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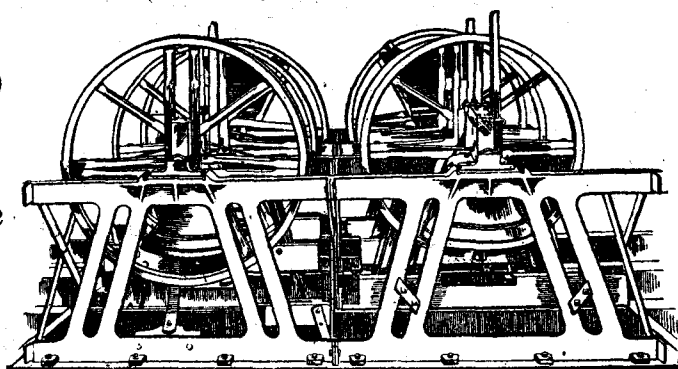
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UNPUNCTUALITY.

IN the very interesting report of the Middlesex County Association, published in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 29th, it is stated that certain peals were lost "by accident, that is to say by the breakage of a rope, or by a clapper becoming detached." The latter is certainly an "accident," a rare and untoward one; but the breakage of a rope is due rather to carelessness of the person or persons responsible for seeing that the ropes are sound before a peal is attempted. It is a preventible accident, for which somebody is to blame.

I may note another point. In almost every number of "THE BELL NEWS" I see, with regard to some peal or peals—"It was intended to go for——, but meeting one short, —— was substituted." Why did that man not turn up? If unavoidably prevented, did he give the others notice by message, post-card, or if necessary by telegram? Or was it mere carelessness, or a momentary whim taking him elsewhere? I write as one who in the past has suffered so much from the irregularity and unpunctuality of some ringers, from their disregard of the convenience of others, and from their apparent lack of any sense of the moral duty of keeping appointments, that at one time I had almost made up my mind to have nothing more to do with them, except so far as was necessary to encourage the ringing in my own parish church. I felt that I could not stand the annoyance and waste of time in waiting about for men who either did not come at all, or too late to do much ringing. This has been the one drop of bitterness in my cup of otherwise pleasant relations with ringers. Now that it is all over, and I shall ring no more, I am glad that I did not throw it up before; but it was often a sore trial to a very busy man of punctual temperament, though I daresay that many do not feel with me in this.

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HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

A new large clock is to be erected in the St. Luke's hospital, Halifax, Yorkshire, in place of the electric clock, which has been a failure. The contract has been given to Messrs. John Smith and Sons, of the Midland Clock Works, Derby, who recently made the new great clock and chimes for Selby Abbey.

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BERROW, SOMERSET.

On Wednesday evening, November 24th, 1909, the church of St. Mary, Berrow, was filled to overflowing with a congregation who attended to take part in, and be edified by the proceedings in connection with, the re-opening of the tower, and the dedication of the ring of six bells which have just been rehung therein.

The clergy present were the Ven. the Archdeacon of Wells (Prebendary Brymer), the Rev. E. G. Austen (Vicar of Berrow), Rev. P. W. Brancker, Rev. E. H. C. Stephenson, and the Rev. F. W. Bentley. Mr. W. H. Nixon presided at the organ. During the singing of Psalm cxii. the Archdeacon, accompanied by the clergy and churchwardens (Messrs. Coome and House), proceeded to the tower. The ceremony of dedication being completed, the bells were rung for a short period. The Archdeacon then delivered an address, after which several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were rung by the following members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, from Burnham: W. Crandon, G. Chamberlain, G. Pruen, J. Coram, J. Dunn, W. Worgan, A. Routley, F. Iley, and J. Harris. The ringers were entertained to supper by the Rev. and Mrs. Austen, and a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his kindness.

The go and tone of these Berrow bells are excellent. The work of restoration was carried out by Messrs. Llewellins and James, bellfounders, of Bristol, and the workmanship reflects great credit on that firm. They supplied a new treble, recast two of the old ones, and rehung the whole, with completely new fittings, in a superb frame. Previous to this desirable improvement Berrow had five bells only, but no ringing has been known there for more than thirty years, as the crown of the tenor was broken right out. Now with the addition of a new treble, and the old 2nd and the tenor recast, the village has one of the finest rings of six in the county, and in splendid going order for many years to come.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 29th, at St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, which unfortunately came to grief owing to one of the ringers being taken ill after ringing 3860 changes in 2 hrs. 20 mins. F. S. Wilson, W. Short, John Elcock, John Overton, B. Head, W. Overton (conductor), H. Overton, and H. Jones. This peal was arranged for F. S. Wilson, of Ludlow, and the above is his longest of Stedman Triples.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly general meeting of this Association was held at Beccles on bank-holiday, December 27th, 1909.

The ten bells in the campanile of the parish church were placed at the disposal of members throughout the day and were largely used. Messrs. Taylor have only just completed a thorough restoration of this fine ring, and as the Association had voted a grant from its funds for carrying out of the work, it was felt that a meeting should be arranged as soon as possible to enable members to inspect the work. This included a new steel frame, with all new fittings, new floors, and the recasting of three of the bells. It is needless to say this has all been done in the most workmanlike manner, and those who had rung at Beccles under the old conditions—with hardly two ropes in the "circle" in proper consecutive order—welcomed the change, and appreciated the improvement carried out.

