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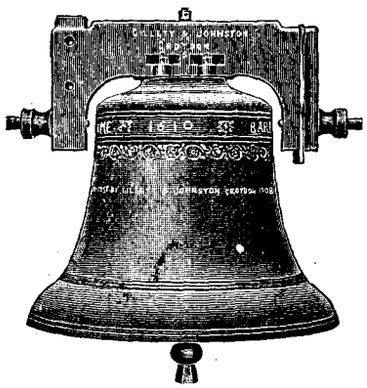

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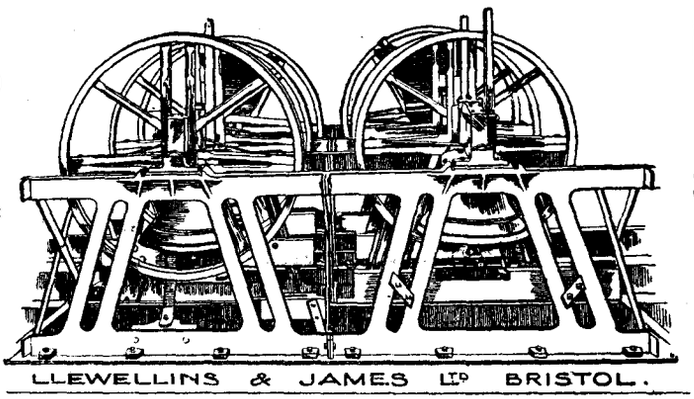

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SWINDON.

Dedication of New Bells.

In April last the parish church of Stratton St. Margaret lost a valuable friend and helper through the death of Mr. Alfred Barnes, who left £130 for two new bells as a memorial to his wife. Besides this act of generosity, he bequeathed about £300 for general parish purposes. The work of casting two new trebles weighing 3 cwt. and 3½ cwt. respectively—bringing the total up to six—has been carried out, and on Saturday afternoon, December 18th, the dedication service was conducted by Canon E. W. Estcourt, rural dean. The Vicar, the Rev. C. F. Burgess, assisted by the Rev. W. C. Masters (Stanton Fitzwarren), also took part in the service. There was a good congregation, including the local companies of Boy Scouts and Church Lads' Brigade. The new bells were cast by Mears and Stainbank, and an excellent splice has been effected. The Swindon parish church ringers undertook the re-opening, and after service rang 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by C. J. Gardner, and several 120s of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

THE CLEATOR MOOR BELLS, CUMBERLAND.

Christmas Eve, 1909, will ever be remembered by the inhabitants of Cleaton Moor. While the hour of twelve was striking their new ring of eight bells sent forth their music for the first time. As the day and the hour for the opening had been kept secret, only those invited being in the belfry, the sound of the bells came as a pleasant surprise to the district. The ringers and a few friends, together with the Vicar (the Rev. W. Taylor), assembled in the belfry at 11.30 p.m., and after partaking of refreshments provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Taylor, the bells were dedicated to the glory of God. The Vicar then pulled the treble, and the signal being given to the rest of the ringers, the peal was raised. Some very good striking was done considering the ringers had not been used to eight bells.

The ring includes a massive steel frame built into the walls, which is a splendid affair in itself. The church had previously a ring of six, tenor 10 cwt., in an oak frame, but since Easter last they have not been rung owing to their bad condition. When Lord Leconfield was shown over the church he most generously responded with a gift of £2000 towards the necessary expenses. The order was at once placed with Messrs. Taylor, and the old bells were taken away, melted down and more metal added, the result being the present splendid ring of eight, tenor 21 cwt. in E flat. Great credit is due to Messrs. Taylor for doing the work so expeditiously. The ringers expressed their entire satisfaction with the "go" of the bells, which is everything that could be desired.

FOWEY (CORNWALL) CHURCH BELLS.

At St. Fimbarrus church, Fowey, on Sunday, February 2nd, the bells, which have been rehung by Messrs. Taylor, who also recast the two trebles, were dedicated. The Rev. S. V. Purcell intoned the service, and a special lesson was read by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Purcell, from Numbers x. 1–11. The hymn "We love the place, O God" was sung, and Psalm lxxxiv. was chanted. In his sermon on the history of the bells, the Vicar concluded with some appropriate remarks to the ringers, impressing upon them the sacred duties of their office as church workers.

During the collection, which was for the bells and tower fund, a carol, composed by the Bishop of Truro, was sung.

The annual ringers' supper was given by Canon Purcell at The Ship hotel on Saturday, January 1st. The Vicar, who presided, proposed "Success to the Fowey company," and coupled with the toast the name of Mr. Joseph Treffry, a late ringer, who was instrumental in providing the two trebles to complete the octave in 1870. Mr. Treffry suitably responded. The toast of the churchwardens was given by Mr. W. B. S. Hawkins, and responded to by Messrs. Hill and Carter.

The Rev. S. V. Purcell proposed "The Visitors." Mr. H. L. Waddington (late of Fowey) responded, impressing upon the ringers the opportunity of going in for the science of change-ringing now that the bells were in such splendid order for ringing the method, which was impossible before they were rehung.

A start was made on handbells by Mr. Waddington (before leaving Fowey), who got together a band to ring 120s of Grandsire Doubles.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at All Saints, Newport, on Monday, December 27th. The bells having been placed at the disposal of the ringers for the whole day members arrived early and were soon set going. A service was held in the parish church at 3.45, which was well attended, and a very able and instructive sermon given by the Vicar.

Following the service the business meeting took place in the mission room, presided over by the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. C. Bennett, and he at once asked for the minutes of the previous meeting to be read. This done, they were accepted and signed.

The election of Master for the ensuing year was next

proceeded with, Mr. T. Hamblin being unanimously chosen.

