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THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of this Association for 1910 was held at Worksop on Saturday, January 29th, when the "the good old-fashioned winter" weather, which untruthful old people declare they used to enjoy "when they were young," did its utmost to spoil the gathering, but in vain. A driving snowstorm, borne on the wings of a biting nor-wester, prevailed all the day, and undoubtedly kept a good many away, nevertheless the meeting was a very pleasant and successful one, for you may depend on't that every one who did turn up was an enthusiastic ringer. We had particularly hoped for a good muster, as this was the first meeting to be presided over by the new Vicar of Worksop, the Rev. J. d'Arcey. But if it lacked in quantity it was not deficient in quality, and some very good ringing was done on the Abbey Church bells in the course of the evening. Only about a score were present at the tea and business meeting, but some more members arrived later, and six towers were represented plus several unattached members. Twelve new members, attached to the Worksop, East Retford, and Markham towers, were elected; which was a promising start for the new year.

In moving a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting, the hon. sec. expressed the satisfaction of the members at his presence among them on that occasion, and their hope that they might frequently see him at their meetings in the future. Mr. d'Arcey responded in kind and encouraging terms.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. H. Haigh moved a vote of sympathy and condolence with the family of the late Mr. D. Taylor, for many years a member of the Shire-oaks company; eulogising the deceased brother as a skilful ringer and an amiable comrade.

The members then adjourned to the tower for more ringing, and several good touches were brought round, especially a 720 of Kitchener's Surprise and a 360 of Mirfield Delight by the Anston men, one of whom, C. F. Fowler, is the composer of the Surprise method.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Owing to it not being possible to arrange it at the tower originally selected, the first quarterly meeting of this body was unfortunately a week later than is usual, and owing to this it had the misfortune to clash with that of the Birmingham St. Martin's Guild. Notwithstanding that and the fact that the weather was by no means good, the attendance at Halesowen was satisfactory, and quite a successful meeting was held. The service was held in the parish church at 4 p.m., when the address was delivered by the Rector, the Rev. Ronald Saymes, who remarked upon the enormous amount of good the various guilds that existed in the middle ages had done in encouraging the production of artistic work of every description, and admiring the way in which ringers had, when

nearly all other guilds had ceased to exist for any practical purposes, encouraged the formation of such guilds for the advancement of the art of change-ringing.

At the conclusion of the service, tea was served in the schoolroom near the church, and was much appreciated by all present. At the business meeting after the chair was taken by the Rector, who called upon the secretary for the minutes of the previous quarterly meeting, which were confirmed. The quarterly peal was arranged to be attempted at Halesowen, to be conducted by W. H. Webb; and then some discussion took place as to where the annual meeting should be held, Worcester being finally decided upon by a very large majority. After some few new members had been elected the annual report and balance-sheet were put before the meeting, and as it was found that only twenty honorary members had assisted the Association, local ringers were requested to endeavour to persuade their clergy and churchwardens to take an interest in their work and to become members.

The Association having recently lost one of its oldest members—Mr. W. Micklewright, of Dudley—one who had always taken a great interest in ringing, and who was always willing to assist any neighbouring band of ringers, the secretary was instructed to forward a letter of condolence to his widow.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, and to the local ringers for providing tea, concluded the meeting.

The bells, eight in number, are hung in a handsome spire, which can be seen for miles. One of them is by Lester and Pack, 1753; two by Warner, 1864; and the other five were cast at Edgbaston, Birmingham, by Joseph Smith, 1707; and they possess the peculiar feature of having no less than thirty-five William III. coins upon them, twenty-eight being on the tenor. Touches in various methods were rung upon them before the service and after the meeting.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the north-western district was held at Witham on Saturday, February 5th, which was presided over by the district master, members being present from Braintree, Bocking, Coggeshall, Earls Colne, Maldon, and Witham.

After the election of a ringing member, a vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Canon Ingles for the use of the bells, and also that he be invited to become an honorary member of the Association.

It was suggested that the next meeting be held at Colchester, if circumstances were favorable, or failing there, then Halstead. Some discussion followed on the intended proposal that the annual meeting should be held in each district in turn, and not always at Chelmsford, those present favoring the proposal.

Various methods were rung on the church bells, and these included 700s of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, and Double Court.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Lewisham district was held at Chislehurst on Saturday, January 22nd. The bells were raised at 3.30 p.m., and various touches were rung till 5 p.m., when a shortened evensong was held, this being taken by the Rev. J. E. Dawson, Rector.