Dinner was served at one o'clock in the Public Hall, with W. H. Crowfoot, esq. (a honorary member of the Association) in the chair, supported by the Revs. E. C. Hopper and E. C. J. Bourn, Messrs. W. L. Duffield, G. G. Burton, C. E. Borrett (secretary), and representatives from many towers in the diocese.

Letters regretting inability to attend had been received from the President (J. Sanicroft Holmes, esq.) and the Rector of Beccles, and keen disappointment was felt by every one present at the enforced absence of the leader of the Beccles company, Mr. Henry Hopson, owing to ill-health. It is not too much to say that Mr. Hopson was solely responsible for the restoration of the bells—both for the inception of the work, and for the raising of the necessary funds—and universal regret was felt that he was compelled to keep away from the rejoicings which marked the completion of the scheme.

At the conclusion of dinner the usual loyal toasts were given by the chairman, who also proposed "Success to the Association," to which the secretary replied. The toast of "The Mayor and Corporation" was acknowledged by the Mayor, who suggested, in his reply, that a vote of condolence should be sent to Mr. Hopson. This was at once agreed to, and the election of new members concluded the meeting.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at the church of St. Nicholas, Warwick, on Saturday, January 29th, by the kind permission of the Rev. F. H. Lawson, Vicar. Tea was provided at a temperance hotel at five o'clock, followed by the meeting of the Guild, with the ringing master, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, in the chair.

The hon. secretary read the minutes of the last quarterly meeting, which were confirmed. It was resolved that the next quarterly meeting be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, April 23rd next. The hon. secretary read a letter of apology from Mr. W. G. Dickins (hon. treasurer), regretting his inability to attend the meeting that afternoon through having been called away from home on important business.

The Rev. C. Carew Cox then addressed the meeting. He said he had a very pleasant duty to perform on behalf of the Guild, and that was to present to their ringing-master, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, a wedding gift of a complete tea service, as a token of their goodwill and fellowship, with every wish for his future happiness and prosperity. Mr. Smallwood suitably replied, thanking

sincerely the members for their great kindness and good wishes.

Mr. A. W. Brighton (of London) was duly elected a member of the Guild. Mr. Coleman (hon. secretary) proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Rev. F. H. Lawson, Vicar of St. Nicholas, for granting permission for the use of his bells.

Mr. Edward H. Adams very kindly arranged for the members of the Guild, after the meeting, to have a ring in the evening on the fine ten at St. Mary's, Warwick, which was very much appreciated by all who attended. Touches were rung in the afternoon and evening in the following methods: Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Superlative Surprise Major, Stedman Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Royal. The attendance of ringers was about twenty-six. Although not a large meeting, it was a most successful one. A. L. C.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the South Bucks. and East Berks. branch of this Guild was held on Saturday, January 29th, at High Wycombe. The towers of the parish churches of Hughenden, West Wycombe, and High Wycombe were open to the ringers, who gladly availed themselves of the privilege. There was a special interest attaching to the meeting, as it was the first meeting of the Guild at High Wycombe since the addition to the belfry which has given to the tower a ring of twelve bells.

The service was held at 4.30 p.m., and the preacher was the Rev. A. S. Crummeline, Rector of Beaconsfield.

The members then assembled at the Guildhall for tea, and the annual business meeting followed. The chair was taken by the Rev. Canon Drummond, chairman of the branch, and he was supported by the Vicar of the parish, the churchwardens, and about one hundred Guild members. After the singing of a verse of the National Anthem, there was a report upon the year's work, which showed a satisfactory record of peals, and a sufficient balance in hand. The chairman gave his annual address, which was received with the usual appreciation and respect. Cordial votes of thanks and suitable replies brought a successful meeting to a close.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch of the above was held at Burnham on January 15th, 1910. The bells were available early in the afternoon. Divine Service was held in the parish church at 4.30 by the Rev. H. J. Ker Thompson, assisted by the Rev. Bentley, vicar of Worle. A very able address was given to the ringers by the Rev. H. J. Ker Thompson. Soon after the service, some forty members, representing the following towers: Burnham, Berrow, Congresbury, Huntspill, Highbridge, Taunton, Weston-super-Mare, Worle, and Kewstoke, sat down to a capital meat tea at The Clarence hotel. The usual business meeting followed, the Rev. H. J. Ker Thompson presiding, supported by the Rev. Bentley and Rev. E. G. Austen. The following officers were unanimously re-elected for the year: Rev. H. J. Ker Thompson president, Mr. A. H. Davies local hon. sec., and Mr. G. Chamberlain on the general committee. Nine new members and one honorary member were duly elected. The next place of meeting will be Worle. A very hearty

vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. H. J. Ker Thompson for arranging the service and presiding at the meeting. The Rev. Thompson suitably responded. A vote of thanks was also accorded Mr. W. H. May for presiding at the organ. During the evening several capital touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles were rung.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The Second Session of the Seventh Council (20th Annual Meeting) will be held at Manchester on Whitsun Tuesday, May 17th, 1910. Reports of Committees and Notices of Motion should reach me not later than Saturday, April 16th, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in "THE BELL NEWS." Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations will kindly bear in mind that Affiliation Fees (2s. 6d. for each elected representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be forwarded to me as soon as possible. The rights of representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be glad if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in their own address since last year, or in that of any representative, or of any change in the representation itself.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Members are reminded that the standing orders have been suspended, and that the following alteration of and addition to the rules will be brought before the general meeting at Eastwood, on the 29th inst. for acceptance.

