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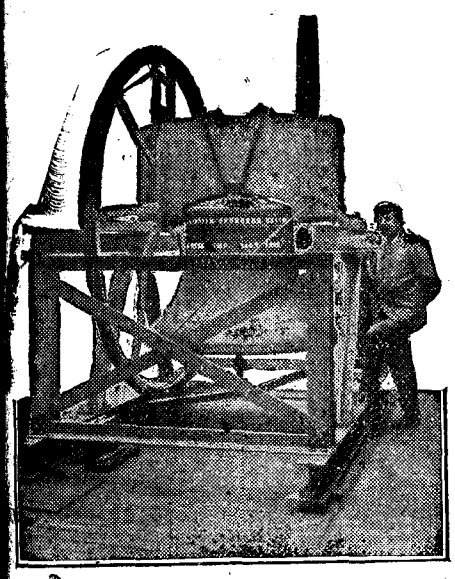

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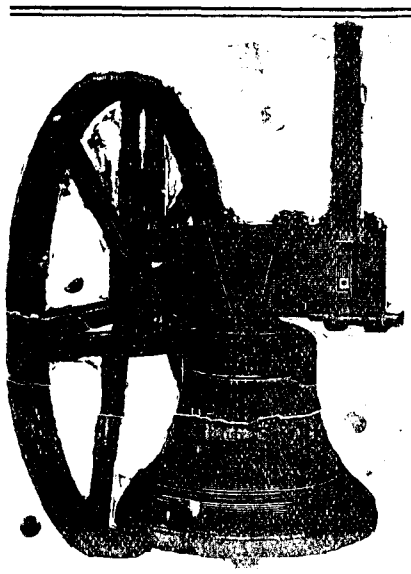

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HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

The annual meeting of the Halesworth Society took place on Wednesday last, the members, prior to business, being invited to dinner by their President, Rev. A. R. Upcher, M.A., Rector and Rural Dean. This was served at the Swan Hotel, by Host Kent, and at half-past seven the company sat down to an excellent repast. The chair was occupied by the Rector, who was faced in the vice-chair by Mr. Jas. Howard (treasurer), and supported by Miss M. Upcher, Miss R. Stanford, Mr. F. C. Lambert (secretary) and Mr. W. Baker (assistant secretary). At the business meeting which followed, the secretary read his report, showing that members of the company had taken part in two peals of 5040 changes during the past year, one at Rumburgh (in which Miss Stanford assisted) and the other at Bramfield. The ringing for Sunday services had been maintained and their membership remained the same.

The Treasurer (Mr. J. Howard) read out a statement of accounts, showing a balance in hand. The above officers were all re-elected, with thanks for past services. The President addressed the company, and expressed the pleasure he had in meeting them on this occasion, and hearing such excellent reports from the officers. It was decided to have a summer outing in the coming year, at which it was hoped all would be able to attend. The health of the lady members was cordially drunk, and several songs were sung. The meeting closed at 11 p.m., with a vote of thanks to the President for his attendance and kind entertainment.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

Presentation of New Year's Gift.

On Tuesday evening, January 7th, 1908, this being the St. Mary-le-Tower Society's annual meeting-night, after the usual weekly practice at the church of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, the members adjourned to St. Mary-le-Tower Church House, where they had the pleasure of inspecting a new box containing a new set of handbells, presented after ringing Holt's ten part peal of Grandsire Triples, at St. Peter's, Henley, as a new year's gift to the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, by the Rev. William C. Pearson, Vicar of St. Peter's Church, Henley. The handbells were duly opened and the majority of the members rang various methods upon them. They wish through the medium of "The Bell News" to thank their most generous benefactor for this most tangible New Year's gift.

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The Hereford Cathedral company of ringers on New Year's Day attempted to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples on the Cathedral bells, but abandoned the task after 40 minutes' work, and adjourned to St. Nicholas' church, where they rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor. At six o'clock they assembled round the festive board at The Hop Pole hotel on the occasion of their annual dinner, which was excellently served by Host and Hostess Adkins. Mr. J. G. Buchanan, Master of the Guild, presided, others present including Messrs. T. Lewis, J. J. Jones, R. Powell, R. Chamberlain, H. Taylor, A. Williams, A. Hurcombe, J. Matthews, H. Simmonds, R. Phillips, R. Chamberlain, jun., together with the following visitors:—Messrs. T. Williams (Ledbury), H. Young (Madley), W. Short (Clent), and A. Hadley (Cradley). After dinner the usual toasts were honoured, interspersed with songs and handbell selections by the members of the Guild. On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. R. Chamberlain, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the host and hostess, and the singing of "Auld lang syne" brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

On January 4th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, when, after 3¼ hours ringing, the 7th man collapsed through being over done; the other ringers all gave him great credit for ringing it so long, and striking it so well, he being 60 years of age, and the bell weighing 30 cwt. The ringers were: W. Greenleaf, A. Hadling, H. Young, W. Short (conductor), T. Williams A. Hurcombe, T. Lewis, H. Taylor. Tenor 48 cwt.

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.

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The first quarterly meeting of this Guild took place at Stoke-in-Coventry on Saturday, January 11th. The Rector of Stoke (Rev. Canon Blyth, D.D.), Vice-president of the Guild, presided in the absence of the President. All the officers of the Guild were present, making with with other members a very gratifying attendance of about thirty members. Short touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung in the afternoon and evening. At 5 p.m. the meeting was held in the schools. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. Arthur L. Coleman), read a letter from the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Hon. Secretary of the Central Council, on the subject of electing a representative of the Guild at the next meeting of the Central Council at Cambridge on Whit-Tuesday. It was decided to let the matter of a representative stand over until the next quarterly meeting.

The Hon. Secretary put the new rules before the meeting. It was proposed by Mr. Randall, seconded by Mr. White, that those be adopted, and on being put to the meeting, were carried unanimously.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed to take place at Rugby on Saturday, April 25th, on the proposition of Mr. Randall, seconded by Mr. Johnson. A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, which brought a very successful meeting to a close. Several new members were elected, and last, but not least, the Stoke bells, which are a new ring of eight, were kept going at intervals during the evening in various methods.

