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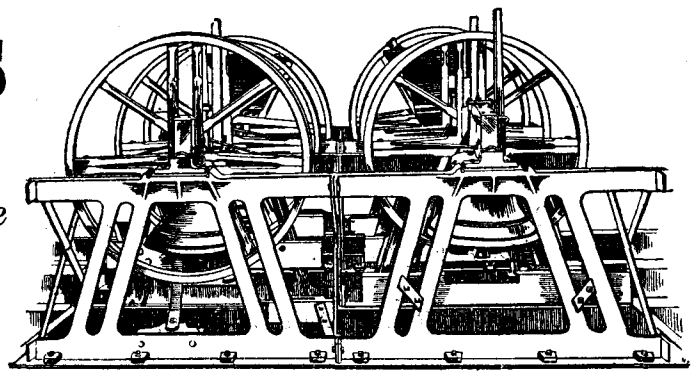

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SOUTHBROOM, DEVIZES, WILTS.

There was a large congregation at St. James's Church, Southbroom, on Friday evening, April 2nd, when the bells were dedicated. The history of the movement which was thus consummated is very recent, and need be only briefly recapitulated. For over 160 years there were only four bells in this tower, but at the last Easter vestry meeting, when the question of re-hanging the bells came up for discussion, it was suggested that if the bells were re-hung a fifth bell would be given. This proved to be a true saying, and as the scheme matured a second gift of a similar kind was announced. The result is that the church tower now has a peal of six bells instead of four, the old bells re-tuned (in one case re-cast) and hung in an iron frame, the belfry has new floors, and the tower generally cleansed. The cost of the work was stated in the last issue of the parochial magazine to be £170, not including the value of the new bells. The fund for re-hanging the bells originated at a meeting of the ringing committee as far back as February, 1902, so the scheme had been quietly going on for seven years before the final effort at the end of 1908.

The peal, as restored, consists of six bells in the key of A flat major. The treble is a new bell, the gift of Messrs. William and Walter Rose, in memory of their father.

New clappers, wheels, iron headstocks, "Hastings" stays and ropes have been fitted to the bells, which are hung in an iron H frame, bolted to steel girders, which are built into the walls of the tower. New floors have been placed in the belfry, and the tower has been thoroughly cleaned. The old bells have been quarter-turned, so that the clappers now strike in fresh places. The new bells have been cast, the old treble re-cast, and the whole work of re-hanging most satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

It is a very light peal compared with the peals in St. John's and St. Mary's towers in the same town; the tenor bell at St. James's weighs 7½ cwt., against some 20 cwt. that the others weigh. But it is a very pretty peal; one of our leading diocesan ringers describes it as "a merry little peal."

Shortened evensong (from the Lord's Prayer to the collects) was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Gardiner, the lesson being read by the assistant curate, the Rev. Evelyn Smith. It was numbers x. 1–11, that passage introducing the silver trumpets which the Vicar afterwards alluded to in the course of his address. The special Psalm was the 96th.

After the collects a brief but interesting, and, in its way, impressive little ceremony took place—the admission of the six ringers into their office. This is not a new feature in Mr. Gardiner's churches, here or elsewhere, but it was exceptional in the number admitted at one time. Standing in front of the chancel with the churchwardens (Messrs. J. Williams and C. S. Pugh), with their wands of office at either end of the rank, the ringers were asked by the Vicar three plain but searching questions intended to bring home to them the character of the office they were to fill as really a part of divine worship. They were then severally admitted, with a brief exhortation, followed by prayer, the whole congregation also kneeling.

The dedication of the bells followed. The Vicar, churchwardens, and ringers proceeded to the west end of the church, and, accompanied by Mr. Grant-Meek, they stood in the space beneath the tower. Mr. Grant-Meek then said: "In the unavoidable absence of one of our members I have been entrusted with the pleasing duty and privilege of offering to the Vicar and churchwardens of the parish, on behalf of more than 250 contributors, the bells which we are met together in the House of God this evening to dedicate. These bells are six in number; four of them have been re-hung, and one of the four has been re-cast, while the remaining two are gifts of members of the congregation, one the gift of Sarah, the wife of Henry Brownlee West, and the other the gift of William and Walter Rose, in memory of their father. I am sure it will be a satisfaction to all of us to know that the work of re-hanging has very materially strengthened the tower of the old church in which many of us have worshipped for so long. These bells are an offering made to the glory of God, and as such on behalf of the contributors I beg their acceptance by the Vicar and churchwardens."

The Vicar then pronounced the dedicatory and other prayers. The Vicar, churchwardens, and Mr. Grant-Meek returned to their places, and the ringers went to the belfry and rang a few rounds. The congregation then sang the hymn, commencing—

> Now at length our bells are mounted
> To their holy place on high,
> Ever to fulfil their mission,
> Midway 'twixt the earth and sky.

The Vicar then gave an address, basing it upon the words in Joel ii. 15; "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly."

At the conclusion of the address the hymn was sung—

> Lond voices in our church to-day,
> Loud notes upon the air,

during which an offertory was taken. The Benediction was followed by the three-fold Amen.

After the dedication 360 Grandsire Doubles was rung by the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, T. Raddon, C. H. Hampton, R. Haslehurst, A. Draper conductor, F. Green. Also 120 changes Grandsire Doubles by the following:—C. H. Hampton conductor, W. King, T. Raddon, R. Haslehurst, A. Draper, F. E. Davis.

Mr. W. E. White, Hon. Secretary of the Midland Counties Association, writes:—"On behalf of the members of the Midland Counties Association I should like to congratulate those splendid ringers who were so successful in ringing the long peal at Loughborough on Monday last. I am sure we are all very proud of them."

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The second quarterly meeting of the year was held at Thetford on Easter Monday, and was a most successful gathering. The ring of eight at St. Peter's church were open throughout the day, and members also drove over to West Tofts to ring on the light eight in that tower.

Dinner was served at The Green Dragon hotel, under the presidency of the Vicar of St. Peter's, the Rev. J. P. Watts, and at which a good number of members were present from Norwich, Eye, Bury St. Edmunds, Debenham, Euston, Bungay, &c.

