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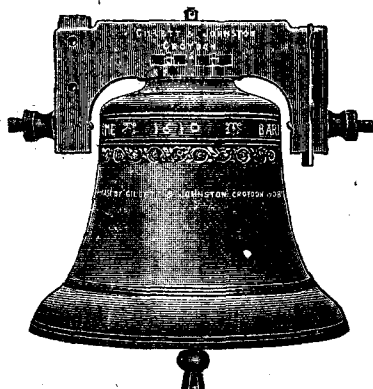
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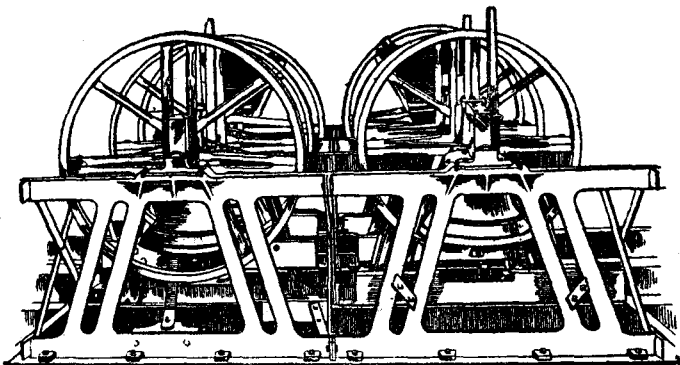
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION: ANNUAL MEETING.

ST. CHAD'S, FAR HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, JAN. 29th, 1910.

[By our special Correspondent.]

"Watchman, what of the night," said I to myself, as, in the early hours of this eventful day, I tried to forecast the probabilities of being frozen to death were I to venture to the meeting. Looking through the frosted window pane I beheld a ghastly moon, whose beams glaring steadily downward to the earth, seemed to make the very snow take a pale green tinge. It was a blood-curdling outlook, and I was glad to turn into bed again to think over the situation.

After all, I argued, did not the units of Napoleon's grand army plodge pluckily through the snow after their big meeting at Moscow?—another change-ringing meeting, as all historians agree—and why should a Yorkshireman be second to any earthborn mortal. (We mention "earth-born," because whenever we have reason to think any of our travelling companions have been hatched in the nether regions, we are a little diffident about entering into competition). Somewhat in this way did some 200 to 300 Yorkshiremen determine that they must and would go at all costs to the "Annual."

Whether the weather be cold,
Or whether the weather be hot,
Whether the weather be fine,
Or whether the weather be not;
Whatever the weather you must weather the weather,
Whether you like it or not.

We should like to think this clever jingle was put together by a Yorkshire tyke, but anyhow it has some excellent sense in it, and carries the true ring with it that has caused many a good fellow to face storm and rain rather than disappoint the select few who had his promise to stand in for *that* peal.

So we went, and we were amply repaid. Leaving out the auditors, who had their own special work to get through, the first official duty for an ordinary mortal was to get his Report; and what a size it is, the largest on record. But of this anon. Band after band, in the order of their application, were handling the ropes, and this went on until 3.30 p.m., when the stewards made a selection for the service touch. Entering the church we found quite a large congregation assembling, and had time to look round us. The edifice, which was designed by the first Lord Grimthorpe, who also gave the three heavy bells of the ring of eight, tenor about 20 cwt., is undergoing enlargement, and the east-end is entirely cut off for the present. In this connection we understand that the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Marshall), who is also a member of the Yorkshire Committee—the first clergyman, by the way, to be elected to the executive, which demands of course a skilled qualification—was somewhat sorry that circumstances had not held back the meeting until all had been finished, glad as he was nevertheless to welcome the members at any time.

The hands of the clock—one with Lord Grimthorpe's gravity escapement of course—have just reached four, and

the choir and clergy enter, and, as there is no organ—for its chamber or rather its aisle is also cut off for enlargement for a new instrument in memory of the late Vicar, Mr. Stables—we were half anticipating the usual droning buzz of an harmonium, but no, the clear ring of the strings of a piano are—under able manipulation—to supply an accompaniment at once bright and admirable. After a thoroughly musical service under these conditions, Mr. Marshall proceeds to the pulpit, and an absolute silence settles upon the congregation—for we all like being addressed by a change-ringer in holy orders—as he gives out his text from St. Matthew xxii., 35, 36, and 37. The Vicar, putting all mere bell fancies and like figurative expressions on one side, speaks with great dignity and earnestness on the obligation of all good and well-meaning men, his own ringing brethren included, of attending to the greatest commandment of all, the love and worship of God. After reviewing (i) the absence of many from the services in church, due as much to indifference as to anything else; (ii) the open want of respect shown by some for the Lord's Day; and (iii) the determination of certain parties in the State to endeavour to thrust religion out from the schools, the preacher contended that all could be traced to the fact that the great commandment of the law was not kept, that God was put into the second place; if not, by some, put into the background altogether. In conclusion Mr. Marshall appealed to his fellow-members of the Association to realise that the great law of their life was God, to have new ideas, and new resolves, to make themselves not only good ringers but good men, and to see if they could not each Sunday join with the congregation in the prayers of the faithful.

