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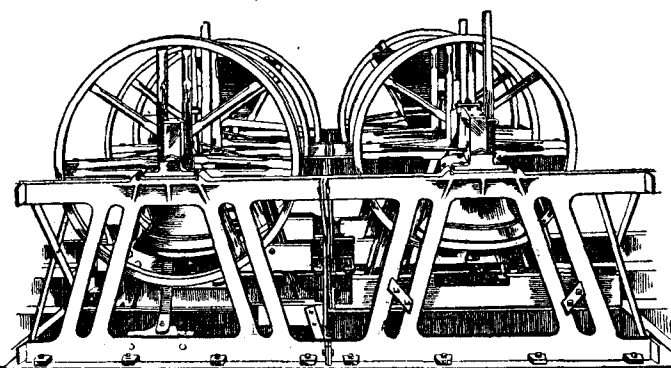
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"THAT CELEBRATED ANTIQUARY JOHN ALFRED PARNELL."

These words are used by Shipway in his prefatory matter, and for long I endeavoured in vain to obtain information about this celebrity. The catalogue of the library of the British Museum does not disclose his name, and from no other source was I able to glean anything definite about him until a letter in a recent number of "THE BELL NEWS" directed me to Mr. Hattersley. I accordingly communicated with him, and as a result paid a visit to Sheffield, where I saw a manuscript and also Mr. Hattersley. It is needless to remark that, much as I was interested in the manuscript, I enjoyed Mr. Hattersley much more.

The literary remains of Parnell in Mr. Hattersley's possession consist of a manuscript on foolscap paper of 34 leaves in a stiff paper binding which is now defective and patched. It came into Mr. Hattersley's possession through Mr. Wm. Booth, of Sheffield, his maternal grandfather, who was personally acquainted with Parnell; and though a perusal of it adds nothing to our technical knowledge, it affords some items which may not be altogether without interest for some of the readers of these columns.

Who and what Parnell was remains at present a matter of speculation. He died, I incline to think, before the year 1830, and consequently Mr. Hattersley never knew him personally, nor is Mr. Hattersley a depository of any definite information about him, and one is therefore reduced to derive what inferences one can from the written page.

The first thing that strikes one is that Parnell was an educated man. He writes and spells and expresses himself as such. There is in his book some prickings of no special value so far as I can see, but I feel convinced that these figures are not his. They are in a much more ignorant handwriting, and I conclude that, paper being a more expensive luxury in his day than in ours, he used up paper that had been partially used before. What were his means of living do not appear, but one does not see how he can have had any settled occupation—unless, indeed, he was a pedlar. He seems to have spent most of his time in going about the country on foot. He describes himself more than once as "The Gothic Traveller," by which he means that he had an intense interest in mediæval buildings, and he gives various statistics about cathedrals and other large churches. So far as these are measurements they are now to be found in many books of reference, and so far as they are anything else, they show a genuine admiration of the work of our artistic forefathers. If the science of mediæval architecture had been developed in his day, he would have been one of the

first and most enthusiastic devotees of it. But while he was walking about, Rickman, who was the father of modern knowledge on that subject, was still engaged in study, and hence Parnell's remarks have little critical value. But his genuine interest appears from the statement that he visited, on foot, amongst other buildings, all the then existing cathedrals in England within twelve months. This means that he walked within a year north and south from Durham to Chichester, and east and west from Norwich to Exeter. Clearly, a man like this can have had no settled mode of living in the ordinary sense of the words. Whether he had any relatives or any regular home does not appear, but it seems that his headquarters were at Sheffield.

That is all for to-day, I hope to add a few concluding remarks next week.
R. A. DANIELL.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the above Association was held by rotation at Leicester on Easter Monday, and was well attended by members from Ansty, Ashby, Barwell, Beeston, Burton, Cotgrave, Derby, Duffield, Eastwood, Hugglescote, Ilkeston, Irthlingborough, London, Loughborough, Melton, Newhall, Northampton, Nottingham, Nuneaton, Retford, Ripley, Rugby, Tamworth, Whitwick, Wolverhampton, and other places.

The bells at St. Margaret's (10), St. Martin's (10), St. Marks (8), and St. John the Divine's (8) were available for ringing from 10 a.m., and were kept going in various methods during the greater part of the day. The interest of the visitors was also excited by the continual news of the *long peal* attempt at the neighbouring town of Loughborough, which we are pleased to hear was brought to a successful conclusion.

The committee meeting was held at 3 p.m. in the High Cross Coffee House, and tea, at which 94 members were present, followed by the general meeting, which commenced soon after 4 p.m. At the general meeting the president, Sir Arthur Heywood, took the chair, and was supported by the Rev. Canon Sanders (Vicar of St. Martin's), Mr. J. W. Taylor (vice-president), Mr. W. E. White (hon. sec.), Mr. E. D. Taylor, and others. The hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Wakley, was unable to be present, and the Rev. Ambrose Lethbridge, of St. Margaret's, was unfortunately obliged to leave before the close of the meeting.

The president, reviewing the annual report, remarked that it was by far the best report in point of performances the Association had ever published, and he had been informed that it placed the society at the head of the analysis for 1908. The president also briefly reviewed the peals rung during 1909, and read out the list, which consisted of 2 peals of Minor, 7 Grandsire Triples, 2 Stedman Triples, 3 Kent Treble Bob Major and 1 of Royal, 2 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1 Forward Major and 1 of Royal,

4 Superlative Surprise Major, 1 New Cambridge Surprise Major, and 1 of Bob Major on handbells. In all twenty-five peals.

The hon. sec. read the minutes of the previous meeting, held at Birmingham, which were passed and signed. A hearty vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. J. W. Taylor, and seconded by Mr. J. Griffin. This was carried with applause, and replied to by Canon Sanders, who had come at great inconvenience to himself, in a well-chosen speech. Two honorary members, the Rev. Thos. Allen Moxon, of Alfreton, and W. W. Worthington, esq., of Netherseal, and 11 ringing members were elected. The balance sheet was passed on the proposition of the auditors, Messrs. J. Griffin and E. J. Stone.

