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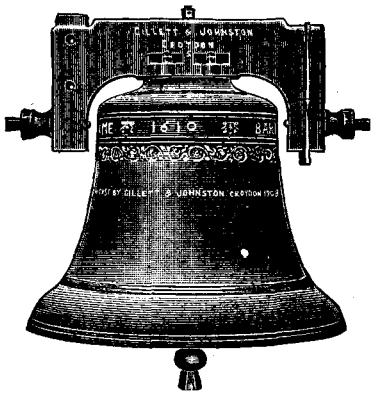

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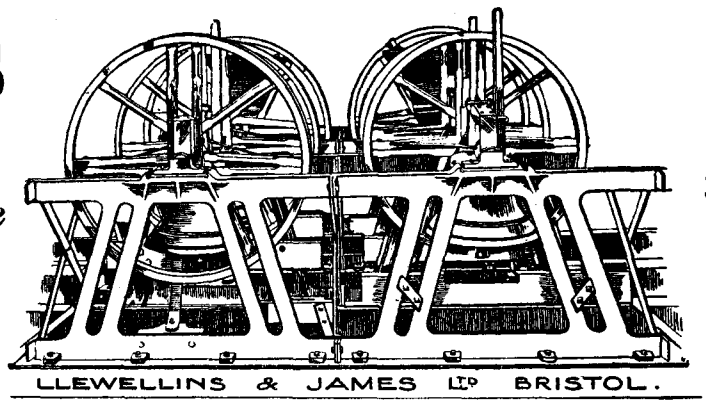

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PILLATON, CORNWALL.

The parishioners of Pillaton may be heartily congratulated on having seen and heard the result of a long period of energy and self-sacrifice on their part in the proceedings of Thursday, October 7th. Then with due ceremony the ring of six bells—three old ones and three newly added—was dedicated to the service of the church by the Bishop of St. Germans, and it was with the utmost gratification that during the service the sweet notes of the bells were heard ffoating on the breeze.

Despite wet and stormy weather, the ancient church of St. Odolph was filled at the dedication service, many coming from the surrounding districts. The flag of St. George was hoisted on the tower but so strong was the wind that before the service was over the emblem had been torn to shreds.

Among the surpliced clergy present in addition to the Bishop of St. Germans and the Rector of the parish (Rev. R. Hocking) were Canon Kemp, secretary of the diocesan guild of ringers, and the Rev. Maitland Kelly, Master of the Devonshire Guild. During the singing of the hymn—"Lifted safe within the steeple," and led by the choir, churchwardens, and sidesmen with their wands of office, the Bishop and clergy proceeded to the tower, where his lordship, at the request of the churchwardens, "set apart and dedicated the bells to the glory of God and the use of the Church separate from all profane and unhallowed use." As the clergy walked back to the chancel members of the Three Towns branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild, under the direction of Canon Kempe, rang a joyous peal on the newly-hung bells, which were shown to be sweet in tone and tune.

The Bishop preached from the words: "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm cxxii. 1). The hymns sung were "When morning gilds the skies," and "Now thank we all our God." The Archdeacon of Bodmin, Revs. Canon Hammond, Canon Preedy, A. H. Cooke, and F. G. May were unavoidably prevented from attending.

The whole of the work has been most satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel foundry, London, and reflects the highest credit on the firm. A new ringers' floor has also been added. The total cost has been £400.

The bells were kept going all the afternoon, and the different companies of ringers who were present and rung them were delighted with their excellent go and harmonious tone, being collectively in splendid tune with each other. The tenor is 12 cwt.; the total weight of the peal being 44 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The parish of Leigh-on-Mendip was en fete on Saturday, September 25th, when a meeting of the above Association was held there, seventy-seven members putting in an appearance, representing seventeen towers. The Vicar of the parish is the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, who is the president of the Frome deanery. Leigh-on-Mendip being something like seven miles from the station, brakes were provided by him to convey the members there and back. A splendid meat tea was also provided by him free, and the heartiest thanks of the Association were accorded him for his great kindness that afternoon, and for the great interest he always has taken in the Association.

On arrival at the village the visitors found it decorated with flags, etc., and they were met by the Vicar, who showed them over the church, and explained to them the many items of interest. At five o'clock a move was made to the parish room for tea, the Vicar presiding in the unavoidable absence of the Master, the Rev. C. C. Parker, owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Parker. A vote of sympathy with the Master was passed, with the earnest hope that Mrs. Parker might have a speedy recovery from her illness. A vote of condolence was also passed with the relatives of the late Mr. J. Hinton, of Bristol, who was a life member of the Association.

Chard was the place selected for the next quarterly meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill for the many acts of kindness he had shown the members during the afternoon. The rev. gentleman in responding said he hoped some day to have the pleasure of welcoming the Association again to Leigh-on-Mendip.

The company again repaired to the church, where a short service was held, the full choir attending, a very appropriate address being given by the Vicar.

With so many ringers present, the bells were kept going in various methods all the available time.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

The annual meeting of this Guild was held in Shrewsbury on Saturday, October 9th. Ringing commenced at St. Chad's at 2.30. The business meeting was held at St. Alkmund's church room, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Salop being in the chair. The annual report and balance sheet were read and adopted. Various other business was transacted, and it was decided to held the next meeting at Wem in December. At a service held after in St. Alkmund's church, an instructive address was given by the Vicar, Rev. F. H. Roach, and the prayers were read by the Rev. J. Mackay, formerly secretary of the Guild.

Tea was served afterwards by the kindness of Shrewsbury ringers, and a move was made to the belfry of St. Almund's, where an enjoyable time was spent ringing touches of Grandsire and Stedman on the bells, which have just been rehung. Besides the Shrewsbury ringers the following belfries were represented: Shifnal, Coalbrookdale, Bridgnorth, Church Stretton, Market Drayton, and Crewe.

KIRKBY MALZEARD CHURCH, NEAR RIPON.

This church, which was partially destroyed by fire some two years since, has now been reopened after complete restoration. The ring of six bells has been recast at the foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydou, and hung with all new fittings in a steel and iron frame. The Simpson method of harmonic tuning has been adopted with the best possible results. The "Kirkby Malzeard Parish Magazine" for October says :—

"THE BELLS.—On Saturday afternoon, September 18th, the new bells were rung for the first time, much to the delight of the inhabitants of the town. A band of ringers had been got together by Mr. Wilson (churchwarden). who acquitted themselves most creditably. The new bells proved to be a most beautiful peal and gave the greatest satisfaction. The general opinion seems to be that they are 'just lovely,' and we at Kirkby are proud to possess such a fine peal of bells."