Rule iv.: Erase the words "entitled to the report of the past year now."

Rule iva. (or rule v. the remainder to be renumbered)—"Members may, by payment of sixpence, in addition to their annual subscription during the month of January in each year, obtain at Easter the report of the past year through the local honorary secretary of the district in which they reside.

"Non-resident members and others can obtain the report post free from the Honorary Secretary after Easter on forwarding one shilling.

"New members will be entitled to the report of the past year on payment of their entrance fee.

"The report will be gratis to all honorary members."

I shall be much obliged if all wishing to receive a report on the above terms will notify me or the local secretary by the 29th inst., so that a proper number of reports may be printed.

N.B.—The report for 1909 will contain a portrait of the band who rang the record peal at Loughborough.

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W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

A CORRECTION.—Mr. J. W. T. Holgate writes: "I have just received my 'BELL NEWS' for Saturday last, January 29th, and thank you for inserting the report of the unveiling ceremony at St. Peter's, Bramley, but I find you have made a rather noticeable error. The report reads 'thirty-one methods' instead of 'twenty-one methods.'"

CHURCH NEWS.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL.—At a meeting of the Liverpool Cathedral Committee on Monday it was announced that the Consecration of the Lady-chapel would take place at the end of June. The auditors' statement showed that the amount required to complete the first part of the Cathedral would be £50,000.

GIFT OF £15,000 FOR A NEW CHURCH.—A munificent gift was announced last week at a meeting of the Chester Diocesan Church Building Society, when the Archdeacon of Chester stated that Mr. Frederick James Harrison, of Maer Hall, Staffordshire, and Mr. Heath Harrison, of Lecourt, Liss, Hampshire, had given £15,000 for the building and endowment of a church and parsonage-house for a new parish to be formed out of Wallasey parish.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.—A scheme is on foot, says the *City Press*, to improve the entrance to and surroundings of Southwark Cathedral. The idea is to do away with the unsightly area-like steps, improve the appearance of the railings, cut the approach off from the passage to the market, and build a sloping way to the south-west entrance. Over the entrance to this sloping way will be placed either an arch in stone in conformity with the architectural features of the church, or an ironwork structure of ornamental design.

RESTORATION OF WRENBURY CHURCH.—The re-opening services, after the extensive internal restoration of the beautiful and ancient parish church of Wrenbury, situated five miles south of Nantwich, were held yesterday week. The Bishop of Chester preached to a large congregation in the afternoon, the Rural Dean of Nantwich (Rev. J. Stapleton Cotton), occupying the pulpit in the evening. It is due to the initiative and energy of the new Vicar of Wrenbury (the Rev. H. W. Bradley), that the work has now been carried through successfully. It includes the re-flooring, re-seating, re-ventilating, re-heating, and re-furnishing of the old church.

CHURCH EXTENSION AT COVENTRY.—The foundation-stone of the new church of St. Margaret, Coventry, the first of the churches contemplated by the Church Extension Society for the Archdeaconry, was laid on Saturday. Meeting in the temporary church—some unoccupied motor works—a procession was formed to the Walsgrave Road site, the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" being sung as a procession. The Marquess of Hertford (Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire) walked with the Mayor of the city (Alderman Lee), who, although a Nonconformist, thus showed his sympathy with the work in hand. Lord Hertford laid the stone "in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ," and delivered a short address, in the course of which he spoke of the growing needs of a rapidly-increasing city; while Canon Masterman expressed the hope that church-people would either contribute or guarantee all the money needed, so as to enable the church to be wholly erected without any break in the building operations. The new parish, which has been carved out of the parishes of All Saints' and Stoke, will have a population of eight thousand. The church is to be in the Early Decorated style of architecture, and will ultimately provide accommodation for 650 persons; but with present funds it is only possible to put up nave and north and south aisles.

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.

RINGER'S WEDDING AT WATH-ON-DEARNE.

On Wednesday, January 12th, Mr. Egerton G. Nicholls, one of the local ringers, was married to Miss Eleanor Bramall, the daughter of a very well-known and respected Wath resident. The ceremony took place at 2.0 p.m., and was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Keble Martin, in the presence of a great many friends and relatives of both bride and bridegroom.

As the bridal pair left the church, the bells (tenor 14 cwt., cast in 1583), went into changes to the tune of 720 Violet Treble Bob Minor. W. Bramham, A. Crossman, W. Woodcock, A. Panther, S. Woodcock, A. Nash (conductor). After this the bells were kept going until 9.30 p.m. The following methods were rung: London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Royston Delight, by the above band. Also touches of College Treble, Tulip, Woodcock's Delight, Wilson's Victory, Sandal Exercise, Snowdrop, Gladstone Delight, Darfield Delight and Duke of York, the band standing as follows: S. Woodcock, A. Crossman, A. Panther, W. Woodcock, jun., R. J. Ricketts, A. Nash conductor. After lowering the bells the band adjourned to The Saracen's Head, where the usual ringers' discussions took place until 11 p.m. Messrs. Woodcock very kindly came over from Darfield to assist in the celebration.

Obituary.

SAMUEL SLATER.