The usual loyal toasts were honoured, and the chairman gave all the visitors a hearty welcome to the town, and also paid a very warm tribute to the good work carried on by Mr. Fitzjohn, the local hon. secretary.

The election of new members concluded the meeting, and the tower was again visited, where touches of Double Norwich, Stedman, Treble Bob, Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples were successfully brought round.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above was held at Crich on Easter Monday. Members were present from Ashover, Blackwell, Clay Cross, Crich, Morton, Pentrich, Shirland, Swanwick, Teversall, Tibshelf, North and South Wingfield.

The annual service was held at 4 p.m. An impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. E. T. Pegg, Vicar of Ripley. Tea was provided in the school at 5 p.m., to which 63 sat down. The business meeting was held after the cloths were removed, the Vicar of Crich (Rev. J. M. Simmons) being voted to the chair. The balance-sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £14 18s. 11d., was read and carried very satisfactory. The following officers were elected—President: Rev. J. L. Blake; treasurer: Mr. J. Smith, Clay Cross; secretary: Mr. J. Allibone, North Wingfield.

The next annual meeting was voted to Shirland by a large majority. Quarterly meetings to be held at Ashover, Ault Hucknall, and Bolsover. The Rev. E. T. Pegg was heartily thanked for his excellent sermon in church. Also the Vicar of Crich for the use of bells and room for tea, to which both suitably replied. The local ringers and their wives were also thanked for making all so welcome and comfortable.

The bells, a musical ring of 5 in G minor, were well used, and kept going until a late hour, departure time coming too soon for many of the visitors, a most enjoyable day having been spent by all.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A successful quarterly meeting was held at Llantwit Major on Easter Monday, and was well attended by members of the Glamorgan Archdeaconry. Proceedings commenced with a short service in the parish church at three o'clock, which was conducted by the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. H. Morris, who also addressed the members present. After the service the business meeting took place in the parish room, which was presided over by the Vicar. The first item was the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, which were accepted as correct and signed. Instructors reports were next taken, progress being reported at Rhymney tower. The election of new members was next proceeded with, the whole of the Llantwit Major and Cefn Coed ringers being elected. Application was then made by these towers for instruction in change-ringing to be given, and it was decided that Mr. Evans, of Bridgend, be the Llantwit instructor, and that Mr. Jones, of Newport, visit Cefn Coed and endeavour to get the necessary assistance for the Merthyr tower.

The election of a representative to attend the next central council meeting was next proceeded with, Mr. J. W. Jones, the assistant hon. secretary, being unanimously selected.

It was then decided that the next Glamorganshire quarterly meeting be held at Llantrisant. The next Monmouthshire quarterly meeting is to be held at Monmouth on Whit-Monday.

Subscriptions were next taken, and the meeting closed. Tea was next partaken of, and after the usual vote of thanks the bells were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. The bells are a new ring of six re-cast and re-hung last year by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and go splendidly. The weight of the tenor is 12 cwt.

A VISIT TO KELLY, DEVONSHIRE.

On Easter Monday the Rev. M. Kelly invited a band to Lifton to attempt a peal. Several attempts had previously been made, but up to then no peal had been rung there. A start was made just after ten in the morning, and a successful peal of Grandsire Triples has now been rung on this beautiful peal, the tenor of which is 25 cwt. The local band at Lifton are just starting to learn half pull, and several of them rung their first 120 on handbells with us after the peal.

In the afternoon the Rev. Maitland Kelly sent a conveyance, and we had a most delightful drive over one of the most hilly parts of Devonshire to Kelly. The president of the guild took us all over the Kelly estate, and, after entertaining us to a substantial tea, we adjourned to the church, which has a pretty ring of six, tenor about 8½ cwt. Miss Agnes Kelly met us here, and we rang 120 Stedman Doubles, Miss Kelly ringing the 2nd.

A start was then made for 720 Treble Bob Minor, which was rung in 20 mins. G. F. Williams, Rev. Maitland Kelly, W. G. Hiscott, W. H. Marsh, F. Hockaday, E. W. Marsh conductor. We then rung several 120's of Grandsire Doubles with the local ringers, and after lowering the bells the Rev. M. Kelly and his four daughters rung several courses of Grandsire Caters on handbells. This concluded one of the most enjoyable days ever experienced by the Plymouth ringers.

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KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

An interesting little ceremony took place in the quietness of the parish church belfry on a recent Saturday afternoon. It was the unveiling by Major H. M. Stockdale of a tablet erected to commemorate recent achievements by the hands of the excellent body of ringers at the church. The tablet is a wooden structure, with gilt letters forming the following inscription: "The Central Northamptonshire Association. In this tower was rung on Saturday, Nov. 17th, 1906, in 3 hours and 17 minutes, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 5088 changes. Charles W. Bird treble, Edward Chapman 2, Arthur E. Payne 3, Robert F. Turner 4, Fredk. W. Sawfoot 5, Herbert J. Julian 6, Morris A. Turner 7, David J. Nichols tenor. Composed by Arthur Knights. On Tuesday, Dec. 29th, 1908, in 3 hours and 22 minutes, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 5056 changes. Albert V. Inns treble, Edward Chapman 2, Charles W. Bird 3, Robt. F. Turner 4, Fredk. W. Sawfoot 5, Herbert J. Julian 6, Morris A. Turner 7, David J. Nichols tenor. Composed by Charles H. Hattersley. The above are the first peals ever rung in the methods on the bells by a resident band of ringers, and were conducted by David J. Nichols. Rev. P. M. Smythe, Rector; George F. Goff and Edward Maishment, churchwardens; Charles Bailey and John Goss, churchwardens."

Knowing the interest Major Stockdale displays in campanological affairs the local ringers thought this would be good opportunity for introducing that gentleman into the belfry. The Major willingly consented to unveil the tablet, and Saturday's ceremony was the result. In addition to the whole of the ringers there were present the Rector (Rev. Canon Smythe), Major Stockdale, Miss May Goss, Messrs. John Goss and C. Bailey (churchwardens), and others. The proceedings began with prayer, and the singing of hymn 242.

