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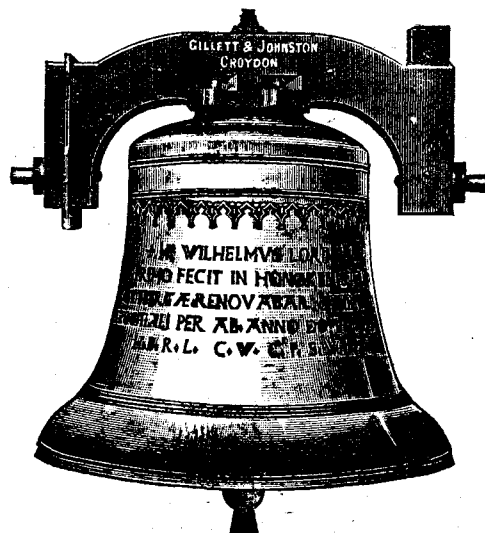
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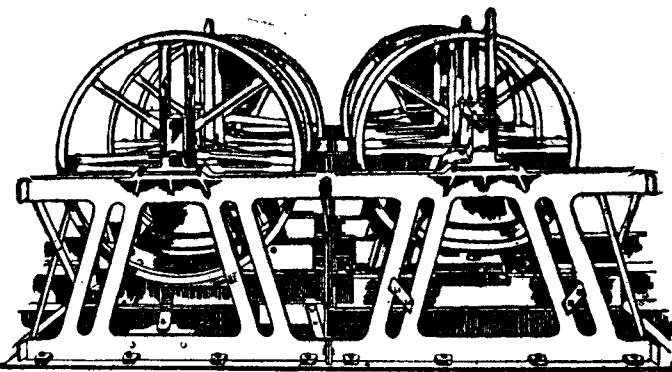
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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A most successful and enjoyable meeting of the western branch was held at St. John-in-Bedwardine, Worcester, on Saturday, February 3rd, about forty members being present, representing nearly every town in the district, and including the clerical secretary, the Rev. Sidney Phillips, the Rev. J. F. Hastings, of Martley, and the Master, Mr. T. J. Salter. At 4 p.m. the usual service was held, the address being given by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Waugh. A most enjoyable tea, provided by the Rev. and Mrs. Waugh, was then partaken of, after which the Vicar, owing to pressure of work, was obliged to leave, a hearty vote of thanks being accorded him and Mrs. Waugh for their kindness.

At the business meeting the Rev. S. Phillips took the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, and the election of a branch secretary then took place, as the one appointed at the last meeting was unable to accept the office. Two names were brought forward, Mr. R. G. Knowles, of Madresfield, being elected by a large majority. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Martley on July 6th, an invitation from Strensham being held over for consideration then. As usual the quarterly peal was arranged to be rung at the tower at which the meeting was held, and Mr. R. G. Knowles was appointed conductor. Several new members were elected, including the Strensham ringers, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, organist and the Rev. and Mrs. Waugh.

The bells, a ring of six, tenor 16 cwt., originally cast by R. Sanders, of Bromsgrove, in 1707, were kept going during the afternoon and evening in various Minor and Double methods.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of this Association took place on Saturday, February 10th, about forty members being present. Owing to the late attendance of members the tower was unfortunately not used to its fullest advantage, the ringing not being commenced until three quarters of an hour after scheduled time. At 6.15 a move was made to the parish house, where an excellent tea was provided by the Rector, after which the business meeting was held, the Master, Mr. G. R. Fardon, presiding. The minutes were read and confirmed, three new members were elected, and the district officers were ratified. The auditors presented the balance sheet, shewing a satisfactory balance in hand on the year's working of £3 6s. 8½d., but owing to the coming expense of having new rule books no money will be placed in the bank. The Secretary read his report for the year, which shewed most satisfactory progress. During the year the Society had increased its activity by dividing into two districts, thereby giving more meetings and having more direct influence among its members. Fourteen new members had been elected. A most successful concert was held in October; a record number of

tickets were sold, and a satisfactory balance added to the funds. Twenty-six peals had been rung, seven more than the preceding year, and eleven more than the year previous to that. The report was accepted, and the election of officers followed. Mr. H. S. Ellis was elected Master; Mr. C. F. Winney retained the office of Treasurer, and Mr. Hardy that of Secretary; Messrs. A. E. Young and F. Wells were elected stewards for the year, and Mr. R. A. Daniell and Mr. T. H. Taffender trustees; the Rev. Pennington Bickford was elected Chaplain; four members were nominated for representation on the Central Council, Mr. A. E. Young and Mr. H. Ellis being elected. A vote of thanks was proposed to the outgoing officers for the way in which they had discharged their duties; to the Rector for the use of the bells, the room to hold the meeting in, and for so kindly entertaining them to tea, also for the tower room and the safe for the better security of the Society's property.

The Rector replied that it was a great pleasure to him to be able to meet the Society, and hoped it would continue to prosper in the future as it had done in the past.

The evening closed with a touch of Stedman Caters on the handbells.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The members of the Winchester District held a quarterly meeting at Alton on Saturday, November 10th. Members attended from Winchester, Twyford, North Stoneham, Bishop Sutton and Farnham. Touches of Treble Bob, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening. Alton church has a good ring of eight bells, but they do not go well.

The Rev. W. E. Colchester, general secretary of the Guild, presided at the tea which was held in the church room. The district secretary mentioned the subject of a Ringers' Central Benevolent Fund, and the members present were unanimous in the opinion that it is desirable to start such a fund. Mr. Edwards (Farnham) hoped the Guild would be able to give some help towards the improvement of the bells at Bentley. A vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. C. Elvin) was seconded by Mr. G. Williams and carried. The Rev. Canon Stenning, Rev. Canon Martin and Rev. Canon Smith have recently become honorary members of the Guild.

