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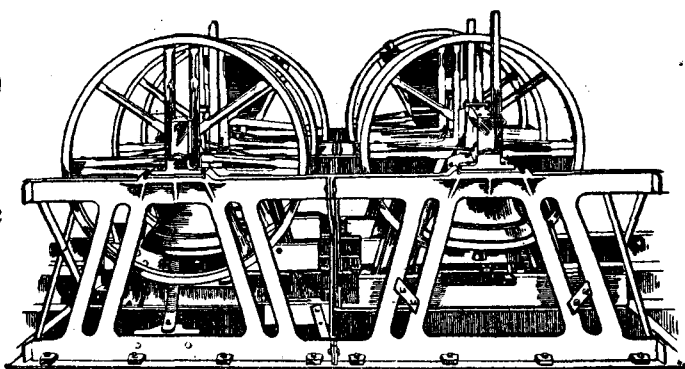
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A TOUR OF "EASY" CHANGES.

"I am arranging for a week's easy ringing and motoring—meet at Nuneaton Monday, October 11th. Can you come? No record-breaking." It was in response to such an attractive invitation that six devotees of the Art met the sender at the rendezvous on the day named. To those who were unfamiliar with the requirements of a motorist the question, "What shall I take?" was somewhat problematical. With one exception, however, no more serious mistake in deciding was made than to provide umbrellas. Fancy whizzing through the country in an open car at forty miles an hour with an umbrella up! But what would happen under similar circumstances to an occupant who had adorned himself with a faultless silk hat? We can only surmise. The experiment was not made. For our companion, who appeared so adorned, was prevailed upon to abandon the article in question in favour of the modest cap. Thus equipped we were called upon to make the first "easy change," a walk to the parish church for short touches on the bells. It proved very easy, for on arrival we were able to indulge in half-an-hour's rest before the man with the key appeared. He had not expected us so early. After sampling the bells by the well known methods of Grandsire, Treble Bob, and Stedman, the next change was on rubber wheels to the hospitable board of the Vicar of Chilvers Coton. Our participation in the good things provided fitted us to embark on the more weighty change of a peal attempt at his church, otherwise known to readers of George Eliot as "Shepperton." With the kind assistance of Messrs. Chapman and Argyle, on a new ring of Loughborough quality and go, success crowned our effort of three hours' duration less one minute. Back we were whizzed to our hotel for supper, and the usual social hour and handbell ringing, which put a period to the first day's changes. "A long run for us to day" was the information furnished us on Tuesday morning. Accordingly after breakfast we lost no time in setting off, Coventry being our first objective. Time only for a hurried run round could be spared, during which we snatched a glance at St. Michael and Trinity churches with their graceful spires, the Guildhall of 14th century date and 400 years' old tapestry, Prince's chamber panelled and furnished in old oak, and the wooden bell tower which holds the ring of eight once hanging in Trinity tower.

Warwick was reached before lunch time, and the interval was utilised for an inspection of some of the historically and otherwise interesting contents of the old parish church. Standing on elevated ground, its high square tower, crowned with massive pinnacles, presents an imposing sight as the town is approached. Within we were shown by the man in charge—a brother-string by the way—the Beauchamp Chapel, dating back to 1443, the squint, the crypt, the ducking-stool—last used 170 years ago—the old fire alarm bell of peculiar shape, etc. The bells in the tower were at our disposal, so we, with our guide, made our way to the roomy and well-appointed ringing-chamber, and indulged for a short time in Caters,

Major, and Triples. Time required us to be elsewhere, so we left with much reluctance, and regret at being able to give so short a time to objects worthy of close attention and study. We did steal time after lunch for a tour round the Leicester Hospital and its chapel, the historical associations of which are most attractive. A slight deviation in the route was made to enable us to obtain a distant view of Kenilworth Castle, and a short halt called to see the Saxon mill near Guy's Cliff, which we were told is referred to in the Domesday survey. Speedily the intervening distance to Stratford-on-Avon was covered, and we landed into the midst of Shakspeare's townsmen holding the high festival of "mop fair." The ceremony of roasting an ox had ended ere we arrived, so we went direct to the church for a few "easy" touches, in one of which the Rev. C. Carew Cox joined. Stern necessity forbade lingering in and viewing the haunts of our great poet. Reaching Evesham, those of us who had got well ahead of some of the others halted to await their arrival, and meanwhile went to see the two churches and massive campanile enclosed within the bounds of the same churchyard. Our companions were not in evidence on our return nor after we had refreshed the inner man, so we hurried on to Cheltenham, the stopping place for the night. Still we missed our friends. Though we identified luggage we could hear nothing of the motors, and concluded they must have conveyed their respective freights to Charlton Kings, where a peal attempt had been arranged. But no; all was in darkness and silence at the church when we arrived there, nor had Messrs. Phillott and Pates, whom we ultimately unearthed, seen anything of the missing ones. What was to be done? "Have a ring and return to our hotel" was suggested and decided upon. Accordingly a few of the local ringers were called together, and while the bells were being raised the lost ones appeared. They had passed us while we were in Evesham churchyard and had stabled the motors elsewhere in Cheltenham on their arrival. There was no choice but to abandon the arrangement for a peal, and to be content with a few touches. Then we adjourned to our hotel, and spent the rest of the night jollily amongst ourselves, augmented as the party was by Messrs. Phillott, uncle and nephew Pates, and John Austin. Our "hatlessly" friend proved to be in good form with "stories" relative to almost every change of conversation. So ended the second day of easy changes, easy indeed in the transition from one to another, and delightful in the variety of their character.

