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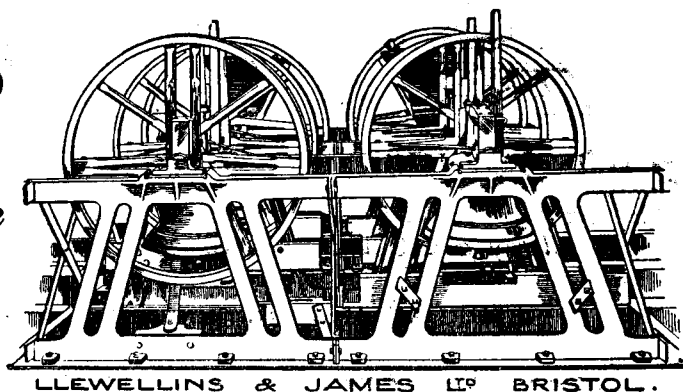
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FAWLEY, HANTS.

DEDICATION OF NEW TREBLES.

At the fine old parish church of All Saints, dating from the Norman period, the Archdeacon of Winchester dedicated two trebles on Wednesday, July 21st. The service commenced at 2.30 p.m., Evensong to the third collect being said by the Rector, the Rev. T. Gore Browne, the proper lessons being read by the Revs. F. Bowden Smith, and Charles E. Matthews, Vicar of Titchfield, and Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. The Archdeacon, Dr. Fearon, then said the dedicatory prayers, subsequently giving a brief address based upon Psalm cl. i. He said that the people of Fawley had a rich possession in their ancient and beautiful church—it was worth spending all they could afford upon it, and the restoration and addition of the bells added to the various steps in its long history. The sounds of bells awakened the best thoughts and called out the highest emotions in men, and it was almost a miracle given to man to produce sounds which thus spoke to hearts and souls. Bells were a creation of Christian religion, they were always identified with Church life and Church work, and might this restored peal always help the parishioners of Fawley to praise God.

Ringers attended from Fareham, Dibden, Winchester, and Titchfield, and no doubt others would have been present, if Fawley were less inaccessible. The first 720 of Bob Minor on the bells was brought round by G. Grahame, G. Clasby, J. W. Whiting, W. Chambers, W. Rawlings, H. Payne (conductor). The work of restoration, re-tuning, and providing two trebles has been well carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons. The original treble, now the 3rd, was cast by them in 1867, and is 30 inches in diameter. The back three have these inscriptions:—"GIVE GOD THE GLORY, R. B. 1603 (32 in.) R. F. x William Andrewes, Richard Coombes (Churchwardens, 1677 (34½ in.), and Richard Clark, Thomas Colchester, churchwardens, 1737 (36½ in.) Joshua Kipling fecit." The new trebles are 27 in. and 28½ inches across, and weigh respectively 4-2-19 and 5-0-7. The first bears the inscription—"Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound." The second is inscribed, "Given by A. C. Drummond, A.D. 1909. Ring out the false, ring in the true." It is a pity that the Rector's and churchwardens' names were not included in the casting. Messrs. Warner have supplied an iron frame and entirely new fittings, and the back three have been quarter-turned. The new trebles blend well with the rest, and are not unduly loud, and considering the weakness and flat tone of the tenor, and that the old bells had to be re-tuned on the spot, the

Cripplegate firm have certainly done their best. The Rev. W. E. Colchester, Hon. Secretary of the Diocesan Guild, was present. After the service the ringers were hospitably entertained to tea by the Rector. A chiming apparatus is being fitted.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of this Association held at Darlington on July 24th, proved one of the best of the summer meetings of recent years. During the afternoon touches of Treble Bob Major, and Stedman and Erin Triples were rung on the bells of the parish church (St. Cuthbert's), and St. John's; and London, York, and Cambridge Surprise Minor on the bells of Holy Trinity.

Forty-three members from Stockton, Newcastle, Bishop Auckland, Staindrop, Chester-le-Street, Hurworth, Sunderland, Shildon, Benwell, Ormesby, and Darlington, sat down to tea at The Bull's Head hotel, with the President (Mr. C. L. Routledge), in the chair, supported by Mr. W. Kingdon and Mr. J. W. Parker (Vice-presidents), and the Revs. H. S. T. Richardson, E. C. Hoskyns, A. W. Lister, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. Todd. Letters of regret were read from the Vicar of Darlington (Rev. David Walker), the Rev. W. P. Mayor, the Rev. F. Peacock, and Mr. W. Story. A vote of thanks to the clergy of the three churches for the use of the bells was carried with acclamation.

IDEN, SUSSEX.

The six bells in the tower of the church of All Saints, Iden, have recently been rehung by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. Two years ago the tenor was rehung. Since then the necessary money has been raised for rehanging the other five bells, and Mr. Bowell was given the order to rehang the remaining five. The order has been executed, and on a recent Wednesday several ringers who reside in the district assembled together to inspect the work and test the bells. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung and several shorter touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. Everyone was of opinion the work had been done excellently, and the "go" of the bells was all that could be desired.

RANGEMORE, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

A large chiming clock has just been erected in the parish church here as a memorial to the late Lord Burton. It was formally started on Saturday, the 24th instant, by Lady Burton. It shows time on four large dials, and is fitted with all the latest improvements, being made generally to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who made the Burton Town Hall clock for the late Lord Burton many years ago.