On entering the pulpit the Rector, on behalf of himself and churchwardens, extended to the members a hearty welcome to Chislehurst, and hoped they would enjoy themselves, and also find things comfortable at the Village Hall, but unfortunately, owing to a meeting of trustees, they could not join them. He then gave a very interesting and instructive address from Romans xii., which was listened to with rapt attention by about fifty members from Beckenham, Bromley, Crayford, Dartford, Deptford (St. John's), Erith, Eynsford, Farningham, Hayes, Sidcup, Woolwich, and the local band, also a good number of unattached members.

The members then adjourned to The Village Hall, where a sumptuous meat tea was awaiting them, provided by the Rector and churchwardens, and to which justice was done.

The business meeting followed, Mr. W. J. Jeffries (St. John's) presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Several new members were elected.

Mr. W. Jeffries (representative) then read his report of the Central Committee meeting, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him.

Woolwich and Crayford were proposed as the place of the next meeting on the last Saturday in April, Crayford being selected by a large majority.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells and his address, also the Rector and churchwardens for the splendid tea they had provided, this being carried with applause. This concluded the business, the members again returning to the tower, where ringing was kept up with vigour until 9 p.m., touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, and London Surprise Major being accomplished, thus ending a very pleasant meeting.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

An ordinary meeting of the Eastern Counties branch was held at Moulton on Saturday, February 5th, ringers attending from Donington, Surfleet, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Fleet, and the local company.

Ringling commenced in the morning about nine o'clock. A dinner took place at The Swan inn at one o'clock, the Vicar of the parish (Rev. C. J. Ward) taking the chair in the unavoidable absence of the president, supported by the Rev. H. Law James and Messrs. R. King and H. Clark, churchwardens. There were about twenty ringers present, to whom the catering gave satisfaction.

After the cloth was removed, the chairman gave the usual toast of "Church and King."

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting at Donington, which were passed and signed. Four new ringing members and four new honorary members were elected. The next meeting was fixed for Walpole St. Andrews on Whit-Monday.

The Rev. H. Law James moved a vote of thanks to

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the Vicar for presiding, and also for the use of the bells. The Vicar suitably responded, and kindly invited the ringers to tea, in the parish room, bountifully provided by the ladies of the parish.

A short service was held in the church at 3.30, and was well attended, the Vicar giving an address from the words "Lord save us, we perish. And immediately there was a great calm." The preacher in his remarks drew many lessons from the bells.

Afterwards ringing was well kept up till, all too soon, train time arrived, the ringers dispersing to their various homes, having spent a most enjoyable day, and expressing a hope that it would not be long before they again visited Moulton.

THE RYE (SUSSEX) SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the ringers of St. Mary's parish church, Rye, was held in the vestry on a recent Monday evening, the Vicar (Rev. A. P. Howes), presiding.

The collectors (Messrs. V. D. Lawrence and G. Billenness), reported that the inhabitants of Rye and district had very liberally responded to their appeal on behalf of the society, several people having increased their donations, and many new residents during the past year had readily favoured the collectors with generous contributions.

The report being adopted, the Vicar handed each member his allotted share.

Mr. V. D. Laurence proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who had so willingly subscribed towards the ringers, stating it was apparent that the people appreciated their efforts.

The motion was seconded by Mr. E. Whiteman, and carried unanimously.

Mr. G. Billenness (conductor), reported that during the past year 267 touches had been accomplished, this being the largest number ever obtained by the Rye band in one year, and included twelve quarter-peals and a date touch of 1909 changes. Two peals had also been rung, and altogether it had been a very satisfactory year.

The Hon. Secretary reported on the annual outing held in August last at Northiam, Hawkhurst, Goudhurst, and Cranbrook, and produced the balance-sheet of the outing. The Secretary also reported on the Tower Box Fund, which showed a substantial balance in hand.

On the proposition of Mr. G. J. Youngs, and seconded by Mr. G. Billenness, the reports and balance-sheets were adopted.

The officers were all re-elected as follows: Captain, Mr. G. J. Youngs; conductor, Mr. G. Billenness; secretary, Mr. V. D. Laurence.

Mr. G. Youngs moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, which was heartily carried.

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.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting was held at Eastwood on Saturday, January 29th. The eight bells at the parish church were at the disposal of the ringers from 2.30 until about 6.30, at which time a request was brought to the church that owing to a case of illness close by the ringing might be stopped.

