEY .. .. Treble. | HENRY F. EWINS .. .. 5.     |
| HENRY A. HOAD .. .. 2.          | GEORGE F. HOAD .. .. 6.     |
| GEORGE W. WALDER .. .. 3.       | JOHN CAPP .. .. 7.          |
| ARTHUR HOLMAN .. .. 4.          | WILLIAM ARGENT .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

WATTON, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 13 cwt. 24 lbs.

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ARTHUR PHILLIPS .. .. Treble. | ALBERT PHILLIPS .. .. 4.         |
| FRED W. ELLIOTT .. .. 2.      | ERNEST A. OVERALL .. .. 5.       |
| EDWARD H. KING .. .. 3.       | WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells, which are extremely noisy in the ringing-room. The band were hospitably entertained after by one of the local band. First peal since the re-casting of the 3rd.

MONKSILVER, SOMERSETSHIRE,

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being fourteen 6-score each of Stedman, Plain Bob, and Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs.

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| W. BENNETT* .. .. Treble. | *H. J. HOLE .. .. 3. |
| S. PARSONS* .. .. 2.      | *A. BAKER .. .. 4.   |
| C. GREEDY .. .. 3.        | .. .. Tenor.         |

Conducted by W. BENNETT.

\*First peal of Doubles.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, December 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Treble.  | *JOHN PIPER .. .. 5.              |
| WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. .. 2.    | ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 6.          |
| WILLIAM POTTER* .. .. 3.     | JOHN BASS .. .. 7.                |
| CHARLES E. PERKINS* .. .. 4. | WALTER J. BRETHERTON .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal of Stedman.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 25, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| J. WYATT .. .. Treble. | F. BIRD .. .. 4.        |
| F. POLE .. .. 2.       | W. JOHNSON .. .. 5.     |
| J. E. BAKER .. .. 3.   | J. CRIDDLE .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by J. E. BAKER.

First peal on the bells since they were recast by Mr. J. Sully, of Zinch, Stogumber, in the spring of 1906. First peal by all.

MIDDLEZOY, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 16 cwt.

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| STEPHEN CHINN .. .. Treble. | E. C. SWEET .. .. 4.         |
| THOMAS DOBLE .. .. 2.       | A. E. COLES .. .. 5.         |
| CHARLES EVANS .. .. 3.      | *JAMES WINSLADE .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by A. E. COLES.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| WALTER SMITH* .. .. Treble. | *GEORGE WHITEAKER .. .. 6. |
| JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 2.    | JOSEPH H. BRAZEY .. .. 7.  |
| DAVID R. SMITH .. .. 3.     | JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 8.   |
| JONAS S. AMBLER .. .. 4.    | JOHN MCKELL .. .. 9.       |
| THOMAS B. KENDALL .. .. 5.  | FRED SALMONS .. .. Tenor.  |

Composed and Conducted by D. R. SMITH.

\*First peal of Royal.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 23½ cwt.

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| ALBERT W. COLES .. .. Treble.  | HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 5.  |
| GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.         | BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 6. |
| CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 3.      | JAMES GEORGE .. .. 7.    |
| QR-MASTER SGT. A. PYE .. .. 4. | WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor. |

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

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| JAMES MERRICK .. .. Treble. | WILLIAM H. JOINER .. .. 5. |
| EDGAR HANCOX .. .. 2.       | HENRY H. CHANDLER .. .. 6. |
| JOSEPH J. PRATT .. .. 3.    | WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 7.  |
| JESSE ELDRIDGE .. .. 4.     | WILLIAM HONOR .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

J. Eldridge was proposed a member of the above Association before starting for the peal. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 11 cwt.

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JOHN RICHARDS .. .. Treble. | THOMAS BULL .. .. 5.        |
| ALBERT BROOKS .. .. 2.      | JOHN MONK .. .. 6.          |
| HARRY BROOKS .. .. 3.       | *JESSE BROOKS .. .. 7.      |
| FREDERICK POUNDS .. .. 4.   | †GEORGE BROOKS .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

†First peal. \*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

## HERSHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
CARPENTER'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. .. Treble. | CHARLES J. HAMBLIN .. .. 5. |
| JAMES D. DREWETT .. .. 2.       | ALBERT CALVER .. .. 6.      |
| FREDERICK G. WOODISS .. .. 3.   | GEORGE WOODISS .. .. 7.     |
| GEORGE EDSE .. .. 4.            | JOHN EMERY .. .. Tenor.     |

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

## DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
CARTER'S No. 11. Tenor 20½ cwt.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| JAMES PAGETT .. .. Treble. | CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 5.      |
| CHARLES E. HART .. .. 2.   | SAMUEL MASKREY .. .. 6.      |
| ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 3.    | WALTER WALLACE .. .. 7.      |
| EDMUND WILLIS .. .. 4.     | GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by WALTER WALLACE.