WITH THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The town of Bedford has many historical connections. Chief among them are its claims to John Howard, the prison reformer and philanthropist; and of course the immortal Bunyan. From a ringer's point of view, the county of Bedford is famous for Charley Clarke, Bunyan, and "Billy" Barker. I put them in this order advisedly. Anyone who picks up a "BELL NEWS" of twenty or twenty-five years ago, will find Bedford ringing and Charles W. Clarke synonymous terms. Bunyan has been passed on to posterity as having been a "ringer of a sort" at a time when ringing was very much like charity, etc., as was clearly shown in certain Danielese articles in this journal some years since. However, it was undeniably good for mankind that John Bunyan dropped his rope for the quill. When circumstances rendered it necessary for "C. W. C." to seek fresh fields and pastures new in search of work, the ringing at Bedford devolved upon W. J. Barker, one of Clarke's proteges, and William J. B. is very smart. Fortunately, Charles W. Clarke is back again in Bunyantown, and although ringing has been decadent there of late, if Clarke and Barker join hands again, a revival will occur. This by the way. On June 26th the Association held its summer festival at Turvey. Turvey is a quiet old-world village seven miles out. It possesses a fine church and as fine a parson. This is the Rev. C. B. Hulton, who is indeed like another but defunct "C.B."—a prime minister, for he is one of us and has rung peals in five Standard methods upon his own bells. These are a ring of eight, with a tenor of 19 cwt. The tenor is a peculiar bell—she has neither 3rds nor 5ths harmonic, and to quote the words of the late Tom Holmes, her tone is like "a stone thrown at a boiler." This is regrettable, for she was recast some few years ago. The hum-note is now indistinct, and ought to be taken in hand by a founder who knows how to do it. With this important exception the bells make a mellow ring. As I have said, Turvey is a demure and a peaceful place—just such a place that Dickens would look for that master of calisthenics, Mr. Turveydrop. With its almshouses and priory, it seems at peace with all the world. The great cross above the church is not by any means the only one. Farmhouses too, erect a huge cross on the gable-end, and these are rivalled by the numerous cottages that boasts a bible text over the doors instead of a house title!

Saturday, June 26th, commenced with a cricket match between the Turveyites v. all comers. Like England in the last test, the all comers got a basting, for the Rev. C. B. collared the demon bowler, and hit him all over the field, eventually winning by four runs.

Up in the tower the bells were merrily swinging to the tune of Stedman, Superlative, Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Double Norwich, ringers being present from Woburn, Irthlingborough, Bedford, Higham Ferrers, Bromham, and Kettering; while Mr. S. Wesley, of Nottingham, and Miss Lilian and W. Willson came from Leicester by invitation. All sat down in the garden of the local hotel for tea at 5.30, about seventy being present, but prior to this a service was held in the church of All Saints, when the Rector preached from the text—"Be ye perfect." Without hesitation the writer asserts that no finer exposition of a ringer's trials and difficulties could possibly be given. It was an ideal discourse by one who knows what occurs both in and out of a belfry.

After the tea the bells were again put in motion, and an exceptional interest was taken in a touch in which Mr. E.

Wilds rang the tenor. Mr. Wilds was one of Lieutenant Shackleton's crew who essayed the South Polar Expedition in the Nimrod, and it gave the writer a much-coveted interview with one of the men direct. It may be mentioned that on the following Monday evening, Mr. Wilds received along with Lieutenant Shackleton and the rest of the crew, their medals from the hands of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at the Albert Hall, London.

It appears that Turvey is the native place of Mr. S. Wesley, of Lenton, Notts., and his father was a ringer there before him, hence his visit brought many pleasant recollections. The place is a picturesque spot, and as the shadows deepened, the church and its huge cross became more and more indistinct, until the last red rays of the setting sun tipped the edge of the cross, and finally yielded place to night. From the rectory windows the music of the steeple was sweetened from the knowledge that we from a distance had dined wisely and well. "Bells at evening pealing" are always enhanced by such an event, and the Rectory at Turvey is Liberty Hall. To the Rector and Mrs. Hulton with her sister we salaam and say that a railway ride of 100 miles is naught when kindness and hospitality awaits. Everyone enjoyed the Bedfordshire Summer Festival, and not least he who inscribes his initials,

W. W.

EXETER RINGERS IN SOMERSET.

The memories of a visit which was paid to Exmoor last year by members of the St. Sidwell's Society, Exeter, were so pleasant that they decided to renew acquaintance on Saturday, June 26th, with the famous Somerset upland. The route selected was Dulverton by train, and then by road to Timberscombe, Dunster, Minehead and back. Ideal weather prevailed; there was no rain, and the air was neither too hot nor too cold. The showers of the preceding days had laid the dust, and freshened Nature, so that the country was seen under perfect condition in its most alluring garb.

The beautiful scenery of the valley of the Exe, the impressive outlines of Exmoor, as viewed from Wheddon Cross—1000 feet above sea-level, and the highest point on the road to Minehead—with Dunkerry Beacon, Exmoor's crowning glory, 1,700 feet high, a conspicuous feature in the landscape; the peaceful beauty of Timberscombe: the mediæval quaintness and unique natural charms of Dunster, and the primness of Dunster were all justly admired. Amid such entrancing surroundings there was little inclination and, indeed, small time for ringing. But the sweet-toned peal of six bells at Timberscombe, rehung two years ago, which were found to be in splendid condition: the eight at Dunster, rehung in 1875, noteworthy, for the second has been recast once, the treble and fifth twice, and the tenor thrice, for the want of tune and for the queerness of the "go" owing probably to the oscillation of the distinctive central tower; and the light but musical ten created at Minehead by the addition of two bells about three years ago, were handled, and welcomes extended by the local ringers. The members of the St. Sidwell's society wish to thank the Vicars of the respective churches for the use of the bells, and Mr. G. Stacey (Minehead), for making all the necessary arrangements for ringing.

At dinner at The Red Lion hotel, Dulverton, Mr. E. Shepherd (Ringing-Master), presided, and the healths of "The King," "the Rector of St. Sidwell's," "The Ringing-Master," and "The Hon. Secretary" were drunk,

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The tenth annual general meeting of this association was held at Ripon on Whit-Monday last, when members were present from Middleham, Stockton, Hemingbrough, Skelton, Sharow, Northallerton, Ormesby, West Hartlepool, Wath, and Pateley Bridge. The members met at The Black Bull hotel, where dinner was served. The Rev. W. P. Wright (Hemingbrough), vice-president of the association, presided, supported by Dr. Pauli and the Rev. R. Hodgson (hon. secretary). After dinner the business meeting was held.