Practically no arrangements had been made for tea, as the local secretary had only received notice from thirteen ringers of their intention to be present, and for this small number no caterer could be found to prepare tea in the schoolroom. Before the time fixed for tea, however, more than thirty ringers had turned up, and after making the best of a bad job the general meeting was held in the schoolroom, the vice-president taking the chair, supported by Mr. E. D. Taylor, Mr. W. W. Worthington, the hon. treasurer, the hon. secretary, and others. The Rev. F. W. Cobb, Rector, and the curate of Eastwood were also present.

Before the commencement of the business the Rector, who said he was unable to stay until the close of the meeting, asked permission to say a few words, and after giving all a hearty welcome to Eastwood, and expressing his good wishes for their enjoyment, he proceeded to point out the duties of ringers towards the Church, and to shew what a great help they might be to the clergy if those duties were conscientiously carried out.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and for his presence at the meeting, on the proposition of Mr. W. Worthington, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin.

The secretary then read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were passed and signed.

Mr. W. E. Whitto proposed the following alterations and addition to the rules:—

Rule 4.—Erase the words "entitled to the report of the past year, nor."

Rule 4b. (The existing rule 4 to be called 4a).

"Members may by the 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 hon. secretary of the district in which they reside. "Non-resident members and others can obtain the report post-free from the hon. 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."

This was seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, and carried unanimously.

The Revs. H. H. Pimm and J. P. Hales were chosen to audit the accounts of the Association for the past year, and in case either of these two were unable to do so, Mr. John Hickman should be asked to fill the vacancy, on the proposition of Mr. C. Draper, seconded by Mr. Clifford.

Mr. W. C. Wakley drew attention to the great area covered by the Derby district, and asked the members to think over the question of dividing the same into two, with Derby as the centre of one, and Chesterfield as the centre of the other. Mr. W. E. White also spoke on the same subject, and pointed out that by the suggested division the members in the neighbourhood of Chesterfield would receive more attention than could be given them by the Derby local secretary under the present conditions, and they would also secure representation on the General Committee.

Thirty-three ordinary, three life, and one honorary member were next unanimously elected.

The vice-president next addressed the meeting, and in the course of his remarks drew attention to the great number of peals rung during 1909, totalling 153, and beating all previous records, and made special mention of the 5000 of Kent Treble Bob Royal rung on handbells at Bolsover, the first in the method on handbells by the Association; the 6080 of Double Norwich at St. Andrew's, Derby; and the 5008 Aston Major at Handsworth and 5120 of Aston Royal at Aston, these latter two being the first peals ever rung in this method, which is by Mr. John Carter.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Mr. Griffin, and seconded by Mr. Worthington, terminated the meeting, which, in spite of the very wintry weather and the scramble for tea, may be described as an enjoyable one.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, *Sheffield.*

5088.

(Composed 1881.)

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This peal has the 4th and 6th their extent in 6ths, and the 5th and 6th their extent in 5ths, with the 6th five courses wrong, and all the 5 8 6 7s at separate course-ends.

Rung at Pendleton on April 9th, 1909, conducted by Harry Chapman. A Variation of this peal was rung at Sheffield by the Yorkshire Association on July 19th, 1882, conducted by Thomas Hattersley.

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.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MR WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT, OF DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Friday, January 21st, Mr. William Micklewright, of Wilmore Place, Oxford Street, Dudley, aged 55, passed away after a lingering illness of several months' duration. He had been connected with the St. Thomas's ringers for upwards of forty years. He was a regular attendant at his duties, and as a change-ringer was always reliable, while he was a composer of of no mean order, and a safe conductor. He rang 144 peals of 5000 changes and upwards in various methods, composing some and conducting a good number, the peals ranging from six to twelve bells. He was well known and respected as a ringer for miles around, and as an instructor was eminently successful. Possessing an amiable temper, combined with indomitable perseverance, he was always able to command success. He was Hon. Secretary of the St. Thomas's Guild Dudley from the time of its formation, the representative of the Society to the Worcestershire Association, a member of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society and the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham, his name frequently appearing in the peal book of each Association. His name will be honoured, respected, and long remembered by his many friends and brother ringers in this district. His remains were interred in St. Thomas's Cemetery, Queen's Cross, Dudley, on Tuesday, January 25th, the service in the church and at the grave being conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley, and President of the St. Thomas's Guild. The bearers were Mr. S. Spittle, Master of the Guild, Mr. W. R. Small, Treasurer, Mr. J. Smith, late Secretary of the Worcestershire Association, Mr. S. Reeves, Secretary to the Stafford Archdeaconry Society, Messrs. J. Goodman, sen., J. Mills and H. Sheppard, members of the St. Thomas's Society, and A. Prestige, representing the St. Andrew's Society, Netherton. The mourners were his widow, brother, two sisters and brother-in-law. At the close of the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by W. R. Small, J. Goodman, S. Spittle and S. Reeves. Muffled peals were rung as tributes of respect at Dudley, Netherton and Tip-ton, which will eventually appear their proper place. The following is a list of the peals rung by deceased:—