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The thirty-second annual meeting of this Association was held at Ipswich on Wednesday, October 13th, and proved one of the most enjoyable festivals of recent years. By the kind permission of the authorities all the rings of bells in the town—one ring of twelve, one of eight, two of six, and three of five bells—were available throughout the day, and were all very largely used.

The annual service was held at St. Mary-le-Tower at 12.45, which the majority of the visiting ringers attended. The Ven. C. D. Lawrence, Archdeacon of Suffolk, gave the address, the Rev. C. L. Kennaway (hon. clerical secretary and treasurer) read the prayers, and the Vicar, Canon Melville Pigot, accompanied the singing. The preacher in his address dealt very forcibly with the important part that bellringers played in the service of the chutch. In eloquent terms he asked them all to remember they were office-holders—not to take lightly the duties of that office, but to recognise its full responsibillty and dignity.

Dinner was served immediately after the service in the St. Lawrence parish hall. In the unavoidable absence of the president (J. Sancroft Holmes, esq.) the chair was taken by the Rev. C. L. Kennaway, who was supported by a numerous array of clergy, the officers of the Association, and ninety-six members representing many of the towers in union.

At the conclusion of the repast the chairman briefly proposed the loyal toast, which was cordially received.

Mr. T. Fitzjohn proposed "The Bishop and Clergy," thanking the preacher at the service for his address, and the various clergy of the town for allowing the members the use of the bells. The toast was acknowledged by Canon Pigot, who was also entrusted with the toast of the day—"Success to the Association," which he proposed in terms of warm commendation, expressing his belief that it was doing great and good work.

The chairman, in response, said that much of the real work was done by the Secretary, who, in the annual report about to be read, would tell them all about the Association. He was glad to say that everything connected with their organisation was in a most satisfactory state.

The Secretary then read the annual report. Sympathetic references were made in it to the losses they had sustained by the deaths of Lord Amherst of Hackney, Archdeacon Crosse, and Messrs. F. Mee, and Isaac Alexander, of Ipswich. [We shall refer to the Secretary's report next week.]

A very earnest appeal was then made by Mr. Hopson, of Beccles, for a grant from the funds towards the restoration work at Beccles. It was decided to give £5 from the Association, and members who were present subscribed a further sum of £4 15s. for the same object.

This concluded the business part of the meeting, and the members again visited the towers, and kept the bells going well on into the evening.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Fulbourn on Saturday, October 23rd. A good number of members turned up. considering the rough weather, although some of the older bikes were left at home for fear the wet should make them short of wind. Some of the newer ones however stood for no wind or wet.

A tea was provided in the Assembly Room at 5 o'clock, and in the absence of the Rector, a good chairman was found in Mr. J. Taylor, whilst a ringer's mother and two ringer's sisters handed them the tea. Members were present from Cambridge, Dullingham, Ely, Sawston, Stapleford, Ickleton, besides the local ringers. New members were elected. Sawston was the place selected for the next district meeting.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and room; also to the chairman and the ladies. It was still very rough outside, and some were in no hurry to go, although some one was tolling the tenor-bell slow. Mr. T. R. Dennis presided at the piano.

The bells, which go like fiddles, were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening until not much time was allowed to catch tbe train, each one agreeing that they had a very pleasant meeting of old friends, and had made several new acquaintances.

BUCKMINSTER, NEAR GRANTHAM.

Some new quarter-chimes have been fitted to the clock of the parish church, and were started by the Earl of Dysart. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who have also lately received an order from Sir William Hartley for a large clock for Colne, Lancashire.

LATE NOTICE.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Romsey on Saturday, November 13th. The bells of the Abbey will be available from 2 p.m. Evensong at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.40, at Mr. Chase's restaurant, 14, The Hundred, Romsey, to be followed by business meeting. A committee meeting will be held immediately after the General Meeting.

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

The death has occurred of THOMAS MAYNARD (late sexton of St. Mary's, Walthamstow). The funeral took place on Thursday last, the 28th inst. Some allusion to the career of this well known ringer may be found in our next numbor.

CHURCH BELL ROPES.—The longest peal ever rung was at Loughborough, on Easter Monday. The ropes used were made by JOHN PRITCHARD, of Loughborough, whose bell-ropes are favorites of the Exercise for their non-stretching, Soft as silk; durable as steel.

ST. MARTINS GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGMAM.

Saturday, the 16th inst., was a memorable day in the history of this Guild, inasmuch that the Lord Bishop of the Diocese had promised to meet the members at their first Church Service as a Diocese Guild in the Parish Church of Birmingham (St. Martin's), to give them an address and afterwards to preside at their Ordinary Quarterly Business Meeting.

It may here be explained that this meeting with the Bishop would have taken place a year earlier, but for his Lordship having an attack of illness which necessitated cancelling all his engagements and an entire suspension of his duties.

Taking for his text "There are . . . so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification" (I Corinthians, xiv. 10), the Bishop said the use of bells in connection with public worship—to call people together, to give notice of worship, and to call attention to specially solemn moments in worship—had been common over very great areas in the world. They found it in ancient Egypt, in the remotest East, especially, he believed, in the worship of Buddhists; they found it among the Romans in the Roman Empire, and in the service of the Christian Church soon after its members had ceased having cause to hide their worship. Under Paulinus, who had a wonderful genius for getting religion nearer to the hearts of the people, it spread very rapidly, so that it became associated with all that was most familiar in worship in the religious houses of Europe, and in places of public and common worship. It took different forms in different parts of Europe. In one part of Europe he had heard a totally unmelodious clanging of bells of different notes and calibres of notes so startling to the ear as to be effective as a notice; he again and again had heard that extraordinary solemn booming of a single deep bell in the Campanile of Italy; he had heard the amazing carillons of Belgium with their extraordinary complications of melody, but he supposed the heart of bell-ringing had reached a development in England not equalled anywhere else. The art of chime-ringing was especially English.