The Rector then extended words of welcome to Major Stockdale, and stated how glad he himself was of the opportunity of meeting the ringers that day. That ceremony of unveiling the tablet partook of the nature of a religious ceremony, as their work in the belfry was always regarded as a service to God in their eyes. It was always pleasing to recognise the success of their excellent band of ringers, and he was sure the churchwardens would join with him in saying how truly they valued their ringers, and how proud they were of their prowess.

Major Stockdale said it was a kindly thought which suggested to their mind that he should be asked to unveil their tablet. For many years he had been greatly interested in bell-ringing, and the local ringers thought that by asking him to come they would be able to introduce him into the belfry and themselves to one another. Kettering had always been known in the county in connection with bells, because early in the 18th century one of the famous bell-founders resided, and had his foundry at Kettering. The bells now used at Kettering were not the most melodious in the county, which was probably due to the fact that so few of the bells by Eayre were founded in the steeple there. There were, in fact, only two bells there that were founded by the famous firm of Thomas and John Eayre. At Mears Ashby they had one of the earliest bells, cast in 1718, and it was a very beautiful bell. However, any defect in the tones of the Kettering bells was fully made up for by the excellence of the ringers, and it had been a joy to him, since residing in Kettering, to hear the bells. He had particularly noted the precision and exactitude with which the striking was carried out—and this should be the first object the ringers have. Continuing, Major Stockdale asked their reason for erecting that tablet. He was certain it was not merely erected with an idea of self-glorification, as that would be unworthy; he was certain it was with a much wider object than that. They wished to record their great achievement, so that their successors and visitors to the belfry from other parts of the county might see what they had done, and they would be spurred on to try to follow in their footsteps. It was with an earnest hope that these objects would be fulfilled that he had great pleasure in unveiling the tablet.

Major Stockdale then lowered the cloth concealing the tablet, and exposed it to the view of those present.

Mr. W. Horden, one of the oldest of the ringers, voiced the band's thanks to all the subscribers to the tablet, and especially to the Rector, who had foregone any fees due to him. The tablet marked a great honour to the belfry, and they would always be proud of it.

Mr. John Goss seconded the vote of thanks, and said that anybody who had done anything towards the tablet were pleased and proud of their band of ringers.

Mr. D. J. Nichols, the able conductor of the band of ringers, moved a hearty vote of thanks to Major Stockdale for coming there that afternoon. He was sure the ringers would always try to do their best. One of their chief successes was that all their ringers were good churchmen. They were pleased to make the acquaintance of Major Stockdale, and they remembered the great kindness and courtesy extended to them when they visited Mears Ashby. They hoped they would have him in the belfry again.

In reply, Major Stockdale referred to the mental and physical strain which attended an achievement such as the Kettering ringers were commemorating.

The ceremony terminated with the ringing of a number of touches by the Kettering ringers.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On November 9th, 1908, at St. John's church, in honour of His Majesty's birthday, at 7 a.m., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Law, V. Pavier, A. G. Bennington, H. E. White, F. W. Richardson, A. E. Goddard, W. J. Jeffries conductor, A. C. Macklin.

STONE-IN-OXNEY.—On March 17th, for practice, 720 changes of Bob Minor. P. Underdown, A. Daw, J. Neve, R. Dunster, F. Burt, C. W. Player conductor. This is the first 720 of Minor ever rung on these bells by a local band.

MERTHYR TYDFIL (Glamorganshire).—On Sunday evening, March 7th, for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Roberts, W. D. Allen, T. A. Major, E. W. Thomas, F. Chave, H. Chamberlain, A. Slatter conductor, J. Smith.

NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS (Staffs).—On Sunday, February 7th, for Mattins, 720 Worcester Surprise. J. C. Ryles, D. C. Taylor, J. E. Wheeldon, W. C. Lawrence, B. Pegg conductor, F. T. Dawson. Also for evensong, 720, consisting of 240 each of Killamarsh Surprise, Woodbine, and Violet. J. F. Ryles, W. C. Taylor. H. B. Harding, W. C. Lawrence, J. E. Wheeldon conductor, F. T. Dawson.

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THE HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

This association held its quarterly general meeting and contest at Tong, near Bradford, on Saturday last in delightful weather. The church, which is beautifully situated, and almost surrounded by fine trees, contains a peal of six bells, tenor 12 cwt., on which have been rung several record peals.

The visitors began to arrive at two o'clock, two of whom were soon in the old village stocks, "which are placed on a lawn in front of the church," and a photo. secured of them. Two grand peacocks belonging to the hall were in evidence, showing their plumage during the whole afternoon, evidently enjoying the ringing of bells, and the invasion of the village.

Eight companies of ringers entered for the contest, and after the draw for order of ringing had taken place the contest was proceeded with, and continued without interruption until its completion at 7.45. The test piece was a touch of 504 changes of Treble Bob Minor, and Messrs. J. Broadley, of Bradford, G. E. Bolland, and C. J. Sallaway, of Tong, acted as judges.

During the afternoon tea was served in the schools, to which about 110 persons sat down.

The general meeting was held at the conclusion of the ringing the President, Mr. Drake, being supported by the Vicar of Tong, the Rev. C. Farrow. After the usual business had been gone through, which included the place of the annual meeting, this being left to the secretary to arrange, the result of the contest was announced by Mr. Broadley as follows:—

Company	Faults	Penalties	Total
No. 1—Brighouse... ...	326 ...	30 ...	356
No. 2—Mytholmroyd ...	319 ...	10 ...	329
No. 3—Lightcliffe Parish	276 ...	10 ...	286
No. 4—Halifax	279 ...	0 ...	279
No. 5—Heptonstall ...	175 ...	60 ...	235
No. 6—Stainland	277 ...	110 ...	387
No. 7—Low Moor ...	296 ...	10 ...	306

Heptonstall were declared the winners.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of his bells and schools was heartily carried, and he was requested to present the silver cup to the winning team.