"You can ring at the parish church and at Leckhampton this morning," was the message phoned to us by our thoughtful and obliging friend Pates. Accordingly after breakfast on Wednesday we proceeded to carry out the arrangements made for us. The bells at the former church are a good going ring of ten, and the touches of Caters accomplished on them afforded us the true ringers' pleasure. Those at Leckhampton are a light ring of eight with a tenor under 10 cwt. Our locomotives quickly conveyed us there and back, and after exchanging adieus with our Cheltenham friends proceeded to translate us along the vale between the Malvern and Cotswold hills to

Tewkesbury. It may be parenthetically remarked here that Cheltenham claims celebrities other than ringing. The memory of one such is perpetuated on a tombstone in the parish churchyard by a rhyming composition, the first couplet of which is:—

Here lies John Higgs.
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Everything about Tewkesbury Abbey charmed us, except perhaps the incongruous insertion of a lancet-shaped window in a fine Norman arch at the west end, and the bells. The work of the bellhanger would improve the latter and their attachments. We, however, succeeded in ringing a few touches ere we descended the four-score and more steps intervening between the ringing chamber and nave. This done we were ready for "a snack of bread and cheese," and to be conveyed to Quedgeley. There we started for a peal with our in embryo "best ringer in the world" on the tenor, trying to score the first of the many peals he has yet to ring. He, however, learned thus early how easily success is prevented; the attempt coming to grief within half an hour. The failure was duly announced outside by a fanfare of motor-horns. We were out for "easy changes," so the breakdown was treated as a matter of course, and was followed by a few short touches and a lot of stories by our "hatlessly" friend while traversing the few yards between the church and the motors. In due time we were in Gloucester and in possession of our number for the night at the very old New Inn hotel. "There will be an hour's ringing on the bells of St. Michael's before service," said our friend Austin. Accordingly we put in an appearance at 6 o'clock, and found ourselves on the ground floor in the midst of ten ropes, having a visible draught of at least 60-ft. Touches of Caters and Treble Ten were rung with the co-operation of the local ringers, who kindly turned up in force, and the last "change" for the day was an hour's fellowship with them at their headquarters.

Dursley, Wotton-under-Edge and Cirencester appeared on the programme for Thursday. Prior to leaving Gloucester a short time was spent in viewing the Cathedral, with its massive pillars and beautiful cloisters. On our return to the hotel we had the great pleasure of meeting the Rev. E. Bankes James, and he afforded us the further pleasure of joining us for the day. In due time, after "the two best ringers in the world" had been photographed, "go" was called for a peal of Stedman at Dursley, and the welcome "that's all" was heard after 3 hrs. 9 mins. most enjoyable ringing on a superb ring of Taylor's. So perfect was the hanging that a stalwart member of the party declared he would be ready to go one better than Mr. Washbrook's feat by ringing the tenors in a peal if the draught were a little shorter. After lunch we were rapidly trundled along the slope of the Cotswold Hills to Wotton-under-Edge, where touches only was on the order paper. These over we set out for the last run of the day—to Cirencester. The way lay along the top of the Cotswolds, whence we could see the lights of Stroud and Gloucester. Nothing of interest happened en route, and we were glad to reach our journey's end and so escape the raw air to which we had been exposed. Our "hatless" friend was soon on the war-path after we arrived, making known his hope to those looking after our wants at The King's Head, that the kettle was boiling, and bustling Florence and Thomas with rare judgment. It was Thomas' misfortune not to be good looking enough, so he was bidden not to come again. Florence was pretty, and possessed beautiful teeth. Yes, was the ready response, and they can bite. Our friend collapsed, and we proceeded

with tea. He, however, soon recovered, and gave us to anticipate a jolly evening. So we had, and some of the local ringers shared the pleasure. Stories galore. Hand-bell ringing face to face and back to back, and a first extent of Doubles, two in hand, by our future best ringer. Mr. James left us about 8.30 to return to Gloucester, but the fun was kept up until an unmentionable hour, when policy dictated it would be wise to retire. Florence had a substantial breakfast ready for us early the next morning, after which we visited the parish church and experimented in a number of easy and varied changes—rounds on twelve, with the help of some of the local friends; touches of Caters, and of Major on a light eight, and on an eight in a minor key. This last was an outrage on the musical ears of some of the party, who were decidedly sceptical as to its musical legitimacy.