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NOTES TO PEALS.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

What has come to be known as "the terrible, dreadful, subject," has evidently spent itself. "Points for peals," or peals for points, are no more. We are practically pointless now. Certainly there are points connected with the quiet game of whist; and there have been sharp and keen points in debate, points critical, points of nicety, points epigrammatic, ungrammatic, rheumatic, and others, which will remain with us, but peal points are gone for ever, at any rate until next Whitsuntide. It was a pleasure to many readers last week to see that the correspondence had collapsed entirely, and you can take my Alfred David—as Dickens calls it somewhere—that it will not be revived again. No one feels more relief at this determination than the staff of this paper. Not altogether because of the effusions of those whose letters were printed, lengthy though some of them were. But there were others, the writers of whom, if they had the faculty of common sense, would see that they were totally unfitted to enter into a newspaper warfare. Letters from such as these were naturally and advisedly withheld from publication. Then followed personal insult and abuse; not for the first time from the same writers, which had the effect upon the "B.N." people as water is said to have on a duck's back. But there, the matter is finished up now, entirely.

Since writing the above paragraph I have learnt that Mr. Daniell has another letter with the old heading—"Points for Peals," under way. The alliteration may be tiresome, but there are "Points for Peals," you know, and also "Points for Peals." The latter is that which I have just alluded to above; the former is that where the subject under review, and no other, is referred to; where nothing is mentioned but what has a relation to the point at issue. We may, or we may not, hear more of this side of the question, but anything further can only be allowed from Mr. Daniell or Mr. Trollope, and the discussion, if any, will therefore go along smoothly, and without rancour.

We have had plenty of ringing throughout the country during the recent festive season, causing some grumblings here and there, perhaps where peal-ringing has been too much in evidence. An evening newspaper commenting on this, says:—

"In this as in all other matters, we are bound to be guided by the wishes of the majority, and we very much doubt whether the bulk of the community would desire the abolition of the ringing. The best way out of the difficulty would be for the church authorities to curtail excessive ringing. In many churches the bells are only rung for five minutes before service, and this seems a reasonable practice to which very few would object. As to the ringing of peals on such occasions as Christmas and New Year, the abolition is not to be thought of by reasonable men. There is such a thing as becoming too severely practical, and to welcome the New Year in silence simply because Mrs. Tompkinson has nerves would be a concession to modern feebleness which would do us no credit. Few people, we hope, are deaf to the music of the New Year chimes or the bells that usher in Easter Day, or have no thought for the message which they bring, and the gain, or fancied gain, of the few would be the loss of the many if the bells were silenced."

And in response to this the following letter appeared:—

"Your leading article on Saturday about church bells opened up interesting lines of thought. Personally I agree with the article. I love the church bells, and to hear both ringing and chiming in the proper season. What I do not like is to be disturbed at unearthly hours of the morning by bells ringing for early services when it is perfectly unnecessary. Most of us like to hear church bells announcing the hour of ordinary Sunday services as a pleasant reminder of ancient customs, and also because it soothes many an invalid unable to go to church, but we who are worshippers do not nowadays want a reminder

that it is time to worship; if we did surely chapels would have bells also. The solution seems to be to strike some happy medium, and only ring the bells on special occasions at stated times. The bells would last longer, and because less frequently heard would be even more keenly appreciated."

There has been a case before the Lincoln magistrates of a nuisance from a barking dog. The Chairman of the bench was a Colonel Mason, and at the close of the case he explained that that was the first case taken under the new bye-law. He wished to know whether the law applied to bells. The magistrates' clerk said it only applied to noisy animals and birds. The Chairman (regretfully): "A bell is not an animal; I wish it was." In connection with this an old contributor whose initials are below writes:

Some years ago—1896 I think—I rang in a peal at Lincoln Cathedral. Immediately the gallant Colonel who occupied the chair in the above case, rushed into print in the Lincoln Echo, calling upon the Dean and Chapter to disestablish the Treble Bob Majors; yours truly kept him busy writing letters for a fortnight with a view of explaining that it was more than likely that the Colonel would be disestablished before the Major.

On that occasion I remember his complaint was that his wine was shook out of his glass by the vibration. Ultimately he bethought him of the adage "He that fights and runs away" etc., but he has lived I am glad to say, although he fights from behind the dignity of the dead-head magisterial bench. Does it ever strike the Colonel, I wonder; that a brass band—even the military—may be a greater nuisance than church bells?

W.W.

Just previous to the appearance of my last "Notes," I received the following from a brother who signed himself "Novice," but as he didn't show himself by giving his name, his contribution had to be shelved for the nonce. But he has remedied this, and his contribution follows:—

"'Plain Speaker,'—Sir,—What is the reason we have had nothing from your pen lately. Is it because 'points for peals' monopolise your usual space or is it because you are laid up and cannot write? if the latter kindly accept the enclosed notes with due apologies, and publish them, or let the office-boy have his perquisite by putting them in the w.p.b." Then he goes on as per the following three paragraphs.

"Points for Peals" is getting stale, so now we are to have a little Surprise all about London. One correspondent says it's no surprise at all and trots a variation out belonging to another author. Another correspondent is a little more lenient, and admits it is a Royal Surprise but not London. Well it ought to be, especially as it was rung on the doorstep of London. I suggest the method published and rung keep it's name, and this latter production (which has been up someone's sleeve for so long) be called a variation named after the town or village in which the author was residing at the time of composing it.

I see "The Tiger" has been splashing the ink about lately at Bedford. What a terrible waste of (otherwise) valuable time, to say nothing of material. Surely he must have forgotten the old wise saying: "People who dwell in glass houses," etc.

A peal has been rung quite recently just because a well known ringer has been a "railway servant" for thirty odd years. Marvellous! aint it? I expect in the near future we shall read of a peal being rung on the occasion of a voyage over England of an air-ship.