It is with regret that we announce the death of the above-named ringer, which occurred at his residence, Hunts Hill, Glemsford, on December 28th, 1909. Deceased, who was 59 years of age, had taken part in 128 peals of 5000 changes and upwards, being made up of one of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, three of Royal, eighty-seven of Major, three of Double Norwich Major, two of Bob Triples, two of Grandsire Triples, twenty-four of Bob Major, in seven Minor methods four, four Minor methods two, one of Oxford Treble Bob Major. He rang his first 720 of Plain Bob on Stanstead bells on May 20th, 1865, and he concluded his ringing career there by ringing a 720 of Kent Treble on January 17th, 1909. He had also taught bands to ring at Glemsford, Stanstead, Cavendish, Hawkedon and Stansfield. He took part in the following long peals: 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major at Foxearth, 7040 Kent Treble Bob Major at Belchamp Walter, 7008 of Kent Treble Bob Major at Long Melford, all of which are the longest peals on their respective bells. He also rang the famous Lavenham tenor to the longest peal of Treble Bob it was ever rung to—6048 changes—on April 15th, 1895. He also organised and took part in the first peal of Treble Bob Royal on the Norman tower bells Bury St. Edmunds. He was laid to rest in Glemsford churchyard on Jan. 3rd, the funeral rites being performed by the Rev. H. Hall, M.A. Rector of Glemsford. Immediately after the funeral the following rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (without muffled clappers, according to deceased's wish): A. Symonds conductor, S. H. Symonds, W. R. J. Poulson, P. J. Garwood, G. Smith, A. J. Clarke. He had made a collection of all the peals that had been rung in Norfolk down to the time of the Norwich Association. He had also taken "THE BELL NEWS" since its commencement, and "Church Bells" for twenty years. Besides being a ringer he was a member of the Albion Lodge of United Ancient Order of Druids since 1872, and had served all the elective offices in that lodge, at the time of his death being Arch Druid. He was a member of all the principal ringing societies in East Anglia. He leaves a widow and two sons to mourn his loss, the eldest of whom is a proficient ringer. May he rest in peace and rise in power.

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NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT BECCLES.—After the peal the ringers were invited to a tea kindly provided for them by the Mayor of Beccles, Mr. W. J. Money, his co-churchwarden Mr. W. Brooks, and Mr. H. Hopson, Secretary of the Beccles district of the Norwich Diocesan Association, to whom they desire to return their best thanks for their hospitality; also to the Rector of Beccles for the use of the bells. The restoration of the bells has been most successfully carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, leaving little or nothing to be desired; and Mr. H. Hopson, by whose efforts some six hundred pounds or more have been raised for this purpose, is to be sincerely congratulated on the result of his labours. The weight of the tenor bell is 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs., and the headstock about 4 cwt. aggregating nearly 29½ cwt. in all.

THE PEAL AT SITTINGBOURNE.—Mr. F. Bennett's 600 peals.—In seven Minor Methods, 4; Union Triples 1, conducted 1; Oxford Bob Triples 1, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 55, conducted 37; Grandsire Major 1, conducted 1; Grandsire Caters 14, conducted 7; Canterbury Pleasure Major 1, conducted 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major 2, conducted 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 46, conducted 23; Kent Treble Bob Royal 12, conducted 3; Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1; Stedman Triples 110, conducted 54; Stedman Caters 29, conducted 11; Double Oxford Bob Major 1; Double Norwich Major 9, conducted 37; Double Norwich Royal 1; New Cumberland Surprise Major 10, conducted 5; Norfolk Surprise Major 2; Westminster Surprise Major 3; Oxford Surprise Major 3; Gloucester Surprise Major 3; Bristol Surprise Major 4, conducted 1; Superlative Surprise Major 74, conducted 21; New Cambridge Surprise Major 1, conducted 1; Cambridge Surprise Major 31, conducted 17; London Surprise Major 33 conducted 2. Total 600; conducted 264. Rung in 179 towers and 15 counties.

THE PEAL AT TILEHURST.—C. R. Lilley's 400 peals.—Doubles in twelve methods 6, conducted 2; Minor in seven methods 92, conducted 58; Union Triples 1; Oxford Bob Triples 1, conducted 1; Bob Triples 2, conducted 2; Bob Major 30, conducted 26; Bob Royal 8, conducted 4; Grandsire Triples 74, conducted 65; Grandsire Caters 18, conducted 6; Stedman Triples 40; Stedman Caters 9; Stedman Cinques 2; Kent Treble Bob Major 28, conducted 18; Kent Treble Bob Royal 7.

THE PEAL AT BRIGHTON.—G. H. Howse's 100 peals.—Minor four methods, 1; Minor, seven methods, 1; Grandsire Triples 26, conducted 5; Union Triples 1; Bob Triples 2; Darlaston Bob Triples 1; Oxford Bob Triples 1; Stedman Triples 32; Bob Major 18; Kent Treble Bob Major 11; Double Norwich Major 2; Superlative Surprise 1; Stedman Caters 1; Bob Royal 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal 1. Total 100; conducted 5. Rung in 18 different towers.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 7th and 21st; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 8th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 14th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 15th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 17th; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 22nd; all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance should be paid before the 28th inst.

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, to-day, Sat., February 5th. Tower open for ringing at 3.45. Evensong at 5.30.

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

The London Chantry Association late the St. James's Society.—The eighty-sixth annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 12th, at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, E.C. With the kind permission of the Rev. E. Rogers the tower will be open for ringing from 4.30 to 6 p.m., and after the business meeting. Business meeting at 6.45 p.m. All members should endeavour to attend, as business of exceptional importance will be brought before the meeting. The tower of St. Andrew's, Holborn, will also be open for ringing from 3.30 to 5.30.

