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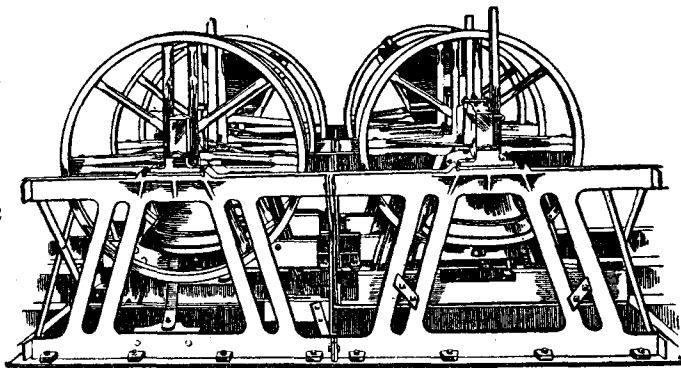
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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The Two Hundred and Seventy-Second Anniversary Dinner of this society was held at The Bridge House hotel on Saturday, November 13th. The chair was occupied by the Master for the year (Mr. J. W. Rowbotham), and Mr. E. A. Davies was vice-chairman. There was an attendance of about two hundred members, among the more prominent were noticed the Lord Bishop of Barking, Miss Macalpine-Leny, of Speldhurst; the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne; the Rev. J. W. Eisdell, Vicar of Barking; the Vicar of Hornchurch; R. A. Daniell, esq., Chiswick; and many other well-known lights of the ringing world. Letters and telegrams regretting inability to attend, and sending best wishes for the success of the evening and the future prosperity of the society, were received from Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., the Archdeacon of London, the Rev. A. W. Hutton, Rector of Bow, Cheapside; Rev. Canon Bell, Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill; Lieut-Gen. Sir Henry Mackinnon; Dr. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A.; Lieutenant Lachlan Mackinnon, H.M.S. "Euryalus;" the Rector of Speldhurst; Mr. W. P. Routh, and Miss Mabel Gilbanks. Mr. Albert Hughes cabled his best wishes from New York.

The Master, Mr. J. W. Rowbotham, submitted the first toast of the evening—"Church, King, and State"—to which the Bishop of Barking replied. His lordship, in the course of a long speech, said that ringers are looked upon now far more than they were as real Church workers, and as having their recognised place in the Church's system, and this shews itself in ways which one cannot help noticing wherever one goes. Whenever I go down into the country for a service, perhaps in the afternoon on a weekday, I find that they have a peal of bells, somehow or other the ringers manage to turn up and give one a hearty welcome on the peal, though possibly it means that they have had some difficulty to get away from their work in order to do it. They are glad to do it, and they value and appreciate the opportunity of doing something, contributing something to the work of the Church in that particular line in which their work is recognised. When one goes up into the belfries, one rarely now, I am glad to say, finds a slovenly belfry. I think the state of things as regards the belfries is very, very much better than it used to be some years ago. Constantly one is called upon to go down to a village, or some place where they have an ancient church, with its peal of bells, to dedicate other new bells or additional bells, or to reopen bells. I am going only to-morrow for this very purpose down to the parish in Essex of my good friend here who sits on my right, who has lately put the belfry a little more in order, to ask God's blessing upon the belfry and upon the ringers, and upon their work. Well, all this is good, I think. It shows that we are drawing together to work for the one common master of us all, and each contributing what we can. If one cannot help in one way one can help in another.

It is a marvel to me, as I listen to the bells ringing out sometimes—I am not a practical bellringer myself—how

bellringers can go on through those marvellous changes that they execute, and never get mixed up in their bells. Of course, you know how it is, but I do not. It seems to me it is a marvellous feat of mind as well as exercise of body, and the man who can carry through a long peal from beginning to end, without making a false pull on the rope, they are men both physically and in other ways thoroughly strong men in mind as well as in body. I can only say that as far as I can judge there is the greatest possible desire on the part of my brethren in the ministry to do all that we can to recognise the good work which is being done by ringers, and as far as I can do anything to help forward that work, it will always be a real delight to me and a real pleasure to me to do it.

Mr. E. A. Davies (vice-chairman) gave the toast—"The Ancient Society of College Youths." He said: We are celebrating the 272nd anniversary of the Society's dinner. A society that has existed now for nearly three centuries must have a strange vitality about it, and there must be a strong undercurrent running through its members to so successfully exist for this number of years. The Society of College Youths have had much to encourage them in the past, and they are not without staunch supporters at the present time. Among those we look up to in London as supporters, one may mention the Dean of St. Paul's, and the Dean of Canterbury, the Archdeacon of London, whose absence from this dinner I am sure we all very much regret, for we have always enjoyed his company when he has found it possible to be present. We have also Sir Arthur Heywood, who is also absent to-night, the Chairman of the Central Council, and we have a friend in Boston, U.S.A., Dr. Nichols, who visited England a few months ago, and he expressed then his regret that he would not be able to be present at the dinner this evening. We have also the incumbents of St. Mary-le-Bow, St. Giles Cripplegate, St. Magnus St. Dunstan-in-the-East, and we have also the Bishop of Barking, whose presence here to-night gives us very great pleasure, and shews the very great interest that he takes in ringers generally, and I know in the diocese in which he works he always makes a point if it is possible, to enquire into the state of the bells in the different churches that he visits, and when it is at all possible he shakes hands with the ringers. Then we have our good friend and lady member, Miss Leny, who I can never recollect being absent from this annual dinner. She graces us by her presence on these occasions, and I am sure that she loves bells, and she loves ringers, and she never misses an opportunity of joining in their company whenever occasion offers it. And then last, but not least, our Society is indebted very much to the very energetic work that is done by our good Secretary, Mr. Cockerill. The success of these dinners, and the Society generally, I am sure depends greatly on the able manner in which he discharges his duties, and they are certainly very arduous, and we thank him very much indeed for all his care and thought for the good of the Society of which we are all members. During the past twelve months the practices of the Society have been well attended at St. Paul's, at

