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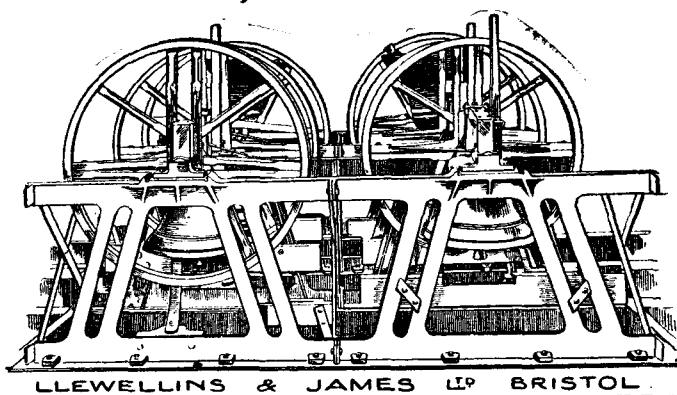
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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CANTERBURY DISTRICT.)

The members of the Canterbury District met at Hernhill on October 5th, for the special meeting decided upon at the annual gathering in May last. Fortunately the day was very fine, and travelling was pleasant, and so members began to gather soon after 3 o'clock, having walked, cycled or motored, and one and all agreed that place and weather were everything desirable for such a meeting.

The Rev. A. Clark opened the meeting with prayer, and heartily welcomed those present to his parish. Various touches in the standard methods were rung before 5.30, when an adjournment was made to the school for tea. This was provided by the local member—a phrase explaining much to those who know the district.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore proposed a very hearty vote of thanks, firstly to the Vicar for the use of the bells, etc., and expressed the delight of the ringers at his presence during the afternoon; and secondly to the gentleman who had provided the tea, which was so well catered for and enjoyed. This was seconded by Mr. W. E. Pitman and carried with acclamation. Both gentlemen suitably responded.

Mr. E. G. Buesden proposed that another special meeting be held at Selling during January, and this was duly carried *nem con.* A return to the tower was then made, and the bells were kept going till 9 p.m. in various methods, including Superlative.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting of this district was held on Saturday, September 28th, at St. George's, Gravesend. Ringing was booked to commence at 3.30 p.m., but owing to serious illness in close proximity to the tower this was abandoned. Milton-next-Gravesend was opened instead. The service was held at St. George's at 5 o'clock, about forty being present, the Rector, Canon Gedge (assisted by his father) officiating. The District Secretary presided at the organ. The Rector took his text from the special lesson given in the Kent County Association service book. Tea was served in the Church House (kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the Church House Committee), fifty-six partaking, including the Rector, who also presided at the meeting.

In opening the Rector spoke of the cause which had debarred them from using the bells and him the pleasure of hearing them. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, followed by a short report of the doings in the district, which showed the lapse of one tower and twenty-eight members, and the addition of twenty-nine members. Twenty-eight peals have been rung in the district since the last annual meeting, against thirteen last year. Fourteen members rang their first peal, two their first as conductor. Mr. Hyland, of Upchurch, rang his 50th peal, and Mr. Wilkins, of Sheerness, rang his 150th peal. Then followed the election of district representa-

tive and district secretary, both of whom were again unanimously elected. The next meeting will be held at Chatham in December.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for presiding, and for his address in church; also to the other clergy for the use of their bells. Ringing was again indulged in at Milton-next-Gravesend and at Swanscombe till 9.15.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of this District was held on Saturday, Sept. 28th, 1912, at Stanford-le-Hope, some 30 members being present. These duly arrived at the meeting place in time for a short ring before the service, which was held in the Parish Church at five o'clock. This was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. Russell. Afterwards an adjournment was made to the Rectory, where a plentiful tea was spread, which, needless to say, was thoroughly enjoyed. This part of the programme over the business meeting was proceeded with, the Master of the district in the chair. The minutes of the Brentwood and Shenfield meetings having been passed new members were elected in the persons of Messrs. W. Halls and W. Hawkins (Stanford-le-Hope) and H. Joslin and H. Chinnery (Orsett). The election of Mr. H. W. Clark, of Cubitt Town, as a non-resident life member of Baddow Tower was confirmed. Great Waltham found no opposition as the place for the next meeting in December. This ended the business.—The Rev. H. T. Eyre then proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for conducting the service, and for his kind hospitality, concluding with a short description of Stanford-le-Hope bells.—Mr. C. H. Howard seconded the proposition, and urged members of the towers in the neighbourhood to arrange for combined meetings for practice.—The Rector briefly returned thanks, and assured those present that it was a great pleasure to meet them.—Time was on the wing, and those who had a brake ride home were compelled to take a hasty farewell to enable them to reach home by midnight. It had been intended to pay a visit to Orsett, but this was found to be impossible. The towers represented at the meeting were Barking, Boreham, Braintree, Chelmsford, Fryerning, Little Bentley (South Weald), Orsett, Shenfield and Widford.

NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting for the North-Eastern District was held at Dunmow on Saturday last. A short service was held at the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, and the rev. gentlemen afterwards presided over the business part of the proceedings. At the election of officers the Master Mr. S. Elliott (Coggeshall), and the Secretary, Mr. A. Shufflebotham (Braintree) were re-elected for the ensuing year. Four ringing members were next elected, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his services in church and at the meeting brought a successful meeting to a close.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

One more was added to the list of successful meetings of the above Society when on Saturday upwards of fifty members met at Wombourne. Some journeyed thither on cycles, some by waggonette, and others by "Shanks' ponies." The weather was very favourable, it being a typical autumn day.

The committee meeting was held in the Institute, Mr. W. R. Small being voted to the chair. Six new members were enrolled, and the next meeting fixed for January 18th (or thereabouts) at Perry Barr. Letters of apology were received from Messrs. S. Reeves (Central Council representative) G. Hughes (Ringing Master), J. Taylor, T. J. Elton and J. E. Groves. A short service was held in the beautiful church, brightened by the help of the choir boys, and a helpful address given by the Rev. Preb. P. Nicholas, Vicar, his text being "Whatever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men," that being the Society's motto.

A splendid meat tea was provided in the schoolroom. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for his address, the use of the bells, etc.; the organist and choir boys for their services; to the ladies who were so attentive at the tea table; and last, but by no means least (not even in stature) to Mr. Rowland Cartwright, for his never untiring help. A little handbell ringing was indulged in, to the special delight of the uninitiated; after which the tower was re-visited, when the bells were set going in various methods. During the afternoon a group was formed in the churchyard, and a "snap" taken by a budding photographer.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended and most successful quarterly meeting was held on Saturday last at Bassaleg, Monmouthshire. The bells, which are a ring of six and are of cast steel, probably had something to do with so many putting in an appearance, many that were present never having heard cast steel bells before, and from the unanimous opinion expressed by all that heard them cast steel is a failure so far as bells are concerned. Fortunately this is the only ring of steel bells in the Diocese, and the opinion was generally expressed that if Viscount Tredegar knew that they were unsatisfactory a new peal would be forthcoming.