The Rev. Connop L. Price and Mr. J. Jones were re-elected honorary secretaries, and Mr. Jones was appointed to attend the next Central Council meeting. Mr. E. Davies and Mr. F. Atwell were re-appointed auditors. Instructors' reports were next received, good progress being reported at Whitchurch, Penmark, and Marshfield.

Meetings were then arranged as follows: Annual meeting to be held at Llandaff: the Monmouthshire quarterly meeting at Blaenavon; the Glamorganshire quarterly meeting at Pentre.

Subscriptions were then taken, which brought the business to a close. An invitation was then given to all present to tea, by the Vicar, and an excellent and most agreeable repast was the result. This brought to a close a very enjoyable and successful meeting.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

During the last three months meetings of the above society have been held at Holbeck, Bolton, and St. Chad's, Far Headingley. At Holbeck, the meeting-day as first arranged fell on the anniversary of the dedication of the church, and as the usual festivities on these occasions were to take place in the in the school near, the bells were not available. The meeting being postponed a week resulted in further disapointment, a case of sickness near the church which resulted in death, being the cause. A business meeting was held at The Spotted Cow and the usnal formal business gone through.

At the following meeting at Bolton everything passed off well, the bells were available during the afternoon and evening, no peal being arranged as is our custom, thus giving every member an opportunity of ringing. This meeting was held on an anniversary in connection with the church, it being thirty-one years since the opening of the bells, by a company from Calverley. After raising the bells in peal touches of Kent and London Treble Bob Major were rnng, also touches of Minor, till after the time arranged for the business meeting, which was held at the Bolton hotel, where the local company had provided substantial refreshment for the benefit of the visitors. After all had partaken, the business was gone through. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed and signed. Then the president, Mr. J. Broadley, announced that the Calverley company had, since the previous meeting, rung a peal of London Treble Bob, which was the first peal in the method rung by eight members of this society, and they having complied with all the regulations were entitled to £1 from the society to record the same. As the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. King) had promised to attend the meeting, it was adjourned for a short time so that he could personally receive the vote of thanks, during which period the president regaled those present with reminiscences of the early days of change-ringing at this tower, and the kindness and encouragement received at the hands of the Vicar. As the Vicar did not arrive the business was proceeded with. A vote of thanks to the church authorities for the use of the bells and to the local company for the day's arrangements was carried unanimously. Mr. A. Gill suitably responded on their behalf. Vocal and instrumental music rendered by the local company passed away the remainder of the evening.

At St. Chad's, Far Headingley, the bells were early sending out their music in Stedman Triples, previous to the service at which the Bishop of Ripon (Dr. Carpenter) laid the foundation-stone of a new chancel and choir vestry. After service, during the departure of the congregation, the bells were again rung, some of the visiting ringers standing in. During the day touches of Stedman, Grandsire, and Kent Treble Bob were rung. The business meeting was held at The Woodman hotel, the president in the chair, supported by members from the following towers: Leeds parish church, Holbeck, Burley, Shipley, and the local company. Nothing of a contentious nature being on the agenda, it was quickly got through. Two new members were elected, including the Vicar, the Rev. C. C. Marshall. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and other church authorities for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the day's arrangements, was unanimously carried. The Vicar in reply gave a hearty welcome to the society, and thanked the members for coming on such an occasion, as it was meet that a large amount of ringing should be done on a day of great rejoicing in the parish as that day was. Mr. D. Swift also replied on behalf of the local company, and then invited all present to partake of the good things provided. As usual handbells were in demand for the remainder of the evening.

SALOP ARCHDIACONAL GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of tha above Guild was held at St. Andrew's, Shifnal, on Saturday, December 11th. Members were present from St. Chad's and St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury; Market Drayton, Coalbrookdale, Albrighton, Dawley, Malinslee; also a good muster of the local company, Members were missing from Birmingham and district, Shifnal being one of their favourite haunts, and we had to be content with the thought that they were doing good service for the Exercise behind some other set of ropes. Mr. Bradney met the visitors at the station, from whence a move was made for the tower, where we found everything in readiness for a good afternoon's ringing. The bells were raised, and the Rev. R. M. Cole-Hamilton (Honorary Secretary), then opened the meeting with a short ringers' service, after which some very good touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round. Members from six-bell towers also had a pull through several 120s of Bob Doubles. A plain course of Bob Major was also brought round.

At 5 o'clock the business meeting was held in the tower. The Rev. S. W. Gaman presided, and was supported by the Rev. C. B. Crowe. The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed.

The Secretary said he was glad to tell the members that Mr. G. J. Taylor was much better in health. It was the wish of all present that he would soon be at the meetings again,

It was decided to try and hold the next meeting at Condover. Several new members were proposed from Wellington, Shifnal, and Coalbrookdale. The local ringers very kindly provided an excellent tea, to which about thirty did justice. A return journey was then made back to the tower, and the bells were kept going till 8.30.

Shifnal has long been a favourite haunt of change-ringers. Tha bells are a very fine ring of eight by Mears. The first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung out of London was rang there in 1819. The first peal of Kent Treble Bob in the county of Salop was rung there. The first peal on St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, was rung by the Shifnal Albion society. All these things, together with

the splendid way the tower and bells are looked after, made the meeting one of the most successful meetings of the Guild. W. S.

THE BISHOP OF ST. ASAPH ON DISESTABLISHMENT.

The Bishop of St. Asaph, speaking at a meeting of Churchmen at Wrexham on Monday last, dealt with Disestablishment and Disendowment, which, he said, had been pressed forward into sudden prominence not by anything which the Church herself had done or omitted to do, but by a crisis which the Church in no way created. Disestablishment would produce chaos in the whole organisation of the Church, but Disestablishment was not what the present Government and their supporters really cared about. What they wanted in their hearts was not the realisation of the illusion of religious equality, which every sensible man knew could not be secured through the agency of the State, buf the appropriation of the property of the Church, which the State had no more right to touch than the valuable property and endowment of the Calvinistic Methodists and other Nonconformist bodies. This was a tumultuous time, when Churchmen must be on their guard, and not let themselves be deceived as to the true character of Disestablishment and Disendowment.