Bow, Cripplegate, St. Magnus, St. Dunstan-in-the-East, and the Society think that the number of practices which are held do far more to promote the Art of change-ringing than scoring so many long peals. It is a matter of congratulation that during the last few years much has been done to the City churches in putting their bells in better going order than they were not many years ago. The peal at Bow are now ringable, although perhaps not all that could be desired, and then again the peal of twelve at St. Giles, Cripplegate, has been rehung by Messrs. Warner, and it is with great satisfaction that we hear that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have in hand the rehanging of that splendid peal of twelve at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and while this is all satisfactory, it is a matter of great regret to all of us that that beautiful peal of twelve hung in Southwark Cathedral, hard by here, are still in an unringable condition, and we hope that before long some steps may be taken that this peal of bells in which the College Youths used to delight to ring some twenty or thirty years ago, may be once more at their disposal.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and immediately afterwards a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on the handbells by C. F. Winney, 1-2; H. R. Newton, 3-4; H. R. Pasmore, 5-6; J. W. Golding, 7-8; H. Langdon, 9-10; A. Walker, 11-12.

In response to the toast the Master said:—The toast of our Ancient Society is one of our hardy annuals. It comes up therefore every year on this our annual banquet, and I think each time it improves. It then goes on and works for another year, growing to keep up the prestige of the old society, and is richly deserving of a prominent place in our programme, and the enthusiasm with which it has been received. When we consider this is the 272nd anniversary, it makes one wonder what our ancestors would think of our stewardship. Personally I feel, and I sure many of my friends here to-night feel also, that we have endeavoured to continue that success which has been handed down to us. The work of the past year has proceeded with the usual smoothness. We have added to our roll of membership thirty-seven new members. Our meetings for practice at the various towers have been well attended, and very successful. We have also had during the late summer two district meetings, one at Barking in Essex, in the month of May, where we spent a very enjoyable afternoon and evening, and the other at Isleworth at the end of June, both of which were highly successful. Therefore generally speaking, we have had a very successful year. In the world of peal-ringing, many fine performances have been accomplished during the year, and amongst others, two on the twelve at Cripplegate, and one on the twelve on St. Paul's Cathedral, but there is one peal which I should like to make special mention. I refer to the long peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus upon the famous Bow bells in the early part of this year. I am sure that you will all agree with me that it was an exceptional performance, and one which does the greatest credit to those who took part in it. The wonderful striking, the time and precision, the physical endurance (for the bells are all tenors at Bow), altogether make a feat which is looked upon with great pride by those who had the pleasure to hear it. What those who took part in it think about it, I will leave to themselves. I may add, gentlemen, that with regard to the Bow bells, a new peal-book has been established in that church

recording all the peals and performances done on those bells from the earliest date that can be procured. I think it embodies the whole peals that have been rung on Bow bells for a very long time, and I am sure it can be seen in the vestry at any time you like to call there, and you will find it a very interesting volume indeed, and as time goes on all peals that are rung on those bells will be recorded in that peal-book, irrespective of any Society's peal-book.

Mr. A. Hughes, in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," said:—It is a matter of very great gratification to ourselves, the members of this Society, to think that we have with us year after year the familiar faces of visitors who are in the habit of attending this dinner. We have with us this evening the Bishop of Barking, the Vicar of Hornchurch, near Romford, and I may say the great city of Eastminster is very well represented this evening. I happened to come down in a Barking train this evening, and I must say that the contingent from that end of the town had taken the carriage by storm, and really we had not seating accommodation. I think we may be pardoned if we always patted ourselves on the back in the number of visitors we get here, because they must think that the College Youths are not such bad fellows after all, but be that as it may, I am quite sure that those visitors who come here think that we do appreciate their company, and we are exceedingly pleased to see them, and I hope we may have the pleasure of welcoming them here for very many years. Some of our most welcome visitors here are the members of the St. George's Glee Union, who have come down year after year to support our worthy Secretary, Mr. Cockerill, and I think we one and all enjoy their company. I am very glad to see the Vicar of Barking, who has been here so many years, and we always look upon him as a regular visitor here, and I trust we shall have him with us for very many years.

The Rev. J. W. Eisdell, Vicar of Barking, in responding, said:—"It is a very great honour indeed to me to be called upon once again to respond at this festive board on behalf of the visitors. First of all I am, as our friend Mr. Hughes has reminded you, becoming a somewhat stale dish as a visitor. I have had the pleasure of responding to this toast once or twice before, but each time that I come to visit the noble Society of College Youths I am impressed afresh with the fact how well they deserve their name of Youths. There they are with that marvellous perpetual youth which characterises, I believe, all enthusiasts in anything they undertake. I am speaking for my friends, the ringers of St. Margaret's Society, Barking. Their enthusiasm is just that of so many boys for their first sailing boat or top. They ring for all they are worth, and with all their hearts at all times. The thing that has always struck me when I go out with ringers for their excursions—for instance, most men when they go out for an excursion forget all about their work, because it is Church work, and a very important branch of Church work, after all—but when ringers go on their holiday, instead of looking at the beauties of the sea or the flowing ripples of the brooks, and all this sort of thing, they go straight up into the belfry, and they pull away in that marvellous precision with which all their work is characterised. I am more and more filled with tremendous admiration for the whole of the Society, and the whole of the work of the bellringers, and I am more and more con-

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vinced that they are very truly, and in a very real sense, a most valuable asset to any parish. I am speaking of one with a little special feeling just now, inasmuch as our own bells at Barking are beginning to hang rather badly, and will soon require a good deal of attention; but I have pledged myself, as Vicar of that parish, to do all in my power, at least to see to it, that those bells shall not stop as long as I am Vicar of that parish, and I am not in the least nervous about it, really, because I know that when such a Society as this puts its shoulders to the wheel the cart has got to go somehow, and the fund for setting the bells right has got to come, and it will come. I thank you on behalf of all us visitors who are enjoying ourselves to the full to-night for the very kind reception and your great hospitality. We have thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and we look forward again, if God spares us, to a similar treat and a similar duty this time next year."

