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THE PEAL BOOK OF THE UNION SOCIETY, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.

June 30th, 1788, at St. Matthew's, Walsall, by the Union Society of that place, 6000 Bob Majors, in 4 hours and 1 minute. The sixth dodging at home 11 times wrong and 11 right.

August 23rd, 1788, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, by the Cumberlands, 5184 Stedman's Caters, in 3 hours and 47 minutes.

October 6th, 1788, at St. Peter's, Colchester, by the Chelmsford Youths, 5120 Treble Bob, in 3 hours and 25 minutes.

October 8th, 1788, the new peal of six bells at Soham, in Cambridgeshire, was opened by a Society of gentlemen of Ely and Soham, with a Peal of Oxford Treble, Court, and Plain Bob, consisting of 720 changes each.

February 23rd, 1789, was attempted at Aston, near Birmingham, by eight youths of that place (some of which were under 20 years of age) a peal of Bobb Majors consisting of 15,120 changes, but after ringing a considerable time they found themselves so much fatigued that they begged the caller to bring the bells home; which he did omitting a Bob; therefore the Peal terminated at the 14,224 change end in 8 hours and 45 minutes. N.B.—This is the longest peal ever rung by one set of men in the kingdom.

February 25th, 1789, at Alton, Hants., by the Cumberlands of that place, 5040 Bob Majors, in 3 hours and 15 minutes.

March 19th, 1789, at Bromley, Kent, by the Bromley Youths, 5520 Real Double Eight in, with bobs behind and before with 2 bobs in a lead in 3 hours and 44 minutes. This is the full extent of changes that can be obtained in this method, and the first peal of it with 2 bobs in a lead rung in England.

March 19th, 1789, at St. Mary's, Nottingham, by ten of the Sherwood Society in that town, 5080 Oxford Treble Bob Royal, in 3 hours and 48 minutes.

March 21st, 1790, at Shifnal in Shropshire, by the Albion Society of that place, 6272 Oxford Treble Bob, in 4 hours, being the first peal in that method on the bells and in the county.

February 23rd, 1791, at Long Melford, in Suffolk, by a Society of that place, 5040 Bob Major in 3 hours and 3 minutes.

March 8th, 1791, at St. Mary's, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, by the Union Youths of Newport, 5040 Grandsire Tripples in 3 hours and 5 minutes (names of performers given) conducted by Wm. Rayner, the donor of this book.

March 14th, 1791, at St. Mary's, Nottingham, by a Society of that place, 5040 Treble Bob Royal in 3 hours and 47 minutes.

May 9th, 1791, at Auburn, Wilts, by a Society of that place, 5040 Grandsire Tripples in a very masterly manner.

July 18th, 1791, the new peal of eight bells at Rumsey, Hants., was opened by the College Youths with 5088

Treble Bobb in 3 hours and three minutes (names of performers given) called by Thos. Blakemore.

July 20th, 1791, at St. Mary's, Carisbrooke, by the College Youths, 5088 Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hours and 5 minutes (same performers as last peal.)

December 25th, 1792, at Canterbury, by the Leeds Youths, 5088 Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hours and 17 mins.

December 26th, 1792, at Lenham, Kent, by the Leeds Youths, 5088 Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hours and 14 mins.

January 1st, 1793, at Canterbury, by the Leeds Youths, 5040 Bob Major in 3 hours and 12 minutes. The performers were—Samuel Gravling Treble, aged 82 years; Thomas Barham 2, aged 74 years; William Barham 3, aged 70 years; William Davis 4, aged 65 years; James Hunt 5, aged 70 years; Thomas Lacey 6, aged 65 years; James Barham 7, aged 67 years; Jonathan Freeland Tenor, aged 84 years. Total 577 years. It is remarkable that this peal completes the hundredth (rung in several places) with 5040 changes each by James Barham one of the above-named youths.

June 13th, 1797, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, 5120 Oxford Treble Bob, in 3 hours and 23 minutes.

February 17th, 1801, at St. John's, Hackney, by the Cumberlands, 5040 of Tripples in 3 hours and 28 minutes, without a dodge or single, and the first peal ever rung in that method. The Society in honour of the union of the Kingdoms named the peal Cumberland's Imperial Tripples.

April 7th, 1801, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, by the Cumberlands, 5220 Court Bob Royals, in 3 hours and 45 minutes.

March 1st, 1802, at St. James, Epsom, Surrey, by the United Society of Ringers, 6720 Oxford Treble Bob in 4 hours and 1 minute.

May 2nd, 1802, at St. Alphage, Greenwich, by a society of that place, 5040 London Court Bob in 3 hours and 12 minutes. N.B.—This is the first peal ever rung in this method.

August 9th, 1802, a Ringing Match took place at Lewisham in Kent between a set of Ringers from Maidstone and that of Greenwich, for fifty guineas a side, which was won by the latter with ringing 5280 London Court Bob, in 3 hours and 35 minutes.

September 27th, 1802, at St. Martin's in the Fields, by the Junior Cumberlands, 5015 Tittum Cinques in 3 hours and 50 mins. Tenor 34 cwt.

December 12th, 1802, at Kingston upon Thames, by 10 of the College Youths, inhabitants of that town, 6011 Grandsire Caters in 4 hours. Tenor 27 cwt.

March 22nd, 1801, at St. Mary's, Carisbrooke, by the Union Youths of Newport, 5040 Holt's Tripples in 3 hours and 6 minutes (names of performers given.)

April 21st, 1801, at St. Mary's, Carisbrooke, by the Union Youths of Newport, 5040 Bob Major in 3 hours and 8 minutes (names of performers given.)

January 20th, 1803, at Kingston upon Thames, by the Kingston Company, 10,386 Grandsire Caters in 6 hours and 56 mins.

August 5th, at All Saints, Hertford, by a select party

from London, 5003 Grandsire Caters, in 3 hours and 5 minutes.