THE CHURCH REFORM LEAGUE.

The Church Reform League appeal to Churchmen not to forget, amidst the excitement caused by questions more prominent in the coming General Election, the claims of the Church for freedom to organise her administrations in an effective way. They draw particular attention to the Bishoprics Bill, for which no time could be found last session in the House of Commons owing to the Budget debates, although it had been accepted by leading statesmen of both political parties; they point out that the Bill would enable large dioceses to be divided at the sole cost of Churchmen themselves, without the expenditure of one penny from either rates or taxes, and that it would save much valuable Parliamentary time, and they urge Churchmen throughout the country to bring before their Parliamentary candidates the claim that this Bill has on their support.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.

Christmas Day at North Creake, of which the Bishop of Thetford is Rector, opened with celebrations of Holy Communion at 7, 8, and mid-day, at which ninety-two communicants (out of 100 on the roll) were at the altar. The general congregations were most encouraging, and evensong and carols at 3.30 was largely attended. The population is just over 500, 110 being children. The following Wednesday and Thursday three Christmas dramatic entertainments were given, and were all crowded and much appreciated. On New Year's Eve the ringers and senior members of the choir were entertained to supper at the rectory, and the Old Year was rung out and the New Year rung in on the church bells at midnight.

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5040.

2 3 1 4 5 6 7	3	4	5	6	7	8	12	13			
3 4 6 1 2 5	s2										
2 1 6 4 3 5	–	–						–	–		
1 3 5 4 6 2	–	–	–	–							

These two courses, five times repeated, omitting the 12-13 in the second and fifth parts, and adding a single at 14 at end.

(2 3 1 4 5 6 7)

6 2 5 4 3 1			–	–	–	–	–	–			
3 4 5 2 6 1					–	–					
1 2 5 3 4 6			–	–	–	–					
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1 3 6 2 4 5			–	–	–	–					
5 1 4 2 3 6			–	–	–	–	–	–			
3 2 4 1 5 6					–	–					
6 1 4 3 2 5			–	–	–	–					

These eight courses, five times repeated, adding a 5-6 in the second course of the 3rd and 6th parts, completes the peal.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

BY JOSEPH W. PARKER, *Sunderland*.

5040.

2 3 1 4 5 6 7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2 3 1 4 5 7 6		s	–			s	–		s	–
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2 4 7 3 5 1 6			–	s	–	–			–	s
2 5 3 7 1 4 6			–	s	–	–				–
2 3 1 5 4 6 7				–			s	–		
6 7 2 5 4 1 3	–	s	–	–				–		
3 6 1 5 4 2 7	–		s	–			s		s	–
1 4 6 5 2 7 3			s	s			–	–		s
1 2 3 4 7 5 6			–	s	–	–			s	
5 2 3 4 6 1 7	–	–				–			–	
1 2 4 6 7 5 3	–	–				–				–

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To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD.

LONDON AND THE COUNTRY.

SIR,—On reading the account of the dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths as reported in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 25th, I could not help feeling sorry for a Mr. Dawe who is compelled to live in the country, where he said he could obtain fresh air and nothing else. I presume the speaker meant ringing. He is not so fortunate as another Mr. Dawe, who I believe lives at Woking, and whom I have had the pleasure of ringing with, who can jump on his bicycle and be in Guildford in thirty minutes, where he can get a ring in any method up to London Surprise.

B. CHORLEY,
Hon Sec. Holy Trinity Society, Guildford.

"A PLEA FOR RINGERS."

SIR,—The letter of Sir Arthur Heywood is excellent, especially appearing in *The Church Times*, which has always ignored the claims of ringers in the past.

May I suggest that you reprint this at a small price per dozen or so, and that each Association Secretary keep a few copies, and in case of unsympathetic clergy send a copy, together with an Association report. Such action, where it can be done in good time, might prevent many a difficulty with ringers. In any case all ringers would do well to write to their Association Secretary, at once, should any such difficulty threaten.

If Sir Arthur would agree to your doing this, the sentence "The need of such a condition as regards choirmen is not exactly clear, etc." would perhaps not be necessary. Moreover, although Sir Arthur may not have met with a case, there are still men paid to sing in choirs, who may not be expected to be worshippers—just as *The Church Times* suggested in the case of ringers.

H. DRAKE.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—I am anxious to secure records of all peals known to have been rung at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Birchington, up to the year 1884. I have taken "BELL NEWS" since that date, so am in possession of all rung since then. I am also in possession of records of peals rung on August 4th, 1819, May 26th, 1820, May 22nd, 1820, September 29th, 1820, January 1st, 1821, May 5th, 1824. I shall be much obliged if you would insert an enquiry for me, as Major Cotton has promised to record them all in the tower. I am willing to pay any trifling expenses that may be incurred.

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S. COOK.—There is no book of the sort. It would be well to turn your attention to something better.

Obituary.