A call was made for the Vicar of Hornchurch, who, however, had to catch his train, and could only express his thanks.

(To be continued.)

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A quarterly meeting was held at St. Giles, Willenhall, on Saturday, December 4th. Unfortunately the weather was not very favourable, but in spite of this a fairly good number put in an appearance. Some old faces generally seen at these meetings, were conspicuous by their absence.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to the tunes of various methods. At 5 o'clock a short service was held in the church, with an interesting address from the Vicar, the Rev. A. M. Pratt. At the committee meeting which followed, it was arranged to hold the next meeting on January 29th, at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton. A splendid tea was provided by Mr. Churchwarden Fox and friends, which was done full justice to.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his address, the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting. In reply he gave a hearty welcome to the members, and said he hoped the time would not be long before he had the pleasure of meeting them again.

The Men's Club had been very kindly thrown open to the members, including the billiard table.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT KNEBWORTH—H. S. Reeves's 50 Peals.—Doubles, six methods, 1; Minor, seven methods, 2; Triples: Oxford Bob, 3; Grandsire, 8; Stedman, 11; Major: Plain Bob, 3; Kent, 5; Double Norwich, 4; Superlative, 11; London (treble), 1; Caters: Grandsire, 1. Total, 50.

LATE NOTICE.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Glington, December 27th. Bells (6) all day. Tea at Six Bells inn at 4.30. Service at 4. Meeting after.
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By SAMUEL WOOD, Ashton-under-Lyne.

5081.

4 2 3 5 6	
3 4 2 5 6	8th in four
2 3 4 5 6	8th in four
3 5 4 2 6	11th in four
4 3 5 2 6	8th in four
3 2 5 4 6	11th in four
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5 2 4 3 6	8th in four
4 5 2 3 6	8th in four
5 3 2 4 6	11th in four
2 5 3 4 6	8th in four
3 4 5 2 6	11th in four s

Repeat the twelve courses, 11th in four for first course gives—

5 4 3 2 6

3 4 6 2 5	M
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3 2 4 6 5	11th in four
4 3 2 6 5	8th in four
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3 4 2 6 5	11th in four
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5000.

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3 4 5 2 6	-	-	-
5 2 3 4 6	-	-	-
3 5 2 4 6	-	-	-
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5 3 2 4 6	-	-	-
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Has 5-6 at home in the last six courses of peal.

The last twelve courses repeated, omitting bob at M in first course.

The 6th her extent at home. *First course produced by bobs at 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

MR. GABRIEL LINDOFF.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Lindoff is progressing favourably, and trusts to be able to be removed from hospital to his home in another week.

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."

TRURO CATHEDRAL.

SIR,—You have frequently been so kind as to let me draw attention to the Truro bells. The ring of ten, tenor 35 cwt., are all cast, and six that I heard, specially the three tenors, are in perfect tune, and of excellent quality. But while the generous Cornishmen are ready to subscribe for a large hour bell of 5½ tons, the Chapter will give no facilities. The western towers and the choir school were built by a grand benefaction of over £20,000 given by one generous lady. But in what looks like the official description in the Church papers, these works are said to be carried out with "funds at the disposal of the Dean and Chapter :"—not a word as to their source. Of course, while the scaffolding is up, and the bells at the foundry, is the time to cast and tune the large bell.

"OLD RINGER."

ELECTRIC DUMB PRACTICE APPARATUS.

SIR,—In last week's instalment of the report of the Dorsetshire ringing tour (so replete with local and correct information), I notice that it is intimated that Mr. Hodgetts, of Dorchester, is the first to apply electricity to dumb practice apparatus. Had the writer visited the neighbouring town of Maiden Newton he would have found that Canon Hankey, the Rector, has had an apparatus of this kind installed for many years. I understood when I saw him there that it was his own invention, and indeed his own handiwork. At the same time I gathered it was not much used, so it may well be that Mr. Hodgetts' system is the more practicable, even if it be not the first to be in use. Of that I know nothing, but I quite agree it is a pity such a system is not in general use.

H. DRAKE.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

SIR,—I am advised by a friend that my peals of Superlative you kindly published last and previous week contain a repetition of changes, and so I ask you to kindly withdraw them, as I had not noticed the error before. Am vexed at giving you the publishing trouble.

H. DAINS.

P.S.—If Mr. William Willson will kindly turn to "THE BELL NEWS," June 13th, 1908, he will find a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major containing the same qualities described in his footnote to his peal of last week's "BELL NEWS."

SHENLEY BELLS, BUCKS.

SIR,—Will you please permit me space to contradict a rumour which has been current regarding the rehangings of above bells by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon? Being one of the band who took part in the first peal of Minor on the bells after the work carried out by this noted firm, I should like to express, on behalf of the band, their entire satisfaction at the "go" of them. Ringers in this neighbourhood regret that such unpleasant rumours, likely to do this firm harm, have been circulated, and all local ringers desire to say that they are in no ways associated with same.

CECIL A. VALENTINE (on behalf of the band).

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Obituary.

WILLIAM TAYLOR.

