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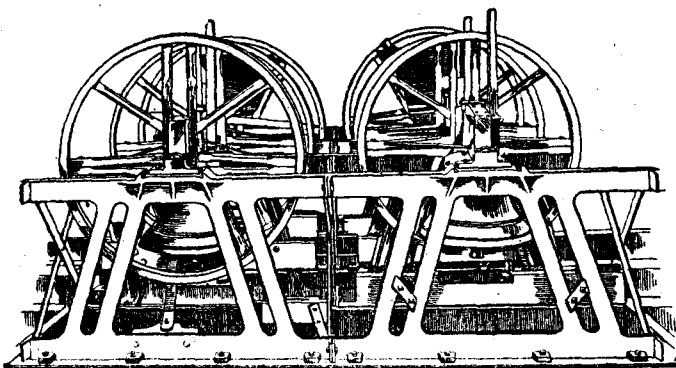
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THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

Owing to the General Election, which in this politically enthusiastic district absorbs all interest for the time being, the quarterly and annual meeting of this Guild was postponed until February 5th last, when it was held at Sutton Coldfield.

As one of the early afternoon trains drew into the station, a party of city ringers disembarked, and found the bells of the parish church already "going," sending forth a sonorous roll of welcome, and as the church was approached, it was remarked what a truly magnificent ring of ten they would make with the addition of two trebles.

A shortened form of evensong was held in church at 5.30, when the Rector, Canon Barnard, gave an exceedingly interesting address, in the course of which he touched on the venerability of church towers, bells, and bell-ringing. The musical portion of the service was very heartily rendered, thanks to the presence of the organist and choir, whom the Rector had thoughtfully asked to attend.

At the conclusion of the service many members had a look round the ancient church, where there are many interesting things to be seen, among which are some old colours of the Royal Warwickshire regiment.

The business meeting was held shortly afterwards in the Church House, at which Canon Barnard presided. The minutes of the previous quarterly meeting having been read and confirmed, the secretary read a letter he had received from Mr. Albert Walker, which partook of a farewell to his old associates. From this letter it is easy to gather that though Mr. Walker is, for personal reasons, obliged to stay in London for the present, he would be glad to return once more to the old "city of Stedman Cinques," and by the same token we should be glad to welcome him.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett was unanimously re-elected presiding Ringing Master, and Mr. James E. Groves as deputy ringing-master for the ensuing year. At this point Mr. Groves appeared in the room and received an ovation, as having met with a nasty accident to his head only two days before, he was not expected to be present.

It was decided (need we say unanimously?) to hold the twenty-third annual "Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner" at The Olde Royal hotel, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 5th next.

Mr. Thomas Russam was elected a trustee, and several new members were also elected.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Rector for granting the use of the bells, for arranging and conducting the service, for presiding at the meeting, and for the use of the Church House for same.

Canon Barnard, on rising to reply, was greeted with loud applause. When this had ceased he thanked the meeting for the attention they had given to him, and remarking on the unanimity of the members said he should

be only too pleased to welcome them again to Sutton Coldfield at any time.

The bells were kept going all the afternoon and well into the evening, some excellent ringing being accomplished, the methods indulged in ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Guildford district was held at Godalming on Saturday, February 5th, and was attended by about sixty representatives from Guildford, Farnham, Liss, Haslemere, Ewhurst, Merrow, Clandon, Hascombe, Godalming, and other towers. Service took place at the parish church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. C. Fanshawe), who afterwards presided at tea at The Little George hotel, supported by the Mayor of Godalming (A. Monro, esq.). His worship expressed his regret at not being able to stay very long, as he was bound to be elsewhere that evening, but he felt that never having met a bellringer (having resided so many years abroad) he would like to make their acquaintance that evening there, and he hoped on some future occasion to see them in their belfry.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar, Mr. F. E. Dawe mentioned that he had rung in eight hundred towers and had heard a good many addresses to ringers, but he really thought the eloquent one they had just heard from the Vicar was the most practical and interesting one he had ever listened to.

The Vicar said he was always pleased to welcome the Guild to Godalming, and hoped that now they were going to have monthly practices they would have visits oftener than in the past.

Nine new members were elected, including a lady ringer from Ewhurst. The next practice was fixed for Haslemere on March 12th, and the special quarterly meeting at Frensham on April 23rd.