The meeting was held in the parish rooms, which by the way are an excellent and magnificent suite, recently built and presented to the parish by Viscount Tredegar. The chair was taken by the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. D. Bowen. Instructors' reports having been heard the place for the next Monmouthshire quarterly meeting was discussed, and it was unanimously decided to visit Marshfield. Several new members were then elected, including Miss E. Pacey, of Rumney tower. It was decided to hold a committee meeting in Cardiff to discuss the question of issuing annual reports, the meeting to be held and the report to be submitted at the annual meeting on Dec. 26th.

This concluded the business meeting. The Vicar then very kindly invited those present to tea in the adjoining room. At the conclusion of the tea a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the rev. gentleman for his kindness, and also the ladies present who so kindly helped.

The Vicar, replying, said he was grateful for the vote of thanks, and heartily welcomed the Association to his parish. At present he had no band of ringers, but he was about to call a meeting to start a band, as several in

the parish were willing to learn. He would then call upon the Association to come to his assistance and help them in change-ringing.

During the evening the four standard methods were rung bringing to a close a very enjoyable meeting, and one which is likely to do good.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH QUARTERLY MEETING.

For the first time in its history the Worcestershire Association held a meeting in the old-world town of Belbroughton (famous for its scythes) on Saturday last, and it was in every way a most enjoyable and successful meeting. The service in the church, conducted by the Rector (Rev. C. M. Cooke), was very well attended. In his address, which was very much appreciated, the rev. gentleman spoke of ringers loving their work on account of its extreme difficulty. It also brought out their manliness and usefulness. As Church workers ringers sacrificed a great deal of their spare time in practising and making themselves efficient, and in helping younger members to become so. After the service a splendid repast, kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, was partaken of in the schools, over 70 sitting down. The following parishes were represented: Kidderminster. Oldhill, Oldswinford, Wolverley, Halesowen, Wolverhampton, Clent, Stourbridge, Wollaston, Rowley, Wordsley, Smethwick, Brierley Hill, and the local band. At the business meeting, which followed, the Rector presided. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Oldbury on January 18th, whilst the quarterly peal is to be attempted at Belbroughton, Mr. H. Martin being chosen as conductor. Two honorary members, one life performing member, and nine performing members were elected, the Rector of Belbroughton and the Vicar of Clent being included in the first category, while the last-named comprised the Belbroughton company. The secretary was instructed to write a letter, expressing the sympathy of the meeting, to the widow of the late Mr. W. T. Whitehouse, for many years a ringer and tower keeper at Oldswinford church. In proposing the re-election of Mr. R. Matthews (Master), Mr. J. Pigott (Committeeman), and Mr. E. J. Dowler (Secretary), Mr. H. Mason spoke of the success of the Association. Since the division into three branches there had been a considerable increase in the attendance at services and business meetings, together with a large increase in the number of members. He also dealt with the great changes that had been effected in belfry management during the past 25 years, and the very sincere way in which ringers as a whole performed their duties as Church workers.

Mr. A. E. Parsons moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his address; to the organist for his services at the organ; to the Rector and churchwardens for the splendid tea they had provided; and also to the ladies for the excellent service they had rendered during the tea.

This having been duly carried,

The Rector, in reply, said it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to meet the Association there. He hoped everyone would enjoy himself, and trusted it would not be long before the first peal of 5,000 changes would be rung on his bells. He also expressed a hope that it would not be the last time the Association would visit there.

The bells (6, tenor about 15 cwt.) were kept going until nine o'clock (Miss K. Thatcher taking part) and thus a very successful meeting ended.

COSELEY RINGERS' OUTING.

The Coseley band, together with a large number of friends, spent a most enjoyable afternoon and evening at Penkridge on the occasion of their annual outing, in spite of a wait of an hour or so on the platform at Wolverhampton. Permission to use the bells of the Peukridge had been obtained, and as soon as they caught sight of the tower away the ringers ran with all the speed they could put on, each doing his best to out-distance the others and be first at the goal.

The more staid and sedate members of the party quietly strolled through the streets and on to the bridge of the Peak, where one member of the party explained how hay-making was carried on in the river. Another, a disciple of Izaak Walton, and of yore a pike-catcher at this spot, thought he espied a "twenty-four incher Jack," and coupling it with a flight of circling "Twit-Twits," the attendant group immediately grasped the possibility of a congregation to listen to our "St. Francis," but, alas! the gentleman in question looked over the parapet: *Exeunt* birds and fishes. The party would have remained on the bridge longer enjoying the sylvan beauties, but realised that it was tea time, so tracks were made to a magnificent room, adorned with Union Jacks and other decorations, where due refreshment was provided, to which all did justice, especially the Warden and Ringing Master, both of whom had been enjoying the sea breezes of the sunny south, which naturally had given them good appetites.

The party sat down in silence, and after a very long and profitable interval, the Vicar rose to propose a vote of thanks to Mr. Law, without whom such an occasion,

would be almost impossible. Mr. Marsden seconded, and the vote was carried with acclamation. Mr. Law responded in a capital speech, and as the Vicar of Penkridge entered the room as he was speaking, Mr. Law took the opportunity of proposing a vote of thanks to him for the use of the bells. The Rev. J. A. Price seconded, and from him the company learnt with surprise that he and Mr. Kempson had been fellow curates at Cannock.

After the votes of thanks the party dispersed for a while, but later on united and attended evensong in the beautiful old church. At about 6.30 most of the visitors wended their way to the station, but no inducements could get the ringers from the Church tower, and the train steamed out of the station to the merry jingle of the bells. They did, however, eventually stop ringing, as was proved by the fact that their own bells rang out in merry riot for service on the Sunday morning.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening consisted of touches of Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples, Canterbury Pleasure and Bob Major, conducted by Mr. Fisher.

It is proposed to erect a memorial window to the late Bishop Sheepshanks in the Church of St. Barnabas, Heigham, Norwich, in the building of which he took so great an interest.

The Bishop of Manchester, in the presence of a very large congregation and some thirty clergy of the district, consecrated the new Church of St. John, Great Harwood. In the course of his address he commended the energy and faith that had undertaken such a work, and added that it was delightful to him to notice that new churches were being built in Accrington, Colne, and other parts of East Lancashire, where consecration services were awaiting him in the near future.