By the sudden death of the above-named ringer at the age of 59, the members of the Ely Diocesan Association and the ringers of St. Mary's and All Saints churches, Newmarket, have suffered a loss which it is feared will be hard to replace. The sad event took place on the 27th ult. after a very brief illness. Deceased had complained latterly of not feeling well, and although he had kept up ringing until a month ago, had said he was afraid he would have to give it up. Coming to Newmarket some twenty years or more ago, he soon altered the then existing state of affairs at All Saints' belfry, and by his efforts scientific change-ringing took the place of that which formerly held sway. He was for many years head gardener to Mr. Richard Marsh, the trainer of the King's race horses, which position he held to the time of his death. Although he had not taken part in many peals (which are things seldom heard here) yet he was always willing to do anything he could to further the Art he so admired. He was a lover of good striking, and would ride his bicycle almost any distance to have a pull with a good company. Latterly he had been connected with St. Mary's church, and under his instruction the ringers were getting on well. Some six years since, when the five bells at St. Mary's were re-hung, provision was made in the bell frame for a new tenor, and deceased had often expressed the wish that he might have the pleasure of conducting the first 720 on these bells. Alas! this was not to be; he had only taken to his bed a week when his sudden demise from heart disease cast a gloom over the ringing community of the town. Deceased who was married twice, leaves a widow and family of ten. The funeral took place on the 1st inst. at the Newmarket Cemetery, the ceremony being conducted by the Rev. H. B. Young, M.A., Rector of St. Mary's, and amongst the floral tokens of sympathy was a handsome wreath from the ringers of St. Mary's and All Saints churches. In the evening some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles at St. Mary's church, and 720 of Minor at All Saints were rung with the bells half muffled as a last tribute of respect, the following taking part: W. J. Moon, O. Moody, A. Granger, S. Forwood, F. Hamblin, F. C. Turner, T. Wiseman, E. Clark, P. Pindar.

HENRY SEWARD.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of the above ringer, which took place on November 29th, at the age of 66. He was the oldest member of the Isleworth company, having been a ringer at All Saints church for nearly thirty years. Although only a tenor-man, he took a great interest in ringing, and had rung the tenor to five peals. He was a member of the Middlesex Association. The funeral took place on Saturday, December 4th, at Isleworth cemetery, and was attended by representatives from Ealing, Hanwell, Chiswick, Hounslow, Normond Green, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Chandler, of Heston. The parish church bells were rung deeply muffled as the cortege passed the church. In the evening a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the editor, was rung by Messrs. Chave, Lawrence, Macdonald, Lidbetter, Goddard, Beadle (conductor), Harding, and Sheard.

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The object of this fund is to provide a new bell, a flat 6th, as an addition to the existing peal, and thus to form a light octave of the "middle eight" with the 9th bell (19 cwt.) as tenor. The tenor of the full peal of twelve (and, of course, of the back eight) weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £115.

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Already acknowledged...	62	7	0
The St. Peter Mancroft Ringers Guild	12	12	0
Mr. H. Hopson, Beccles (further donation)	0	5	0

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on December the 21st; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 23rd; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 13th and 27th; at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 14th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; and at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 20th; all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity church, Burnley, to-day, Sat., December 11th. Bells ready from 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. J. WATSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chard to-day, Sat., December 11. Service in the parish church at 3.15. Tea in the church rooms at 4 p.m. Meeting to follow. Bells available all the afternoon.

E. E. BURGESS, *Sec.*
Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting of the South-Western Division takes place at Hornchurch to-day, Sat., December 11th. Bells (just rehung) will be available at 3 p.m., followed by a short address in the church at 5 p.m. by the Vicar, Rev. H. Dale, who has kindly promised to take the chair at tea at The Bull inn, 5.30. Members 6d., visitors 1s. 6d.

G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*
7, Richmond Terrace, S. Woodford.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston to-day, Sat., December 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. WALTER HUGHES.

The Herts. Association.—The meeting at Bushey and Oxhey to-day, Sat., December 11th, will take place as announced last week. Ringing will, however, commence at Oxhey at 3.30 and not at Bushey, as stated. All other arrangements will stand.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec. West Division.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A combined practice will be held at Woking (6 bells) to-day, Sat., Dec. 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*
North Street, Guildford.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held to-day, Sat., December 11th, when the towers of Hoddesdon and Broxbourne will be open for ringing. That of Broxbourne from 3.30 till 5 o'clock. Tea at the Salisbury Arms at 5.30. Members 6d., others 8d., per head. Business meeting after. Hoddesdon tower after tea, or before if wanted.

W. H. LAWRENCE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
Little Munden.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Lloyd Street, on

Saturday, December 18th. Bells from 3 to 7.
W. H. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*
106, Bank Street, Clayton.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Middleton, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the schoolroom at 6.30 p.m. prompt. The Rector, Rev. R. Catterall will preside. A good attendance is requested, as business is important.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Next meeting at East Grinstead on December 18th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Those intending to be at the tea should let me know by the 14th of December.

ROBERT J. DAWE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
"Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Members and friends will be cordially welcome.

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

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The anniversary meeting will be held at Gloucester on St. John's Day, Monday, December 27th. Service at St. Mary-de Crypt church at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop. There will be a collection for the bells. Immediately after the service the business meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Rector, in the schoolroom adjoining the church. As we shall have the privilege of hearing a sermon from the Bishop in church, and as the business meeting will be a very important one, it is earnestly hoped that there will be a very large attendance of members at both places. The meeting will be special for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, of passing various alterations then to be submitted in the existing rules. A proposal will also be made to rescind a resolution passed at a meeting at Cirencester on 15th April, 1899, as to the formation of the three branches of the Association now in existence, and also as to the payment of the expenses of representatives on the Central Council. The usual reduction in the dinner fee will be made to those sending in their names to me not later than the 21st inst.