## CAMBRIDGE.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT,

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

|                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| T. R. DENNIS* .. .. Treble. | *F. KEMPTON .. .. 5.    |
| REV. A. H. BOUGHEY .. .. 2. | F. PITSTOW .. .. 6.     |
| J. TAYLOR .. .. 3.          | G. TAYLOR .. .. 7.      |
| W. KEMPTON .. .. 4.         | *P. TAYLOR .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

\*First peal.

## STOCKTON-ON-TEES, DURHAM.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27½ cwt.

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| REV. A. W. LISTER* .. Treble. | J. W. NEWTON .. .. 5.      |
| F. P. HOWCROFT .. .. 2.       | A. W. BARRETT .. .. 6.     |
| R. ALCOCK .. .. 3.            | T. METCALFE .. .. 7.       |
| J. WALLER .. .. 4.            | T. STEPHENSON .. .. Tenor. |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by T. STEPHENSON.

\*First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

## FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

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

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs. in F.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ALBERT E. DURRANT .. Treble.  | *WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 5.   |
| REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2. | WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 6.   |
| HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 3.     | JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.         |
| WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.      | LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. Tenor. |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal in the method.

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## HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt.

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| GORDON CHECKETTS .. Treble. | WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 5.      |
| JOHN BASS .. .. 2.          | WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. .. 6.    |
| ALFRED DAVIES .. .. 3.      | WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.       |
| WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE .. 4. | ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. Tenor. |

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

## EXETER, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. SIDWELL'S BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| EDWIN SHEPHERD .. Treble. | EDMUND SARGENT .. .. 5.    |
| JOHN HAYMAN .. .. 2.      | ADOLPHUS SNOW .. .. 6.     |
| FRANK MURPHY .. .. 3.     | JAMES MOSS .. .. 7.        |
| THOMAS MUDGE .. .. 4.     | ADOLF MONKLEY .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

## NORTHFIELDS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND  
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Friday, December 27, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being forty-two 6-scores.

|                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| FRANK FAY .. .. Treble. | SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 4.         |
| FRANK WITHERS .. .. 2.  | JAMES DOWLER .. .. 5.         |
| JOHN WITHERS .. .. 3.   | ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by JOHN WITHERS.

First peal in the method by all except the tenor.

## KEIGHLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JOSEPH BROADLEY .. Treble. | JAMES H. MAWSON .. .. 5.    |
| JOE HARDCASTLE .. .. 2.    | THOMAS B. KENDALL .. .. 6.  |
| JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 3.   | ROBERT W. JENNISON .. .. 7. |
| JOHN S. AMBLER .. .. 4.    | JOHN MCKELL .. .. Tenor.    |

Composed by J. H. HARDCASTLE, and Conducted by J. COTTERELL.

This is the conductor's rooth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

## DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
CARTER'S No. 10. Tenor 14 cwt.

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. Treble. | JOHN POTTER .. .. 5.      |
| ARTHUR RIDYARD .. .. 2.     | JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. 6.   |
| TITUS BARLOW .. .. 3.       | JAMES H. RIDYARD .. .. 7. |
| ROBERT WALLWORK .. .. 4.    | THOMAS PEERS .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by JAMES H. RIDYARD.

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**Handbell Peal.****HERSHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sunday, December 22, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

*AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. EDSEER, SEN., FELLCOTT LANE,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART.**

CHARLES J. NORTH .. 1-2. | GEORGE EDSEER, JUN. .. 5-6.  
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3-4. | †ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire—G. Woodiss. First peal on handbells by the above Association. †Twentieth peal, aged 16 years 11 months.

**DEFECTIVE REPORT.**—A peal of Grandsire Triples has been sent from Darley, Derbyshire, without any conductor being mentioned.

**Date Touches.****CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

BARTON SEAGRAVE.—On Saturday, November 9th, a date touch of 1907 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 5 mins. A. Robinson, M. Hobbs conductor, W. Robinson, V. Clarke, F. Tite. Rung to celebrate the King's birthday.

**Miscellaneous.****THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

WEST HAM.—On Sunday, November 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 50 mins., taken from Shipw. W. Doran conductor, A. Neal, J. Scholes, T. Cornfield, J. Moule, S. Bird, R. Saunders, W. Theobald, H. Torbell, G. Potter.