As we were leaving the church our mind happened to revert to the important addition to the Association's patrons in the name of the new Archbishop of York, Dr. Lang, and we felt that we should not have been ashamed had he heard a remark of one of the wardens to the effect that he had no idea that there would have been such a good muster at the service.

A walk through the snow in the soft twilight brought us to the schools, which seemed a perfect blaze of light and warmth, and comfort. No such set of contrasts could have been had even at the North Pole, for there they would have found no bells, no church, no schools, no warm tea, and no hundreds of the brethren to sit down with, although for a matter of snow and cold the Pole might have had it by a trifle. Not having been there we are inclined to yield somewhat on this head, but not very much, as newspaper reports are so often misleading.

Among the ladies at the tea tables were Mrs. Marshall (the wife of the Vicar), Mrs. Arthur Middleton, and Mrs. H. L. Williamson and Mrs. G. E. Iles, the husbands of these two latter being the churchwardens, who had not only supervised the service in church, but were then looking after the creature comforts of the visitors. There is something about a Yorkshire tea, even under ordinary circumstances, that is almost indescribable, and therefore not to be attempted, but the bright contrast from the bitter

weather outside made everything stand out in a glow of an enhanced enthusiasm which was quite catching. The singing of Grace was started by the Vicar, and immediately some 200 to 300 voices proclaimed their thankfulness for health, strength, and brain-power (for so it must be), in appreciating the situation. No sooner had the Amen died reverentially away, than was heard that comfortable clink of cups and saucers, that general buzz of conversation that we all know so well, that danger of being run over by a friend with a scalding-hot tea-urn; and those thousand and one odd things that go to the making of a "big tea" as Yorkshire knows it. Preparations had been made for some 300 cold and hungry mortals, and as some 250 were present it cannot be said to have been a poor muster. From the county's "furthest north"—Cleveland—quite a nice little number turned up, and in the other direction the church with the crooked spire, but straight ringers, sent just that sample of representatives whose talent is always appreciated in Yorkshire. Perhaps one of the nicest things to note was that the Vicar was himself enjoying it as much as anyone. Mr. Marshall is not one of the melancholy ones who seem to live in a little world of their own—perhaps it comes of his taking off his coat and having a pull with his ringers, for there is much virtue in being human after all.

The annual business meeting was held in the same school building, with the President in the chair, supported by the ubiquitous Vicar, vice-president Hattersley, Mr. Cotterell, Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. Glenn, Hon. Secretary, etc., etc. The minutes of the previous meeting (Bridlington) having been disposed of, the chairman reported that the money collected to that date for the Selby Abbey bells, amounting to £26 7s. 2d., as shown in the annual report, had been handed over to the Vicar of that magnificently restored Abbey, the Rev. Maurice Parkin, whose receipt lay on the table for inspection. A report having been put into circulation that the whole of the bell fund had been contributed, the President naturally sought for its confirmation or otherwise. "The rumour is quite wrong," wrote Mr. Parkin. "Please contradict it and we shall be grateful." Mr. Cryer, of the Selby company, being called upon, gave a very interesting summary of what had been done. By taking advantage of the metal-market when it was thought to be at its lowest, money had been saved, and by various subscriptions from all quarters, including the Association's recently handed in, the £300 which had to be secured had been reduced to the comparatively small sum of £38. The President then stated that the Association's fund would not be closed until the Selby company were through the whole of their difficulties.

Mr. Pratt Cordingley, Hon. Auditor, moved the passing of the Treasurer's balance sheet, and the acceptance of the Committee's Report, and in so doing spoke appreciatively of the systematic way in which the books are kept and of the business-like ability with which all had been put before them. In the absence of Mr. Halksworth, of Doncaster, the other auditor, who had to leave early, Mr. Pearson, of Pontefract, acted as seconder by his special request, and all was carried unanimously.

There being no contested election the following were declared re-elected: Mr. C. H. Hattersley, vice-President; Mr. J. Broadley, Steward; Mr. Jas. Cotterell, Hon. Treasurer; with the Rev. C. C. Marshall and Messrs. Fearley (York), Abbishaw (Rothwell), and Pearson (Pontefract) members of Committee.

The President went into a few details regarding the

deficit on the year's work—as also did the Hon. Treasurer—but as we intend to review the position ourselves we need not enter into the matter here.

The roll-call of officers showed only three absentees out of a total of nineteen, Messrs. Bolland and McKell sending letters of regret.

Mr. Wm. Whitaker, the Association's first Hon. Sec., and now senior trustee, moved a vote of thanks to the auditors, and in so doing contributed interesting reminiscences of old times, coupled with some good advice as to keeping the Society's head well up and out of financial danger. Mr. Blakiston, of Middlesbrough, seconded, and the vote was passed unanimously. The place of next meeting was left in the hands of the committee.