August 11th, 1803, the new peal of ten bells at St. Paul's, Shadwell, was opened by the Cumberland Youths with 6603 Stedmans Caters in 4 hours and 10 minutes; the first peal on the bells ever rung in that method, and was composed by Mr. J. Purser.

January 10th, 1804, at Kingston-upon-Thames, by the Kingston company, 5040 Bob Major Royals in 3 hours and 30 minutes.

November 12th, 1804, at Aylesbury, Bucks., six men of the society of that town, assisted by two from Watford, Herts., 5040 Grandsire Tripples in 3 hours and 16 minutes.

August 11th, 1805, at Farnham, Surrey, by the ringers of that place, 5040 Grandsire Tripples in 3 hours and 3 minutes.

August 25th, 1805, at Farnham, Surrey, by the ringers of that place, 6736 Bob Major in 4 hours and 22 minutes.

October 7th, 1805, at Alton, Hants., by the Farnham ringers, 5040 Grandsire Tripples in 3 hours and 1 minute, being the first peal of that kind rung at that place.

October 12th, 1805, at Farnham by the Farnham ringers, 5040 Grandsire Tripples in 3 hours and 6 mins.

November 5th, 1805, a long depending bell-ringing match was decided at Christ Church, Spitalfields, between the ringers from Norwich and twelve of all London for 100 guineas aside, which was won by the former. They took the lead by ringing 7008 changes of Treble Bob Royal in five hours and nine minutes, being nearly 26 changes a minute. The London men after getting through 4000, Purser, their tenor-man, became quite exhausted, suddenly fell over, and did not recover till the following day. Tenor 44 cwt.

March 10th, 1806, at Walden, Essex, by the ringers of that place, 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hours and 15 minutes (names of performers given).

May 4th, 1806, at Harrow-on-the-Hill, by a select band of College Youths, 5088 Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hours and 20 minutes, being the first in the method on the bells.

August 12th, 1806, at Farnham, Surrey, by the ringers of that place, 6160 Bob Major (as mentioned in *Clavis Campanologia*, pages 89, 90), in 3 hours and 53 minutes.

December 22nd, 1806, at Christ Church, Spitalfields, 12 of the Junior Cumberlands, 5086 Stedman's Grandsire Cinques in 3 hours and 55 minutes.

February 8th, 1807, at Gravesend, Kent, by the Union Youths of that place, 5120 Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hours and 12 minutes.

March 5th, at St. Mary's, Battersea, by the College Youths, 5040 Bob Major in 3 hours and 5 minutes.

March 8th, 1807, at St. Dunstan, Stepney, by the Junior Cumberlands, 5039 Grandsire Caters in 3 hours and 19 minutes, conducted by Mr. John Noonan. Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs.

March 9th, 1807, at St. Dunstan, Stepney, by the Senior Cumberlands, 5057 Grandsire Caters in 3 hours and 57 minutes, conducted by Mr. G. Gross.

March 13th, 1807, at St. Dunstan, Stepney, by the Senior Cumberlands, 5080 Oxford Treble Bob Royal in 3 hours and 55 minutes, conducted by Mr. G. Gross.

March 22nd, 1807, at All Saints, Fulham, by the College Youths, 5200 Oxford Treble Bob Royal in 3 hours and 27 mins.

March 27th, 1807, at St. Michael's, Coventry, by the St. Martin's, Youths, Birmingham, 5039 Grandsire Caters in 3 hours and 29 minutes.

March 29th, 1807, at Gravesend, by the Union Youths

of that place, 8160 Oxford Treble Bob 8 in, in 5 hours and 7 minutes.

March 30th, 1807, at Keighley, near Leeds, a peal of bells augmented from six to eight was opened by six select ringers from Leeds, and two of Keighley, who rang 5088 New Treble Bob in 3 hours and 7 minutes. Conducted by Mr. T. Tebbs, of Leeds, who rang the tenor 14 cwt. The youths from St. John's, Wakefield, next rang 5280 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 19 minutes, conducted by Mr. W. Woodhead. The society from Halifax concluded the day by ringing 5120 New Treble Bob in 3 hours and 21 minutes, conducted by Mr. J. Hudson.

March 31st, 1807, at Keighley, near Leeds, by a company from Sowerby, 5040 Holt's Grandsire Tripples in 2 hours and 50 minutes, conducted by Mr. N. White, who rang the treble.

April 1st, 1807, at St. Magnus, London Bridge, by the Surrey Youths, 5111 Grandsire Caters brought round at hand in 3 hours and 30 minutes. Tenor 22 cwt. (Names of performers given).

CONTESTED HARMONIOUS RINGING.—A contest of ringing at Christ Church, Spitalfields, lately took place between two societies of that Art, the Senior and Junior Cumberland Youths on the twelve church bells for six weeks back; each company making their weekly attempt; the Juniors on Monday, and the Seniors on Saturdays. The Junior Society rang on Monday, February 13th, a complete peal of Stedmans Grandsire Cinques consisting of 5086 changes in 3 hours and 55 minutes, and performed by 12 men only. The Senior Society rang on Saturday, 20th, a complete peal of Stedmans Grandsire Cinques, consisting of 6344 changes in 4 hours and 55 minutes, and performed by 12 men only; which finally closed the harmonious contest, each society being perfectly satisfied; the Juniors by ringing the first peal, and the Seniors by exceeding it in number of changes. The Junior's Society's peal was called by J. Noonan; the Senior Society's peal was called G. Gross. Tenor 44 cwt.

November 28th, 1807, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, by a select company, 5392 Bobb Major in 3 hours and 12 minutes. Composed by Thomas Edwards and called by Charles Barber. (Names of performers given).

(To be continued.)

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT SOWERBY, HALIFAX, MAY 21ST, 1910.

[BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

Before touching upon the very enjoyable gathering at this old ringing centre in the county of broad acres, it will be of general interest to those who are watching the society's scheme of Life-membership if we glance at what has happened since the account we gave of the Annual Meeting in January last.