The Rev. C. Farrow, on responding, said he was glad to have the association again at Tong, and gave a good description of the history of bell-founding. He complimented the winners on the success they had achieved, and handed the cup to Mr. Thos. Robertshaw, who had conducted the Heptonstall company.

Mr. Robertshaw suitably responded, and moved a vote of thanks to the judges, who he was sure had done so well, and at any rate had pleased them. Mr. Broadley and Mr. Bolland both responded, and gave the competitors some valuable advice.

Three alterations to the rules were given notice of, to be brought before the annual meeting in July, and the members were informed that nominations for official positions must be given notice of at the next committee meeting.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a very successful and enjoyable gathering.

"Constant Reader" writes: "I wish to thank Mr. Jerram, through 'THE BELL NEWS,' for the information he gave me concerning some of our Cathedral bells. By this information I find that out of all our fine Cathedrals there are only six which do not possess a ring of bells of at least 8, viz., Bristol, Carlisle, Norwich, Ely, Peterborough and Salisbury."

Correspondence.

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

AN IMPOSTOR.

SIR,—In "THE BELL NEWS" of March 6th a letter appeared under the above heading in which the writer says that a man presented himself at Bolsover, and represented himself as being out of work, and from Halesowen, Worcestershire, giving the name of Cowley or Cooley, this man being most generously treated by the Bolsover and Chesterfield ringers. On behalf of our company and ringing friends generally, I would like it to be made known that this man has no connection whatever with the Halesowen company, and he certainly is an impostor. I think that some effort should be made to find out the man and bring him to justice. I would thank the Bolsover company to send me a description of the man. GEO. COCKIN.

PEALS OF DOUBLES.

SIR,—At last we have the pleasure of knowing who "Herefordian" is. I am glad he agrees with me in one thing. A little space in "THE BELL NEWS" occasionally devoted to five and six-bell methods would certainly make the paper more popular to these ringers. May I inform Mr. C. Edwards that I entered this discussion on the chance of learning what I do not know, from those who are more learned than myself. Mr. Edwards has not answered the question I asked him. As he advised us to ring forty-two 120s of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, I thought he would be kind enough to say how it is done. But perhaps he does not know himself. To quote his own words, he has "broken away and eulogised the doings of Mr. Tom Williams." In reference to the work he recommends me to read I am not ashamed to say that I have to leave luxuries to those who can afford them. I believe I am right in saying that at one time the Central Council decided that peals of Doubles and Minor should be rung in not less than three methods, but I confess I am unable to see any advantage in this. After all, it is only another way of producing the same changes. The merit in this case lays in the trouble taken to produce the changes, and therefore the more methods introduced the more merit deserved. I am much obliged to Mr. Lawrence for his information. At that time I was not a subscriber to "THE BELL NEWS," and I always thought that the Rev. F. E. Robinson had too many calls on his time to take up six-bell ringing. W. FULLER.

Obituary.

EDWARD BUTLER.

With feelings of regret members of the Sussex Association, and ringers generally, will hear of the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at Brighton on Sunday, April 4th. A native of Birmingham, deceased came to Brighton about fifty years ago, and joined the St. Nicholas Society and remained a member ever since. A smith by trade, he faithfully served the L. B. and S.C.R. at the Brighton Railway Works for forty-seven years, being pensioned off about three years ago. Though not an active change-ringer he was in his prime a splendid tenor man, and looking back at the first records of the Sussex County Association there are few peals without Edward Butler on the tenor, and his old friend the late John Jay on the 7th, in Holt's ten-part; in fact there are peal tablets in churches all over the county with these two men in that position. Of a kind and genial disposition, our old friend was highly respected by all who knew him, and up to a few months ago seldom missed an Association meeting. He was interred in the Brighton Cemetery, and as a last mark of respect half-muffled touches were rung on the bells of St. Nicholas' church. R. I. P.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

Notices.

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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 29th; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 19th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 20th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 22nd; all at 8 p.m. WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, *Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.*

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths —A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, April 24th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea at The Cherry Tree inn at 6.30 p.m., 9d. per head to those letting me know by Thursday, April 22d. All friends cordially invited. F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*
3, *Margaret Terrace, Hart's Lane, New Cross.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch —The next meeting of this branch will be held at Milnrow to-day, Sat., April 17th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7. All ringers made welcome.
JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes to-day, Sat., April 17th. Bells ready at 3.
WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*
1, *Railway Street, Garston.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild. — East Dorset Branch.—The bells of St. James's, Poole, are to be re-opened to-day, Sat., April 17th. Ringing from 2 p.m. Service at 4. Address by the Rev. J. C. M. Mansel-Pleydell. Tea in St. George's Hall by kind invitation of the Rector. C. A. PHILLIPS, *Branch Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch, Western Division.—Next meeting at Wilmslow, to-day, Saturday, April 17th.
A. T. BEESTON.

The Lancashire Association. — Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea parish church to-day, Sat., April 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. G. MARIES, *Branch Sec.*

The Kent County Association.-Lewisham District. The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. John the Evangelist. Penge, S.E., to-day, Sat., April 24th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. with an address by the Rev. W. Smyly, M.A., Vicar, who has also promised to provide tea at 5.30 in the Parochial Hall, Maple Road, for those who send me their names by first post on Wednesday, April 21st. Business meeting after, the Vicar presiding.
T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
34, *Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.-Guildford District.—A special meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, April 24th. 2.30.—Bells (6) available. Froyle bells (6) available after the meeting. 5.0.—Service in parish church. Address by the Rector, the Rev. W. H. Moody, R.D. 5.45.—Tea at The Red Lion inn. Tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Merrow and Clandon on May 15th, of which further notice will be given. JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Warwickshire Guild, — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting of Guild at 5.0 p.m.
ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 24th, at the headquarters, St. Michael's parish church. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock All ringers invited CHAS. BOWERS, *Sec.*