The next business was the election of four delegates to the Central Council. Mr. J. H. Benstead and Mr. E. I. Stone were appointed scrutineers of the ballot papers, and the result was as follows:—Mr. J. W. Taylor, 61 votes; Sir Arthur Heywood, 60 votes; Mr. W. E. White, 50 votes; Mr. J. Griffin, 45 votes; Mr. W. Willson, 39 votes; Mr. H. Argyle, 15 votes. The first four were therefore declared elected. For the election of officers the retiring President, vice-President, and Hon. Secretary had been nominated by all the districts, and were unanimously re-elected, the secretary, however, announcing that he had serious thoughts of retiring at the end of the year. For the office of hon. treasurer, on the resignation of Mr. A. Wakley through ill-health, the Derby district nominated Mr. C. Draper, and the other five districts nominated Mr. W. C. Wakley. Mr. J. H. Swinfield proposed and Mr. R. H. Bartram seconded Mr. W. C. Wakley, and Mr. W. Hickling proposed and Mr. B. Sugden seconded Mr. C. Draper. On a show of hands being taken Mr. W. C. Wakley was elected by a large majority.

The committee recommended Eastwood, Nuneaton, and Chesterfield as the three places most suitable for the coming quarterly meetings. It was desired to visit Bolsover, but the awkward service of trains made it practically impossible. On the proposition of Mr. J. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. W. C. Wakley, these three places were unanimously chosen.

Sir Arthur Heywood then asked the members to give their serious attention to the finances of the Association, which he said were in a very precarious state. The chief cause of the steady decrease in their balance being due to the size of their annual report, which, owing to the great number of peals rung, had increased to an enormous extent during the past few years. They were very anxious to encourage the ringing of peals, and there were therefore three courses open to them, either to put a levy on the members of, say, a shilling, which would only last for a time, or they could raise the annual subscription, which would probably discourage young ringers, or they might make a charge of 3d. or 6d. for the report. The report as it stood was a shilling book, and it was manifestly impossible to pay for it on a shilling per annum subscription. Mr. J. Griffin proposed and Mr. R. W. Baker seconded that a charge of sixpence should be made for the report, the details as to ordering them to be arranged by the committee. A discussion followed, in which Messrs. Harris, Swinfield, Griffin, Taylor, White, Wakley, and the President took part. On the proposition being put to the meeting it was carried by a large majority. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The members of this Association held their annual meeting at Bedford on Easter Monday. At one o'clock some forty or more ringers assembled in the Allhallow's Mission Hall, where, under the presidency of the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, of Dunstable, they satisfied the keen appetite that waited upon a morning with the ropes. Afterwards, under the genial influence of the "weed," the company settled down to the business of their annual meeting. The chairman was supported by the Rev. C. A. Rust, of Husborne Crawley (hon. secretary), and the Rev. C. R. Hulton, of Turvey (hon. treasurer).

A letter was read from Mr. I. Hills, the co-hon. secretary, saying that he was sorry to be unable to attend, owing to an attack of rheumatic gout. The Rev. Mr. Rust added that they were very sorry indeed not to have Mr. Hills's familiar face with them. The chairman said they all felt that their Easter Monday was not the same without Mr. Hills.

The annual report, as read by the Rev. A. Rust, stated that the Association was continuing its work with vigour and with satisfactory results. Quarterly meetings were held at Milton Ernest, Turvey, and Dunstable, and were well attended. At the historic church at Elstow a new treble had been added, and the five old bells rehung. Similar work was likely to be done at Flitwick in the near future. The following peals had been rung: a peal each of Superlative, Double Norwich, Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples, and eight of Minor.

The financial statement showed an expenditure of £9 14s. 8½d., and a balance in hand of £19 11s. 8½d. The reports were adopted. The election of officers resulted in all the retiring officers being asked to serve again. In accepting the invitation Mr. Rust spoke highly of Mr. Hills's services, and said he was deeply indebted to him for his co-operation.

For the Central Council the Rev. W. W. C. Baker was re-appointed. In returning thanks he said the Council had thrashed out the question of methods, but the Council had no legislative force, and could not compel anything. It had passed all sorts of pious resolutions on the subject, but if any notice was taken of them it was very slight. Still, he thought it was useful that these matters should be thrashed out. The Council also gave ringers a status which they didn't enjoy before as a body of church workers.

Mr. Herbert Mortimer, of Bromham, was introduced as "the smallest member of the Association," but from the eulogies of his proposer he was somewhat advanced in the Art. Mr. E. White was welcomed as the first member from the local company of Elstow, and he, too, had made some progress. The Rev. A. Rust also proposed four new members from his own company.

The meeting discussed at some length a proposal by the Rev. C. B. Hulton for an improved summer meeting. He advocated making a longer day of it, and that it should partake of a social character, with a short service in the evening. In reply to an objection by the chairman that the members would find some difficulty in getting off for a whole day about the time of the hay harvest, Mr. Hulton said if they made a pleasant day of it the members would get there somehow. Eventually, on the proposition of the chairman, it was decided to accept Mr. Hulton's suggestion, to hold the summer meeting at Turvey, and leave the arrangements in Mr. Hulton's hands. Mr. Barker (Bedford) seconded. The Michaelmas meeting was fixed for Elstow, and New Year's for Leighton Buzzard.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The usual quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Petworth on Easter Monday, a fairly good muster of ringers being present from Arundel, Brighton (St. Peter's), Bosham, Chichester, Lindfield, Pulborough, Slinfold, and Warnham, numbering about 20. Ringing commenced soon after the appointed time, and touches of Grandsire and a course of Stedman Triples were brought round. Tea was held at Mr. Knight's, confectioner, Lombard Street, the Rector, the Rev. J. T. Penrose, being present and taking the chair.

After the tea the usual business followed, the minutes of the last meeting were read by the divisional secretary, and passed. The Rector was elected an hon. member, Mr. G. Swain a member of the Arundel branch, and Messrs. H. Doick and S. Wady of the Pulborough branch, Mr. Greenfield proposed that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Petworth, which was carried.

