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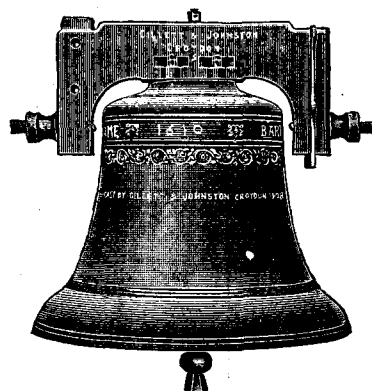
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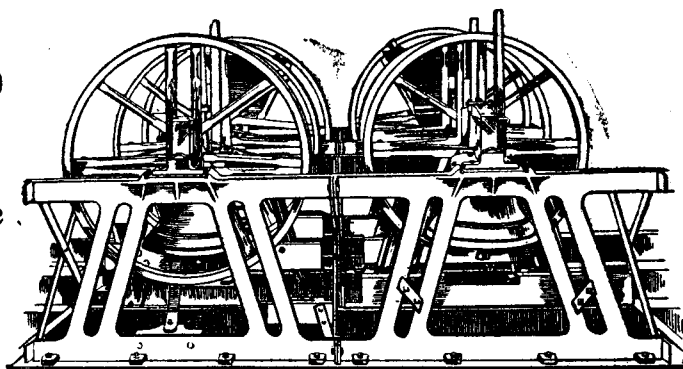
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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The usual quarterly meeting of the central division was held at Uckfield on Saturday, September 25th, but it was rather poorly attended, owing no doubt to the somewhat showery weather, which must have kept many of the cyclists away. The bells were raised soon after three o'clock, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung till five o'clock, when a special service was held, the Rector (Rev. Canon Sanderson) delivering a capital address to those present, pointing out with great earnestness the necessity of being united. Another special feature was the hymn-sheet specially printed for the ringers' service. At the close a move was made to the rectory to tea, kindly provided by the Rector.

At the short meeting which followed the Rector presided. Mr. Bannister, the churchwarden, who was present, had to leave as soon as the tea was over owing to business matters, and the Rector, in thanking him for attending, remarked that it was mainly due to Mr. Bannister that the present nice ring of six bells was at Uckfield.

The minutes of the previous meeting being read and passed, Mr. H. Challen and Mr. Ellman Brown (of Shoreham), and Mr. E. J. Pannett (of Lewes), were elected independent members. It was then proposed by Mr. J. A. Hart, seconded by Mr. A. J. Turner, that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Uckfield, which was carried. Mr. Rickman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Uckfield for allowing the use of the bells, for providing the tea, and conducting such a pleasing and edifying service. Thanks were also accorded to the organist, Mr. Reveley, for his services, for he had put off another engagement to attend that afternoon at a ringers' service. The Rector, in replying, said that it was a great pleasure to have so many ringers about him, and he hoped they would soon visit Uckfield again.

After wishing the Rector good-night the tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob Major, were rung until about 8.30. The following towers were represented during the afternoon: Brighton (St. Peter's), Burgess Hill, Linfield, East Grinstead, Southover, Seaford, and Rotherfield, together with the local men.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Owing, no doubt, to the parish of Suckley being situated so very much on the one side of the county, and to the inconvenience of the train service, the attendance at the quarterly meeting of this association, held there on Saturday, September 25th, was not so good as one would have wished, for the welcome extended to those who did attend left nothing to be desired.

The Vicar, the Rev. R. N. Kane, kindly conducted the service, and gave a helpful address, opening his remarks by noticing the difference between the state of belfries and the conduct of those using them now, to what it was when he entered that living twenty-seven years ago, and men-

tioned what he found in the belfry of that church soon after his induction. He said he happened to enter the belfry on one occasion, and found the following: the belfry was full of tobacco-smoke, the ringers had a large jar of cider from which they were drinking, and a concertina was being played. He was glad to find that all that sort of thing had entirely disappeared, and in closing his remarks he urged all ringers to remember that the belfry was part of the church, and their work was part of the service.

At the business meeting Brierley Hill was selected for the next meeting, and the quarterly peal was arranged to be attempted at Suckley, the secretary to be the conductor. The auditors, Messrs. W. C. Jones and G. Checketts, were re-elected, and several new members were welcomed, including the chairman, the Rev. R. N. Kane, and among the performing members the ringers at Salwarpe, near Droitwich. Mr. G. Checketts was appointed instructor to the Ombersley company during the winter months. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman and Mr. W. Ranford for making the arrangements brought the meeting to a close.

Between the service and meeting, those present had the pleasure of partaking of a most enjoyable tea, kindly supplied by the Vicar, and to which full justice was done. During the evening touches and courses of various Minor methods, including Cambridge Surprise, were rung on the bells, a pretty peal of six by Rudhall. A two-mile walk to the station brought an end to an enjoyable meeting.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Rugeley on Saturday, September 18th, and proved to be a success, particularly so as it is a somewhat out-of-the-way place to get at. The bells at Colwich near by, situate in a pretty part of the county, were also at the disposal of the members during the afternoon, upon which various methods were rung, as was also the case at Rugeley. A service was also held in the latter church, when an address was delivered by the Rev. W. R. Wigram, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar. He (the Vicar) however, arrived later at the meeting, and gave the members a warm welcome; and through his influence the Rugeley band were all enrolled members of the society. It is hoped that ere long the Colwich band will do likewise.

Votes of thanks were passed to the incumbents of both churches for the use of the bells, to the Rev. W. R. Wigram for his address, and to the organist and choir for their assistance at the service.

BRIXTON, SURREY.

The clock and chimes presented to the borough of Lambeth by Mr. Edwin Jones, J.P. (referred to last week), were set in motion on Thursday, the 23rd ult., by Mrs. Jones, there being a special gathering for the occasion of members of the council and their friends.

The clock will be a boon to the whole of that busy dis-

trict of which the new Lambeth town hall forms a centre. The town hall occupies a commanding position on the corner of Acre-lane, and its fine tower constitutes an important landmark. The tower has now been crowned by a clock, the work of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, which can be seen well and heard well, and which must be greatly appreciated by the inhabitants of the district.