The Kent County Association -Maidstone District.—The annual meeting will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, April 24th. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea at The Chequers inn at 5.30. Business meeting after tea Will the Secretaries of towers kindly advise me not later than the 21st. the number they have attending tea, and also try and see that the number given attends as it often saves inconvenience in catering. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. A. F. ASHMAN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
101, *Bower Street, Maidstone.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford —The next meeting will be held at Great Barr on Saturday, April 24th, Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea, 1s. each, at The Beacon hotel, at 6 o'clock for those only who send me word by the 19th inst. Trams run frequently from the bridge, Walsall—penny stage. H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
38, *Leicester Street, Wolverhampton*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Canon Rivington), at St. Mary's, Putney, on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 6d. each in the Mission Hall, Lacy Road, at 6 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited.
H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 24th. Tea at the Co-operative Hall at 4 45 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea. Special service in the Morning Chapel at the Cathedral at 6.15 p.m. The bells of the various city churches will be open for ringing at intervals during the afternoon and evening. REV. R. BOND, *Hon. Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch.—Another special practice meeting under the same conditions, will be held at Hyde on Saturday, April 24th, at 6 o'clock
A. T. BEESTON.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday, April 24th. Full particulars by circular.
REV. W. T. BULPIT, W. BENTHAM, *Hon. Secs.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society —The next meeting of this society will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, April 24th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Red Lion at 7.30 p.m.
GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.-Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton on Saturday, May 1st. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.
W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—Tbd annual meeting of this district will be held at Faversham on Saturday, May 1st. Further particulars next week.
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By SAMUEL WOOD, *Ashton-under-Lyne.*

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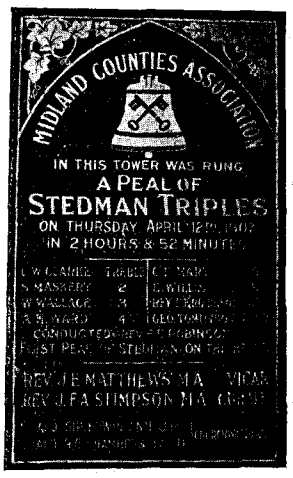

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LATE NOTICE.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walkden on Saturday, April 24th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30. G. Pincott, *Branch Sec.*

Nottingham.—On January 24th, at St. Peter's church, 1260 Grandsire Triples. W. Flinders, H. Cobbin, J. Flint, V. Gosling, J. Clarke, E. Oliver, A. Coppock conductor, C. Barnes. On January 24th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob. F. Johnson, T. Horton, T. Burnham, T. Flint, W. Bellamy, J. Woolley, H. R. Cobbin, A. Coppock conductor.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

HERBERT AMSTRONG	..*Treble.*	FREDERICK G. TEGG	.. 5.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK	.. 2.	JOHN ARMSTRONG	.. .. 6.
GEORGE BESTER	.. .. 3.	JOHN E. MILLER	.. .. 7.
HARRY MILLER	.. .. .. 4.	ALFRED G. CRANE	.. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. Charles Drummond Stooks, Vicar of Southgate, who was buried at Yateley, Hants., on the same afternoon.

The Provinces.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE,

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 25, 1909, in Four Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5376 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

CHARLES BOWER	..*Treble.*	WALTER WOLSTENCROFT	7.
HARRY HEAP	.. .. 2.	JOSEPH MELLOR	.. .. 8.
SAMUEL WOOD	.. .. 3.	A. E. WREAKS	.. .. 9.
THOMAS JAKEMAN	.. .. 4.	ALBERT ADAMS	.. .. 10.
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On Monday, March 29, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR F. ALLEN*	..*Treble.*	RICHARD CLARK	.. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. THOMAS*	.. 2.	CHARLES H. GORDON	.. 6.
HARRY BROWNJOHN	.. .. 3.	JOHN A. BURFORD	.. .. 7.
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R. ALCOCK	.. .. 3.	A. SIMPSON	.. .. 7.
A. W. BRIGHTON	.. 4.	T. METCALFE	..*Tenor.*

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Rung as a birthday compliment to J. G. Hall. This is A. McFarlane's fiftieth peal.

SKETTY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 29, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HOWELL GWYNN	..*Treble.*	WILLIAM RICE	.. .. 5.
DAVID REES*	.. .. 2.	DAVID WILLIAMS	.. .. 6.
RICHARD MORSE	.. .. 3.	CHARLES MORSE	.. .. 7.
EPHRAIM CHAMBERLAIN	.. 4.	HARRY WILLIAMS	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM RICE.

*First peal of Triples.

PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 29, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

R. FARRAR	..*Treble.*	J. BAXENDALE	.. .. 5.
PRATT CORDINGLEY	.. 2.	J. W. CORDINGLEY	.. .. 6.
J. C. BOOTH	.. .. 3.	J. E. PROCTOR	.. .. 7.
SAMUEL WARD	.. .. 4.	HARRY WARD	.. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by HARRY WARD.

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WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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On Tuesday, March 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN BURCHILL	..*Treble.*	WILLIAM FITCHFORD	.. 5.
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CHARLES BISHOP	.. .. 3.	CHARLES MORLEY	.. .. 7.
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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES.

HERBERT STANSFIELD	..*Treble.*	WALTER WOLSTENCROFT	7.
THOMAS JAKEMAN	.. .. 2.	JOSEPH MELLOR	.. .. 8.
SAMUEL WOOD	.. .. 3.	A. E. WREAKS	.. .. 9.
BENJAMIN THORP	.. .. 4.	ALBERT ADAMS	.. .. 10.
JAMES WOOD	.. .. 5.	SAM BOOTH	.. .. 11.
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First peal of Plain Bob Maximus rung in the north of England. Rung with bells muffled.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT G. WARNES	..*Treble.*	ARTHUR C. TYRRELL	.. 5.
FRANK H. DAVY	.. .. 2.	GEORGE MAYERS	.. .. 6.
CHARLES SADLER	.. .. 3.	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	.. .. 7.
WILLIAM W. GOODBOURN	4.	GEORGE HOWCHIN	.. ..*Tenor.*

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G. W. T. SMITH	..*Treble.*	JOSEPH HANDS	5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY	2.	JOHN SWAIN	6.
GEORGE ESSEX	3.	CHARLES GILES	7.
WALTER A. WEBB	4.	ARTHUR W. PIKE	..*Tenor.*

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, and Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court, and two 720s each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

ARTHUR S. BOAR*	..*Treble.*	HARRY J. MEE	4.
GEORGE W. MEE	2.	EDGAR RIVERS	5.
WALTER BROWN	3.	FRANK ROLFE	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by FRANK ROLFE.