Votes of thanks were then passed—on a motion from the chair, seconded by vice-President Hattersley—to the Rev. C. C. Marshall, for his kindness in arranging the Annual Service, for his sermon, and for the use of his bells and schools; coupled with another to Mr. H. Percy Richardson, F.R.C.O., and the members of the choir. These having been gracefully acknowledged by the Vicar, a further vote was passed to the Rev. Canon Wood, of St. Michael's, Headingley, who had kindly lent his bells—this latter on the motion of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by the Hon. Treasurer.

A hearty vote of appreciation and thanks was then passed to the St. Chad's branch for their generous arrangements for the tea, and to the ladies for presiding thereat, on the motion of Mr. C. Jackson, of Hull, seconded by Mr. Broadley, of Shipley. To this Mr. W. Child, on behalf of the St. Chad's company, suitably replied.

No other business being brought forward, the Vicar moved a vote of thanks to the President for his services in the chair, and this was seconded by Mr. Abbishaw, who expressed a hope that Mr. Snowdon might long be spared to act for the Association. This led the President to say that he felt himself bound by what he had previously said, viz., that he felt it would be to the Association's best interests for him to make way for a younger man at the end of his three-years' term, of which he had then completed one. Should the Association afterwards honour him with a seat on the Committee, he would be proud to be of service in a less arduous position, supposing a kindly providence spared him; and thus ended one of the pleasantest (leaving out the snow) meetings ever held by the Association.

Mr. Wm. Child acted as the local Hon. Sec., and carried all through with very great success, and that in face of enormous odds, everyone expressing admiration for all that had been done for the general comfort.

Reverting, lastly, to the huge Annual Report and the deficit of £8 which it has brought to the financial department, we feel that it may be of interest to many of the provincial Associations if we carefully review the circumstances under which our Yorkshire friends find themselves. To this end we have scheduled some interesting data, without which no true grasp of the facts can be obtained. Although the deficit is only £8 it would have been nearly double this sum but for the income rising out of the Society's accumulated funds, and as the deficit will quite probably now be an annual one—varying perhaps in its amount—the subject becomes an important one.

From the following table it will be seen that in the first 10 years the savings had so accumulated that Life Membership was started thus: "When the total subscriptions of a member amounts to not less than 11s. 6d., no further annual payments shall be required so long as the income

from the reserve funds is sufficient to meet the yearly expenses of such life members." At this time only fifty-nine such members were then installed (see column 7), so no test had been given to the new rule.

At the end of the twentieth year 364 such members had qualified, but the total savings had reached £200 in spite of the pages in the report having risen from 70 to 120, and in that year itself £4 2s. 7d. (which had been borrowed for printing a stock of certificates of membership) was repaid to capital, so the society's income was still elastic.

When the thirtieth year had run its course, although £250 had been saved, the crisis for the continued freedom of the life members was at hand, for we read in that year's report: "Last year we lost some £3 3s., and this year (the thirtieth) we lose some £6 more." This was followed by a 1s. levy on all life members who wished to remain entitled to full benefits—non-payers to forfeit the Report. In the thirty-second Report we get the result of this levy, which not only replenished the exchequer, but allowed another £10 to be put to the reserve fund. The lessened number of Reports printed was of course part of the gain from those who did not pay their contribution. The position of affairs this year—the thirty-fourth—stands thus, with a loss of £8 already noticed. The number of members entitled to free reports is nearly nine times what it was when life membership was instituted; the size of the Report as to its pages, is three times as large; and very nearly twice as many reports were wanted.

Who can stand against an expansion of this sort? No one; and that is the only reply. Exactly what the Committee will decide to do—for they must collect the money—it is difficult to say, but as their annual receipt books are printed for a 1s. subscription, we take it that next year

the life members (who have only paid a 1s. levy in twenty four years) will be asked for another 1s., and if the same success follows the Association's work, in all probability every four years (a sort of leap-year for the treasurer, who will look for the leap of cash into his coffers), another shilling levy will have to be made.

If this state of affairs led to the various conductors seeing to it that better, if fewer, peals were rung, then in all probability quite as much good would accrue to the Association as at present, and that at a less cost to the printing bill.

Did the Association make a mistake in starting life-membership? Our answer is certainly not, because instead of now having to face a large deficit the annual loss is a comparatively small one, and can well, and will cheerfully, be borne by members who have had a good respite. Twenty-three years with one levy of 1s. only is not a bad record, and the members who will trouble to look into it, will be the first to admit it.

It is only fair to the management of the Association to say that the whole of these analytical details have been gleaned from the printed reports in the hands of the members, a set of which reposes in front of us; hence nothing but well-known facts have been drawn upon, so accurately are the Association's affairs kept before its supporters.