BRAINTREE.—On Christmas Day, for early Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, 992 Bob Major. F. J. Fuller, C. H. Howard conductor, W. Grimwade, H. E. Hammond, P. Holmes, S. R. Roper, H. Coote, H. J. Collins.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

DEPTFORD.—On Christmas Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. S. T. White, V. Pavier, F. W. Richardson, H. E. White, J. Law, A. Bennington, W. J. Jeffries conductor, C. D. Letzer.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

DISS (Norfolk).—On Tuesday evening, November 12th, at the parish church, for practice, 768 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Smith, E. Hayward, A. Luder, W. Salter, G. Archer, C. More, A. Hart, J. Souter. And 1024 Superlative Surprise. A. Luder, C. More, J. Smith, W. Chinery, W. Wiskens, E. Hayward, G. Archer, J. Souter conductor. Longest touch of Superlative on the bells by a local company.

**THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

HIGHGATE (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, November 5th, at St. Anne's church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major, in 45 mins., composed by C. Charge. E. Bonfield, F. Smith, A. Brightman, R. Bevan, E. F. Cole, N. Alderman, E. Chapman, W. J. Nudds conductor. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of the treble and 3rd.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

SWINDON.—At the parish church, on Tuesday, October 8th, for practice, 848 Double Norwich. L. A. Wilson, R. Thompson, R. W. Hyner, S. Palmer, T. Robinson, O. Norman, C. J. Gardiner, E. Bishop conductor. On Sunday, October 27th, for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. M. Brinkworth, O. Norman, R. W. Hyner conductor, S. Palmer, T. Lawrence, C. J. Gardiner, T. Robinson, A. W. Harrington. On Tuesday,

December 17th, for practice, 400 Double Norwich. T. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, A. Lawrence, S. Palmer, L. A. Wilson, O. Norman, R. Thompson, C. J. Gardiner conductor. At St. Mark's church 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Ricketts, R. W. Hyner, C. J. Gardiner conductor, S. Palmer, T. Robinson, E. Bishop. First 720 in the method on the bells.

TETBURY (Gloucestershire).—On November 10th, at the parish church, several courses of Grandsire Triples and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. Cook, A. Townsend, E. Maisey, C. Cleaver, T. Cull, W. Apperley. First 120 by local ringers for a great number of years.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

HEATHFIELD (Sussex).—On Wednesday evening, November 13th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 46 mins. J. Collins, W. Booth, O. Collins, A. R. Miles conductor, H. Brook, J. Lavender.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

LEICESTER.—On Tuesday, November 5th, at St. Martin's church, in honour of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Louise to open the new wing of the Leicester Infirmary, 1134 Stedman Caters. G. Cleal, L. Allen, G. Burrows, F. Dexter, J. Lancashire conductor, A. Mills, S. Cotton, J. Needham, A. Martin, T. Taylor. And 577 Grandsire Caters, conducted by F. H. Dexter. A course of Grandsire Caters with J. L. Willars, aged 12 years.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, November 3rd, at Bishop Ryder's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes. S. Coley, T. Collinson, J. Collett, W. Webb, R. Hackley, J. Perry, J. H. White, J. Smallwood. And 928 Stedman Triples. T. Collinson, J. Smallwood, J. Collett, W. Webb, R. Hackley, J. Perry conductor, J. H. White, G. Pestall. On Sunday, November 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. Collinson, J. Porter, J. Porter, J. Smallwood, W. Webb, S. Grove, J. Perry conductor, A. E. Pegler, G. Rastall.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Tuesday, December 24th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. A. Andrews, G. Miles, T. Burgess, G. A. Andrews, G. Lancaster, W. J. Nevard conductor.

GREAT BROMLEY (Essex).—On Christmas Day for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Humm, G. Lancaster, J. Taylor, W. Bowell, W. J. Nevard conductor, J. Bowell.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 5th, at the parish church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. C. Starkey, W. G. Ellis conductor, F. Banks, B. Starkey, A. D. Cullum, R. Faux, T. Verry, S. Dentry. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Starkey, W. G. Ellis conductor, G. A. Taylor, B. Starkey, A. D. Cullum, R. Faux, T. Verry, S. Darley.

LONDON.—On Christmas morning, for Divine Service at the church of All Hallows, Lombard Street, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. A. Hughes, jun., D. Gibbons, H. Langdon conductor, A. Hughes, sen., E. Wallage, E. J. Webb, S. Lawrence, G. Dorrington.