The Chairman submitted the toast of "The King," which was pledged with enthusiasm.

Dr. Pauli proposed the health of the Bishop and clergy of the diocese, including thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Ripon Cathedral and the Vicar of Sharow for allowing the members the use of the bells of the Cathedral and Sharow parish church.

The Rev. R. Hodgson (hon. secretary) presented the eleventh annual report, and stated that the more he saw of the working of the Association the more was he convinced of its usefulness. He had to record twelve peals for the year. It was gratifying to record an increase in the membership of eleven—five hon. members and six performing members. He had been notified that Carlton Marske and Scarborough hoped to join the association during the year. The balance worked out favourably, the income for the year being £13 10s., and the expenditure £12 5s. 6d., leaving a balance on the year's working of £1 4s. 6d. The balance in the bank in favour of the association at the end of the year was £25 13s. 10d. Mr. Hodgson said as that was his last report, he wished to express his appreciation of the kindness and help given to him during the last four years. They all welcomed him most heartily, and had borne wonderfully with all his failings. He trusted that the association would continue to prosper, and that to his successor might be given that help and support which they extended to him.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report. It was a very good thing to hear that they were in a satisfactory state financially. There was £25 to their credit in the bank, and he hoped the Chancellor of the Exchequer would not hear of it. He asked the secretary at the committee meeting whether he had it invested in land, and he told him he had not. He thought they might authorise the secretary to keep that £25 out of land. Another satisfactory feature was the increase in membership, not a large one certainly, but still an increase which was in the right direction. He emphasised the appreciation of the members for the great kindness they received from the two places where new peals were instituted, particularly in the case of Carlton. In conclusion, Mr. Wright included a vote of thanks to Mr. Hodgson for his excellent services of the past four years.

Mr. T. Stephenson (Stockton) seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried.

The three places of meeting were fixed as follows: Annual meeting, Whit-Monday, Northallerton; September meeting, Middleham; Easter Monday, Carlton.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

The ringers at this historic church had their annual excursion on Saturday, July 17th, journeying by rail to Stourport-on-Severn. Arrangements were kindly made by the churchwardens—Messrs. James and Edwards—and

owing to their forethought, Mr. Dorsett, a friend of theirs, and with whom the ringers were previously acquainted, met the party at Stourport, and accompanied them in their rambles, pointing out the many objects of interest in the ideal river scenery of the district.

After an introduction and refreshments at The Bell hotel, Stourport, a fixture was made for a substantial repast later on, and the party then made its way to the delightful and picturesque village of Areley Kings on the other side of the river, and on high ground commanding an extensive view of the surrounding country. Here permission had been obtained for a pull on the light ring of six, but unfortunately disappointment was in store, as the Vicar was under the necessity of withdrawing such permission owing to the illness of his wife. Expressing his extreme regret at this untoward incident, he most courteously invited the company to a walk round his garden and grounds, showing them many objects of interest, and expressing a hope that he might see them and hear them ring on his bells on a future occasion.

On the road back to Stourport several of the company were shown over the boat house and club rooms by Mr. Dorsett, who we understand is considered the "father" of the Stourport Boat Club.

Again arriving at The Bell hotel, where the churchwardens had provided an ample and substantial tea, the company were soon feasting the inner man in that hearty manner for which members of the Exercise are generally noted.

At its conclusion Mr. W. H. Godden, in a short speech, expressed the pleasure felt by Mr. John Carter and himself in being invited to join the company that day, and apologised for the absence of another friend—Mr. Bradney. He called on the company to express in the heartiest manner they possibly could, their sense of gratitude to the churchwardens, and especially to Mr. Dorsett, who had added so much to their day's enjoyment.

Mr. Dorsett, who evidently took pleasure in his task of showing the company round, added a few words of welcome, and hoped that he might on a future occasion be able to do more in that way for any of his friends then present.

The company then repaired to the bowling green, some taking very keen pleasure in this old-fashioned sport, while others manipulated the handbells in tunes and courses of Triples and Doubles, much to the enjoyment of the neighbourhood. Much interest was evoked by Mr. J. Carter manipulating Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 in Grandsire Doubles, Mr. Laffin getting Nos. 5 and 6 in very judiciously.

Time for the return journey arrived only too quickly, and all again safely landed in Birmingham after a very enjoyable excursion.

We regret to hear that Mr. John Basden, Master of the Middlesex Association, and a member of many other ringing societies is, after a long and exhausting illness, in a condition calling for the sympathy of his ringing brethren. He is absolutely unable to obtain any kind of medical or other sustenance necessary to him. His friends therefore appeal to the Exercise on his behalf. He is highly respected by all who know him. It is hoped that some immediate relief may be obtained before he is beyond need of it. Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, Bucks., a life-long friend of John Basden, will be glad to receive any sums sent in response to this appeal. It is hoped that his many friends will rally to his help without delay.

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."

THE EXTENSION OF STEDMAN FROM THE ORIGINAL SIX-SCORE.

SIR,—The four letters in last week's "BELL NEWS" are all interesting, and I will try to answer some of the questions raised, and first of all let me say what I have often said before; change-ringing is both an Art and a Science, and Mr. Willson in his letter is still confusing the two, and so has failed to follow my argument.

The Art of change-ringing originated with Fabian Stedman, but the Science was first brought forward by William Shipway, and what I am trying to do is to analyse Stedman's work from a scientific point of view, and not to state what Stedman himself thought about it, as I am quite certain that he never approached the subject from a scientific point of view at all.

Mr. Willson then falls into the mistake of thinking that the distinction between Principles and Methods is old, and also fails to understand what it is. If he will read the Report on Legitimate Methods given in the Rules and Decisions of the Council, he will there find it fully stated.