If my brother-string, who by the way, hails from Manchester, is pleased at seeing his effort in print, well everything will be satisfactory. I should like to allude to a letter which appeared last week about the Wootton Wawen affair, signed "J. Jones." Now who is J. Jones? One of the old firm of Smith, Brown, and Jones, whom we used to read about in our school-days? Or is it my old friend Jemmy Jones, of Brum? We know hundreds of Joneses, good, bad, and indifferent; but the name is so—well, I won't say common, but—popular, that owners of such a patronymic should always add an address to their letters. And what does J. Jones say? That the new Warwickshire Guild should send a deputation to this place to interview the "authorities." I don't think the executive of this Association thanks any one for making suggestions to them; they seem a peculiar people; wise in their own opinions. And who is meant by "the authorities?" If "the authorities" includes the parish clerk, I cannot say much good would be done. His nose must be kept out of it. To make such a statement as he did about the condition of the bells of his parish church shows him to be absolutely ignorant of anything and everything about the requirements of church bells. But mark my words: "Warwickshire" won't move an inch in the matter.

In connection with this painful affair, I hear it is alleged that the parishioners hesitate to get rid of their bells on account of their antiquity. If this is true we must respect their feelings, though we may entirely disagree with them. The bells are fractured, some of them at any rate; one is kept together with an hoop-iron band! Thus they have become of no use, nor are they any ornament. If the church had an antique organ with deficient power and "cracked" pipes, the parishioners would try to get a new one without delay. Why not therefore renew their bells? If they possess inscriptions or any other interesting features, all may be re-produced in new castings, and the parishioners wouldn't know them from the old bells only by their purer tone. To retain worn-out and cracked bells merely because they are old is the height of folly; while to decline a generous offer for the provision of new ones betokens a culpable (I had almost written the word "criminal") imprudence the like of which has never yet been known in history.

A parting word on this subject. The whole Exercise throughout the world regrets the course of events with regard to the church bells of this village. Can some of our prominent leaders in the Central Council use their influence which will lead to a revival of the generous proposals of the Messrs. Hughes of Wootton Wawen, the gentlemen who so kindly offered to restore and augment the bells? The church is said to be full of antiquity, of Saxon work, and the most interesting in the whole diocese. Will such a temple as this remain without an appropriate ring of bells? It is fervently hoped not.

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

"POINTS FOR PEALS."

SIR,—Owing to absence from home I did not see your issue of the 4th inst. in time to reply in your last number to Mr. Trollope.

It is useless to prolong argument, and I shall therefore flatly contradict him. IT IS FALSE that the London attitude towards points originated in any personal feeling, and the suggestion that it did is as untrue as it is insulting. Mr. Trollope ignores the fact that "points" came into existence something like ten years before Mr. Pye rang his first peal for the Middlesex Association, and I can assert of my personal knowledge that from the first the opinion of the London Exercise as a body about the system has been what it is now. I shall be very much surprised if any representative London ringers in the "nineties" who are still alive should dissent from this; and as to those who have passed away I do not recall any one who ever in my hearing expressed other than a contemptuous opinion in referring to points.

Of course in what I said about competition in London in my last letter I referred to the results appearing in the points column of the analysis. Competition in the sense of self-respecting persons trying to gain intellectual and physical superiority is admirable in ringing as in anything else, but that is a very different thing to the pettifogging business of ringing for points. The eighteenth century competitions were not for points. Those who took part in them seem very unlikely from what we know of them to have cared about points, and in London men are still doing their best for change-ringing without the smallest regard to points.

Moreover in the eighteenth century all the London Societies for promoting change-ringing were mutually exclusive. This state of things ended with the establishment of the St. James's Society in 1824, and anybody who compares, as London ringers in the ordinary course do, the names figuring since that date in the peal books of that Society (now the London County Association) with those in the peal books of the College and Cumberland Youths and the Waterloo Society, will readily understand why from the outset members of the London Societies have regarded points as piffle, and are not likely to change their opinion.

As regards the musical aspect of ringing, I will briefly say—

1. The production of notes in succession on tuned instruments is the production of melody.
2. Change-ringing is such a production.
3. Therefore change-ringing is the production of melody; just as a vocal or instrumental solo is.
4. Melody is a branch of music.
5. Sir George Grove must have had sufficient knowledge to decide when hearing ringing whether it produced melody or not.
6. By his action he clearly decided in the affirmative.
7. Having so decided he obtained the assistance of a competent person to contribute an article on the subject to his Dictionary of Music.
8. The article was contributed by Mr. Troyte.
9. I have never known any rational person except Mr. Trollope to dispute the claims of ringing to be music. R. A. DANIELL.

NOISY BELFRIES.

SIR,—I have just noticed a request for information by "J. C." asking me for advice how to cure the noise in the belfry of Queensbury, near Bradford, Yorks. To the extent of my knowledge, born of experience, he is welcome. It is this:—

1. Don't put turf or soil in the bell pits. It rots, goes mouldy, and in damp weather becomes filthy.
2. Don't put sand. It blows up into the bearings and roller-boxes.
3. The certain cure is to be found by placing a false ceiling to the belfry. A few inches deep is quite sufficient to form an air chamber in which by the laws of acoustics the sound collapses before reaching the ringing room. If the belfry is low and a false ceiling is impossible—although lath and plaster is sufficient, with scantlings to carry the iron bushes or rope-guides—put blocks of silica cotton in the pits and cover over with boards. Silica cotton is expensive. It would cost about £12 or £14 for a floor 16 to 18-ft. square. It is sound-proof, but the ceiling is better. At St. John the Divine here the bells are only just overhead—not 18-ft. above. The false floor was put in, but the noise was terrific, being almost impossible to hear the bobs. Silica cotton was then laid between, but all to no purpose. The writer then noticed that the carpenter who made the rope-guides had put them straight through from floor to floor. Thus the sound was sent down direct through the tubes. A piece was then sawn out of each tube, thus enabling the sound to enter the second chamber. The result was startling. The bells sound now as though they were a mile away—if anything, on the quiet side. The conclusion is this: an air chamber with bushes for the ropes (not tubes), solves the problem. Without a second chamber use silica cotton or thin layer of concrete.