Nothing succeeds like success, but you cannot get everything for nothing! Paraphrasing the "Yorkshireman's toast," we will end with the following:—

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Time is fast passing. Easter has come and gone, and of forty Associations affiliated to the Council, there are no less than eighteen who have not yet paid their Affiliation Fee. I trust that all these may be paid without fail within the next few days.

I would also remind all whom it may concern, that April 16th is fast approaching, and that all Notices of Motion and Reports of Committees, the publication of which in "THE BELL NEWS" is desirable, should reach me by that day at the latest.

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THE PROPER USE OF CHURCH BELLS.

SIR,—With regard to the letter of "Campanarias," reprinted in "THE BELL NEWS" from *The Guardian*, allow me to say that I fully answered his queries as to the irregularity of ringing on festivals, etc., in the following issue of *The Guardian*. I need not here enter into details of what I said, as your readers can see it in the above paper for themselves, if they wish. Suffice it to say that I stated that the reason why bells were not rung on certain great festivals, when they ought to be rung, was simply from want of funds to pay for the same, and in a subsequent letter I shewed that money payment would not necessarily promote the science of change-ringing; but that at the same time it was necessary to secure regularity in getting bells rung on such days as they should be heard, since ringers often had to lose time from their work to ring on those occasions.

J. R. JERRAM.

Obituary.

JOHN PRESTON.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. J. Preston, of Edenbridge, Kent, who passed away on Thursday, March 24th, at the age of 53. Deceased was well known in the home countiet, being a member of the Kent, Sussex, and Surrey Associations, and the College Youths. As a keen ringer, good striker and conductor he took part in some fifty peals during the last fifteen years. His remains were carried to their last resting place by six brother-ringers on Tuesday, the 29th ult.

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Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BENTLEY.—On Tuesday, March 22nd, for a Confirmation Service in the afternoon, which was held by the Bishop of Colchester, before the service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. After the service 720 Kent, and 720 Cambridge Surprise. Also before evening service 720 London Surprise Minor. P. Almond, W. Lancaster, A. Andrews, W. J. J. Nevard, G. Lancaster, G. A. Andrews. After service a touch of Grandsire Triples in which Messrs. Jennings and Humm took part.

PRITTLEWELL (Essex).—On Monday, January 24th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. O. Reay, Vicar of Prittlewell, which came to grief after ringing 3 hrs. 20

mins. W. Dudley, W. T. Wilson, C. Collins, G. E. Wilson, J. Perry, J. Smith, A. B. Wiffen, W. H. Judd conductor.

WRITTLE.—On Sunday, February 13th, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. T. Lincoln, F. W. Edwards, F. G. Radley, G. R. V. Crush, H. Head, A. Head, W. Lincoln conductor, F. Edwards. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. R. V. Crush.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WANTAGE.—On Thursday, February 27th, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal, in 1 hr. 37 mins. O. J. Hunt, A. J. Gregory conductor, A. Gregory, C. Lay, H. Gregory, W. Gregory, F. Bunce, A. Kent.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THETFORD.—On Tuesday, March 29th, 524 Grandsire Triples. W. Doran conductor, W. Radley, A. Macro, T. Fitzjohn, L. Dickerson, W. Everett, C. Carter, R. Skipper. 560 Bob Major. W. Doran, A. Macro, W. Radley, L. Dickerson, W. Seeley, T. Fitzjohn conductor W. Everett, C. Carter.

BRANDON (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, March 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Radley conductor, C. Carter, W. Doran, G. Flatt, W. Everett, T. Fitzjohn. 720 Bob Minor. G. Green, R. Skipper, W. Radley, A. Macro, T. Fitzjohn conductor. G. Flatt. 720 Bob Minor. G. Green, H. Docking, R. Skipper, A. Macro, T. Fitzjohn conductor, G. Flatt.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DONCASTER.—On Sunday, January 16th, for morning service, 704 Kent Treble Bob. R. Bayles, H. Wilson, H. Brock, H. Marwood, C. Scott, A. E. Ashe, G. Clow, G. Halksworth conductor. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 51 mins. R. Bayles, H. Wilson, H. Brock, H. Marwood, C. Scott, A. Ashe, G. Halksworth conductor, W. Howard.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WIDNES.—On Saturday, January 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Dagnal, J. A. Calland, G. Sant, R. A. Cartwright, H. Ashton, G. Clews, F. J. Hancock conductor, R. Luther.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DARLINGTON.—On Saturday, February 5th, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Cox, R. W. Gray, R. Moncaster, W. D. Lister, T. Clark, G. J. Lungley conductor. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Edith Park, sister of the Captain of the Holy Trinity company, to Mr. A. W. Brownless, of Darlington.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, February 22nd, an attempt for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 15 mins. J. Green, A. Andrews, C. Ward, H. Nash, E. Houlden, J. Clark, J. T. Holmes, W. Dickinson conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRANLEIGH (Surrey).—On Easter Monday, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major came to grief after ringing 2100 changes. T. Tidy, W. Streeter, G. Farnfield, A. Charman, T. Worsfold, J. Knight, R. Whittington, W. Charman conductor. Longest touch in the method on the bells and by all the ringers.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, February 13th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. S. Coley, A. Scrivens, T. Large, G. Taylor, W. Webb, J. T. Perry conductor, J. Collett, G. Rastall.