The clock is fitted with an attachment by means of which it automatically switches on the electric light every evening at dusk, thus illuminating the dials, and switches it off at sunrise. The pendulum, which beats a second and a half each way, and has a bob weighing a hundred-weight and a half, is compensated in the latest and most accurate manner to enable it to keep exact time irrespective of variations in the temperature, and the makers guarantee that the error of the clock shall not exceed three seconds in the week. The quarter-chimes are automatically silenced at eleven o'clock at night until six in the morning by a small lever connected with the wheel which controls the electric switch. The weights which drive the clock weigh a ton and a half. Each dial is six feet in diameter, the dials being of cast iron glazed with white opal glass. The bells are hung on a steel framework. The hour bell is five feet in diameter, and is struck by a hammer weighing seventy-five pounds. The bells are tuned on the late Canon Simpson's method, and are perfectly in tune. The hour bell has an inscription commemorating the gift.

The Mayor of Lambeth presided at the function, and in calling on Mrs. Jones to set the clock in motion remarked that the gift was the result of a suggestion made by Mr. Jones a year ago that the borough needed a clock for the new town hall.

Mrs. Jones set the clock in motion by pressing a button on the table in the ante-room of the council chamber. This little ceremony was performed at a quarter to five, and the melodious quality of the chimes as the three-quarters pealed out evoked cordial applause.

A vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jones was adopted on the proposition of Ald. Gibbs (chairman of the General Purposes Committee), seconded by Ald. Howlett, who remarked that any one who did not appreciate the beauty of the chimes must be very hard to please.

Mr. Jones, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, said they had got a good reliable clock.

Mr. A. A. Johnston (head of the firm of Gillett and Johnston) then presented Mr. Jones with a charming little memento of the occasion in the form of a table bell, cast from the "frets" of the large bell, silvered and engraved. In presenting Mr. Jones with the bell, Mr. Johnston said it was not only a memento of that happy occasion, but was a souvenir of the happy and generous commercial relations which had existed between Mr. Jones and himself for a period approaching twelve months. Mr. Jones thanked Mr. Johnston, and said it came as a delightful surprise to him.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The First Session of the Seventh Council (19th Annual Meeting), was held in the Small Hall of the Church House, Dean's yard, Westminster, on Whitsun-Tuesday, June 1st, 1909, at 11 o'clock a.m., when there was present 66 out of 96 representative members, and 9 out of 11 honorary members.

The Hon. Secretary having given notice that only one nomination for the office of President had been received, called upon Rev. F. E. Robinson, who proposed that Sir Arthur Heywood,

Bart., be re-elected to the office of President. This having been seconded by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, was carried with acclamation. The President then took the chair and thanked those present for his re-election.

The President then announced that only one nomination had been received for the combined offices of Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, Rev. C. D. P. Davies being nominated for the post. Rev. F. J. O. Helmore having proposed, and Mr. S. Reeves having seconded the re-election of Mr. Davies, the proposal was carried unanimously, and Mr. Davies said a few words in warm appreciation of the confidence reposed in him, coupled with an expression of the pleasure that it afforded him to work for the Council.

The Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were passed unanimously and duly signed.

The Annual Statement of Accounts was then presented by the Hon. Treasurer and read in detail, the following being a brief summary:—Balance last year, £33 7s. 6d.; affiliation fees, £12; publications sold—at last year's meeting, 2s.—per Messrs. Bemrose, £4 7s. 7d.; making a total of £49 17s. 1d. Against this there had been—Expenses of last year's meeting, £2 14s. 6d.; printing, £2 17s. 10d.; stationery and postage, 19s. 4d., and expenses of committees, 5s. 1d., leaving in hand a balance of £43 0s. 4d. To this might be added £133 7s. 2d., the estimated nett value of publications in the hands of Messrs. Bemrose, making the total nett assets of the Council to be £176 7s. 6d. The detailed statement by Messrs. Bemrose of their sale of the Council's publications during the year having been also read, the accounts were unanimously passed on the proposal of Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Rev. G. F. Coleridge.

It was proposed by Mr. J. Griffin, and seconded by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, that Mr. John Carter, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and Messrs. J. Pettit, J. S. Pritchett, J. A. Trollope, and G. Williams, being the retiring Honorary Members, should be re-elected, and the proposal was unanimously carried. It was further proposed by Mr. J. S. Pritchett, seconded by Mr. H. Dains, and Messrs. J. Pettit, J. S. Pritchett, J. A. Trollope, and G. Williams, being the retiring Honorary Members, should be re-elected, and the proposal was unanimously carried.

It was further proposed by Mr. J. S. Pritchett, seconded by Mr. H. Dains, and carried unanimously, that Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower be elected an Honorary Member.

The following new Members were formally introduced to the President and took their seats on the Council:—Of the College Youths, Messrs. F. Dench and J. W. Rowbotham; of the Royal Cumberlands, Mr. F. Bennett; of the Chester Guild, Messrs. J. Norbury and F. T. Spence; of the Durham and Newcastle Association, Mr. W. Story; of the Ely Association, Rev. J. M. Clarkson; of Gloucester and Bristol Association, Messrs. J. Austin and W. A. Cave; of Kent Association, Mr. T. Groombridge; of Lancashire Association, Mr. J. H. Banks; of Leeds and District Society, Mr. J. Broadley; of Lincoln Guild, Mr. J. W. Seamer; of London County Association, Mr. T. H. Taffender; of Middlesex County Association, Messrs. W. Pickworth and J. R. Sharman; of Norwich Association, Mr. G. P. Burton; of Sussex Association, Messrs. R. J. Dawe and G. H. Howse; of Worcestershire Association, Mr. J. R. Newman; and of Yorkshire Association, Mr. C. Glenn.

The Hon. Secretary having announced that he had received letters of regret for absence from Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, Mr. C. E. Borrett, Mr. A. L. Coleman, Rev. Canon Papillon, and Mr. W. Snowdon,

The Council proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee. It was proposed by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. N. J. Pitstow, and carried unanimously, that the Committee be re-elected as follows:—The President and Hon. Secretary, Revs. H. A. Cockey, G. F. Coleridge, and F. E. Robinson, with Messrs. H. Dains, R. A. Daniell, J. Griffin, R. S. Story, and W. Snowdon.