It was then stated that it rested with the Committee to solve the problem of raising additional funds to meet the growing expenses, and that, presumably, from the Life-members, many of whom had only been called upon to pay a solitary levy of one shilling in the past 25 years. This exemption from payment can hardly go on, now that the number of peals per annum has so enormously increased.

It should be fully understood that the Yorkshire Committee enjoys the confidence both of the Life, and Paying Members to such an extent that the present Executive is composed *entirely* of Life-members. This is as it should

be, as these elder members—especially if they can be trusted to act fairly—have had a longer term in which to gather experience, and should know better how to act at such a time as the present.

After a long discussion relative to the best and easiest way of calling on the Life-members for further contributions—for if we except a minority of one, there would seem to have been no disagreement as to these being singled out—the Committee, with a majority that stands at 18 to 1, determined to make a charge both on *themselves* and all other other Life-members, of threepence per annum for those who wish to be supplied with the Annual Report. This is to be the only charge, and it is optional; those who wish to save it forego their Report, that is all.

Somewhat curiously the single executive vote against this seems to be based on what it is held the members might have done, and had the power to do, twenty-five years ago when Life-membership was under consideration. At that time it is freely granted that at a General Meeting of the members—properly called of course—the money might have been turned into any useful channel that took the fancy of the majority. But as a matter of fact Life-memberships were proposed as the specific application to which the surplus funds were to be devoted.

Now this, as a settled policy, has been held out by the Executive to the younger brethren as a distinct inducement to enrol themselves in the Society. What wonder then that the majority of the Committee—18 to 1—hold very strongly that they are unable to withdraw this settled scheme which has so far worked with wonderful success.

It is difficult to understand exactly what the member in minority thinks, but it seems from his point of view, better to meet the trouble by spending the capital that has been so carefully saved. Against this the majority say,—why kill the goose that has laid golden eggs for some twenty-five years for the Life-members, and is now laying better than ever?

To meet the legal difficulty as to whether the Executive *can* now spend this funded capital, the gentleman in minority has found—at least he thinks so—that some years ago when the rules were revised the word "income" (income from the reserve funds) was first used! The revision of the rules was carried out in 1897—thirteen years ago—was accepted by the Committee, the said revised rules were then printed for the approval of the members, and they were finally accepted by them.

And yet it appears that in all seriousness it is proposed by the minority to put back the clock for 13 years. Why?

The answer is—because they have found a "mare's nest."

"Alas for love, alas for truth!
Alas for memory's shakey lot!
Alas for all the hopes of youth
That set up this entangled knot!
We can't tell what the deuce it was
That spoilt our view and balked our shot."

We apologise to Professor Aytoun for the above version, but it serves the purpose, we hope, for a laughable anticlimax!

At the time Life-memberships were proposed, there sat on the Committee, one Jasper Snowdon, its President; the Cheeryble brothers Hattersley (both Tom and Charlie); grand old Howard of York; staunch Wm. Whitaker, Hon. Secretary; good-tempered Charlie Jackson, and many others. For any one to say that these members did not know what they were proposing, would

be tantamount to applying for admission to the nearest lunatic asylum. Now, what they *did* say was—"And shall (that is the Life Members shall) so far as the *income* from the surplus funds will allow, be provided with the report and notices of the society without payment of any further subscription."

For further details the fifth Report of the Yorkshire Association may be consulted with advantage—and here will be found the words "income" from "the surplus funds"—(not the surplus funds themselves), so all we ask for is leave to pass on to our real subject:—

Sowerby having paid its loyal tributes to our dead King Edward, the muffles had been taken off the bells with a view of extending a more joyous welcome to the members of the Association, who were foregathering to the number of 150 or more. Probably the fact that the Whitsuntide holidays were barely over, may have reduced the number of visitors somewhat, but in any case the warmest of warm welcomes fell to the lot of those who toiled up to this happily situated village. Placed along with their church on the summit of a hill, 667 feet above the level of the sea, the inhabitants are able to descend into two valleys, so no variety is lacking in pretty walks and shady lanes; and as in May, foliage was resplendent with its spring tints, everyone must have brought away with them very pleasant memories of the locality where William Sottanstill spent his fifty-two years as Parish Clerk.

The church is an exceedingly interesting specimen of Greek architecture, and in its interior a very beautifully balanced one. Built in 1761-2 (we are quoting from data very kindly supplied by Mr. Rawson, ex-churchwarden), Watson, the then Vicar of Halifax, says of it—"it is on the inside one of the most elegant chapels of the north of England." This is a very happy criticism of it, because the style chosen lends itself better to an interior than to its outward appearance, as Greek Temples had no towers. It is of course well-known that ringers cannot be expected to admire towerless structures, so a campanile there had to be of some sort, and the effect after all is not in any way displeasing. An interesting monument to Archbishop Tillotson, who was at Canterbury during the reign of William and Mary, will be found in the church, the date of his death being given as 1694. Much interesting data could be collected in this neighbourhood, but as we have the meeting to describe, and wish to touch on Sottanstill's Elements of Campanology, we feel we must leave it.

(To be continued.)

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) EXTRA BELL FUND.

The object of this fund is to provide for the new "Gabriel" bell recently hung in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, and forming among the middle bells a light octave with the 9th bell of the twelve as tenor (19 cwt). The tenor of the full ring of twelve, and therefore of the "back eight" also, weighs 43 cwt. Amount required £125.

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Already acknowledged	109	19	2
Mr. W. J. Howson (North Elmham)	0	2	0
Mr. Cornelius Charge (Fulham)	0	2	0
	£110	3	2

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

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.