The many ringing friends of Mr. Charles R. Millway, of the Dover St. Mary's band, will be sorry to learn that he was taken suddenly ill on Thursday last, and had to undergo a serious operation at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover, where he now lies progressing as well as can be expected.

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ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

The annual supper of the above took place in the parish hall on Wednesday, January 31st. The Vicar, the Rev. Prebendary Pennefather, presided, supported by Mr. W. E. Garrard, Mr. A. B. Bennett, and Mr. R. A. Daniell. Those present to the number of thirty-one having done justice to an excellent repast, the Vicar called upon Mr. Garrard to present his annual report for 1911, in which he stated that:—

The condition of the Guild may be regarded as satisfactory; the attendances on Sundays and at the practices throughout the year had been good; the quality of the ringing had never reached a higher standard; and owing to the fact that nineteen of the twenty-four members are Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal ringers, it is but very rare that the ten bells are not rung on Sundays. Most of their younger members have made good progress, and although they had a large membership it proved none to many, as it was often difficult to get sufficient ringers at Easter, Whitsuntide, and during the summer holidays. He proceeded to give some interesting figures as to the attendance of the members. Only two peals had been attempted at St. Mary Abbots during the year, both of which were successful; the first a peal of Stedman Caters on Coronation Day, was the one of which they were most proud, being in commemoration of such a historical event in the history of our country. Although several peals were attempted in London on that day only two had proved successful, that at St. Mary Abbots, and the other at Greenwich. The second peal was rung in September—Kent Treble Bob Royal—which was the first of its kind for four of the members. Referring to the annual outing they had pleasant memories of their visit to Exeter, the privilege of being allowed to ring on the famous Cathedral bells was much appreciated. During the year the tower had been visited by forty ringers from various parts, amongst them being the Rev. Maitland Kelly, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, etc. Speaking of new members they were pleased to welcome Mr. Holloway as honorary and Mr. Robert Warner and Dr. Flaxman as ordinary members. During the past year it had been necessary to call in the bellhanger to do a few repairs, the clapper stays had been put in order and are now in use, thus preventing a great deal of noise in raising and falling the bells. He was glad to say that anything required to be done was at once put in hand by the authorities.

The Vicar then rose and remarked that they had heard an able and interesting report from their leader (Mr. Garrard), and he agreed with him that the plan as now used would help to remove what they thought affected people most, the raising and lowering of the bells, and he ventured to say that this was more disturbing to a sleeper than any ringing. He had noticed it so repeatedly during the past twenty-five years. There must of course be practices, but none of them wanted to create a nuisance to people, and he hoped that this year they would have an un-interrupted course of ringing. He was pleased to note that during the past year they had managed to ring two peals, St. Mary Abbots being the only London church which was successful on Coronation Day, as he would hardly consider Greenwich as part of London. He congratulated them as a Guild upon their strength, and especially welcomed the younger recruits. It was to these that they must look to for the continuance of their work. It was a most healthy sign, and he was sure the older members would help and encourage the younger recruits.

Looking back over the past year he congratulated the Guild. He was extremely grateful, and hoped they would continue their services. Speaking on behalf of the churchwarden, he was sure they would help them in the necessary repairs of which their leader had spoken. He thought they were free to set aside any money for that purpose. He must express his sincere thankfulness to Mr. Garrard personally for all he had done in the past year, the leader was the secret of their success. He was glad also to welcome such old friends as Mr. Daniell and Mr. Bennett. Once again he begged them to accept his thanks for the splendid manner in which they had carried out their duties during the past twelve months.

Mr. Daniell, in responding, said he thanked them for the privilege of being present once again. He was also pleased to see Mr. Dains with them, at whose side he worked thirty years ago. Though he could not lay claim to anything great accomplished, yet he was certain in those days they had done all in their power. He was sure it was a work which needed much patience as to details, of striving to continue in spite of failures. It was not only an education, it was more, as it combined education with physical exercise.

Mr. Garrard, in expressing the best thanks of the Guild for the kind interest shown towards them, said he looked forward to the day when they might have a peal of bells more worthy of St. Mary Abbots church. Judging from its importance the church might be called the Cathedral of West London. As they knew quite well there was an excellent peal of twelve in Southwark Cathedral, and he hoped they might have a similar peal. The bearings and gudgeons of some of the bells were getting in a bad way, and no doubt before very long something would have to be done. He ventured to say the best thing to do was to put the present bells into the melting pot and have a peal of twelve, which would be more fitting to their beautiful church. He certainly believed, if the matter was taken up, they would receive the support of the parishioners. He mentioned letters of regret from the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Messrs. M. A. Wood, J. A. Trollope, W. G. Matthews and S. A. Godfrey; they were also sorry Mr. Cockerill was unable to be with them that evening, but they heartily welcomed Mr. Brundle of Ipswich.

A musical evening followed, those taking part including violin solos by Mr. Daubney, songs by Messrs. Bennett, Mackman, Daniell, Symonds, Holloway, Harris, Miles and Selby. Mr. S. A. Wright very ably presided at the piano, and a course of Stedman Triples and tunes on the handbells were given by members of the Guild.

Mr. Mackman proposed the toast of The Visitors, to which Messrs. Brundle and Dains responded. A pleasant evening closed with the singing of Auld lang syne and the National Anthem.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, February 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. C. Edwards, Dr. T. E. Harwood, A. Smith, G. Upshall, F. A. Barnett, G. Williams, T. Upshall conductor, H. Kimber.

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RYE, SUSSEX.