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

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, South Hackney, on April 18th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 19th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East, on the 11th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 14th and 28th; and St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 19th; all at 8 p.m. A district meeting will be held at High Wycombe on Saturday, April 30th.

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

The London County Association (Late the St. James's Society).—Established 1824.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, April 16th, at the church of St. Luke, Chelsea, S.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m., and from 7 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.

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

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, April 16th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at The Green Dragon at 5.30 p.m., at 9d. per head to those who notify me by April 14th. The next practice at St. Martins-in-the-Fields will be on Wednesday, 13th inst.

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

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the South and West District will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. F. W. Isaacs) at St. Nicholas, Chiswick, to-day, Sat., April 9th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Members and friends are cordially invited.

H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*
Church Road, Heston.

The Essex Association.—A meeting of the North-Western district will be held at Stansted to-day, Sat., April 9th. Tea 6d. each at the Parish Room at 5 o'clock.

JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Sec.*
"Fairville," Saffron Walden.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at West Malling on Saturday, April 9th. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Short service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at The Bear hotel at 5 p.m. Business after tea. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid to me either before or at the meeting.

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*
Canterbury.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, to-day, Sat., April 9th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

T. ROLLERSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Blaenavon to-day, Sat., April 9th, at 4 o'clock.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. W. JONES, }
29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes

to-day, Sat., April 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Farnworth (6 bells) at 6.30.

WALTER HUGHES, *Hon. Sec.*
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Trowbridge to-day, Sat., April 9th. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting as usual.

GILBERT H. HARDING, *Br. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury on Saturday, April 16th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7. A good muster is requested.

W. H. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at St. Matthew's church Upper Clapton, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. O. R. Dawson. The bells will be raised at 3 p.m., and ringing will be continued up till 6 p.m., when a service will be held in the church, followed by a tea in the Hall in Warwick Road, for which a small charge will be made. Ringing will be subsequently resumed until 9 p.m. It is requested that those intending to be present will notify their intention, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made. Members and friends are cordially invited.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barret.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, April 16th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid to the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. W. G. Dickens) at this meeting.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, April 23rd. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. H. BANKS, }

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—A cyclists' meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23rd. Hoarcross (6), 3.30 p.m.; Yoxall (6), 5 p.m.; King's Bromley (6), 6.30 p.m.

REV. E. V. COX, *Hon. Sec.*

The North Notts. Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, April 23rd. Business meeting in the parish room adjoining the church at 3.30 p.m. Divine Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at Howard's Rooms at 5 p.m. Tea is free to members, 1/6 per head to visitors. Members of kindred Associations will be heartily welcomed.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—A meeting of the South-Eastern district will be held at Writtle on Saturday, April 23rd. Tea 6d. each at 5.30 in the Iron Room near the church. Bells available at 4 p.m. Members and friends requiring tea, kindly send notice not later than Wednesday, April 20th, to

HENRY F. COOPER, *Hon. Sec.*
County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Todmorden, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. Any ringer welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The

next quarterly meeting will be held at The Tamworth Arms hotel, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, April 26th. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m.

A. PADDON SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Westerham on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to, but not exceeding 2s. each, will be paid to members attending. Arrangements have been made with Mr. Taylor, High Street, to provide tea to members at 8d. each. Secretaries of bands who have not yet paid their bands subscriptions, are requested to forward same together with any alterations for the new report as soon as possible.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—I. Emery has removed from St. Mary Cray, to 58, Liddon Road, Bromley, Kent.—H. Barton has removed to Station Chambers, Southwold, Suffolk.

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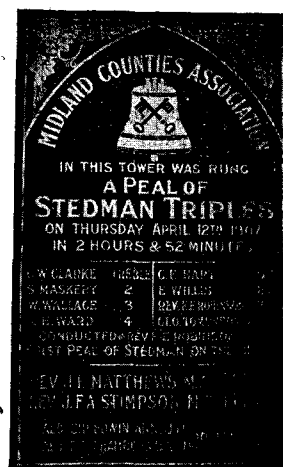
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5029 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.	SGT-MAJOR A. PYE 6.
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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY).

On Saturday, April 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA.