The Secretary reported a balance of over £20, and after deducting the train allowance to Winchester, cost of instruction, etc., he had forwarded £17 9s. 6d. to the General Secretary, and received in return warm thanks for their fine balance.

The rest of the evening was spent in handbell tunes by the Godalming band, double-handed Stedman Triples by the Guildford men, piano solos, recitations, songs, etc., by the company, concluding a most successful gathering.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

Bellringers from all over the district visited Appledore on Saturday, February 5th, the occasion being the annual meeting of the above-named guild. The following towers were represented: Appledore, Ashford, Rye, Stone, and Tenterden.

Proceedings commenced in the afternoon, when touches of Grandsire Triples and a course of Bob Major were rung. Afterwards the ringers repaired to The Swan, and

enjoyed an excellent meat tea. Twenty-two partook of the repast.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. A. O. Scott, president of the guild, presiding. The balance-sheet showed a sum in hand of £1 8s. 8d. The Rev. A. O. Scott was elected president. Mr. G. Billenness, of Rye, was chosen Master of the Guild for the ensuing year. Owing to the unavoidable resignation of the late hon. secretary (Mr. G. Johnson) Mr. G. Youngs, of Rye, was installed in that office, a hearty vote of thanks being passed to the outgoing secretary for his services. Mr. C. W. Player was again made hon. treasurer. The committee was appointed as follows: Messrs. F. Brown (Appledore), R. Dunster (Stone), A. C. Kay (Ashford), C. Tribe (Tenterden), A. Blackman (Rolvenden), and G. B. Anderson (New Romney).

Woodchurch was decided upon as the venue of the next meeting. It was decided to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples at Rye. A number of new members were then elected, and a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

The compact and well-appointed belfry of the parish church of Wellingborough was filled on Saturday afternoon week by ringers from Northampton, Bedford, Rushden, Higham Ferrers, and other places, who came for various reasons, one of these being to ring touches on the old bells, and another—and that the most important—to be present at the dedication of a very handsome tablet which has been fixed on the north wall of the belfry commemorating a peal that was rung on the bells o'erhead on a Saturday in December of 1908 by members of the Northamptonshire Association.

The dedication service, though brief, was very impressive, and was conducted by the Rev. G. W. Smeaton, the Vicar. The dedication prayer offered by the Vicar was as follows:—

ALMIGHTY GOD, Whose is this house of prayer and all therein, we pray Thee to accept the dedication of this tablet to Thy glory and in memory of a notable peal rung in this church. We pray Thee to bless the work of Thy servants the bellringers in this diocese and church; make their service a religious service, performed always in Thy fear and to Thy glory; may the bells of this tower comfort the sorrowful, encourage the faithful, warn the careless, and evermore summon Thy people to prayer and praise. Grant rest and perpetual light to all those who have rung in this tower and have departed this life, and to us who remain the forgiveness of our sins and the perpetual fear and love of Thy Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then followed the Lord's Prayer, the collect, and the Grace.

The tablet is elected to record a peal of Superlative Surprise, 5088 changes, rung on the 19th December, 1908, by members of the Central Northamptonshire Association, conducted by Fred Wilford.

Later in the day the company sat down to a well-prepared tea in the Church Hall. The Vicar presided, supported by the Rev. A. M. Baines, Mr. Fisher (churchwarden), Mr. F. Wilford, and others.

The Vicar said that it gave him great pleasure to welcome the members of the Association, and also to unveil

the memorial tablet which had been placed in the belfry. That tablet was a valuable addition to the belfry, and commemorated what he understood was a notable effort in change-ringing. He would that he was able to speak with a technical knowledge of that particular effort, but he must confess that his own ringing did not amount to very much. He did once ring a plain course on eight bells, but that was only after learning the changes by heart. Personally he was glad to notice that the name of the late Vicar was commemorated on the tablet, and it was a matter of regret for them to know that he was unable to be present. It was a matter of regret that their belfry sidesman, Mr. Ette, was not able to be there, and they offered him their condolences in his prolonged illness, which had kept him out of the belfry for nearly a year.

Wilby and Irthlingborough were voted upon for the July meeting, and the former place was selected. New members were then proposed, and the names of the Rev. G. W. Smeaton, Rev. A. M. Baines, Mr. J. W. Fisher, and Mr. A. H. Kilborn were added as hon. members. Further arrangements were made with respect to the projected visit to Messrs. Taylor's bell foundry at Loughborough on Easter Monday.