W. WILLSON.

FENTON (Staffordshire). — On Sunday, January 5th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Hill, J. Beech, A. Nicklin, B. Snow, A. Lawton, F. Page, E. Sherratt conductor, R. Deaville. And 672 in the same method. W. Hill, J. Nicklin, A. Nicklin, J. Beech, B. Snow, Rev. E. V. Cox conductor, E. Sherratt, R. Deaville.

HERNHILL (Kent).—On Sunday, December 15th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering. F. Hadlow, C. Hadlow, S. Hadlow, E. E. Foreman, H. Gilbert conductor, A. Gilbert, F. Elsey, F. Packman. First 720 on the bells by a local band, and the first 720 by all the band except the ringer of the 4th.

HANDSWORTH (Staffs).—On Sunday, December 8th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. C. Starkey, W. G. Ellis, T. Russam, B. Starkey, R. Faux, T. Westwood conductor, T. Verry, R. Speakman. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Verry.

HERSHAM (Surrey). — On Wednesday, December 18th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. F. Shepherd, 1-2; W. Shepherd conductor, 3-4; G. Edser, jun., 5-6; A. Shepherd, 7-8. First quarter-peal by the local band. Another quarter-peal in the same method, in 38 mins. A. Shepherd, 1-2; G. Edser, jun., 3-4; W. Shepherd conductor, 5-6; S. Hamblin, 7-8.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Sunday, December 8th, at St. Paul's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. W. Ross, E. Cassell, F. Skevington W. H. Stevens, J. J. Kent, A. Whittington, C. C. Cox conductor, G. W. Combes.

LONDON.—On Saturday, January 4th, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. G. Dorrington, M. A. Wood, A. Hughes, jun., A. J. Perkins composer and conductor, F. Andrews, D. Gibbons, H. Hills, H. Taylor.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Wednesday, November 20th, at St. Edmund's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. B. Soden, A. Deacon, T. Haynes, T. Harris, J. Metherell, W. Farey, T. Tebbutt conductor, W. Gammage. On a recent Sunday, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 47 mins. B. Soden, A. Deacon, G. Knight, T. Haynes conductor, J. Mackay, T. Tebbutt, J. Metherell, W. Gamage.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, December 8th, at St. Mary's church, prior to Men's Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. H. Whanslaw, A. Whittington, C. C. Cox, J. P. Kent, E. Cassell, H. Adams, F. Skevington conductor, G. W. Coombes.

SPALDING.—On December 29th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. R. Mackman, jun., E. G. Mackman, R. Mackman, sen., conductor, J. R. Mackman, G. M. Mackman, G. R. Mackman.

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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 21st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on January 23rd; St. John, South Hackney, on January 27th; St. Paul's Cathedral on January 28th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on January 30th; all at 8 p.m. 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. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, *Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.*

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A special general meeting will be held on Monday, January 27th, at 9 p.m. in the Association's room, The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, W.C. The practice will not be held at St. Clement Danes. All members are requested to attend. Members please note the annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 8th. Particulars later.

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

The Royal Cumberland Society. — The annual meeting will be held at the society's headquarters, The Bedford Head hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand, on Monday, January 20th, after the usual practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, for the election of officers for the ensuing year. Trusting members will make it convenient to attend.

A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*
10, *St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. —The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held at the parish church, Darlaston, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 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.

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 to-day, Saturday, January 18th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*
302, *Hopwood Lane, Halifax.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Middleton, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 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 to-day, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells ready at 5. Business at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.-The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lutterworth to-day, Saturday, Jan. 18th. The bells of St. Mary's church (8) will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. The committee meeting will be held in a large private room at The Coach and Horses inn at 4 p.m. Tea 1s. 3d. each person in the club-room at 5, followed by General Meeting.

For W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*
JOSEPH GRIFFIN.
72, *Shobnall Street, Burton-on-Trent.*

The Midland Counties Association.-Nottingham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lutterworth to-day, Saturday, Jan. 18th. R. CLIFFORD, *Local Hon. Sec.*
Bramcote Road, Beeston.

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham —The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, January 21st, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there is very important business to transact, the attendance of every member is earnestly requested, and particular attention is directed to Rule No. 5 W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, *Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.*

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. The Lancashire and Yorkshire trip will leave Halifax and Bradford at 11.40, picking up *en route*, through Pontefract. See official bills. JNO T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.-Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, January 25th, from 3 till 8. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those wishing to be present notify Mr. B. Baker, 11, Little Hallam, Ilkeston, not later than the 23rd. REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the North and West District of the above Association will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, January 25th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Siddans. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m., and if a sufficient number of members notify their intention of being present, the Hon. Sec. will endeavour to make arrangements for a plain tea on the usual terms. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1908 are now due. ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, *Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.*

The Kent County Association.-Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Westerham on Saturday, January 25th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5.30, followed by general meeting in the Public Hall. As the cost of the tea will be 3d. per head more than the amount allowed by the Association, that must be paid by members attending. All members intending to be present must notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, January 22nd. In accordance with the decision of the Central Committee, no travelling allowances will be paid to members attending this meeting, but will be paid to a subsequent meeting, the particular meeting to be decided on at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting or sent to the District Secretary.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
26, *Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.*

The Sussex County Association.-Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, January 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4, Tea at 5 p.m., at Hobbs', South Street. Members intending to be present please inform me by Thursday, January 23rd.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishops Waltham on Saturday January 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Workmen's Hall, 5. Meeting at the Parish Room after. Members who intend being present at tea kindly inform me by the 20th inst. J. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*
Fareham.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Kettering District.—The next meeting will be held at Kettering on Saturday, February 1st. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present let me know by Tuesday, January 28th.

J. C. SHATFORD, *Dis. Sec.*
50, *Gardon Street, Kettering.*

Worcestershire and Districts Association —A quarterly meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, February 1st. Service in St. Thomas's church at 4 p.m., with address by the Rev. A. G. Maitland, Vicar. Business meeting afterwards. A free tea will be provided for those only sending in their names to me by Wednesday, January 29th. The tower bells (10) will be available for ringing.