Grandsire Triples 37, conducted 16; Grandsire Major, 2; Grandsire Caters 28, conducted 10; Grandsire Royal, 3; Grand-Cinques, 2; Plain Bob Triples, 1; Plain Bob Major, 17, conducted 13; Plain Bob Caters, 1; Plain Bob Royal 2, conducted 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 12, conducted 10; Kent Treble Bob Royal 3, conducted 2; Stedman Triples, 9; Stedman Caters, 2; seven Minor methods (plain) 9, conducted 3; seven Treble Bob Minor methods 1, conducted 1; Canterbury Pleasure Triples 1, conducted 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major 4, conducted 2; Darlaston Bob Triples 3, conducted 2; Forward Major 2; Forward Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 3; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, conducted 1. Total 144, conducted 63.

THE LATE WILLIAM MOULTON.

"Will passed away this morning." So ran a telegram received at Chester on Saturday, January 15th, the day on which strange to say, a paragraph appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" recording the death of his brother James in October last. The deceased started his career as a change-ringer at St. Mary's parish church, Chester, early in the year of 1896, and continued till he removed to Huddersfield about four years ago. Although he never aspired to the position of conducting, as a conscientious and safe ringer he was hard to beat, and it can be said of him, in spite of the fact that he lived a considerable distance from the tower, he was never late or absent. He was ready to stand in a peal at any time, preferring the heavy end. His first peal was accomplished in October, 1896, at Chester Cathedral, when he rang the 7th in the first peal of Major on the bells. The number of peals in which he took part is about twenty, varying from Grandsire to Double Norwich. His age was about 42, which is comparatively early, but he was ailing for some little time. Deep sympathy his felt for his widow in her great loss. A muffled peal was rung to his memory at St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, Chester, on Saturday, January 22nd, particulars of which have been duly recorded. On Sunday, January 23rd, at St. Mary's parish church, Chester, a muffled

quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a mark of respect to his memory. J. Orme, E. Harrison, W. Thomas, J. Sconce, W. Sconce, H. Gough, E. Smith, J. Hatchwell. Composed by the late James Moulton, and conducted by W. Sconce.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

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

SAMUEL SLATER, DECEASED.

SIR,—I read in your columns, with sincere regret, the obituary of our old friend and correspondent, Mr. Samuel Slater. Not only was he respected and valued by all who knew him, but as an assiduous collector of historical matter relating to the Exercise, his industry was such as to entitle him to our grateful recollection. Both in his charming personal intercourse and in his correspondence, I feel sure that I am by no means the only one who has been indebted to him, and it is sad to think that on this side of the grave we shall know him no more. Peace to him! May I add that I hope his manuscripts will be preserved, and made available for subsequent investigators of the subjects he had so much at heart. R. A. DANIELL.

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.

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Already acknowledged	82	3	0
Mr. W. R. Howlett (Mayor of Norwich, 1907) ...	1	1	0
Mr. John Youngs (Norwich)	0	10	6
Excess payment on subscription already acknowledged	0	0	6
	£83	15	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.

CHESTER.—On Sunday, October 17th, at St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, for the Harvest Festival, 640 Treble Bob Major. J. Sconce, E. Smith, J. Tomlinson, J. Hatchwell, H. Dew, H. Gough, W. Sconce conductor, E. Channell. 544 Double Norwich. J. Hatchwell, E. Smith, A. G. Watkyn, J. Sconce, H. Dew conductor, J. Tomlinson, W. Sconce, E. Channell. And 576 Superlative Surprise. J. Hatchwell, E. Smith, A. G. Watkyn, W. Sconce, H. Dew conductor, J. Sconce, J. Tomlinson, E. Channell.

FENNY STRATFORD.—On Wednesday, December 16th, 1260 Grandsire Doubles. A. Owen, H. Sear, G. Groves, J. Eames, T. Best, jun., conductor, W. Cranwell. Rung with the bells deeply-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. William Kirby, for many years choirmaster at St. Martin's.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Thursday, December 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. A. R. Glasscock, G. Bester, H. Armstrong, J. Miller, N. A. Tomlinson, J. Armstrong conductor, W. Pickworth, J. T. Allway. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the day of the funeral of the Rev. W. E. Bates, first Vicar of St. John's Palmer's Green (formed out of the parish of Southgate), who died on Christmas Day.