The ringers of St. Andrew's church with a few friends held their annual outing on Saturday, August 27th, when Blaenavon was the scene of the day's festivities. The party left Yatton by the 8.14 a.m. train and travelled via the Severn tunnel to their destination, where they were met by Mr. W. Lewis, Captain of the local company, and Mr. J. A. Smith, a former resident of Congresbury. The party visited St. Peter's church, where there is a nice ring of six bells, and after a few touches had been rung the party were conducted over the Blaenavon Company's Colliery and Steel Works by Mr. Lewis, who explained the different processes of pressing and rolling the steel, whilst two of the party descended the coal pit and brought up a few black diamonds as a memento of their visit. The visitors then proceeded to The Vine Tree inn, where an ample repast had been prepared by Mr. J. Styles, a local ringer. Justice having been done to the admirable menu a move was made to the smoke room, where a pleasant hour was spent. Later the belfry was again visited, and after a few more touches in which some of the local band joined, the bells were lowered. The Vicar was thanked for the use of the bells, and in reply said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the members. A start was made for the station, and the homeward journey commenced. A short stop was made at Newport en route, and the outing was regarded as one of the most pleasant experienced for some years.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, LYTHAM.

On Thursday, August 18th, the ringers and verger of this church left Lytham at 5 a.m. for Shrewsbury, for their annual day's outing. On arrival St. Mary's church was visited, but a disappointment awaited them, being informed that the bells in their present condition had been condemned as being unsafe for ringing. A visit was paid to the belfry loft and a peep taken at the bells. From hence a move out on to the roof was made, where a splendid view of Shrewsbury was obtained. Leaving the belfry an inspection of the church interior was made, the stained glass windows being greatly admired. From the church a tour of the town was taken, the old buildings being noted with interest. Dinner was the next item, after which the show ground claimed their attention. A round of the several tents containing the floral and fruit exhibits was first made, and from here a visit was paid to the different items provided for the entertainment of the public. 5.30 p.m. saw the ascent of the two balloons. A remark was here made as to whether the party would see the balloons again, and if so where. Singular to relate, on the return journey home the balloons were seen packed up on Crewe railway station ready for dispatch to their ultimate destination. Enquiries were made as to where the balloons had descended, and the reply given was one at Nantwich, and the other at Middlewich. Leaving the show ground a return to the town was made and tea partaken of. Then the party wandered about the town, visiting the market place, etc., and making purchases for their wives and families. The return journey was commenced at 9 p.m., the party arriving back in Lytham at 1.45 a.m., having had a most enjoyable day's outing.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

A pleasant day was spent on Saturday by the ringers of the parish church of North Stoneham. Arriving at Bournemouth in good time, the party were met by the Rev. E. Kenworthy-Browne, the Rector, who is staying at Southbourne, at one o'clock. Luncheon was partaken of at the restaurant on the Undercliff Drive, then some went for a water trip to Swanage, and others strolled on the sands and through the well kept gardens. St. Peter's church was visited, permission having been kindly given by the Vicar for the ringers to try the ring of eight bells there. After taking part in some rounds the Rector left the party, having to return to North Stoneham in preparation for the Sunday services, but another ringer came in the person of the Rev. — Farrow, a visitor to the town, who, hearing the bells going, soon found his way to the belfry and took part in the ringing. After tea a move was made to Christchurch,

the Vicar having granted permission for the party to ring on the famous Priory bells. On the way to the station Mr. C. Goodenough, of St. Peter's, was met, also Mr. Garrard and his son, and they soon made up their minds to go with the party to Christchurch. They were met at the tower by Mr. G. Preston, and other local ringers. The tower was ascended, and the fine view from the top much admired. The ten bells were raised, and several of the North Stoneham ringers took part in a course of Grandsire Caters. 252 Stedman Triples conducted by W. H. George, and 224 Bob Major, conducted by W. T. Tucker, brought the ringing to a close, all admiring the beautiful tone and harmony of the bells. Christchurch was left at 9 o'clock, and Eastleigh was reached about 10 p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Obituary.

EDWIN SMITH.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of the above named ringer, which occurred on Thursday, August 18th, at the early age of twenty-nine years. Deceased had a very brief married life, having been wed only eighteen months, and during that time was only able to work six weeks. He was taken to Tunbridge Wells Hospital, where he remained twenty weeks. After leaving hospital he spent six weeks at Folkestone, but nothing seemed to bring him back to himself, and he gradually became weaker and weaker until he succumbed to that most dreaded consumption. Deceased, who was a member of the Chiddingstone band of the Kent County Association, was carried to his last resting place by eight of his brother ringers, a distance of nearly a mile, on Monday, August 22nd, when many relatives and friends paid their last tribute of respect. Among the many wreaths to be seen was a massive one in the shape of a bell measuring 3 ft. by 2 ft. suspended over the head of the grave by a broken rope, and inscribed "With deepest sympathy from by whom he is missed. Twelve peals stand to his credit, eleven of Grandsire, conducted 3, and one of Stedman to which he rung the tenor, although quite capable of ringing an inside bell, and which is the first and only peal in the method on the bells. This peal was conducted by the late Jack Preston, of Edenbridge, who died some three months previous from the same complaint. The bells on the Sundays following the death and funeral were rung half muffled as a token of respect, some good touches being brought round. "Teddy," the name he was best known by, was a very safe ringer, always willing to stand in touch or peal, and was a good striker. His place as an inside Stedman man will take a long time to fill. May he rest in peace.

THOMAS BULL.

Mr. T. Bull, churchwarden of St. Paul's, Bedford, for nearly forty years, passed away on Saturday, September 3rd. He was one of the founders of the Bedfordshire Association, and held the position of Treasurer for many years.

Correspondence.

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

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

A WITHDRAWAL.

SIR,—I wish to withdraw my name from the peal of Superlative Major published as my composition in your issue for August 27th, page 350, as Mr. A. Knights has written to me pointing out that it is not original, he having obtained the same peal in 1907, the figures of which appeared in the Norwich Diocesan Association report for that year.

H. W. WILDE.

BELL ROPES. BELL ROPES.—Bell Founders and all others ordering Ropes for Home and Exportation, should insist upon having Smith's Yorkshire end pieces. Ringers in the United States and our own Colonies all over the world, should insist on having Smith's celebrated Yorkshire Bell Ropes only.—Messrs. SMITH AND SON, Bell Rope Makers, Gomersal, near Leeds, Yorks.