It was proposed by Mr. H. Dains and seconded by Mr. R. A. Daniell, that Mr. W. T. Cockerill be added to the Committee; and it was further proposed by Mr. H. Dains and seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope, that Rev. H. Law James be also added to the Committee, both propositions being unanimously carried.

Mr. J. A. Trollope gave a full and circumstantial report of the work of the Peal Collection Committee, now engaged with Treble Bob, of which he stated that the Collection would be

very voluminous. He was followed by Dr. A. B. Carpenter (who seconded the Report), and by many other speakers, the discussion lasting for fully an hour, and issuing in the two following resolutions: The first, proposed by Mr. J. S. Pritchett and seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, "That the Committee have instructions to publish the Section of Treble Bob Peals in instalments," being adopted with unanimity. The second, "That the Council is of opinion that all peals published in its name should be carefully proved before publication," was moved by Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, and seconded by Mr. J. W. Taylor, and was carried by 26 votes to 9. On the motion of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, seconded by Mr. A. T. King, the Committee, consisting of Dr. A. B. Carpenter, Messrs. H. Dains, J. A. Trollope, and the Hon. Secretary, were re-elected; the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson being added thereto on the proposal of Dr. A. B. Carpenter, seconded by Rev. F. E. Robinson.

Mr. R. A. Daniell reported progress on behalf of the Church Press Committee in the matter of the Catalogue of Literature on the subject of Bells and Ringing, and the Committee, consisting of Rev. Canon Papillon and Revs. H. A. Cockey and M. Kelly, with Messrs. H. Dains and R. A. Daniell were re-elected on the motion of Mr. F. B. Tompkins, seconded by Rev. C. E. Matthews.

On behalf of the Legitimate Methods Committee, Rev. H. Law James reported the completion of a further stage in the work of the Collection of Methods, coupled with an expression of the hope that the whole might be finished within the forthcoming year. On the motion of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the Committee, consisting of Rev. H. Law James, and Messrs. J. Carter, H. Dains, and J. A. Trollope, was re-elected.

For the Peals' Analysis Committee Mr. A. T. King reported that the Analysis for 1908 had been duly completed and forwarded to the Editor of *Bell News* for publication in March, 1909. He also read a correspondence that had passed between this Committee and the Peal Values' Committee, in which the latter gave it as their opinion that (1) 10080 changes in 14 Surprise Methods had not yet been rung; (2) That Johnson's "peals" of 5025 Triples should be excluded from the Analysis; (3) That Original Major be treated as a Plain Method; (4) That 16 points be awarded to Double Bob Major, and 14 points to Double Oxford Triples; and (5) that 60 points be awarded to Cambridge Maximus. He moved the adoption of the Report, which was seconded by Mr. N. J. Pitstow and carried; and on the motion of Rev. E. W. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. N. J. Pitstow, the Committee, consisting of Messrs. J. Griffin, A. T. King and J. A. Trollope, were re-elected, Mr. G. P. Burton at same time replacing Mr. C. E. Borrett, who had intimated his desire to resign.

Dr. A. B. Carpenter, in reporting for the Peal Values' Committee, said that the Committee had nothing to add to that which Mr. King had already read. The President having decided that it would be well at this point to take item No. 10 on the Agenda, in which notice had been given, to initiate a discussion on the present system of apportioning points for peals, the Hon. Secretary brought the subject forward. On the motion of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, the matter was referred to the Committee, whose report was adopted, and who were re-elected as follows: Dr. A. B. Carpenter, Messrs. H. Dains, J. Carter and R. S. Story, the Hon. Secretary being added in place of Mr. Attree.

The Rev. H. L. James, after explaining the views which a historical study of Stedman's Principle had led him to entertain with respect to the true and original nature of that method, proposed that "the Council refuses to recognise all peals hitherto rung and called Stedman Triples to be such." This was seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, but after a long discussion was withdrawn, no resolution on the subject being passed.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, in a thoughtful speech, introduced the subject of steeplekeepers and their fees. In the interesting discussion that followed several members took part, the matter, on the recommendation of the President being reserved for fuller discussion on some future occasion.

In the unavoidable absence of the gentleman who had been invited to speak on the question of the tuning of Church Bells, the President took the opportunity to explain the legal aspect

of compensation for injuries as paid by the Insurance companies, with special reference to the case of ringers insured by the church authorities, and replied to questions addressed to him by various members.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee proposed, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded, that the meeting next year be held at Manchester. This was carried unanimously.

The Rev. H. Law James called attention to the questionable action of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings in connection with towers and bells, and moved that the President be requested to write to the Church Press on the subject. This having been seconded by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, was carried, the President replying that he should be prepared to do so provided that he received full particulars of a number of definite cases sufficient to warrant the Council's intervention.

Mr. J. H. Banks explained and proposed a scheme by which on payment of a fee of 5s. to the Hon. Secretary of the Council any performing member of any Association affiliated to the Council would become a life performing member of all the other affiliated Associations. This was seconded by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, but after discussion the resolution was withdrawn.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded, a vote of thanks to the President, which was carried with acclamation.

Obituary.

JAMES YOUNG.

It is with deep regret we have this week to announce the death of the above ringer, of Boreham, Essex, which occurred on Tuesday, September 21st, after a few days' illness, at the ripe age of 87, on the 5th of October, but alas! he is called to rest after many years of toil. He had filled the duties of clerk at St. Andrew's, Boreham, for thirty-seven years, and had been one of the ringers for a great number of years. Although he has not taken an active part in the ringing since 1904, owing to failing health, he had always listened to the bells with much interest whenever able. His genial happy face, outspoken open disposition, has already been much missed in the belfry, and now will be more so. He was one of the few that delighted in good time, always there and ready at the appointed minute. The writer does not remember even one instance when he was late. He had been a member of the Essex Association since its formation, being one of the few at its first meeting at Writtle. He was an excellent ringer of Minor, his only 5040 arranged and rung on his 81st birthday, in which he rang the 2nd in five Minor methods, and I think without a trip, or at least a very slight one, not worth mentioning. On Monday afternoon, amidst many tokens of respect, he was laid to rest in Boreham churchyard, leaving several daughters to mourn his loss. For the funeral a 360 of Bob Minor with the bells deeply muffled was rung, and at the close of the service an 120. Later in the evening a 720 in the same method was rung with the bells half-muffled. L. Crow, F. W. Allen, A. Church, P. Letch, J. Wood, J. Walden, A. Edwards. May he rest in peace. A. E.