When Englishmen were far away from their homes in various countries there were no two things they thought of more than the green fields and the sound of church bells—at least, if they had lived in the country. He heartily welcomed the members of that guild, and hoped and prayed their ancient craft might abide, that they would hand it down to generations yet to come undiminished in skill, and that all Churchpeople might feel a deep interest in their particular part of the Church's work. "There are so many kinds of voices in the world, said St. Paul, and "none of them is without signification." What, asked his Lordship, was the signification of church bells? Had they ever been outside when the bells were ringing in some crowded market-place, when the noise of all that was going on in the city made the bells hardly audible? Had they ever heard the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral ringing in such circumstances? And then had they by rising to the third or fourth floor of an office near realised the sense of what the bells were saying above the noise and din of the world—"Glory to God." And had they not felt as they walked in some quiet country lane, where there was nothing to impede the noise of the bells, how their melody filled the whole atmosphere? There was hardly any sound which had the power of filling the atmosphere such as that of church bells, and they rang "Glory to God." There was one other signification which church bells had, and that was the signification of large sympathy with public and privafe joys and sorrows. Bells were rung for joyful worship, for the Eucharist of God, for the service of thanksgiving; they were rung in times of private joy such as weddings, and in times of private grief for the dying and burial of the dead; they were rung in times of public rejoicing such as coronations and great public anniversaries; they were rung at times of public sorrow and anxiety for warning and terror and alarm, so that they stood for a large sympathy with human life, private and public. They meant that we should rejoice with them that rejoiced and weep with those that wept. He prayed God to bless them in their belfries, and keep them from anything which could dishonour His name or their lives. He prayed Him to give them the sense that they were serving Him in their occupation as bellringers, and that all the officers of the Church—clergy and laity—might recognise the dignity of their calling, aud rank them among the workers of the Church. And finally he prayed that there might enter into their hearts the full significance of the bells they rang.

At the conclusion of a very bright and hearty service the business meeting was held at the Church House, where about 70 members attended with his Lordship in the chair.

The usual routine business included the election of a Honorary Secretary in the place of Mr. W. H. Godden who had signified his intention to retire at the previous quarterly meeting.

Mr. Godden recapitulated his reasons for retirement after a long service of over 20 years, and Mr. Alfred Paddon Smith, of 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, was unanimously elected to succeed him.

Several speakers in the room, including the Rector of Birmingham, spoke of Mr. Godden's services in highly eulogistic terms.

The meeting terminated with a very hearty vote of thanks, proposed by the Guild's presiding Ringing Master, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, M.A., to the Bishop for his address and presiding at the meeting, to the Rector of Birmingham, the organist, the Rev. N. V. Chilwell, and others who took part in the service.

THE LOUGHBOROUGH RECORD PEAL BAND IN LONDON.

As may be seen in the peal columns, the band that rung the 18,027 Stedman Caters visited the Metropolis on Saturday, October 23rd. The visit was chiefly to get the band together for a group photo. for the press, the one taken by flashlight on the night of the peal being of no use. Mr. Lindoff came over on the night boat, and Ben. Knights with W. H. Inglesant came on with Mr. W. Willson from Leicester. They were met outside Marylebone by the London contingent, and under the guidance of Mr. B. Prewett, tracks were made for a photographer's studio, where the knight of the camera was awaiting them. After the usual formula of finessing, the band was fixed in position, and with a "Steady now, and smile, please," the various "chivvies" were successfully bagged, and faces captured with smiles that won't rub off.

Tea followed at an adjoining "A. B. C." cafe, after which the tube rapidly dropped the men out in the Strand. Thanks to the energies of Arthur T. King, esq., the bells of St. Clement Danes were placed at our disposal, and after viewing the historic church, immortalised by Dr. Johnson and his faithful Boswell, and listening to an exquisite Wagnerian organ recital, the band ascended the well-worn tower and rang 5007 Stedman Caters, standing in the same order as in the long peal. An hour or two spent in a neighbouring hostelry with handbells and good company, made train time all too soon, and the visitors left "the smoke" in the early hours of Sunday morning. Our thanks are earnestly tendered to the Rector of St. Clement Danes, the Rev. J. J. S. Pennington, M.A., for the privileges received, although the pleasure of ringing would be greatly enhanced if the ropes, etc., were in better condition. Thanks are also due to the Londoners for their hospitality to the visitors, who hope to repay it on some future occasion. The whole company are members of the Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.

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, ETC.

SIR,—Your correspondent, Mr. J. H. Banks, tells you he thinks it about time we commenced ringing nothing else but lead-ends. Well, Sir, its not a bad idea, as it is certain there is no better music than in those changes. As the author of the eight-bell method he appears to deride, as having only forty-eight changes in the plain course, please let me say that many composers have searched for years to find such a method as this one, and only a few have been successful. It is not the first that has been designed or discovered, but it is the first without prolonged dodging at the calls, which is considered a

desirable quality to attain. Your correspondent, after the style of Mr. James, talks of internal places as bobs, and of double or adjoining places as singles, just as if the idea was new. Well, Mr. Editor, I say they are antiquated ideas, as Stedman in his Tintinnalogia, published A.D. 1668, in his description of Grandsire Doubles says there are two sorts of bobs; one is a single bob (Grandsire 3rds place), the other is a double bob (Grandsire 3rds place, and the bob place as we term it), made directly after. So I say these ideas are not only antiquated but are obsolete. In fact, Mr. Editor, these places with hunting dodging, etc., form the stock in trade of the method builder.

BARNSBURY COURT MAJOR.

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Repeat calling of last eight courses eight times. Single for bob at M at half peal ends. H. DAINS.

SIR,—I wish to thank Mr. Dains for the extract which he has published in this week's "BELL NEWS." It completely disposes of the idea that Stedman runs in twelves, and takes us back to the sixes we have all believed in, and those sixes prove my point. Perhaps those who are interested in this subject wonder why I have not answered Mr. Trollope's last letter, and so I will take this opportunity of saying that I have done so privately, but that the correspondence between us is far too voluminous for publication at present. When it ceases raining ink, and we can see each other we shall be able to publish results. H. LAW JAMES.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—May I point out to the Rotherham company that the 5008 of Bob Major rung by them on September 19th in one hour and fifty-eight minutes is not the quickest peal of Major ever rung. A 5040 of Bob Major was rung at St. Neots on December 14th, 1903, in one hour and fifty-four minutes, and was duly recorded in "THE BELL NEWS." S. J. COLEMAN.