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

The All Saints Society, Fulham.—The annual general meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, February 1st, in St. Mary's Mission Hall, Lacy Road, High Street, Putney, by kind permission of the Vicar. Owing to the closing of Fulham tower for repairs, the bells of St. Mary's, Barnes, will be available from 4 to 5.30, by kind permission of the Rector. Tea in St. Mary's Mission Hall (9d. each), at 6 o'clock. Meeting after. The bells of St. Mary's, Putney, will be available after the meeting. It is particularly requested that those intending to be present will please write not later than January 29th to

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 1907.

The reports of peals during the last three weeks have been very numerous. It has always been a great object with us to publish all peal-records in the current number, but when between sixty and seventy come to hand in one week, of necessity the latest arrivals must stand over till the following number. Our friends need not be under any apprehension of their records not appearing; too much care is taken of their "copy" to prevent loss. Reports of touches just now are also numerous, but all will appear in due course.

On a previous page our popular contributor says his final word on the Wootton Wawen episode, and makes a strong appeal to all those concerned to endeavour to revive the original offer made by two generous parishioners. We cannot help joining in this, and hope before long to hear that Messrs. Taylor (of Loughborough) have received the order to proceed with the work of restoration and augmentation. Many lovers of Church bells, who have read of this incident, strongly maintain that such a state of things has never existed before.

The Metropolis.

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On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN.	*Treble.*	JOHN T. KENTISH	5.
JAMES SAXBY	2.	*WILBY J. HAZELL	6.
GEORGE A. CARD	3.	JAMES PARKER	7.
THOMAS CARD	4.	GEORGE PAICE	*Tenor.*

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

*First peal in the method, and was elected a member previous to starting. This is J. T. Kentish's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S. Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANK HOWELL*	*Treble.*	HARRY WARNETT	5.
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON	2.	GEORGE HENRY DAYNES	6.
WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES	3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON	7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	4.	FREDERICK H. GOOCH	*Tenor.*

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

*First peal away from the tenor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Gooch on the 23rd anniversary of their marriage.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

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Tenor 30 cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN	*Treble.*	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE	6.
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GEORGE E. WILSON	4.	PHILIP H. PIERCE	9.
FREDERICK G. BRETT	5.	STEWART BING	*Tenor.*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT E. LISH	*Treble.*	ALBERT E. GODDARD	5.
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GEORGE PAYNE	4.	ARTHUR HODGES	*Tenor.*

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

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On Sunday, December 29, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE GOODE	*Treble.*	HERBERT TAYLOR	4.
GEORGE TAYLOR	2.	WILLIAM G. TAYLOR	5.
HENRY W. YOUNG	3.	JAMES JONES	*Tenor.*

Conducted by HENRY W. YOUNG.

First peal on the bells, and by all the band.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE RUMSEY	*Treble.*	PETER LAFLIN	5.
JAMES G. RUMSEY	2.	GEORGE ROWE, JUN.	6.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN	3.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	7.
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First in the method as conductor. †First in the method.

BRATHAY.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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Conducted by JOSEPH BACKHOUSE.

Rung to celebrate the old year out and the new year in. The ringers also wish to thank the conductor and his wife for their kind hospitality after the peal.

STREATHAM, SURREY.-THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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GEORGE HUGGETT	4.	CHARLES WALLACE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

JAMES WYATT*	*Treble.*	DANIEL SNELLING	5.
WILLIAM COOK	2.	HENRY CORBETT	6.
GEORGE WYATT	3.	JOHN HOYLE	7.
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Conducted by JOHN WYATT.

*First peal on the treble. Rung to celebrate the recasting of the bells thirty-five years ago.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.

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On Tuesday, December 31, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. in D.

JOHN BUCKLE*	*Treble.*	HENRY W. WILKES	5.
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PERCIVAL E. MORFEE	4.	E. RAINBIRD GLADDISS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by HENRY W. WILKES.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled to denote the passing of 1907. This is the first muffled peal rung in Southampton.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Wednesday, January 1, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

CHARLES H. CLARKE	*Treble.*	EDGAR PEMBERTON	5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	2.	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM	6.
WILLIAM MOTTS	3.	JAMES MOTTS	7.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE	4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHUBCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN THORPE, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SHIPWAY MAJOR, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 22¼ cwt.

THOMAS T. GOFTON	*Treble.*	ROBERT W. FALCONER	5.
JOHN T. RICHARDSON	2.	ERNEST E. FERRY	6.
JOHN F. BIRD	3.	JOHN FOREMAN	7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER	4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER	*Tenor.*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WM. H. BARBER.

First peal in the method by all the band and the above Association, and is only the second true peal ever rung in this method. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. O. Brutton, who is leaving the district.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

FRED G. MAY	*Treble.*	JAMES BAWN	6.
CHARLES DOWNING	2.	SAMUEL PHILIPS	7.
ALBERT STOWELL	3.	HENRY HOWELL	8.
PERCY WILLIAMS	4.	WILLIAM STOWELL	9.
FRANK K. HOWELL	5.	ISAAC LONG	*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

GEORGE MONK	*Treble.*	JOSEPH GOACHER	4.
REGINALD BLAKE	2.	WILLIAM DAY	5.
HENRY BLACKMAN	3.	FREDERICK BENNETT	*Tenor.*

Conducted by FREDERICK BENNETT.

WIDNES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

JOHN ASPINWALL	*Treble.*	EDWARD CAUNCE	5.
EDWIN H. LEWIS	2.	JOHN GARDINER	6.
GEORGE R. NEWTON	3.	WILLIAM DAVIES	7.
GEORGE WOODHALL	4.	JAMES MARTIN	*Tenor.*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

First peal of Major on the bells.

KIRTLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 3, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt,

ALFRED FOX	*Treble.*	REV. E. V. COX	5.
RAYMOND H. JUDGE	2.	FREDERICK WEBB	6.
HARRY G. JUDGE	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
WILLIAM JUDGE	4.	WILLIAM HONE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal.