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On Saturday, April 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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PERCY O. LAFLIN	..*Treble.*	CHARLES DICKENS	5.
FREDERICK DICKENS*	2.	ALF PADDON SMITH	6
FRANK FAY	3.	BERNARD WITCHELL	7
GEORGE F. SWANN	4.	†JOHN NEAL	..*Tenor.*

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method away from the treble.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE WHITE*	..*Treble.*	*ARTHUR G. JANES	5.
WILLIAM GOODCHILD†	2.	RALPH H. BIGGS	6.
FRANK BOREHAM	3.	FREDERICK G. BIGGS	7.
HARRY STRATFORD	4.	JOHN EVANS	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

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

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE PIPES	..*Treble.*	JOHN M. BROOK	5.
HERBERT DAY	2.	JOHN FLOWER	6.
THOMAS STIMPSON	3.	FRED WATKINSON	7.
WILLIAM G. CHRISTIAN	4.	FRANCIS H. KAY	..*Tenor.*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 4, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES GITTINS	..*Treble.*	GEOFFRY LAMB	4.
RICHARD HAMER	2.	JAMES P. HYATT	5.
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS	3.	HERBERT WINDERS	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

All the above are members of the local band with the exception of the conductor.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 8, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN SHEPHERD	..*Treble.*	ARTHUR W. WHITWORTH	5.
GEORGE BROWN	2.	*HOWARTH HOLT	6.
ZEBULON LORD	3.	WILLIAM ASHWORTH	7.
ROBERT HANSON*	4.	STANLEY PICKUP	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by ZEBULON LORD.

*First peal.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs.

EDWARD C. GOBEY	..*Treble.*	ARTHUR FREEMAN	4.
WILLIAM HALFORD*	2.	*ROBERT COX	5.
JOSEPH HALL	3.	RICHARD DRAGE	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

*First peal. Rung as a farewell peal to A. Freeman, who is leaving the place for Beeston, Notts., on account of his work; and to celebrate the wedding of the son of ex-constable Eyre, formerly of Ilkeston and Sandiacre.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN SMITH	..*Treble.*	ISAAC G. SHADE	5.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	6.
BERTRAM PREWETT	3.	HORACE W. ABBOTT	7.
GEORGE R. PYE	4.	EDWARD READER	..*Tenor.*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by EDWARD READER.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY BOTTERILL	..*Treble.*	JOHN LUCKEY	5.
PERCY WEBB*	2	FREDERICK PALMER	6.
WALTER HOBBS	3.	WALTER TARLING	7.
WILLIAM WATTS	4.	HENRY J. TUCKER	..*Tenor.*

Composed by J. FLEMING, and Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.

GEORGE R. PYE ..	..*Treble.*	ERNEST PYE	5.
BERTRAM PREWETT	2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF	6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ..	7.
WILLIAM WILLSON	4.	WILLIAM PYE	..*Tenor.*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This is the first peal of London Surprise rung in the county of Leicester.

FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PENNING'S ONE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM *Treble.*		REUBEN SANDERS	5.
WILLIAM HOWELL	2.	DAVID ELLIOTT..	6.
THOMAS CRANFIELD	3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH ..	7.
FRANK C. NEWMAN	4.	SAMUEL J. BIRD ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. C. Newman.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

PHILBERT WILKINS ..	..*Treble.*	ARTHUR LAMBOURNE ..	6.
JAMES W. WILKINS	3.	NATHAN SPINDLOW	7.
ALBERT E. LOCK	3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN.	8.
HARRY HOLIFIELD	4.	RICHARD WHITE	9.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN.	5.	FRED WHITE	..*Tenor.*

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, and Conducted by J. W. WILKINS.

First peal of Caters as conductor.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

CHARLES H. HARRIMAN	..*Treble.*	JAMES MERRICK..	5.
WILLIAM PERVIN	2.	ERNEST PYE	6.
ROBERT E. STAVERT.. ..	3.	FRANK E. PERVIN	7.
JOSEPH HARDY	4.	ALAN R. MACDONALD	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

ALBERT MITCHELL* ..	..*Treble.*	ALBERT ELLIS	5.
OLIVER SIPPETTS	2.	FREDERICK DENCH	6.
JOHN AKEHURST	3.	H. C. CASTLE	7.
JOHN RICE	4.	FREDERICK W. RICE	..*Tenor.*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by F. W. RICE.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major.

GREAT MILTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM HUTTON ..	..*Treble.*	ALFRED R. BOSLBY	5.
RICHARD G. RICE	2.	GORDON CAUDWELL	6.
G. FREDERICK JAMES ..	3.	EDMUND BANNISTER.. ..	7.
JOSEPH NAPPER, JUN. ..	4.	FREDK. W. WOODWARDS..	*Tenor.*

Conducted by EDMUND BANNISTER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SLOUGH, BUCKS—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OP STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

G. H. GUTTERIDGE ..	..*Treble.*	W. WELLING	5.
W. BAILEY*	2.	*R. H. YOUNG	6.
W. H. FUSSELL..	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON ..	7.
R. BUCKLAND	4.	T. W. BUCKLAND ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method.

PENDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lbs. in E.

FRANCIS SMITH	..*Treble.*	RICHARD RIDYARD	5.
GEORGE E. TURNER	2.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH ..	6.
JOSEPH TURNER	3.	ALBERT E. WREAKS.. ..	7.
ALFRED CROSS	4.	SAMUEL CARDELL ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by ALBERT E. WREAKS.