In moving a comprehensive vote of thanks which made special reference to the part taken by the Vicar of Wellingborough that day, Mr. Wilford said it was a great pleasure for the ringers to come to Wellingborough. Meetings like theirs did a great amount of good, both to the ringers and the Church generally. It was the aim and object of them all to do the work to the very best advantage, and in the best manner possible. They could not do that without they had some assistance and mixed one with another. Their thanks were also due to the churchwardens and to the ladies who were responsible for the tea. He, for one, wished that more of the clergy understood the art of ringing, and he was very pleased to find that a great number of them were taking much more interest in bells and bellringing than they formerly did. By the aid of Associations such as theirs, and by their numerous Guilds all over the kingdom, much help had been given towards fostering the Art, and extending its practice. Mr. Wilford concluded by stating that he had received a letter from the Rev. R. W. Wynter (the late Vicar) sending a donation, and expressing his sorrow that he was unable to be present with them.

Mr. Pratt (Mears Ashby) seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation.

The Vicar, in reply, said his had been a very pleasing duty. Speaking of bellringing, he said he should like to see a band of probationers formed in Wellingborough, and if so he would be glad to join it.

Mr. Fisher also replied, expressing the hope that the Northamptonshire ringers would always maintain their efficiency.

Attention was then given to the handbells, and later several good touches were rung on the church bells.

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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A sketch of the church of ST. PETER, Drayton, Berks., where the late Rev. F. E. ROBINSON was for many years Vicar, and on the bells of which church he took part in many notable peals.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

Very gratifying was the result of the third quarterly meeting of the year, held at St. Luke's church, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, January 29th, more especially as the weather was not very favourable. Numerous towers were represented, and although the methods rung were not of the higher class, they were various; all present being delighted to have a pull on this musical and handy ring of eight bells.

A short service was held in the church, at which the Rev. E. V. Cox (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), gave an inspiring address. A substantial and appetising tea was provided in the schoolroom, after which a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. W. J. Milligan), was passed for the use of the church, bells, and the schoolroom: also to the choir, choirmaster, and organist for their kindly assistance at the service.

Mr. W. H. Barcroft (choirmaster), in response said how pleased they were to be of service to the ringers, adding that if such were done more often, a closer friendship would exist generally. The Vicar was unavoidably absent, being engaged at a mission in Cambridgeshire.

Mr. R. Cartwright and his band gave a performance on the tower bells in the form of intermingling several methods without allowing the bells to run round, which interested the on-lookers.

Ringling continued until 9 o'clock, thus ending an enjoyable half-day.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8th, at the church of St. Andrew, Burnham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. *H. Lawrence, J. Coram, J. Harris, F. Iley, J. Broad, H. Worgan, G. Chamberlain conductor, W. Crandon. *First quarter-peal. Later in the evening the ringers' annual supper was held at The Clarence hotel. The chair was taken by the Rev. H. J. Ker Thompson, and the vice-chair by Mr. A. Whitaker (churchwarden). There were also present in addition to the ringers, Mr. J. Cox (churchwarden), the Rev. E. G. Austin (Vicar of Berrow), and a few friends. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, the usual toasts were given, and some capital songs and recitations were given.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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 ult., 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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Obituary.

GEORGE HENRY HOLLISS.

We have to announce the death of the above ringer, of Bourne, Lincolnshire, which occurred on Wednesday, February 9th, after an illness of about three years, at the age of sixty-three. He commenced his ringing career at Grinton, Northamptonshire, but moved later to Bourne, and there joined the local company and remained an active member until he was compelled to retire on account of his health. He will be greatly missed, as he was always ready to give advice to young ringers and help them to master the difficulties of the Art. His remains were laid to rest in the local cemetery on Saturday, February 12th, being carried to his last resting place by three of his fellow ringers and three old friends. He leaves two sons and two daughters to mourn his loss, one son being Mr. George Holliss, of Chesterfield. After the funeral a 720 of Plain Bob was rung half-muffled on the Abbey bells by A. E. Larkinson, J. T. Woolley, C. Neaverson, J. Osborn, A. S. Allen, T. L. Bainbridge. And 720 Single Court. A. E. Larkinson, C. Neaverson, T. L. Bainbridge conductor, J. Osborn, A. S. Allen, F. Blood. The above were his two favourite methods. On Sunday, 540 Plain Bob and 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 48 mins. A. E. Larkinson, C. Neaverson, T. L. Bainbridge, J. Osborn, A. S. Allen, F. Blood. May he rest in peace.