BRAMLEY, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED WINDSOR	*Treble.*	JAMES PEACOCK	4.
TOM LATIMER	2.	WALTER BROWN	5.
J. W. CHADWICK	3.	J. W. T. HOLGATE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WALTER BROWN.

DUNDEE, FORFARSHIRE.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.

On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE OLD STEEPLE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM R. FYFE	*Treble.*	WILLIAM B. SAMPSON	5.
EDMUND F. PRICE	2.	RICHARD WHITSON	6.
EDWARD COWE	3.	WILLIAM C. S. HEATHCOTE	7.
C. CLEVELAND ELLIS	4.	JAMES R. ROBERTSON	*Tenor.*

Conducted by C. CLEVELAND ELLIS.

First peal of Grandsire Triples by all except Messrs. Price, Ellis, and Heathcote, and the second peal in that method on the bells, the first having been rung on May 21st, 1873, and conducted by M. A. Wood. Rung as a farewell compliment to E. F. Price, who left Edinburgh on January 10th to take up an appointment in Rio de Janeiro.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

OLIVER THOMAS	*Treble*	THOMAS BALDWYN	5.
JESSE GILLETT	2.	JOHN W. JONES	6.
JOHN W. DAVIS	3.	JOHN AUSTIN	7.
JOHN BULLEN	4.	FREDERICK SANDFORD	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

J. Bullen was elected a member previous to starting.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 52 cwt.

GEORGE ASTBURY	*Treble.*	WILLIAM H. COOPER	6.
GEORGE D. WARBURTON	2.	A. EDWARD WREAKS	7
HIRAM MEAKIN	3.	HARRY CHAPMAN	8.
WALTER BROWN	4.	RICHARD NEWTON	9.
JAMES H. RIDYARD	5.	WALTER BILLINGE, ERNEST POTTS	*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Councillor J. E. Gilchrist, of the City Council, and who is a ringer and churchwarden of St. John's church, Oldham Road, Manchester.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDERICK FRENCH	*Treble.*	FRANK BENNETT	5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.	2.	ISAAC EMERY	6.
JOHN WHEADON*	3.	JAMES E. DAVIS	7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

SAMUEL GREENWOOD	*Treble.*	EDWARD R. J. DUNK	5.
CHARLES J. NORTH	2.	FRED PATES	6.
ROBERT B. BLANCHARD	3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH	7.
GEORGE HUGGETT	4.	GEORGE BARRINGTON	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Greenwood, who attained the age of 78 on the above date. Special reference next week.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT COX	*Treble.*	CHARLES SMITH	5.
THOMAS PRICE	2.	ARTHUR WALKER	6.
JOHN EVANS	.	JOHN C. TRUSS	7.
JESSE ELDRIDGE	4.	GEORGE MARTIN	*Tenor.*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

First peal in the method by all, and first in the method on the bells.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART (No. 13.) Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

EDWARD HARRISON*	*Treble.*	HENRY W. WILDE	5.
GEORGE JONES	2.	JAMES V. WRIGHT	6.
ROBERT SPERRING	3.	JAMES MORGAN	7.
EDWIN H. LEWIS	4.	*WILLIAM THOMAS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

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

RODMERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford Single Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES TUMBER	*Treble.*	THOMAS JULL	4.
WILLIAM SPICE	2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER	5.
JAMES NYE	3.	WILLIAM NYE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

HERBERT RAINBOW*	*Treble.*	ALFRED H. MARTIN	5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN	2.	WALTER PERKINS	6.
FRED HOPPER	3.	JAMES HOUGHTON	7.
WILLIAM ROGERS	4.	†FRED WILFORD	*Tenor.*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by F. WILFORD.

*First peal in the method. †First in the method as conductor.

ALLENSMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 5, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

BENJAMIN TAYLOR	*Treble.*	GEORGE HARRIS	4.
WILLIAM SHORT	2.	GEORGE E. PREECE	5.
ALFRED KITSON	3.	ALBERT GALLIERS	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT,

First peal on the bells, and by all except the conductor.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 6, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

ALFRED FOX	*Treble.*	HARRY MILES	5.
ALBERT E. LOCK	2.	WILLIAM STONE	6.
JOHN F. JUGGINS	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
EDGAR HUMFREY	4.	FRANK BARRETT	*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the 75th anniversary of the conductor's birthday.

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

WORTLEY, SHEFFIELD, YORKS..
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT RUFFELS ..	..*Treble.*	ARCHIE BREARLEY	5.
ARTHUR J. SAXBY	2.	JOHN DRONFIELD	6.
JAMES H. BELL..	3.	DAVID BREARLEY	7.
CHARLES E. BELL*	4.	JOHN PARKIN	..*Tenor.*

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

*First peal. Rung with the bells muffled in respect to the memory of Mr. Joseph Pressler, who had been a regular attendant in the choir at St. Leonard's for 42 years, and was at one time also a ringer, and was interred the previons day.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 8, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

KEITH HART	..*Treble.*	ALFRED S. LANGRIDGE ..	5.
CHARLES PALMER	2.	EDWARD C. MERRETT ..	6.
FRANK S. STURT	3.	ROBERT J. DAWE	7.
HARRY STALHAM	4.	ALFRED J. TURNER ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT ..	..*Treble.*	CHARLES DEAN..	5.
JAMES D. DREWETT	2.	ALBERT CALVER	6.
DOUGLAS D. DREWETT ..	3.	WILLIAM H. JOINER ..	7.
THOMAS H. COLBURN ..	4.	ALFRED J. WHITE ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Calver, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. This is J. D. Drewett's 50th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

Handbell Peal.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT 87, THE COMMON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WALTER ALLWOOD ..	1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN	5-6.
GEORGE LEWIS	3-4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER ..	7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—Walter Coates. The band afterwards ascended the belfry and "rang in" 1908 with a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major.