THE DORSETSHIRE RINGING TOUR.

BY MEMBERS OF THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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Sunday morning the 11.40 train conveyed us to Milbourne Port station, two miles from the town of that name, situated on the borders of Somerset and Dorset, an old and prosperous place, most of the houses being built of stone, two main roads intersecting about its centre, where the remains of an early stone market cross still stands. It is noted for its glove making, and a stream runs through the place along a fertile valley, in which the houses seem to cluster. We were kindly received by the Vicar and his wife, who gave each of us a slip of paper on which was written the name of the inhabitant at whose house we were to sleep, or billeted as it were. The captain of the local band, Mr. Dyke, and his son with others also met us and assisted in the preparations for our peal No. 2. The church, is large, cruciform in plan, some good Norman features to be seen in it, and some rare diagonal Saxon masonry in the tower staircase. Like many of our early Norman churches, modern requirements have removed the tbe quaint small arches which were usually employed by our Anglo Saxon workmen of the ninth and tenth centuries, but in this case fortunately the transepts retain the original work, while the nave and chancel arches have been made larger and pointed in Early English style. At the conclusion of our peal we at once occupied reserved seats in the nave and enjoyed the evening service, which the Vicar had thoughtfully held back some ten minutes or so to allow our attempt to come round. A very passable rendering of the Psalms and hymns by the choir, and an excellent plain sermon by the Vicar from the text—"Whatsoever ye do . . . . to the glory of God." Later in the evening we heard that many of the inhabitants took a walk over the meadows and through the woods in the neighbourhood while we were ringing, in order to hear their fine old ring of bells to better advantage. "The Sherborne, Dorchester and Taunton Journal" of June 4th, 1846, contains an interesting account o the bells of Milbourne, then newly augmented. This weekly newspaper is no longer published, but an original copy of the number referred to was shewn me and gave evidence of right royal jubilations by the townspeople at the opening of sixty years ago. The tenor is a rich bell cast by Mears in 1858. During our stay here we were boarded at Tbe Queen's Head, Mrs. Tizzard, the landlady, and her daughter waiting attendance upon our voracious appetites.

Monday we started early in the morning and in earnest for Charlton Horethorne, in fact early rising was the rule of the tour in order to keep pace with the programme. A three-mile drive brought us to the church at 8 a.m., and peal No. 4 was demolished. The Vicar received us and very kindly gave us refreshment after the peal in the mission room, spreading the viands out handy for our quick departure for the railway station and the 12.36 to Yeovil. So far so good. The exceedingly fine weather we were having and success three times running, put all the party into exuberant spirits. We ran through Sherborne with its heaviest ringing peal of eight in the world, feeling as we gazed lovingly at the Abbey tower that London Surprise could be knocked of there easily with Henricus, our little Hercules, on the tenor—46 cwt. Alas! the time of our happiness was one of sorrow for others. On arrival at Yeovil we were joined by Mr. John Thomas, of Bristol, who gave us the news that William James Hinton was dead and buried, and therefore Mr. W. A. Cave could not be with us owing to badly blistered hands from ringing behind in the muffled memorial peal at St. Stephen's. Alas that so good a ringer should be taken away at a comparatively early age, should leave this ringing world on the anniversary of the winter's entry thereto. Any attempt for a peal here was considered off for awhile, but presently two local strongbows—Messrs. F. Gillard and G. Rowe—volunteered the tenor work, 45 cwt., and accordingly we ventured Grandsire Caters. The ringing, slow but steady, lasted just over 45 mins., when the 8th clapper broke off and fell into the floor overhead with much din and rattle. A few years ago the tenor clapper broke off in a similar manner, and also broke the slider on its way. Mr. Gillard was then ringing her, and in attempting to "set up" was quickly hoisted and unceremoniously landed on the floor, receiving a severe shaking. No wonder therefore on this occasion our tenor men hastily backed with alarm at the noise and clatter. Once bit, twice shy. At five o'clock tea was served in the schoolroom, hospitably provided by the Vicar, the Rev. Prebendary Phelips, M.A., many of the local ringers being present. They saw us off by the 6 p.m. train to our next destination, plus a little more self respect for big bells, minus a peal of Treble Ten In, intended at Yeovil. W. H. F.

(*To be continued.*)

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Tuesday, August 10th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 1088 London Surprise Major. A. Jordan, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. On Sunday morning, August 15th, for Divine Service, 420 Stedman Triples, W. T. Prior, H. Little, G. Jordan, J. Luckey. T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. Tenor 13 cwt.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday morning, September 5th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. Lincoln, E. W. Edwards, F. G. Radley, W. J. E. Jones, E. D. Lillywhite, H. Rumens, W. Lincoln conductor, H. F. Hull. For evening servics a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Street, F. W. Edwards, C. J. Bartlett, G. Crush, E. D. Lillywhite, H. Rumens, H. F. Hull conductor, W. Lincoln. Rung on the annual outing of the St. Saviour's Society, Walthamstow.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks.)—On Tuesday, September 7th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 52 mins. J. T. Miller, G. Dowling, T. Stockdale, W. H. Pasmore, J. Hodds. C. Jackson conductor, H. Rodmell, F. Merrison,

SELBY (Yorks.)—On Wednesday, August 25th, at 51, New Lane, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. A. Hall, 1-2; F. Stokes conductor, 3-4; F. Cryer, 5-6. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving the town.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WEST BROMWICH (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, September 8th, at Christ Church, 504 Stedman Triples. S. Reeves, E. A. Parish, T. Horton, J. Walker, G. Taylor, J. Screen, T. H. Reeves conductor, F. H. Troth. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Parish and Horton.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The following touches were rung at Great Wymondley and St. Ippolyts on Saturday, September 11th: two 360s of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 360 Kent, two 360s Plain Bob, 240 Oxford Bob, three 120s a plain course of Stedman Doubles, and a course each of Double Oxford and Woodbine. The following also rung at St. Ippolyts 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. W. J. Croft, H. S. Reeves, G. J. Croft, C. V. Hare, S. E. Roberts, R. G. King conductor. About twelve ringers attended the meeting.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLEWBURY (Bucks.)—On Saturday, July 31st, a plain course of Stedman Triples. G. Holifield, jun., G. C. Rice, G. F. James, G. Holifield, F. S. White, R. G. Rice, G. Caudwell, C. Greenough. And a plain course of Grandsire Major. G. C. Rice, G. F. James, H. Holifield, G. Holifield, B. S. White, G. Holifield, jun., G. Caudwell, R. G. Rice. First course of Major on the bells.