Next he has made a mistake in the course he gives, as the first three rows including rounds are part of a quick six, and not a slow one at all. The Plain course consists of five slow sixes, and is true.

Next of all I do assert that one slow six contains all the slow work of Stedman. Mr. Willson's description of the slow work is not scientific at all, but purely artistic, in fact it consists of the rules for ringing sixty changes of Stedman Doubles with five slow and five quick sixes alternating, quite regardless of the question as to the scientific nature of these sixes, and so it proves nothing to the point.

Now to the question of the bob. In Stedman's time I believe that the word bob was never used at all; they used to call "extreme," and the actual calling of the bobs is nothing to do with the question, because a silent peal of anything contains the bobs, although every man makes them in the course of the ringing without one of them being called.

Now analyse Stedman Doubles; you can split the sixty changes into ten sixes.

Analyse Grandsire Doubles; you can split the sixty changes into six tens. In each case case that is the limit.

Ring the sixty changes of each silent, are there bobs in Grandsire? Yes? because we alter the coursing order of three bells.

But the quick six in Stedman does just the same thing, therefore it is a bob; as a matter of fact whether you call it so or not.

I now turn for a moment to Mr. Trollope. Will he explain how his fifth-place bob will produce a six-score of Doubles from a Plain course of five slow sixes, and will he also kindly cut a six-score of Grandsire Doubles up into plain courses by eliminating bobs. I am bound to say that I cannot do it; moreover can Mr. Trollope produce a six-score from five slow sixes by means of any other bob except a quick six; lastly in dealing with Mr. Trollope, if he contends that we are absolutely tied to one bob and one single in a peal, then I would remind him that Thurstan's peal contains two singles, 240 5th place bobs, 840 3rds place bobs, and 1260 1st place bobs, so that from Mr. Trollope's point of view it is not to be sanctioned, and I am sorry to say that I cannot in this agree with him.

Now for Mr. Dains. He tells us that for over twenty years he has been searching for something, and at last has produced what he calls a new Major Principle. He sent it to me as he says, and I replied that it was Double Stedman Major. I should have thought that my reply was sufficient without going on to say that my brother gave it to me seventeen or eighteen years ago, and that my idea was not novel, as I have been working on this theory for several years, as several of my friends will tell him. I first called the quick six a bob, but I do not claim it as mine for that reason. If a man in my parish picks up a spade guinea and shows it to me, and I tell him what it is, that does not make it mine; and if the real owner can be found, the man must give it up to him. The real owner is Fabian Stedman.

Mr. Dains found it; I had seen it many years ago, and knew that it was Stedman's, and when I wrote to him and said that it was Double Stedman, I should have thought that the matter was settled. If Mr. Dains will study the 720 of Minor a little more carefully, he will find that it is Double Stedman with the treble making bobs at the time, and other bells doing so occasionally.

Turning to Mr. Drake I had thought of calling this Stedman, Original Variation, or Correct Variation, or Scientific Variation, and the other Norwich Variation, or Hudson Variation, or Thurstan Variation. Lastly, let me tell him that the well-known six-score with—

1 3 2 5 4 S
1 3 2 4 5

half-way and—

1 2 3 5 4 S
1 2 3 4 5

at the end is exactly as Stedman left it.

H. LAW JAMES.

SIR,—The Rev. H. L. James has very kindly presented you with his composition of Minor; I therefore consider it my duty to present you with the method belonging thereto. The following is the first six of the plain course containing thirty-six changes:—

1 2 3 4 5 6

2 1 4 3 6 5

Bob as given for Major,

1 2 4 3 5 6

Single, do. do.

1 4 2 5 3 6

4 1 2 5 6 3

4 2 1 6 5 3

2 4 1 6 3 5

4 2 6 1 5 3

Now, Sir, as the composition and method are practically useless without the calling, etc., I will now, with your permission, give a table of course-ends, which is applicable to all the methods of the system for both odd and even number of bells.

TABLE OF COURSE-ENDS.

Calling positions.	Course-ends	No. of courses and changes.			
1 2 7 8	1 2 3 4 5 6				In Major.
—	4 1 3 2 5 6	...	3	...	144
—	3 4 1 2 5 6	...	2	...	96
—	3 1 2 4 5 6	...	3	...	144
—	3 2 5 4 1 6	...	2	...	96
—	5 3 2 4 1 6	...	2	...	do.
—	3 1 5 2 4 6	...	2	...	do.
—	5 3 1 2 4 6	...	5	...	240
—	4 6 3 1 5 2	...	2	...	96
—	3 6 5 1 4 2	...	4	...	192
—	5 3 6 1 4 2	...	2	...	96
—	3 4 6 1 5 2	...	5	...	240
—	1 6 3 2 5 4	...	3	...	144
—	3 6 5 2 1 4	...	3	...	do.
—	5 3 6 2 1 4	...	4	...	192
—	3 1 6 2 5 4	...	5	...	240

The positions for calling in the course of each of the different methods will be the first and second sixes in each, viz., 1, 2, also the last two sixes of each method, viz., 7, 8 in Major, 8, 9 in Caters, etc. *This runs false in Minor. †This runs false in all odd methods, as for instance a casual observation will show. A bob called in 9 of plain course brings rounds at second change of that six of Caters, etc. In Caters and Cinques a bob on the big bells puts them in the tittums; a like operation brings up rounds, and a single in the same position puts them in handstroke home position at a course-end, while a similar call again brings them to rounds position, and so altogether some good musical compositions with double the number of course-ends, and the ordinary Caters may be had, and those who are fond of a dip into composition will find this system a very interesting field for study and amusement.

Permit me to apologise to the Rev. H. L. James, and to withdraw my P.S. to the last letter. My only objection to his

composition of Minor is that by the contiguous bobbing the same bell in alternate front and back sixes makes it become a plain hunt. My idea of a peal of Minor is one wherein each bell rings the method.