C. E. D. BOURFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*
30, Broad Street, Bristol.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints, Newport, on December 27th, at 3.30. Bells of All Saints (8) and St. Woolos (8) available.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*
JOHN W. JONES, *Assistant Hon. Sec.*
29, Barrack Hill, Newport.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A meeting (in place of the January quarterly meeting) will be held at Bercles on Bank Holiday, December 27th. This will be the general "reopening" of the recently restored ring of ten in the campanile of the parish church. Dinner at the Public Hall at 1 p.m. Notice of intention to be present must be sent me by Wednesday, December 22nd.

C. E. BORETT, *Sec.*
13, Chester Street, Norwich.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—H. Knight has removed from 31, Leicester Street, to 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

"THE ISAAC HILLS MEMORIAL."

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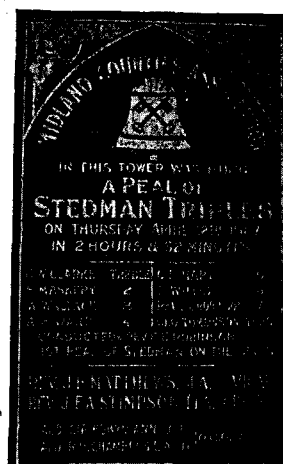
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As a reprint of these pictures will be out of the question, it will be well for our readers to order copies from their news-agents at once.

THE PARISH CHURCH, DARTFORD, KENT.

The tower of this church is being restored and a new clock with chimes is to be erected. It will have two 6ft. illuminated dials, play the Westminster chimes on four bells, and strike the hours on the largest bell in the tower. The tender of Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, has been accepted. This firm made the large Jubilee clock at the neighbouring town of Gravesend.

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The Metropolis.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, November 12, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

GEORGE V. RAWLINGS* .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
GEORGE H. DAVNES 2.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 6.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 3.	HARRY WARETT 7.
ISAAC EMERY 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by JAMES HUNT, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal of Major.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, November 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

CHARLES WALKER Treble.	GEORGE DAYNES 5.
HENRY WARETT 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 3.	HARRY BARRETT 7.
WILLIAM HEWETT 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS, THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, December 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,***A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. .. Treble.	ERNEST S. POLL 5.
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 2.	GEORGE RADLEY 6.
JAMES SAXBY 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD 4.	GEORGE PAICE Tenor.

Composed by F. DENGH, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

This is the first peal of London Surprise ever rung in which a lady has taken part.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS, AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, December 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, LOUGHTON,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

JOHN MOULE Treble.	JAMES RANN 5.
WILLIAM H. DORAN 2.	GEORGE CARTER 6.
GEORGE F. MARGETSON 3.	WALTER CLARK 7.
EDWARD A. BACON 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Rev. J. Whitaker Maitland, M.A., for fifty-three years Rector of Loughton, who was interred the previous day.

The Provinces.**FELIXKIRK, THIRSK, NORTHUMBERLAND. CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s each called differently.

H. BROWN Treble.	J. STOTT 4.
R. BROWN 2.	G. NEESAM 5.
R. E. NEESAM 3.	J. W. NEESAM Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. NEESAM.

First peal on the bells.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, November 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S.**

HERBERT MARKWELL .. Treble.	ELGAR KING 5.
ALBERT LONGLEY 2.	GEORGE EDWARDS 6.
EDWARD BRIDGER 3.	HARRY SEAL 7.
ARCHIBALD DENTON 4.	ERNEST EVEREST Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to King Edward and A. Longley, the band wishing them many happy returns.

FAREHAM, HANTS.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Three Hours,**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

EDWIN J. HARDING* .. Treble.	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 5.
JAMES E. GROVES 2.	*WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 6.
GEORGE NOICE* 3.	*WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 7.
HENRY W. WILKES* .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Superlative. Rung to celebrate the birthdays of Mrs. Bayley, mother of the ringer of the 5th, and James George, son of the ringer of the 7th.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

THOMAS J. HULL* .. Treble.	*SAMUEL E. ROBERTS .. 5.
HENRY S. REEVES* .. 2.	*LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH .. 6.
GEORGE T. CROFT* .. 3.	JOHN C. DICKEN 7.
ROBERT T. KING* .. 4.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. Tenor.

Composed by J. Cox, and Conducted by EDWARD WHITBREAD.

*First peal of Major. †Fiftieth peal; list elsewhere.

OSPRINGE, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S SIX-PART.**

GEORGE HENRY SPICE* .. Treble.	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 5.
EDWIN E. BRIDGES 2.	*ALFRED R. ROESON 6.
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE .. 3.	WILLIAM SPICE 7.
CHARLES H. DRAKE 4.	HERBERT BAKER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SPICE.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Thomas Best, one of the local band.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Two Hours Fifty-four Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

C. PLUMMER Treble.	J. NORTH 4.
H. CARDER 2.	A. GOUGH 5.
R. HAWKINS 3.	W. NEWTON Tenor.

Conducted by J. NORTH.

First peal on the bells. First peal by a local band.

BLAKENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY PRICE Treble.	JOHN BASS 5.
GEORGE PIGOTT 2.	ALFRED DAVIES 6.
GEORGE HUGHES 3.	JOSEPH PIGOTT 7.
HERBERT KNIGHT 4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

The composition of this peal is the first half of a 5184 Double Norwich composed by J. R. Pritchard, and was rung at the first time of meeting and without any previous practice. It is also the first peal in the method by all the band and on the bells, and by the above Society.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOSEPH W. PARKER Treble.	J. J. LEIGHTON 5.
JOHN CUMMINGS* 2.	ROBERT W. LOVIE 6.
RALPH A. LOVIE 3.	†ROBERT L. PATTERSON 7.
WM. SMALLWOOD 4.	WILLIAM T. ROBSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

*First peal. †First peal of Major. This is the first peal produced in the method with forty-nine calls only.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. Treble.	JOHN HOLMAN 5.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 2.	WALTER ALLWOOD 6.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3.	WILLIAM H. TUCKER 7.
WALTER ROBINSON 4.	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt

THOMAS J. WATTS Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY 5.
GEORGE JORDAN 2.	THOMAS JORDAN 6.
WILLIAM WATTS 3.	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7.
WALTER PRIOR 4.	HENRY J. TUCKER Tenor.