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HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK SMITH Treble.	EDWARD F. COLE 5.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 2.	ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN .. 6.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 3.	EDWARD CHAPMAN 7.
ERNEST BONFIELD 4.	RICHARD BEVAN Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by RICHARD BEVAN.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 2, 1910, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt

JOSEPH WAGHOBY Treble.	ERNEST S. POLL 5.
MISS EDITH K. PARKER .. 2.	WILBY J. HAZELL 6.
JAMES SAXBY 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 10, 1910, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

THOMAS GORE Treble.	WALTER ROBINSON 5.
JOHN FLINT 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN 6.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3.	SAM THOMAS 7.
GEORGE WM. BEMROSE .. 4.	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Arthur Worthington.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 11, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THEURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

JOHN H. PAICE Treble.	GEORGE J. NORRIS 5.
BENJAMIN BASSETT 2.	ARTHUR ARNELL 6.
WILLIAM HILLMAN 3.	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7.
ALFRED W. GROVES 4.	FREDERICK LINDUP Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 14, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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

ARTHUR CATTERMOLLE .. Treble.	ALPHAUS BERRY 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	GEORGE KEMP 5.
THOMAS DAVY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 14, 1910, in Two Hours Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN E. BURTON Treble.	CHARLES L. JENKINSON .. 5.
GEORGE MAYES 2.	GEORGE H. CROSS 6.
CHARLES E. BOBRETT .. 3.	FREDK. W. CURTIS 7.
WILLIAM MAYES 4.	FREDK. J. CROSS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON, and Conducted by F. J. CROSS.

Rung on the third anniversary of the dedication of the bells. First peal as conductor.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 17, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST F. POPPY Treble.	JOHN E. BURTON 5.
ROBERT H. HAYWARD .. 2.	CLEMENT J. MORE 6.
FREDK. R. BOBRETT .. 3.	JOHN SOUTER 7.
GEORGE P. BURTON 4.	THOMAS A. TURNER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, March 17, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT HOUGHTON* .. Treble.	JOSEPH FAULKNER 5.
HARRY HILL 2.	HARRY PRICE 6.
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD .. 3.	ALFRED DAVIES 7.
HARRY HUBBLE* 4.	†ALBERT PRESTIDGE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT PRESTIDGE.

*First peal in the method. †First peal as conductor.

THIRSK, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

H. BROWN Treble.	R. BROWN 5.
G. WINDSOR 2.	JAS. W. NEESAM 6.
J. STOTT 3.	T. METCALFE 7.
J. B. BUDD* 4.	†R. E. NEESAM Tenor.

Conducted by JAS. W. NEESAM.

*First peal. †First peal on the tenor.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR HAUGHTON Treble.	TOM WILDE 5.
HERBERT DAVENPORT .. 2.	JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM .. 6.
A. M. DAVENPORT 3.	ALBERT HOUGH 7.
HARRY NORGROVE 4.	BENJAMIN THORPE Tenor.

Composed by S. WOOD, and Conducted by T. WILDE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and on the 57th anniversary of the opening of the bells. First peal as conductor.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES PRICE Treble.	ROBERT SPERRING 5.
WILLIAM SCONCE 2.	WALTER THOMAS 6.
JOHN SCONCE 3.	HENRY DEW 7.
WILLIAM MAYERS 4.	JAMES V. WRIGHT Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by JAMES V. WRIGHT.
First peal of Major as conductor.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 24½ cwt.

RICHARD B. MARSHALL .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 5.
ANDREW MARSHALL* .. 2.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 6.
JIM BRACH 3.	EDWIN LAMBERT .. 7.
FRED J. LAMBERT 4.	THOMAS LAMBERT Tenor.

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

*First peal in the method.

NEWCHURCH, NEAR WARRINGTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE NEW CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720s. each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN T. ALDRED* Treble.	*HARRY ALDRED 4.
HERBERT ALDRED* 2.	TITUS BARLOW 5.
THOMAS PEERS 3.	ROBERT ALDRED Tenor.

Conducted by R. ALDRED.

*First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers of the 2nd and 4th were elected members before starting. The band tender their best thanks to Mr. J. Orme, organist, and local ringers, for kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS. Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMPERT .. Treble.	EDWIN LAMBERT 5.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 2.	FRED J. LAMBERT 6.
ANDREW MARSHALL .. 3.	JIM BRACH 7.
ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 4.	THOMAS LAMBERT Tenor.

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble.	HARRY MEERDITH 5.
ALFRED DAVIES 2.	HARRY PRICE 6.
JOHN BASS 3.	*WILLIAM HINGLEY 7.
HARRY A. WOODALL .. 4.	CHARLES F. WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

*First peal. Expected to be R. Matthews' last peal as a bachelor.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by WM. H. B. WILKINS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Wickham, who was interred in the churchyard; also on the anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

ALBERT D. STONE Treble.	GEORGE SEWARD 5.
WILLIAM C. HART 2.	PHILIP ALLFREY 6.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 7.
ERNEST GOWER 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by J. THORP, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR CRAVEN Treble.	DAVID BEARLEY 5.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. 6.
FRED KETTLEBORO .. 3.	SAM THOMAS 7.
HARRY MOSS 4.	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. KEEBLE.
This is the conductor's 50th peal in the method.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKS.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

F. LAVERICK Treble.	J. H. PINKNEY 5.
W. RUDD 2.	†W. C. HARDY 6.
L. A. HARDY 3.	J. H. BLAKISTON .. 7.
J. W. PASSMAN 4.	T. LANCASTER Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

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

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

EDWIN HARPER Treble.	WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT .. 5.
JOHN BOOTH* 2.	JAMES WILDBLOOD .. 6.
JOSEPH A. COOR* .. 3.	WILLIAM RIGBY 7.
DONALD BOOTH 4.	*STEPHEN WILCOX Tenor.