Subsequently we adjourned to Watermoor church for more touches on a fine ring of eight, tenor about a ton, and then set out for the next lap of our journey. We met with two new experiences, the burst of a tyre and motoring in rain, neither, naturally, being pleasant. We stopped at Fairford, where there is a grand old church with very fine old stained glass windows, a little of the history and significance of which the Vicar related to us. A broken rope prevented us ringing, so on we went to Witney and hunted up the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who kindly made it possible for us to have a pull, and joined us in it. It was dark when we had finished, and as fourteen miles lay between us and Oxford we bade him goodbye and set off, reaching our destination in time to hear Great Tom at Christ Church make his 101 strokes. The rest of the evening we spent together quietly, studying time tables in view of the break up on the morrow, etc. At the breakfast table next morning our jolly though hatless friend proceeded to unburden himself of his feelings of gratitude for, and appreciation of, Messrs. Taylor and Worthington's kindness in organising so unique and delightful a tour, in extending to us invitations to join therein, and in providing the motors; sentiments which were endorsed with quiet enthusiasm. "Be ready to start at 11.30" was the order passed round. An interval of two hours remained at our disposal, within which some of us attempted to do Oxford. Fortunately we were in the hands of those who knew the short cuts, and were thus enabled to obtain a glance at the colleges and other objects of interest, and to en-motor punctually to time. "Banbury first stop," so off we started, and arrived well in front of the scheduled time. Then the break-up began; Messrs. Carpenter, Wright, and Hatterley were the first to depart for their northern destinations, quickly followed by Mr. Pye for London. The remnant of the party now numbered six, and was easily divisible between the three motors. So arranged we set out via Daventry for the next place of parting—a quiet spot on Watling Street, whence Messrs. Worthington and Austin continued on their course, whilst Messrs. Beeston, Taylor, and Fox were switched off to the north-east through Lutterworth to Loughborough. Here, after a cup of tea at Mr. Taylor's hospitable board, the New Mills and Wirksworth units set out for their respective termini.

Thus ended a tour happy and unique in its conception, comprehensive in its arrangements, and most enjoyable in its realization. Obviously local assistance was needed at different places *en route*, which was invariably generously given, and for which we tender our sincere thanks. B.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The usual quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Warnham on Saturday, November 27th, a fairly good number of ringers being present. Ringing commenced soon after 4 o'clock, the methods practised being Grandsire Triples, Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Major. Tea was held at The Sussex Oak inn at 5.30, the chair being taken by C. J. Lucas, esq., Life Hon. Member and churchwarden, the Vicar being abroad on account of his health. There were also present Mr. F. B. Tompkins (Master of the Association), the curate-in-charge, the Divisional Secretary, Messrs. Winch and Whittington (Life Members), and representatives from Arundel, Billingshurst, Pulborough, Slinfold, and Warnham, numbering twenty-six. The usual business followed the tea. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed. Four new members were elected to the Warnham branch, and two independent members from Billingshurst. Mr. Blackman proposed that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Warnham, which was carried.

Mr. Tompkins proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and mentioned that the next annual meeting would be held at Chichester, and he hoped it would be as successful as it had been in the other two divisions. He also expected that the Bishop would be present.

The chairman, in responding, mentioned that he was much interested in bells, and he was to hear that the Warnham members were increasing, and that they once held the county challenge bell, and he hoped they would be successful to win it again.

This concluded the business, and the ringers returned again to the tower.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 9th, the ringers of the parish church, Bolsover, held their annual excursion, Birmingham being the place selected. Journeying to Chesterfield by brake, an early train was caught. Arriving at our destination we were met by Messrs. Godden and Painter, who conducted us to the Cathedral church, and thence to The Swan hotel, which place was of great importance to the whole of us, as here it was the inner man was being catered for. After a light refreshment we were conducted round a few of the principal streets, and a visit to the famous Art Gallery. Dinner time having arrived, we were joined by Mr. John Carter. After justice was done to the good things provided, a move was made to St. Martin's church, special favour being granted to us (being market day). Bells up, a few rounds were rung on the twelve, our company not being able to master the intricacies of twelve-bell change-ringing. After that, Superlative, Cambridge, and London was rung on the back eight. During this time we were joined by Messrs. Groves and Withers, and others of the St. Martin's company. Time being limited, tracks were made to Aston-juxta. Here our members considerably increased. We were shown the burial-place of the late Henry Johnson. Ascending the tower we were joined by our old friend Mr. James George, of Rugby, and Plain Bob, Treble Ten, and Stedman Caters were rung. Returning to our hotel, twenty sat down to an excellent tea, after which, Mr. J. Flint, on behalf of the Bolsover company, thanked the Birmingham and Aston ringers, not forgetting Messrs. Plant and Jones, towerkeepers at the respective churches, for the way they

had catered for their pleasure, and in making the outing such an enjoyable one. Train time arrived, and a host of ringers and friends accompanied them to the station, arriving home about 10.30, all expressing the opinion that it was one of the best outings they had ever had. J. F.

HADLOW, KENT.