RAINFORD.—On Thursday evening, August 26th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor, tenor covering. H. Hesketh, M. Harris, T. Ellard, S. Cadwallender, R. Smith, J. W. Hall conductor, A. Jones. First 720 of Minor by a local band.

HASKETON (Suffolk).—At the church of St. Andrew on Wednesday, August 11th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles). W. King, H. Burch, H. Hawes, J. C. G. Haggar, C. King conductor. And 360 of Plain Doubles. C. Crapnell, H. Burch, W. King conductor, H. Hawes, J. C. G. Haggar, J. Crapnell. 720 Grandsire Doubles. L. Last, J. Last, J. C. G. Haggar, H. Hawes, C. King conductor, J. Crapnell.

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5008.

1 2 3 4 5 6 M 3/5 W H

3 1 5 2 4 6 I I
 5 3 4 1 2 6 I I
 6 2 4 1 3 5 I X I
 1 6 4 2 3 5 I
 2 1 4 6 3 5 I
 4 6 2 1 3 5 I I
 2 4 6 1 3 5 I
 1 2 6 4 3 5 I
 4 1 6 2 3 5 I

5 3 6 2 1 4 I X I
 6 2 5 3 1 4 I I
 5 6 2 3 1 4 I I
 1 2 6 3 5 4 I I
 6 3 1 2 5 4 I I
 1 6 3 2 5 4 I I
 3 1 6 2 5 4 I I
 6 2 3 1 5 4 I I
 3 6 2 1 5 4 I I

These last nine courses twice repeated, and only calling the bob at H in the first course produces:—

3 6 5 2 1 4

1 5 4 3 2 6 X
 3 1 4 5 2 6 I
 4 3 2 1 5 6 I I

2 4 5 3 1 6 I I
 5 4 1 3 2 6 I
 3 5 1 4 2 6 I
 4 3 1 5 2 6 I
 1 4 2 3 5 6 I I

These last five courses seven times repeated with calling

extra bobs at 1 in the second course of the following second and fifth parts only.

This peal has only 4 5 6 in 6ths place at the course-ends, and the 6th forty-five times at home.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

A TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

By H. W. WILDE, *Eccleston, Chester.*

5040.

2 3 1 4 5 6 7 S H L Q (2 5 7 3 1 6) S L single at 14
 2 5 7 3 1 6 4 X I 5 6 3 2 7 omit L

5 3 6 7 2 1 single at 2
 3 7 5 2 6 1 X X X
 7 3 5 2 1 6 X 3 2 6 5 7 1

7 2 6 3 1 5 2 5 3 7 6 1
 2 3 7 1 6 5 5 2 3 7 1 6

5 1 7 2 3 6 call L 5 7 6 2 1 3
 5 2 6 1 3 7 7 2 5 1 6 3
 2 1 5 3 6 7 2 7 5 1 3 6

1 2 5 3 7 6 2 1 6 7 3 5
 1 3 6 2 7 5 1 7 2 3 6 5
 3 2 1 7 6 5 7 1 2 3 5 6

2 3 1 7 5 6 7 3 6 1 5 2
 2 7 6 3 5 1 3 1 7 5 6 2
 7 3 2 5 6 1 1 3 7 5 2 6

3 7 2 5 1 6 2 3 6 5 1 7 omit L
 3 5 6 7 1 2 3 5 2 1 6 7
 5 7 3 1 6 2 5 3 2 1 7 6

7 5 3 1 2 6 5 1 6 3 7 2
 7 1 6 5 2 3 1 3 5 7 6 2
 1 5 7 2 6 3 3 1 5 7 2 6

3 2 7 1 5 6 call L 3 7 6 1 2 5
 3 1 6 2 5 7 7 1 3 2 6 5
 1 2 3 5 6 7 1 7 3 2 5 6

2 1 3 5 7 6 1 2 6 7 5 3
 2 5 6 1 7 3 2 7 1 5 6 3
 5 1 2 7 6 3 7 2 1 5 3 6

1 5 2 7 3 6 7 5 6 2 3 1
 1 7 6 5 3 2 5 2 7 3 6 1

7 5 1 3 6 2

5 7 1 3 2 6

Round in ten changes.

In the above transposition it will be observed the 4th is the observation bell, while the 6th is retained as the part, or division bell, and the 7th is the sub-observation bell, the bell that makes 5ths at the first single, and 6ths at the half-way single, and is undisturbed by the extras and omits. In the divisions where the calling is not given Thurstans's standard calling is used. In this peal each division has an equal number of the 4-6s.

First rung at Chester on September 18th, 1909, conducted by R. Sperring.

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.

Handbell Peal.**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)*On Friday, September 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT 2, VICARAGE LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

JOHN THORPE 1-2.	WALTER COATES 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 7-8.

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by C. GLENN.

Umpire—G. Oakes.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)*On Sunday, September 19, 1909, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

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

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)*On Sunday, September 19, 1909, in One Hour and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT 2, VICARAGE LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

GEORGE LEWIS 1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN 5-6.
ALBERT NASH 3-4.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 7-8.

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—Walter Coates. This is the quickest peal of Major ever rung. The composition, now rung for the first time, is a one-part, containing the full combination of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6 in the minimum number of changes, with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The name of the ringer of the 6th in the peal of Superlative rung at Duffield on September 15th, was James H Shepherd, not Vincent Shepherd.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Minor has been sent from Cogenhoe, Northants., without any date being mentioned.

Date Touches.**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

WHITBY (Yorks).—On Sunday, September 26th, at the church of St. Mary, a date touch of Bob Triples, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. T. Steel, W. Breckson, Frank Hodgson, F. Hodgson, W. Knaggs, G. F. Alexander, J. W. Lowther, G. Hill. Arranged and conducted by G. F. Alexander. This is the longest length by the company.