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

Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Miss Tucker, eldest daughter of the conductor; also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. J. Tucker, the band wishing them both many happy returns.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOSEPH TIMMS Treble.	ROBERT PICKERING 5.
REV. C. CABEW COX 2.	ALFRED ROWLEY 6.
SAMUEL REEVES 3.	THOMAS H. REEVES 7.
REV. E. V. COX 4.	JOHN C. ADAMS Tenor.

This peal was rung in silence, and without a conductor, Messrs. T. Miller and W. H. Godden, acting as witnesses in the ringing-chamber and checking the ringing from the figures.

EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS MUDGE Treble.	EDMUND SARGENT 5.
FRANK DAVEY 2.	WILLIAM RICHARDSN 6.
ALFRED MONKLEY 3.	EDWIN SHEPHERD 7.
WILLIAM MOGRIDGE 4.	JOHN RICHARDS Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES H. RIDING Treble.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 5.
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 2.	JOHN DENTITH 6.
HARRY FUPBER HOLDING* 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. 7.
ROBERT SPERRING 4.	†WILFRED GILL Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

*First peal away from the treble. †First peal. Rung after meeting short for Stedman.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

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

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH Treble.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 5.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 2.	ARTHUR HOLMES 6.
C. WILLIAM SMITH 3.	JAMES OSBORN 7.
JOHN W. LAKE 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

First peal of Cambridge in the county, by the Diocesan Guild, and the first Surprise peal by all except the conductor. Rung on the birthday of Mr. K. Richardson, father of the ringers of the 2nd and 5th.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5072 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt

FREDERICK RICE Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 2.	ERNEST GOWER 6.
CHARLES PALMER† .. 3.	ALBERT D. STONE .. 7.
RICHARD STREDWICK .. 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

*Fiftieth peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt.

NORMAN R. BAILEY Treble.	EDGAR H. BAILEY 5.
JAMES M. BAILEY 2.	FREDERICK J. SMITH .. 6.
GEORGE BERRY 3.	ERNEST S. BAILEY .. 7.
CHARLES SAMSON 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal of New Cambridge on the bells, and by all the band.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON Treble.	TOM WILDE 5.
ALFRED BARNES 2.	ALBERT HOUGH 6.
GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 3.	THOMAS RAMSEY 7.
WILLIAM BUTLER 4.	FRED HOLT Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FRED HOLT.

This peal was rung in commemoration of the Dedication of the bells, November 18th, 1898.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

THOMAS ROBINSON Treble	†GEORGE W. TOWNSEND .. 5.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 2.	OLIVER NORMAN 6.
ROBERT W. HYNERT .. 3.	CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 7.
HENRY W. L. WELLS* .. 4.	ALFRED W. HARRINGTON.. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT W. HYNERT.

†First peal as conductor. *First peal in the method. †First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. T. Robinson and A. W. Harrington, the ringers wishing them many happy returns.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

W. BROWN Treble.	H. J. MEE 4.
W. LEGGETT 2.	E. RIVERS 5.
G. W. MEE 3.	CHARLES E. FISHER .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. RIVERS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. W. Mee.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

GORDON CHECKETTS Treble.	JOHN SPARKES 4.
CHARLES HARRISON 2.	CHARLES SMITH 5.
JOHN BOURNE 3.	ALFRED SPARKES Tenor.

Conducted by G. CHECKETTS.

First peal by all except the ringer of the treble.

BOBBING, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES E. WATERS* .. Treble.	THOMAS JULL 4.
WILLIAM G. KITCHINGHAM .. 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 5.
WILLIAM SPICE 3.	ALBERT J. DAY Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

*First peal.

ROWBERROW, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 7 cwt.

WALTER J. COURT Treble.	THOMAS WYATT 4.
WILLIAM DAVIS 2.	FREDRICK DEREICH .. 5.
GILBERT G. COURT 3.	JAMES A. BLACKMORE .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS WYATT.

First peal on the bells.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	CHARLES HORNE 4.
ANDREW LAYTON 2.	ARTHUR HADLEY 5.
CHARLES LAYTON 3.	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal by the tenor man, who took the vacant rope after meeting short and rang his first 720 in three of the methods.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 22, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

JOHN SMITH Treble.	GEORGE ARCHER 5.
THOMAS FORD, JUN. 2.	AUBREY FORD 6.
CHARLES MILLS 3.	JOHN SOUTER 7.
ARTHUR KREBLE 4.	CLEMENT MORE Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

Longest peal on the bells. Taken from Snowdon's Treble Bob; page 13.

STICKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH).

On Tuesday, November 23, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

J. T. CLARKE Treble.	A. SHARPE 3.
WM. METCALF 2.	E. DODDS 4.
H. LANCASTER Tenor.	

Conducted by J. T. CLARKE.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 23, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOSEPH PETTIT Treble.	HARRY MEADOWS 4.
GEORGE LINES 2.	FREDERICK STURMAN .. 5.
ARTHUR SMEATHERS .. 3.	WILLIAM B. MEADOWS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM B. MEADOWS.