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 September 19th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 20th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 15th and 29th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 20th; all at 8 p.m.

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

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at the abbey church of St. Margaret, Barking, Essex, on Sat., Sept. 10th, at 4 p.m.

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

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—Members are requested to note that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the parish church, Fulham, by kind permission of the Rev. W. C. Muriel, on Saturday, September 24th. 3 p.m.—Members assemble at the church for ringing. 5 p.m.—Short service with sermon by the Rev. Canon Papillon. 6 p.m.—Tea in the Church Room, followed by the meeting. Those desirous of having tea provided for them, are requested to give intimation in writing to the Hon. Secretary by the 19th inst. at the latest, in order that proper provision may be made. The space being limited, the applications will receive consideration in the order in which they are received. Resolutions will be proposed to vary Rule 12 of the General Rules, and Rule 3 of the District Rules of the Association.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Wood Street, Barnet.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chepstow on Saturday, September 10th at 4.30.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, M.A. *Hon. Secs.*
J. W. JONES,

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly and special meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, September 10th. Service in the parish church at 3 p.m. Meeting in the parish room at 3.45 p.m. Tea to follow. Bells available all the afternoon.

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

The St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield.—Established 1883.—The next meeting will take place at All Saints, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Ringers welcomed.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (8) ready at 3. Meeting at 5.30.

E. R. MARTIN, *Hon. Sec.*
Walton-le-dale.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Micheldever on Saturday, September 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea in Northbrook Hall at 5.30.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the

parish church, Rochdale, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. A good attendance requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Womersley and Bramley on Saturday, September 10th. 2.0.—Bells (6) available at both churches. 5.0.—Service at Womersley church. 5.45.—Tea at The Grantley Arms. Tea tickets 6d. each; Visitors 1s. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready at 4.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Brathay on Saturday, September 10th. Meeting in the schoolroom at 5 o'clock. Brathay (6 bells), and Ambleside (8 bells), available during the day.

W. ROBINSON, *Br. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Mersham on Saturday, September 17th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Short service in the church at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30., to be followed by the usual business meeting, election of officers, etc. Will all those intending to be present at the tea, kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, September 14th. The usual allowance of one penny per mile single fare, maximum 2s., will be paid at this meeting.

C. TRIBE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Whitby—by kind permission of Canon Austen—on Saturday, September 17th. For full particulars see circular. Will members please note my change of address as below.

C. GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*
11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Little Horsted on Saturday, September 17th. Tower open at 3. Tea at 5.6d. each. Will members intending to be present at tea please let me know by Tuesday, September 13th, as it is a rather inconvenient place to arrange for tea.

ROBERT J. DAWES, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
"Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, September 17th, at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Tea provided free at 5.50. Those intending being present at tea, kindly let me know by Tuesday, September 13th.

P. H. GREEN, *Hon. Sec.*
"Danesbury," Belle Vue Road, Shrewsbury.

Society for the Aroheaconry of Stafford.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Wednesbury, on Saturday, September 17th. Bells available at 2. Service in church at 5. Tea (1s.) in the schoolroom at 6. Those intending to be present please send word not later than the 13th inst.

H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

The North Wales Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Abergele on Saturday, September 17th, at 3 p.m. in the church vestry. A meat tea at 9d. each, or

plain tea with cake at 8d. each, will be provided at the Metropole Cafe at 4.30 p.m. to those sending in their names to Mr. Edwards, Mountain View, Pwll Coch Road, not later than September 15th. Bells will be available from 9 a.m.

S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 24th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Unveiling of two peal-tablets at 3.30. Tea at 5.30, at which the Vicar will preside. Service in church at 6.30. Committee meeting in the choir vestry at 4.30. Those intending to be present at tea please notify Mr. W. Richardson, 16, Park Street, Uttoxeter, not later than Wednesday, September 20th.

REV. C. E. DONNE, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON,

The Lancashire Association.—Annual Meeting.—This meeting will be held at Burnley on Saturday, September 24th.

A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*
4, Helena Street, Irlam O' Th Height, Manchester.
J. H. BANKS, *Ringling Secretary.*
462, Helmsford Road, Helmsford.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—A half-day meeting of the above will be held at Stroud on Saturday, September 24th. Bells open at 2.30. Service at 5, followed by tea.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Society.—Next meeting at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, September 24th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business in the schools at 7.30.

A. S. MITCHELL, *Sec.*
2, Granville Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, September 24th. Full particulars next week.

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

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bocking on Saturday, October 1st. Tea will be provided at the Deanery at 5 o'clock. Those intending being present kindly notify

A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, *Dis. Sec.*
Sandpit Road, Braintree.

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coleshill on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea at 6, to be followed by the business meeting. The Vicar has kindly offered to provide tea for all those sending in their names not later than Tuesday, September 27th, to

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

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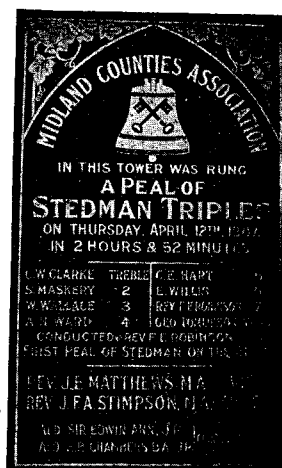
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOHN T. ALLRED Treble.	HERBERT ALLRED 4.
JAMES ALLRED 2.	TITUS BARLOW 5.
THOMAS PEERS 3.	ROBERT ALLRED Tenor.