OXFORD.—On Monday, September 13th, at Holywell church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. W. Turner, C. W. Lilley conductor, F. Turner, A. E. E. Woodward, A. Nash, H. Bennett.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

IDE (Devon.)—On Saturday, September 11th, several 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, F. Gardner, L. Green, A. Monkley, A. Guest, E. Stocker, F. J. Davey. Rung on the occasion of a visit of the President of the Guild to the tower.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CONGRESBURY (Somersetshire).—On Thursday, September 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 59 mins. T. Gill, W. O. Standen, T. Francis conductor, G. Fisher, E. Fisher, G. Jones. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. L. Lidbury, who was interred in St. Andrew's churchyard the same afternoon. He was the oldest member of the Rose of England Lodge of the M.U.I.O.O., and had attained the ripe old age of 84 years.

ROWBERROW (Somersetshire).—On Saturday, September 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 37 mins. T. Francis conductor, W. G. Standen, G. Gilling, G. Fisher, E. Fisher, T. Gill. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Gilling.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

SWANSEA (Glamorganshire).—On Tuesday, August 24th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. J. Davies, P. Kneath, W. F. Hartshorne, A. Prince, C. Morse, C. Hoare, J. Hoare conductor, E. Davies. On Sunday morning, August 22nd, for Divine Service, 336 Stedman Triples. F. Curtis, P. Kneath, E. Serle, —. Palmer, J. Davies, C. Hoare, J. Hoare conductor.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, September 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. R. Kendell, E. Fisher, J. Crawford, E. Miles, W. Ives, T. Tutte, T. Miles conductor, R Etherington. Arranged for Messrs. E. Miles and W. Ives, of Croydon.

HOWDEN (Yorks.)-On Wednesday, September 15th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. J. T. Moore, J. Clarke, R. Smith, C. W. King, H. Ludkin conductor, R. Smith, F. Hodgson, J. Sherburn. This is the first 720 on the bells since being rehung, and the first 720 by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, and 6th ringers, who are local ringers, having only taken up change-ringing recently for the first time in the history of the bells.

MERTHYR TYDFIL (Glamorganshire).—On Sunday evening, September 12th, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Roberts, W. Allen, F. Chave, T. Thomas, F. B. Stedman, H. Chamberlain, A. E. Slatter conductor, J. Smith.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Monday, September 6th, for practice at the parish church, 1080 Bob Royal in 47 mins. J. W. Pooley, F. T. Hoad, A. Holman, G. W. Walder, C. S. Hoad, W. Clayton, W. Smith, H. F. Ewins, H. A. Hoad, G. F. Hoad conductor. Also 224 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Ewins, C. S. Hoad, W. Clayton, F, S. Hoad, A. Harman, A. Holman, H. A. Hoad, G. F. Hoad conductor.

SCARBOROUGH (Yorks.)—On Monday, September 6th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. H. Millner, J. R. Barton, A. Coates, J. Pole, H. Ferguson, C. Jackson conductor, J. Dixey, A. E. West.

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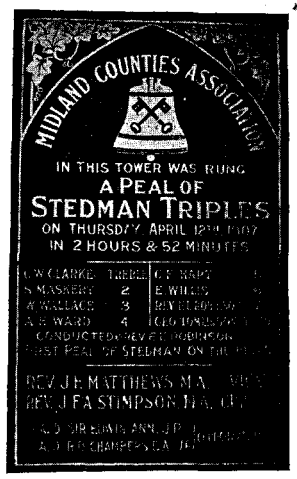

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THE REV. H. LAW JAMES should be congratulated on his determination expressed in a letter on another page. He has evidently resolved not to be a party in future to the infliction of a mass of figures and cryptic language upon our readers. When he and Mr. TROLLOPE can agree, and publish the results of such agreement in phraseology easily to be understood, their explanation will be welcomed.

The opponents of the present ringing of Stedman seem to have lost sight of one particular feature. What we regard as "Stedman" has this merit: time is on its side. It has been recognised and called by its present name for more than one hundred years, and this fact affords a good precedent, as the lawyers would say, for its continuance. If some profound scholar were to maintain that no such person as STEDMAN ever lived, we should be perfectly justified by long usage in adhering to "Stedman" as the title of the method we now ring under such name. And whatever may be the outcome of the conference between Messrs. TROLLOPE and JAMES the present nomenclature of such method will continue. Some other title must be selected for the inventions and discoveries of these great men who appear to be restless under all existing circumstances.

REV. E. V. COX.—You will find the advertisement you want in this number.

ENQUIRER.—It was intimated to you that such information was not in our province to supply.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 23, 1909, in Three Hours Twenty-four and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM DORAN .. ..*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
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ARTHUR R. JACOB .. .. 3.	FRANK SMITH .. .. .. 8.
WILLIAM MILLER .. .. 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 9.
GEORGE F. MARGETSON .. 5.	WILLIAM THEOBALD .. ..*Tenor.*

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

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1909 in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE .. ..*Treble.*	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 6.
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Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

This peal was rung by the record peal band, each man standing in the original position. Further reference elsewhere.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, October 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS .. ..*Treble.*	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. .. 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS .. .. 6.
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Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

Handbell Peal.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Monday, October 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD.. 1-2.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 5-6.
LOUIS ATTWATER .. .. 3-4.	GEORGE EDSER, JUN. .. 7-8.
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Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

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The Provinces.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court. Tenor 9 cwt.

F. HOPPER .. ..*Treble.*	C. W. CLARKE .. .. .. 4.
F. MYNARD .. .. 2.	P. INSKIP .. .. 5.
H. W. GAYTON .. .. .. 3.	J. HOUGHTON .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

BRAMLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, October 5, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 240 each of Cambridge Surprise, Morning Exercise, Evening Exercise, College Trebles, Tulip, Primrose, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Royston, Sandal, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, Killamarsh, Tanner's Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Kent, Woodbine, Violet and Oxford.

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Conducted by T. LATIMER.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY *Treble.*	REV. E. W. CARPENTER 5.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. .. 2.	REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 6.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 3.	WILLIAM FOX .. .. .. 7.
HARRY ARGYLE .. .. .. 4.	REV. W. P. WRIGHT ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being fourteen 6-scores each of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

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Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in three methods by the ringers of the 2nd, 4th and tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to William D. Griffiths.