H. DAINS.

1 2 3 4 5 6

2 1 4 3 6 5

1 2 4 3 5 6

1 4 2 5 3 6

4 1 2 5 6 3

4 2 1 6 5 3

2 4 1 6 3 5

4 2 6 1 5 3

2 4 6 1 3 5

2 6 4 3 1 5

6 2 4 3 5 1

6 4 2 5 3 1

4 6 2 5 1 3

6 4 5 2 3 1

4 6 5 2 1 3

4 5 6 1 2 3

5 4 6 1 3 2

5 6 4 3 1 2

6 5 4 3 2 1

5 6 3 4 1 2

6 5 3 4 2 1

6 3 5 2 4 1

3 6 5 2 1 4

3 5 6 1 2 4

5 3 6 1 4 2

3 5 1 6 2 4

5 3 1 6 4 2

5 1 3 4 6 2

1 5 3 4 2 6

1 3 5 2 4 6

3 1 5 2 6 4

1 3 2 5 4 6

3 1 2 5 6 4

3 2 1 6 5 4

2 3 1 6 4 5

2 1 3 4 6 5

1 2 3 4 5 6

NEW STEDMAN.

SIR,—My friend Mr. W. H. Barber has informed me that the calls in "Erin" were made the same as in Stedman, so I beg to withdraw my statement in regard to the first composition, and I congratulate the ringing band highly on their successes, also the composer.

JOHN CARTER.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—While wishing every success to the above Association, may we not hope that it may be the means of creating enthusiasm among all in the district who are interested in bells and bellringing, and by its influence we may soon be able to hear once more a peal of ten in the grand old Cathedral.

FENMAN.

Obituary.

GEORGE THOMAS MARSHALL.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at Hull on July 13th aged 45. He had been a member of the Holy Trinity company for sixteen years. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1891, and had taken part in forty peals. Two years ago he met with an accident to his arm, which gradually withered away. The funeral service was taken by the Rev. A. B. G. Lillingston, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Hull. A course of Grandsire Triples

was rung at the grave side. On Friday evening, with the bells half-muffled, 863 Grandsire Caters and 45 whole pull and stand was rung on the bells of Holy Trinity by C. Jackson conductor, T. Stockdale, A. Naylor, H. Rodmell, J. Highfield, W. Pasmore, J. Hodds, G. T. Miller, D. W. Brown, F. Morrison, H. Jenkins, L. Rodmell.

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SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, June 20th, for special afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Perkins, W. Halford, J. Hall, A. Freeman, R. Cox, R. Clifford. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, the ringers standing as before except 4 and 5. Both conducted by R. Clifford.

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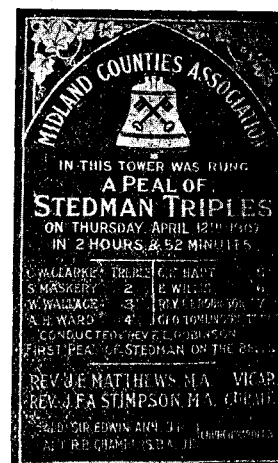
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SATURDAY, JULY 31, 1909.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Chesterfield on Saturday, July 10th. The tower was open from 2.30 p.m. until 9 p.m., except during the time occupied by tea and a short evening service. Some good ringing was done in various methods.

A very good tea was partaken of in the schoolroom at 4.30, when about forty members sat down. Tea was followed by a General Meeting, the vice-President, Mr. J. W. Taylor, taking the chair. There were also present the Rev. E. F. Crosse, Vicar of Chesterfield, the Rev. R. P. Farrow, of Ashover, the Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed. The chairman read a list of the peals rung since the last meeting, forty-eight in number, which brings the total for the year up to seventy-three. Commenting on the various peals and methods rung, he drew attention to the record peal of Stedman Caters, and said that as this was their first meeting since the ringing of the peal, he would like to congratulate the band on the very excellent performance, and he would also congratulate the Chesterfield men on having one of their members in the band.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Chesterfield for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to the Chesterfield men who had made the arrangements for the day, on the proposition of the Rev. R. P. Farrow, seconded by Mr. G. W. Bemrose.

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Tenor 14 cwt.

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Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The Provinces.**CHURCHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.***On Saturday, July 3, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM BEARD Treble.	THOMAS BALDWIN 4.
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Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, July 15, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN R. GREEN Treble.	WILLIAM HOULDEN 5.
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HERBERT P. NASH 4.	FREDK. WARRINGTON Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dickinson, who entertained the ringers to dinner. This was also the conductor's 200th peal; reference elsewhere.

EXETER, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.*On Saturday, July 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK T. SYMONDS .. Treble.	ADOLPHUS H. SNOW 5.
JULIUS A. SNOW 2.	REGINALD SNOW 6.
JOHN M. SKINNER 3.	JOHN R. HAYMAN 7.
FRED DIMOND* 4.	EDWARD G. STOCKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. A. Snow, his brother—strings wishing him many happy returns.

HERNHILL, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, July 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM SPICE Treble.	EDWIN G. BUESDEN 5.
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STANLEY B. DOBBIE 3.	CHARLES W. BRETT 7.
PERCY P. PAINE 4.	GEORGE WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. E. Foreman, the band wishing him many happy returns.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, July 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of London, York, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

THOMAS BURGESS* Treble.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4.
WILLIAM LANCASTER* 2.	GEORGE A. ANDREWS 5.
ALFRED ANDREWS* 3.	GEORGE LANCASTER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE A. ANDREWS.

*First peal.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

*On Tuesday, July 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

H. SIMMONDS Treble.	G. IRVINE 5.
A. D. CULLUM* 2.	C. R. LILLEY 6.
J. HANDS 3.	R. T. HIBBERT 7.
G. ESSEX 4.	E. W. MENDAY Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by E. W. MENDAY.

