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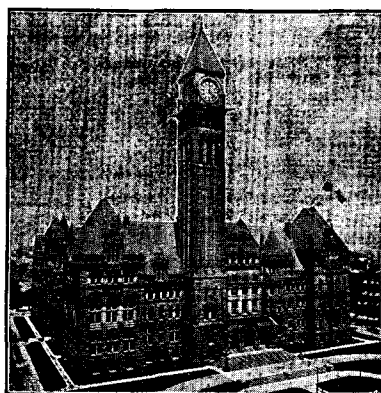
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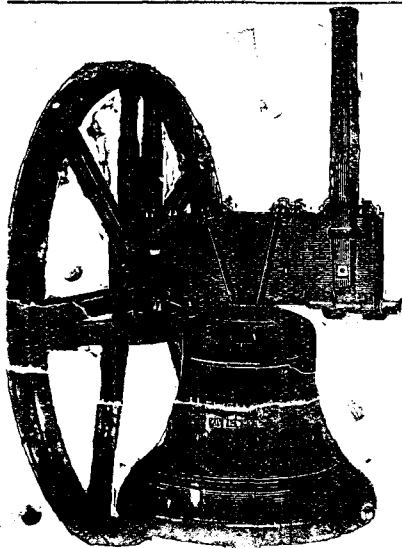
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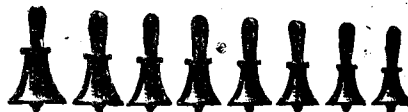
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ALL SAINTS, HIGH WYCOMBE.

On account of the dangerous condition in which the ring of ten bells at this church now are, it has been decided, says a local print, "that the only safe course to adopt pending the necessary repairs, is for further ringing to cease for the present. The bells were rung for the last time on September 22nd last, and it was then found that they not only constituted a danger to themselves when rung, but also a menace to the tower, the frame on which they hang acting like a battering-ram on the tower walls when they are swinging."

As a result of some researches into the history of the bells, says the same paper, we are not at all surprised to learn that this is the case, for we gather that the massive frame on which the bells are hung was constructed nearly two hundred years ago. Judging from the information which is given with regard to these bells in Mr. A. H. Cocks's splendid work, "Church Bells of Buckinghamshire," also by Parker and Lipscomb, their history is a most interesting one. It appears from various authorities that formerly there were six bells in the church—Parker, indeed, gives a list of them—the oldest of which bore the date of 1583. In 1711 the six bells were taken down and removed by road to Spade Oak wharf, at Bourne End, and thence by barge to London, where a ring of eight bells was cast in their place by Richard Phelps, of the Whitechapel foundry, at a cost of £140. The new bells (only two of which still remain) were only five hundred-weight heavier than the old six, and formed the second ring of eight ever erected in this county (Denham being the first). In Mr. Cocks's history a list of the present bells, and their inscriptions, is given in the following order:—

- 1.—Thomas Mears, of London, fecit 1802.
- 2.—John Briant, Hartford, fecit 1788. W. Ball, G. Harman, assistants. The gift of the Earl of Wycombe, eldest son of the Marquis of Lansdown.
- 3.—John Briant, Hartford, fecit 1788. G. Harman, W. Ball, assistants. The gift of Lord Henry Petty, second son of the Marquis of Lansdown.
- 4.—8. Recast by Thomas Mears, of London, A.D. 1802.
- 5.—Edward Stevens Clarke, Luke Gurney Sexton, R: Phelps, fec: 1711.
- 6.—Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Foundry, London. On waist: "These eight bells were cast 1711 by Richard Phelps, of Whitechapel, London. This bell was recast in the year 1890. R: Chilton (Vicar). T. Reynolds, W. Phillips, A. Leadbetter, J. Parker (Churchwardens)."

7.—Aron Wooster: Thos. Walker: Mr. Mead (Churchwardens): Thos. Swain: made me: J756.

9.—Messieurs John Lane Tho: Stevens Geo: Grove Ferdo: Shrimpton Tho: Welles Aldn: 1711 R: P: Fec.

10.—"May all whom I shall summon to the grave the blessings of a well-spent life receive." Thomas Mears, of London: fecit 1802. The Rev. James Price, Vicar. Messrs. Richard Barton, Samuel Bates, James Kingston, and Daniel Turner, Churchwardens. W. B.

G. Harman, whose name appears as one of Briant's "assistants," was a clockmaker in Wycombe. He served the office of Mayor in 1838, but Mr. Cocks tells us that he had nothing whatever to do with bellfounding. Mr. Harman was however, according to Parker, responsible for the chimes which we are told were constructed by him, and are of course a work of considerable mechanical skill. He also constructed the celebrated chimes in the church of St. Giles, Cripplegate, London. It may be interesting to add while on this subject, that the cost of the Wycombe chimes was originally paid for by the Marquis of Lansdowne; although they have in later years been renovated and improved at the expense of local donors. Mr. Harman was by nature a musical genius, for he also built an excellent chamber organ, which he presented to his son, the late Alderman Harman, conditionally that he first played upon it the Old Hundredth Psalm tune.

With regard to No. 6, the former bell was inscribed, "Richard Phelps, of Whitechapel, London, made these eight bells, 1711." It had been cracked for some time, and the crack extending, it became almost voiceless, and the present bell was substituted; and the 7th was rehung and quarter-turned at the same time.