Miscellaneous.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

SOUTH WIGSTON.—On Tuesday, August 31st, at the church of St. Thomas, 1008 Double Norwich. J. Clarke, E. Jackson, A. Mason, D. Richards, F. W. Herbert, T. Bottrill, J. Harris, W. Willson conductor. Longest length by all except the conductor.

ANSTEY.—On Thursday, September 9th, at St. Mary's church, 896 Double Norwich. J. J. Jackson, A. Mason, *L. Bramley, D. Richards, E. Jackson, T. Bottrill, J. Harris, W. Willson conductor. *Longest touch in the method. On Thursday, September 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. W. Willson conductor, E. Jackson, A. Bramley, D. Richards, A. Mason, T. Bottrill, J. Harris, A. Gelsthorpe. First quarter-peal of Stedman by all except the conductor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

ACTON (Middlesex).—On Thursday, September 23rd, the following touches were rung in honour of the silver wedding of the Rector (Rev. G. S de Saumarez) and Mrs. Saumarez. 335 Stedman Triples. A. Harding, A. R. Macdonald, R. Sanders, B. Prewett conductor, J. Merrick, G. Spencer, R. E. Stavert, F. G. Winter. 336 Bob Major. A. R. Macdonald, R. Sanders, W. Lawrence, B. Prewett conductor, G. Spencer, J. Merrick, A. Harding, R. E. Stavert. 280 Grandsire Triples. A. Harding, R. Sanders, W. Lawrence, A. Macdonald, F. G. Winter, B. Prewett, G. Spencer conductor, J. Merrick. 288 Stedman Triples. K. Sanders, B. Prewett conductor, W. Lawrence, A. Harding, J. Merrick, R. E. Stavert, G. Spencer, F. G. Winter. 224 Bob Major. J. Merrick, K. Sanders, A. R. Macdonald, W. Lawrence, B. Prewett, R. E. Stavert, A. Harding, G. Spencer conductor.

CLAPHAM.—On Sunday, July 11th, at St. Mary's (R.C.) church a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. J. W. Chapman, J. Lee, F. A. Smith, F. J. Hairs, C. Luery, I. J. Attwater, L. Attwater conductor, A. Fluck.

DORKING (Surrey).—On Sunday, September 19th, at the church of St. Martin, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Tarling, G. Marriner, H. Boxall, A. Jones, A. Winch, E. Hull, A. Dean conductor, W. Lynch.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, September 19th, for Divine Service, 1259 Grandsire Caters. A. Otway, G. Marriner, A. Winch conductor, W. Otway, H. Wood, A. Jones, E. Boniface, A. Dean, E. Hull, W. Crockford.

WORCESTER.—On Thursday evening, September 23rd, eight members of the Cathedral Guild met at St. Helen's church and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late W. J. Hinton, of Bristol. B. S. Hill, I. Lane, J. Morris, J. H. Hill, W. C. Jones, H. T. Wilkes conductor, A. Hill, E. Watkins. Afterwards the whole pull and stand, denoting the age of the deceased was rung, the ringers standing as before.

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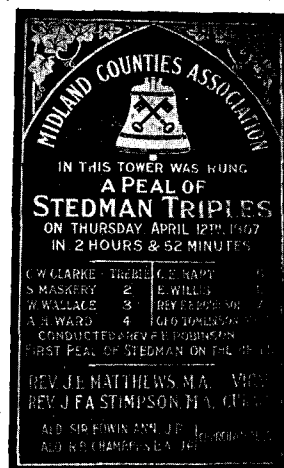
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ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, September 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.**

CHARLES F. WHITE.. ..Treble.	ROBERT MATTHEWS.. .. 5.
JOHN BASS 2.	ALFRED DAVIES.. .. 6.
GEORGE HUGHES 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
GEORGE PIGOTT.. .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by J. E. GROVES.

This is the conductor's 300th peal, 150 of them being rung for the Stafford Association. First peal in the method as conductor. List of peals next week.

BIRMINGHAM.**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.***On Tuesday, September 14, 1909, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5023 CHANGES.**

Tenor 36 cwt.

FREDERICK DICKENS.. ..Treble.	*REV. C. CAREW COX .. 7.
GEORGE F. SWANN 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN.. .. 8.
GEORGE PIGOTT.. .. 3.	JOHN NEAL.. .. 9.
THOMAS H. REEVES.. .. 4.	ALF PADDON SMITH.. .. 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	JAMES E. GROVES 11.
EDMUND J. HYLAND.. .. 6.	SIDNEY JESSOP Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal on twelve bells. This composition, now rung for the first time, has the 6th at home the full twenty-four courses in the tittums, and fourteen courses in the handstroke home position, and has all the 5-6-7-8s with the treble at home, and is the first ever composed on this plan.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE ISHAM BAND.)***On Thursday, September 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANK H. TALBUTT.. ..Treble.	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY .. 4.
FRANK ANDREW 2.	WALTER T. WILSON .. 5.
WILLIAM C. LEWIS 3.	E. MAURICE ATKINS Tenor.

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

First peal in seven methods by all except ringers of treble and tenor, and first peal on the bells by an entirely local band. The band wish to take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to Mr. Edward Chapman (of Kettering), who has been their able instructor for the past two years.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, September 17, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.**

GEORGE MARRINER Treble.	HENRY BOXALL 6.
ARTHUR C. OTWAY 2.	JOHN WHITE 7.
ALFRED H. WINCH 3.	JOHN HOYLE 8.
ARTHUR JONES 4.	ARTHUR DEAN 9.
JOHN WYATT 5.	WILLIAM LYNCH Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM MARKS, and Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 18, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt.**

ARTHUR ROBINSON† Treble.	CHARLES W. BIRD 5.
E. MAURICE ATKINS† 2.	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT .. 6.
EDWARD CHAPMAN 3.	HERBERT J. JULIAN 7.
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON† .. 4.	DAVID J. NICHOLS Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

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

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****(ASTON BRANCH.)***On Saturday, September 18, 1909 in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF ASTON MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.**