THOMAS HOLLINGWORTH.

We have also to announce the death of the above, which occurred at his residence, Blanch Croft, Melbourne, Derbyshire. Eighteen months ago he underwent a most serious operation in London, and afterwards for a time he seemed to regain some of his former health. He was a lover of bells and ringers, being a ringer for over forty years. In 1882 a ring of six was put in the tower of St. Michael's, Melbourne, by Taylor. This was when he started his career as a ringer. He joined the Midland Counties Association in 1885, and rang ten peals in various methods. He was vice-president of the St. Michael's Society since its formation. He was both kind and generous, always giving the ringers and their friends an annual outing, and before returning home sang them his favourite song "The men of merry England." His remains were interred at Melbourne Cemetery on Monday, January 24th, the service being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. L. P. Robin. The coffin, of unpolished oak, with brass fittings, bore the inscription—"Thomas Hollingworth, at rest January 20th, 1910, aged 66." He leaves a widow, five sons and three daughters to mourn his loss. Three sons are proficient ringers. May he rest in peace and rise in power.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT BUSHEY.—Mr. Prewett's 600 Peals.—Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major 2, conducted 1; New Cambridge Surprise Royal, 3; New Cambridge Surprise Major 11, conducted 5; Bristol Surprise Major, 15; London Surprise Major, 49; Superlative Surprise Major 130, conducted 26; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 10; Kent Treble Bob Major 11, conducted 9; Stedman Cinques, 29; Stedman Caters 97, conducted 6; Stedman Triples 185, conducted 52; Grandsire Caters, 1; Grandsire Triples 9, conducted 1; Double Norwich Major, 19; Bob Major, 2. On handbells: Stedman Cinques, 4; Stedman Caters, 13; Stedman Triples, 8, conducted 3. Total 600, conducted 103. Rung in 167 towers in 29 counties.

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

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—I kindly ask Mr. J. W. Barker to withdraw his name from the peal published in your issue of January 22nd, as I composed that peal years ago, and it has been rung as a five-part peal, conducted by Mr. J. E. Groves. If Mr. Barker will look in the Salop Diocesan Guild peal book (and other books too) he can see the figures under the record of the peal rung at Dolgelly as a ten-part, and was conducted by your humble,

JOHN CARTER.

P.S.—I have enclosed the figures for publication as it was rung.

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By JOHN CARTER. No. 39.

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3 5 1 2 4 6	x	x	
5 4 6 2 1 3	x	x	
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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 1st; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 2nd; all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance should be paid before the 15th inst.

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

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 Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendleton to-day, Sat., 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, to-day, Sat., 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. Tea at 5 o'clock, at Messon Hall, 8d. each. 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.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Armley on Saturday, February 26th. Peal attempt at 3.30 p.m. Nomination meeting at The White Horse hotel at 7.30 p.m.
GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rosserdale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Haslingden, on Saturday, February 26th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.
T. ROLLERSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—A meeting of members of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday,

February 26th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided for all members at 6 o'clock (free) who notify me of their intention of being present on or before Wednesday, February 23rd. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid forthwith. These bells have recently been rehung, and three recast by the Whitechapel firm.

C. TRIBE, *Hon. D's. Sec.*
British School Villas, Tenterden.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, March 12th. Service in the parish church at 4 p.m. Tea at The Angel inn at 5. Meeting to follow. Bells available all the afternoon.

E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

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., John W. Taylor, esq., in the chair. 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.

The Appleton Society.—The annual meeting and dinner of this society will be held on Friday, March 4th, at The Plough, Appleton. Members and friends wishing to be present, please let me know.
F. TUBB.
The Plough, Appleton, Berks.

All Saints, High Wycombe.—Tower open for combined practice third Monday in each month until further notice, commencing February 21st, at 7 p.m. sharp. Method—Stedman. All welcome.

FRED HAYES, *Hon. Sec.*
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CHAS. BOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

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On Saturday, February 5th, at the church of The Holy Trinity, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major in 48 mins. B. Chrcley, A. H. Pulling, H. Hutton, H. L. Garfath, M. Smither, E. Hazelden, C. Wiltshire, J. W. Golding conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. Darwen to Miss D. Perkins at the above church on this date.