Since Mr. Cocks's history was published, the treble has also been recast, this taking place in 1905, and it now bears the following inscription:—

"Thomas Mears, of London, fecit 1711. Recast by Mears and Stainbank, 1905, at the expense of W. H. Fussell, for thirty years a ringer."

In olden times the bells were put to many and various uses, and it may be interesting to add that in the borough records appears the following entry:—

"Feby 6th, 1672. Henry Shepherd was discharged and ousted as a Burgess of High Wycombe for misbehaviour, and being uncivil to several gentlemen, especially on the 3rd inst., at the Catherine Weell; and in token whereof it is ordered that the Great Bell be rung out according to custum, in testimony of his misdemeanours, and for his disfranchisement."

The only eighteenth-century peal-board remaining in

the county hangs in the ringing-chamber here, with an elaborate gilt frame:—

All Saints, Wycombe, April 8th, 1792.

"On the evening of the eighth instant, was rung in this steeple

A Compleat Peal of Grandsire Catons,
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Five Thousand, One Hundred and Eleven
Changes,

By a party of the Society of London College
Youths;

which they compleated in three hours and forty-
two minutes, in that masterly style for which
they are famous."

The first peal on the eight bells was rung by the Union Scholars on December 26th, 1751, one of Bob Triples, composed and conducted by the celebrated John Holt. Ringing the curfew was discontinued here in 1854; the pancake-bell is rung on Shrove-Tuesday for a quarter-of-an-hour, the 7th being the bell used. As will be seen above the 9th bell is one of the original eight by Phelps, 1711; the name of Welles appears on it, but this has no connection with the Aldbourne founders, as a writer in this paper had it. I notice the same inaccuracy in the Rev. F. E. Robinson's publication—"Among the Bells." The bells were rung for the last time on September 22nd, on the occasion of an ordination by the Bishop of Oxford in this church. A touch of Bob Major was in progress for evensong when one ringer was seen to have lost control of his bell. Investigation showed that the wheel was broken, due to the hammering received against an under-beam caused by the terrible oscillation of the frame. In view of the fact that expert opinion had recommended ringing to cease—in fact practice had been abandoned—there was no other alternative but to silence the bells until such time as a restoration scheme was practicable, which in a parish with £1000 owing on a new church, besides minor liabilities, seemed a long way off. A meeting took place on December 10th. between the ringers and churchwardens, the Vicar presiding, with the result that tenders have been received for re-hanging, and the ringers, knowing restoration inevitable sooner or later, already had raised the small amount of £9. At the ringers' annual meeting held on January 21st, a further sum of £6 6s. was voted, the greater part of the Christmas fund; smaller sums have also been coming in, and it was pleasing to hear the Vicar announce that a fund now existed of £25 10s., making quite a respectable nucleus when a decision to appeal for funds is made. The grand old parish church, dedicated to All Saints, can claim the unique position of being the largest in the diocese of Oxford; it was commenced to be built in 1273. Formerly a tower existed above the nave. The present one was built in 1523, is 108 feet high, and the bell-chamber is 20 feet each way, ample room for a peal of twelve on a level. The ringing-chamber has a collection of seven peal-boards; the locals have never attempted anything

more than peals of Triples. One of the peal-tablets, kindly presented by a late churchwarden, unfortunately records a false peal of Stedman Caters, the composition of which we have heard a good deal of in "THE BELL NEWS" not long since, and the first true peal of Stedman Caters in Bucks. has yet to be rung. The tablet referred to will remain with, possibly at a later date, some explanation attached. More about the only ring of ten bells in Bucks. when they are heard again. F. H.

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."

A SUGGESTION.

SIR,—Might I suggest to the officials (if any) of the Hereford Guild that they arrange a ringing meeting at Hereford on Easter Monday. I feel sure it would meet with the approval of the village ringers, and they would not be slow to avail themselves of the opportunity to ring on a peal of eight or ten bells.

L. LONGNEY.

MR. TAILYOUR'S REPLY.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondents, Messrs. Knight and Cope, I readily admit that they are right in saying, that strictly speaking, the word Great Britain only includes England, Scotland and Wales, and that therefore their claim that Mr. Groves's double-handed peal was the first rung in Great Britain is correct, though it would be equally correct to say that Mr. Washbrook's was the first in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. I still however think that to the minds of nine out of ten ordinary men, the expression Great Britain would convey the impression of covering the whole of the United Kingdom, and that seeing the peal-board at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, and not knowing anything of Mr. Washbrook's previous performances, it would lead them into the same error as that made by myself, whereas if it said England there could be no mistake. I should much regret if your correspondents thought that in anything said by me I was trying to belittle Mr. Groves's performance, as all ringers, especially those like myself who have been privileged to ring in peals where two bells have been rung by one man, have nothing but admiration for the ability of men like Messrs. Washbrook and Groves, who have succeeded in such wonderful feats both in mind and body.

A. TAILYOUR.

A REQUEST.—Will any ringer kindly inform Mr. George Bolland, of Tong, Bradford, of the number of peals of bells in the city of Chester or neighbourhood, with the address of the local secretary?

Mr. J. Jaggar, of 65, Barker Street, Oldbury, Worcestershire, would be glad to hear from R. A. Daniell, esq.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Tuesday, January 21st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Curley, T. Green, F. Phillips, E. Waters, T. Best, C. Goodenough, W. Ingham, C. Merryfield.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. CATALOGUE OF LITERATURE.