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NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 17, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEO. MAYERS Treble.	WM. MAYERS 5.
GEO. H. CROSS 2.	FREDK. CURTIS 6.
GEO. A. SPARKS 3.	FREDK. J. CROSS 7.
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On Thursday, August 18, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS'. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR D. BURGESS* .. Treble.	JOHN POWNALL 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	SAMUEL HILL 6.
ARTHUR JACKSON* .. 3.	BANJAMIN THORPE 7.
WILFRED HINCHLIFFE* .. 4.	*SAMUEL WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORPE.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to a veteran ringer at this tower, William Fawcett

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 19, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR H. WHITE Treble.	JOHN MONK 6.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 2.	NOBLE SPINDLOW 7.
ALBERT BROOKS* 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 8.
EDMUND TOMLINSON* .. 4.	RICHARD WHITE 9.
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 5.	FRED WHITE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

*First peal of Caters. The ringer of the 4th was elected a member previous to starting.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble.	CHARLES T. COLES 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
ISAC G. SHADE 3.	ROBERT E. STAVERT 7.
WILLIAM PYE 4.	HARRY FLANDERS Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ESAU WALMSLEY Treble.	EMMANUEL DUTESON 5.
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2.	JOHN WATSON 6.
WILLIAM BRIGGS 3.	WILLIAM E. WILSON 7.
FREDK. HINDLE 4.	JAMES ASHTON Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. WILSON.

This is the first peal on the bells by eight members from one tower.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

STEPHEN W. STRATFORD† Treble.	WILLIAM STORY 5.
ALFRED F. HILLIER 2.	EDWARD A. HERN 6.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3.	THOMAS T. GOFTON 7.
JAMES A. ROBINSON† .. 4.	*JAMES FORMAN Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

*First peal. †First peal of Stedman. ‡First peal of Stedman Triples.

WHITBY, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

GEORGE F. ALEXANDER .. Treble.	JOHN G. HALL 5.
ALFRED R. WEBSTER .. 2.	JOHN W. WILKINSON 6.
GEORGE WELBURN* 3.	THOMAS METCALFE 7.
REV. A. J. DE DENNE .. 4.	ALBERT SIMPSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.

*First peal with a bob bell. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 24, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. Treble.	JOHN EVANS 6.
FRED HAYES* 2.	*RALPH COLES 7.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 3.	*RICHARD BUCKLAND 8.
FREDK. G. BIGGS 4.	RALPH H. BIGGS 9.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.	BENJAMIN PAGE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters in the county of Bucks.

PLYMOUTH.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 24, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT CHARLES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5129 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

JOHN HOBBS Treble.	WILLIAM RUNDLE 6.
FRANK HOCKADAY 2.	ERNEST W. MARSH 7.
HAROLD BENNETT 3.	*FRANK DUNAWAY 8.
JOSEPH WAGHORN* 4.	WALTER H. MARSH 9.
WILLIAM FORD 5.	FRANCIS PURSE Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by WALTER H. MARSH.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters. Arranged for J. Waghorn, of South Tottenham, who was elected a member of the above Guild previous to starting.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 24, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

JAMES PAGETT Treble.	JOSEPH DAVIES 5.
REV. ERNEST V. COX .. 2.	HENRY GEORGE 6.
GEORGE A. SMITH 3.	JAMES PRATT 7.
JOHN H. SWINFELD 4.	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Thursday, August 25, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GHOVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED JOHNSON .. Treble.	CHARLES WM. PLAYER .. 5.
GEORGE BILLENNESS .. 2.	FRANK S. BROWN 6.
CHARLES TRIBE 3.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 7.
EWART G. JOHNSON .. 4.	GEORGE JOHNSON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BILLENNESS.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of G. Johnson, the ringers wishing him every happiness.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 25, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE—PAAT. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALFRED SHEPPARD Treble.	GEORGE IRVINE 5.
WALTER WENMAN 2.	OWEN PORTER 6.
ARTHUR HISTEAD* 3.	GEORGE CLEAVE 7.
WILLIAM WICKES.. .. 4.	JESSE HISCOCK Tenor.

Conducted by G. IRVINE.

*First peal with a bob bell. Rung in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Hebir Mardon, of Clifton, Bristol, whose golden wedding took place that day; the beloved parents of R. H. Mardon, esq., of "Haileywood," Shiplake.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 25, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 5 lbs. in F.

PERCY LANGSTON Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
JAMLS FLEUTY 2.	FRANK CLAYDON 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
GEORGE A. BLACK 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN WYATT Treble.	SIDNEY A. WRIGHT 5.
WILLIAM J. DAUBNEY 2.	ERNEST G. STIBBONS .. 6.
JOHN HOYLE 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
WILLIAM H. CORBETT 4.	WILLIAM CROPLEY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM E. GARRARD.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WM. MERRINGTON Treble.	FRANK S. DOWNING 5.
JOHN OVERTON 2.	WM. SAUNDERS 6.
JAMES YORK 3.	WM. JONES 7.
ERNEST WEATHERBY 4.	HAROLD ASTON Tenor.

Conducted by WM. SAUNDERS.

Wm. Jones has now rung each of the back four bells through a peal. J. Overton was proposed a member of the above Guild before starting.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, WHITEFIELD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES BUCKLEY.. .. Treble.	*EGMONT T. MALKIN .. 5.
JOE MARSDEN 2.	JOHN LAWTON 6.
H. BRADLEY 3.	JOE MALONEY 7.
W. MARSDEN 4.	ELI GARSIDE Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by JAMES BUCKLEY.