First peal in seven methods as conductor.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 25, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5061 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

ALFRED T. HYLAND .. Treble.	JOHN CARTER 6.
WILLIAM H. JONES .. 2.	*PETER LAFLIN 7.
JAMES JONES 3.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 4.	PERCY O. LAFLIN 9.
EDMUND J. HYLAND .. 5.	FRANK BENNETT Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This is the first peal of 5061 Grandsire Caters ever rung, and is strictly to the method. It has the 5th and 6th twenty-four times behind the 9th, and the 6th twelve times before the 7th, and was rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Jones, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. *First peal of Caters.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BECKENHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday, November 9th, in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Union Triples. C. Terry, J. Town, G. Clarke, F. King, F. Terry, J. Lovell, W. Smith conductor, W. Meek. First in the method by Messrs. Clarke and King. Composed by G. Durling.

DOVER (Kent).—On Sunday, October 10th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 47 mins. J. B. Saunders, L. J. Roper, W. Sheaff, E. Potter, C. R. Millway conductor, H. C. Saywell, C. Turner, C. Sheaff. This was rung for the anniversary of the restoration of the bells and the Harvest Festival.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday, November 28th, at St. Saviour's, for Confirmation, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. W. J. E. Jones, J. C. Adams, C. J. Bartlett, H. Street, G. B. Lucas, sen., E. D. Lillywhite, H. F. Hull conductor, H. Rumens.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY ABBEY (Hants).—On Sunday, October 3rd, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. W. Manning, J. Elcombe, F. Paskins, F. Hand, J. Walker, T. Cole, W. G. Fowler conductor, W. Payne. On Tuesday, October 5th, for practice, 784 Bob Major. W. Manning, F. Hand, F. Paskins, J. Elcombe, R. White, J. Walker, T. Cole, W. J. Fowler conductor. On Sunday, October 10th, for Divine Service, 384 Bob Major, standing as before.

EWHRST (Surrey).—On October 15th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Francis, J. Russell, W. Tidy, J. Luff, R. Whittington, W. Denyer conductor. This is the first 720 in the method by the ringers of 1, 4, and 6, also the treble ringer's first 720 Minor, and the first 720 as conductor by W. Denyer. Also on same date 240 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. A. Francis, J. Luff, W. Tidy, W. Denyer, R. Whittington, J. Russell. First in the method by the ringers of 1, 2, and 4.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON (Wilts).—At the parish church, August 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. Lawrence, C. J. Gardiner, R. W. Hyner, S. Palmer, T. Robinson, O. Norman conductor, J. M. Brinkworth. August 3rd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. E. L. Cockey, A. Lawrence conductor, R. W. Hyner, G. W. Townsend, T. Robinson, H. W. L. Wells, C. J. Gardiner, H. Osborne. September 26th, for evening service, 560 Double Norwich. A. Lawrence, C. W. Layng, R. W. Hyner, R. Thompson, T. Robinson, O. Norman, S. Palmer, C. J. Gardiner conductor. October 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Thompson, A.

Lawrence, R. W. Hyner conductor, S. Palmer, C. J. Gardiner, O. Norman, T. Robinson, A. W. Harrington. For evening service, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major. O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, E. Bishop, T. Robinson, H. W. L. Wells, O. Norman, C. J. Gardiner conductor. On October 10th, for evening service, 224 Bob Major. A. Lawrence, C. W. Layng, C. J. Gardiner, O. Norman, R. W. Hyner, H. W. L. Wells, T. Robinson, S. Palmer. On October 12th, for practice, a course of Superlative Surprise. T. Robinson, R. Thompson, R. W. Hyner, H. W. L. Wells, S. Palmer, O. Norman, C. J. Gardiner, E. Bishop.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOKINGHAM (Berks).—On Thursday, October 14th, at the church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. E. Whittingham, W. J. Paice (composer and conductor), F. Lush, S. Paice, A. Price, J. French, J. F. Mattingley, A. Hill. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Barnard, of Frog Hall, Wokingham, to Mr. Clifford Wells, B.A., one of the masters at Wellington College, near Wokingham.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ELLINGHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, October 17th, for evening service for Harvest Festival, 120 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles. W. Felgate, A. Baldry, F. Hembling, C. Woods, E. Lincoln conductor. Also other 120s, in which A. Williams took part, conducted by W. Felgate.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

CRANFORD.—On Sunday, October 10th, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Minor, 1260 changes, being 360 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Double Court, and 180 Oxford Bob in 42 mins. F. Lewin, J. Saddington, J. Lewin, B. J. Saddington, M. Norton, G. Lines conductor. 216 Plain Bob. B. Saddington, G. Lines, F. Lewin, M. Norton, J. Lewin, J. Saddington conductor. 120 Oxford. F. Lewin, G. Lines, M. Norton, J. Saddington, J. Lewin, B. J. Saddington conductor.

SHENLEY (Bucks).—On Saturday, October 9th, at St. Mary's, 720 Doubles, being 360 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. C. W. Burgess, J. Higgins conductor, W. Pether, W. Daniels, G. F. Clarke, E. Willett. First touch in two methods by all except conductor. 180 Bob Minor, with H. Cameron in place of E. Willett. After this ring G. Clarke (in absence of the Rector), on behalf of the Rector and ringers, presented Mr. J. Higgins with a small testimonial on his leaving the district, and thanking him for his past and much valued services in helping them in the Art.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Monday evening, October 11th, at St. Andrew's parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 48 mins. W. Massey, A. Prestidge, H. Hill, W. Prestidge, H. Hubble, C. Robinson, A. Greenfield conductor, J. Massey. Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the late H. M. Hingley, esq., of High Park, Droitwich, also of the firm of N. Hingley and Sons, Ltd., Netherton Ironworks, Dudley.