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The festival day of its patron saint was chosen at St. Michael's, Bath, for the celebration of the annual thanksgiving for the ingathering of the harvest, and at the morning service the Mayor and Corporation attended in state, and the bells were re-dedicated. The bells have been rehung in a steel frame of special design, and all returned, the corrosion have been taken off by sandblasting. They have been fitted with cast-iron headstocks with special renewable steel gudgeons, so that they can be rehung in years to come at much less expense. The seventh and second bells have been recast, and the old inscriptions re-produced with a new addition. A chiming apparatus has been fixed, consisting of the Ellacombe chiming hammer in an oak chiming case. Each bell bears an interesting inscription.

The tenor which weighs 16 cwt.,—"I to the Church the living call, and to the grave do summon all."

The seventh—"Peal re-hung and 7th re-cast, June 1912, in memory of Ellen Tanton Little. H. J. Heard, M.A., Rector, D. Leslie Beath and Robert Best, churchwardens."

Sixth—"We were all cast at Gloucester by Abel Rudhall, 1757."

Fifth—"Prosperity to our benefactors."

Fourth—"Peace and good neighbourhood."

Third—"Fear God, Honour the King."

Second—"Hark to our melody."

Treble—"When us you ring, we'll sweetly sing."

The work has been carried out under the supervision of Mowbray A. Green, F.R.I.B.A. by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, who hold the Royal Warrants of the present King, King Edward VII. and Queen Victoria. Mr. Robert Warner represented the firm at the service. The cost has been defrayed out of the legacy left by the late Miss Little, and the work has been executed as the inscription on the seventh bell indicates, to her memory.

The church was very tastefully decorated. Flowers of many colours abounded, and the beautiful autumn tints of the foliage made a charming back ground. Harvest was truly the dominant note, for there was a profusion of bright coloured apples, grapes, bread and corn, and other produce, judiciously introduced into every portion of the decorative scheme, which was the work of Mrs. Heard, the Rev. D. and Mrs. Ballard, Mrs. Weaver, the Misses Clack, Mrs. Best, Mrs. Plowman, and Miss Hinley. The Mayor, Alderman T. F. Plowman, was accompanied by Aldermen I. Rubie, B. John, C. B. Oliver, and J. W. Knight; Councillors W. J. Baker, G. T. Cooke, H. S. P. Curtis, C. H. Hacker, F. G. Harse, Miss Hope, P. Jackman, F. Mullett, G. F. Powell, J. W. Rose, R. J. H. Scott, T. Southwell, J. W. C. Southwood, F. W. Spear, S. J. G. Stone, T. T. Stone, A. W. Thomas, T. Vezey, A. W. Wills, A. E. Withy, and W. Woodbridge, with the Town Clerk (Mr. F. D. Wardle), the City Treasurer (Mr. A. G. Moger), Mr. W. H. Herd (City Auditor), Mr. J. W. Gatehouse (City Analyst), Mr. J. Vaughan Phillips (Chief Constable), Mr. J. Hatton (Director of the Baths), and Mr. C. M. Hodges (Curator of the Art Gallery).

Special music was sung by the choir, the anthem being Maunder's "While on earth remaineth," and the *Te Deum* Simper in C, while the National Anthem was played as the civic procession entered the Church. Prior to the sermon the clergy, choir, and churchwardens, followed by the Sword Bearer and the Mace Bearers, the Mayor and

the Town Clerk proceeded to the tower, where the dedicatory prayers were said by the Rector (the Rev. H. J. Heard). Then the bells were chimed, the Rector taking the tenor bell, the Rev. D. Ballard (curate), the 7th; Dr. Leslie Beath (churchwarden), the 6th; Mr. R. J. Best (churchwarden), the 5th; Alderman Rubie, the 4th; the Mayor, the 3rd (selected because of its fitting inscription, "Fear God, Honour the King"); the Town Clerk, the 2nd; and Mr. Mowbray Green (the architect), the treble.

The sermon was preached by the Rector, who remarked that the bells had been sanctified to Christian use for a great many years. In the parish of St. Michael's they had records of chimes more than 500 years ago, and throughout all those years not long had the bells been silent. The present peal was first hung in the church preceding the existing building. In 1788 they were brought from Gloucester, of course by road, and hung with rejoicings in the tower of the last church, where they remained until 1835. In passing, he might say that though 1757 was an age very far short of the present one, an age of insincerity, deep scepticism and brutal indifference to higher things, nevertheless it had both in State and Church the seeds and commencement of higher and better things. It was the year when Clive were out to India, and General Wolfe went from that parish and that city and won imperishable glory on the Heights of Abraham, but there were seeds of higher things—Wesley and Whitfield were preaching to thousands. Things in the past were not all wrong, and a good many things had been handed down from the past which were not altogether unworthy of preservation. People might say why should the clanging of bells be added to the hoot of the motor horn and the shriek of the railway whistle? It was not his province to discuss the question of the street noises, and he did not advocate indiscriminate bell-ringing, but he pointed out that the bell represented to some of them Christianity. They rang out a public proclamation of the full and free redemption in Christ. However much bounded and narrowed their religion might sometimes have been by merely human doctrines, however much fenced in by officialism and formalism, nevertheless there was the Bible, the Psalms and the Canticles, and the beautiful prayers handed down to them from their forefathers, and all might go in. However, much they might make excuses, the feast was spread, and the bells rang out a reminder, "Lest we forget." The tolling of the bell reminded them that their time of opportunity, too, was passing, and the ringing of the bells reminded them of the day of rest. Perhaps a little noise out of the ordinary might be good. They had to endure secular noises all the week, and perhaps they might for one day endure a little noise that was not altogether agreeable to their sensitive ears.

After service the bells were rung by members of the Bath and Wells Association, who were delighted with their tone and "go".

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COOKHAM (Berks).—On Saturday, September 28th, a meeting took place for combined practice. About twenty members were present representing Burnham, Chalfont St. Peter, Cookham, Farnham Royal, Fulmer, Maidenhead, Old Windsor, and Stoke Poges. 360s of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung, also 120s of Grandsire Doubles, in which Miss Ellis, of Halesworth, took part; and 120s of Stedman Doubles to which Mr. E. Keeley rung the tenor. Mr. Keeley is one of the Guild's oldest members. The local ringers rang in several touches of rounds.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM BELLS.

RESTORED AND RE-DEDICATED.