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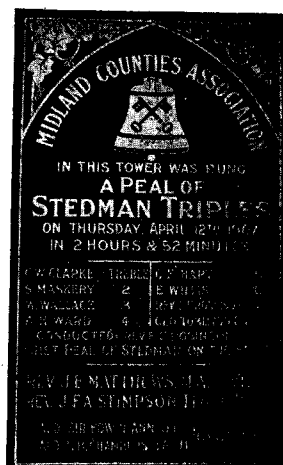
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1910.

JUST as our paper was going to press we received the painful intelligence that the sudden demise of the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON had taken place. This sad event occurred on Wednesday, the 16th. We can make no further allusion this week to such a sudden bereavement. The day of the funeral is hardly determined on yet, though it will be either Saturday or Monday next at Wokingham.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 19, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5.
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IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.**

HARRY HAYTHORN Treble.	WILLIAM LOWERY 5.
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NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.**

JAMES F. GODFREY Treble.	HERBERT HURDMAN 4.
JOHN HOUGH 2.	GEORGE BASELEY 5.
DAVID L. COTTON 3.	ROBERT H. ALLCOCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by D. COTTON.

*First peal. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. A. J. Harvey and Miss B. Belfitt.

GLOUCESTER.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, January 13, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES.
Tenor 20 cwt.**

THOMAS NEWMAN Treble.	FRANCIS E. HART 6.
THOMAS BALDWIN 2.	GEORGE MILEHAM 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 3.	WILLIAM BELLAMY 8.
GEORGE CONDICK 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES 9.
WILLIAM J. SEVIER 5.	ALFRED WARD Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringier of the 6th,
Mrs. F. E. Hart.**BRECON, SOUTH WALES.****THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Friday, January 14, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.**

SAMUEL WATKINS* Treble.	CHARLES T. SADLER 5.
SAMUEL BROOKS 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
WILLIAM EVANS 3.	WILLIAM HARGEST 7.
ALBERT MATTHEWS 4.	DAVID PRICE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal in the method.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.**

FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. Treble.	DAVID BREARLEY 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2.	CLEMENT GLENN 6.
JOHN FLINT 3.	HARRY MOSS 7.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4.	JOHN HOLMAN Tenor.

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

*First peal of London.

**MERTHYR TYDVIL, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, January 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TYDVIL,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in F.**

ALBERT MATTHEWS Treble.	WILLIAM EVANS 5.
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ALBAN E. SLATLER 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
CHARLES F. SADLER 4.	JAMES SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

EDWARD CHAPMAN Treble.	FRANK H. TALBUTT 4.
ARTHUR E. PAYNE 2.	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON .. 5.
GEORGE A. BLAXLEY 3.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

First peal in seven methods by the ringier of the 2nd, he not having struck a blow in three of them previous to the peal.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 15, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.**

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HUMPHREY BISH Treble.	THOMAS TULLETT 5.
JOSEPH WREN 2.	HENRY C. CASTLE 6.
HERBERT TOMSETT 3.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 7.
OLIVER SIPPETTS 4.	FRANK DAY Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. GRAVETT.

This was the quarterly peal for the Central Division. The Misses Crawford very kindly provided the ringiers with a tea after the peal.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT'S ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

HARRY COLLEY* Treble.	FREDERICK JORDAN 4.
THOMAS EDWIN 2.	JAMES HEMMING 5.
FRANK COOK 3.	HERBERT JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK COOK

*First peal of Minor. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sunday, January 16, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 18½ cwt.**

HUBERT EMMERSON Treble.	JAMES JONES 4.
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS .. 2.	HENRY J. TAYLOR 5.
ALBERT E. HURCOMBE .. 3.	EDWARD BROOKES Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Taylor, the ringiers wishing him many happy returns.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 17, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

RICHARD DARLOW* Treble.	FRANCIS A. SMITH 5.
THOMAS R. SCOTT 2.	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6.
ARTHUR W. DIX 3.	ROBERT E. STAVERT 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal. This was the conductor's 600th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