SOUTH TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 17th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles. J. C. Davideon, C. Ross, E. Davidson, A. Howell, T. C. Ringrose conductor. First 720 as conductor.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday, October 3rd, at St. Luke's, the editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. G. Chesterman, F. Davis, F. Smith, G. Watkins, A. Newman, J. Barber, H. Mance conductor, J. Daynes. On Sunday, October 17th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 51 mins. G. Watkins, W. Dean, F. Davis, F. Smith, W. Saban, A. Newman, J. Barber, H. Mance conductor.

WHITCHURCH (near Cardiff).—On Sunday, October 10th, at St. Mary's church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. S. Dawe, F. I. Bailey, W. Biss conductor, F. Cox, F. Chamberlain, J. Clutterbuck. Also 360 Bob Minor. F. Cox, F. J. Bailey, W. Biss, J. Clutterbuck, F. Chamberlain, S. Dawe

conductor. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. The above ringers hail from Cardiff except F. T. Bailey, who is a member of the local band which has recently been formed.

WEST DERBY (Liverpool).—On Sunday September 26th, for Harvest Festiva morning service, 720 of Oxford Single Minor. Evening service 720 of Plain Bob Minor. After evening service 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. R. Dilworth, J. Hudson, A. Taylor, W. Hargraves, G. Dickenson, J. Johnson. All conducted by W. Hargraves.

WALLINGFORD (Berks).—On Wednesday, September 29th, 266 Grandsire Triples. H. R. Cooper, R. G. Rice conductor, G. F. James, J. Abery, A. R. Bosley, E. Bannister, G. Caudwell, F. W. Woodwards. Plain course of Grandsire Major. H. R. Cooper, F. W. Woodwards, G. F. James, J. Abery, R. G. Rice, G. Caudwell, A. R. Bosley, E. Bannister.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 24th, for morning service, the editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. E. Webb, F. Goddard, A. Macdonald, T. Beadle, W. Lidbetter, C. Dell, G. Spencer conductor, A. Sheard.

BUSHEY (Herts).—On Monday, October 18th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 720 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. M. F. H. Hibbert, J. J. Allen, T. R. Scott, F. A. Smith, B. Prewett conductor, F. Edwards, W. G. Whitehead, R. E. Stavert.

EALING.—On October 17th, for evening service, the first part of Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Lawrence conductor, F. J. Walsom, E. Harris, A. Tabor, F. Winter, H. Browning, A. Harding, G. Green.

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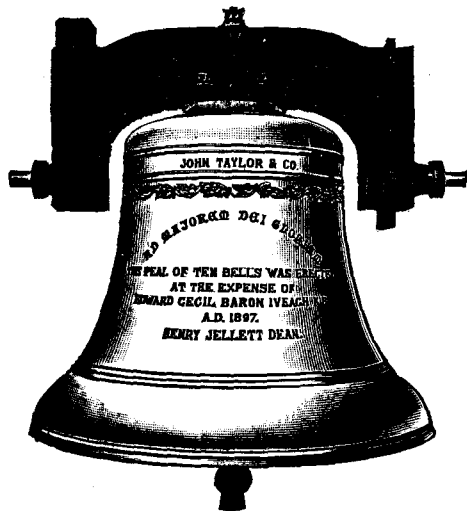
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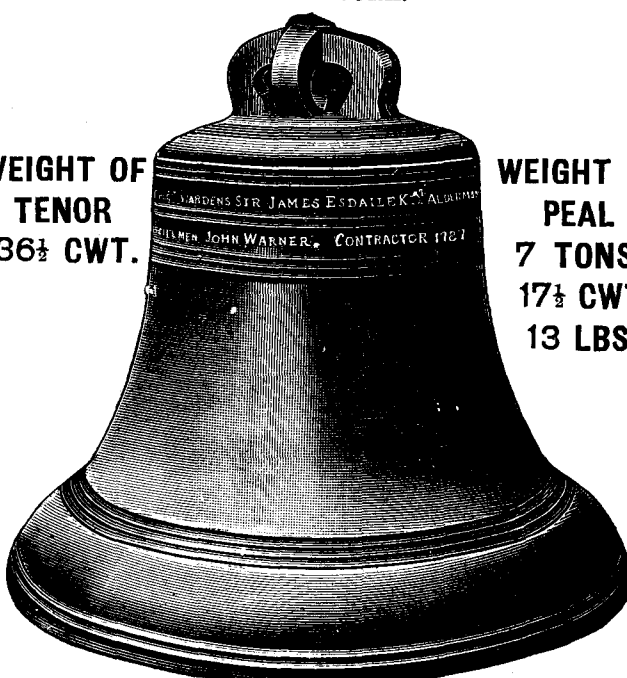
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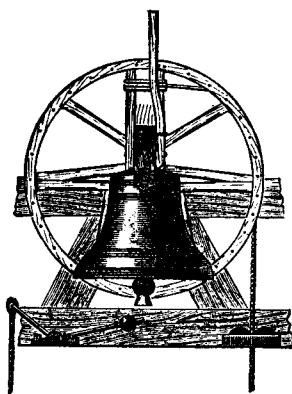
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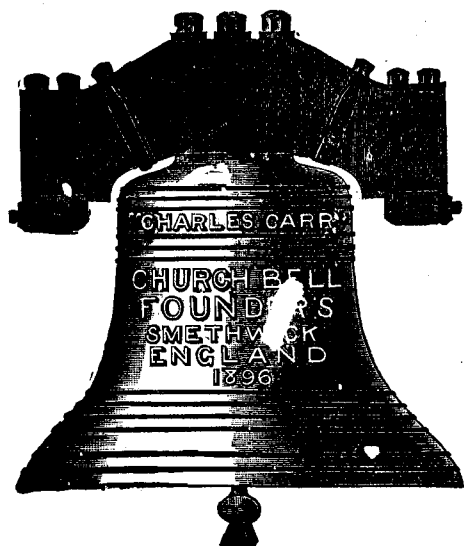
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