*First peal of Superlative Rung with the bells half-muffled for the Vicar's father, the Rev. C. W. Cleaver, late of St. Leonard's, Sussex.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, July 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	FREDERICK ROOPE 5.
FREDERICK SURRIDGE 2.	WALTER MOBBS 6.
ARTHUR ROOPE 3.	FREDERICK SMITH 7.
WILLIAM ROOPE 4.	CHARLES ROOPE Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Wednesday, July 21, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD .. Treble.	SAMUEL WESLEY 6.
FRANK JACOBS* 2.	WILLIAM H. PEABODY 7.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 3.	*JAMES PAGETT 8.
WILLIAM J. THYNG 4.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON 9.
JOHN P. TABLTON 5.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, July 21, 1909, in Three Hours,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR W. MANSFIELD .. Treble.	JAMES MERRICK 5.
WALTER S. INWOOD 2.	BETRAM PREWETT 6.
WILLIAM J. SIMPSON 3.	ROBERT E. STAVERT 7.
EDGAR HANCOX 4.	ALAN R. MACDONALD .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

First peal by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, and 3rd, who belong to the local company.

YATELEY, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART REVERSED.

GEORGE BUTLER† Treble.	*GEORGE BUNCH 5.
SYDNEY RIDDELL† 2.	JAMES BUNCH 6.
HAROLD TICE† 3.	WILLIAM HORNE 7.
FRANCIS HAGLEY† 4.	†BERT BUNCH Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY RIDDELL.

†First peal. †First peal as conductor. *First peal away from the tenor. This peal was rung by an entirely local band.

EDINBURGH.—THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Saturday, July 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

EDWARD COWE Treble.	WILLIAM B. SAMPSON .. 5.
MISS MARGERY SAMPSON .. 2.	JAMES R. ROBERTSON .. 6.
STAFF-SGT. T. J. ADES, R.B. 3.	C. CLEVELAND ELLIS .. 7.
DR. T. EUSTACE HARWOOD 4.	WILLIAM R. FYFE Tenor.

Conducted by DR. T. EUSTACE HARWOOD.

First peal by a lady in Scotland. Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who is leaving Scotland.

RYE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lbs.

HAROLD F. COBON Treble.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 5.
JAMES LIVREMORE, JUN. .. 2.	GILBERT J. YOUNGS .. 6.
CHARLES TRIBE 3.	GEORGE BILLENNESS .. 7.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 4.	*THOMAS ASHENDEN Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by G. BILLENNESS.

*First peal.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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5152 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lbs.

— CHARLESWORTH Treble.	JOHN HOLMAN 5.
CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY .. 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3.	JOHN FLINT 7.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 4.	SAM THOMAS Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. This is Mr. Hattersley's rooth peal in the Yorkshire Association.

DEVONPORT, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 24, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHAPEL H.M. DOCKYARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST W. MARSH Treble.	*CHARLES EALES 5.
HAROLD F. BENNETT .. 2.	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT .. 6.
REGINALD DOBSON 3.	WILLIAM FORD 7.
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 4.	WILLIAM HOBBS Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN.

*First peal with a bob bell.

BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt.

JOSEPH CHURCH Treble.	WALTER T. FINEDON .. 4.
LEONARD HARLOW 2.	HENRY W. GAYTON .. 5.
PEARL INSKIP 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Isaac Hills, for many years Secretary of the Association.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM CLIFFORD, SEN. Treble.	WILLIAM H. PEABODY .. 5.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2.	PERCY PRICE 6.
TOM A. BURNHAM 3.	FREDERICK S. PRICE .. 7.
ALBERT R. COPPOCK .. 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

HANBURY-ON-THE-HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Saturday, July 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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Conducted by RICHARD BUCKLAND.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION)

On Saturday, July 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

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WILLIAM BIGGIN Treble.	CLEMENT GLENN 5
JOSEPH ATKIN 2.	HERBERT BEARDSHAW .. 6
EDWIN JAMES 3.	JOHN THORPE 7
ISAAC BIGGIN* 4.	ROBERT MCKINLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

*First peal.

Handbell Peal.

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

On Thursday, July 22, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT 2, VICARAGE LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 1-2.	WALTER COATES 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 7-8.

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WYMONDHAM.—On Thursday, July 22nd, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was lost after ringing 3400 changes. F. Borrett, Rev. W. C. Pearson, C. Baker, G. Howchin, J. E. Burton, J. Souter, J. Motts, W. Steele.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LYMINGTON.—On Tuesday, June 22nd, on the occasion of the Rev. E. Dennett's wedding, a touch of Grandsire Doubles. In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. Kerley, H. K. Clark, G. W. Arnold, J. Figgures, E. C. Elliott, conductor, H. F. Elliott, S. Clarke, A. Ayles.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, June 27th, for morning service, 288 Woodbine. H. Carter, A. Woolston, A. Carter, A. Phillips, F. Williams, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Tuesday, June 29th, 260 Kent. F. Williams conductor, W. H. Lawrence, A. Carter, A. Phillips, E. H. King, A. Woolston. And 360 City Delight. A. Carter, A. Woolston, F. Williams, B. Patman, E. H. King, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Tuesday, July 6th, 720 Plain Bob. W. H. Lawrence conductor, 1-2; H. Carter, A. Phillips, A. Carter, F. Williams. 360 Canterbury Minor. H. Carter, F. Williams, A. Carter, A. Phillips, W. H. Lawrence, A. Woolston conductor. On Sunday, July 25th, for morning service, 360 Woodbine. H. Carter, A. Woolston, A. Carter, A. Phillips, F. Williams, W. H. Lawrence conductor.