The old ring of five bells at the Parish Church, Sible Hedingham, Essex, were very far from being tuneful; in fact, were so much out of tune that it was decided that nothing but recasting the treble and fourth bells could possibly make a tuneful ring of them. In addition to this much other work was necessary if the tower was to be put in anything like proper condition. As in other parishes the question of ways and means had to be considered, but in this case all anxiety was relieved by the generosity of two ladies, the Misses E. A. and E. Webster, who defrayed the whole of the expenses. An idea of what this amount was may be gathered from a recital of the work which had to be done. As before mentioned the first and fourth bells were to be recast and 2 cwt. of new metal put into the latter to make it the requisite thickness to give a full volume of tone; a new treble to be added; all the bells retuned; the old wooden frame removed and a massive frame of wrought steel standing upon heavy compound steel rivetted girders fixed in its place; provision made for the addition of two bells to complete the octave. When this addition has been made Sible Hedingham will possess one of the grandest peals of eight in the county.

The work was placed in the hands of Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, and it cannot be gainsaid that it has been carried to a successful issue. This was acknowledged to be the case by all who were present on September 26th, when Mr. C. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, got together a band for a trial ring, and also on the following Sunday afternoon when members from all over the district gathered to give them a thorough testing after the dedication service. This was conducted by the Rector, the usual dedicatory prayers being said and hymns sung whilst a few rounds were rung. Immediately after the conclusion of the service the visitors took possession of the tower and the bells were kept going to touches in various methods till time for Evensong. The towers represented included Bocking, Braintree, Cavendish, Coggeshall, Gestingthorp, Great Bentley, Great Bardingfield, Greenstead Green, Halstead, Ipswich, Kelvedon, Pentlow and Yeldham. The tone and "go" of the bells was spoken of as being all that could be wished for.

The band who took part in the ringing on Thursday were Messrs. L. Wiseman, C. H. Howard (conductor), F. Clayton, H. Cooper, A. Shufflebotham and A. Bowell. A well-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was accomplished in 25 mins., to the great delight of all who heard it.

The diameters and weights of the bells with the inscriptions on them are as follows:—

Tenor.—47 5/8 in. 18 cwt. 1 qr. 0 lb. Miles Graye made me 1627.
5th.—42 1/2 in. 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. Recast by Bowell of Ipswich, 1912.
4th.—37 1/2 in. 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. Ave Maria.
3rd.—35 in. 7 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. Sancta Katherina Ora Pro Nobis.
2nd.—32 5/8 in. 6 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. Miles Graye made me 1627. Recast by Bowell of Ipswich 1912.

Treble.—30 1/8 in. 5 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. Alfred Bowell, Founder, Ipswich, 1912. To the Glory of God, this bell, the gift of two sisters, E. A. and E. Webster, was dedicated Sept. 29th, 1912.

Think when the bells do chime its Angel's music.

The first peal on the bells, rung on October 3rd, is recorded on another page.

HULL.—On Monday, September 30th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Hedges, C. Jackson (conductor), G. Dowling, T. Whitfield, T. Morton, H. Rodmell, E. Cutsforth, J. Marsh (first quarter-peal).

ELECTRICITY APPLIED TO CHIMES.

A chime of eight bells, weighing 53 cwt., is to be erected at Dunecht House, near Aberdeen (the seat of Lord and Lady Cowdray), by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London, N.E., at a cost of £1000. The bells are to be operated by Messrs. John Warner and Sons Patent Electrical Apparatus, which combines a mechanical device for tune playing with a clavier or keyboard to be operated by hand. The carillon will be worked from the electric lighting mains, by current, which is generated upon the premises.

Some of the many ringers who visited Messrs. Warners' Stand at the Festival of Empire Exhibition, Crystal Palace, will remember the electrically rung bell which was shewn there.

These bells are a great boon for small churches, where it is impossible to erect a ringing bell, and also for schools and public buildings. Messrs. Warner have just erected a 4 cwt. bell at St. Matthias' Church, Tulse Hill, and they have a 6 cwt. bell in hand for the Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham, and also others for Swansea Training College, and schools at Kilburn, Tottenham and Enfield.

Other bells have been erected at Southall (3 cwt.), Southsea (3 cwt.), Hornsey (3 cwt.), St. Helens (Lancs.), St. Augustine's Convent (Westgate-on-Sea), Wimbledon, Gravesend, Tonbridge, Ealing and Westminster.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUTTON-ON-HULL.—On Wednesday, September 25th, for Harvest Festival Service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble bob. C. Jackson, T. Goadin, J. S. Calvert, H. Rodmell (conductor), A. E. West. On Thursday, September 26th, at All Saints' Church, Hull, for Harvest Festival Service, 406 Grandsire Triples. J. Hedges, H. Jenkins, C. Jackson, T. Harrison, D. Meadley, E. Cutsforth, T. Whitfield, F. Dale. On Friday, September 27th, at Holy Trinity Church, for Harvest Festival Service, 560 Grandsire Triples and 521 Grandsire Caters. F. Dale, C. Jackson (conductor), G. Dowling, T. Whitfield, F. Messison, J. Highfield, E. Cutsforth, T. Morton, G. T. Miller, J. Chamberlain.

THE HERAFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ALDENHAM (Herts)—On Sunday, October 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by G. H. Daynes. E. H. Godman, A. W. Mansfield, J. A. Childs, W. Hewitt, G. Layzell, W. S. Inwood (conductor), H. G. Rowe, F. Mead. Mr. Rowe was on a visit from Cheshunt.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, September 29th, at Bishop Ryder's Church, 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung to celebrate the wedding day of Mrs. S. Coley. S. Coley conductor, J. Perry, J. Porter, W. Carrod, G. Taylor, T. Pierce.

FARNHAM ROYAL.—On September 21st, for the Harvest Festival, an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob was lost after two hour's ringing. J. J. Parker, G. Gutteridge, W. Henley, G. Basden, J. Elderfield, W. Willing, G. Alder, G. Martin (conductor). On Sunday, September 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 40 mins. J. Bovington, H. Skuse, G. Gutteridge, J. J. Parker (conductor), J. Elderfield, W. Henley, G. Basden, W. Clarke.

HERNE (Kent).—On Sunday, September 29th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (46 calls). C. Holman, F. Jones (conductor), W. Sorrell, S. R. Jezard, E. Hartop, E. Slingsby.

MISTLEY (Essex).—On Wednesday, September 25th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. C. Rumsey (age 15, first 720), J. Souter, H. Saunders, F. Souter, W. Honeywood (conductor), F. Watling Saxmundham).

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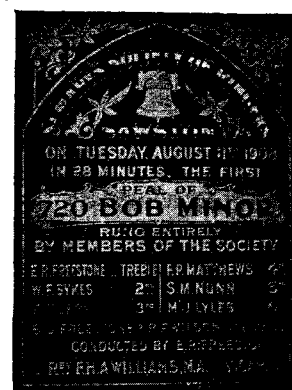
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1912.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY HENRY DAINS.