This is the conductor's first attempt at conducting a peal of Stedman.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

EDWARD MANNERS* ..	..*Treble.*	JAMES BOUENE	5.
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON ..	2.	GEORGE CLARKE	6.
J. PERCY POLLARD*	3	*ALFRED PARKER..	7.
WILLIAM H. PEABODY ..	4.	ALBERT COPPOCK ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

*First peal of Kent.

Handbell Peals.

HOLBECK, LEEDS, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

FRANK CUNDALE†	1–2.	PERCY J. JOHNSON ..	5–6.
ALBERT S. MITCHELL ..	3–4.	*WILLIAM E. H. ASH ..	7–8.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Umpire—George A. Jowett. †First peal. *First peal on handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, April 1, 1909, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JAMES HUNT†.. .. .. 1-2.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. 5-6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. 3-4.	HENRY L. GARFATH .. 7-8.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

†First peal on handbells. First peal of Grandsire on handbells as conductor. Umpire—M. Smither.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT 10, WELLGATE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 5-6.
ALBERT NASH .. .. .. 3-4.	GEORGE LEWIS .. .. 7-8.
GEORGE O. DIXON .. .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—A. Panther.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks.)—On Friday, April 2nd, at St. James's church, Sutton, a date touch, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins., being 720 each of Oxford and Kent, 360 Woodbine, and 109 Bob Minor. W. H. Pasmore, C. Jackson conductor, A. Naylor, H. Rodmell, A. E. West, L. Rodmell.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINSLADE (Bucks.)—On Tuesday, February 16th, for practice at the church of St. Barnabas, 120 Stedmen Doubles. F. Walden, F. Dedman, F. Vickers, W. Dedman, C. Mayne, W. Neale. First 120 of Stedman Doubles by the local band.

LITTLE MILTON (Oxon.)—On Monday, April 12th, 360 Grandsire Minor. F. W. Woodwards, G. F. James, R. G. Rice conductor, E. Bannister, W. Hutton. A. Pittam.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—On Easter Sunday morning for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. M. Lomas, F. T. Spence, A. Kinsey, G. Wheeler, S. Horsfall, J. Booth, J. E. Ashcroft conductor, W. Leigh.

THE YORKSHIRK ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks.)—On Monday, March 29th, at the church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. C. Jackson conductor, A. Naylor, T. Whitfield, L. Rodmell, F. Merrison, H. Rodmell, W. H. Pasmore, T. Harrison.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTUN (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, April 3rd, at St. Andrew's church, an attempt for the quarterly peal of the above Association (Bob Major), came to grief after ringing over 2 hrs. W. Massey, H. Hill, W. Micklewright conductor, W. Prestidge, H. Hubble, A. Greenfield, J. Goodman, A. Prestidge.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WHITTLESFORD (Cambs)—On Saturday, February 27th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. C. Peters, F. Bowtell, F. Hurry, E. Webb, P. Webb conductor, A. Lilley. Also some 6-scores of Doubles. E. Freestone, E. Webb, F. Hurry, J. Maypard, M. Lyles, C. Peters.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT.—On Sunday evening, March 28th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Charles, J. Bullen, J. W. Jones, S. Dawe, A. Morgan conductor, W. Coombes, T. Baiss.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPPER DEAL (Kent).—On Easter Sunday morning for morning and evening service, two 720s of Bob Minor. J. Axon, H. Denne, B. Rogers, S. Mockeet, H. Barton conductor, E. Verrier. Rung as a farewell to H. Denne, who leaves Deal for Canada, he having been a ringer at the parish church for many years.

BEDFORD.—Recently at the church of St. Peter-de.Merton, a 720 New London. J. Bates, P. Cooke, C. R. Lilley, W. Stapleton, C. Stapleton, C. Robinson conductor. First in the method on the bells, and also in the county. Also 720 Oxford Bob. A. Bates, W. Stapleton, G. Stapleton, C. Robinson, J. Bates, C. R. Lilley conductor. Rung as a farewell compliment to the conductor, who is leaving the district.

BLEWBURY (Berks).—On Wednesday, February 17th, 672 Grandsire Triples. E. Aldridge, E. Humfrey, G. F. James, J. Bower, W. J. Grace, A. R. Bosley composer and conductor, E. Bannister, C. Greenough.

BRIGHTON.—On Tuesday, April 13th, the members of the St. Nicholas society, with several members of St. Peter's, rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Edwin Butler, who for forty-six years was a ringer at the old church.

HARWELL (Berks.)—On Sunday, January 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. G. C. Rice, A. R. Bosley, R. G, Rice, T. Hughes, V. R. Hitchman, W. Hitchman conductor.

HAGBOURNE (Berks.)—On Tuesday, January 5th, on handbells, 168 Stedman Triples. R. G. Rice, W. Hitchman, T. Hughes, A. R. Bosley, V. R. Hitchman, J. E. Butler, T. East. And a plain course of Grandsire Caters. H. C. Mulford, G. C. Rice, R. G. Rice, T. Hughes, W. Hitchman, A. R. Bosley, E. E. Napper, J. E. Butler, T. East. Also a plain course of Grandsire Major. G. C. Rice, T. Hughes, W. Hitchman, A. R. Bosley, R. G. Rice, J. E. Butler, T. East.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, March 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. E. Webb, A. George, E. W. Beadle, C. Dell, F. Goddard, T. Beadle conductor, G. Spencer, H. Seward.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD (Beds.)-On Sunday, April 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. A. Chamberlain, W. Seabrook, R. Richardson, W. Botsford, J. Nicholls, G. Bonfield conductor, W. Webb, R. Webster. Arranged for R. Webster, who is leaving for Canada.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks.)—On a recent Sunday, at All Saints church, Boyn Hill, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in 46 mins. L. Copsey, J. Eldridge, J. Little, H. Cox, C. Smith, A. Walker, T. Price, G, Martin conductor. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells, and was rung by an entirely local band.

SAMLESBURY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, April 11th, for afternoon service, 672 Grandsire Triples. E. R. Martin conductor, A. Bailey, T. Almond, J. Bailey, J. Scholes, J. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, R. Broughton.