Mr. Blake proposed the usual vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding and granting the use of the bells, to which the chairman suitably replied, and said he was pleased to welcome the members of the Association to Petworth, and should be quite willing to grant the use of the bells for a peal. This concluded the business, the tower being again visited, and ringing continued till eight o'clock.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

AXBRIDGE DEANERY BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the above was held in the Rectory Hall, Lympsham, on Saturday, April 17th. The chair was taken by the Rev. H. J. Ker Thompson. Some thirty members were present, the following towers being represented:—Burnham, Congresbury, Kewstoke, Weston-super-Mare, Worle, and Lympsham. Three honorary and five performing members were duly elected. Service was held in the parish church, and an address given by the Rev. Stephenson, who also kindly gave tea. A presentation was made by the Rev. Bentley, of Worle, on behalf of the ringers, to Mr. G. Chamberlain of a pendant, suitably engraved, as an appreciation of his services to them during the winter. Mr. Chamberlain suitably responded. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. and Mrs. Stephenson for their kindness in giving tea, arranging service, and for use of the bells. The Rev. Stephenson suitably responded, saying it was a very great pleasure to him to help the Association in its good work. Several touches of Grandsire Doubles were rang during the evening.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

The above Society held their annual meeting at headquarters on Saturday, April 24th. There was a good attendance, including members from Whitfield, Dinting, Glossop, Worsley, Pendleton, Oldham, Stalybridge, Burbage, London, and Reddish. It was proposed and carried that a letter be sent to "THE BELL NEWS" congratulating the Stedman Caters band who rung the long peal at Loughborough.

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.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

On Easter Monday morning five of the Tunbridge Wells ringers, with three local ringers, started for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5056 changes: but, unfortunately, two leads from the end the bells in the front got mixed up, and the peal collapsed. The ringers were S. Faithfull, J. Maynard, G. Thompson, E. Mankelow, G. Turley, H. Porter, C. Chapman, W. Latter conductor. The peal was intended as a birthday compliment to Miss R. Macalpine Leny and to Mr. C. Chapman. The ringers were afterwards entertained to breakfast at the George and Dragon inn by Miss Leny.

At the conclusion of the repast Mr. Latter briefly expressed the thanks of the ringers, and also offered their congratulations to Miss Leny and Mr. Chapman. He said that the ringers deeply regretted that they were not successful with the peal after getting so near the end, but Miss Leny knew enough about peal ringing to know that a peal was never certain until it was completed.

Miss Leny, in reply, expressed her sincere thanks to the ringers for coming there to ring on her birthday. She was very sorry that they were not successful with the peal, but she took the will for the deed, and thanked them most heartily for the attempt. She hoped to meet them all, and also a good number of other members of the Association at the meeting at Speldhurst on July 3rd.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

Throughout the land for many centuries ringers have been performing valuable public service. At times of great national joy or sorrow the services of the humble bell-ringer stands out prominently as one of the loftiest and best means of voicing the feelings and sentiments of the British people, and through the medium of Church or Cathedral bells our aspirations are duly expressed either in the solemnity of the muffled peal, or the joyous sound of open ringing. In many other ways the bells of merry England have played an important part in the parochial life of this country. It was in obedience to the wishes of many sympathetic friends of the family of the late W. T. Everard, esq., of Bardon Hall, that a band of ringers met in the Hugglescote belfry on Wednesday last and rang, with the bells half muffled, 1050 changes, composed and conducted by Mr. A. Rands. The band were Messrs. G. Griffin, G. Walker, J. Cadle, E. Rands, P. Hadfield, F. Middleton, W. Fern, and J. T. Allen. The last three named hail from Whitwick.—*Coalville Times*.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT ECCLESTON.—E. H. Lewis's 100 Peals.—Bob Minor 2, conducted 1; Major 8, conducted 3; Royal 1; Double Bob Major 1, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 6, conducted 1; Caters 2; Union Triples 1, conducted 1; Oxford Bob Triples 2, Double Oxford Triples 2, conducted 1; Major 1; Double Norwich Major 9; Kent Major 6; Royal 1, conducted 1; Oxford Major 2; Superlative Major 6, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 22; Forward Major 1; two Minor methods 1, conducted 1; three Minor methods 2, conducted 1; seven Minor methods 6. Total 82; rung in forty-three towers. On handbells: Bob Major 9; Royal 2; Maximus 1; Grandsire Triples 1; Caters 1; Kent Major 3; Royal 1. Total, 18.

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ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.

Nine of the above Society invaded the town of Newcastle on Monday, April 19th, and were met at the station by Mr. C. L. Routledge, whose influence enabled them to get the privilege of seeing through Messrs. Hawthorn and Leslie's Engineering Works, which was much appreciated. They afterwards adjourned for lunch to Messrs. Emmerson's cafe, which these hungry nine men did ample justice to. Their next tour round landed them at All Saints, Gosforth, for a peal, which did not come off, owing to three of their band who promised to take part in the peal not turning up. They had to content themselves with one or two 168s of Grandsire, one of which was called by Mr. Ferry. They then found their devious ways, some to Jesmond, others to the sights of Newcastle, and met again at Emmerson's to join Messrs. Routledge, Potter, Barber, Keen and others at tea. Not forgetting their old friend Alf. at St. John's they then rang a touch of Stedman and Grandsire, conducted by Mr. Barber. This brought to a close a most enjoyable outing, which was largely due to the arrangements of Mr. Routledge. They all arrived in Aulk Reeki at 16.20 safe and sound.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

On Easter Monday the Middlesbrough branch of the Yorkshire Association had an excursion to Carlton and Whorlton-in-Cleveland. At the former place touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative Surprise and Kent Treble Bob were rung, whilst Kent and Oxford and Stedman Doubles was rung at the latter place. The bells at Carlton are a new ring by Taylor, tenor 15 cwt., and the "go" of them was greatly enjoyed by the visitors, being a fine peal in every respect, with a comfortable and roomy ringing chamber. The Carlton bells are in charge of Mr. F. A. Mellanby, who received his early tuition in the Art at the Middlesbrough parish church, and where he rang twelve peals. The visitors wish him every success in his new sphere.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A special meeting of the Guildford District was held at Bentley on Saturday, April 24th, and was attended by ringers from Farnham, Ewhurst, Frensham, Guildford, Binsted, etc. An address was given by the Rector the Rev. W. H. Moody, R.D. who heartily welcomed the Guild, and afterwards presided at the tea. At the business meeting it was unanimously resolved that the Secretary send a letter of congratulation to the ringers of the record peal, great admiration being expressed at their marvellous achievement. The new members included Mr. J. E. Grove, of Birmingham, and Rev. J. D. Carter, Vicar, of Froyle.