COMPOSITION NO. 2 IN THIS METHOD.

At the first glance at the compositions I noticed in your last issue I ventured a hope that they would run true in the Burton Variation of Superlative, which is a highly musical method, in which bells can be reversed in 5 6 almost at will, as in Double Norwich Court or in Bob Major, always providing the that bob and plain changes are kept true at M, W and H, but a second glance disposed of this hope entirely.

Now, in order to show the student composer a way of using the 23456 and 24365 in a true peal, I venture to publish the following composition, which contains 62345 and 63254 course ends, and so gives a practical example of using these reverse course ends, which are noted by an * as follows:—

6400.				
23456	M	B	W	H
45236			—	—
24536				—
52436				—
64235	—			—
26435				—
42635				—
56234	—			—
23564			—	—
52364				—
35264				—
*63254			—	—
25634			—	—
62534				—
43526	—		—	—
65324	—			—
36524				—
*62345		X		—
46325			—	—
53624	—			—
†63425	—			—
54326	—			—
†34625	(—	—	—	)
56423	(—	—	—	)
45623	(—	—	—	)
64523	(—	—	—	)
35426	—			—
42356			—	—
34256				—
23456	—			—

This composition contains the extent of the method on plan published without 2nd in bths place at course ends, tenors together, and also the greatest number of changes.

"On the plan" means that when these course ends are course ends with bells reversed in 5 6, one course of such a group of three is cut out and entirely lost in such a composition.

In further explanation let me add that while both may be brought up by a bob before, both of them may be brought up without a bob before. See example in course ends marked †.

By omitting bobs bracketted changes are reduced to 5056 in number, while the 6th retains the full extent in 5 6. NOTE.—Composition No. 1 on this plan is not yet published

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM, S.E.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22½ cwt.

MERRICK R. WARNETT* .. Treble.	FREDR. WM. RICHARDSON .. 5
WILLIAM W. FOX 2.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 6
THOMAS TAYLOR 3	HARRY WARNETT, SEN. .. 7.
JOSEPH LAW 4.	*HENRY J. NORGATE .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT, SEN.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday peal to M. R. Warnett, son of the conductor.

The Provinces.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR W. COX* .. Treble.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 5.
THOMAS EAST 2.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. 6.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 3.	JAMES S. NAPPER 7.
ALBERT E. LOCK 4.	ALFRED WOODLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

*First peal.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT GREEN .. Treble.	ROBERT W. JENNISON .. 5.
JOHN EDMONDSON 2.	SAM BATEMAN 6.
EDDIE GREEN 3.	JOHN HALL 7.
THOMAS BANCROFT 4.	SMITH MURGATROYD .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY, and Conducted by T. BANCROFT.

Rung with the bells muffled to the memory of the late William Bastow.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Witney and Woodstock Branch.)

On Monday, September 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

HERBERT LONG* .. Treble.	†GEORGE BROOKS 5.
ALBERT BROOKS 2.	JOHN MONK 6.
ERNEST BROWN 3.	JESSE BROOKS 7.
THOMAS BULL 4.	*CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

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

PETERBOROUGH.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720s of Oxford Bob, two 720s of Double Court, and three 720s of Plain Bob Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOSEPH DUNTHORNE Treble.	JOHN J. JUTSON 4.
WILLIAM WALDEON* 2.	HENRY A. TRAYNAR 5.
EDWIN TILLEY 3.	GEORGE JUTSON Tenor.

Conducted by G. JUTSON.

*First peal.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Halesworth District.)

On Monday, September 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

LEONARD KEMP* Treble.	JAMES SPALDING 4.
FREDK. C. LAMBERT 2.	THOMAS CRANE 5.
E. AUSTIN HEAD* 3.	WALTER KERRISON Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung as a farewell peal to Captain and Mrs. P. Balfour, who are leaving Wissett Hall for an extended period, and who have taken great interest in the church, choir, and ringers. *First peal of Minor. The treble ringer is 15 years of age.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM DELLER Treble.	WILLIAM WHEELER 5.
HARRY BOTTRILL 2.	HARRY SMALD 6.
GEORGE DENT 3.	JOHN CORDELL 7.
HENRY F. COOPER 4.	ISAAC CAVILL Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by G. DENT.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, October 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

FREDERICK BERRITT Treble.	GEORGE GOWER 5.
JOHN WILSON 2.	WILLIAM ROOPE 6.
FREDERICK ROOPE 3.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE 7.
RUSSELL RICHES 4.	CHARLES ROOPE Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by F. BERRITT.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Hollis' Five-Part (No. 2) Tenor 29½ cwt.

CHARLES J. STAINER Treble.	WILLIAM E. WARD 5.
REV. J. C. CANTLOW* 2.	EDWARD HATCHER 6.
GEORGE H. COOMBS 3.	A. RICHARD WARD 7.
PERCY LONG 4.	T. WILLIAM KEMP Tenor.

Conducted by A. RICHARD WARD.

*First peal. Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. J. C. Cantlow (who was resigning to his duties at St. Stephen's, Carlisle, in celebration of his former association with the Ryde band. He was re-elected a member of the Guild previous to starting.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN Treble.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 5.
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN† 2.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 6.
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN† 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 4.	WILLIAM BURGESS Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and

Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

†First peal in the method.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK WILKIN Treble.	FRANK CLAYDON 4.
LEWIS WISEMAN 2.	ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 5.
HORACE H. COOPER 3.	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor.

Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

First peal on the bells, and rang at the first attempt.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JACOB WILLIAMST Treble.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5.
CHARLES E. PERKINS 2.	JOHN LLOYD 6.
WALTER J. BRETHERTON 3.	CHARLES F. WHITE 7.
WILLIAM POTTER 4.	*WILLIAM ATKINS Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

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

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours Seven and a Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt.

WALTER WHITE Treble.	WILLIAM C. WAKLEY 5.
WILLIAM E. WHITE 2.	R. HENRY BARTRAM 6.
J. JAMES JACKSON 3.	*THOMAS SQUIRES 7.
ALBERT P. WAKLEY 4.	*WILLIAM ALLISON Tenor.

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

*First peal of Stedman.

BROMLEY, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BROMLEY COMMON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TEURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt

ISAAC EMBRY Treble.	ERNEST B. CROWDER 5.
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL 2.	GEORGE HUXLEY 6.
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON 3.	GEORGE DURLING 7.
FREDK. W. RICHARDSON 4.	*JOHN J. NEWICK Tenor.

Conducted by G. DURLING.