ST. OSYTH (Essex).—On Sunday, December 22nd, on the occasion of the dedication of the new organ by the Bishop of Colchester, 720 of Bob Minor was rung before evening service. A. Andrews, G. A. Andrews, G. Lancaster, J. Bowell, G. Miles, W. J. Nevard conductor. After service another 720 in the same method. W. J. Nevard, G. A. Andrews conductor, the rest as before.

YORK.—On December 10th, at 16, Mirfield Road, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins. L. Woodcock, 1-2; A. C. Fearnley, 3-4; T. F. Earnshaw, 5-6; T. Haigh conductor, 7-8.

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## THOMAS TITCHENER.

It is with the profoundest regret that we have to record the death, at the age of 57, of this well known ringer. He was in his usual good health on the evening of December 10th, when he was seized with a paralytic stroke, and passed away on the Thursday following without regaining consciousness. He will be sadly missed from amongst us, for he was an excellent ringer, amiable in his temperament, unassuming in his manner, and respected by all, and in his capacity as sexton and steeplekeeper at St. Ann's, Highgate (which office he had held for 10 years) he was ever ready and willing to assist young ringers in their endeavours to succeed, equally happy in ringing the simplest of methods as he was accomplished in the most intricate. He was a most intimate friend of the late George Newson, and was the last ringer to visit him before he

died, under this celebrated ringer's piloting he had rang a great number of peals, and took part in three of the first twenty peals of Double Norwich ever rang. He had kept no record of his performances, but had rang peals in most all methods from Grandsire and Plain Bob to Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve. He was also one of the Cumberland band that were endeavouring to ring the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in London, and at the attempt at St. Giles in the Fields he had the bitter experience of being the primary cause of the collapse after ringing past the 5,000th change. However his chagrin was turned to joy, for the peal was accomplished soon after upon the bells he loved so well, viz.: St. Ann's, Highgate, on June 26th, 1888, for which a stone model of a bell was inserted in the wall, and the performance inscribed thereon. Alas! but three of that band

now remain. In later years he rang fewer peals, but his enthusiasm was as keen as ever, for he was ever ready to take a rope at the last minute to oblige a band, and his very last peal, Double Norwich at St. George's in the East, was the outcome of an urgent message from his old friend H. Dains at the last moment. Thus his ringing career closed in such a way that he would have wished, by ringing his favourite method, and with the Cumberland Society, to which he was so deeply attached. The funeral service took place at St. Ann's, Highgate, on Tuesday, December 17th, and was largely attended. The Rev. A. Tanner officiated, and the service was fully choral, and as he was carried from the church to the hearse the organist played the mournful tones of the Dead March. He was interred in Highgate cemetery, and thus he fittingly rests beneath the sound of his beloved bells.

Those bells shall softly

O'er his grave more music pour.

Amongst the ringers that followed him to the grave were N. Alderman, R. Bevan, J. Barry, E. Bonfield, W. H. Pryor, J. Baker and F. Smith. In the evening the usual whole pull and stand was rang at St. Ann's, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rang. In addition to the above ringers the following took part, E. F. Cole, W. J. Nudds, H. Ellis, H. Watson, and A. Brightman. F.S.

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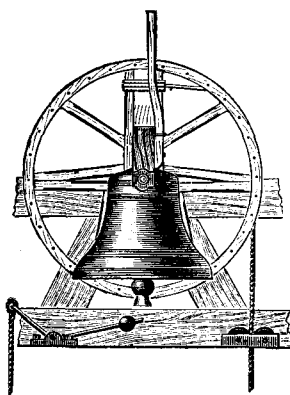
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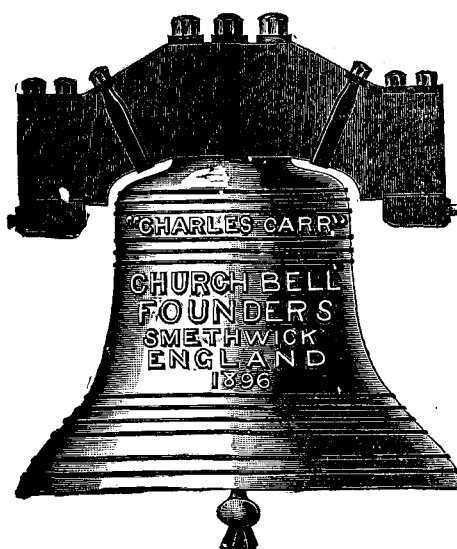
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