WILLIAM S. SMITH Treble.	JOHN S. DANIELS 5.
JAMES D. DREWETT 2.	ALBERT CALVER 6.
DOUGLAS W. DREWETT 3.	JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 7.
EDWIN J. MILES* 4.	CALEB DANIELS Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, January 20, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN JENNINGS Treble.	GEORGE ROBERTS 5.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	THOMAS BLOOMER 6.
FREDERICK DICKENS 3.	BERTRAM LEECHAM 7.
GEORGE H. CLAYDON 4.	WILLIAM PARK Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CLAYDON.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 20, 1910 in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST DUNTON Treble.	MARTIN STEWART 5.
HUBERT DAY 2.	GEORGE MURTON 6.
ERNEST CLOVER 3.	ERNEST POPPY 7.
ELIJAH BROOME 4.	THOMAS TURNER Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by E. F. POPPY.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER RYDER Treble.	FREDK. RYDER 5.
WILLIAM RYDER 2.	*ROBERT DAVIES 6.
JOHN IDLE 3.	WILLIAM H. IDLE 7.
EDWIN BORROUGHS 4.	FRANK SLOMAN Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT DAVIES.

First peal as conductor. Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. Harold Anson.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT STOWELL Treble.	FRED G. MAY 5.
CHARLES H. GORDON 2.	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 6.
NORRIS WAY 3.	WILLIAM STOWELL 7.
WALTER WADE 4.	HENRY HOWELL Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Arranged and rung muffled as a mark of deep respect to Mr. Tribe, sexton of the above church, who was buried on the above date.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY Treble.	CLEMENT GLENN 5.
TOM O'HARA 2.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY 6.
SIDNEY F. PALMER 3.	R. WILFRED COLLIER 7.
JOSEPH ATKIN 4.	GEORGE H. SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Friday, January 21, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent, and three 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lbs.

GEORGE JONES Treble.	RICHARD JONES 4.
ROBERT SPERRING 2.	JAMES MORGAN 5.
HENRY W. WILDE 3.	JAMES V. WRIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

First peal on the bells.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 22 1910, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES PRICE Treble.	GEORGE JONES 5.
MARTIN HARRIS* 2.	JAMES MORGAN 6.
ROBERT SPERRING 3.	JAMES V. WRIGHT 7.
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER† .. 4.	FRANK MILTON Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late William Moulton.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1910, in Three Hours

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS B. KENDALL .. Treble.	JOB A. ROSS 5.
ERNEST A. MURGATROYD .. 2.	GEORGE NAYLOR 6.
JAMES COTTERELL 3.	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7.
WILLIAM JOYCE 4.	JOHN JOYCE Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Broadley, and with the ringers' congratulations.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 22, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES'S No. 1. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

G. BROWN	Treble.	A. B. BRITNELL	6.
W. ECKERSLEY	2.	C. B. BURNS	7.
D. FORSHAW	3.	D. JONES	7.
W. RIDGE	4.	W. BUSBY	Tenor.
J. AINSWORTH	5.	A. PARKER	Tenor.

Conducted by G. BROWN.

First peal by all except G. Brown and W. Busby.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Saturday, January 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES DRAPER	Treble.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN	6.
ALBERT P. WAKLEY†	2.	JOHN CARTER	7.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY*	3.	EDWARD I. STONE	8.
JOHN H. SWINFIELD*	4.	HARRY WAKLEY	9.
GEORGE BULL†	5.	GEORGE ROBINSON	Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

†First peal on ten bells. *First peal of Stedman Caters.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN	Treble.	ALFRED J. TURNER	5.
ALBERT D. STONE	2.	PHILIP ALLFREY	6.
EDWARD C. MERRITT	3.	KEITH HART	7.
ERNEST GOWER	4.	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

BOBBING, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 23, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES E. WATERS	Treble.	THOMAS JULL	4.
WILLIAM SPICE	2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER	5.
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	3.	ALBERT J. DAY	Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. H. T. Leonard, formerly choir master at the above church.

CRANSLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 23, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-six of Grandsire, and sixteen of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCY J. LENTON	Treble.	GEORGE HOLLAND	4.
ALBERT E. WYKES	2.	FREDK. C. WOOLLEY	5.
DAVID J. NICHOLS	3.	HORACE W. SHARMAN	Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal on the bells.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Tuesday, January 25, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH FAULKNER	Treble.	WALTER PRESTIDGE	5.
CHARLES ROLINSON	2.	HARRY PRICE	6.
HARRY HILL†	3.	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD	7.
ALBERT PRESTIDGE	4.	*HARRY HUBBLE	Tenor.