*First peal.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM GOSLING, SEN. .. Treble.	JOHN FLINT 5.
CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY .. 2.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 6.
JOHN HOLMAN 3.	SAM THOMAS 7.
THOMAS BETTISON 5.	FRANK MAY.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

Reference elsewhere.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

GEORGE WILSON* Treble.	EDGAR H. BAILEY 5.
NORMAN R. BAILEY 2.	*FREDK. J. SMITH 6.
JAMES M. BAILEY 3.	CHARLES SAMSON 7.
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY.. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

†First peal in the method. *Fiftieth peal. Rang as a birthday compliment to C. Samson, the band wishing him many happy returns.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES E. GROVES Treble.	*THOMAS BLOORE 6.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	REV. C. CAREW COX 7.
JOSEPH W. TIMMS* 3.	JAMES GEORGE 8.
FREDK. DICKENS.. .. 4.	HARRY DICKENS.. .. 9.
REV. E. V. COX* 5.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

REV. E. BANKES JAMES .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5.
ROBERT P. KNIGHT 2.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH .. 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
LEONARD HARRIS 4.	*ARCHIBALD G. ORMSBY .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BEES. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR G. JAMES Treble.	GEORGE WHITE 5.
FREDK. G. BIGGS 2.	RALPH H. BIGGS 6.
FRANK BOBBHAM 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7.
RICHARD BUCKLAND 4.	FRANK BOXALL Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

DANIEL RICHARDS Treble.	MAURICE ATKINS 5
MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON .. 2	THOMAS BOTTRILL 6
ALBERT MASON 3	JAMES HARRIS 7
EDWARD JACKSON 4	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

The ringer of the 5th, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from
St. Catherine's College, Cambridge.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR CAUSLEY† Treble.	WILLIAM JENNER 5
GEORGE ADES 2	ALFRED J. TURNER 6
CHARLES H. HUMPHREY .. 3	JAMES A. HART 7
ALFRED J. PIERPOINT .. 4	ALBERT HUNTER Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED J. TURNER.

†Elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal.
These bells having just been overhauled by Messrs. Warner, the
"go" was very satisfactory.

DEANE, BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1910, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. Treble.	TITUS BARLOW 5
JOSEPH LOWE 2	THOMAS WALLWORK 6
THOMAS PEERS 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
JOHN WELSBY 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

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

The following peals were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect
to His late Majesty King Edward VII.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

AUSTIN GREGORY Treble.	WILLIAM MAYERS 5
RICHARD LUNT 2	JAMES V. WRIGHT 6
JOSEPH MAYERS 3	WALTER THOMAS 7
JOHN ROBERTS 4	HAROLD WRIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES V. WRIGHT.

SHREWSBURY.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S 12-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT JONES Treble.	WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE .. 5
FRED W. TAYLOR 2	ALFRED FULLICK 6
GEORGE BYOLIN 3	GEORGE BURROWS 7
GEORGE J. TAYLOR 4	JOHN C. BURROWS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BYOLIN.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN W. LANG Treble.	SYDNEY GOODALL 5
WALTER KNOTT 2	WILLIE THOMAS 6
EDWIN WHEATER 3	FRANCIS BABBER 7
JOHN F. CLAYTON 4	†WILLIAM BEEALEY Tenor.

Composed by W. GOODALL, and Conducted by S. GOODALL.

*First peal.

OLD CLEEVE, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

WILLIAM HOYLE Treble.	ERNEST PARKER 4
JAMES WATTS 2	WILLIAM BENNETT 5
JAMES SULLY 3	HENRY MOORE Tenor.

Conducted by WM. BENNETT.

NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ROBERT NOAKES* Treble.	†THOMAS BURTENSHAW .. 5
WILLIAM HENSON† 2	BERT CHALLEN 6
ELLMAN BROWN 3	HARRY STALHAM 7
LIONEL SEARS 4	ERNEST MARSH Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY STALHAM.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT COPPOCK Treble.	J. CHARLES DICKEN 5
PERCY PRICE 2	EDWARD J. BOOT 6
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, SEN. 3	FREDERICK S. PRICE .. 7
ARTHUR LOWE* 4	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, JUN. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK S. PRICE.

*First peal of Stedman. First peal as conductor.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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WILLIAM CHAPLIN* .. Treble.	HENRY CHAPLIN 4
HENRY J. CREED 2	ISAAC CREED 5
EDWIN ELSON 3	FRANK WAYGOOD Tenor.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13 cwt.

M. LOMAS	Treble	SAMUEL HORSFALL	5.
JAS. H. PETERS.. .. .	2.	JOHN E. ASHCROFT	6.
ARTHUR KINSEY.. .. .	3.	FREDK. T. SPENCE	7.
GEORGE H. WHEELER	4.	W. LEIGH	Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. T. SPENCE.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

THOMAS J. PHILO	Treble.	THOMAS JULL	4.
GEORGE J. MABBS	2.	WM. G. KITCHINGHAM	5.
LANCE-SGT. F. A. HOLDEN	3.	WM. H. B. WILKINS	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The umpires for the peal of Bob Major rung on handbells at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on August 2nd, were Messrs. B. Thompson and Geo. H. Cross. G. A. Sparkes only heard the last half of the peal.—The number of changes in the peal of Treble Bob rang at Westmeon on August 20th, and recorded in our last issue, was 5088, not 5120.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT MANSFIELD.—This peal was arranged for Mr. Wm. Gosling, sen., who attained the age of 83 on August 3rd, 1910, it being his ambition to ring a peal of Stedman, it being his first peal in the method. At the close of the peal, the old gentleman was warmly congratulated by his brother-ringers on the able manner in which he had rung his bell throughout. Mr. Gosling claims to have been a change-ringer for over 68 years. Mr. J. A. Parnell mentions in his manuscript a peal of Bob Major, 6000 changes, was recorded in this tower as being rung in 1806 by the Youths of Mansfield, but, alas! at the restoration of the tower, all the old tablets were taken down and chopped up.

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PRESENTATION.

On a recent Friday, after practice at Minehead parish church, a social was held at The Lion hotel. The Rev. H. H. Bell presided, and about twenty-five ringers and friends were present, representing the towers of Carhampton, Withycombe, Wootton Courtney, and Timberscombe. The loyal toasts having been honoured and the National Anthem sung, Mr. G. Stacey proposed "The Church and Clergy." All present, he thought, were good loyal churchmen, and it was their duty to defend their Church against the attacks that were levelled at it in these days. They had a splendid lot of clergy in the Dunster Deanery who were always ready to do all they could to keep the bells in good ringing order and to welcome ringers whenever they wished to attempt a peal. The toast was drunk with musical honours.