The local band of ringers at St. Mary's church, has just completed a peal of 5040 changes on their eight bells in 2 hrs. 51 mins. This is the fourth important peal recorded as having been rung in this tower by a band of entirely local ringers. The earlier peals were on November 28th, 1854, a peal of Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 1 min., conducted by George Taylor. On February 29th, 1909, a peal of Grandsire Triples, in 2 hrs. 56 mins., conducted by W. Latter, of Tunbridge Wells. On December 5th, 1908, a peal of Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 56 mins., conducted by Arthur H. Reader, and rung in honour of the induction of the Vicar. The latest peal on December 14th, 1909, was of Bob Triples, composed by Henry Hubbard, and conducted by Arthur H. Reader.

While many towers have so many peals that they cease to be recorded, the majority of these are rung by bands which are wholly or partially visitors. The records in Hadlow tower are all of work by the local band only, and in connection with the latest peal it is interesting to note that George Taylor, who rung the tenor bell, is a grandson of George Taylor who conducted the peal in 1864.

The Hadlow band is now a very strong one, and is working very well, for beyond the members who rang in the peal are two quite capable of standing in, and a few good apprentices. In addition to tower work, the band gets a little practice with the handbells, and during the Christmas season have accompanied the choir on their carol-singing rounds.

Obituary.

RICHARD CREASEY.

We regret to record the death of the above ringer, captain of the St. Paul's ringers, Spalding, who passed away on December 6th last at the age of 69. Some thirty years ago when the peal of eight bells was placed in St. Paul's steeple, Mr. Creasey worked very hard, with many disappointments, in teaching a young company of ringers. At that time he lived nearly two miles from St. Paul's, and used to walk to and fro several nights a week, besides twice on Sundays. He took part in a peal of seven 720s of Plain Bob and College Single at the parish church, Spalding, in 1870; and he rang the 4th in a peal of 5000 Kent Treble Bob Royal at Bradford parish church, Yorkshire, on February 25th, 1888. He was a member of the College Youths, and at one time Secretary of the South Lincolnshire Association, which is now merged into the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. He was buried in Spalding cemetery, the members of St. Paul's company attending the funeral.

DOUBLE NORWICH.

Mr. Sam Thomas, of Sheffield, writes:—

"The eleven course 'set' with the 6th at home (also its extent) published in 'THE BELL NEWS' of December 25th, originally belongs to Mr. C. H. Hattersley, and has been published several times by him to Stedman Caters, Double Norwich, and also to Bob Major. They are the means of giving wider scope to compositions, and can be varied several other ways.

"P.S.—I saw the original ms. on this plan by Mr. C. H. Hattersley several years ago."

"A PLEA FOR RINGERS."

The following letter, under the above heading, has recently appeared in *The Church Times* :—

"Sir,—In your 'Summary' of last week you commend the action of a vicar who has insisted that his ringers should attend the services for which they ring, a requirement resulting in their resignation. You further declare that 'it is just as reasonable to make it a condition that the ringers shall be worshippers in church as it is to do so in the case of choirmen.' The need of such a condition as regards choirmen is not exactly clear, and the logic of the parallel is difficult to follow.

"Speaking as a ringer of fifty years' standing, during a considerable part of which period I have regularly rung for two services in a country ten-bell tower, I would ask to be allowed to traverse your suggestion that the drastic action taken in the case referred to—possibly here reasonable on some grounds not stated—should be generally adopted.

"It is computed that there are in this country some 60,000 ringers. Most of us have a vote, nearly all are professedly Churchmen, almost to a man, I believe, and—I speak from a rather wide experience—we should oppose spoliation of the Church. In the coming struggle our support will be one of the lesser factors that make for success. We are fairly well organised in from forty to fifty guilds and societies, diocesan, county, and other. Cases of harsh treatment, happily few, become generally known and discussed. Why counsel a compulsion that must necessarily tend to alienate our loyalty?

"So much for the lower aspect. A word as to the higher.

"For the past forty years many of us, including numerous clergy, not a few of them ringers, have been working steadily and persistently for the improvement of the ringer's social status, and the old scandals attaching to us are now almost obsolete. We recognise, however, that while we have become organised, respectable, and in the main regular and punctual in ringing for the services of the Church, our Church attendance, though slowly mending, is far from what it should be. The earnest purpose of all our guilds, to which we specially need the help of the clergy, is to establish the principle that every ringer should be present at one at least of the Sunday services.

"Where bells and ringing-chambers are kept in good order, there is rarely a valid excuse for not coming to the service, although there are often difficulties—such as residence several miles away; night work on Saturday or Sunday; wet feet or clothes in snow and heavy rain when many of the ordinary congregation stay at home; a church packed full before the ringers descend from the tower; the fact that a ringer has to give from an hour to an hour and a half more of his Sunday leisure than have others who go to church; and so on.

"There are, unfortunately, still many towers, though they are decreasing in number, where neglect of the bells and their fittings makes the ringing so great a labour as to cause profuse perspiration, or where the ringing-chamber and its approaches are so dirty and rough as to preclude the wearing of church-going clothes. In these cases there is a tenable excuse, and the fault lies with the church authorities.