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

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Moulton to-day, Sat., February 5th. Dinner at The Swan inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d. each. Divine Service at the parish church at 3.30 p.m. *Pinchbeck, Spalding.* G. LADD, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey to-day, Sat., February 5th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at The Golden Lion, Chapeltown, at 7.30.

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

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The quarterly meeting of the above society has been postponed from January 29th to February 5th, and will be held at Oldham parish church. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock.

CHAS. E. BOWER, *Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Wylam-on-Tyne to-day, Sat., February 5th. Bells at Wylam and Newburn available Committee meeting at 4 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. at The Bird inn.

CHAS. E. TODD, *Hon. Sec.*
92, Northgate, Darlington.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Halesowen to-day, Sat., February 5th. Service, with address by the Rector (Rev. Ronald Symes), in the parish church at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells (8) will be available. J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*
Bromford, Worcester.

The Essex Association—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Witham to-day, Sat., February 5th. Tea at The White Horse at 5.30, at 1s. each. Those intending being present please notify by the 2nd inst.

A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, *Dis. Sec.*
Sandpit Road, B.intree.

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The annual meeting will be held at Sutton Coldfield to-day, Sat., February 5th. Bells available from 2 o'clock till 8.30. Service in parish church at 5.30. Business meeting in Church House at 6 o'clock, at which Canon Barnard will preside. It is hoped that every member who can make it convenient will attend. Attention is directed to Rule 5.

A. PADDON SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Kent County Association—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Canterbury to-day, Sat., February 5th. Bells available at St. Stephen's at 2 p.m.; St. Alphege at 3 p.m.; and at the Cathedral at 4 p.m. after evensong. No allowances are made at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and it would be a convenience if paid at the meeting. Teas may be obtained at Sargent's hotel, St. Peter's Street, if required.

E. TRENDLELL, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Hyde to-day, Sat., February 5th.

A. T. BRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, February 12th, and not at Longton on February 5th as stated on the meeting cards. Bells at 3 o.p.m. Tea at 5.30. Service at 7 p.m. Tea will only be provided for those who notify us not later than February 6th, and a small charge will be made for same.

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

143, Flint Terrace, Tunstall.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, February 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Institute at 5.30. Members are asked to make a special effort to attend this meeting.

G. B. EDGER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on Saturday, February 12th. Bells ready at 5.30. WALTER HUGHES, *Br. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Alresford on Saturday, February 12th. The bells of Old and New Alresford will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at Mrs. Beasley's restaurant, West Street, Alresford, at 5 o'clock.

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

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Leatherhead District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ashted on Saturday, February 12th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Usual arrangements.

A. H. WINCH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—A supper and social will be held at The Princes Head, Princes Street, Westminster, on Saturday, February 19th. Tickets, 2s. each, to be had from Messrs. A. Hardy, C. Ward, W. G. Matthews, F. G. Perrin, and

JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

215, Sumner Road, Pickham, S.E.

The Lancashire Association—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, February 19th. Bells ready at 5. Business at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Essex Association—South-Eastern District.—A bye-meeting will be held at the vicarage, Galleywood, on Saturday, February 12th. Bells at 5.30. Meeting at 6.30. Visitors and friends welcome.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Oldham, on Saturday, February 19th. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 6 p.m. prompt. A good attendance requested. Any ringer welcome.

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64235	-	-	-
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32465	-	-	-	-
63254	-	1	-	-
34256	-	3	-	-
23564	-	1	-	-
62345	-	1	-	-
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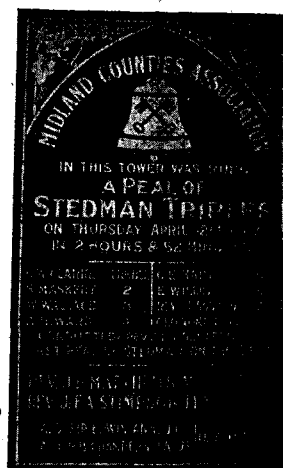
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1910.

THE remarks made by the Rev. Canon PAPILLON in this number are to the point. They deal with what at the present time seems to be an evil which is greatly on the increase.

An "accident" to bell-ropes from breakages while ringing is nearly always, as the Canon says, "due rather to carelessness" on the part of those whose duty it is to see that such "accidents" are provided against by periodical inspection and repair. We know very well how such duties are often carried out. So long as the ropes will stand chiming or ringing for the Sunday services, all goes well enough for the individual who rejoices in the proud position and title of "steeplekeeper," but when a peal is attempted, the failure of this person is generally apparent; perhaps as much to his own sorrow as that of the company, for his pocket is likely to suffer through such disappointment. It would be well if the various church authorities looked more deeply than they do into the manner in which the duties of steeplekeeper are performed. They should know that bell-ropes, like other mundane things, in course of time get old, and it is necessary that their decay should be prevented as far as possible by those frequent attentions which are known to most ringers.

The other evil referred to by Canon PAPILLON, it will almost be necessary to meet with some drastic measure. No one knows altogether the frequency of that reckless conduct which brings such disappointment to would-be peal-ringers. Perhaps the haphazard and callous manner into which those peal-promises are made is the cause of much of the trouble.

The Metropolis.**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.)***On Monday, January 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS.

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

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.*On Saturday, January 29, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION, Tenor 31 cwt.

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HYTHE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
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CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.***On Tuesday, December 28, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F sharp.