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.

Notices.

The charge or the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 21st; 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 London County Association late the St. James's Society.—The eighty-sixth annual general meeting will be held to-day, Sat., 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. TAFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bagshot to-day, Sat., 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. EDSER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, to-day, Sat., 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 to-day, Sat., 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 to-day, Sat., February 12th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Usual arrangements.

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

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—Important Notice.—The supper advertised for the 19th is unavoidably postponed until further notice. JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*
215, Sumner Road, Peckham, S.E.

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

HENRY F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*

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 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. J. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Leonard's, Walton-le-dale, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6), ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

E. R. MARTIN, *Br. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, February 26th. By kind permission of the Rev. A. E. BULL, the bells of St. Paul, Bath Road, Hounslow, will be available for two hours, from 3 o'clock till 5. The tower at Heston will be open for ringing at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided (free) in the Church Room, Heston, at 6 o'clock. Members and friends are cordially invited. H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—A general meeting of the South-Western division will be held at West Ham on Saturday, February 26th. Bells available after 3 p.m. Notice of tea in a subsequent issue. Will members intending to be present kindly notify me within a few days of the event. G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*
7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The twenty-third annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 5th, at 6.30 p.m. The bells of the parish church (St. Martin's) will be available for ringing from 3 o'clock till 5.30. Dinner tickets free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are not in arrear; to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each.

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

All Saints, High Wycombe.—Tower open for combined practice third Monday in each month until further notice, commencing February 23rd, at 7 p.m. sharp. Method—Stedman. All welcome.

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(By the same Author.)

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SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, November 13th, a quarter-peal of Minor in 43 mins. R. Scattergood, W. Halford, J. Hall, A. Freeman, R. Cox, E. C. Gobey conductor. Also 360 Violet by the same band. On Sunday morning, November 14th, for Divine Service, 360 New London, and 240 Double Court. T. Thompson, W. Halford, J. Hall, A. Freeman, R. Cox, E. C. Gobey.

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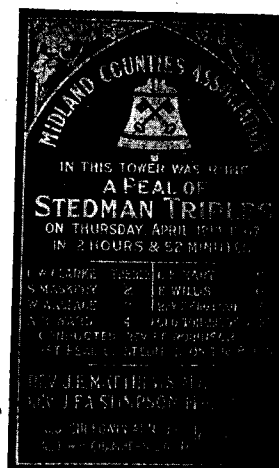
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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 36½ cwt.

ERNEST PYR Treble.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	*REUBEN SANDERS 8.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 9.
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Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM GROOM Treble.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 5.
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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

SYDNEY J. JESSOP Treble.	JOHN CARTER 7.
ALF PADDON SMITH 2.	JAMES GEORGE 8.
THOMAS RUSSAM 3.	EDMUND J. HYLAND 9.
THOMAS MILLER 4.	JAMES H. SHEPPARD 10.
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This peal has the 6th twenty-four times at home, and has the tenors together every lead. This is the second peal of Grandsire twelve ever rung on the bells, the previous one being on June 12th, 1815.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD GRIFFITHS Treble.	ALBERT HURCOMBE 4.
WILLIAM DAVIES 2.	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS 5.
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Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal of Minor by all except the conductor.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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On Tuesday, January 4, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKEE'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WM. H. FITCHORD, JUN* .. Treble.	JOSEPH GOODHEAD 5.
JOHN BURCHILL† 2.	HARRY ROBERTS 6.
WILLIAM FITCHFORD, SEN. 3.	CHARLES MORLEY 7.
CHARLES BISHOP 4.	*THOMAS HARLEY Tenor.

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD, SEN.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Great credit is due to the treble ringer, who is only 13 years of age, for the way he managed his bell throughout the peal.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Wells, London, Durham and York Surprise, Wood-bine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE MONK Treble.	JOSEPH GOACHER 4.
WILLIAM SAVAGE* 2.	WILLIAM DAY 5.
REGINALD BLAKE 3.	FREDERICK BENNETT Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK BENNETT.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 4, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES PLUMMER Treble.	WILLIAM NEWTON 4.
HENRY CARDER 2.	ALFRED GOUGH 5.
JAMES NORTH 3.	*EDWARD HAWKINS Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED GOUGH.

*First peal. First peal as conductor.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 4, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, GOSFORTH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt.

ROBERT R. FALCONER .. Treble.	*B. C. DIXON 5.
JOHN H. BIRD* 2.	*GEORGE WARDLE 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER 3.	†WILLIAM SINCLAIR 7.
NORMAN FLECK* 4.	ERNEST FERRY Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by E. FERRY.