Among the subjects I propose to ask my colleagues on this committee to include in the Draft Catalogue to be submitted to the Council is a list of the books on the Bells of Counties, and I shall feel much obliged if you will kindly print the accompanying list, and if any of your readers will communicate the titles of any works on this subject which may have escaped my research.

R. A. DANIELL.

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Church Bells of Northamptonshire ...	North
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Church Bells of Rutland ...	North
Church Bells of Lincoln ...	North
Church Bells of Sussex ...	Tysen
Church Bells of Norfolk ...	L'Estrange
Church Bells of Cornwall...	Dunkfn
Church Bells of Devon ...	Ellacombe
Church Bells of Somerset...	Ellacombe
Church Bells of Gloucestershire	Ellacombe
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Church Bells of Suffolk ...	Raven
Church Bells of Dorset ...	Raven
Church Bells of Huntingdonshire ...	Owen
Church Bells of Buckinghamshire ...	Cocks
Church Bells of Devon ...	Pearson
Church Bells of Kincardineshire	Ecles

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Portishead on Saturday, March 7th, when fifty members put in an appearance, representing seventeen towers. A short service was held in the parish church, at which the Vicar, the Rev. H. W. Jukes, gave a very suitable address. A meat tea was provided at the cafe after which the business meeting was held, the Master presiding. The minutes were read and duly passed. The next meeting being the annual, it was decided to hold it at Taunton. About 150 new members were elected, including eight new towers. A discussion followed on a resolution from the Dunster Deanery. It was resolved that this be referred to the Committee to deal with. A hearty vote of thanks was then proposed by the Master to the Rev. H. W. Jukes for his very able address and for the use of the bells.

This concluded the business, and a move was made to the tower where the bells were kept going until a late hour in Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

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234567		764325	5	354726	5
		427653	3	753642	5
532746	5	274653	4	427365	2
735624	5	742653	4	324576	5
247563	2	367542	1	523647	5
542376	5	563274	5	625734	5
345627	5	745326	2	346572	2
643752	5	347652	5	463572	4
746235	5	523764	2	564237	5
637452	3	725436	5	435672	3
246537	1	647325	1	634257	5
542763	5	726453	3	236745	5
265437	3	657234	3	732564	5
652437	4	426357	1	537426	5
456723	5	324765	5	265743	2
754362	5	723546	5	762354	5
357246	5	527634	5	367425	5
463725	2	345762	2	543267	1
764532	5	743256	5	245736	5
567243	5	247635	5	672345	1
265374	5	472635	4	235476	*
362457	5	674523	5	234567	5
253674	3	452367	†		
462753	1				

† Produced by repeating first thirteen calls. * Produced by repeating first thirteen calls, adding H at end. —Plain lead singles. The composition contains only eighty-nine bobs and two singles.

PRESENTATION TO AN OLD TONBRIDGE RINGER.

On Wednesday, March 25th, the local ringers met for a farewell peal of Grandsire Triples to Mr. John Chivers, who has now left the town after being for upwards of fifty years a ringer at the parish church. Although unsuccessful in ringing the extent of the changes, this did not mar the later proceedings, when the head of the local company, on behalf of the Vicar (Rev. C. G. Baskerville), the ringers and friends presented their old companion with a handsome walking stick, engraved with the following inscription: "Presented to John Chivers, 50 years a ringer, by the Vicar, ringers and friends, Tonbridge, 1908."

In handing him the gift, together with a purse containing the balance, Mr. Stonestreet expressed the great regret felt by all the company at losing such a valued and useful member, one who was proficient in the Art, and who had imparted much of his knowledge and ability to present members of the company. He hoped he might long live to find the stick a useful companion, and prize it with the same feelings that prompted the givers.

Mr. Chivers expressed his thorough appreciation of the kindness shown him, and though happily and comfortably settled in his new abode, he should never cease to look back with pleasure on the many years spent in his native town, and the happy hours enjoyed in Tonbridge belfry for more than fifty years.

The following took part in the ringing: J. Chivers, C. Cooke, G. Thompson, S. Perkins, W. J. Wolfe, A. Lawrence, W. Steed, G. Rabbitt.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 16th, and 30th; St. John, Hackney, on the 7th and 21st; St. John, South Hackney, on the 6th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside (special business meeting afterwards), on the 7th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st; St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 23rd; all at 8 p.m.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Blackburn, to-day, Saturday, April 4th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Leek to-day, Saturday, April 4th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Service in church at 7.30 p.m.
REV. E. V. COX } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON,

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ashton-under-Lyne parish church (12 bells), on Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.
W. H. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*

The Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Stainland on Saturday, April 11th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by April 6th.
J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*
302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's church, Helmshore, on Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.
Z. LORD, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready at 5.
WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—A special meeting will be held at Wentworth on Easter Monday, April 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m.
SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at The Lion hotel, Cambridge, on Easter Monday, April 20th, at 1.30. The Ven. the Archdeacon of Ely will preside. Dinner (for members 1s. each, non-members 2s. each), will be provided for as many as inform their District Secretary of their intention to be present before April 11th.
R. L. TWELLS, *General Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Privett, near Alton, on Easter Monday, April 20th. Bells available from 12 o'clock (noon). Tea at 5. Meeting after in the schoolroom. Members requiring tea please inform me by April 14th. I shall be glad to