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT .. ..*Treble.*	WALTER BOUGHEY .. .. 4.
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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY	*Treble.*	JOHN AUSTIN	5.
REV. E. W. CARPENTER	2.	WILLIAM FOX	6.
REV. E. BANKES JAMES ..	3.	WILLIAM PYE	7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON ..	4.	REV. W. P. WRIGHT	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 14, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

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GEORGE DENT	4.	HARRY BOTTRILL ..	*Tenor.*

Composed by J. Cox, and Conducted by F. PALMER.

MIDDLEHAM, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCATION.

On Thursday, October 14, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent, and Plain Bob.

HENRY PAULI	*Treble.*	HENRY PARRISH	4.
SQUIRE CROFT	2.	CHRISTOPHER CLARKSON ..	5.
GEORGE HANDLEY	3.	JOHN SARGINSON.. ..	*Tenor.*

Conducted by J. SARGINSON.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF LONDON TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER POPPLEWELL	*Treble.*	*SYDNEY KEIGHLEY	5.
ROBERT CHILD*	2.	*FRED WALLER	6.
SAMUEL WHEATLEY	3	CHARLES PRATT	7.
WALTER STANHOPE*	4.	FRED PAGE	*Tenor.*

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by FRED PAGE.

*First peal in the method.

~~WALLINGTON,~~ OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM)

On Saturday, October 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

OWEN PORTER	*Treble.*	GEORGE IRVINE	5.
JOSEPH HANDS	2.	ERNEST W. MENDAY ..	6.
ALBERT CULLUM	3	GEORGE ESSEX	7.
CHARLES LILLEY	4.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT	*Tenor.*

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CHATHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

STANLEY DOBBIE ..	*Treble.*	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	5.
WILLIAM EASTER	2	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	6
SAMUEL TAYLOR* (R.N.) ..	3.	WILLIAM HAIGH	7
FRANK BENNETT	4.	JAMES E. DAVIS.. ..	*Tenor.*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

*First peal in the method.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES FLEUTY	*Treble.*	*FREDERICK RIDGWELL ..	5.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM	2.	WALTER BURST..	6.
WILLIAM ROOT	3.	JAMES FRENCH	7.
FRANK CRAYDON	4.	ERNEST RIDGWELL ..	*Tenor.*

Composed by J. Cox, and Conducted by ERNEST RIDGWELL.

*First peal.

BEDALE, YORKS

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

W. PICK	*Treble.*	J. G. HALL..	5.
G. HANDLEY	2.	J. BRETTELL	6.
J. W. NEESAM	3.	A. SIMPSON	7.
J. BAXTER	4.	T. METCALFE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by A. SIMPSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs. in F.

ARTHUR W. BALDRY*	*Treble.*	*ALBERT SPALDING	5.
CLAYTON PARNELL	2.	*CHARLES F. WOODS	6.
WILLIAM FELGATE	3.	ERNEST LINCOLN	7.
GEORGE E. SYMONDS ..	4.	*ALFRED WILLIAMS ..	*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

*First peal. This is the first time this composition has been rung on the bells. Messrs Spalding and Williams were elected members of the above Association previous to starting.

OLD BRADWELL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr.

GEORGE F. CLARKE† ..	*Treble.*	WALTER W. BONHAM ..	4.
CECIL A. VALENTINE ..	2.	*THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ..	5.
ALBERT J. GREEN	3.	WILLIAM G. COWLEY	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. COWLEY.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. A. J. Green was elected a member previous to starting. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. K. C Bailey, for so kindly granting them permission to ring, and for providing refreshments after the peal.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5232 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS	..*Treble.*	CHARLES DRAPER	5.
HERBERT DAY	2.	*BART MICHELL	6.
EDWARD C. GOBBY	3.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON	7.
WALTER ALLWOOD	4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	..*Tenor.*

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

*First peal in the method.

SOWTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD	..*Treble.*	WILLIAM MOGRIDGE	5.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON	2.	EDMUND SARGENT	6.
LEWIS GREEN	3.	FRANK DANBY	7.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE	4.	WILLIAM ACREMAN	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Acreman.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER*	..*Treble.*	ALFRED DAVIES	5.
JOHN BASS	2.	HERBERT KNIGHT	6.
GEORGE HUGHES	3.	JOSEPH PIGOTT	7.
GEORGE PIGOTT†	4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS	..*Tenor.*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS,

*First peal in any Surprise method. First peal in the method on the bells. †Fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

CHASTLETON. OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. C. JONES	..*Treble.*	J. SKELCHER	4.
W. COLEMAN	2.	S. LUCKET	5.
W. LARGE	3.	W. SKELCHER	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by W. LARGE.

Rung for the Harvest Festival.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Monday, October 18, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOSEPH PIGOTT*	..*Treble.*	ROBERT MATTHEWS	6.
JOHN BASS	2.	†ALFRED DAVIES‡	7.
MISS M. GILBANKS†	3.	ALFRED ROWLEY	8.
GEORGE PIGOTT	4.	†CHARLES F. WHITE	9.
HARRY PRICE†‡	5.	†CHARLES FAULKS	..*Tenor.*

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Stedman Caters. ‡Fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

BROMLEY, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 19, 1909, in Two Hours Fifty and-a-½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

JOHN PARSONS†	..*Treble.*	GEORGE HUXLEY	5.
WALTER SMITH	2.	ALBERT HUMPHREY	6.
ALFRED JAMES‡	3.	GEORGE DURLING	7.
ARTHUR POOLE*	4.	†CHARLES AUSTIN	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE DURLING.

†First peal. ‡First peal in the method with a bob bell. *First peal in the method.

WOOTTON COURTENAY, SOMERSETSHIRE.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK DATE	..*Treble.*	JAMES SULLY	4.
WILLIAM HOYLE	2.	HENRY MOORE	5.
GEORGE STACEY	3.	WILLIAM BENNETT	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM BENNETT.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in A flat.