"Under these conditions, what we want is more sympathy from the clergy. Attempted compulsion makes matters worse, and perfunctory church-going is not very edifying. Every incumbent possesses, or professes, suffi-

cient musical knowledge to enable him to deal appreciatively with his choir. If he took equal pains to gain an insight into the somewhat cryptic science of ringing, he would avoid mistakes due to ignorance of the feelings and aims of the ringers, and his informed interest in them would usually obtain their grateful recognition. What is wanted is quiet personal reasoning and kindly individual persuasion, after the manner a good parson deals with any other erring parishioners.

"ARTHUR HEYWOOD,

"President Central Council Church Bell Ringers.

"P.S.—May I recommend to clergy a small pamphlet, 'On the Preservation of Bells' (which deals also with ringers), published by Allen and Sons, 44, Rathbone-place, Oxford-street, W. Post-free, 4d."

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT ECCLESTON.—(Reported December 18th).—Mr. H. W. Wilde's 100 peals.—Minor: in two methods 2, conducted 1; in four methods 4, conducted 1; in five methods 1, conducted 1; Triples: Plain Bob 1, conducted 1; Grandsire 12, conducted 4; Union 2, conducted 1; Oxford Bob 3, conducted 2; Double Oxford Bob 2, conducted 1; Stedman 10; Major: Plain Bob 11, conducted 1; Canterbury 1, conducted 1; Oxford Bob 1; Double Oxford Bob 2, conducted 1; Double Norwich 12, conducted 2; Double Bob 1; Kent Treble Bob 18, conducted 1; Oxford Treble Bob 1; Duffield 2; Superlative Surprise 6; Caters: Stedman 2; Royal: Plain Bob 1; Kent Treble Bob 1; Double Norwich 1; total 100; conducted 18. Rung in 35 towers in 6 counties.

THE PEAL AT KIRKBY MALZEARD.—This is the first peal ever rung at this church, which is called the "Cathedral of the Moors." In February of last year the building was nearly destroyed by fire, when many of its architectural and historical treasures perished, and with them the old ring of six bells. The result of the restoration is most pleasing, and the recasting of the bells has produced a ring of six, tuned on Canon Simpson's principle, of great beauty both in tone and tune, and worthy of a tenor of greater weight than 16½ cwt. The convenient arrangement of the iron bell frame facilitates the inspection and care of the bells, and the whole work merits great praise of the founders Messrs. Gillett and Johnson, of Croydon. In regard to the tower the fire has been productive of much good, and would have had even a better result if all traces of Churchyard Bob had suffered the same fate!

THE PEAL AT RODMELL.—This is the first peal on the bells which have recently been augmented to six. The tenor ringer was elected a member previous to starting. This peal was rung previous to Evensong. The ringers take this opportunity to thank the Rev. and Mrs. Hawkesford for kindly entertaining them to an excellent meat tea, to which ample justice was done.

THE PEAL AT LEWISHAM (Reported last week).—W. J. Jeffries 100 peals.—Grandsire Triples 27, conducted 12; Grandsire Caters, 2; Oxford Bob Triples, 4; Stedman Triples, 13; Stedman Caters, 5; Plain Bob Major, 4; Kent Treble Bob Major, 15; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 4; Double Norwich Major, 11; Superlative Surprise Major, 4; Cambridge Surprise Major, 6; New Cumberland Surprise Major, 4; London Surprise Major, 1. Total 100.—Mr. J. Emery's 100 peals.—Grandsire Triples 19, conducted 2; Union Triples, 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 2; Stedman Triples 14, conducted 2; Bob Major 9, conducted 2; Double Oxford Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 19; Real Double Norwich Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 9; Superlative Surprise, 7; New Cumberland Surprise, 3; Cambridge Surprise, 9; London Surprise, 1; Stedman Caters, 3; Kent Royal, 1. Total 100, conducted 6.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on January 4th and 18th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 6th and 20th; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 10th and 24th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 11th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 17th; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 23th; 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 London County Association (late St. James's Society)—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, January 8th, at the church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, N.E. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 8 p.m. Business meeting and social at The Earl Derby, King Edward Road, at 8 p.m. All ringers and friends heartily welcome. The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 12th.

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

The Royal Cumberland Youths.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 15th. Tower open at 3.30. Meat tea in St. Martin's Vestry Hall at 5.30, 9d. each to all who inform me by the 13th inst.

F. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.
3, Harts Lane, New Cross, S.E.

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, January 29th. Circulars in due course.

CLEMENT GLENN, Hon. Sec.
40, Percy Street, Rotherham.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bramley to-day, Sat., January 1st. Peal attempt 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Cardigan Arms at 7.30 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, Hon. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, January 8th. Bells available at 3. Service at parish church 5.30. Tea at Temperance Hotel at 6.15. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by January 4th.