The chairman thanked the company for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received, and said it gave him pleasure to have anything to do with ringing and to welcome ringers there. They did well to be loyal to their Church. He gave some interesting particulars of Timberscombe church, and mentioned that the list of Vicars went back as far as 1213. He then proposed "The Health of Mr. Henry Moore," one of the Minehead ringers, observing that it was the toast of the evening, because they had met there now to do honour to Mr. Moore, and he (the chairman) felt proud to have been asked to come and make a presentation to him of a beautiful teapot. Mr. Moore was one of the oldest ringers in the neighbourhood, having been a ringer for forty years, and he took a very deep interest in the Art. He was a composer of peals and an able conductor, and, further, he was always ready and willing to help and teach young beginners, and often put himself out of the way to attend a practice. In recognition of his useful help, members of the towers who had benefited had subscribed to the gift as a small token of their esteem and regard. He trusted that Mr. Moore and his wife would be spared many years to enjoy a cup of tea from the pot he had the pleasure of handing him.

The tea pot bore on one side the following inscription: "Presented to Henry Moore, as a token of esteem, by a few of his brother-ringers, August, 1910." On the other side were the initials "H.M."

Mr. Moore said he had been taken entirely by surprise, as he had not the slightest idea of what was going to occur. He thanked the subscribers very sincerely for their kindness, though he did not know what he had done to merit such a beautiful gift. He had been ringing over forty years, and he had rung at Minehead when there were only five bells, and also when there were eight, and now there were ten. He was never happier than when in the tower ringing, and he wished that a lot more members would join the ringers' association, for he found it a hard job to get young men to take up ringing and learn it.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Stacey to the chairman for kindly presiding, and he expressed the opinion that it would create a much closer and friendlier feeling if the ringers saw more of the clergy at their meetings, for they ought to take interest in the ringing.

Marriage.

BORRETT-HOLMES.—On Wednesday, September 7th, at the parish church, Old Lakenham, Norwich, by the Rev. A. J. Alpe, Rector of Garvestone, Norfolk, Charles Edward Borrett (Secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association), to Edith Holmes, both of Norwich.

ABRAHAM HOWARD.

On Sunday evening, August 28th, the above-named ringer passed to his rest. He was the second, if not the oldest bell-ringer in England. For 70 years he had handled the ropes on the bells of St. Peter's church, Wisbech, where it is recorded (in brass rivets filed down), his name, the date of his birth, and his age when he started ringing. He had held the position of bellringer and organ blower at the parish church for fifty years. In the early part of his time he used to go up to the belfry nearly 300 times a year. There are 36 steps up to it, and in spite of his age he managed to perform his duties until November 1907, his hours commencing with the matins bell at 5.45 a.m., and finishing with

the curfew at 8.45 p.m. Unfortunately, there is no record of the peals he has rung, but liking six-bell work better than any other, he is known to have rung numerous 720s. He took part in ringing the merry peals at the marriage of the late King, the two Jubilees, King Edward's Coronation, the relief of Mafeking and Ladysmith, and later on at the Declaration of Peace. On Monday morning the bell he had so often rung was muffled and tolled, announcing in mournful tones the death of one, who knew it better than any other. On the day of the funeral the whole peal of ten in muffled tones rang out solemnly. Prior to the interment a service was held in the parish church, and the Dead March was played on the organ

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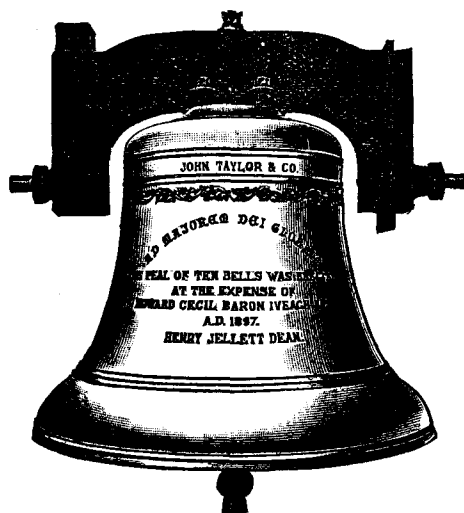
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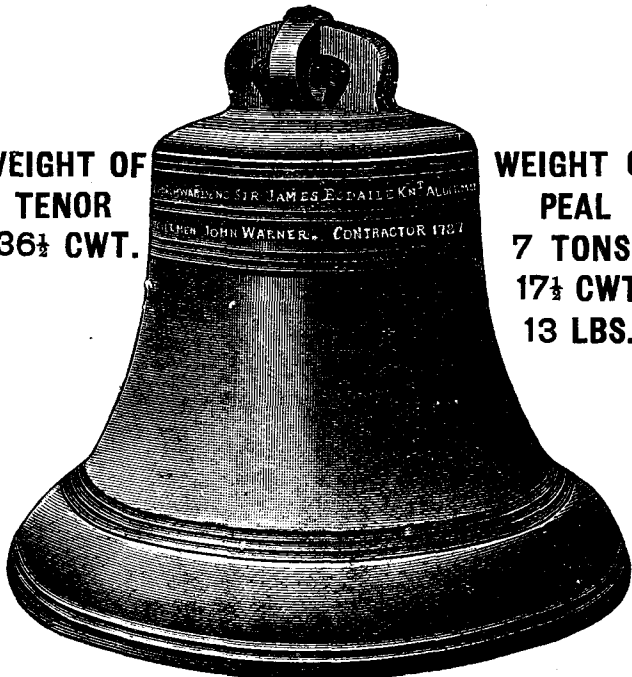
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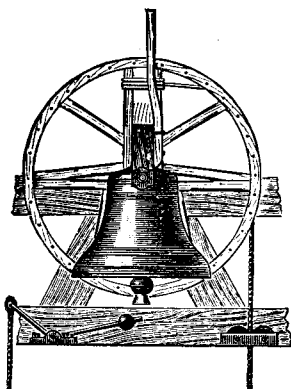
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