ROBERT SPERRING	..*Treble.*	HENRY W. WILDE	5.
EDWIN H. LEWIS	2.	HENRY DEW	6.
WILLIAM BIBBY	3.	RICHARD JONES	7.
JAMES V. WRIGHT	4.	JAMES MORGAN	..*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

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BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 21, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

PHILIP ALLFREY	..*Treble.*	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	5.
WILLIAM C. HART	2.	GEORGE ADES	6.
HERBERT RANN	3.	KEITH HART	7.
WILLIAM ALLFREY	4.	GEORGE SEWARD	..*Tenor,*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

On Thursday, October 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-score, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

FRED EDWARDS	..*Treble.*	‡GEORGE JONES	4.
HENRY APPERLEY	2.	ALAC RACKHAM	5.
SYDNEY T. RACKHAM	3.	*H. JOHN RACKHAM	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by ALAC RACKHAM.

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

PEAL CORRECTION.—The centenary peal at Dolgelly, reported in our last issue, was rung by members of the Salop Guild.

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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 November 1st, 15th, and 29th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 2nd and 16th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 2nd; St. Magnus, London Bridge, on the 11th and 25th; St. Giles', Cripplegate on the 16th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 22nd: and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 30th; 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.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, November 20th, at the church of St. Paul's, Hammersmith. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 8.15 p.m Business meeting at The Britannia at 8.15 p m., to be followed by a social. All ringers will be made welcome.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, *Crawford Street, Denmark Hill.*

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints, Fulham, to-day, Sat., October 30. Tower open at 3.30 until 9 o'clock. Tea at 5.15 in the Church Room at 9d each to those who let me know by the 29th inst. All friends of the Society heartily welcomed.

F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*
3, *Hart's Lane, New Cross.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the North and East district will be held on Saturday. November 13th, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. F. Peploe. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. Tea will be provided on the usual terms at The Cherry Tree hotel. The Hon. Secretary would be glad if all outstanding subscriptions could be sent to him before the date of this meeting; and if persons intending to be present would kindly send him an intimation. ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon Sec.*
18, *Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the South and West District will be held at All Saints, Isleworth, to-day, Sat., October 30 The tower will be open for ringing at 4 o'clock. The Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill) will entertain the members to tea in the Hartland Road Mission Room at 5.30, and the business meeting will be held afterwards. Members and friends are cordially invited, and it is hoped that a special effort will be made to attend. Will members kindly note that subscriptions for 1909 should now be paid, and the hon. sec. will be pleased to receive the same by the date of the meeting.

H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*
Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hitchin to-day, Sat., October 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock at The Angel, Sun Street. H. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The members of this society will hold their next quarterly meeting at St. George's church, Mossley, to-day, Sat., October 30th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWER, *Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The annual festival will be held at Durham to-day, Sat., October 30th. Committee meeting at 12 noon at The County hotel. Service in the Cathedral at 1 p.m. Dinner at The County hotel at 2 p.m. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Nicholas and St. Oswald will be available.

CHAS. TODD, *Hon Sec pro tem.*
92, *Northgate, Darlington.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting will be held at Lamberhurst to-day, Saturday, October 30th. Tower open at 4 o'clock.

W. LATTER, *Hon Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's, Waterfoot, to-day, Saturday, October 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. T. ROLLERSON, *Hon. Sec*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bolton to-day, Sat., October 30th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Bolton hotel at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Petersfield to-day, Sat., October 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at St. Peter's hall at 5 o'clock. Meeting after. *Fareham.* J. W. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St Nicholas, Deptford, S.E., to-day, Sat., October 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Business meeting to follow

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
34, *Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.*

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Warkton on Saturday, November 6th; November 13th at Dallington; November 27th at Earls Barton. Usual arrangements

F. WILFORD, *General Sec.*

Halifax and District Associaiion.—The next meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Bradford on Saturday, November 13th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m.

W. SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, November 13th. Bells at liberty from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. prompt. A good attendance is requested. Any ringer welcome. JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

William Verry Commemoration.—The fifth annuat dinner will be held at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on Saturday. November 13th, at 6.30 sharp Bells available from 2 30 to 5.30. Tickets 2s. 6d each. R FAUX, *Hon Sec.*
65, *Bacchue Road, Soho, Birmingham*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—The annual meeting w ll be held at Guildford on Wednesday, November 17th 4 0.—Bells available. 5.30.—Service at Holy Trinity church; address by the Right Rev. Dr. Randolph, Bishop of Guildford. 6.15.—Tea at The Star hotel; Chairman—J. Cable, esq., J.P., C.C. After the business a paper will be read by Mr. F. E. Dawe, past Master of the College Youths, on "A Ringing Experience of thirty years." Tea tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s, All subscriptions should be paid on or before the above date. Probationers 1s; Ordinary Members 2s.; Honorary Members 5s.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

"THE ISAAC HILLS MEMORIAL."

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NOTE TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT DUDLEY.—H. Price's 50 Peals.—Darlaston Bob Triples 2; Grandsire, 8; Stedman 3; Kent Major 10; Oxford 1; Bob Major 11; Double Norwich Major 2; Forward Major 1; Canterbury Major 1; Grandsire Caters 5; Stedman 1; Kent Royal 1; Bob Royal 1; 7 Minor Methods 3. Total—50.—A. Davies's 50 Peals.—Minor—in 5 Methods 3; in 7 Methods 3; Grandsire Doubles 1; Triples 2; Caters 2; Bob Major 4; Royal 2, conducted 1; Canterbury Major 1; Kent Major 4, conducted 1; Royal 1; Stedman Triples 10, conducted 1; Caters 1; Cinques 1; Forward Royal 1; Double Norwich Major 7; Superlative 2; Cambridge 2; London 3. Total—50; conducted 3. Rung in 25 different towers.

THE PEAL AT SEDGLEY.—G. Pigott's 50 Peals.—Grandsire Triples 5; Union 1; Plain Bob 1; Stedman 7; Plain Bob Major 6; Canterbury 2; Kent 4; Oxford 1; Double Oxford 1; Double Norwich 7; Superlative 5; Cambridge 2; Stedman Caters 1; Plain Bob Royal 2; Kent 2; Double Oxford 1; Stedman Cinques 2. Total—50. Rung in 23 different towers.

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Obituary.

FREDERICK WHITE.