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The Hon. Secretary in presenting his report, reminded them that for various reasons there was no outing last year, but they hoped a repetition would not occur this year. The past year was marked with many varied events, for which their services were called. Some of their engagements recorded joyous ceremonies, the chief of which was the Coronation, and they also rang in honour of the marriage of Mr. G. Fawcus, the Vicar's stepson, and Miss Dawes, daughter of Mr. Walter Dawes, the Town Clerk of Rye. On the other hand they rang in muffled tones to mark the passing away of two gentlemen of sterling character, both coming with very painful suddenness. One in that of the late Captain Edward John Cory, D.S.O., of whom it could be said he truly bore out the words of Shakespeare—"Here was a man." They who knew him so well had and still had much reason to regret the loss of such a one. The other in that of the late Mr. E. H. Liddell, a man in whose hands wealth was rightly placed, for he gave freely to the glory of Him who is the source of all wealth, and realised moreover his position with regard to the wealth entrusted to him in relation to the needs of his fellow-creatures. They both possessed equal virtues of high value, and left large gaps hard to fill both in public and religious duties. He made reference to the ever-blessed memory of those two noble-hearted men, because of their close association with that body of which they were members.

The reports were sanctioned, and ordered to be entered in the minute book.

It was decided to keep the tower in union with the Sussex County Association, and the Secretary was instructed to forward the annual subscription, £1 is.

The officers were re-elected as follows: Captain, Mr. G. J. Youngs; Conductor, Mr. G. Billenness; Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. F. Cobon.

The Vicar and Mrs. Howes subsequently entertained the party to supper, after which various amusements were indulged in.

Mr. C. Price proposed, and Mr. G. Youngs seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Howes for their hospitality, also to the Vicar for presiding at the business meeting. The rev. gentleman briefly responded, and the company dispersed.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the above was held at Hoddesdon and Broxbourne on Saturday, February 10th, when a good number of ringers attended from Edmonton, including Miss E. K. Parker, Bishops Stortford, Harlow Common, Hammersmith, Stansted, Camberwell, besides the members of the local bands of Hoddesdon and Broxbourne. Tea was prepared at The Salisbury Arms at 5.30, the business meeting following, Miss E. K. Parker presiding. Several new members were elected, and the usual votes of thanks were passed. Some very good ringing was done in most of the Standard methods, including Cambridge and London Surprise, until train time, when each had to leave for their numerous destinations, after having spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening.

The total number of 720s rang during 1911 by the Little Munden society and visiting friends was 70 in thirteen methods, and again as for several years rang for both services on Sunday throughout the year.

COMING OF AGE CELEBRATION.

On Saturday, February 3rd, at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, the workmen were entertained by Mr. John W. Taylor, to celebrate the coming of age on the previous Sunday of his third son, Mr. Pryce Taylor, the grandson of the late Mr. John W. Taylor. Sixty-two sat down to a substantial meat tea in the large tuning shop, which was decorated with flags, etc. After tea an enjoyable concert was given. Mrs. John W. Taylor, accompanied on the piano by Miss Taylor, rendered a solo, and the programme included songs by Messrs. Horace and George Lowe, also several of the workmen, viz., Mr. G. Edmonds, G. Bent, jun., E. Ward, and others. Selections by Mr. A. Street's string band were also given at intervals. During the evening Mr. John W. Taylor proposed "The King and the Church." The birthday present, a dressing-case suitably inscribed, from the employees, was handed to the recipient by Mr. Wm. Street. Mr. R. F. Lane then proposed, and Mr. F. W. Glenn seconded, the health of Mr. Pryce Taylor, who expressed in terms of appreciation his thanks for the present, and good wishes of the workmen. In addition to the employees, the following ladies and gentlemen were present: Mr. and Mrs. John W. Taylor, Miss Josephine Taylor, Mr. Arnold B. Taylor, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, Mr. C. Stuart Taylor, Mr. Owen J. Taylor, Mrs. Lea and Miss Lea, mother and sister of Mrs. J. W. Taylor (Manchester), also several friends of the guest of the evening, including Mr. Gerald Page, and Mr. Richard Hodson. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor for their cordial hospitality, proposed by Mr. Samuel Wheatley on behalf of his fellow-workmen, and enthusiastically accorded with musical honours.

PRESENTATION.

A very interesting presentation took place in the ringing room at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, February 10th, when P.C. Scraggs was presented with a pretty silver flower stand, with the following inscription on it: "Presented to P.C. A. Scraggs as a mark of esteem by his comrades on his retirement after twenty-six year's service, by the members of the Manchester City Police Town Hall Bellringers, February 10th, 1912." On making the presentation, the conductor, Sergeant Wm. Cartwright, spoke in high terms of Mr. Scraggs attention to his ringing during the twenty-five years he had been attached to the ringers; also to his always being willing to assist young learners in the art of change-ringing. Other members spoke in high terms of Mr. Scraggs, who replied in a few well-chosen words, thanking one and all for their kindness and good fellowship which had always existed amongst them, and he would always treasure it. After wishing him long life on his retirement, the proceedings terminated with a handshake all round.

PUTNEY.—On Wednesday, February 7th, for practice at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. J. Herbert, A. Hubbard, W. Honeyball, H. Cook, C. Hunt, T. Bolton, W. T. Elson composer and conductor, H. Whanslaw. On Sunday, February 11th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. C. Collis, jun., J. Kent, S. Jones, W. Honeyball, G. W. Honeyball, T. Bolton, J. Herbert conductor, H. Whanslaw.

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IDEN, SUSSEX.

The annual dinner of the local company was held at The Bell inn on Wednesday in last week. The Rev. G. Lockington Bates presided, supported by the churchwardens, Messrs. Reeve and Nash.

After everyone had thoroughly enjoyed the excellent repast, the Chairman submitted "The Health of the King," and remarked that he was in London on the previous day, when bells could be heard ringing from all directions in honour of the safe return of their Majesties from India.