*First peal.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation of Parker's 12-Part. Tenor 23 cwt. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM G. NIPPER Treble.	WILLIAM J. PERRY 5.
FRED G. MAY 2.	EDWIN J. ANDOW 6.
FRANCIS W. NIPPER 3.	GEORGE A. COLLINS 7.
JOHN H. B. HESSE 4.	ANTHONY LANE Tenor.

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

All the above except the conductor belong to Wrington, and it is the first peal on eight bells by all except the ringers of 2nd and 4th.

NEWENT, CLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE EVER BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720s. Tenor 17 cwt. 22 lb. in E flat.

JOSEPH WILLIAMS Treble.	JOHN CLARK 4.
W. J. ROBERTS 2.	CHARLES L. SADLER 5.
EDWARD SUMMERS 3.	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal of Minor by ringers of treble and 2nd, who were elected members previous to starting.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(The St. Andrew's Society, Rugby.)

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

JOSEPH B. FENTON Treble.	WALTER MALINS 5.
ALFRED J. HESSIAN 2.	CHARLES W. WHEELER 6.
HARRY O. WHITE 3.	JOHN W. CHANDLER 7.
ERNEST J. OLIVER 4.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by J. B. FENTON.

Rung to welcome the new Rector of Rugby, the Rev. Claudi Martin Blagden, late of Christ Church College, Oxford.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. Treble.	CHARLES H. RUSSELL .. 5.
LIONEL H. PAGE 2.	EDWIN J. HARDING 6.
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
LEONARD HARRIS 4.	OWEN H. GILES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The first peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung as a wedding peal to L. Harris. E. J. Harding's 50th peal.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble.	THOMAS W. GARRARD 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 6.
THOMAS FITZJOHN 3.	WILLIAM DENT 7.
PERCY W. FORDHAM 4.	W. R. JOHN POULSON Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

For calling see "BELL NEWS," May 18th, 1888.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(The Maldon and District Guild.)

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH H. WALDOCK .. Treble.	ALFRED SOUTH 4.
W. GEORGE MANSFIELD .. 2.	HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 5.
HAROLD FINCH 3.	FRED CHALE Tenor.

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

Arranged for Joseph H. Waldox, who was proposed a member previous to starting. First peal on the bells, which were increased to a peal of six in June 1911, by adding a new treble, and recasting the old bells. The work was carried out by Messrs. Warner and Sons who have made them into a very musical peal, which go excellently

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN DALE Treble.	CHARLES T. COLES 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	REUBEN SANDERS 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
WILLIAM MILLER 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in E.

JOSEPH HANLEY* .. Treble.	JAMES L. YORK 5.
JOHN OVERTON 2.	WM. SHORT 6.
HERBERT BAILEY* .. 3.	WM. SANDERS 7.
CHARLES H. WATTS .. 4.	ARTHUR GARRETT Tenor.

Conducted by WM. SHORT.

†First peal. *First peal in the method. ‡First peal in the method away from the tenor. The conductor is now on a tour through the Hereford Diocese as Instructor for the above Guild.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD, AND THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of London Surprise, one of Chester, two of Beverley, and two of Cambridge Surprise, called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. Treble.	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY .. 4.
EDGAR VALLANCE 2.	THOMAS H. VALLANCE .. 5.
WALTER J. HORTON 3.	E. HARRY STONELEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

First peal of Surprise Minor by the Warwickshire Guild, by all the band, and on the bells; also first by the Midland Counties Association.

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MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
 (WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER .. Treble.	WILLIAM RANFORD 4.
GORDON W. CHECKETTS .. 2.	*JAMES W. EDGINGTON .. 5.
WILLIAM PAGE 3.	†ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

*First peal in seven methods. †First peal in seven methods as conductor. This is the quarterly peal for the above branch.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 4.
ANDREW MARSHALL 2.	JIM BEACH 5.
FREDERICK BUTCHERS .. 3.	EDWIN LAMBERT .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

First peal in seven methods for J. A. Lambert, who hails from Merton, Surrey.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

REX T. BUSWELL .. Treble.	GEORGE A. BLAXLEV .. 4.
E. MAURICE ATKINS 2.	WALTER T. WILSON .. 5.
FRED WILFORD 3.	WILLIAM D. JAMES .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. D. JAMES.

Handbell Peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. 5-6.
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4.	EDGAR H. BAILEY 7-8.

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN, and
 Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The St. James's Society, Bury St. Edmunds.)

On Friday, October 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. R. Moore, Cemetery Road,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

ARTHUR E. MOORE .. 1-2.	HARRY A. TURNER .. 5-6.
FREDERICK G. DEWELL .. 3-4.	FRANK J. LEVITT 7-8.

Composed by J. NICHOLL, and Conducted by FRANK J. LEVITT.
 Umpire—W. W. Hemp.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The St. James's Society, Bury St. Edmunds.)

On Sunday, October 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. R. Moore, Cemetery Road,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL 5080 CHANGES;
 IN THE KENT VARIATION.

HORACE F. MOORE .. 1-2.	FREDERICK G. DEWELL .. 5-6.
ARTHUR E. MOORE .. 3-4.	HARRY A. TURNER .. 7-8.
FRANK J. LEVITT .. 9-10.	

Composed by ROBERT WILLIAMS, and
 Conducted by HARRY A. TURNER.

Umpire—W. W. Kemp. First peal of Kent Royal "in hand" by all, also by the above Association by residents only.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. W. Pye, 8, Sansom Road, Leytonstone,

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

ERNEST PYE 1-2.	GEORGE R. PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	JAMES GEORGE 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Umpires—R. Sanders and E. T. Wigg. The above is the conductor's rooth peal on handbells.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Saturday, September 7th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Bob, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Avis, G. Jones, G. Ambrose, J. Burles, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell conductor. On Tuesday, September 10th, 720 Oxford Bob, J. Avis, G. Jones, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell, J. Burles, V. Jarrett, R.E. (conductor). Also touches of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Crandsire. V. Jarrett, R.E., was on a visit to the neighbourhood. On Thursday, September 26th, for Harvest Festival, 720 Plain Bob. J. Avis, G. Jones, J. Allen, F. Hayes, G. Ambrose, R. Smith (conductor). On Sunday morning, September 29th, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Argent, G. Jones, J. Allen, F. Hayes, G. Ambrose, F. Mitchell (conductor). First 720 by H. Argent. On the same evening, for Divine Service, after an unsuccessful attempt for a date touch in eight methods, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Avis, G. Jones, G. Ambrose, J. Burles, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell (conductor). Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Mitchell, this being his rooth as conductor, and J. Avis. After service 360 Plain Bob.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Sunday, September 29th, for evening service at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from the "Original," in 44 mins. G. R. Simmonds, A. G. Bennington, F. S. Bacon, T. G. Deal, F. W. Richardson (conductor), E. B. Crowder, J. Crowder, T. Easterby.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HUNTLEY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, September 1st, after evening service at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 25 mins. J. Williams, J. B. Tyler, E. Summers, C. L. Sadler, J. Clark, W. Poston (conductor). First 720 in the method by ringers of treble and 2nd, and on the bells.