*First peal of Oxford. †First peal. First peal of Oxford on the bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 4, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt.

ERNEST S. BAILEY Treble.	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5.
JAMES M. BAILEY 2.	GEORGE BERRY 6.
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(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

NOBLE SPINDLOW Treble.	JOHN MONK 5.
ALBERT BROOKS 2.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 6.
FREDERICK POUNDS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
HARRY BROOKS 4.	GEORGE BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 3½ cwt.

WALTER ALCOCK Treble.	FRANCIS A. RENNETT .. 5.
GEORGE H. HOWSE 2.	JOSEPH SHARP 6.
GEORGE PENFOLD 3.	GEORGE WATSON 7.
FRANK MEDHURST 4.	CHARLES GATLAND Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WATSON.

Messrs. Alcock, Medhurst, Kennett and Watson are members of the band at Christ Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea; the rest who belong to the local company, were after the peal entertained by the visitors at the Royal hotel.

BRECON, SOUTH WALES.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 6, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	ALBERT MATTHEWS 5.
SAMUEL BROOKS 2.	WILLIAM HARGEST 6.
GEORGE GIBLIN 3.	WILLIAM EVANS 7.
GEORGE HARDWICK 4.	DAVID PRICE Tenor.

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First peal in the method on the bells and by all except the conductor. First in the method ever rung in the diocese of St David's, and believed to be the second yet rung in South Wales.

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(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

W. MORT Treble.	H. SMITH 5.
G. PINCOTT 2.	F. BANKS 6.
E. MARKLAND 3.	J. ARROWSMITH 7.
R. HOLDEN 4.	S. ARROWSMITH Tenor.

Conducted by G. BANKS.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ANDREW SHOFFLEBOTHAM Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
WALTER BURST 2.	JAMES FLEUTY 6.
ERNEST W. BRCKWITH 3.	JAMES FRENCH 7.
FRANK CLAYDON 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

First peal of Oxford by the ringers of the 4th and 7th.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

THOMAS SMITH Treble.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE 5.
ALFRED ANDREWS 2.	ROBERT YOUNG 6.
ARTHUR BLAKE 3.	RICHARD BUCKLAND 7.
WILLIAM WELLING 4.	*ALBERT HAINES Tenor.

Conducted by W. WELLING.

*First peal.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1910, in Four Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7008 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. WILSON* .. Treble.	*HERBERT WORMWELL .. 5.
RICHARD ASHWORTH 2.	WILLIAM MALLINSON .. 6.
RENNIE HARTLEY 3.	TOM REDMAN 7.
HARRY ENTWISTLE 4.	THOMAS MOUNCEY Tenor.

Composed by EDWARD TIMBRELL, and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

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NETHERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720s called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM J. SMITH Treble.	FRANK SHEPHERD 4.
HERBERT HURDMAN 2.	WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 5.
JOHN HOUGH 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK Tenor.

Conducted by LEONARD BULLOCK.

This is Mr. Worthington's first peal, he having presented a new treble bell to augment the ring to six which was dedicated last December. The work has been carried out very satisfactorily by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.
Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble.	GEORGE ADES 6.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 2.	PHILIP ALLFREY 7.
WILLIAM C. HART 3.	RICHARD STEDWICK 8.
WILLIAM PALMER 4.	KEITH HART 9.
CHARLES PALMER 5.	RICHARD JENNER Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SMITH, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

THOMAS RILEY Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 2.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 6.
FREDK. R. KETTLEBORO .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7.
HARRY MOSS 4.	SAM THOMAS Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, January 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 14 cwt.

JOYCELYN M. TURNER .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 5.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	GEORGE CONDLICK 6.
JESSE GILLET 3.	GEORGE MILEHAM 7.
THOMAS BALDWIN 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by THOS. NEWMAN.

SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 41 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble.	GEORGE O. DIXON 7.
GEORGE HOLMES 2.	WILLIAM BURGAB 8.
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SIDNEY F. PALMER 4.	SAM SEED 10.
JOSEPH ATKIN 5.	JOHN THORPE 11.
CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY .. 6.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by WM. LOMAS.

*First peal on twelve bells.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

VICTOR ROWLANDS* .. Treble.	SIDNEY FIGGESS 5.
SIDNEY PEACOCK 2.	WILLIAM EASTER 6.
SAMUEL TAYLOR, R.N. .. 3.	WILLIAM HAIGH 7.
EDWARD ALLEN* 4.	*EDWARD FRIEND .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

*First peal. First peal in the method by the ringers of the 2nd and 5th.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lbs.