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal as conductor; also his first peal in the method as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late William Micklewright, of Dudley, who took a great interest in the company, and by whom he was highly respected.

HURST, BERKS.

On Saturday, January 29, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

A. W. WHITE	Treble.	T. H. BARCUS	4.
W. G. COX	2.	JOS. WHITE	5.
R. H. TUCKER	3.	J. PRINCE	Tenor.

Conducted by JOS. WHITE.

This is the first peal, as far as is known, that has been rung upon these bells. Great credit is due to the ringers, who, with much perseverance, have at last succeeded in their efforts to secure a peal; and it is interesting to note that the 2nd was rung by a young member who had not, previous to last summer, handled a rope.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 29, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in A flat.

CHARLES PRICE	Treble.	RICHARD JONES	5.
ROBERT SPEERING	2.	HENRY W. WILDE	6.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 3.		RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. 7.	
JAMES H. RIDING	4.	JAMES MORGAN	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.—(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, February 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

BEN CHORLEY	Treble.	MAURICE SMITHER	5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, JUN. 2.		CHARLES HAZELDEN	6.
HENRY HUTTON	3.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE	7.
HENRY L. GARFATH	4.	ALFRED H. PULLING	Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

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OLD WINDSOR, BERKS. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty 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.

SIDNEY BOORE Treble.	ARTHUR BLAKE 5.
ALFRED ANDREWS 2.	ROBERT YOUNG 6.
THOMAS GOSLING 3.	WILLIAM WELLING 7.
JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE 4.	WILLIAM RALPH Tenor.

Conducted by W. WELLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Constance Ricardo, of The Friary, Old Windsor, and Mr. Clive Bayley, H.B.M. Consul at Warsaw, who were married that day in London.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes.

AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES. Tenor 52 cwt.

ROBERT DAVIES Treble.	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6.
BENJAMIN GILL 2.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 7.
SAMUEL STOTT 3.	SAMUEL BOOTH 8.
ROBERT WALLWORE 4.	BENJAMIN THORPE 9.
EDWIN BREEZE 5.	RICHARD NEWTON Tenor.
	FREDERICK PAGE Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by ALBERT E. WREAKS.
Reference next week.

Handbell Meals.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT 20, HIGHFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.
Umpires—William Ward and Frederick White.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, February 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes.

AT DEVON VILLA, ALAANY ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART.

FERRIS SHEPHERD* 1-2.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 5-6.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD 3-4.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire—William A. Woodrow. *First peal on handbells. First peal on handbells by the Devonshire Guild. All the above are natives of Devonshire.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, February 13, 1910, in One Hour and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT 17, HAYDON PLACE,

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

JAMES HUNT 1-2.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE 5-6.
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4.	HENRY L. GARFATH 7-8.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpires—S Radford and M. Smither.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Double Norwich has been sent from Benhilton, Surrey, without the number of changes.

Miscellaneous.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, December 23rd, at the church of All Saints, 1280 Bebb Major in 50 mins. J. Wilkinson, F. Butler conductor, W. Parrish, J. Tinker, W. Dickenson, W. Whelpton, J. T. Ladd, P. Ballance.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHICHESTER.—On Christmas morning, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. A. Attfield, W. Falconer, G. Farley, F. Tompkins, W. Tickhurst, J. Blake, H. Falconer conductor, G. Marshall.

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 OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARWELL (Berks.).—On Christmas morning, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Mulford, W. Hitchman, R. G. Rice, T. Hughes, V. Hitchman, R. F. Deal conductor. On Boxing Day, 360 Grandsire Minor. G. Rice, R. G. Rice conductor. T. Hughes, H. C. Mulford, R. F. Deal, W. Hitchman.

BLEWBURY (Berks.).—On Sunday, December 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Rice, R. G. Rice, G. James, T. East, R. F. Deal, W. Grace, E. Bannister conductor, T. Aldworth. And 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Welch, R. G. Rice conductor, G. James, E. Aldridge, C. Gregory, E. Bannister, R. F. Deal, R. Slade.

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

KESWICK.—On Sunday evening, December 26th, for Divine Service, 1440 Kent Major in 56 mins. W. Postlethwaite, T. Hogarth, J. Bell, S. Usher, T. Wilson, F. Grisdale, F. Postlethwaite conductor, W. Campbell.