NEWENT (Gloucester).—For Evensong at the Church of the Ever Blessed Virgin, on Sunday, September 1st, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. Tenor 17 cwt. 22 lb. J. Williams, J. B. Tyler, E. Summers, W. Poston, J. Clark, C. L. Sadler (conductor). First 720 of Minor on the bells since their restoration.

HARWICH (Essex).—On Tuesday, October 1st, 1008 Bob Major, J. Alderton, F. Watling (conductor), T. Poulson, G. Thompson, A. Morris, B. Elmer, C. Chaplin, C. Ellis.

In Memoriam.**MR. ROBERT SMITH (MAIDENHEAD).**

On Monday, September 30th, there died at Boyn Hill, Maidenhead, in his 89th year, Mr. Robert Smith, one of the oldest members in the Oxford Guild, his membership dating from its inauguration. He was born at Kingsclere, Hants., and served his time in the Metropolitan Police, retiring on a pension some 42 years ago. He kept no record of his peals, but there is a record of a peal of Grandsire Triples in which he rang at the Dockyard Chapel, Devonport, on Saturday, November 2nd, 1867, in 2 hrs. 55 mins., conducted by W. Banister, being the first peal in the western counties. He had also taken part in seven peals for the Oxford Guild. He was the first to introduce change-ringing in the East Berks. and South Bucks. District, starting at Boyn Hill where he met plenty of opposition from the old "Stoney" band. But once started he kept on until he had a band who could ring 120 Grandsire Doubles. Having accomplished thus much, he visited all the towrgs in the district, until he aroused sufficient interest to form the old East Berks. and South Bucks. Society, which eventually became the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He had not taken an active part in ringing for several years, but was always pleased to meet ringers and talk of old times, when ringers would walk miles to ring 120 Doubles. The funeral took place on Friday, October 4th, at St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead, Canon Drummond, Vicar of Boyn Hill, officiating. In the evening, with the bells half muffled, at the Church of All Saints, Boyn Hill, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 45 minutes by L. Copsey, A. Walker, A. W. Garaway, Albert Walker, C. Smith, J. Eldridge. G. Martin (conductor), H. Jones.

MR. WM. HY. INGHAM (SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD).

We regret to record the death of Mr. Wm. Hy. Ingham, which sad event took place at his residence, Parvey Farm, Sutton, near Macclesfield, very suddenly on September 26th, in his 62nd year. He had been a member of the St. James' band from the time the bells were first added to the church, and leader since 1879. Many ringers were indebted to him for their knowledge of change-ringing, and in this connection he was always most painstaking and patient. He leaves a widow, two daughters, and two sons to mourn their loss. He was interred at St. James' Church on Monday, September 30th, the funeral rites being conducted by the Rev. W. R. Gough, Vicar. After the interment had taken place, the following ringers rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave: J. Manifold, 1-2; A. B. Lomas, 3-4; J. M. Davenport, 5-6; T. Mottershead, 7-8. And 360 Kent Treble Bob with the bells deeply muffled, was rung on the tower bells. Among the beautiful floral tributes received was one from St. James' Church ringers, and one from St. Michael's Church ringers, Macclesfield.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, October 2nd, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, an attempt for a peal of London came to grief after ringing nine courses. H. Garnham, E. Whiting, J. Snelling, F. Seager, E. Whiting, G. Snelling, C. Brice, F. Borrett. On Thursday, September 19th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief after ringing twenty-five courses. W. Steele, E. Whiting, C. Baker, F. Roope, E. Whiting, W. Roope, F. Borrett, C. Roope.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NEWENT (Gloucestershire).—For Matins, on Sunday, September 1st, at the above church, 360 Bob Minor in 15 mins. H. Awford, W. J. Roberts, J. B. Tyler, J. Byard C. L. Sadler (conductor), J. Williams. First 360 for all with the exception of the ringer of 3rd and conductor.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GAERLEON (MON).—On September 26th, for Harvest Festival, 1260 Grandsire Triples. L. Stafford, F. Bolton, C. Davies, H. Holmes, S. Jones, G. Stafford, W. Large (conductor), N. Holmes. Also 168 Stedman Triples. On October 6th, for morning service, 532. For evening service 1260. F. Bolton, G. Stafford, E. Davies, H. Holmes, P. Stafford, G. Large, W. Large (conductor), N. Holmes.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

FINCHLEY.—On Sunday, October 6th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob. G. Webb, W. H. Tubb, W. Webb, F. Tubb, B. Tubb, F. Barker (conductor). For evening service 720 College Single. G. Webb, W. H. Tubb, F. Tubb, W. Webb, B. Tubb, F. Barker (conductor).

LATE PEAL.**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(North Bucks. Branch.)

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5049 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 18 cwt

Walter Sear Treble.	Edward Whitbread ... 5.
John Mead† 2.	Cecil A. Valentine ... 6.
George N. Price 3.	Harry Sear 7.
Charles W. Smith 4.	†Thomas Best Tenor.

Conducted by Harry Sear.

†First peal of Stedman. First peal in the method as conductor.

St. Mildred, Bread Street, E.C., which has just been re-opened, after restoration, was rebuilt by Wren after the Great Fire, and had another narrow escape from destruction on the formation of Queen Victoria Street. The carved woodwork is handsome, and is ascribed, probably with some reason, to Grinling Gibbons.

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UNVEILING OF A PEAL BOARD.

On Sunday, September 30th, a peal board recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung May 18th, in which five of the local ringers took part, was unveiled. The local ringers were F. Chell, sen., T. Chell, J. Goodall, P. Preston, A. Abberley, and the band was completed by three ringers from Stoke-on-Trent, viz., C. Page, E. Landon and S. Churton, the latter conducting the peal. He has also acted as instructor to the Stone tower. The ceremony of unveiling the board (a Marblette one) took place after the morning service. It is the joint gift of the Rev. C. P. Ford, and Mr. A. S. Marsh. Mrs. Marsh, the wife of Mr. J. S. Marsh, one of the churchwardens, unveiled the board in the presence of the Rector, Canon Ivens, Rev. F. W. Walker (curate), Churchwarden Marsh, several ladies and gentlemen and a number of ringers. The usual thanks and acknowledgements were exchanged,

embracing speeches by Mrs. Marsh, the Rector, Mr. J. S. Marsh, Mr. P. Preston and Mr. S. Churton. Messrs. S. Churton and C. Page desire to thank most heartily Messrs. P. Preston and E. Cope for their hospitality to them during their stay. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for evening service by the following ringers: *F. Chell, jun., T. Chell, E. Cope, J. Goodall, C. Page, S. Churton (conductor), P. Preston, *A. S. Marsh. *First quarter-peal.