receive subscriptions to the Rev. E. W. Carpenter's testimonial as soon as possible.
Fareham. J. W. WHITING, *Hon. Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Leiston on Monday, April 20th. Bells of Leiston, Kelsale and Saxmundham available. Dinner at The White Horse, Leiston, at 1.30 p.m. Those intending to be present must notify Secretary before April 15th. Usual railway arrangements.
C. E. BORRITT, *Sec.*
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 20th. Service in St. Helen's church at 1.15 p.m. prompt. Meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 p.m. Tea provided free for all those sending me their names before Wednesday, April 15th. Towers available for ringing: Cathedral (10), 5 to 6 p.m.; St. Helen's (8), St. John's (6), St. Swithin (6), and St. Nicholas (6). The Secretary will be at St. Helen's Church House from 12 to 1 p.m. to receive subscriptions and distribute reports.
J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*
Bransford, Worcester.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 20th. Committee Meeting at the Church House, St. Paul's Square, at 12.30. Luncheon at one o'clock at the Mission Room. Service at St. Paul's church at 5 o'clock. Further notice next week.
REV. A. RUSK, *Hon. Sec.*
I. HILLS, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 20th. Further particulars next week.
G. W. CARTMEL, *Hon. Sec.*

North Wales Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Llangollen on Easter Monday, April 20th. Bells available from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and 3.30 to 9 p.m. The clergy and churchwardens have kindly offered to provide a luncheon at 12.30 p.m. A special service will be held in the church at 1.30 p.m. Business meeting in the National Schools at 2 p.m. Those intending to be present at luncheon please communicate with Mr. Thos. James, 21, Brook Street, Llangollen, not later than April 10th. A hearty welcome extended to all ringers.
S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—The twenty-sixth annual meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 20th, to which all members and friends are cordially invited. The bells at St. Mary's, St. Peter's, All Saints, and Holy Trinity, Lepton, will be available for ringing from 10 a.m. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock, and tea (1s. 6d. each) at the Arboretum Refreshment Rooms. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. R. Clifford, Bramcote Road, Beeston, not later than the first post on the previous Thursday.
Cotgrave, Notts. W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The ringing practices will in future be from 7.30 to 9 p.m.
JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—Meetings for the practice of Double Norwich will be held during 1908 at Twyford on the second Thursday in each month commencing March 12th, from 7 to 9 p.m. Meetings will also be held at Winchester Cathedral for the practice of Kent Treble Bob on the first Wednesday in each month, commencing May 6th, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Any ringers who may happen to be in the neighbourhood on those evenings will be most heartily welcomed.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*

AN APPEAL.

The members of the Keighley society would like to open a subscription list for the cause of one of their ringing brethren—J. McGoun—who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, and possibly it might have to be amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT SOLIHULL (reported last week).—This was the first peal of Caters by Messrs. Meeks, Bragg (3), and Whiteside. The ringer of the 6th was proposed a member of the Guild previous to starting for the peal. This composition which is now rung for the first time, has the 6th the extent in the tittums and inverted home positions.

THE PEAL AT WEST BROMWICH (reported last week).—This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled to commemorate the death of the miners who lost their lives in the Hamstead pits during the late colliery disaster. May they rest in peace.

THE PEAL AT SOUTHOVER.—This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. William Edwards, of Priory Street (Mrs. R. J. Dawe's father), who died on Sunday after a long and painful illness. It was rung by an entirely local band, and was well struck throughout, and is only the second local peal ever rang in the tower since 1839, when the first peal of eight bells was hung. The first local peal was rung on March 15th, 1902, and was also conducted by R. J. Dawe.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of E. J. Harding, foreman of the Portsea band, is 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

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Obituary.**ALBERT PHILLIPS.**

It is with deep regret that we record the death, upon his twenty-ninth birthday, of the above ringer, late of Little Munden, after a brief illness of influenza and pneumonia. Deceased was well-known amongst the members of the Herts. Association, especially in the Eastern District. He was a very clever six-bell ringer, and a splendid striker. Quiet and unassuming in manner, one who would never want for a friend or ever made an enemy, a member of the choir for fourteen years, and through all that period was hardly ever absent. We laid him to rest on Saturday amid many manifestations of grief, in the quiet little churchyard that he had trod so often, and under the shadow of the old church tower, 'neath the sound of the bell's he loved and had rung so often. Nine of

his brother-ringers carried him to the grave, and ringers attended from Bishops Stortford, Bengoe, Bennington, Ware, Watton, and Great Munden, besides all the local band. There were twenty-one floral wreaths to his memory, including one from his brother-ringers, and one from the Hertford ringers in the shape of a large bell, a really magnificent piece of work. A new bell rope also formed a wreath. After the service the bells were rung fully muffled by a mixed company, including a 720 of Kent, conducted by H. J. Tucker. In the evening a peal was attempted, but was lost after ringing 720 each of Double Oxford and Woodbine. A. Phillips, B. Patmore, E. H. King, G. H. Barker, E. A. Overall, W. H. Lawrence conductor. Thus ended the life on earth of a ringer beloved and respected by all with whom he came in contact, and whose place will be hard to fill.

While o'er his grave the bells so softly
shall their music pour
till the end of time.

Of the twenty-six peals rung at Little Munden, he had taken part in twenty-five, the other being rung upon his marriage with Emily, sister of W. H. Lawrence. He had rung fifty-three peals: Three Minor methods 1; four methods 1; five methods 8, conducted 2; seven methods 24, conducted 6 (including the one in which W. H. Lawrence rang two bells, the first of Minor on record); one of 6480 in 9 methods; one 7200 in 10 methods; one 5040 in fourteen methods; Grandsire Triples 2; Stedman Triples 6; Bob Major 4 (including 6496); Kent Treble Bob Major 3. W. H. L.