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."

PEALS OF DOUBLES.

SIR,—Re Mr. W. Fuller's enquiry as to the possibility of obtaining forty-two different 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. By using only the treble as hunt there is ten. At the same time there can be no law to say that you shall not use the remaining four in turn as the hunt, when you can get not only forty-two but fifty, i.e. a peal of 6000. The treble for convenience, is used as the hunt, so for a peal of Grandsire Doubles the only possible way is to use every bell in turn as the hunt. The band who ring a peal of Grandsire Doubles like this, have, at least to my thinking, a bigger job than the band who can ring a peal of Stedman.

F. H. DEXTER.

"THE IMPOSTOR."

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Obituary.

MARY TRUSS.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Miss Mary Truss, sister of that well-known and respected ringer Mr. J. C. Truss, of Marlow, and daughter of the late Mr. John Clark Truss, a ringer at Marlow parish church all his life. The deceased lady was well known to ringers throughout the country, especially in the Oxford Diocese and the Metropolis. Of an exceedingly bright and happy temperament, she had endeared herself to all who had the privilege of knowing her, and her cheery laugh and pleasant disposition, combined with her businesslike qualities, will never be forgotten. At the piano or with a pair of handbells Miss Mary Truss was an adept, ringing a pair to Grandsire in a way that many of us used to admire. Her death took place on Monday evening last, April 26th, at 8.30, after only a few hours' illness, borne with christian fortitude, and is an irreparable loss to her brother and all the family, to whom the whole of the ringing fraternity extend their deepest sympathy in their bereavement. The funeral is fixed for Saturday next at four o'clock, in the family grave in the parish churchyard Great Marlow.

R. I. P.

WILLIAM ALLMAN.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at his residence at Barthomley on April 8th, aged 71 years. He had been a member of the Barthomley company for upwards of fifty years, and parish clerk and sexton for twenty-five years. The funeral took place at the parish church on Easter Sunday. The service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. W. Skene), was fully choral. Sixteen beautiful floral tributes were sent including one from the Rector, the churchwardens, sidesmen and fellow-ringers. The organist played Chopin's Funeral March and the Dead March. Large numbers assembled to pay a last tribute of respect. Muffled peals were rung for both services on Good Friday, before and after the interment, and for all services on Easter Day.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South Western Division took place at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Easter Monday. Contrary to expectation, quite a lively force of talent turned up, the bells starting early in the afternoon, and as the evening wore on thirty members had assembled to enjoy a bank holiday in the ringers own fashion, some no doubt forsaking wives and sweethearts, country lanes and cozy corners and jugs of nut brown ale for Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman and Treble Bob. The towers represented were Loughton, Woodford, Leytonstone, Dagenham and West Ham, and the local company were much in evidence. Various touches of the above methods were ably conducted and completed under the guidance of Mr. E. Wightman. Twenty-eight members sat down to tea in the schoolroom, the Master, Mr. S. Hayes, in the chair, supported by Mr. G. Black, who took occasion, at the business meeting which followed, to congratulate the former on his recovery from recent illness. He was sure all present were pleased to see him again at the head of the table, to which the company gave unanimous response. The Vicar just looked in to assure us of his pleasure in seeing so many present, though he sometimes wished his study was not so near to the steeple. After a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, new members were enrolled and Woodford selected as the next place of meeting.

The company again ascended the tower, keeping the bells going until nine o'clock, when everyone (perhaps the parishioners) began to feel satiated with ringing, returning to their respective homes no doubt with a merry little twinkle in their eyes at the thought they had so much enjoyed the evening at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow.

MUSIC specially arranged in MSS. (if not in print) to suit almost any number of ringers and bells. Terms, etc., on application from WM. GORDON, 44, CELTIC STREET, WEBB LANE, STOCKPORT.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 3rd, 17th, and 31st; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 4th and 18th; at St. Giles, Cripple-gate, on the 4th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 13th and 27th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th; and at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 20th; at 8 p.m.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

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

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Faversham to-day, Sat., May 1st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at the Queen's Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. No travelling allowance at this meeting.
G. DENNE, Hon. Dis. Sec.
 61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Biddenden to-day, Sat., May 1st. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Tea (free) at The Chequers at 6 o'clock. If possible, the Rector (Rev. E. K. B. Morgan), will preside at the tea and meeting.
C. TRIBE, Hon. Dis. Sec.
 British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone, to-day, Sat., May 1st. (The Marden bells not being completed). Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Business meeting at The Castle inn at 5.30. Half travelling expenses up to but, not exceeding 2s. will be paid to members attending.
W. LATTE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Lawton, Cheshire, on Saturday, 1st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 6. Service at 7 p.m.
Rev. W. G. KEYWORTH, Hon. Sec.
J. JOHNSON,

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The annual meeting will take place at Sheffield to-day, Sat., May 1st. The bells of the parish church (12), and St. Marie's (8), will be open from 3.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. The business meeting will be held in the Presbytery Room, Norfolk Row, at 6.30 p.m., sharp, when the Rev. Dean Dolan will preside. Committee meeting at 6 p.m.
SIDNEY F. PALMER, Hon. Sec.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bourton to-day, Saturday, May 1st. Ringing from 2; service at 4. Address by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, Rector of Kingston Magna. Tea at 4.30 in vicarage room, followed by business meeting. Buckhouse Weston and Henstridge towers probably available.
C. A. PHILLIPS, Hon. Br. Sec.