CENTRAL NOKTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ISHAM (Northants.).—On Christmas Day, 720 Double Oxford Bob. J. Farby, E. M. Atkins conductor, F. Talbutt, W. Wilson, G. Blaxby, F. Andrew. And 720 of Oxford Bob. J. Farby, F. H. Talbutt, E. M. Atkins, W. Lewis, G. Blaxby, F. Andrew conductor.

CHELTENHAM.—On Tuesday, December 28th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. E. Dean, F. Musty, J. Turner, A. Humphreys, W. Yeend, J. Parsons, J. Ballinger, R. Trigg.

KESWICK.—On Sunday, December 19th, 960 Kent Major. R. Dennison, W. Postlethwaite, T. Hogarth, S. Usher, T. Wilson, W. Campbell, F. Postlethwaite conductor, W. Telford. On Friday, December 24th, 720 Kent Minor in 28 mins. R. Dennison, S. Hogarth, J. Bell, S. Usher, T. Wilson, F. Postlethwaite conductor.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, December 19th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. S. Wade, G. Bester, H. Armstrong, J. Miller, J. Armstrong conductor, J. E. Miller, W. Pickworth, J. Allway.

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.

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.

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All further subscriptions will be gratefully received by Mr. E. Rivers and Mr. F. Rolfe, Sproughton, near Ipswich.

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. Davies.

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.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, December 27th, at St. Andrew's church, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major came to grief after ringing 3 hrs. 25 mins., owing to a change-course. A. L. Coleman, R. Watson, W. Malins, W. Taylor, H. White, S. Small, C. Wheeler, J. B. Fenton conductor.

HAUGHTON (Stafford).—On New Year's eve, 480 Grandsire Doubles. T. Tunnicliffe, B. Duke, J. Nottage, G. Booth, J. Taylor conductor.

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, December 29th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief at the end of the 19th course. C. Baker, E. Whiting, H. Borrett, R. Whiting, F. Roope, W. Roope, F. Borrett, E. Whiting.

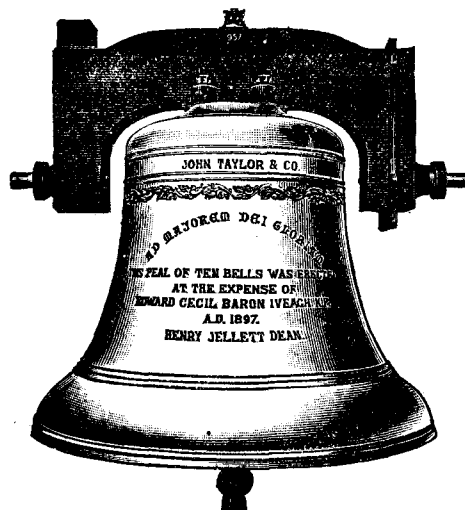
SHALFORD (Surrey).—On January 5th, a 720 Bob Minor. C. Bisb, T. Thompson, T. Streeter, M. Smither. E. Lucas, C. Willshire conductor.

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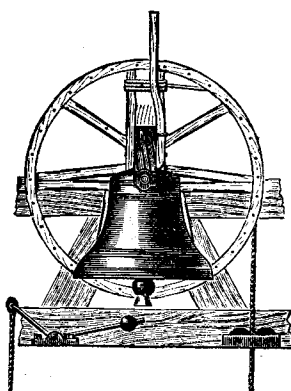
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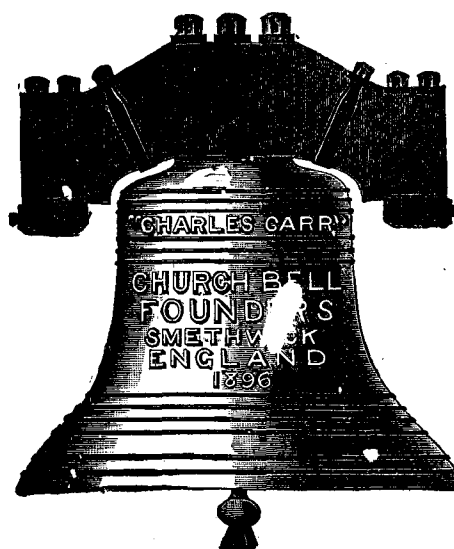
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