WILLIAM SUGDEN.

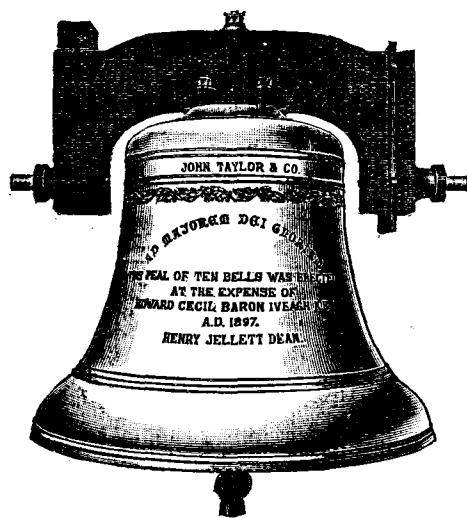
A local paper announces the death of the above-named, which took place on March 3rd, in his eighty-first year. The deceased formerly resided at Pudsey, Yorks., and was a well-known ringer for many years, a member of the Yorkshire Association, and on the Committee. He emigrated to Cornwall, in Canada, some twenty-five years ago. He formed one of the band (along with John Langstaff, still living), who obtained first prize at the opening of Ilkley parish church (six bells), January 13th, 1846. In connection with this visit a story is related by Mr. Bolland, that the band were practising together at Tong, up to a late hour the previous evening, and then started to walk back to Ilkley, nearly twenty miles, en route. He was lifted by his taller companions to the mile posts to find the way. He rang in the first Yorkshire Association peal on six bells at Tong in 1877, and in the first on the new peal of eight bells at Drighlington, after their erection in 1880.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1908.

THORMASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

The dedication of the bells at the parish church took place on Sunday, March 22nd, the ceremony being performed by Bishop Mitchinson. The bells now number six, and form a pretty and handy peal. There were formerly five, which have been recast, and one added, all being rehung in an iron frame. The work was carried out by Messrs. Barwell, Bell Founders, of Birmingham, the weight of the tenor being 10 cwt. 1 lb. in G. During the dedication the local ringers were called upon to ring a few rounds, and after the service the local band started the bells, and rang 360 changes of Bob Minor. E. Smith, 1; A. Briggs, 2; D. Allott, 3; J. Pole, 4; A. Pickard, 5; E. Smith (conductor), 6. Then the visiting ringers rang 360, in the same method. A. Smith (Birstall), 1; G. Borrows (Leicester), 2; D. Allott (Thormaston), 3; J. Harris (Leicester), 4; J. E. Groves (conductor, Wolverhampton), 5; J. Morris (Leicester), 6. Then the local band rang 120 Stedman Doubles and lowered the bells in peal. The utmost satisfaction was expressed at the manner in which the whole work had been carried out by Messrs. Barwell.

F. BLOOD.—We never heard of it taking place.

G. O.—Try again.

The Metropolis.**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.***On Wednesday, April 1, 1908, in Three Hours,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE <i>Treble</i> .	WILLIAM HEWITT 5.
CHARLES NORTH* 2.	RICHARD F. DEAL 6.
HORATIO GUMMER 3.	THOMAS LANGDON 7.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal of Major with a bob bell.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.*On Thursday, March 26, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN T. KENTISH <i>Treble</i> .	ERNEST S. POLL 5.
JOHN H. BENSTED 2.	WILBY J. HAZELL 6.
EDWARD F. COLE 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
GEORGE A. CARD 4.	GEORGE PAICE <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by FREDERICK DENGH, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, March 28, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDK. W. RICHARDSON* <i>Treble</i> .	JAMES E. DAVIS 5.
WILLIAM HEWITT 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 3.	ISAAC EMERY 7.
HORATIO GUMMER 4.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by FRANK BRNETT.

*First peal of Major; also first peal of Surprise on the bells.

The Provinces.**REIGATE, SURREY.—THE REIGATE SOCIETY.***On Saturday, March 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

J. WILLIAM POOLEY <i>Treble</i> .	*ALBERT COTTRELL 6.
ARTHUR HOLMAN 2.	*WILLIAM F. SMITH 7.
GEORGE W. WALDER† .. 3.	THOMAS SPARKS 8.
GEORGE F. HOAD 4.	HENRY REEVES 9.
HENRY F. EWINS 5.	HENRY A. HOAD <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by JOHN P. BRADLEY, and Conducted by HENRY REEVES.

*First peal. †First peal on ten bells.

QUEENSBURY, NEAR BRADFORD, YORKS.**THE YORKSHIRE AND HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.***On Saturday, March 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOE HARDCASTLE <i>Treble</i> .	JAMES BARRACLOUGH .. 5.
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JAMES COTTERELL 3.	GEORGE B. BOLLAND .. 7.
JONAS S. AMBLER 4.	JOSEPH BROADLEY <i>Tenor</i> .