A notable ringer and bellhanger has passed away in the person of Mr. Fredk. White, of Appleton. Deceased, who was 75 years of age, had been ailing the last twelve months, but his condition was only considered grave about a week before his death, which took place on Thursday, the 7th inst. A son of the late Mr. Alfred White, of Besselsleigh, Frederick White was born in 1834, about which time members of the family and a few other inhabitants of Appleton took up ringing in earnest on the six bells in the parish church. Later on the bells were augmento eight, and afterwards to ten, and one has only to look at the Oxford Guild peal book to see some of the fine performances done there. The following are a few in which the late Mr. F. White took part: 10,080 Grandsire Caters, 12,000 and 15,000 Stedman Caters, 10,000 Double Norwich, and 13,000 Grandsire Caters. The last peal he rang was in August, 1908. He had rung about 250 peals and conducted a considerable number. The funeral in Appleton churchyard on Monday, the 11th inst., was the occasion of a large and sympathetic gathering, including most of the inhabitants of Appleton and many ringers from far and near. The bells were rung deeply muffled before and after service, and in the evening a muffled peal of Grandsire Caters was rung, the record of which will be found in its proper place. The chief mourners included the widow, eight sons and four daughters of the deceased, and among those present were the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, G. Holifield, W. Newell (Reading), C. Hounslow and T. Payne (Oxford), A. Lambourne and E. Holifield (Cumnor), A. E. Lock, H. Holifield, F. Barrett (Abingdon). Some members of the Appleton club, of which he was secretary for a number of years, acted as bearers, and the Society's banner was placed, with several wreaths, on the coffin, which was inscribed: "Fredk. White, died October 7th, 1909, aged 75 years. His end was peace."

E. N. PRICE.

We deeply regret to have to announce the death of the above ringer at the early age of 46. A native of Sittingbourne, Kent, where he learnt the first intricacies of the Art; migrating to Greenwich, he proved a great acquisition to that band for Surprise methods. He had taken part in about forty peals, his most notable being the first peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells of St. Alfege. Latterly he was unable to ring owing to bis heart, from which trouble he died suddenly on the 14th inst. He was laid to rest at Shooters Hill Cemetery on the 20th inst. In the evening the usual whole pull and stand, followed by a touch of Stedman was rung as a last token of respect. "Thy will be done, O Lord." He leaves a widow and one child practically unprovided for.

THE LATE MR. FREDERICK MEE.

On behalf of the widow and children of the above, we beg to gratefully acknowledge the following sums.

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Mr. J. G. Harvey (Ipswich) ..	0	1	0
Mr. H. Dains (London)	0	2	0
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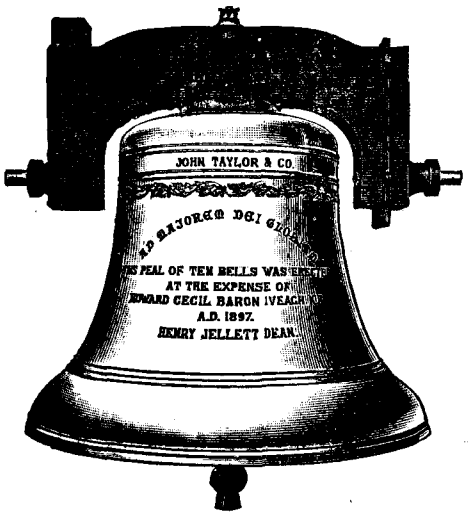

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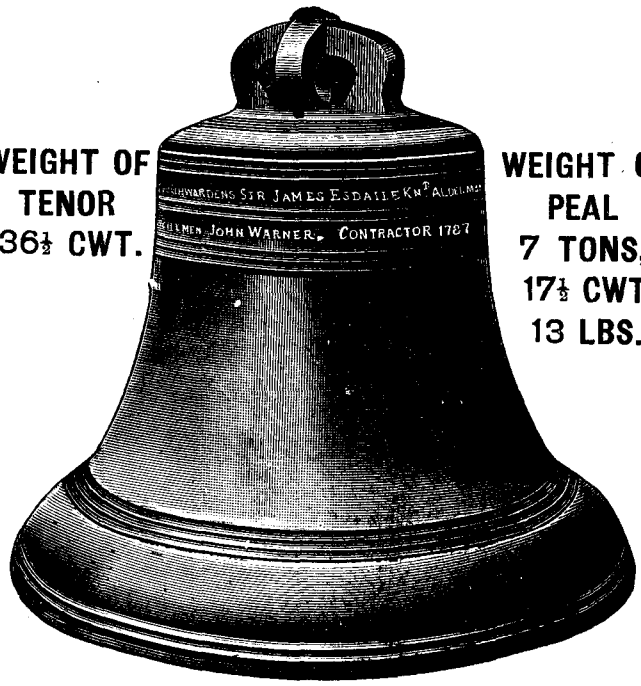

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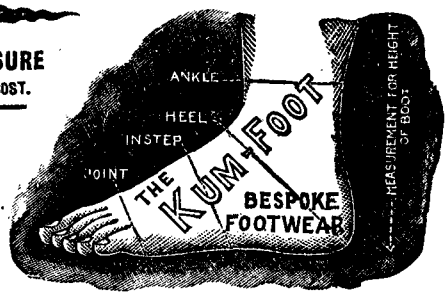

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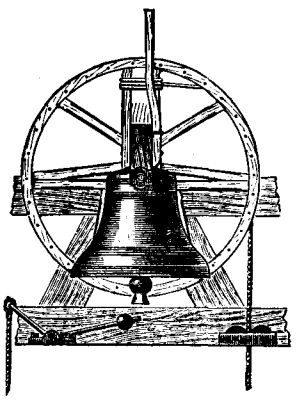

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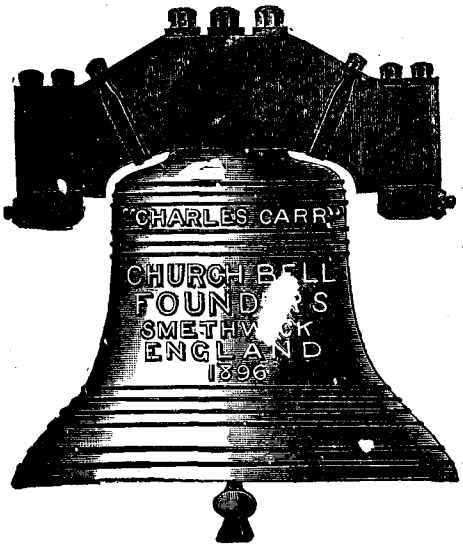

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