The Essex Association.—North-Western District.—A meeting will be held at Waltham

Abbey on Saturday, May 8th. Bells at two o'clock. Meat tea at The Green Dragon, 1s. 6d., provided for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous.

JOHN F. PENNING, Hon. Sec.
 "Fairville," Saffron Walden.

The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Leyland on Saturday, May 8th. Further particulars by circular.
A. E. WREAKS, Hon. Secs.
J. H. BANKS,

The North Notts. Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at West Retford on Saturday, May 8th. Business meeting in schoolroom at 3.30 p.m. Divine Service in West Retford parish church at 4.15. Tea at Howard's tea rooms at 5 p.m. The bells at East Retford (10), West Retford (6), and Ordsall (6) will be open to members and friends. Members of kindred societies will be heartily welcomed.
B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

The Sussex County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Hastings on Saturday, May 8th. Towers open for ringing: Christ Church, St. Leonards, 11 to 1; Christ Church, Blacklands, 11 to 1, and 5.30 to 7; All Saints and St. Clements 6 to 8 p.m. Luncheon at The Castle hotel at 1.45. Tickets (to members) 1s. 6d. Usual business meeting Service at Christ Church, Blacklands, at 4.30. Preacher—the Rector of Christ Church, St. Leonards. Members intending to be present at luncheon, must notify me by Wednesday, May 5th.
G. WATSON, Hon. Gen. Sec.
 Vale Road, St. Leonards.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at the parish church, Burnley, on Saturday, May 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.
J. WATSON, Br. Sec.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—To Life Ringing Members and others.—Annual festival at Milton Abbey on Tuesday, May 25th. Service in abbey church at 12 noon. Preacher—the Very Rev. the Dean of Salisbury. Luncheon in marquee at 1 p.m., kindly provided by Sir Everard Hambro, K.C.V.O. Earl Nelson will preside. Following towers offered for ringing: Milton Abbey, Hilton, Bryanston, and Blandford. Railway station—Blandford, seven miles. The East Dorset Branch kindly defrays expense of conveyances. Reduced fare on application to station-master a few days previously. Kindly send notice to Secretary—West Lulworth Vicarage, Wareham, in order to secure a seat.

The Hertfordshire Association.—NOTICE TO MEMBERS.—The photographic group on Easter Monday was a success. Copies can be had of Cherry and Co., London Road, St. Albans, as follows: 10 x 12, 2. 6d.; 18 x by 12, 5s. Postage and packing 6d. extra.
G. W. CARTMEL, Hon. Sec.
 "Duffield," St. Albans.

Kenninghall (Norfolk).—These bells, after rehanging, will be open for ringing from 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 13th. Lunch 2s., drinks extra can be obtained at The Crown hotel, by giving notice to the landlady by Tuesday, May 11th. By kind permission of the Rector, the Quidenham bells (8) will also be available during the day.

All communications respecting the bells of St. Mary's church, Bury St. Edmunds, should be addressed to the Secretary, Mr. H. Lomax, sen., 35, Crown Street.

GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By FREDK. H. DEXTER, Leicester.

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This peal has the twenty-four each 6-8s, 8-6s, 7-8-9-6s, 7-6-9-8s of the two positions, with the front bells completing their extent in 4ths in perfect order. It also has twenty each of the 8-7-9s and 6-7-9s.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Owing to a change in the postal designation of the district, the future address of B. Prewett will be Park House, Oxhey, Watford.—W. H. Pasmore has removed from Lomax to 203, Alliance Avenue, Hull, Yorks.

Peal Tablets.

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Metropolis.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, April 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, SOUTH, HACKNEY,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble.	CHARLES T. COLES 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	SAMUEL BIRD 6.
WILLIAM MILLER 3.	BERTRAM PREWETT 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.
First peal in the method on the bells.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.)*On Saturday, April 24, 1909, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS 5.
HERBERT W. HIBBERT .. 2.	ARTHUR HARDING 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	GEORGE R. FARDON 7.
ALBERT WHITTINGTON .. 4.	*ROBERT W. GREEN Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

*First peal.

The Provinces.**CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT)

*On Tuesday, March 9, 1909, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being eight 6-scores each of Morning Star, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, and April Day: and ten 6-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT .. Treble.	WILLIAM PIERCE 3.
JOHN O'NEILL 2.	*HERBERT PRATT 4.
LIONEL HAMMOND	 Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

*First peal.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, April 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,***AT CHRIST CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.**

Tenor 19 cwt.

KENNEDY CLOUSTON* .. Treble.	†JAMES E. GOFTON 6.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 2.	†R. ALDER GOFTON 7.
EDWARD A. HEEN† .. 3.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 8.
GEORGE R. HOLMES† .. 4.	ROBERT RICHARDS 9.
THOMAS T. GOFTON† .. 5.	ALEXANDER G. LAWSON .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire Caters. †First peal in the method.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 17, 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.**

WILLIAM WILLSON Treble.	ALBERT MASON 5.
EDWARD JACKSON 2.	THOMAS BOTTRILL 6.
ALEX BRAMLEY 3.	JAMES HARRIS 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS 4.	R. HENRY BARTRAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

*On Saturday April 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.**

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE BILLENNESS .. Treble.	†STEPHEN J. BOULDEN .. 5.
ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 2.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 6.
ERNEST GOSBEE† .. 3.	GEORGE JOHNSON .. 7.
ALFRED JOHNSON .. 4.	GEORGE B. ANDERSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

†First peal. *Elected a member previous to starting.

GREAT GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, April 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

J. W. SEAMER Treble.	A. B. SHEPHERD 5.
C. H. BIRD 2.	C. KENNINGTON 6.
P. C. LONG 3.	C. TAYLOR 7.
A. W. LONG 4.	W. H. HEYBOE Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the Vicar the Rev. A. A. Markham and Mrs. Markham.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.**

Tenor 17 cwt.