The second toast was that of "The Subscribers." An appeal is made annually on behalf of the ringers, whose services are voluntary. The Chairman, in proposing the toast, thanked the subscribers for kindly contributing, and was sure the ringers were well pleased at what had been done for them. Addressing the ringers, he said that they had got on very well together in the past, and he hoped they would go on as well for many years to come. He was pleased that both the churchwardens were present that evening, and begged to couple the name of Mr. John Nash with the toast.

Mr. Nash briefly replied on behalf of the subscribers.

The toast of "The Chairman" was submitted by Mr. G. Billenness, of Rye. In addressing the company, the speaker said he would like to place before them a few remarks upon change-ringing in the village. His association with the Iden ringers had always been of a very pleasant character. They seemed to perfectly understand one another, and he hoped that his relations with them would always remain as cordial as they were at the present day. When he commenced visiting their tower, change-ringing was merely a tender plant. It had only just commenced to grow, and on examination it struck one that it would wither away, unless it received nourishment. They all fully recognised the gravity of the situation, and by tending it carefully, they had raised it from a small spinally plant into a tree with several branches, represented by the various methods of change-ringing now rung in the tower. Even the fowls of the air could come and lodge in the branches, or, in other words, if a visitor came along he had several methods to select from, and could take part in which branch he was desirous of ringing. They had made most satisfactory progress, but the tree of change-ringing in the parish was far from being fully developed. It was still in need of fertilization, so that the trunk might be firm and its branches numerous. They had given it their undivided attention in the past, and he was sure they would continue to do so, in order to keep up the rapid progress that was going on at present.

He had a motto to give them that evening, which was as follows: "Look not into the past, it comes not back: wisely improve the present, that is thine; go forth to meet the future without fear, and with manly hearts." He knew he had dwelt upon the past, and thought his message would be more suitable if it read, "don't worry about the past," for one could not help occasionally referring to bygone days. The second and third sentences were worthy of recommendation to every human being. If everyone were to strive to improve their present position, and meet the future without fear, he ventured to say the whole world would be the better for it. Therefore if they applied it to their change-ringing they would always be in possession of a respectable tree that would bear the minutest examination of any gardeners of change-ringing that might visit their tower. But to return to the toast. In the chairman they had a gentleman who took as deep

an interest in change-ringing as any of the clergy in the neighbourhood. The Rev. Bates was frequently in the tower encouraging his ringers in their work. He managed the affairs of the belfry in a very satisfactory manner. They were all pleased to see him there that evening. He had made an admirable chairman, and they thanked him for attending.

The toast was enthusiastically received, and accorded musical honours.

The chairman, in response, thanked them for the manner in which they had received his name, and announced the fact that Mr. Cloke and himself had been connected with ringing in Iden for the past twenty-two years.

During the evening songs were rendered by the chairman, Messrs. Wood (2), Wells, Richards, Mills (2), Dive, Swift, and Heath. The Iden Glee Singers contributed several glees.

The concluding toast was that of "The Host and Hostess," submitted by the chairman.

Host Swift suitably acknowledged the compliment, and the proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

THE LATE JAMES HINTON, OF BRISTOL.

It has been proposed by a number of ringers that an appeal should be made for funds to erect a fitting memorial to the memory of the above-named ringer, who was for so many years the central figure in the ringing circle of Bristol and the neighbourhood, and well-known also in London and many other ringing centres.

Mr. Hinton was an indefatigable worker for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and the amount of work he did in helping young ringers, cannot be too highly praised.

It is greatly due to his energy and untiring patience, that ringing in Bristol has been raised to its present high standard. It is suggested that the memorial should take the form of a headstone, with suitable inscription, to the grave in Greenbank Cemetery, Bristol. Any contributions, however small, will be gratefully received, and should be sent to Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, 30, Broad Street, Bristol, who has consented to act as Honorary Treasurer of the Fund.—J. BURFORD, C. H. HORTON, W. KNIGHT, R. J. WILKINS.

SCOTHORNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

A small headstone in the churchyard at Scothorne, has the following epitaph, which is now almost illegible:—

Alas poor John
Is dead and gone
Who often tolled the bell
And with a spade
Dug many a grave
And said Amen as well.

"Poor John" was John Blackburn, who had served the office of parish clerk for a period of nearly fifty years. He died January 9th, 1739-40.

DORCHESTER (Dorset).—On Monday, February 5th, at St. Peter's church, a peal of Grandsire Triples, Parker's 12-part, was attempted, in celebration of His Majesty King George's safe return from India, but after ringing 1 hr. 35 mins. it was brought round at 2688 changes, owing to a change course. J. T. Goodwin, S. G. Hodges, C. F. Uphill, T. Page, T. Woolley, C. B. Hurst, G. T. White conductor, W. J. Bengier.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on February 29th; at St. John's Hackney, on the 20th; at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 20th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 27th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, each Saturday at 7.30.

A district meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on March 2nd. Tower open 4.30 to 8 p.m.

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

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Homchurch to-day, Sat., February 17th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea 9d. per head at The Bull inn at 5.30. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1912 are now due.

H. RUMENS, Hon. Sec.
32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane to-day, Sat., February 17th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30.
G. PINCOTT, Br. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, February 24th. Bells available from 4 p.m.
W. WOLSTENCROFT, Br. Sec.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 24th. Francis Edward Dawe, esq. in the chair. Tickets free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Fadiham on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.
J. WATSON, Branch Sec.

The Dudley and District Guild.—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland (President), with an address by the Rev. H. C. Burnett. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, February 28th. Business meeting afterwards. All past and present members and other ringing friends of the Guild are cordially invited.

Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.
66, Himley Road, Dudley.

Notice.—Practice is discontinued at St. John's, Deptford, during rehanging.
F. W. RICHARDSON.