THE 'ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, June 6th, for morning

service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 52 mins. H. Cook, first quarter-peal on ten bells, E. Arthurton, C. Hunt, H. Lee, S. Collins, L. Attwater, A. Jones conductor, J. W. Driver, J. Herbert, H. Barrett, first quarter-peal on ten bells. On Sunday, June 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. A. S. Ough, E. Arthurton, A. Jones, H. Lee, S. J. Collins, L. Attwater conductor, J. Herbert, A. Jones, C. Charge, M. Smith. On Monday, June 14th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters. A. F. Shepherd, 1-2; G. Edser, 3-4; W. Shepherd, 5-6; L. Attwater, 7-8; J. W. Driver conductor, 9-10. On Sunday, June 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. B. Harvey, first quarter-peal, E. Arthurton, A. Jones conductor, L. Attwater, S. Collins, W. E. Judd, C. Charge, A. F. Hendy.

CHESTER.—On Sunday, June 27th, at the church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls, for Divine Service, 576 Superlative Surprise Major. J. Hatchwell, V. Cain, W. Sconce, J. Sconce, H. Dew conductor, E. Smith, J. Tomlinson, E. Channell. For evening service 1280 in the same method, standing as before.

CLAPTON.—On Sunday, July 24th, for evening service at St. Matthew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. H. T. Scarlett, A. W. Coles, J. C. Adams, H. Rumens conductor, R. Grimwood, W. J. Kemp, H. F. Hull, J. H. Tucker.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Sunday, June 27th, for evening service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Lawrence, A. J. Walsom, E. Harris, J. Folkard, A. Harding, H. Browning, A. Tabor conductor, H. Winter.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Sunday, June 27th, for morning service, 503 Grandsire Caters. R. Christian, F. Pestel, J. J. Lamb, W. C. Matthews, H. Wright, W. Chapman, F. Hears, A. Hardy, D. Hayward conductor, H. Hammood.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, June 26th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Anker, C. Starkey, W. G. Ellis conductor, B. Starkey, R. Faux, T. Westwood, T. Verry, S. Danby. Rung on the 21st birthday of Edward Starkey, son of the ringers of the 4th. On Sunday morning, June 27th, for morning service, 896 Grandsire Triples. W. Anker, C. Starkey, G. A. Taylor, B. Starkey, W. G. Ellis conductor, R. Faux, T. Verry, S. Danby.

HOLLOWAY.—On Sunday evening, July 25th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. A. Riley, W. Turlow, H. F. Brookes, A. Hart, H. Ranzetta, W. Pateman, A. Turner conductor, L. Perry. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Stanley Magg, who was killed in an accident on Saturday, July 17th.

ILKESTON (Derbyshire).—On Thursday, July 17th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but a rope broke after ringing 3276 changes. C. J. Baker, E. Gobey, H. Fletcher, J. Hall, H. Harrison, H. George, R. Clifford conductor, A. T. Baker.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 25th, for evening service at the church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 39 mins. W. H. Taffender, S. B. Weatherston, T. H. Taffender conductor, G. F. Woodage, H. W. Hibbert, C. S. Burden, H. Langdon, S. F. Gowlett first quarter-peal. Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's birthday.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, May 29th, 672 Bob Major. C. Woodcock, S. H. Symonds conductor, W. Fayers, T. Reed, W. R. J. Poulson, W. Dent, T. Pryke, A. Symonds. Rung to celebrate the birthday of C. Woodcock, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. On Sunday morning, May 30th, for Divine Service, 560 Grandsire Triples. S. H. Symonds conductor, W. R. J. Poulson, F. Parker, W. Fayers, Dr. Carpenter, T. W. Garrard, T. Pryke, A. Symonds. For evening service 704 Bob Major. W. Dent, W. R. J. Poulson, F. Parker, Dr. Carpenter, T. W. Garrard, T. Pryke, A. Symonds conductor. On Thursday, June 10th, 1008 Grandsire Triples. A. Symonds, W. R. J. Poulson, F. Parker, W. Fayers, S. H. Symonds conductor, T. W. Garrard, T. Pryke, W. Dent. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Cordy S. Wolton, of Lavenham Hall.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on August 3rd and 17th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 5th and 19th; at St. John's, South Hackney on the 9th and 23rd; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 12th; and at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 24th; all at 8 p.m.

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The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, August 28th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, N., near Highbury Station. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.30. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock in the Parochial Hall, Liverpool Road, to all those who notify me not later than the 25th. The business meeting will immediately follow. The tower will be again open for ringing after the business.

T. H. TAFFENDRE, Hon. Sec.

35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Edenham (6 bells), on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available all day. All ringers welcome.

A. HOLMES.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The members of this society will hold their next quarterly meeting at Worsley to-day, Sat., July 31st. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWER, Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Goosnargh, to-day, Sat., July 31st. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, Branch Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Newport, Isle of Wight, on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. Bells available from mid-day at Newport and Carisbrooke. Tea at The Bedford at 5 o'clock. Meeting after.

Fareham.

J. W. WHITING, Dis. Sec.

Notice.—The tower of St. Mary, Beddington, will be open for ringing on Bank Holiday at 2.30 p.m. Flower Show in the Park close by. Visitors are invited.

J. RUMBLE.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 14th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham.—Notice.—The time of practice on Saturday evenings will be from 7 till 8 until further notice.

W. H. CARROD, Hon. Sec.

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TRIPS UP THE THAMES.—The popular saloon steamer "Queen Elizabeth" is now making daily trips (except Fridays) to Kew, Richmond, and Hampton Court, leaving Old Swan Pier, London Bridge, at 10 a.m., and Westminster 10.15. Although the weather so far, has been somewhat unpropitious large numbers of holiday-makers have already taken advantage of the opportunity afforded by this handsome and commodious steamer to view the beautiful upper reaches of the river. The vessel is splendidly fitted, and is lighted by electricity, whilst a capacious awning effectually protects passengers from the vagaries of our changeable climate. The catering on board is excellent, and the prices reasonable—in fact, it has been pronounced by competent judges to be the very best on the Thames. Tickets may be had from Messrs. Thomas Cook and Sons, Ludgate Circus, or at 104, Upper Thames Street, E.C., or on board the steamer.