J. W. WHITING, Dis. Sec.
Fareham.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Devizes on Saturday, January 8th. The bells of St. John's (5), St. Mary's (6), and St. James's (6) will be available both afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 p.m., and business meeting to follow. Will all who intend to be present kindly let me know by January 4th.

GILBERT H. HARDING, Br. Sec.
62, Bradford Road, Trowbridge.

The Beds. Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, January 8th.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston

Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the church of All Saints, Higher Walton, on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (6) ready at 3. Meeting at 3.30. **E. R. MARTIN, Br. Sec.**

The Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, January 8th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Service at 7 p.m. Please notify Mr. George Taylor, Wheat Sheaf, Silverdale, how many intend to be present not later than January 4th.

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

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham on January 15th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Meeting 4.0 p.m. Members intending to be present please send word to **ARTHUR H. DAVIES, Branch Sec.**

"THE ISAAC HILLS MEMORIAL."

It is proposed to erect in the belfry of St. Paul's church, Bedford, a tablet to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr. Isaac Hills. He gave unstinted service for over thirty years towards promoting belfry reform and scientific change-ringing, and endeared himself to the hearts of those with whom he came in contact.

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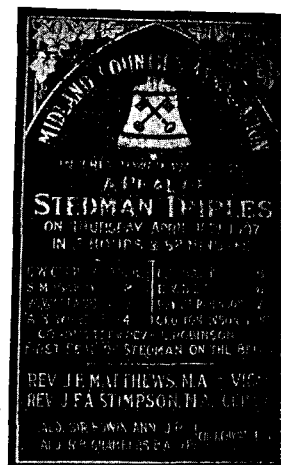
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1910.

By the time this issue of our journal is in the hands of its readers another year will have passed away; that of 1910 will have commenced. A commendable resolution used to be formed at such a period, that known as turning over a new leaf: an attempt to improve on the past so far as conduct was concerned. Nor is there any reason to suppose that at the present time such resolve is scarce or novel.

There are doubtless many things in connection with the Exercise which would bear improvement. None of us are perfect, and, it may with truth be said, we never shall be. But many degrees nearer such a state may be effected in our inclinations if care and perseverance towards them is attempted. There is no need to point out what is specially lacking in many of us: our remarks may be accepted generally. One feature may bear allusion. Ringers are beyond doubt fond of the Art they pursue; but are they fond of resolving on straight and self-denying action to promote its good in every respect? Is what we are apt to call the "ringing brotherhood" a brotherhood at all?

It is estimated that there are 60,000 ringers in Great Britain alone. That number is in our opinion below the mark. Has it ever occurred to us that other bodies, having not near so many members as the Exercise, frequently respond with immediate vigour to calls in aid of the necessitous, or for other objects whose recommendations to notice are excellent and appropriate? How do we stand in such case? Not at high water mark.

Sincerely wishing all our brethren "A HAPPY NEW YEAR," we ask them to have a greater regard for the matters here hinted at. At the present moment there are worthy objects demanding their help and attention.

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*Conducted by A. H. J. DENFORD.**†First peal. *First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. Second peal by the local band. Rang on St. Catherine's Day, and as a birthday compliment to J. Merrick.***MANSFIELD, NOTTS.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)**On Saturday, December 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,***A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,***5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.*

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FRED R. KITTLEBORO 3.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 7.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4.	GEORGE W. MOSS Tenor.

*Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.**This is the first peal of London in the county.***KIRBY MALZEARD, YORKS.****CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, December 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;***Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.*

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WILLIAM SYKES 2.	CHRIS. CLARKSON 5.
GEOGE HANDLEY 3.	HENRY PAULI Tenor.

*Conducted by H. PAULI.**This peal was rung under great difficulties because of the noisy ringing chamber and the intrusion of visitors, and the conductor here recognises his indebtedness to G. Handley. All the above belong to the St. Alkelda's Guild, Middleham. Further reference elsewhere.***ICKLETON, CAMBS.****THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,***A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;***Being four 6-scores each of Plain Bob, and Old Doubles, three 6-scores of April Day, twenty 6-scores of St. Dunstan and Grandsire, each 6 score called differently. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.*

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A. SIMPSON 2.	F. JACKSON 6.
J. G. HALL 3.	T. METCALFE 7.
G. WINDSOR 4.	G. JACKSON Tenor.

*Conducted by T. METCALFE.**Rung on the occasion of the visit of His Grace the Archbishop of York to J. W. Perryman, esq., of Ormesby Hall.***SAMLESBURY.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***(PRESTON BRANCH.)**On Saturday, December 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD THE LESS,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;***IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.*

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Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.

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Conducted by W. A. ALPS.

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JOSEPH BROADLEY 4.	*FREDERICK W. DIXON .. 9.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 8 cwt.

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*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Further reference elsewhere.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, December 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SAMUEL REEVES Treble.	REUBEN HALL 5.
JAMES E. GROVES 2.	JESSE SCREEN 6.
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ERNEST PARISH 4.	JAMES HARES Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 7, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5004 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, College Pleasure, College Exercise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

JAMES WARDLEY Treble.	JOSEPH STARLING 4.
HENRY PUTTOCK 2.	ROBERT SMY 5.
ALDERMAN LING 3.	WILLIAM SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SAWYER.