ROBERT SPERRING .. Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE 5.
RICHARD JONES 2.	JAMES V. WRIGHT 6.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN.* 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. 7.
JAMES H. RIDING* 4.	JAMES MORGAN Tenor.

Composed by JAMES MORGAN, and Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

*First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar for his kind hospitality after the peal, and for the use of the bells; also the steeplekeeper for having everything ready.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1910, in Three Hours
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. Treble.	FRANK BLONDELL 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE 2.	ALFRED H. POLLING 6.
JOHN J. JONES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HENRY L. GARFATH 4.	ROBERT WHITTINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rang as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE HEAD* .. Treble.	FRANK BOREHAM 5.
JOHN EVANS 2.	RALPH H. BIGGS 6.
HARRY STRATFORD 3.	FREDERICK G. BIGGS .. 7.
WILLIAM GOODCHILD 4.	*JAMES NEWSN Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

*First peal.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 9, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

THOMAS J. PHILO* .. Treble.	THOMAS JULL 4.
WILLIAM G. KITCHINGHAM 2.	ALBERT JULL 5.
WILLIAM SPICE 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

*First peal, and was elected a member previous to starting.

CLANFIELD, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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On Tuesday, January 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE CLARK .. Treble.	FREDERICK MESSENGER .. 5.
HARRY WHEELER 2.	NOBLE SPINDLOW 6.
GEORGE PARROTT 3.	THOS. E. KNAPP 7.
SAMUEL EELLES 4.	*ERNEST CLARK Tenor.

Conducted by THOS. E. KNAPP.

*First peal.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

MISS F. A. PHILIPS* .. Treble.	ELI WATERS 5.
EDWIN T. GREEN 2.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH 6.
FREDERICK PHILIPS 3.	ALAN R. MACDONALD .. 7.
CHARLES E. FOFBITT 4.	CHARLES MERRIFIELD .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN T. GREEN.

*First peal, aged 16 years, and daughter of the ringer of the 3rd.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

E. H. HANCOX .. Treble.	G. H. GUTTERIDGE 5.
W. LAWRENCE 2.	R. H. YOUNG 6.
W. WELLING 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
R. BUCKLAND 4.	REUBEN FLAXMAN Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This was the conductor's 1250th peal.

ILKLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT E. SOUTH* .. Treble.	*WALTER COOK 5.
JAMES R. FEATHER 2.	FIRTH HOPWOOD 6.
THOMAS WARDMAN* 3.	FRANCIS BARKER 7.
THOMAS W. CRAWSHAW .. 4.	JAMES W. BIRKIN Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by FRANCIS BARKER.

*First peal.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1909, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE WHITING Treble.	WILLIAM LAST 5.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 2.	SIDNEY PILGRIM 6.
ALBERT STAFF 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
WALTER WHITING 4.	ERNEST E. LANHAM Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

*First peal.

QUEENSBURY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

F. W. BRADLEY Treble.	F. ROBINSON 5.
J. ROSEWORTH 2.	J. F. CLAYTON 6.
W. CLARKE 3.	THOS. H. GELDER 7.
L. MIDGLEY 4.	ELI BARBER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED ROBINSON.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Friday, October 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Bacon, V. Pavier, J. Law, H. White, F. W. Richardson, A. Bennington, W. Jeffries, A. C. Micklin. On Sunday evening, October 31st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. F. Bacon, F. Richardson, A. Bennington, H. White, W. Jeffries conductor, J. Law, A. Goddard, A. Macklin.

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.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On November 9th, at the parish church, two 1008s and 560 Bob Major, a course of Oxford Treble Bob Major, 672 Treble Bob Triples, 360 Oxford Minor, and 720 Bob Minor. On Sunday, November 14th, 360 Grandsire, and 336 Bob Major. On November 23rd, 360 Oxford, 360 Kent Minor, 672 Kent Treble Bob Triples, and a course of Kent Major. The following ringers took part in the above touches: Messrs. Toak, Lee, Lambert, Howard, O'Neill, Foreman, Kerrison, Pierce, Jolly, Easter, Watling, Punchard, Chatten, Spalding, and Hammond.

WENHASTON (Suffolk).—On Thursday, November 11th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, and 360 Bob Minor. G. Easthaugh, A. Took, F. C. Lambert conductor, J. O'Neill, J. Larter, J. Punchard.

EUSTON (Suffolk).—On Thursday, December 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. H. Rivers, W. Davey, A. Macro, W. Westlake, T. Fitzjohn conductor. Longest length by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, and 3rd.

THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONDON.—On Sunday, December 12th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Hotten, G. Thurlow, A. Barker, J. Bullock, A. Hart, H. Ranzetta, conductor, A. Turner, H. Porry. Composed by R. F. Deal. Rang in honour of the wedding of Mr. G. Thurlow, of London, and Miss May Pickering, of Manchester.

THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

LONDON.—On October 19th, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1260 Stedman Triples. W. Daubney, J. Hayward, H. Powell, W. E. Garrard, F. Edwards, E. Stibbons, J. R. Mackman conductor, F. Redknapp. On Sunday evening, January 2nd, for Divine Service, 1251 Stedman Caters. W. E. Garrard, A. Cutmore, J. Hayward, G. Frayne, H. Miles, A. Bradley, W. Daubney, A. Selby, J. R. Mackman conductor, E. Stibbons. On December 15th, at St. Clement Danes, 1224 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters. G. Frayne, H. Miles, J. A. Trollope, A. Selby, J. R. Mackman, S. Wright, J. Howes, F. Dench, W. E. Garrard conductor, F. Redknapp.

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 HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROYSTON (Herts).—On November 30th, 720 London Surprise. H. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson, R. Wilkerson, S. Roberts, R. King conductor. On Sunday, December 5th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On December 7th, for practice, 720 York Surprise. H. Wilkerson, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, S. Roberts, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On December 12th, for evening service, 720 Woodbine. H. Wilkerson, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, R. King conductor.

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

MACCLESFIELD (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, December 14th, at the parish church, 633 Stedman Caters. W. Matthews conductor, E. Atkins, G. Bottomley, A. Lomas, W. McKinnell, T. Mottershead, W. Walmsley, A. Mottershead, G. Warburton, J. Norbury. It is very rare the tenor is rung, it being cracked about eighteen months ago while attempting a peal.

RATTLEDEN (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, December 7th, 720 Oxford Minor. W. Welham, — Day, — Merton, W. Melbourne, W. Souter, E. Diaper.

STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, December 5th, for Divine Service, 1008 Double Norwich. W. Welham, W. G. Melbourne, C. Alderton, T. Allard, W. Tydeman, S. Hull, W. Souter conductor, E. Diaper. For evening service 1008 in the same method. On Monday, December 6th, 768 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Welham, — Merton, E. Diaper, — Day, W. Souter, S. Hull, W. Tydeman, W. Melbourne. Also touches of Double Norwich.

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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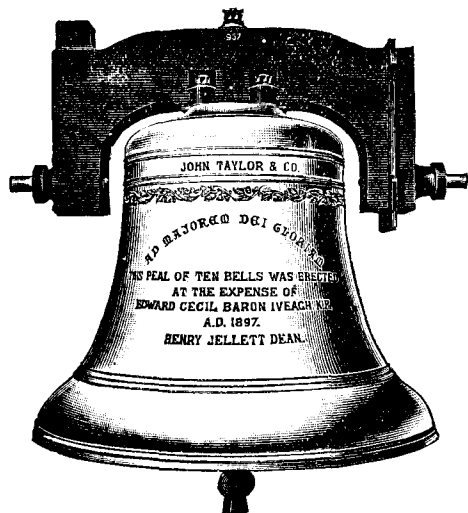
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GOOLE (Yorks).—On Friday, December 31st, at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Davis, J. Clarke. F. Greenwood, M. Tate, T. Smith, F. Tate. H. Ludham conductor, J. Smith. On Sunday, January 2nd, for evening service, 720 Kent Minor. G. Davis, C. King, T. Smith, M. Tate, F. Tate, H. Ludkin conductor. On Monday, January 3rd, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. F. Tate, C. King, T. Smith, M. Tate, H. Ludkin conductor, G. Davis.

SOUTH TOTTENHAM.—On Sunday, December 19th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. F. E. Ringrose, C. Gibson, E. Davidson, P. Perry G. Lucas conductor, C. Davidson.

TADCASTER (Yorks).—On Wednesday, December 15th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Bird-sall, J. Garbutt, E. Pickering, C. Atkinson, H. Clayton, J. Bradley, H. Williams conductor, B. Pickering.

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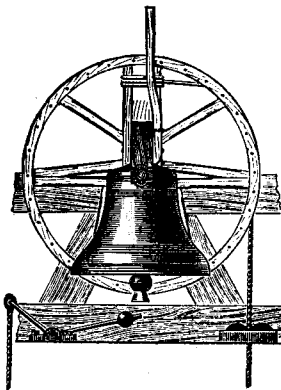
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