J. H. R.—Write to Mr. W. Gordon, of Celtic Lane, Stockport, whose announcements will be found in our advertisement columns.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE
MAXIMUS.

By H. DAINS.

5280.

23456 M W H

52436 -

63425 - - -

42635 - -

36524 - -

52364 - -

35264 - -

23564 - -

62534 - -

35426 - -

23456 - -

An old friend has pointed out an error in the footnote to the peal of Cambridge Royal you published for me in your issue for January 20th, "which gives a 5040 of Maximus." This of course is impossible, except the tenors are parted. The above is the peal alluded to in that footnote, given in full.

Re the 5056 of Bristol Surprise in two parts you published for me in last week's issue. Let me say the calling of the last course of each part is 2w, and that it contains the 6th the extent in all positions at six course-ends each way in 5-6.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE
ROYAL.

By the same Author.

6480.

23456 M W H

43652 -

56234 - -

23564 - -

52364 - -

35264 - -

25463 - -

45362 - -

63254 - -

52436 - -

35426 - -

42356 - -

54326 - -

34625 -

26543 - -

35642 - -

65243 - -

34256 - -

23456 - -

This composition has the 6th bell

at five course-ends in 5ths, and the extent at six course-ends home. By omitting the three ws and hs bracketed, changes are reduced to 5040.

STEDMAN CINQUES.

By JOHN CARTER.

5023.

1234567890x I 5 18

14325678x90 - s -

5342 - -

2354 - -

5423 - -

3452 - -

5234 - -

4253 - -

3245 - -

4532 - -

2543 - -

3524 - -

2435 - -

Repeat the above, except the bob at 1, produce—

12345678x90

152347698xo A

4253 - -

5342 - -

2354 - -

5423 - -

3452 - -

2435 - -

3425 - s -

5432 - -

2453 - -

5324 - -

4352 - -

5243 - -

3254 - -

Start a quick six.

A 1, 2, 4, 5, 7s, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 18s, 22.

This peal has the 6th at home the full twenty-four courses without a bob on the large bells in the tittums position, and also fourteen courses in the handstroke home position, with the six course-ends of 5-6-7-8 at hand; treble a treble bell. Rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on September 14th, 1909, conducted by J. E. Groves.

Mr. Carter writes:—The calling of the peal of Stedman Caters published on February 3rd, for the middle course should be 11 instead of 10 six, and the main calling of the latter half 2, 3, 9, 14, 15, instead of 3, 4, 10, 15, 16; and also omit bobs at 15 in the 9th and 11th courses after the single.

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 an ornament to the
 porch of our Church."

The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1912.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,
 A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL,
 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY* Treble.	*WILLIAM SHIMMANS 6.
HENRY J. RANZETTA 2.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 8.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	HARRY FLANDERS 9.
ALFRED GRIMES 5.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM PYE, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.
 *First peal of Cambridge Royal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON,
 A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN F. PYE Treble.	BERTEAM PREWETT 5.
ERNEST PYE 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6.
WILLIAM J. KEMP* 3.	*ALBERT W. COLES 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
 *First peal in the method away from the treble.

DAGENHAM.—On Sunday, February 4th, after evening service,
 a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1269 changes). D. Chaplin, A.
 Chaplin, E. Hawkins, E. Butler, G. Playle conductor, F. Free-
 stone. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect
 to the late Duke of Fife.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE W. JOLLY* Treble.	REUBEN SANDERS 5.
ALBERT W. COLES 2.	THOMAS H. HAWKINS 6.
THOMAS CRANFIELD 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 7.
HAROLD W. CLARK 4.	DALBY HODGSON Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

*First peal.

The Provinces.

FRIENDLY SOCIETY'S PEAL. WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON. THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 18 cwt.

F. SYMONDS Treble.	A. H. SNOW 5.
E. SHEPHERD 2.	W. HAYMAN 6.
J. M. SKINNER 3.	J. R. HAYMAN 7.
J. A. SNOW 4.	*O. GATTERS Tenor.

Conducted by J. R. HAYMAN.

*First peal. This is supposed to be the first Friendly Society peal by members of the above Guild.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 360 each of York, Durham, London, Wells, Norwich, Annable's London, Cambridge and Netherseale Surprise, Evening Star, Sandi-acre Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH Treble.	FREDK. MANSER 4.
GEORGE SNELLING 2.	JOHN SNELLING 5.
BERTIE TURNER 3.	FREDK. SEAGER Tenor.

Conducted by F. MANSER.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720s of Bob Minor. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDK. C. LAMBERT Treble.	THOMAS KING 4.
HARRY BARTON 2.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5.
FRANCIS NAUNTON 3.	JOHN LAETER Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung in honour of the return of the King and Queen.

PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

GEO. B. BOLLAND Treble.	ERNEST MANN 5.
WILLIAM BIRKS 2.	REV. R. P. FARROW 6.
REV. C. B. D. FARROW 3.	J. CECIL BOOTH 7.
SAMUEL WARD 4.	PRATT CORDINGLEY Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by PRATT CORDINGLEY.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,

On Tuesday, February 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

WILLIAM JEAVONS Treble.	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5.
ARTHUR BAKER 2.	WILLIAM FISHER 6.
WALTER GRINSELL 3.	RICHARD DUNN 7.
SAMUEL PEARCE 4.	SAMUEL BAKER Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

First peal of Major by all except the ringers of the 5th, 6th, and tenor. First peal of Major by an entirely local band. Rung in honour of the return from India of their Majesties the King and Queen.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDK. BORRETT Treble.	FREDK. ROOPE 5.
EDWIN WHITING 2.	ERNEST WHITING 6.
HENRY GARNHAM 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
CHARLES BACKER 4.	CHARLES BRICE Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