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES JONES Treble.	PETER LAFLIN 5.
PERCY O. LAFLIN 2.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 6.
EDMUND J. HYLAND.. .. 3.	JOHN JENNINGS 7.
ALFRED T. HYLAND.. .. 4.	JOHN CARTER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

First peal ever rung in the method. Rang as a centenary peal to Matthew Boulton, of Handsworth, the great engineer.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, September 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.**

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE JONES Treble.	FRANK MILTON 5.
JAMES V. WRIGHT 2.	*THOMAS NEWALL 6.
GEORGE R. NEWTON.. .. 3.	*RICHARD JONES 7.
ROBERT SPERRING 4.	JAMES MORGAN Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

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

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, September 18, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt 3 qrs. 5 lbs. in F.**

PERCY LANGSTON Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
JAMES FLEUTY 2.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
FRANK CLAYDON 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by the REV H. EARLE BULWER, and Conducted by D. ELLIOTT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Sadler.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 18, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT.. ..Treble.	JOHN DOUGHTY 5.
ALFRED BACON 2.	OLIVER STAINES 6.
SIDNEY STAINES 3.	JOHN MARDELL 7.
WILLIAM GOODRUM 4.	ALFRED FERGUSON Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT H. HAYWARD .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. SMITH .. 5.
GORDON F. THOMPSON .. 2.	NORMAN R. BAILEY .. 6.
JAMES M. BAILEY .. 3.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. 7.
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Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. Treble.	BERTRAM HEAD .. 5.
JOHN ELCOCK .. 2.	WILFRED OVERTON .. 6.
JOHN OVERTON .. 3.	HORACE W. OVERTON .. 7.
ERNEST FOXALL .. 4.	*WILLIAM SAUNDERS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

*First peal in the method. Arranged for Messrs. Griffiths and Saunders, of Talgarth and Coalbrookdale respectively

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

JOHN BRASSINGTON .. Treble.	JAMES HENRY RIDING .. 5.
IRWIN MASSEY .. 2.	WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT .. 6.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 3.	ARTHUR ALLMAN .. 7.
GEORGE CRAWLEY .. 4.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by R. T. HOLDING, SEN.

*First peal of Major. Further reference next week.

SELLING, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 19, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT .. 2.	WILLIAM SPICE .. 6.
EDWIN G. BURSDEEN .. 3.	STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. 7.
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

GARSTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, September 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS WILKINSON .. Treble.	HENRY FYLES .. 5.
JAMES W. BELL .. 2.	WALTER HUGHES .. 6.
JAMES GILMOUR .. 3.	JAMES MARTIN .. 7.
EDWARD CAUNCE .. 4.	WILLIAM DAVIES .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by W. HUGHES.

T. Wilkinson was proposed a member before starting.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
CARTER'S No. 31. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

HARRY WITHERS .. Treble.	HORACE F. STREET .. 5.
LOUIS J. GRIFFITHS .. 2.	JAMES DOWLER .. 6.
WILLIAM SHORT .. 3.	SAMUEL GROVE .. 7.
WILLIAM PALMER .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs Painter and Dowler, the band wishing them many happy returns.

MALDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court and Plain Bob, two of Cambridge Surprise, 1080 of Kent and 1080 of Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

EBENEZER FINCH .. Treble.	ALFRED GOZZETT .. 4.
THOMAS C. GOZZETT .. 2.	HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 5.
WILLIAM J. BRINKLEY .. 3.	FRED CHALK .. Tenor.

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 22, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

HERBERT MILLNER .. Treble.	HARRY GIBSON .. 5.
CYRIL F. JOHNSTON .. 2.	HENRY FERGUSON .. 6.
JOHN R. BARTON .. 3.	JAMES DIXEY .. 7.
CHARLES JACKSON .. 4.	THOMAS COLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CYRIL F. JOHNSTON.

Rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. G. D. Barker, of York, and Miss Helen Mary Atkinson, daughter of Mr. W. F. Atkinson, Oriel Crescent, Scarborough.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, York, Lightfoot (No. 23), Wearmouth (No. 25), Durham, Wells, and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES AYERS* .. Treble.	JOSEPH W. PARKER .. 4.
GEO. S. TAYLOR .. 2.	R. H. BLAKEY .. 5.
MICHAEL F. HARRISON .. 3.	ROBERT L. PATTERSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

*First peal. First peal of Surprise Minor by all.

SHILDON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 23, 1909, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES:
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lbs.

EDWARD HIND .. Treble.	WALTER H. METCALFE .. 5.
THOMAS J. BROWN .. 2.	EDWIN J. TITT .. 6.
JACKSON PALLISTER .. 3.	ROBERT B. ROBINSON .. 7.
GEORGE W. FEVERELL .. 4.	JOHN H. LENTON .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 24, 1909 in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.

HENRY W. WILDE Treble.	FREDERICK W. HILL 5.
ROBERT SPERREING 2.	JAMES MORGAN 6.
GEORGE JONES 3.	†EDWARD ALLEN 7.
ARTHUR BOWMER 4.	HENRY GEORGE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE

First peal in the method as conductor. †First peal of Major. This peal was arranged for Messrs. Bowmer, Hill and George, of Ripley, Derbyshire, who were proposed members of the above Guild previous to the commencement of the peal.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

GEORGE HAYRS Treble.	WILLIAM LANE 5.
WILLIAM HARPER 2.	CORPORAL F. A. HOLDEN .. 6.
JOHN WHEADON 3.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 7.
FREDK. J. RING 4.	ALFRED THOMPSON Tenor.

Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

GOOLE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

DAVID CARMICHAEL Treble.	THOMAS SMITH 5.
JAMES CLARKE 2.	CHARLES W. KING 6.
FRED W. GREENWOOD* .. 3.	FREDERICK TATE 7.
MARK TATE 4.	HERBERT LUDKIN Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNALE, and Conducted by HERBERT LUDKIN.