SPALDING.—On January 26th, at the church of St. Mary and Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. R. Mackman, jun., Rev. C. J. Sturton, F. Bennett, J. B. Halifax, R. Mackman, sen., R. Smith, W. Bennett, G. R. Mackman.

STALBRIDGE (Dorsetshire).—On Saturday, February 6th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. C. Hughes D'Aeth, Rev. F, Ll. Edwards, A. Burns, W. Hughes D'Aeth, H. Mounter conductor, F. Compton.

STONE (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, February 17th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Chell, sen., S. Churton conductor, T. Chell, E. Cope, W. Woolley, J. Goodall, P. Preston, J. Abberley.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

On Thursday, March 4th, the local company met at the residence of Mr. R. F. Furness, to spend a social evening with Mr. Morris A. Turner, who is leaving the country for Philadelphia, U.S.A. The order was given to meet at 8.30 sharp, and shortly before the time appointed, all arrived, fully prepared to do justice to the excellent things provided. The clatter of knives and forks was soon heard, and several courses were soon tapped off, intermixed with various conversations concerning the best peals of eight in the county; and others too numerous to mention. After the tables had been cleared, Mr. M. Turner brought ought his gramaphone, and amused the company with several songs and selections, which were greatly appreciated. Mr. Horden, in rising, said they all felt that they could not let Mr. Turner leave them without making him a small present. He therefore bad great pleasure on behalf of the ringers, in asking him to accept a brown travelling bag. He hoped it would prove useful to him, and trusted that it would often remind him of his brother-strings at home.

Mr. Turner in accepting the present, said he thanked the ringers for their kindness in making him the presentation. He could assure them that it would be very useful to him, and he would always value it.

The handbells were then brought out, and Messrs. Turner, Nichols, Chayman, and Chapman rang a course of Bob Major.

Mr. D. Nichols in rising to propose the health of Mr. Turner, said how sorry the Kettering ringers were to lose the services of such a talented member of their company. Although he had not been a ringer for more than seven years, he bad mastered all the Standard methods, and had helped the company to ring peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative, he being a splendid striker on any bell from treble to tenor, and he had very great pleasure in asking them to drink to the health of Mr. Turner, and they all hoped and trusted he would have a safe and pleasant journey, and that his future life would be a prosperous one.

The proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

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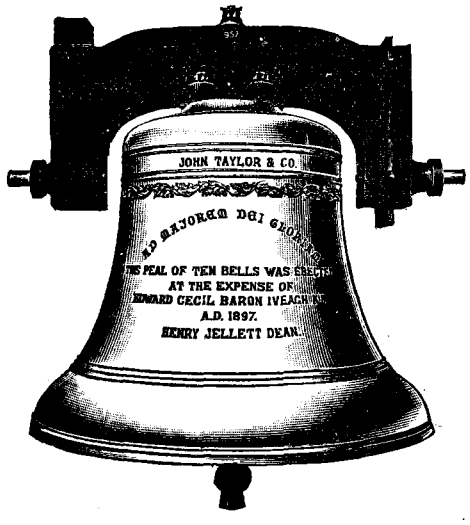

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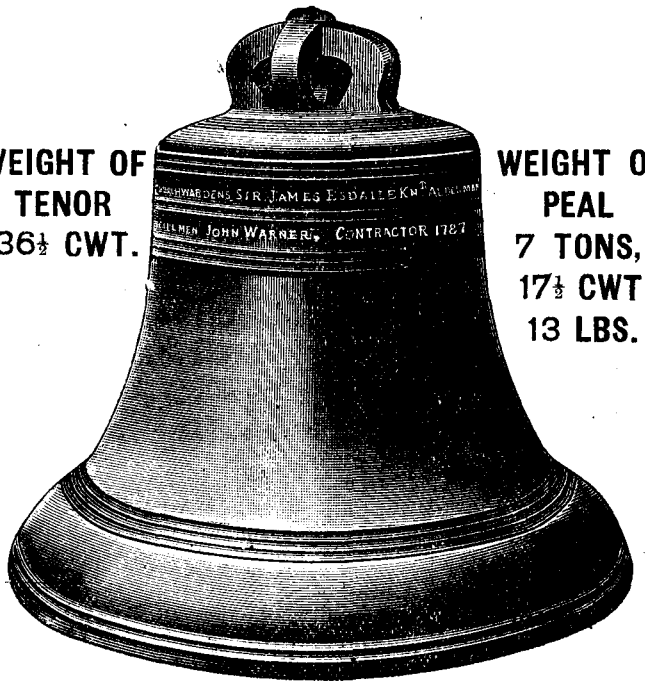

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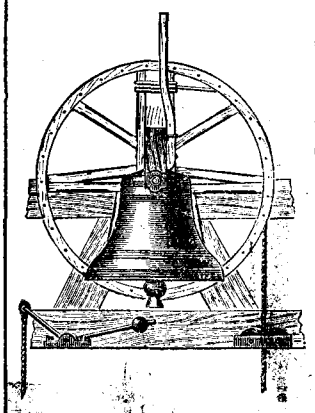

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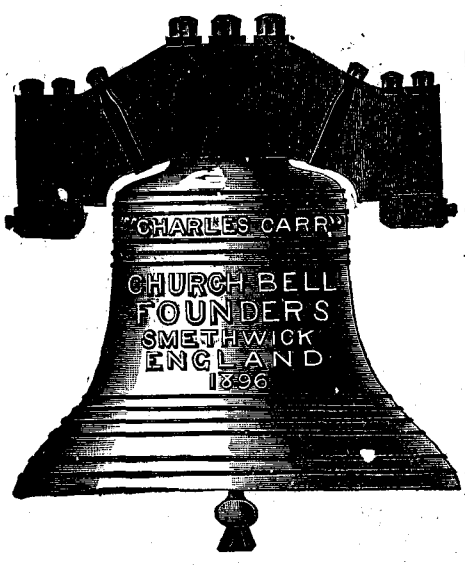

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