TONG, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Wednesday, February 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES J. SALLOWAY Treble.	GEORGE BOLLAND 4.
REV. C. B. D. FARROW 2.	EDWARD ODDY 5.
REV. R. P. FARROW 3.	SAMUEL ODDY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

MISS C. E. SPARSHOTT* Treble.	GERALD W. ARNOLD 5.
GEORGE PRESTON 2.	HENRY F. ELLIOTT 6.
EDWARD C. ELLIOTT 3.	SAMUEL CLARKE 7.
JAMES E. FIGGURES* 4.	*CECIL G. MORRIS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

*First peal.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 8, 1912, in Three Hours,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE BOLLAND Treble.	SIDNEY BARRON 5.
HAROLD BROWN 2.	*REV. R. P. FARROW 6.
SMITH COLLINSON 3.	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7.
JAMES COTTRELL 4.	HENRY ODDY Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. R. P. FARROW.

*First peal as conductor.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Reing three 720s of Plain Bob, and four of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently.

REV. B. H. T. DRAKE .. Treble.	HENEY REEVES.. .. 4.
ERNEST RANDALL 2.	*HARRY HOLLOCK 5.
J. T. HULL 3.	EDWARD WHITEHEAD .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. WHITEHEAD.

*First peal of Minor.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. Treble.	LEONARD STILWELL 5.
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 2.	RICHARD BUCKLAND 6.
WILLIAM WELLING 3.	ALAN R. MACDONALD .. 7.
WILLIAM HENLEY* 4.	JOSEPH GUTTERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal of Stedman.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES, Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
JOHN H. CHRESMAN 2.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 6.
ISAAC EMERY 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 4.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HARRY HALL Treble.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 4.
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 2.	WILLIAM BURGESS 5.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, Durham, London, Wells, Norwich, Cambridge and Netherseale. Tenor 9 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH .. Treble.	FREDK. MANSEER 4.
GEORGE SNELLING 2.	JOHN SNELLING 5.
BERTIE TURNER 3.	FREDK. SEAGER Tenor.

Conducted by F. MANSEER.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

HERRERT J. BAKER .. Treble.	SIDNEY FOX 5.
SAMUEL R. GARNER 2.	HORACE GILBERT 6.
CLARENCE HADLOW 3.	EDWARD TRENDALL 7.
ALFRED T. W. BONES .. 4.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. TRENDALL.

ELMLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS EDWIN .. Treble.	CHARLES HALFORD 4.
HARRY COLLIE 2.	HUBERT SALISBURY 5.
JAMES HEMMING 3.	WILLIAM BENNETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. SALISBURY.

First peal on the bells, and first by the ringers of the 4th and tenor. Messrs. Halford and Bennett were proposed members before starting.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

PHILIP ALLFREY .. Treble.	GEORGE ADES 6.
JAMES LIVEMORE, JUN. .. 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 7.
CHARLES PALMER 3.	ALBERT D. STONE 8.
WILLIAM PALMER 4.	ALFRED J. TURNER 9.
OLIVER SIPPETTS 5.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

BRIGG, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES HENRY BAKER* .. Treble.	JOHN THOMAS LADD 4.
JOHN C. TINKER† 2.	WILLIAM DICKENSON 5.
FREDK. S. W. BUTLER† .. 3.	WALTER AYRE Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. S. W. BUTLER.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Dickenson, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 10, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

JAMES DUFFIELD* .. Treble.	*FRANK COPEMAN 5.
CHARLES BAKER 2.	CHARLES ROOPE 6.
FREDERICK ROOPE 3.	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD .. 7.
WILLIAM ROOPE 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by J. C. BURTON, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal. The ringer of the treble is eleven years of age.

THORVERTON. DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.*On Saturday, February 10, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.**

J. EDWORTHY* Treble.	A. W. SEARLE 5.
A. MONKLEY 2.	*J. RIDLER 6.
F. J. MILFORD 3.	F. J. DAVEY 7.
F. GARDNER 4.	R. B. FORD Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. DAVEY.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

GOOLE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.**

GEORGE DAVIS.. .. Treble.	JAMES CLARKE 5.
HERBERT LUDKIN 2.	*FREDE. CRYER 6.
FREDE. TATE 3.	THOS. SMITH 7.
MARK TATE 4.	JOSEPH DRAKE Tenor.

Conducted by H. LDDKIN.

*First peal.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, February 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES, Tenor 10 cwt.**

JOHN H. ENTWISTLE .. Treble.	THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD .. 5.
JOSEPH BANKS 2.	THOMAS WALLWORK .. 6.
JOHN MCWILTON 3.	ROBERT WALLWORK .. 7.
JOSEPH WOODS 4.	JAMES H. BANKS Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by JAMES H. BANKS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of deep respect for the late Joseph Foster, who was interred at the above church on Thursday, February 8th, and who was for many years a ringer with the local company.

GARSTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Liverpool Branch.)

On Monday, February 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.**

JOHN ALLEN Treble.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 5.
GEORGE WOODHALL 2.	EDWARD CAUNCE 6.
THOMAS GILMODR* 3.	WALTER HUGHES 7.
HENRY FYLES* 4.	JAMES MARTIN Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WALTER HUGHES.

*First peal in the method.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, February 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HORACE COOPER Treble.	HARRY TYSON 4.
HERBERT SHARP 2.	EDWARD WHITE 5.
JOHN W. BARKER 3.	FRANK WEBB Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK WEBB.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, February 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
H. W. WILD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.**

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR E. MORGAN .. Treble.	FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES .. 5.
JOHN BULLEN 2.	CHARLES GREEDY 6.
SAMUEL JONES 3.	JOHN W. JONES 7.
FRANK MORGAN 4.	JOHN GODDARD Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK MORGAN.