W. G. DAVIS.

[EXTRACT FROM *The Kentish Mercury* OF DECEMBER 17th, 1909

"Greenwich has lost a well-known figure by the death of Mr. William George Davis, which occurred on Monday at the age of 78. For nearly forty years Mr. Davis held the office of sexton of St. Alfege parish church, Greenwich, and for years before he was actually appointed to the office he performed the duties appertaining thereto as deputy to the then sextoness, Miss Sedgwick. Recently, owing to his advanced years, he had been relieved of the more arduous portion of his work, but he was a wonderful man for his age. To the last his sight was so good that he had no need for glasses, and he only lacked one single tooth. He leaves a wife and two daughters." The funeral took place at Charlton Cemetery on Saturday, December 18th, the first portion of the service being read at St. Alfege before a large congregation, many past churchwardens being present. The bells were rung half muffled, as a last token of respect by the Greenwich ringers, assisted by W. Weatherstone and T. Taylor, two old comrades of the deceased. On Sunday, December 26th, for morning service at St. Alfege church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. A. S. Beer, H. Hoskins, J. J. Lamb, F. S. Bayley conductor, I. G. Shade, W. Berry, W. Shimmans, T. Jakeman.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT EASTBOURNE.—This is the first peal on the bells since being put into thorough repair by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The splendid way in which the work has been done has given satisfaciion to all concerned, and was carried out under the direction and advice of the special committee appointed by the Sussex Association.

THE PEAL AT STANSTED.—T. J. Watts's 100 peals.—Seven Minor methods 6, conducted 1; seven Treble Bob methods, 12; seven Surprise methods 15, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples, 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Penning's Triples, 1; Stansted Triples, 2; Stedman Triples 10, conducted 1; Grandsire Caters, 2; Bob Major, 3; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 5; Double Oxford Bob Major, 1; Duffield Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 5; Superlative Surprise Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 9; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 6; New Cumberland Surprise Major, 3; London Surprise Major, 2. Total 100, conducted 3.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

During the past year the Dagenham company with visitors have rung 137 720s of Minor, being 91 Plain Bob, 16 College Single 13 Double Court, 5 Double Oxford, 2 Grandsire Doubles, 5 Woodbine Treble Bob, 3 of Kent, 2 of Oxford. Those taking part were G. Playle, 115, conducted 48; R. Miles, 92, conducted 44; J. Dale, 40, conducted 24; A. Chaplin, 62, conducted 18; E. Hawkins, 114; A. Playle, 102; F. Freestone, 104; D. Chaplin, 66; G. Chaplin, 23; J. Hawkins, 13; C. Rochester, 55; F. Ottley, 2; E. Furbank 2; R. Ward, 7, conducted 1; A. Sparrow, 1; J. Dear, 1; R. Warner, 1, conducted 1; W. Theobald, 1; C. Anderson, 2; F. Squires, 1, conducted 1.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

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.

	£	s.	d.
Already acknowledged	75	4	0
The Earl of Stradbroke	0	10	6
The St. Peter Mancroft Ringers Guild (fourth contribution)	6	6	0
Mr. W. G. Crickmer (Earl Soham)	0	2	6
	£82	3	0

Further subscriptions may be sent to one of the honorary secretaries:—Mr. G. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road; Mr. C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street; or Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, November 14th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 50 mins. F. Smith, G. Davis, G. Hollis conductor, W. Peabody, F. Parsons, F. Jacobs, A. Knights, T. W. Gore, B. A. Knights, G. Thompson. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of the treble, 5th and 6th. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. W. Bellamy (a well-known Nottingham ringer and a frequent visitor to Chesterfield) to Miss C. G. Young, the happy event taking place on that date at Gloucester.

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

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 January 18th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 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 25th; 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 Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on Saturday, February 5th. Tower open for ringing at 3.45. Evensong at 5.30. Arrangements will be made for a tea in the Parish Room at 6 o'clock, if sufficient members notify by the 31st inst. their intention of being present. 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 to-day, Sat., 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 Cumbertand 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 Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham to-day, Sat, January 8th. Bells available at 3. Service at parish church 5.30. Tea at Temperance Hotel at 6.15. Meeting after. J. W. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*
Fareham.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Devizes to-day, Sat., January 8th. The bells of St. John's (8), 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.
GILBERT H. HARDING, *Br. Sec.*
62, *Bradford Road, Trowbridge.*

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

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the church of All Saints, Higher Walton, to-day, Sat., 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 to-day, Sat., January 8. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Service at 7 p.m.
REV. W. G. KEYWORTH, J. JOHNSON, *Hon Secs.*

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 Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, January 15th Bells ready at 5 WALTER HUGHES, *Br. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.-Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch, on Saturday, January 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. T. ROLLERSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, January 15th, from 3.30 to 9 Meeting at 6 o'clock. Will all members please attend.
REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Local Hon Sec.*

The Kent County Association -Lewisham District—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, January 22nd. Full particulars next week.
T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.-Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Meat tea (9d. (o members), at The White Lion inn at 5.30 p.m. Will those attending tea kindly inform Mr. J. J. Cawdell, White Horse Street, Baldock, not later than January 21st.
H. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch—The next meeting of this branch will be held at All Saints, Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 7 p.m. prompt.
JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Farnham on Saturday, January 22nd. The Rector of Farnham kindly invites those present to tea. Bells 8) available from 2.30. Those intending to be present kindly notify me by the 19th inst.
JOHN J. JONES, *Dis. Sec.*
North Street, Guildford.

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 Kent County Association.-Tonbridge District—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, January 29th. Full particulars will be announced next week. W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.-Guildford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Godalming on February 5th. 2.0.—Bells (8) available till 5.30.—Service conducted by the Vicar. 6.15.—Tea at The Little George hotel. After the business a social evening, including handbell music by the Godalming band, and change-ringing on handbells by the Guildford band.
JOHN J. JONES, *Dis. Sec.*

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"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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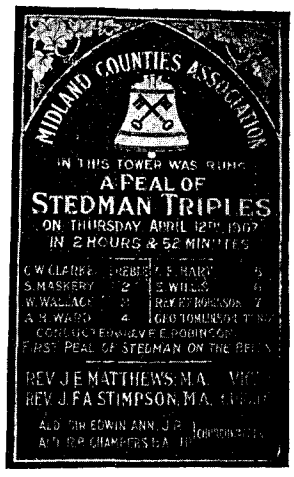

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1910.