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*First peal.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

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On Tuesday, December 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES TOMPKINS* .. Treble.	GEORGE W. TOMPKINS .. 4.
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Conducted by CRCIL A. VALENTINE.

*First peal of Minor. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th are members of the local band.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, December 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt.

GORDON CHECKITTS* .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
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Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

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

TILEHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Tuesday, December 28, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

HENRY GOODGER* .. Treble.	WALTER WEBB 5.
CHARLES STONE 2.	AMEROSE W. OSBORNE .. 6.
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Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal in the method. This is the conductor's 400th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, December 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRED R. KITTLEBORO .. Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 5.
JESSE MOSS 2.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
EDWARD ROBBINS 3.	THOMAS RILEY 7.
HARRY MOSS 4.	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung to celebrate the 52nd birthday of His Grace the Duke of Portland.

FENNY STRATFORD, BUCKS.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 29, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-scores.

ARTHUR OWEN Treble.	JOHN EAMES 4.
HARRY SEAR 2.	THOMAS BEST, JUN. .. 5.
GEORGE GROVES 3.	WILLIAM CRANWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BEST, JUN.

Rung on the occasion of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sear. First peal by all except H. Sear.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM STENNING Treble.	PHILIP J. ALLFREY 5.
WILLIAM ASHDOWN 2.	THOMAS STRINGER 6.
GEORGE TOMSETT 3.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 7.
HENRY J. GRAVETT 4.	GEORGE F. GASTON Tenor.

Conducted by A. W. GRAVETT.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 30, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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ERNEST GOWER 2.	JOSEPH SHARP 6.
ARTHUR MILES 3.	ALFRED E. MIDMORE .. 7.
EDWARD W. BRAY 4.	HARRY HOOKHAM Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH SHARP.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ERNEST GOWER Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.
RICHARD STREDWICE 2.	CHARLES PALMER 6.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 3.	KEITH HART 7.
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Conducted by KEITH HART.

This was G. H. Howse's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

LEONARD AMBROSE .. Treble.	WILLIAM THILBERT .. 5.
SAMUEL WILTSHIRE .. 2.	FREDERICK PEARCE .. 6.
ALBERT KNIGHT .. 3.	LEONARD F. TAYLOR .. 7.
ALEXANDER EVANS .. 4.	FREDERICK MERRITT .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALEXANDER EVANS.

*First peal away from the tenor. First peal on the bells by a local band. The ringer of the 7th was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR J. GRIFFITHS .. Treble.	†W. BERNARD CLARKE .. 4.
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. 2.	WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 5.
LEONARD LEWIS 3.	*JOHN MARTIN Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

*First peal. †First peal of Doubles.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, January 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs in A flat.

REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. Treble.	EDWARD EVANS 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EABLE BULWER, and

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM GOODCHILD .. Treble.	JOHN EVANS 5.
FRED BIGGS 2.	F. BOREHAM 6.
RALPH BIGGS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
G. WHITE 4.	JOSEPH EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and one each of Woodbine, Oxford Delight, and Plain Bob.

CHARLES E. FISHER .. Treble.	HENRY HAWES 4.
HARRY BURCH 2.	WILLIAM KING 5.
DAVID LEGGETT 3.	GEORGE ABLITT Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDEN AND STOKEPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 1, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Killamarsh, Duke of Norfolk, Rochester, Islington, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal Exercise and Burton.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY Treble.	JOHN BANCROFT 4.
HERBERT WILLIAMSON .. 2.	JOHN W. HARTLEY 5.
HARRY LANGLEY 3.	ALLAN S. GORDON Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to D. Langley.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR E. PAYNE .. Treble.	EDWARD CHAPMAN 5.
ROBERT F. TURNER .. 2.	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT .. 6.
ALBERT V. INNS 3.	DAVID J. NICHOLS 7.
CHARLES W. BIRD 4.	JOSEPH C. STRATFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

First peal in the method by the ringer of the 3rd. First peal in the method on the bells by a local band.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt.

RICHARD HAYES Treble.	THOMAS MACK 5.
ALFRED H. PULLING 2.	THOMAS ATTWELL 6.
HENRY MULLARD 3.	HERBERT J. ELLIS 7.
MICHAEL BROWN 4.	HERBERT RENMANT Tenor.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Attwell's daughter.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANK W. BUCKLAND .. Treble.	WILLIAM WELLING 5.
JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE 2.	ROBERT H. YOUNG 6.
JAMES W. WILKINS 3.	RICHARD BUCKLAND 7.
HARRY HOWARD 4.	FREDERICK MALIN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

BRAMLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

SAM WARD* Treble.	WM. ABBISHAW 4.
JAMES PEACOCK 2.	JAMES GUY 5.
J. W. T. HOLGATE† 3.	WALTER CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

*First peal of Minor. †Fiftieth peal.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM GOSLING, SEN. .. Treble.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 5.
EDWIN H. LEWIS 2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 6.
REV. A. T. BRESTON 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGEDS 7.
JESSE MOSS 4.	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

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

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NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lbs.

WALTER E. ROWE Treble.	LIONEL H. PAGE 5.
HENRY W. WILKES 2.	GEORGE NOICE 6.
CHARLES J. FRAY 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4.	OWEN GILES Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY W. WILKES.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich Major.