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

First peal on the bells which have been augmented from six to eight, and re-dedicated in December last.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 21, 1908, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

ALBERT D. STONE <i>Treble</i> .	ROBERT J. DAWK 6.
JOHN T. RICKMAN, M.A.* .. 2.	WILLIAM PALMER 7.
CHARLES PALMER* 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER 8.
RICHARD W. HOATHER* .. 4.	GEORGE A. KING 9.
EDWARD C. MERRITT 5.	KEITH HART <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by W. BOOTH, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal; also on the bells. After the peal Mr. Rickman entertained the ringers to a substantial repast at The King's Head, Southover, provided by hostess Goldsmith, which was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by the band.

ACCRINGTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

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THOMAS HAWORTH 3.	CHARLES SHARPLES <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

First peal of Surprise on the bells, which have been in the tower since 1805.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.***On Monday, March 23, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE.. <i>Treble</i> .	EDGAR PEMBERTON 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
WILLIAM MOTTS 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This is the Vicar's 100th Norwich Diocesan Association peal.

BIRMINGHAM.**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Tuesday, March 24, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.**

Tenor 36 cwt.

THOMAS H. REEVES.. .. <i>Treble</i> .	EDMUND J. HYLAND 7.
JOHN NEAL 2.	GEORGE BURROWS 8.
THOMAS RUSSAM 3.	JAMES L. WELLS 9.
JOHN CARTER 4.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	ALBERT WALKER 11.
FREDERICK DICKENS .. 6.	WILLIAM PAINTER <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by HARVEY REEVES, and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Thomas Russam, who is leaving this country for the Dominion of Canada on April 3rd, the ringers wishing him a safe journey and future prosperity.

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AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
MOORE'S TWELVE-PART.

TOM SHONE† Treble.	JOHN JOHNSON 5
GEORGE A. SMITH 2.	JOHN WOODWARD 6.
FREDERICK PAGE 3.	ARTHUR LATHAM 7.
HORACE SMITH* 4.	JOHN MEEK Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR LATHAM.

†First peal away from the tenor. *First peal with a bob bell.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE SOUTHOVER GUILD BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, March 25, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
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JOHN T. RICKMAN, M.A. .. 3.	ROBERT J. DAWE 7.
GEORGE H. STURT 4.	FRED GREGORY Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

Reference to this peal elsewhere.

BECKENHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER SMITH Treble.	†FREDERICK TERRY 5.
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GEORGE W. CLARKE* 3.	EDWARD RIDGWAY 7.
FREDERICK KING* 4.	WILLIAM SAW Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER SMITH.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 26, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

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Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES LIST Treble.	GEORGE EASTHAUGH 4.
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT .. 2.	JOHN LARTER 5.
EDWARD CHATTEN 3.	FREDERICK W. WATLING Tenor.

Conducted by F. W. WATLING.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, March 27, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED J. SMITH Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER 5.
WILLIAM BRANT 2.	ROBERT PICKERING 6.
DANIEL JONES 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT 7.
ALFRED FALLON 4.	*WILLIAM J. PALMER .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to D. Jones.

CAMBRIDGE—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT,

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

REV. A. H. BOUGHEY .. Treble.	F. KEMPTON 5.
PERCY WEBB 2.	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. 6.
JOHN TAYLOR 3.	GEORGE TAYLOR 7.
WILLIAM KEMPTON 4.	WALTER PARISH Tenor.

Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Duke of Devonshire, Chancellor of the University.

MERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST CHEESEMAN .. Treble.	CHARLES TRIBE 5.
EDWARD S. RUCK† 2.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 6.
GRAHAM LINEBRIDGE .. 3.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 7.
ARCHIBALD C. KAY 4.	GEORGE JOHNSON Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. PLAYER.

†First peal in the method. This is believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.
THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 28, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAS. BUCKLEY Treble.	WILLIAM MARSDEN 5.
WILLIAM BRAMMER 2.	JOHN LAWTON 6.
THOMAS JACKSON 3.	RICHARD NEWTON 7.
ISAAC SIDEBOTTOM 4.	JOSEPH MALONEY Tenor.

Composed by JAMES WILDE, and Conducted by JOSEPH MALONEY.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1908, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
7200 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Longest length in the method by all the band, and by the Association.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

ALFRED J. WALLATER .. Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER 6.
ALBERT BLUNDELL 2.	JOHN C. ADAMS 7.
HORACE BELCHER 3.	FREDERICK J. COPE 8.
THOMAS H. REEVES 4.	HERBERT KNIGHT 9.
GEORGE HUGHES 5.	JAMES H. GALLIMORE .. Tenor.

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

First peal of Caters as conductor.

STEYNING.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, March 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

ALBERT D. STONE Treble.	HENRY STALHAM 5.
JOHN SMART 2.	ARTHUR HUTCHINGS 6.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 3.	KEITH HART 7.
CHARLES PALMER 4.	GEORGE GATLAND Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, March 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION.**

WILLIAM SMITH Treble.	EDWARD GROVES 5.
JOHN BEAMS 2.	CHARLES READ 6.
HARRY BEAMS 3.	JOHN WYATT 7.
JOHN HOYLE 4.	WILLIAM FARREL Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WYATT.

LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE.**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.**

ALFRED RIDER† Treble.	JOHN RIDER 5.
FRANK WHITE† 2.	*EDWARD A. RIDGWAY .. 6.
SYDNEY CHURTON 3.	†EDGAR SHARRATT, JUN. .. 7.
FREDERICK PAGE 4.	†ALFRED ABBOTT Tenor.

Conducted by E. A. RIDGWAY.

†First peal. *First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Gillett and Johnston, and the first peal on the bells by entirely local men.