SHOREDITCH CHURCH BELLS.

Dr. Andrew Carnegie having promised £280 towards the Organ and Church Repairs Fund, that fund is now completed.

There is also every prospect of the work on the bells being put in hand shortly.

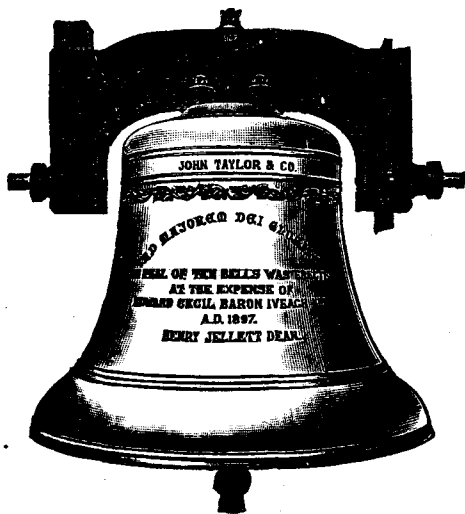
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And the recast "Grandmen" of Exeter Cathedral

BOB ROYAL.

Mr. E. Mullins writes thanking Mr. Cross for drawing his attention to the error he made in writing the peal of Bob Royal in our issue of last week. He says: "There should have been a full course before the w m course with a bob at home. I append the right figures, and the number is 5220."

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RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

On Thursday, October 3rd, the Rev. J. C. Cantlow generously entertained the Ryde band to dinner at "The York" Hotel, and a most enjoyable evening was spent with pleasant reminiscences and mutual congratulations, terminating with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Drake, the genial host.

A number of touches have been unavoidably held over till next week.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading is Sixpence for 35 words, for the first insertion; repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on October 15th, and 29th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 24th; St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 15th; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—The annual dinner will be held at The London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, W. T. Cockerill, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardoo, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney. Towers open for ringing will be Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

22, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James' Society.—Established 1824.—A quarterly business meeting of the Association will be held at the headquarters room, The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, W.C., on Monday, October 14th at 8.30 p.m. The annual concert will be held on Saturday, October 26th.

F. J. HARDY, Hon. Gen. Sec.

34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James' Society.—Established 1824.—Northern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, October 19th, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, E.C. Business meeting at 6.0 p.m. in the tower. The tower will be open for ringing from 7.0 p.m. to 9.0 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.

ARTHUR D. BARKER, Hon. Sec. pro tem.

49, Noel Street, Islington, N.

The London County Association, late the St. James' Society.—Established 1824.—The tenth annual grand Bohemian Concert will be held on Saturday, October 26th, at The Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C. Doors open at 7.15 p.m. Commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission by programme, price 6d., reserved seats 1s., which may be obtained from all officers of the Association. Ladies specially invited.

F. J. HARDY, Hon. Sec.

34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance of ringers is requested.

J. H. BASTOW.

13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, October 12th. Through the kindness of the Rector of Wrotham tea will be provided. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5.30 p.m. Half railway fares up to 2s.

G. MOORE, Dis. Sec.

Bell Villa, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

Worcestershire and Districts Association—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Strensham on Saturday, October 12th. Service in church at 4 o'clock. Tea provided. Defford Station 2½ miles.

Madresfield, Malvern.

R. G. KNOWLES, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Waterfoot, on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.

JOHN H. HAYDOCK, Branch Sec.

31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at The Brook on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready at 3.30. Members intending being present please send word to 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

WALTER HODGKINS, Sec.

The Midland Counties Association.—Burton-on-Trent District.—

A ringing meeting will be held at Etwall on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Through the generosity of the Vicar tea will be provided for all those attending the meeting who send their names before Wednesday, Oct. 16th, to HARRY WAKLEY, Sec.

160, Horninglow Road, N., Burton-on-Trent.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—The annual festival will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, October 26th. Six peals available for ringing. Committee meeting in Cathedral vestry at 12 noon. Service in Cathedral at 1 p.m. Dinner at The County hotel at 2 p.m. Will members intending to be present please notify

26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington. CHAS. TODD, Hon. Sec.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea (at usual charge) will be arranged for those who let me know by October 20th. Committee meeting after tea.

Shotton. REV. C. C. COX, Hon. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Church Lench on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Service with an address at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting after the service. Those intending to take tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, October 22nd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m.

JAMES HEMMING, Hon. Br. Sec.

10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bromley (S.S. Peter and Paul), on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. Donald Tait (Vicar), at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow in the Parish Room. Will those who wish for tea please send their names to me not later than Tuesday, October 22nd. Will those who have not paid their subscriptions please do so at this meeting.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, October 26th. The bells will be available from 3 till 9 p.m. The usual travelling allowances will be made at this meeting.

Boughton, Faversham. E. TRENBELL, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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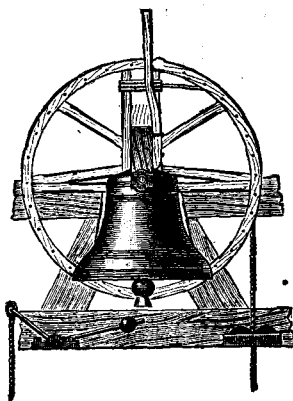
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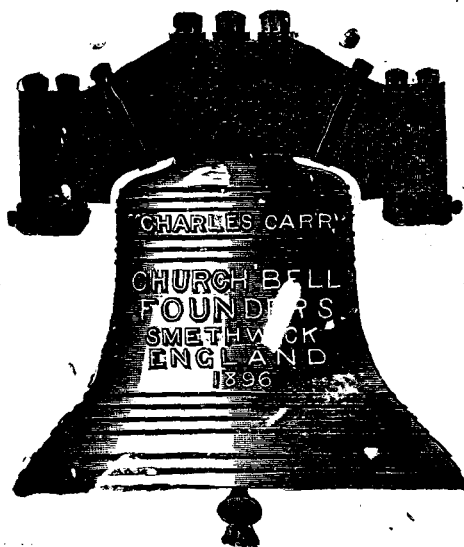
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