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23456 - -

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5040.

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THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

PRESENTATION TO MR. A. DUBBER.

On Thursday evening, July 1st, by permission of the Rev. Canon A. V. Baillie, the members of the above society met at the rectory for a farewell presentation to Mr. A. Dubber, who has recently been transferred from Rugby to Alcester.

The Rector in presenting a handsome Gladstone bag and pipe, regretted that they were losing such an experienced ringer who had done so much in helping on the general good proficiency of the St. Andrew's society, and said he would be much missed by the ringers, and wished him success in his new sphere of life.

A photographic view of all members was taken before parting, and afterwards Mr. Dubber was entertained to a farewell supper by his brother-ringers at The Bull Hotel. Mr. Coleman in proposing "Our Guest," said the duty whilst pleasing gave much sorrow to all at the prospect of not meeting him Sunday by Sunday in our belfry. Our guest was an experienced ringer, and those who had not seen his records of peals would be much surprised to know of their high quality and large percentage of the superior members rung; although they did not yet exceed 100, there was no great repetition of a large number of peals in the same method and composition so often noticeable in the records of ringers who have rung their

hundreds of peals. Mr. Dubber had been a member of the society for twelve years.

Mr. Watson endorsed Mr. Coleman's remarks, and referred to the excellent comradeship which had always existed between Mr. Dubber and his brother-ringers.

Mr. Dubber in thanking them all for their kindness and good fellowship, said he had not realized that he was held in such high esteem by them before. He much regretted leaving his friends in Rugby, and hoped some day to come back again, and still find them advancing in the Art of change-ringing.

The rest of the evening was spent in harmony, and songs were given by Messrs. C. Browning, J. Welch, W. Welch, and S. C. Small, the latter also presiding at the piano.

Skits in prose on the individual members were read by Mr. W. G. Murray, and courses of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Caters were rung on the handbells; also tunes on the handbells by Messrs. Fenton, Sear, and White.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants.)—On Sunday, July 4th, at St. Peter's church, 1260 Stedman Triples. W. Kerley, E. Green, A. R. Macdonald, C. Forfitt, E. Waters, C. W. Goodenough, J. Merrick, E. Merryfields.

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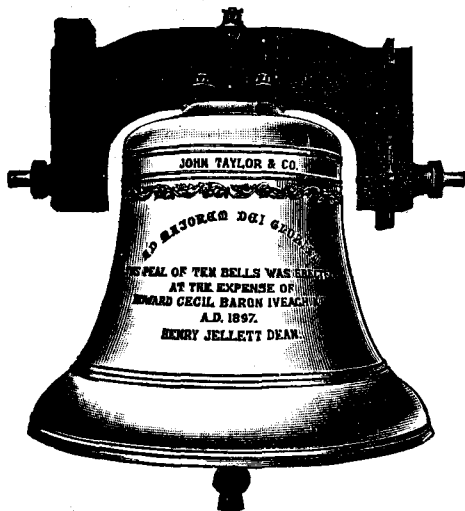
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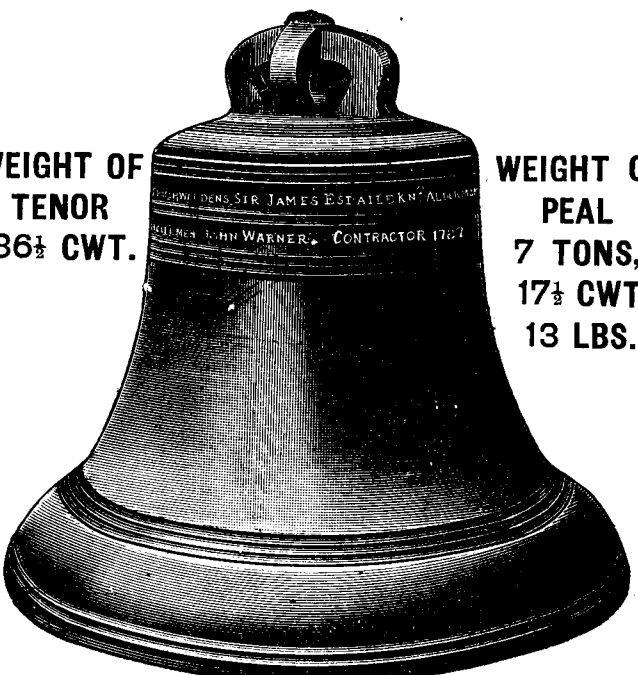
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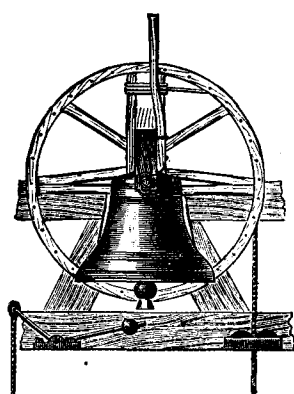
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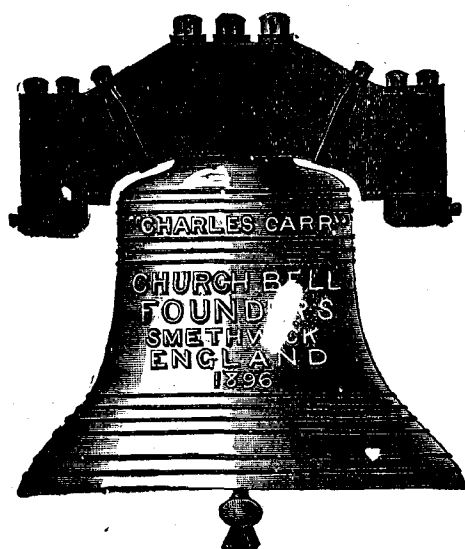
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