Date Touches.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAINSWICK.—On Sunday evening, December 22nd, for Divine Service, a date touch of 1907 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. T. Wright, A. Gwinnett, J. Wigmore, F. Cole, W. Bateman, G. Miles, W. Hale conductor, W. Ireland.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHIPLEY (Yorks).—On Tuesday, December 31st, at the parish church, for midnight service, a date touch of 1907 Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Wickham, T. B. Kendall, E. Simpson, E. Murgatroyd, W. Joyce, J. Broadley, J. A. Ross, J. Joyce. Composed by F. Robinson, and conducted by A. Ross.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES.—On Tuesday, December 24th, at St. Mary's church. a date touch of 1907 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. L. Hutton, R. Haslehurst, S. Hillier conductor, F. Green, G, Mileham, T. Pike.

FRODSHAM (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, January 1st, a date touch of Minor, in 72 mins', being 720 Oxford Bob and 1188 Plain Bob. W. Forster, W. Bibby, E. H. Lewis conductor, A. Unsworth, S. Faulkner, T. Lightfoot. On Saturday, November 30th, being the 25th anniversary of the re-opening of St. Lawrence's church after restoration, a date touch of 1907 Bob Minor, in 70 mins. W. Forster, W. Bibby, E. H. Lewis conductor, A. Unsworth, S. Faulkner, T. Lightfoot.

HULL (Yorks).— On Monday, January 6th, at All Saints church, a date touch of 1908 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 6 mins. T. Stockdale, H. Rodmell, T. Whitfield, L. Rodmell, G. T. Marshall, C. Jackson composer and conductor, H. Jenkins, B. Cooke. This touch has the twenty-four 6-7s at backstroke.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHALFONT ST. PETER.—On December 31st, at the parish church, 2520 Oxford Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 28 mins. W. Briden, R. Bolton, J. Stone, F. Bolton, A. Swan, J. Blackmore conductor. On January 5th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Briden, R. Bolton, J. Stone, F. Bolton, G. Wingfield, J. Blackmore conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LYTHAM.—On Sunday, January 5th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. H. Kerr, J. Fell, D. McLellan, T. Allanson, J. Hardman, E. Tipping conductor.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTON ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday evening, December 22nd, at St. Giles's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. J. Freeman, T. Haynes, T. Harris, W. Rogers, F. Wilford, H. Key, F. Hopper, W. Roberts, G. Flavell, E. James. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Norman, who was a regular attendant at the above church. On Monday evening, December 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters. H. Blundell, H. Key, T. Harris, S. Lawrence, A. Hensman, W. Farey, W. Roberts, G. Flavell, F. Wilford composer and conductor, J. Freeman. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Tomling, one of the superintendents of St. Giles's Sunday Schools.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA.—On December 29th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. White, C. Groves, W. Lebbon, H. Northfield, A. Small, J. Harris conductor, J. Harding, S. Thomas. On old year's night, with the bells muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Smith, H. Northfield, C. Groves, J. Symonds conductor, J. Harding, J. Harris, A. Collins, S. Thomas. On January 4th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Smith, C. Groves, J. Turner, J. Harris, J. Matthews, F. S. Bayley, J. Harding conductor, S. Thomas.

TWYFORD.—On Tuesday evening, November, 19th, at the at the usual weekly practice, 504 Stedman Triples. C. A. Valentine, G. Smith, G. Williams conductor, C. J. Fray, W. T. Tucker, T. Spratt, W. H. George, G. S. Aslett. 384 Bob Major. C. Abraham, T. Spratt, W. T. Tucker, C. J. Fray, G. Smith, W. H. George, C. A. Valentine, G. Williams. 336 Grandsire Triples, and two 168s of Stedman were also brought round. These touches were the result of a visit by several members of the North Stoneham band.

JOHN JAY.

A personality of the ringing world in the South has passed away by the death of the above. Formerly of Streatham our friend joined the Waterloo Society, London, in 1870, and took part in several peals, coming to reside in Brighton in 1871. Change-ringing in Brighton at this date was practically unknown, and for many years John was the pioneer and instructor of the Art in Brighton. He first joined the St. Nicholas Society, and remained a member of same until 1882.

In 1882 the peal of eight bells was opened at St. Peter's, Brighton, and from this time onward to Christmas, 1906, when ill health compelled him to resign, our friend was chief steeple-keeper. In the early days of the Sussex County Association and previously, when Grandsire was the only method practised, John was a safe conductor, Holt's 10-part being his favourite composition, which he called many times, and from any bell. Later when the higher methods began to be practised by the St. Peter's Society, he was ever ready to lend a hand by ringing the treble, and this he did in all the first Surprise peals. Ever ready to teach a young beginner, there are many who owe their first instruction to him. In all John had rung some 140 to 150 peals, many of which he had conducted. Latterly he had been ailing for some time and the end came peacefully on the 3rd inst., when he passed away at the age of 73. The interment took place on the 7th inst., at the Brighton parochial cemetery, the chief mourners being the widow; and Mr. J. Jay (son), and Mrs. Jay; Mr. Jay (brother); and Mr. W. Palmer, steeplekeeper of St. Nicholas. Several of the St. Nicholas and St. Peter's ringers attended at the cemetery to pay a last respect to his memory, among whom were Mr. W. Davey, sen., Mr. H. Ram, Mr. E. C. Merritt and Mr. K. Hart. In the evening members of the St. Nicholas Society took part in ringing the bells of the old church half-muffled as a last token of respect.

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CHRIST CHURCH, ARMLEY, LEEDS.

On New Year's Eve, the members of the choir and the ringers, together with their wives, were entertained by the Vicar, the Rev. H. M. Cox, and Mrs. Cox, in the New Hall, which had been very tastefully decorated for the occasion. The other guests present included the Rev. J. A. Stott, (curate), Mr. F. Webster, (Vicar's warden), and Mrs. Webster and Mr. Bradley, (organist and choirmaster).

Table games were provided and the choir rendered part songs and solos at intervals during the evening. Mrs. Cox gave a humorous reading which caused much amusement.