CLIFFORD DAWSON* .. Treble.	CHARLES E. HART 5.
CHARLES DRAPER .. 2.	GEORGE DAWSON 6.
ALBERT H. WARD .. 3.	SYDNEY DAWSON 7.
BART MITCHELL .. 4.	JOHN FLOWER Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

*First peal. Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to G. Dawson.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.***On Saturday, April 17, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 22 cwt.

RALPH MEEK Treble.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 5.
WILLIAM GOODMAN† .. 2.	JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. 6.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 3.	HARRY GOODMAN 7.
HERBERT SHEPPARD .. 4.	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

†First peal with a bob bell.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, April 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, College Pleasure, College Exercise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE CHEESMAN .. Treble.	ARTHUR LINTOTT 4.
JOHN AKEHURST .. 2.	ARTHUR TULLETT 5.
FREDK. R. TULLETT, JUN. 3.	FREDK. R. TULLETT, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. R. TULLETT, SEN.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN B. MARTIN Treble.	*FREDERICK CAUSTY 5.
WALTER GRAY* 2.	ALFRED H. MARTIN 6.
ALFRED EVERITT* 3.	WALTER PERKINS 7.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN 4.	LUTHER CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

*First peal in the method.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWIN G. BUESDEN Treble.	CHARLES W. BRETT 5.
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6.
WILLIAM WENBAN 3.	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7.
FREDERICK G. BRETT 4.	RICHARD S. STAINES Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,
AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Saturday, April 17, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JESSE SCREEN* Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL 5.
SAMUEL GROVES 2.	C. FREDERICK WHITE 6.
ALFRED ROWLEY 3.	JOHN SMITH 7.
JAMES DOWLER 4.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

*First peal in the method. C. F. White was proposed a member of the above society, and Messrs. Dowler and Groves of the above Guild previous to starting for the peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, April 17, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDGAR PEMBERTON Treble.	GEORGE P. BURTON 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE 6.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Arranged and rung for G. P. Burton, who belongs to the St. Peter Mancroft Society, Nbrwich.

PENDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 19, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lbs.

FRANCIS SMITH Treble.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH 5.
CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY 2.	GEORGE E. TURNER 6.
JOSEPH TURNER 3.	ALBERT E. WREAKS 7.
SAMUEL WOOD 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

Rung on the 65th birthday of Edmund Schofield, of Staleybridge. This composition has the 4th and 6th their extent in 6th, and also the 3th and 6th their extent in 5ths, and is now rung for the first time.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 19, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE .. Treble.	JAMES MERRICK 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	GEORGE SPENCER 6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3.	EDGAR HANCOX 7.
ROBERT E. STAVEBT 4.	WILLIAM WAENE Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, April 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY 5.
GEORGE DENT 2.	WALTER HOBBS 6.
HENRY J. TUCKER 3.	WILLIAM WATTS 7.
ISAAC CAVILL 4.	FREDERICK PALMER Tenor.

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

First peal in the method as conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH Treble.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 5.
BASIL HUGHES 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
THOMAS R. SCOTT 3.	ROBERT E. STAVEBT 7.
JAMES MERRICK 4.	FREDERICK EDWARDS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 22, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM ASHDOWN* .. Treble.	HERBERT TOMSETT 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 2.	*JAMES PARSONS 6.
ALBERT W. WHEALE 3.	THOMAS STRINGER 7.
HENRY J. GRAVETT 4.	GEORGE F. GASTON Tenor.

Conducted by A. W. GRAVETT.

*First peal.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thursday, April 22, 1909, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5027 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

S. REEVES* Treble.	*W. T. PATES 6.
G. H. PHILLOTT* 2.	W. TOWNSEND 7.
G. PEARCE 3.	W. DYER 8.
H. ROBERTS* 4.	J. BALLINGER 9.
F. MUSTY* 5.	*A. W. HUMPHRIS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by S. REEVES.

Rung on the anniversary of the long peal of 15,227 Grandsire Caters rung in Cheltenham on April 22nd, 1888. *Rung in the peal of 15,227, which was composed by H. Johnson, and conducted by W. T. Pates in 9 hrs 45 mins.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 22, 1909, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5328 CHANGES.

Tenor 37½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. ROBSON Treble.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 6.
GEORGE T. POTTER 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 7.
WILLIAM STORY 3.	THOMAS METCALF 8.
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4.	ROBERT RICHARDS 9.
EDWARD A. HEEN 5.	OSWALD SIMM Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

First short course peal on the bells. This composition was first rung on handbells at Aston in 1898, conducted by B. Wittchell.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.

5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 3 lbs. in D.

GEORGE JONES Treble.	JAMES MORGAN 5.
REV. A. T. BRESTON 2.	EDWIN H. LEWIS 6.
ROBERT SPERRING 3.	HENRY W. WILDE 7.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 4.	JAMES V. WRIGHT Tenor.

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER, and
Conducted by H. W. WILDE.

This is the second peal ever rung in this method, the first having been rung at St. Mary-on-the-Hill, Chester, on November 20th, 1908. It was E. H. Lewis's 100th peal.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, April 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON 2.	*CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 6.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 7.
STANLEY HOLL* 4.	EDWARD EVANS Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal in the method.

SOWERBY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE AND HALIFAX AND DISTRICT
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday April 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER SMITH Treble.	ALBERT JAGGER 5.
JAMES COTTERELL 2.	GEORGE WHITESAKER 6.
THOMAS POLLITT 3.	CHARLES E. STEWART 7.
JONAS S. AMBLER 4.	FRED SALMONS Tenor.

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

WARE, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

HENRY J. TUCKER Treble.	GEORGE H. BARKER 5.
REV. ALFRED G. LANGDON .. 2.	*EDWARD H. KING 6.
HENRY S. REEVES 3.	*BARNARD PATMORE 7.
FREDERICK WILLIAMS* 4.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

*First peal on eight bells. This is the first peal of Major on the bells for 128 years. It was the conductor's 180th peal.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE 'SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lbs. in G.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble.	JESSE MOSS 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2.	THOMAS RILEY 6.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE 3.	HARRY MOSS 7.
WALTER ROBINSON 4.	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.
First peal in the method on the bells.