*First peal. First peal of Major by all. First peal in the method on the bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, September 24, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JOSEPH LANE* Treble.	ALFRED FALLON 5.
DANIEL JONES 2.	HENRY FARLOW 6.
HERBERT KNIGHT 3.	ROBERT PICKERING 7.
ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 4.	*WILLIAM H. LAWLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

*First peal. The conductor has now called this peal from every bell in their consecutive order.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, September 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

F. BRASSINGTON* Treble.	*E. JOHNSON 4.
A. ROBERTS 2.	*J. F. SMALLWOOD 5.
S. HOPE* 3.	F. PERVIN Tenor.

Conducted by F. PERVIN.

*First peal in the method.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, September 24, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

LEWIS J. BENTLEY Treble.	REV. E. V. COX 5.
EDWARD J. STAFFORD .. 2.	THOMAS J. ELTON 6.
WALTER R. HUGHES .. 3.	JOSIAH ELTON 7.
JOHN C. ADAMS 4.	FRANK EDWARDS Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. E. V. Cox.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

CHARLES ALDIS* Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE 5.
WILLIAM STEELE 2.	WILLIAM ROOPE 6.
ALFRED SMITH 3.	*JOHN WILSON 7.
FREDERICK ROOPE 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by F. BARRETT.

*First peal in the method.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1909, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 23½ cwt.

ROBERT STONE* Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
DAVID WRIGHT* 2.	FREDK. A. HOLDEN 6.
ISAAC EMERY 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
WILLIAM HEWETT 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in a Surprise method; also on the bells. Rung after meeting short for Cambridge.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

JOHN J. JACKSON Treble.	FRED W. HERBERT 5.
EDWARD JACKSON 2.	THOMAS BOTTRILL 6.
ALBERT MASON 3.	JAMES HARRIS 7.
DANIEL RICHARDS 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal in the method by all the band excepting the conductor. First in the method on the bells. Rung as a wedding tribute to G. E. Dexter and Emma W. Wright. This peal has the 4th and 6th only in 6ths place in two equal parts.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Monday, September 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

EDGAR PEMBERTON Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 2.	EDWARD EVANS 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor.

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on October 4th and 18th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 5th and 19th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 5th; at St. Magnus, on the 14th and 28th; at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, on the 19th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 25th: all at 8 p.m. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—The 272nd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel on Saturday, November 13th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, Burden, E. A. Davies, Fardon, Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, A. Jones, H. Langdon, O'Meara, Newton, Peck, Pettit, Price, Prime, Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, Winny, Wood, or

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society—Established 1824.—The seventh annual grand Bohemian Concert will be held on Saturday, October 9th, at The Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, City. Doors open at 7.15 p.m.; commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission only by programme, price sixpence reserved seats 1s., to be obtained from the following officers and committee; Messrs. W. C. Matthews, C. F. Winney, R. A. Daniell, H. S. Ellis, F. A. Smith, H. W. Hibbert, R. Bevan, J. E. Davis, F. J. Hairs, G. E. Iles, H. Mance, F. G. Perrin, A. Turner, and others, also from

T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.

35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society—The Holbeck meeting will be held to-day, Sat., October 2nd, a week later than first advertised. Other arrangements as before.

GEO. W. SLACK, Hon. Sec.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Elstow to-day, Sat., October 2nd.

The Essex Association.—North-Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishops Stortford to-day, Sat., October 2nd. Bells ready at 3.

JOHN F. PENNING, Hon. Sec.

Safron Walden.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild—Eastern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will take place at Kirton to-day, Sat., October 2nd. Dinner at The King's Head at 2.15, 2s. each. Service in the church at 3.30.

E. SELLERS, Hon. Sec.

Gedney House, Kirton, Boston, Lincoln.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Rogate to-day, Sat., October 2nd. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30; business to follow. Hali railway fares not exceeding 1s. will be allowed to members.

H. EVANS, Hon. Div. Sec.

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be

held at Waldron (8 bells), on Saturday, October 9th. Ringing from 3 to 8 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. W. J. Humble-Crofts, M.A. Members wishing to be present must let me know by October 5th.

GEO. H. HOWSE, Hon. Div. Sec.

132, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Donington on Saturday, October 9th. Divine Service at the parish church at 12 p.m. Dinner at The Red Cow hotel, tickets 2s. 6d. each. Farther particulars from the Secretary, Mr. W. G. Cross, 16, St. James's Road, King's Lynn.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The district meeting will be held at Harrietsham on Saturday, October 9th. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Business meeting after the service will be held in the vestry. Half fares up to 2s. will be allowed at this meeting.

A. F. ASHMAN, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Lancashire Association—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the church of St. Lawrence, Chorley, on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8), ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the belfry at 5.30. Members please note change of branch secretary.

E. R. MARTIN, Branch Sec.

90, Victoria Road, Walton-le-dale, Preston.

The North Notts. Association—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Misson (Bawtry Station) on Saturday, October 9th. Members intending to take tea should inform Mr. S. Law, Misson, Bawtry, by October 6th.

B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, October 9th. The tower will be opened at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, October 6th. All members are cordially invited to attend, owing to very important business to be transacted at this meeting.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

8, Wilmcote Place, Oxford Street, Dudley.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Alban's church, Rochdale, on Saturday, October 9th. Bells at liberty from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m., prompt. A good attendance requested.

JAS. JACQUES, Sec.

The Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, October 9th. Ringing at St. Chad's at 2.30 p.m. Meeting at St. Alkmund's room at 4 p.m. Service in St. Alkmund's church at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m.

R. M. COLE-HAMILTON, Hon. Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Fenton on Saturday, October 9th. Please notify Mr. E. A. Sherratt, 11, Blarnton Road, Fenton, how many intend to be present from your tower not later than the 6th inst.

**REV. W. G. KEYWORTH, } Hon. Secs.
J. JOHNSON,**

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Wednesday, October 13th. Special service at St. Mary-le-Tower at 12.45 p.m. Address by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Suffolk. Dinner at St. Lawrence's Parish Hall at 1.30 p.m.

Members intending to be present at dinner must notify me by October 11th. All the rings in the town will be available. For particulars see notice cards sent to Masters of companies.

CHAS. E. BORRETT, Hon. Sec.