THE present affords us an opportunity for a little talk with our readers. In the first place we find the peal records increasing so much that we shall be compelled at a very early date to give a supplement in which will be comprised such records that are in arrear. When we have reduced these arrears we will deal with touch reports in the same way. Thus we shall be able to get clear of all such arrears. Though these various reports of performances are of importance, our friends should consider that there are other matters demanding attention; matters which have an equal claim. Our efforts are directed to please all, but this being naturally impossible in this sublunary region, we do the best we can. If thousands of our ringing brethren who now only use one copy of our paper among a whole company were to expend the modest penny in getting one for themselves we could do a great deal towards making "The Bell News" more worthy of the Exercise than at present.

Correspondents are asked not to send any communications written with pencil. It is quite enough sometimes to have to decipher words written with ink. One rev. gentleman's copy requires time to make out. Perhaps he is of the opinion that many talented authors have generally been behindhand in orthography as well as in penmanship.

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.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS HENRY HAWKINS	*Treble.*	GEORGE E. RAWLINGS ..	5.
EDWARD E. RICHARDS ..	2.	ALBERT E. GODDARD ..	6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ..	7.
FREDK. W. RICHARDSON ..	4.	FREDK. H. GOOCH ..	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. Charles Johnson, a former member of the St. Nicholas, Deptford, band, and who was interred on Wednesday, December 8th.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

ROBERT E. STAVERT	*Treble.*	ISAAC G. SHADE	5.
GEORGE R. PYE	2.	BERTRAM PREWETT	6.
CHARLES T. COLES	3.	ERNEST PYE	7.
JOHN J. LAMB	4.	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor.*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 31, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK S. BACON*	*Treble.*	†FREDK. W. RICHARDSON ..	5.
VICTOR PAVIER	2.	JOSEPH LAW	6.
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON ..	3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ..	7.
HERBERT E. WHITE ..	4.	*CHARLES H. MACKLIN	*Tenor.*

Conducted by FREDK. WILLIAM RICHARDSON.

*First peal †First peal as conductor. Rung on the 35th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 31, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

HARRY BARRETT ..	*Treble.*	THOMAS G. DEAL	5.
EDMUND E. RICHARDS ..	2.	CHARLES WALKER	6.
HARRY WARNETT, JUN.* ..	3.	GEORGE H. DAYNES ..	7.
THOMAS TAYLOR	4.	WILLIAM R. OXLEY ..	*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

*First peal with a bob bell. Rang on New Year's Eve as a birthday compliment to T. Taylor, who was 72 years of age on December 29th. Great credit is due to him for the very able way he rang his bell through the peal, the band congratulating him at the finish.

The Provinces.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1909, in Two Hours Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s.

BERT STEVENS	*Treble.*	ERNEST PARKER	4.
JOHN FARMER*	2.	JAMES WATTS	5.
JAMES SULLY	3.	HENRY MOORE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JAMES WATTS.

First peal as conductor. *First peal with a bob bell.

EDINBURGH.—THE ST. CUTHBERT'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

THOS. S. THOM†	*Treble.*	W. C. S. HEATHCOTE ..	5.
R. J. G THOM	2.	DAVID STOCKS	6.
WM. W. MEIKLE*	3.	†ALEXANDER THOMSON ..	7.
T. J. ADES	4.	*WILLIAM JOHNSTON ..	*Tenor.*

Conduc.ed by W. C. S. HEATHCOTE.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to D. Stocks, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN WILKINSON* ..	*Treble.*	*WILLIAM DICKENSON ..	5.
JOHN THOMAS LADD†	2.	*WILLIAM WHELPTON ..	6.
WILLIAM PARRISH*	3.	*PERCY BALLANCE	7.
JOHN CHARLES TINKER ..	4.	*J. GERALD M. BOWER	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS LADD.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.

JOHN B. MARTIN ..	*Treble.*	JAMES GARRATT	5.
HERBERT RAINBOW	2.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER	6.
FREDERICK PALMER	3.	ALFRED H. MARTIN	7.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN ..	4.	FRED WILFORD	*Tenor.*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by F. WILFORD.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM WHITE ..	*Treble.*	ARTHUR GOWER	5.
JOSEPH SHARP	2.	GEORGE H. HOWSE	6.
ARTHUR MILES	3.	EDWARD W. BRAY	7.
ERNEST GOWER	4.	CHARLES GATLAND ..	*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE H. HOWSE.

Rang as a birthday compliment to W. White. Further reference elsewhere.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, December 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

THOMAS BURKITT ..	*Treble.*	JOHN H. JONES	6.
THOMAS HUGHES	2	ALBERT BLUNDELL	7.
HORACE BELCHER	3.	GEORGE HUGHES	8.
WALTER E. BRITTAIN ..	4.	WILLIAM SMITH	9
MOSES B. SMITH	5.	THOMAS JUSTICE	*Tenor.*

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and Conducted by G. HUGHES.

HULL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. MOORHOUSE'S ONE-PART.

TOM STOCKDALE	..*Treble.*	THOMAS WHITFIELD	5.
HENRY RODMELL*	2.	CHARLES JACKSON	6.
LEONARD RODMELL*	3.	HENRY JENKINS	7.
WILLIAM H. PASMORE ..	4	GEORGE HARE	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

*First peal in the method. In this peal the 4th, 5th and 6th are never called before, and it is now rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday compliment to Alfred Naylor.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOSEPH W. PARKER'S SEVEN-PART.

WILLIAM H. BARBER	..*Treble.*	GEORGE T. POTTER	5.
ALFRED F. HILLIER	2.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	6.
JOSEPH W. PARKER	3.	ROBERT RICHARDS	7.
R. E. CHICHESTER	4.	JOHN STUART	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 16th, 1909.

WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 7, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor about 20 cwt.