Conducted by W. RIGBY.

*First peal. This was the first quarterly peal by the above branch.

COLERNE, WILTS.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. PERSCOTT .. Treble.	HENRY W. BROWN 5.
CHARLES W. BELL 2.	*CHARLES DENSLEY 6.
ALBERT C. SEERS 3.	THOMAS T. KING 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.	*THOMAS HOGSFLESH .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

*First peal in the method. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. C. Seers.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

JAS. MAINWARING .. Treble.	A. KINSEY 5.
J. PETERS* 2.	F. T. SPENCE 6.
M. LOMAS* 3.	J. E. ASHCROFT 7.
G. H. WHEELER* 4.	W. LEIGH Tenor.

Conducted by F. T. SPENCE.

*First peal in the method.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM C. WADE .. Treble.	HENRY R. DAWSON 5.
WILLIAM J. RICE 2.	ARTHUR EDWARDS 6.
HARRY BUSH 3.	HENRY F. COOPER 7.
FREDK. W. EDWARDS .. 4.	JOHN WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY F. COOPER.

The ringers wish to thank the Rev. E. N. Dew for the use of the bells, and for his hearty welcome at the church.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

CALSB DANIEL* .. Treble.	DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 5.
JAMES D. DREWETT† .. 2.	ALBERT CALVER 6.
DOUGLAS W. DREWETT† .. 3.	JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. 7.
CHARLES J. NORTH 4.	JOHN HOWES Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by J. A. LAMBERT.

First peal of Major. †First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. This is the conductor's 50th peal in the above tower.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 22 cwt.

JOSEPH WEST† .. Treble.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 5.
WILLIAM GOODMAN 2.	HARRY GOODMAN 6.
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. 3.	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. 7.
HERRERT SHEPPARD 4.	CHARLES FAULKES .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

†First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Joseph Timmins, a former member of the above band.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GORDON CHECKETTS .. Treble.	ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. 4.
WILLIAM RANFORD 2.	JOHN NORMAN 5.
ARTHUR HADLEY 3.	J. R. NEWMAN Tenor.

Conducted by J. R. NEWMAN.

First peal on the bells.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. Treble.	ALBERT STOWELL 5.
CHARLES H. GORDON .. 2.	FRED G. MAY 6.
WILLIAM LANSDOWN .. 3.	HENRY HOWELL 7.
NORRIS WAY 4.	FRANK BENNETT .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Arranged for the ringers of the treble and tenor.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
SOCIETY OF NORWICH SCHOLARS.

On Saturday, March 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	ALBERT ROUGHT 5.
PERCY C. ARTIS 2.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. 6.
EDWARD FRANCIS 3.	FREDERICK HOWCHIN .. 7.
FRANK H. DAVEY 4.	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S ONE-PART.

REUBEN FLAXMAN .. Treble.	ALFRED ANDREWS 5.
DR. E. HARWOOD 2.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE 6.
WILLIAM C. PARKER .. 3.	WILLIAM WELLING 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 4.	WILLIAM RALPH .. Tenor.

Conducted by DR. E. HARWOOD.

The ringer of the 3rd was elected a life member of the Guild.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FREDK. BOKRETT .. Treble.	ERNEST LINCOLN 5.
EDWARD MATTHEWS 2.	ALFRED SMITH 6.
CHARLES BAKER 3.	HENRY GANNHAM 7.
WILLIAM ROOPE 4.	FREDK. ROOPE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. PLATT, and Conducted by F. BOKRETT.

Rung as a farewell to Edward Matthews, who is going to the United States.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above Association was held at Buckley, Flintshire, on Easter Monday, March 28th. Members had assembled from Bangor, Buckley, Dolgelly, Gresford, Llangollen, Llandudno, Hawarden, Portmadoc, Rhyl, and Wrexham, while friends from Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, and Pulford brought the number up to about 60. After a few touches, tracks were made for the schoolroom, and the Buckley ringers good ladies brought in a lot of new courses, which were comfortably tapped off. At 1.30 a service was held in the church, which was taken by the Rev. D. R. Pelly. Addressing the ringers, he took his text from the first chapter of the Epistle to the Romans. He said there were those things in the life of Christ which were very applicable to ringers. They were character, unity, and love of discipline. To be good ringers we

needed character, and that was the only true foundation of our work in the belfry. Then again we must be one in unity; there is but one God and one Lord. He said we in Wales could easily see the continual harm done to God's work by the spirit shown against the Church. The sound of the bells he said was an invitation to the people to come to worship, in fact they were a means of protesting against the harm, and the attempt to wreck the Church. Ringers to do their work thoroughly must have discipline. Altogether the address was a very pleasant one, and was listened with rapt attention. The singing throughout was of a hearty nature, and Mr. Williams, of Buckley, presided at the organ. The business meeting was held in the schoolhouse. Several new members were admitted, and the Association is on a sound basis. Two important items were passed, viz.,—"That all peals to be entered and paid for by the