Handbell Peals.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT 33, HOLLY STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

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

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
Umpire—J. Atkin.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Monday, April 19, 1909, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

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

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

Conducted by A. H. PUELING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Pelling, the band wishing her a speedy recovery from her illness; also as a compliment to A. Garfath, brother of the ringer of 7-8.

The following four peals are the result of three day's ringing in Suffolk:—

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

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

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
WILLIAM BLENNESS 2.	*JAMES RUMSEY 6.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3.	*FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 7.
WILLIAM HEWITT 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

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IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES:
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	*JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 2.	*WILLIAM HEWITT 8.
EDWARD EVANS 3.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 9.
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN* .. 4.	WILLIAM MOTTS 10.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 5.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 11.
FRANK BENNETT* 6.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal of Maximus.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. Treble.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 5.
REV WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	EDWARD EVANS 6.
WILLIAM HEWITT 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This was W. Hewitt's fiftieth peal.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

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

On Tuesday, April 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

EDGAR PEMBERTON Treble.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 5.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method by all the band except the J. Motts, and first peal in the method on the bells. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to heartily thank the clergy for so kindly placing the bells of their respective churches at the disposal of the party, also the many ringers and others who rendered the assistance necessary to make the ringing a success. The members of the party regret however that it was found impossible to take advantage of the permission kindly granted by the Rev W. P. Garrett, of Helmingham, to attempt a peal on the bells of that church.

Miscellaneous.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.

WHITBY-ON-SEA.—On Sunday, March 21st, 252 Bob Triples. F. Hodgson, W. Breckon, G. B. Simpson, F. Hodgson, W. Knaggs, J. Waters, G. F. Alexander, G. Hill. On Wednesday, March 24th, 504 Bob Triples. T. Steel, F. Hodgson, Rev. A. J. de Denne, A. W. Brighton conductor, W. Knaggs, J. Waters, G. F. Alexander, T. Tindale. On Sunday, April 4th, 168 Bob Triples. T. Steel, W. Breckon, G. B. Simpson, J. Waters, W. Knaggs, G. Hill, G. F. Alexander, M. Stapely. Also 504 Bob Triples. T. Steel, W. Breckon, G. B. Simpson, G. F. Alexander, W. Knaggs, J. Waters, W. Harland, G. Hill.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GAYWOOD (Norfolk).—On Thursday, February 4th, at the church of St. Faith, 720 Plain Bob in 26 mins. W. Cole, G.

Holland, S. Chenist, G. Etchells conductor, J. Sadgley, G. Hawes. On Sunday, February 7th, 720 Plain Bob in 25 mins. W. Cole, P. Johnson, B. BuufielJ, G. Etchells, G. Greenacre conductor, G. Hawes.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YATELEY (Hants).—On Sunday, March 14th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Horne, S. Riddell conductor, G. Bunch, C. Hilton, H. Tice, F. Hagley, J. R. Bunch, A. Hearmon. On March 21st, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Lemesurer and Mrs. De Winton Corry, of Yateley, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Butler, S. Riddell, W. G. Bunch, C. Hilton, G. Bunch, F. Hagley conductor, W. Horne, A. Hearmon. On April 4th, for Divine Service, 546 Grandsire Triples. G. Butler, H. Tice, W. G. Bunch, S. Riddell conductor, F. Hagley, Bunch, H. Tice, W. Horne. On Saturday, April 10th, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Rev. C. D. Stooks, who for twenty years was Vicar of Yateley, who died at Southgate on April 7th, and was interred at Yately on that day, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Butler, S. Riddell conductor, W. G. Bunch, W. B. Tice, F. Hagley, J. R. Bunch, W. Horne, A. Hearmon.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FARNWORTH.—On Saturday, March 27th, for practice at St. John's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Peers, T. Barlow, W. Tebay, G. Pincott, J. Potter, J. Ridyard conductor. Also a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. Peers, J. Potter, W. Tebay, G. Pincott, J. Ridyard, W. Pennington, T. Barlow conductor, J. Brooks.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON.—On Sunday evening, January 3rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 1256 Double Norwich. O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, R. Thompson, H. Roberts, O. Nosman, T. Robinson, C. J. Gardiner conductor. On January 12th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Robinson, R. W. Hyner, G. W. Townsend, C. J. Gardiner conductor, H. W. Wells, O. Norman, A. W. Harrington. On January 24th, for morning service, 840 Stedman Triples. O. W. Layng, R. Thompson, R. W. Hyner, H. W. Wells, T. Robinson, O. Norman conductor, C. J. Gardiner, A. W. Harrington.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LINDFIELD (Sussex).—On Sunday, March 21st, 532 Grandsire Triples. J. Lacey, G. Tomsett conductor, E. Bish, H. Tomsett, A. Tomsett, J. Parsons, F. Willey, G. Belton. Also 518. F. Willey, A. Tomsett conductor, R. Holder, E. Bish, E. Patching, J. Parsons, G. Tomsett, T. Patching. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Tomsett.

LONDON.—On Saturday, April 24th, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Dorrington, M. Wood composer, A. Hughes, jun., conductor, H. Hills, C. Kennedy, D. F. Gibbons, H. C. Alford, J. Monday.

OLD LENTON (Notts).—On Sunday evening, March 28th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. W. Flinders, W. Bellamy, R. Flint, H. R. Cobbin, E. J. Oliver, F. Knibb, J. Hickman conductor, G. Barns. On Sunday evening, April 24th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 47 mins. W. Flinders, R. Flint, H. R. Cobbin, V. Gosling, J. Clarke, F. Knibb, E. J. Oliver, W. Bellamy conductor.

SOUTHWARK.—On Sunday evening, April 25th, for Divine Service at the church of St. George-the-Martyr, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. E. Finch, S. B. Weatherstone, G. F. Woodage, T. H. Taffender conductor, C. S. Burden, H. W. Hibbert, W. H. Taffender, C. Hughes. First quarter-peal by the treble and tenor-man.