ALFRED ANDREWS	..*Treble.*	WILLIAM WELLING	5.
CHARLES T. COLES	2.	ROBERT E. STAVERT ..	6.
LEONARD STILWELL	3.	ERNEST PYE	7.
EDGAR HANCOX	4.	BERTRAM PREWETT ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Quickest peal on the bells. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. J. H. Ellison, M.A., for permission to attempt the peal.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 7, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR LUDER	..*Treble.*	GEORGE ARCHER	5.
ELLIS HAYWARD	2.	WILLIAM CHENERY	6.
CLEMENT MORE	3.	JOHN SOUTER	7.
WILLIAM SALTER	4.	ABEL HART	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Archer, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 7, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

WILLIAM SMALLWOOD*	..*Treble.*	*THOMAS DITCHBURN	5.
WILLIAM NAISBY*	2.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON	6.
RALPH A. LOVIE*	3.	ROBERT W. LOVIE	7.
JOSEPH W. PARKER	4.	WM. T. ROBSON	..*Tenor.*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and Conducted by WM. T. ROBSON.

First peal of Superlative in Sunderland by an entirely local band.
*First peal in the method.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 7, 1909, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE WOODS	..*Treble.*	CHARLES PAGE	5.
ERNEST LANDON*	2.	ARTHUR PAINTER	6.
SIDNEY CHURTON	3.	FREDERICK PAGE	7.
JOHN WOODWARD	4.	JOSEPH SIMESTER ..	..*Tenor,*

Conducted by SIDNEY CHURTON.

*First peal This peal was arranged for F. Page, who is leaving the district.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 8, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

M. MIDDLETON*	..*Treble.*	*W. FLOYDE	4.
R. POOLE*	2.	H. MOORE	5.
W. YEANDLE*	3.	*J. BLACKMORE	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by H. MOORE.

*First peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 8, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT ..	..*Treble.*	EDWIN WHITING	5.
RANDALL GRIMBLE*	2.	HENRY GARNHAM	6.
WILLIAM ROOPE	3.	ERNEST WHITING	7.
CHARLES BAKER	4.	FREDERICK ROOPE ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by J. BARRETT and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

ST. IPPOLYT'S, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 8, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Superlative Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Violet, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

LEONARD FIDLER	..*Treble.*	GEORGE T. CROFT	4.
JOHN HARE	2.	CHARLES V. HARE	5.
GEORGE WOLFE	3.	WILLIAM J. CROFT ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. CROFT.

First peal in seven Treble Bob Minor methods by all the band.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 8, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

First peal in the method by all the band. First on the bells. First by the Essex Association and the first in the method ever rung in the county of Essex. This is believed to be the first peal in the method ever rang in the eastern counties. This was T. J. Watts's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

BRATHAY.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Furness and Lake District Branch.)

On Wednesday, December 8, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OP TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise. New London Pleasnre, Woodbine, Violet, Duke of York, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 9 cwt.

Joseph Backhouse ..	..*Treble.*	William Sharp	4.
Woodburn Nevinson ..	2.	John Holme	5.
Furness Woodend	3.	William Robinson ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by Joseph Backhouse.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled to the memory of the late Miss S. M. Whyte, of Tarn Foot, who died on Wednesday, December 1st, and was interred at Brathay on Monday, December 6th.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 9, 1909, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans's Four-Part. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

Arthur W. Gravett	..*Treble.*	George Ades	5.
Charles Palmer	2.	Philip Allfrey..	6.
Ernest Gower	3.	Keith Hart	7.
George Howse	4.	William Allfrey ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by Keith Hart.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Double Oxford.

Tenor 11 cwt.

Joseph B. Miller ..	..*Treble.*	William H. Lawrence ..	4.
Rev. Alfred G. Langdon	2.	Henry Wallace	5.
Edward Saggers	3	Bernard Patmore ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by Bernard Patmore.

Rang on the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Walton respected parishioners.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 10, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

Albert J. E. Harffey*..	*Treble.*	George Penfold	5.
Ernest Gower	2.	Edward W. Bray	6.
Arthur Gower..	3.	Keith Hart	7.
George H. Howse	4.	Joseph Sharp	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by Keith Hart.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Piper, one of the local ringers.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.

Ernest Jones*	..*Treble.*	Richard Jones	5.
Frederic Thomas	2.	George Jones	6.
Robert Sperring	3.	‡Samuel Meadows	7.
George Pierce†	4.	James Morgan	..*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by James Morgan.

*First peal. †First peal of Major. ‡First peal of Bob Major. Quickest peal of Bob Major on the bells.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans's Four-Part. Tenor 14 cwt.

Albert D. Stone ..	..*Treble.*	Arthur W. Gravett ..	5.
Charles Palmer	2.	Philip Allfrey	6.
Ernest Gower	3.	Keith Hart	7.
George Howse	4.	Albert W. Wheale	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by Keith Hart.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

George Howse.. ..	..*Treble.*	Ernest Gower	5.
Albert D. Stone	2.	Alfred J. Turner	6.
Arthur W. Gravett ..	3.	Frederick Rice	7.
Charles Palmer	4.	Keith Hart	..*Tenor*

Composed by Frederick A. Holden, and Conducted by Keith Hart.

LINCOLN.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 15, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-at-Arches,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

In the Kent Variation. Tenor 20 cwt.

Henry W. Kirton ..	..*Treble.*	George Flintham	5.
Rev. Reginald Bond* ..	2.	*Fred Pyle	6.
George Chester	3.	John W. Watson	7.
Tom Pyle	4.	Stanley Wolfe ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by J. Reeves, and Conducted by H. W. Kirton.

*First peal in the method.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 15, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans's Four-Part. Tenor 13 cwt.