First peal as conductor, and was rung at the second attempt. This peal was arranged specially as a farewell compliment to the conductor, who to the regret of all the band is leaving Newport to take up an appointment at Swansea, the band wishing him every success.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, February 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8½ cwt.**

ALBERT CLEGG Treble.	SAMUEL STOTT 5.
HARRY HAMPSON 2.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD 6.
WILLIAM HOLBROOKE .. 3.	HARRY PAGE 7.
JAMES LEES 4.	RICHARD NEWTON Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by H. HAMPSON.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, February 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.**

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	HARRY BOTTRILL 5.
WALTER HOBBS 2.	JOHN SMITH 6.
GEORGE DENT 3.	JOHN CORDELL 7.
ISAAC CAVILL 4.	HARRY SMALE Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLY, and Conducted by GEORGE DENT.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, February 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.**

JOHN WYATT Treble.	WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. 5.
JOHN HOYLE 2.	THOMAS TUTT 6.
GEORGE COOK* 3.	RICHARD KENDALL 7.
JOHN CRAWFORD 4.	WILLIAM COOK Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

*First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Crawford, eldest daughter of Mr. J. Crawford; also to George Cook.

Handbell Peal.**CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.***On Wednesday, February 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,*

In the President's Rooms, Trinity College,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1-2.	*REGINALD O. STREET .. 5-6.
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 3-4.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 7-8.
REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE .. 9-10.	

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

*First peal of Royal. Umpire—F. R. White.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—On Sunday, February 4th, for evening service, 973 Stedman Caters. R. Coles, F. Hayes, G. White, F. Biggs, E. Markham, J. Gransbury, G. F. Williams, J. W. Wilkins, conductor, B. Page, W. Hoing, longest touch.

HARWELL (Berks).—On Wednesday, January 17th. 720 College Single Minor. H. C. Mulford, W. Hitchman, T. Hughes, V. R. Hitchman, R. G. Rice conductor, G. C. Rice. First 720 in the method by the ringers of 5th and tenor.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon).—On Sunday, February 11th, for evening service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. V. Morgan (aged 14, first quarter-peal), A. E. Morgan, J. Bullen, S. Jones, J. W. Jones, C. Greedy, F. Morgan (first quarter-peal as conductor), S. Baiss.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, February 11th, for evening service at St. John's church, ten 6 scores of Grandsire Doubles, 6-4-8 covering. R. Fosdike, W. J. Jeffries conductor, A. G. Bennington, C. Block, F. W. Richardson, W. Daynes, J. Law, C. H. Macklin. This is the last ringing on the bells previous to re-hanging.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Saturday, February 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. G. Chaplin, A. Chaplin, E. Hawkins, E. Butler, G. Playle, J. Dale, W. Watson conductor, C. Barlow. Composed by A. J. Perkins. First quarter peal by the treble and tenor men.

HOLLOWAY.—On Thursday, February 8th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Parker's twelve-part, in 45 mins. W. G. Darlington, E. Brett, A. Barkus, C. G. Jane, W. Bottrill, C. Charge conductor, G. Charge, A. G. Crane. All the above are members of the Metropolitan Police Force.

BECKENHAM.—On Sunday, February 4th, for evening service at St. George's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. C. H. Hughes, T. H. Taffender conductor, H. T. Gowllett, W. Smith, J. Milner, J. B. Lovell first quarter-peal in the method, F. J. Hardy, F. J. King.

DEATH OF MR. A. W. REEVES.

We regret to announce the death of the above, which took place on Saturday, February 3rd after four years of painful suffering from that dreadful disease, cancer, at the age of 53. Mr. Reeves was a good ringer, having rung upwards of thirty peals in Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich. The last time he took a rope was in a course of Superlative Surprise. The funeral took place on Saturday, February 10th, at Caversham Cemetery, where a large number of ringers had assembled to pay their last respect to one beloved by all. The Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, impressively read the service. After the body was lowered to its last resting place a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave by C. R. Lilley, 1-2; W. A. Webb, 3-4; C. Giles, 5-6; A. W. Osborne, 7-8. During the evening touches were rung with the bells half-muffled at St. Giles' and St. Mary's churches, Reading.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The name of the treble ringer in the peal of Grandsire rung at Cbislehurst, and reported in our last issue, should read Horace W. Humble, not Kimble—The ringer of the 4th in the peal of Treble Bob Major at Brierley Hill should be Victor White, and not Victor Hill as published in the issue of February 3rd.

RINGER'S GATHERING AT MARPLE.

An attempt for a date touch was made at the parish church on Saturday, February 10th, but was unfortunately lost after ringing 1552 changes. T. Wood, F. Goodwin, H. Langley, J. Fernley conductor, T. Hodgkinson, J. W. Hartley. After the ringing an adjournment was made to The Ring of Bells, where a splendid table was laid for the ringers and friends, who did full justice to satisfy the wants of the inner man.

The dinner being concluded, a raid was made on the concert room, and the occasion was made a farewell party to Mr. Smith, who is leaving the district. After a few kinn words on this matter by the chairman, songs and recitations were rendered by members of the local company, and a pleasant and jovial evening was spent. It is worthy of note that it is the longest length by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, and 5th.

5024. DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR

BY H. PRICE.

23456	I	4	5	6
36452	-	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-
43256	s	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-	-
53426	-	-	-	-
34526	-	-	-	-
25436	-	-	-	-
54236	-	-	-	-
42536	-	-	-	-
35246	-	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-	-

Repeated.

HUGGLESCOTE (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, January 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. Saunders, H. Percival, G. Walker, P. Hadfield, J. Cadle conductor, G. Griffin, H. Powdrill, H. Cornford. Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late Thomas Bailey, who was interred in Hugglescote Cemetery the same day. The ringing was also continued on Sunday, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples on the Tuesday following coming to grief after ringing 1 hr. 30 mins. P. Hadfield, H. Percival, G. Walker, J. Cadle, G. Griffin, Rev. R. P. Farrow H. Powdrill, H. Cornford.