WIGSTON MAGNA (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, April 13th, two attempts was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but came to grief in each after ringing 1200 and 1300 changes. C. Caker, B. Day, J. Hall, E. Gobey, H. Fletcher, H. George, R. Clifford conductor, A. T. Baker.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

On Easter Monday, the members of the All Saints society, Boyn Hill, had their annual outing, the places visited being Thame, Haddenham, and Long Crendon (Oxon). Starting from Maidenhead at 8.30, they arrived at Thame at 9.45, when after refreshing the inner man, a brisk walk through the fine old town brought them to the church, which is a fine old structure of the thirteenth century. After being showed round by the Vicar, they were conducted to the tower by the rev. gentleman, and the bells were soon going to the tune of Stedman, Cambridge, and Double Norwich. The next order was a fine country drive to Haddenham, which was rather marred by cold showers, but was made up for by fine scenery. Here they were met by Mr. Chapman, who conducted them to the church, and the bells were soon going to Cambridge, Stedman,

and Double Norwich. Time being short, and a hasty farewell to all, a drive back to Thame where a good dinner was in store for them, the method being roast beef and mutton. After dinner another pleasant country drive brought them to the quaint old village of Long Crendon. Here they were met by the Rev. — Ewell, who conducted them round his fine old church of the thirteenth century, and explained all the old antiques, which were numerous; and some very fine carvings, paintings and tombs. Then a journey to the tower, which is in the centre of the church, and where a fine peal of eight was soon going to the tune of Stedman, Cambridge, and Double Norwich. Afterwards the company were entertained to a meat tea by the Vicar, his daughter, and the local ringers, which was very much enjoyed. After a vote of thanks to the Vicar and his daughter, the ringers gave

a few tunes on the handbells, which was much enjoyed by all. Time being short, a good hearty shake of hands, and thanking the Vicar and his daughter for their kind hospitality, and a pleasant drive back to Thame in time to catch the train, brought a very pleasant outing to a close. The ringers wish to thank the Vicars of the respective churches for the use of the bells, and the ringers for having all in readiness.

ILKESTON (Derbysire).—On a recent Sunday evening for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. Harrison. H. Fletcher. E. C. Gobey conductor. A. Nicholson. E. Foxon. J. H. Illiffe. C. J. Baker. F. George. On Thursday, April 1st, for practice, 288 Treble Bob Major.

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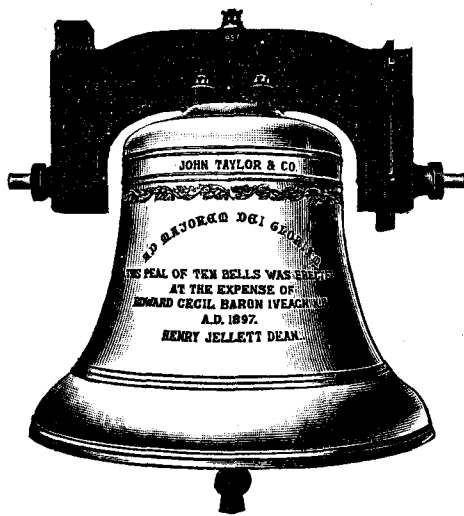
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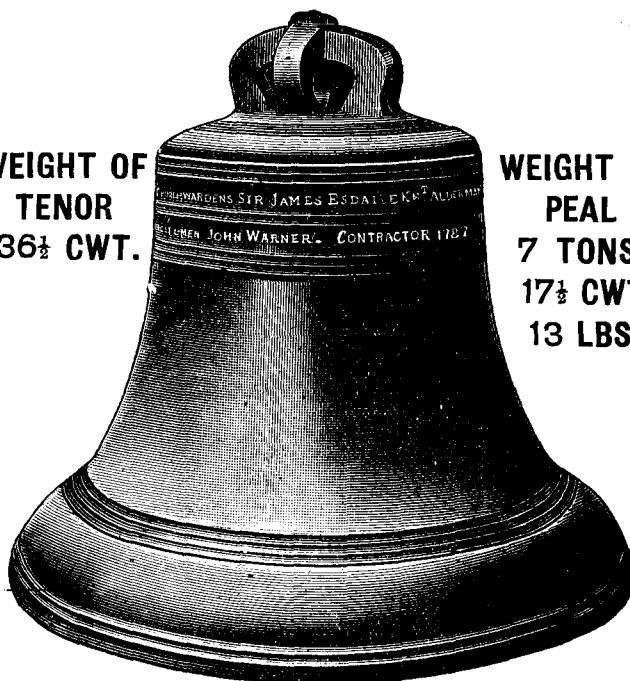
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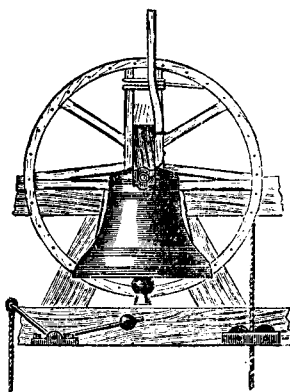
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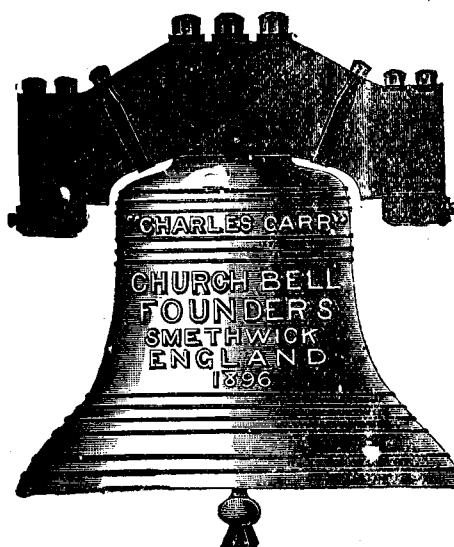
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