STRANTON, WEST HARTLEPOOL.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

CHRIS. A. WILSON* .. Treble.	†FREDK. C. MC CARTHY .. 5.
ALBERT SIMPSON 2.	ARTHUR TEMPLE 6.
ALBERT R. WEBSTER* .. 3.	*JOHN LOWBEY 7.
ERNEST G. WILSON* .. 4.	*CHAS. E. S. WILSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. SIMPSON.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. This is the first peal ever rung by an entirely local band, and the first peal by the parish ringers, who have been instructed by the conductor since the dedication of the bells in June, 1908.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Carlisle, Cambridge, York, Durham, London, and Wells. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

EMANUEL COX Treble.	WILLIAM H. PORTER .. 4.
GEORGE PARK 2.	G. JAMES LUNGLEY .. 5.
WILLIAM WOOLKY 3.	GEORGE W. PARK Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE W. PARK.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs. in D flat.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	DENISON HAYWARD 6.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 2.	FREDERICK DAY 7.
ROBERT H. HAYWARD .. 3.	WILLIAM FLOYD 8.
WILLIAM MOTTS 4.	FREDERICK WATLING .. 9.
ERNEST F. POPPY 8.	JOHN SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This is the first peal rung upon the bells since their excellent restoration by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the first peal in the Kent variation ever rung upon them. Further reference elsewhere.

The following peals were rung by members of the Kent County Association during the Christmas holidays:—

BORDEN, KENT.

On Sunday, December 26, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

ARTHUR N. HARDY .. Treble.	ERNEST G. DOBBIE 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	WILLIAM SPICE 6.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 3.	RICHARD STAINES 7.
STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. 4.	WILLIAM HEWETT Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lbs.

ERNEST G. DOBBIE* .. Treble.	ARTHUR N. HARDY 5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM HEWETT 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal of Double Norwich; also on the bells.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs. in E.

RICHARD STAINES* Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
WILLIAM HEWETT 2.	WILLIAM SPICE 6.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 4.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Double Norwich, and the conductor's 600th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.

On Tuesday, December 28, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.

ERNEST G. DOBBIE Treble.	WILLIAM SPICE 5.
ARTHUR N. HARDY 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
EDWARD TRENDLE 3.	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 4.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

On Tuesday, December 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE OF CHARITIE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

FRANK BENNETT Treble.	ERNEST G. DOBBIE 5.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 2.	EDWARD TRENDLE 6.
WILLIAM SPICE 3.	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7.
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.. 4.	ARTHUR N. HARDY Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Miscellaneous.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—On Thursday, December 30th, at the church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. C. H. Hughes, E. Finch, T. H. Taffender conductor, S. F. Gowlett, G. F. Woodage, H. J. Gummer, J. Bullock, F. J. Hardy. On Sunday, January 16th, at St. George's church, Camberwell, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters. C. F. Winney, T. H. Taffender conductor, S. F. Gowlett, W. J. Kemp, W. H. Taffender, C. F. Burden, R. F. Deal, G. R. Fardon, H. Langdon, J. Bullock.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SELBY (Yorks).—On Sunday, December 19th, at the Abbey church, 720 Bob Minor on the lighter six. A. Dobson, H. Fairlam, A. Hall, A. Cryer, F. Stokes, F. Cryer conductor. This is the first 720 on the bells since the new ring of ten was hung in September last by Messrs. Taylor. For evening service 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Dobson, J. Jackson, A. Cryer, A. Hall, F. Cryer, F. Stokes conductor, H. Fairlam, T. Strudwick.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

FENTON.—On Sunday morning, December 12th, for Divine Service, 800 Grandsire Triples. W. Edwards, W. Hill, J. Nicklin, A. Nicklin, B. Snow, A. Smith, E. A. Sherratt conductor, A. Jackson. For evening service a quarter-peal in the same method in 45 mins. W. Fitchford, jun., W. Hill, R. Scaville, A. Nicklin, B. Snow, A. Smith, E. Sherratt conductor, J. Nicklin.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EXETER.—On December 8th, at the usual monthly practice at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 57 mins.

H. Payne, J. Guest, A. Monkley, L. Green, E. Shepherd, W. Riccardson, F. Davey conductor. W. Acreman.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEYLAND (Lancashire).—On Sunday, December 12th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 336 Stedman Triples. For evening service 1260 Stedman Triples in 47 mins. T. Crood, E. Watkinson, J. Watkinson conductor, A. Robinson, H. France, S. Watkinson, E. Bannister, J. Harrison.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHWELL (Notts).—On September 12th, at the Cathedral, 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Beeson, G. Padgett, J. Chamberlain conductor, T. Foster, G. Beckett, H. Clulow, E. Foster, H. R. Beresford. On November 9th, 672 Grandsire Triples. G. Padgett, C. Chamberlain, T. Foster, A. Chamberlain conductor, G. Beckett, H. Clulow, E. Foster, H. Wilson. On November 28th, 714 Grandsire Triples. E. Foster, G. Padgett, C. Chamberlain, H. Clulow, G. Beckett, J. Beeson, A. Chamberlain conductor, A. Wilson.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sunday, November 28th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. W. Flinders, H. Whittle, J. Wooley, H. Colburn, T. Flint, F. Johnson, J. Hickman conductor, C. Barnes.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WRENTHAM (Suffolk).—On Thursday, November 18th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Bertram, A. Naunton, J. Spencer, L. Naunton, E. Nunn, F. Naunton conductor. Another 720 in the same method. G. Bertram, A. Naunton, F. Naunton, L. Naunton, J. Spencer conductor, E. Nunn. On Tuesday, November 23rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. G. Bertram, A. Naunton, J. Spencer, L. Naunton, F. Naunton conductor. E. Nuon.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.