NORWICH.—On Monday, January 29th, at the church of St. John de Sepulchre, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264) in the titlums. B. Fry, A. Hubbard composer and conductor, W. Hempel, W. Goodbourne, J. Freeman, W. Mayers, W. Curtis, G. Cross.

THE ABBEY CHURCH, BATH.

The following singular bequest, made by Thomas Nash, of Bath, to the ringers of the abbey there, is contained in a codicil to his will, proved in Doctors' Commons: "I do hereby give and bequeath to the Mayor, the senior Alderman, and Town Clerk of Bath, for the time being, the sum of £50 per annum, in trust, payable out of the Bank Long Annuities, standing in my name at the Bank of England, for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the set of ringers belonging to the Abbey Church, Bath, on condition of their ringing, on the whole peal of bells, with clappers muffled, various solemn and doleful changes (allowing proper intervals for rest and refreshment), from eight

o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock in the evening, on the 14th day of May in every year, being the anniversary wedding-day: and also the anniversary of my decease, to ring a grand bob major and many mirthful peals unmuffled, during the same space of time, and allowing the same intervals as above-mentioned, in joyful commemoration of my happy release from domestic tyranny and wretchedness, and for the full, strict, and due performance of such conditions, they the said ringers, are to receive the sum of £50 per annum, in two payments of £25 each, on those respective days of my marriage and decease. And now that dear divine man (to use Mrs. Nash's own words), the Rev. ———, of ———, may resume his

amatory labours, without enveloping himself in a sedan chair for fear of detection. I further will and direct that the aforesaid ringers do enter upon office (for the first time only) the very next day following after my interment, and to receive £25, one half year's dividend for so doing. Written with my hand, the 14th day of May, 1813. Thomas Nash."

5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS.

By H. PRICE.

23456	W	M	H
42635	-	-	
34625	-		
23645	-		
62534	-	-	
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35264	-		-
23564	-		-
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52436	-		-
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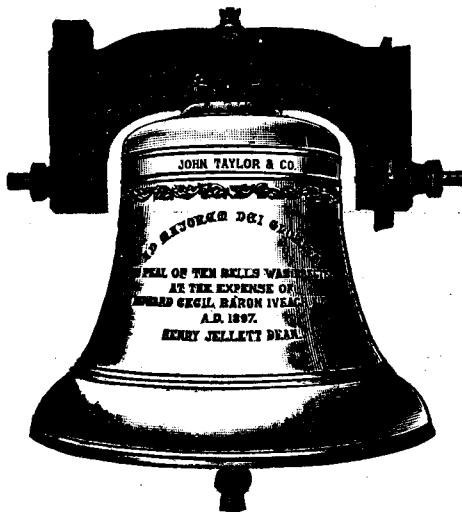
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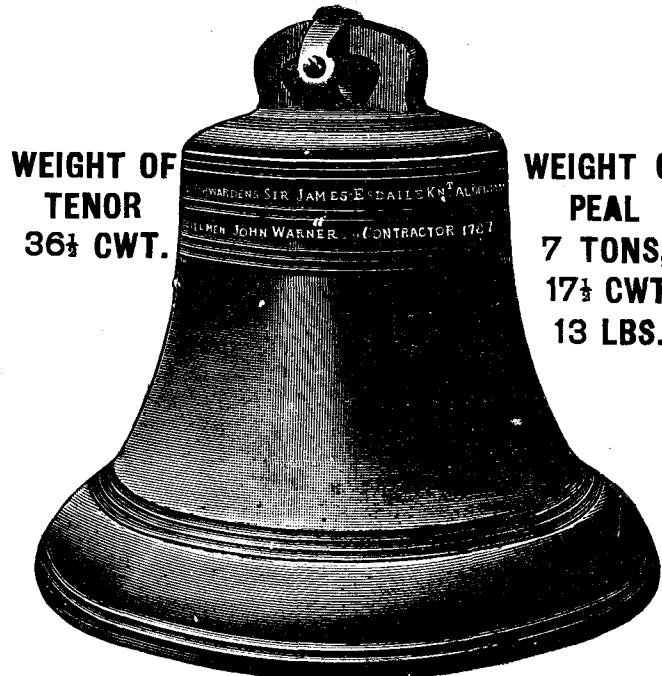
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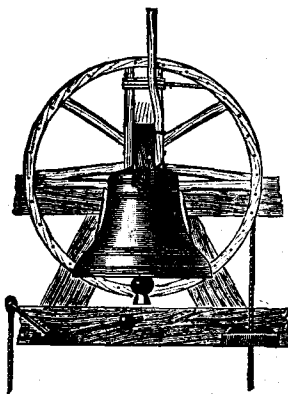
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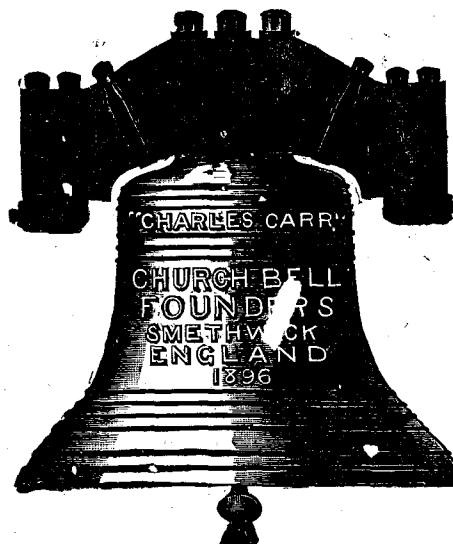
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