HORSELL, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being two 720s each of Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Bob Minor and one of Grands re. Tenor about 10 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS Treble.	GEORGE EDGER, JUN... .. 4.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD 2.	JOHN B. HASSEY 5.
FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT .. 3.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells.

GARGRAVE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE GARGRAVE BRANCH)

On Tuesday, December 14, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

WALLACE BRADLEY Treble.	WILLIAM TOWNSON 5.
JOSEPH LANGSTROTH* .. 2.	HARRY BIRTWHISTLE .. 6.
JOSHUA LOFTHOUSE 3.	JAMES WANE 7.
ARTHUR R. JONES† 4.	JOHN MCKELL Tenor.

Composed by JAMES PAGETT, and Conducted by J. MCKELL.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method away from the treble.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 14, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S.

Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY RABBITT Treble.	THOMAS SMITHERS 5.
TOM SAUNDERS 2.	LEONARD S. PARIS 6.
CECIL GROVES* 3.	ARTHUR H. READER 7.
ERNEST HOOK† 4.	GEORGE TAYLOR Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR H. READER.

*First peal away from the treble. *First peal. G. Taylor was elected a member previous to starting.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 14, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

A. C. RUMBLE Treble.	*J. CAPLE 4.
J. ATHERTON 2.	G. H. GALE 5.
A. S. ATHERTON 3.	H. PORTER Tenor.

Conducted by G. H. GALE.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Anthony Gibbs, who was a good friend to the parish. *First peal with a bob bell. The ringer of the tenor is in his 67th year.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal at Bangor, reported in our last issue, was composed by Arthur Craven and conducted by Arthur E. E. Pegler. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to William Crane, sen.

Date Touches.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY).

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, December 21st, at the parish church, a date touch, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 14 mins., being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 469 Plain Bob. A. Hill, G. Kilby, G. Chalkley, B. Maxim, H. Kilby, T. Langdon conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NEWHALL (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, December 25th, at St. John's church, a date touch of Bob Minor, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. H. Brealey, F. Godfrey, H. Sharpe, H. Hurdman, J. Hough conductor, D. Cotton. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Maggie Godfrey to Mr. P. Mallett.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.

SCARBOROUGH.—On Sunday evening, December 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Fryers, J. Barton conductor. H. Christian, A. Coates, H. Gibson, A. Ferguson, J. Dixey, T. Cole. Composed by T. Jackson, of Hull. First date touch on the bells, and first by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th, and tenor; also longest length by the treble ringer.

FLEET (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, December 23rd, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, a date touch of Minor, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins., being 720 each of Double Court and Oxford Bob, and 469 Plain Bob. T. Copeland, Rev. C. Sturton, A. E. Campling, W. Hilliam, G. Truss, J. Hallifax conductor.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

Miscellaneous.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

MALVERN LINK (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, December 26th, for Divine Service at St. Matthias church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. W. Niblett, E. E. Barber, F. Stanton, J. Brown, F. Bryan, R. G. Knowles conductor, H. T. Knowles, A. Richings. First quarter-peal by the treble ringer; also the quickest on the bells.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

EWHRST (Surrey).—On Tuesday, December 28th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Betty Topham, of Coneyhurst, Ewhurst, to Mr. George Watkins, of Lawkland Hall, Yorkshire, 720 Bob Minor. J. Tidy, E. Francis, W. Tidy, J. Luff, W. Denyer, R. Whittington conductor. And 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Tidy, J. Luff, W. Tidy, R. Whittington, W. Denyer, W. Charman conductor.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Monday, November 1st, at the church of St. Peter, for practice, 1120 Cambridge Surprise Major. Richard Potter, William Howell, Andrew Shufflebotham, Frank Claydon, John Sadler, Charles Norfolk, Ernest Beckwith, David Elliott conductor.

ECCLES.—On Saturday, September 18th, at St. Mary's parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes. M. Oldfield, E. Oldfield, J. Barratt, J. Myles, J. R. Pritchard composer and conductor, E. Stubbs, J. Baguley, A. Trippier. Rung as a welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. J. Myles on returning from their honeymoon. They were married at the above church on Wednesday, September 8th.

GREAT YELDHAM (Essex).—On Sunday, December 12th, a peal of Bob Minor on handbells, being seven 720s, each called differently, in 2 hrs. 14 mins. L. Wiseman 1-2, F. Gelder 3, F. Wilkin 4, H. Cooper 5-6 conductor. Rung at the residence of F. Wilkin, at Gt. Yeldham, Essex.

KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, November 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. M. Turner, H. Colley, T. Edwin, E. Devereux conductor, E. Gibbs, L. Nichols. Also 720 in the same method. E. Devereux conductor, H. Colley, L. Nichols, E. Gibbs, C. Smith, W. Rickets.