WHITBY (Yorks).—On Sunday, November 14th, 1024 Bob Major. T. Steel, W. Breckon, G. Alexander conductor, F. Hodgson, W. Knaggs, J. Waters, W. Harland, J. Lowther. On Tuesday, November 23rd, 1008 Bob Major. T. Steel, W. Breckon, F. Hodgson, Fred Hodgson, W. Knaggs, J. Waters, W. Harland, G. Alexander conductor.

DARLEY DALE (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, December 8th, for practice at St. Helen's church, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Paulson, T. White, H. Gregory, F. Travis, W. Taylor, E. Blackwell, J. Derbyshire, E. Hallows.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Sunday, November 7th, for evening service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. H. Page, G. Cross, W. Page, J. Cross. T. Page conductor, G. Wines, T. Hamlin, T. Weaver. On Sunday, morning, November 28th, for Divine Service, 252 Stedman Triples. H. Page, G. Cross, W. Page, J. Cross, T. Page conductor, G. Wines, T. Hamlin, S. Neaver. First touch of Stedman Triples.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On September 29th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. C. Nunn, E. Youngs, E. Hicks, G. Kemp, W. Rose, G. Cattermole conductor.

COTTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening September 14th, 360 Grandsire Doubles. E. Youngs, B. Chilvers, F. Hayward, W. Gaffer, A. Coleman conductor.

WICKHAM SKEITH.—On November 3rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. A. Cattermole, E. Youngs, A. Berry, L. Last (12 years of age), G. Kemp, T. Davey conductor. On November 21st, after morning service, 720 Plain Bob. A. Cattermole, E. Youngs, A. Berry, L. Last, G. Kemp, T. Davey conductor.

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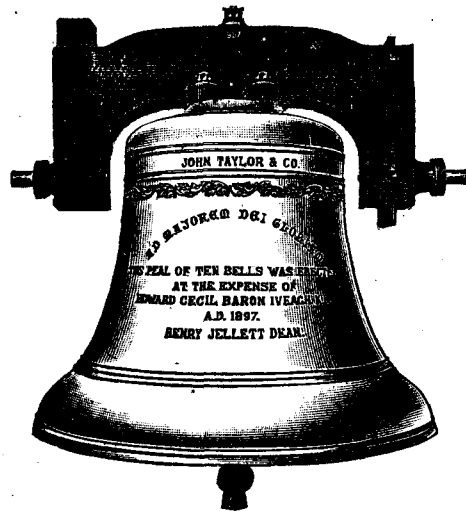
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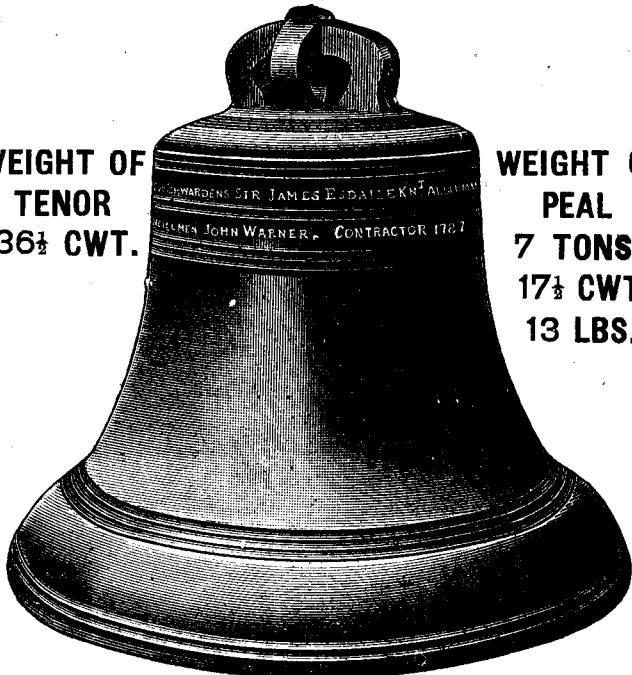
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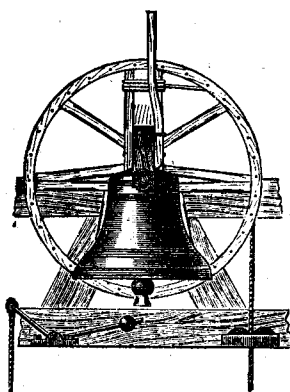
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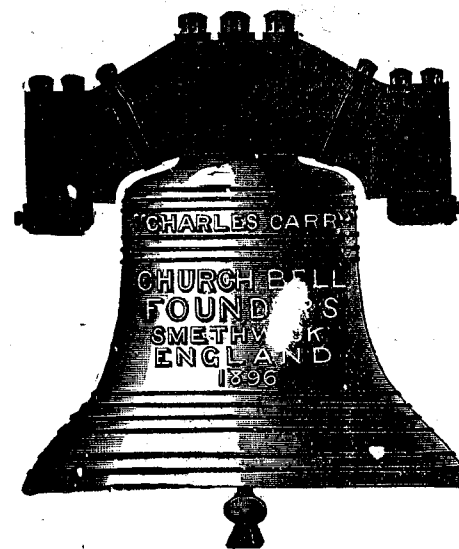
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