After partaking of refreshments, the Vicar said how pleased he was to see such a good number present, and referred to the good work done by the choir and ringers during the year which was now closing, and he wished all present a very bright and happy new year. He was supported by the curate, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Bradley, who were all very warm in their praises.

Mr. W. Heckford replied on behalf of the choir, and Mr. J. Thackray on behalf of the ringers, who along with the former speakers thanked Mr. and Mrs. Cox for their kindness in providing them all with such a pleasant evening's enjoyment.

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NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.—Wilfrid Matthews, Bond Street, Macclesfield

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, December 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. B. Goldsmith, G. Barrington, S. Greenwood, R. Blanchard, J. Waldock, L. Attwater, G. Huggett conductor, A. Gower. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob. C. J. North, J. Waldock, J. C. Mitchell, G. Huggett, J. Attwater, L. Attwater, E. R. J. Dunk, R. Blanchard conductor.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES.—On Saturday, November 9th, at St. Mary's church, a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 25 mins. J. L. Hutton, R. Haslehurst, C. D. Heginbotham, F. Green, S. Hillier conductor, R. Phillips. Longest touch on the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM.—On Sunday, November 24th, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 Mins. J. Crowder, A. Darvill, T. Taylor, E. B. Crowder, T. G. Deal conductor, C. H. Walker, H. Warnett, E. Blackwell. Rung in honour of E. B. Crowder's 21st birthday.

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CHIEF OFFICE: HOLBORN BARS, LONDON.

Summary of the Report presented at the Fifty-eighth Annual Meeting, held on 7th March, 1907.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of policies issued during the year was 79 942, assuring the sum of £7,529,031, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £424,145. The Premiums received during the year were £4,290,971, being an increase of £167,653 over the year 1905. The Claims of the year amounted to £1,947,444. The number of deaths was 7,656, and 8,686 Endowment Assurances matured. The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 807,218.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £6,499,028, being an increase of £359 978. The Claims of the year amounted to £2,376,863. The number of deaths was 260,941, and 3,342 Endowment Assurances matured. The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those policy-holders of five years' standing and upwards who desired to discontinue their payments was 120,198, the number in force being 1,194,432. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 28,034.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 16,764,654; their average duration exceeds eleven years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £63,887,008, being an increase of £4,422,632 over those of 1905.

The increase granted early in the year under the principa Industrial Branch tables, to provide for which £750,000 was transferred from reserve, affected nearly thirteen million policies, ten millions of which receive an immediate increase in the sum assured. The Directors are glad to say that the alteratfon has been highly appreciated, and has resulted in a large accession of new business.

As the shareholders are aware, the Directors have on many occasions granted extended benefits to Industrial Branch policyholders. The total cost of these benefits already exceeds £4.000,000. It is the intention of the Directors to continue this policy, and if possible to establish it upon a more definite basis.

For each of the past ten years a reversionary bonus at the rate of £1 10s. per cent. on the original sums assured has been added to all classes of participating policies in the Ordinary Branch issued since the year 1876. The Directors are now pleased to announce a reversionary bonus at the rate of £1 12s. per cent.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1906.

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	1,000,000	0	0
Reserve Funds	2,300,000	0	0
Life Assurance Funds	60,470,431	4	1
Claims under life policies admitted	116,576	18	11
	£63,887,008	3	0

ASSETS.	£	s.	d.
British Government securities	3,415,976	13	
Indian and Colonial Government securities	6,156,247	4	
Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks, and gold and sterling bonds	7,743,842	19	
Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	14,091,357	12	4
Freehold ground rents and Scotch fen duties	4,501,678	8	10
Freehold and leasehold property	3,560,244	13	8
Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	7,975,178	5	0
Railway, Gas and Water Stocks	7,464,984	18	9
Suez Canal shares	163,709	13	0
Telegraph and other shares	97,420	2	2
Metropolitan Consolidated stock and City of London bonds	257,901	11	10
Bank of England stock	202,756	18	6
Indian, Colonial and Foreign Corporation stocks	1,564,957	14	7
Foreign Government securities	1,539,459	7	4
Reversions and Life Interests	1,220,637	14	1
Loans on the Company's Policies	2,372,768	10	8
Rent Charges	278,523	13	1
Outstanding premiums and agents' balances	544,207	4	8
Outstanding interest and rents	515,685	7	1
Cash—In hands of superintendents	35,973	11	7
Ditto—On deposit on current accounts, and in hand	183,495	18	11
	£63,887,008	3	0

THOS. C. DEWEY, *General Manager.* FREDK. SCHOOLING, *Actuary.* D. W. STABLE, *Secretary.* H. A. HARBEN, *Acting Chairman.* J. W. SIMMONDS, J. H. LUSCOMBE } *Directors.*

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1906, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, etc., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1906.

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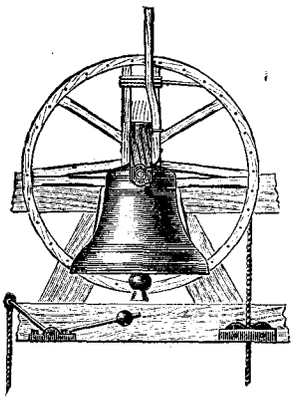

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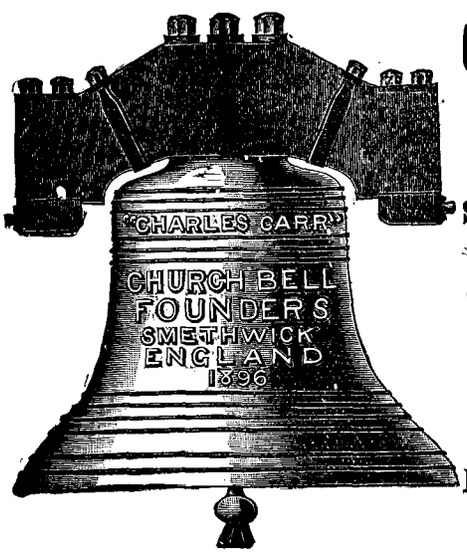

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