LECKHAMPSTEAD, BUCKS.**THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT GUILD.***On Saturday, March 28, 1908, in Three Hours.*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores of Grandsire and Antelope.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HERBERT CARTER Treble.	DENNIS HURST 3.
ALBERT JOHN GREEN .. 2.	HARRY HURST 4.
JOSEPH READ Tenor.	

Conducted by JOSEPH READ.

First peal by all except the conductor, and the first peal on the bells, which were rehung in March, 1907, by Bowell, of Ipswich, who has recently put some rope guides up, the bells going well.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Monday, March 30, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

OSCAR GILBEY Treble.	ERNEST G. FRANKUM .. 5.
LEWIS GREEN 2.	GEORGE ESSEX 6.
GEORGE IRVINE 3.	HENRY SIMMONDS 7.
RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 4.	ERNEST W. MENDAY .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and Conducted by E. W. MENDAY.

Rang the day after the 73rd birthday of Mr. T. Hibbert, of East Ilsley, the band all wishing him many happy returns.

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

Handbell Peals.**BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Wednesday, March 4, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes.***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES
IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

HARRY MOSS 1-2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. 5-6.
WILLIAM KEEBLE .. 3-4.	JOHN FLINT 7-8.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.
Umpire—Jesse Moss.

**SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)***On Saturday, March 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.*

AT 33, HOLLY STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

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

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
Umpire—G. O. Dixon.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, March 28, 1908, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.*

AT 87, THE COMMON,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5004 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.**

GEORGE LEWIS 1-2.	WALTER COATES 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. 3-4.	*GEORGE O. DIXON .. 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN

*First peal on handbells. The above are all unattached members of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society.

Miscellaneous.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

WOKINGHAM.—On Thursday, February 6th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Whittingham, A. Wiggins, A. Price, F. Lush, S. Paice, J. French, W. J. Paice composer and conductor, A. Hill. Rang as a birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. B. Long.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPCHURCH.—Recently, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. C. Shipp, G. Timber, S. Jarrett, V. Jarrett, C. Bishop, W. T. Hyland conductor. 720 Bob Minor. G. Mabbs, G. Timber, C. Bishop, V. Jarrett, S. Jarrett, W. T. Hyland conductor. 720 Canterbury Pleasure. C. Shipp, G. Timber, S. Jarrett, V. Jarrett, C. Bishop, W. T. Hyland conductor. 720 Oxford Bob. G. Mabbs, G. Tumber, V. Jarrett, C. Bishop, S. Jarrett, W. T. Hyland conductor. 720 Bob Minor. S. Jarrett, G. Mabbs, G. Timber, W. T. Hyland, V. Jarrett, C. Bishop conductor. 720 Oxford Bob. C. Shipp, G. Tumber, V. Jarrett, C. Bishop, S. Jarrett, W. T. Hyland composer and conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On November 13th, on the occasion of a wedding, 720 Oxford Single. W. Churcher, H. Merrett, N. Welch, J. W. Whiting, G. E. Chappell conductor, W. Singleton. 720 College Single. H. Smith, W. Singleton, H. Merrett, J. W. Whiting, W. Churcher, G. E. Chappell conductor. For practice four 720s of Single Court, being the first on the bells, and by all the band. H. W. Merrett, W. Singleton, H. Beckett, H. J. Smith, W. Churcher G. E. Chappell conductor. On Christmas morning at 6 o'clock, and for morning service, two 720s of Oxford

Single. H. Smith, W. Singleton, H. Merrett, H. Beckett, W. Churcher, G. E. Chappell conductor. On Wednesday, January 15th, for a wedding, 720 College Single. H. Beckett, W. Singleton, H. Merrett, N. Welch. W. Churcher, G. E. Chappell conductor. 720 Oxford Single standing as above. And 720 Single Court. H. Merrett, W. Singleton, H. Beckett, H. Smith, W. Churcher, G. C. Chappell conductor. On Sunday, January 19th, 720 Single Court, standing as before. On Wednesday, January 25th, 720 Oxford Single. W. Richards, W. Singleton, H. Merrett, T. Savage, W. Churcher, G. E. Chappell conductor. 720 Single Court. H. Merrett, W. Singleton, H. Beckett, H. J. Smith, W. Churcher, G. E. Chappell conductor. On Wednesday February 5th, 720 Bob Minor. H. J. Smith, J. Harris, H. Merrett, W. Churcher, E. J. Harding, G. E. Chappell conductor. 360 College Single. J. Harris, H. Beckett, H. Merrett, N. Welch, W. Churcher, G. E. Chappell. Also a course each of College and Oxford Single by Messrs. Harris and Harding, it being their first course in the methods.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PLYMOUTH.—On Tuesday, March 17th, for practice at Charles Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 25 mins. W. Greenwood, R. Dobson, G. Marsh conductor, G. Stroud, F. Hockaday, W. Hiscott, A. Wellington, W. Richards, W. Marsh, S. Roach. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and tenor. First quarter-peal of Caters by the ringers of the 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 7th.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

MORPETH.—On Sunday, February 16th, at the old clock tower, two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 30 mins. C. B. Kay, A. O. Bowman, J. Armstrong, G. R. Harrison, S. O. Saye conductor, T. Oram.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

APFLEDOR (Kent).—On February 28th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Law, C. Johnson, C. Noakes, S. Hills, G. Johnson, F. Brown, C. W. Player conductor, W. Sharp. On March 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Law, E. G. Johnson conductor, A. Johnson, S. Hills, C. W. Player, F. Brown, G. Johnson, W. Sharp.