10, Chester Street, Norwich.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—A special service for members of this Guild will be held on Saturday, October 16th, at Birmingham parish church (St. Martin's), at 4.30 p.m., when the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will deliver an address. Clergymen, churchwardens and others interested in ringing as well as ringers and their friends are cordially invited. The usual quarterly meeting will be held at the Church House (corner of Moor Street), immediately after this service, when the Bishop will preside.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—There will be a bye-meeting at Dagenham on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available after 3 p.m. All ringers heartily invited.

G. F. MARGETSON, Hon. Sec.

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, October 16th. Bells will, by kind permission of the Vicar, be available from 3 to 9 p.m. Service in church at 5.45. Tea in the Church Room at 6 o'clock, and meeting after

CHAS. DEAN, Hon. Sec.

59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

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On Wednesday, August 11th, the members of this Guild had their annual outing. Leaving Beckenham at 5.30, the party journeyed by brake to Croydon, then by train to Portsmouth, Mr. Blake joining the party at Chichester. After a hearty breakfast we spent several hours looking round the dockyard, a special permit having been obtained from the Admiralty previous to our visit. Our next trip was to Southsea, then by boat to Ryde, where we were fortunate in getting a pull on the fine-toned peal at All Saints, our thanks being due to Mr. Long, who, in the absence of the Vicar, gave us the necessary permission. It was now time to take the boat back to Portsmouth, and on arriving we made our

way to Speedwell's hotel, where an excellent dinner was ready for us. This over, we had to make tracks to the station for the return journey. Leaving Portsmouth at 9 o'clock, we arrived at Beckenham at 1.15 a.m., having enjoyed a very happy and most successful day. W. S.

ST. THOMAS, PENDLETON.

On Saturday afternoon, September 4th, a few of the members of the above and friends, paid a visit to the pretty village of New Mills, Derbyshire. Leaving Manchester at 2.20 p.m., the party arrived at their destination at 3.20. and enjoyed very much the beautiful scenery en route. On arrival a move was at once made to the parish

church, which contains a very pretty little peal of eight, tenor 13 cwt. by Taylor. On the way the party were met by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, who accompanied the ringers to the belfry, and the bells being raised, a touch of Superlative Surprise Major was rung. The rev. gentleman having another engagement, then left us, and a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was then rung. The inner man here began to revolt, so a move was made to satisfy that part of the anatomy. A very well laid and substantial meat tea was done ample justice to, and then a pleasant walk through the village, up hill and down dale, brought the visitors again to the Church. Here two of the local ringers were seen, and two touches of Stedman Triples and one of Superlative Surprise Major were rung, the local ringers taking part. The bells were then lowered in peal and the visitors had a mutually convivial hour, being now joined again by the Rev. A. T. Beeston.

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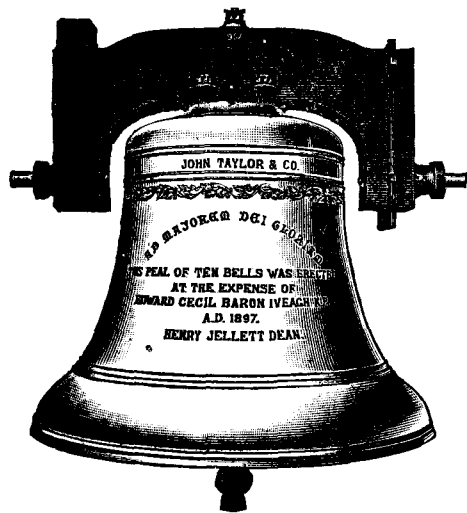
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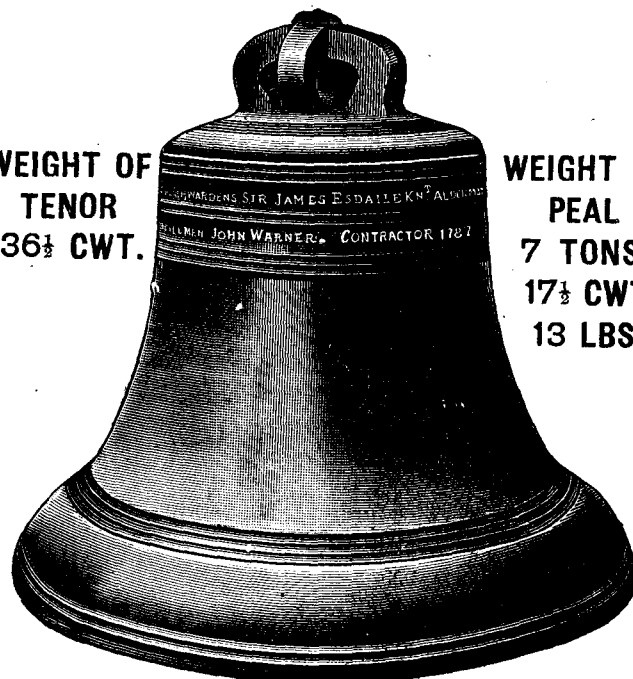
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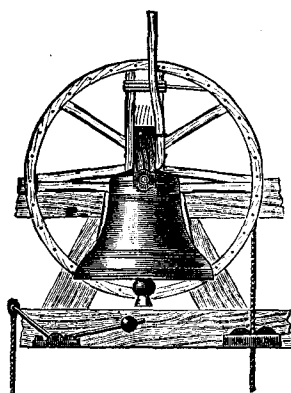
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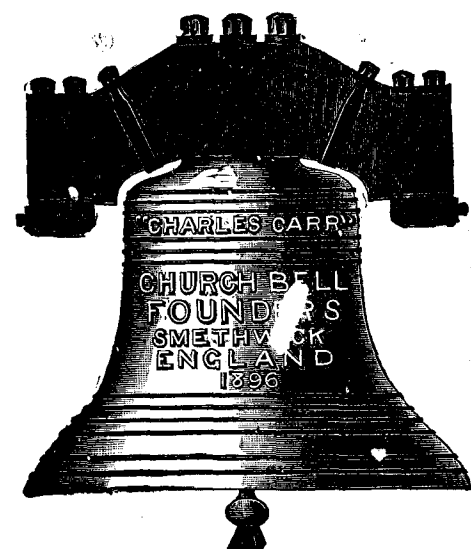
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