WRAGBY (Yorks).—On Sunday, October 24th, 720 Wragby Delight. A. Adams, E. Hewitt, F. Atkinson, J. Easter, G. Harrison, J. Adams conductor. Sunday, October 30, 720 College Pleasure at St. Michael's parish church. G. Cartridge, O. Hewitt, G. Harrison, F. Atkinson, A. Adams, J. Adams conductor.

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ST. MARY'S, READING.

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On Saturday, November 20th, the ringers of the above church had their annual autumn half-day outing to Henley, where they were met by Mr. Appleby, the steeplekeeper. A walk by the river Thames brought them to the fine old church. Ascending the belfry they found new ropes, which by the way, the churchwardens would have done well to have consulted the ringers, for they are awful. However, they were determined to make the best of it, so away they went for a 336 of Stedman Triples, 168 Grandsire Triples, 448 Superlative Surprise, 448 Double Norwich, 168 Grandsire, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. The ringers

taking part were A. T. Reeves, J. Swain, F. Watmore, C. Cox, H. Tucker, J. E. Hern, W. A. Webb, C. Giles, A. E. Reeves, W. Appleby and F. Bushnell, of the local band, the conducting being divided between C. Giles and A. E. Reeves.

TO ALL CONCERNED.

I very much regret being obliged to announce that the 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Holy Trinity, Staleybridge, on October 30th, 1909 (see "BELL NEWS," p. 463), cannot be recognised by the Chester Diocesan Guild. A. T. BEESTON, Hon. Sec.

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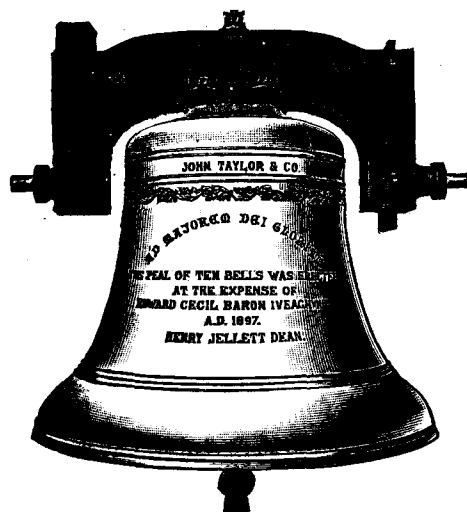
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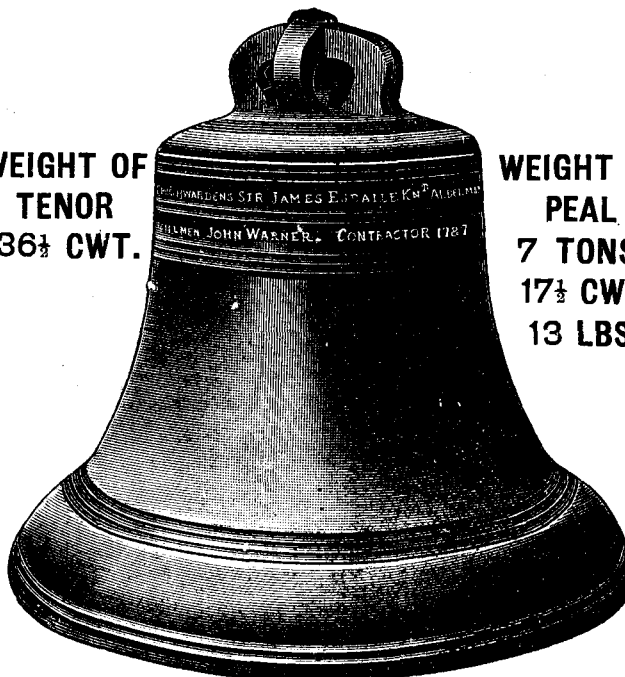
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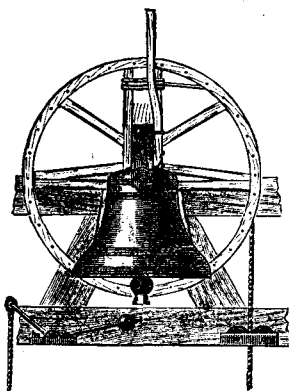
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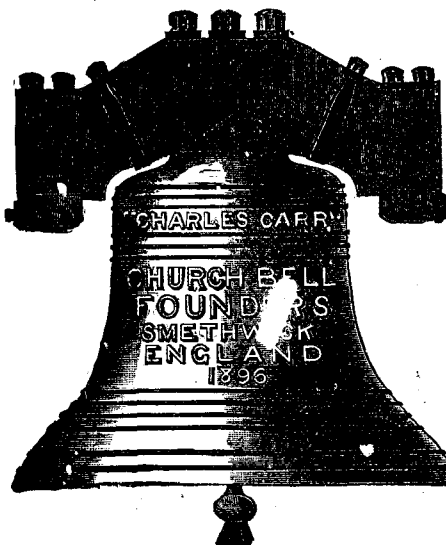
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