STONE-IN-OXNEY (Kent).—On March 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 40 mins. H. Smith, R. Dunster, J. Neve, C. W. Player, F. Burt, S. G. Eord.

BECKENHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, March 15th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. C. Terry, W. Dennis, G. Clarke, W. Smith conductor, F. Terry, J. Lovell, J. Blake, F. King. Arranged for J. Blake, who hails from Chichester. On Thursday, March 19th, 720 Bob Minor. C. Terry, F. King, G. Durling, J. Lovell, F. Terry, W. Smith conductor.

CHERTSEY.—For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. J. Terry, G. Warinton, H. Stevens, E. Warinton, J. B. Hesse conductor, P. J. Percy, W. Charge. Rung with 7-8 behind, and leaving the 2nd out. On Sunday morning a plain course of Grandsire Triples. This is the second touch by the local band.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On January 10th, for practice on hand-bells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. C. J. Hamblin, 1-2; A. Shepherd, 3-4; G. Edser, jun. conductor, 5-6; S. C. Hamblin, 7-8. On February 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 37 mins. C. J. Hamblin, 1-2; G. Woodis, 3-4; W. Shepherd conductor, 5-6; S. C. Hamblin, 7-8. On January 31st, 2520 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's ten-part, in 1 hr. 17 mins. C. J. Hamblin, 1-2; A. Shepherd, 3-4; G. Edser, jun. conductor, 5-6; S. C. Hamblin, 7-8. On February 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 36 mins. C. J. Hamblin, 1-2; A. Shepherd, 3-4; G. Edser, jun., 5-6; S. C. Hamblin, 7-8.

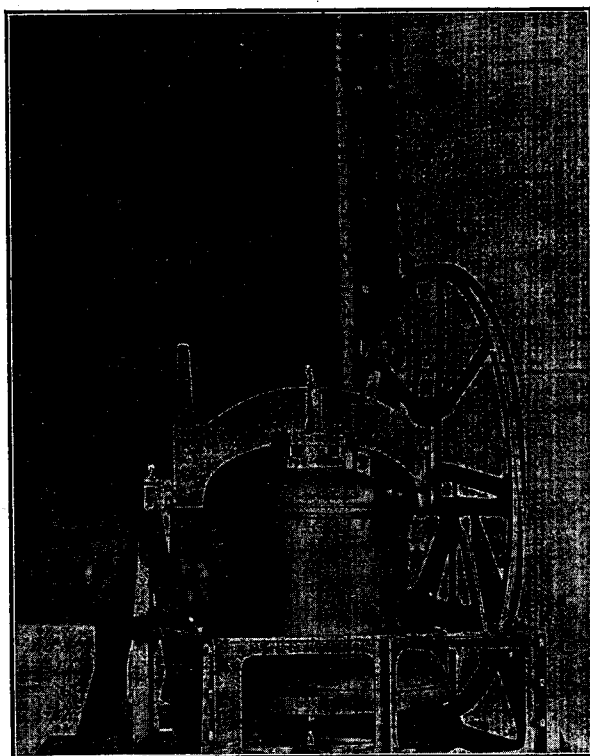
LIVERPOOL.—On February 14th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Woodhall, J. Martin, T. C. Larkey, W. Twist, E. Caunce conductor, S. W. Stewart, W. Davies, R. Walker. O.

February 16th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Larkey, A. Lovell, E. Caunce, J. Aspinwall, W. Twist, S. W. Stewart, J. Martin conductor, R. Walker.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, February 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. R. Vyse, G. Roughton, G. R. Pye, H. Catterwell, H. Dawkins conductor, W. Watson. On Sunday morning, March 15th, for Ordination Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. R. Pye, G. Jaye, T. Loosemore, G. Roughton, W. Woodgate, H. Dawkins conductor, H. Catterwell, R. Vyse.

STOKE-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire). — On Sunday evening, February 16th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. H. Cordell, G. Woods, F. Page, C. Page, S. Sargeant, S. Churton conductor, T. Austin, A. Lawton.

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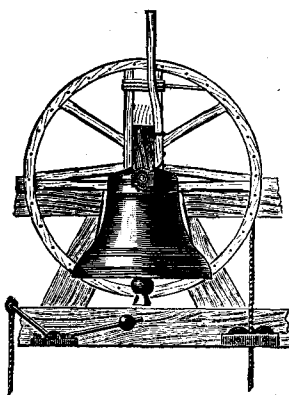
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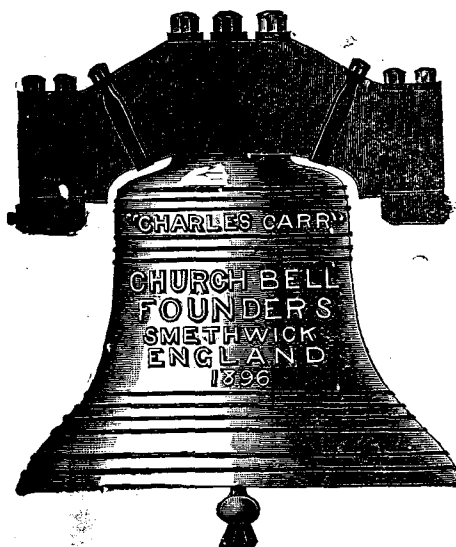
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