Association"; "That all money should be paid through the Secretary." The Association also decided on a badge of membership, and tower secretaries are asked to send to the Hon. Secretary without delay, the number they require. The next half-yearly meeting will be held at Abergele and the annual at Beaumaris.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. T. Lewis Jones for his good work, and to the Rev. D. Pelly for his presence, and to Mr. Wilmer Rogers for his past services as Treasurer. The ladies who specially attended on them were thanked for their services by Mr. Evans, of Portmadoc, who advised every ringer in search of a wife to go to Buckley. The meeting was one of the best held by the Association, and the Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the ringers at any time they choose to come to Buckley.

Death.

On the 2nd inst. at "Ingleside," Ashby Road, Loughborough, ELIZA, widow of the late JOHN WILLIAM TAYLOR, Bellfounder, in her 84th year.

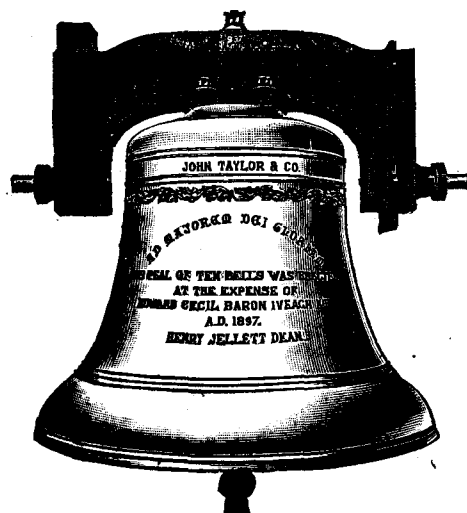
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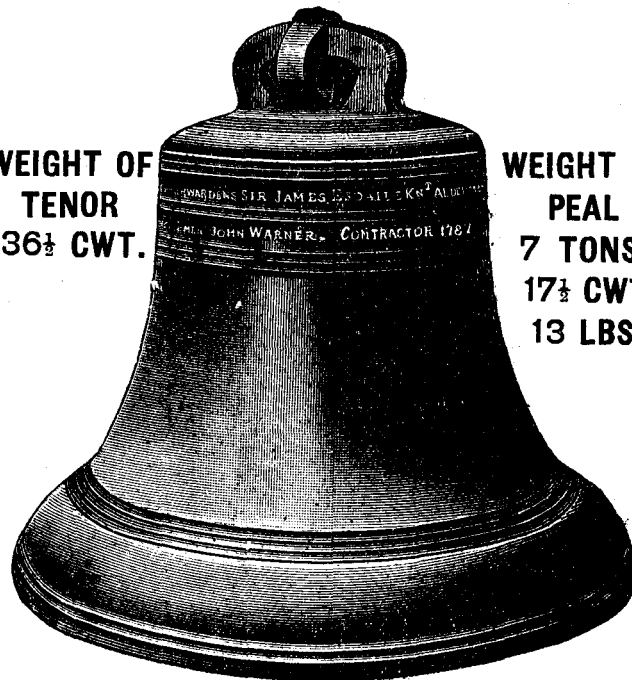
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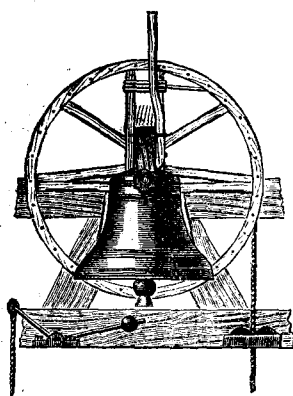
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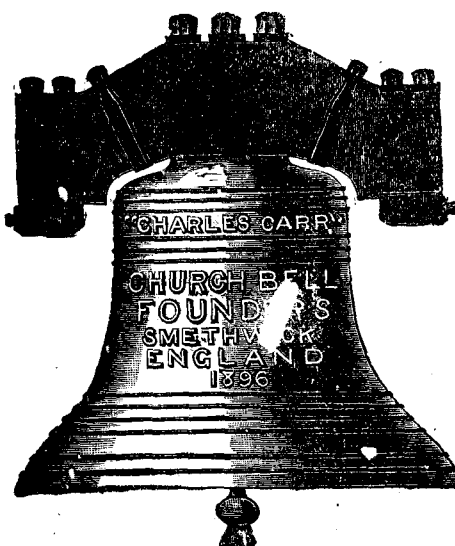
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