Maurice F. R. Hibbert ..	*Treble.*	Francis A. Smith	5.
Joseph J. Allen	2.	Robert E. Stavert ..	6.
Thomas R. Scott	5.	William G. Whitehead	7.
Bertram Prewett	4.	William I. Oakley	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by William G. Whitehead.

Rung on the coming of age of E. H. Cuthbertson, esq., of Bushey House. All the above belong to the local company.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, December 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans's Four-Part.

Harry Withers	..*Treble.*	James E. Groves	5.
William H. Godden ..	2.	Samuel Grove	6.
John Neale	3.	James Dowler	7.
Thomas Horton	4.	William Painter ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by Samuel Grove.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Thomas Pigott, who was interred at Smethwick old church on the above date.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN E. KENNINGTON	*Treble.*	JAMES J. READ	5.
HAROLD RUSHBY	2.	JOHN W. SEAMER	6.
RALPH S. LONG	3.	CHARLES TAYLOR	7.
A. WILLIAM LONG	4.	ARTHUR B. SHEPHERD	*Tenor.*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

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

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 16, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT	*Treble.*	HENRY GABNHAM	5.
CHARLES BAKER	2.	WILLIAM ROOPE	6.
EDWIN WHITING	3.	*ERNEST WHITING	7.
FREDERICK SURRIDGE	4.	FREDERICK ROOPE	*Tenor.*

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT, and Conducted by FREDK. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

Handbell Peal.

WATFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 22, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. WM. WARD, 66, ST. ALBANS ROAD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

HUBERT EDEN	1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE	5-6.
HENRY HODGETTS	3-4.	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW	7-8.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—William Ward, who ticked off every lead-end. First Surprise peal on handbells in the county, by the Association, and by all the band.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The ringer of the 3rd in the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Feltham on November 25th and published in our last issue, was John Henry Howes, not John Howes as stated.

Date Touches.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Friday, December 31st, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 16 mins. H. Torr, J. T. Ladd. W. Dickenson, J. C. Tinker, P. Ballance, G. Wilson, F. S. Butler conductor, R. S. Lakin. Composed by C. Jackson, of Hull. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the departing of the old year. R. S. Lakin was elected a member previous to starting.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

IPSWICH (Suffolk). — On Friday, December 31st, at St. Clement's church, a date touch of Bob Minor, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 14 mins. F. Kinsey, A. E. Durrant, F. W. Tillet, W. Kinsey, A. W. Clark, H. G. Welham conductor.

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Miscellaneous.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOCTON (Lincolnshire).—On Friday, November 12th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. G. Tindall, J. Semper, E. Semper, H. Bowcock, C. Semper. F. W. Stokes conductor. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

ANSTEY.—On Thursday, October 28th, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Simpson, J. Jackson, E. Jackson, D. Richards, J. Bottrill conductor, A. Gelsthorpe, A. Bramley, A. Mason. And 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Cufflin, J. Jackson, A. Mason conductor, D. Richards, E. Jackson, A. Gelsthorpe, A. Bramley, J. Bottrill. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of the Rev. J. K. and Mrs. Williams.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NETLEY ABBEY.—On Saturday. October 16th, 720 College Exercise Minor. G. Noice, H. Wilkes, L. Page, W. H. George, W. T. Tucker, G. Williams conductor. Rang after meeting short for a peal of Double Norwich. On Saturday, October 23rd. an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich was lost through the treble rope breaking after ringing 2 hrs. 40 mins., and within six courses from home. W. G. Rowe, W. T. Tucker, H. W. Wilkes, L. H. Page, F. S. Bayley, W. H. George, E. J. Harding. G. Williams conductor.

ROMSEY (Hants.)—On Wednesday, October 20th, at the monthly practice, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Hands, G. Williams conductor, F. S. Paskins, J. Elcombe, J. Walker, W. H. George, T. Cole, W. G. Fowler.

WOKING (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, October 31st, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. W. Lee, J. Brackley, G. Harding, D. Hampton conductor, T. Stredwich, E. Hamblin. First 720 by the local band.

CRANLEIGH (Surrey).—On Wednesday, November 11th, for practice, 673 Bob Major. H. Tidy, W, Streeter, G. Farnfield, J. J. Jones, A. Charman, W. Denyer, R. Whittington, W. Charman conductor. Longest touch in the method, on the bells, and by all except the ringers of the 4th and 7th.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES (Sussex).—On Wednesday, November 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Walters, C. Morling, F. Fears, W. Clayton, A. Simmons, J. C. Morling, G. Piper F. J. Dawe.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday morning, October 31st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. E. Webb, F. G. Goddard, A. R. Macdonald. W. Lidbetter, T. Beadle, C. Dell conductor, G. Spencer, H. Parslow. Rung on the occasion of the Dedication Festival. On October 31st, for evening service, 1036 Grandsire Triples. E. Webb, T. Beadle, G. Spencer, W. Lawrence conductor, C. Dell, H. Parslow, F. Goddard, H. Beadle.

HOUNSLOW.—On October 29th, at St. Paul's church, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. H. Parslow, G. Spencer, A. Macdonald, C. Dell, T. Beadle, W. Lawrence, W. Welling conductor, W. Watson.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, October 3rd, 720 each of Woodbine and Duke of York. On Sunday, October 10th, 720 each of Woodbine and Lichfield Surprise. On Thursday, October 14th, 720 Bob Minor. On Sunday, October 17th, 720 each of Bob Minor and Chichester Surprise. On Sunday, October 24th 720 College Single. L. Clarkson, G. Clarkson, G. Hobbs, W. Wheeldon, J. Preston, C. Preston, D. Preston. Conducted by C. and D. Preston, and W. Wheeldon.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Tuesday, November 9th, at St.

Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major in 53 mins. A. L. Coleman, W. Malins, C. Wheeler, H. White, W. Taylor, G. W. Murray, J. W. Chandler, J. B. Fenton conductor. On Monday, November 22nd, a quarter-peal of Kent Major in 50 mins. J. A. Fenton, J. W. Chandler, H. White, W. Malins, S. Small, C. W. Wheeler, J. B. Fenton conductor, F. Sear.

EAST GRINSTEAD (Sussex).--Recently for evening service at St. Swithin's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 52 mins. S. Cherson, H. Castle, S. Huggett, R. Allin, J. Lock, T. Tullett, J. Wren conductor, W. F. Moore. On Thursday, November 25th, for practice, 280 Grandsire Triples. H. Castle, R. Allin. A. Huggett, S. Huggett, J. Lock, G. Izzard, J. Wren conductor, F. Day. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Cherson, H. Castle, A. Huggett, H. Bish, J. Lock, J. Wren. T. Tullett conductor, F. Day. And another 504 of Grandsire Triples standing in the same order.

HARROW WEALD.--On Wednesday, December 1st, at All Saints church, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 25 mins. J. Paveley, W. Cox, J. Furness conductor, P. Paveley, W. Hall, J. Martin.

LONDON.--On Sunday morning, November 28th, at All Hallows Barking, Tower Hill, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins. A. J. Neale, A. Walker conductor, A. Scambler, W. Truss, H. Torble, E. J. Webb, W. Theobald, A. Joyce.

LUTON (Beds.)--On Tuesday, November 30th, 704 Kent Major. *N.* Payne, C. Mayne, B. Wilson, H. Wood, H. Shepherd, C. Wing, H. Walker, A. King conductor.

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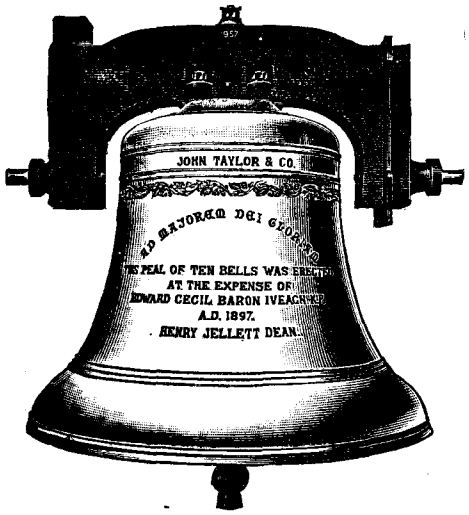

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SUTTON COLDFIELD.--On Sunday evening, November 21st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Ellis conductor, B. Clayden, J. Jennings, G. Claydon, G. Roberts, T. Bloor, B. Leedam, J. Reynolds.

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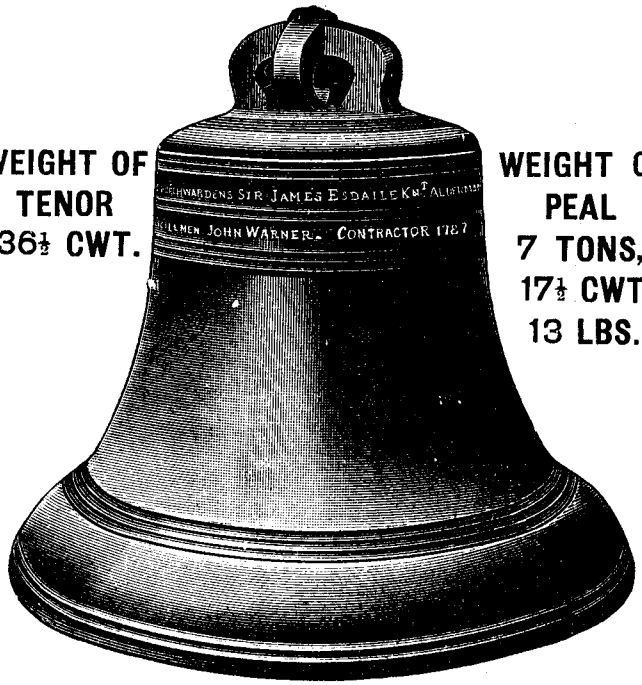

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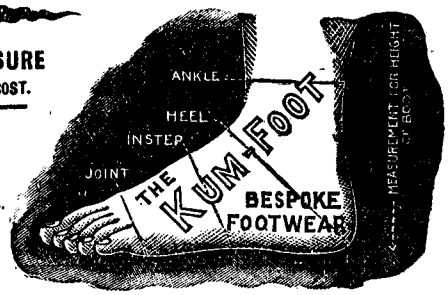

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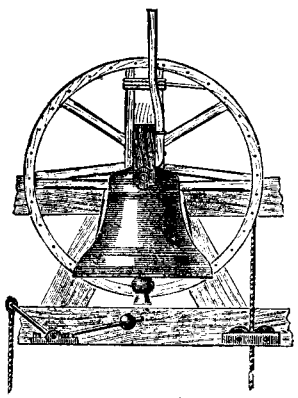

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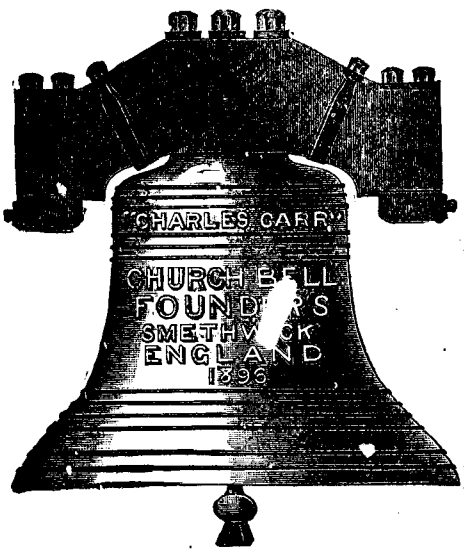

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