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The Rev. H. A. Hill, speaking at
the Chulmleigh Deaneries Festival at
Burrington, laid particular stress on the
duty of ringers to attend service, the
need for more ringers than was actually
necessary to ring the bells in a tower,
so as to allow a margin for absentees,
and the desirability of the older men
teaching the younger ones, three
subjects on which all ringers will be in
accord with him.

The village churches of Atherington
and Burrington seem to keep time in
he matter of their bells. They were
cast in the same year, restored at the
same time and now again almost at the
same time.

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CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The 15th Annual Meeting was held at Ripon on Whit-Monday, May 12th, ringers attending from Richmond, Tanfield, Stockton, Middleham, Thirsk, Sharow, Hemingbrough, Ripon Cathedral, Skelton, Marske, Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Whitby, Wath, Darlington, Pateley Bridge, Kettering, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Dinner was provided at the Black Bull Hotel, Ripon, presided over by the President, the Rev. W. P. Wright, supported by the Rev. R. Macpherson, Precentor Ripon Cathedral, Mr. W. W. Worthington and the Secretary, sixty sitting down to a most substantial dinner, as is usually provided at the above mentioned hotel.

After dinner the usual toasts were duly honoured. Letters of apology were read from Dr. Bishop (Tanfield), Canon Palmer (Sharow), and the Dean of Ripon. Before proceeding further with the meeting the President said in looking round the room he found that they had been honoured by a gentleman being able to pay them a visit on his way to the Central Council meeting at Newcastle, in the person of Mr. D. J. Nichols (Kettering), and he hoped he would have an enjoyable time. He also alluded to the presence of Mr. W. W. Worthington, and repeated the good wishes in his case. At this stage of the meeting he would like to alter the routine of the business, as the Rev. R. Macpherson informed him that he would have to leave them. He would take the opportunity of proposing that the best thanks of this Association be given to the Dean and Chapter of Ripon Cathedral and to Canon Palmer (Vicar of Sharow) for the use of the bells on this occasion.

The Rev. R. Macpherson, in replying, bade the Association, in the name of the Dean and Chapter, a most hearty welcome to Ripon. In the course of his remarks he said that when the President wrote asking him if he would join them at dinner at their annual meeting he was at a loss as to what to do or say in the matter, but in the end he made up his mind to say that he would accept the invitation. He was very pleased that he had come, as he had no idea that so much interest was taken in bellringing. Judging by the number that were there, willing to pay their own travelling expenses from a great distance to attend, it was quite evident that there was a great deal more in bellringing than the outside world was aware of. He was proud to be able to tell them that he had been appointed to take charge to a certain extent of the Cathedral bells and see to the wants of the bellringers; therefore, it seemed to him that by coming to this meeting he had grasped some idea of the work and pleasure to be obtained in this kind of work, and hoped that by the time the annual meeting of the Association came to Ripon again he would be able to go more fully into the art. In conclusion he hoped that they would enjoy themselves on the Cathedral bells, and be able to give a good account of their work. Having to take part in the services at the Cathedral he would have to leave them for the present, but hoped to join them again in the Cathedral tower later in the day.

The minutes of meetings held by the Association during the year were read and passed unanimously. The report of the Association's work during the year was read by the Secretary. Calling attention at the commencement to the Bill brought before Parliament to Disestablish the Church in Wales, he said they, as churchworkers and bellringers, should put their shoulders to the wheel and do everything that lay in their power to keep their ancient rights; because if this should become law in Wales there was no reason to suppose it would not happen in England; and if this was done it might very seriously interfere with the Art so many of them loved. Turning to the work of the Association the report complained of the slackness of tower secretaries in sending tower reports for the annual report. The report showed that 24 peals had been rung during the year, which was a record. They had been rung in the following methods: 1 peal of Grandsire Caters, 10 of Grandsire Triples, 2 of Stedman Triples, 1 of Bob Triples, 1 of Bob Major, 1 of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1 of Double Norwich Major, 2 of Minor; also 2 peals of Minor and 2 of Bob Major on handbells. Eleven conductors had taken part in these peals and fifty-seven ringers. The ringing compared favourably with previous years, being similar in point average. During the year 27 members have been elected, including honorary, life and performing members. The balance sheet showed that the Association stood in a good financial position, having a credit balance in the bank of £27 9s. 10½d., after paying all accounts and granting the sum of five pounds to the Vicar of Whorlton towards defraying the cost of repairing the church bells. The meetings held by the Association have been well attended, the ringing done at these meetings being mostly in the nature of practice, with the idea of bringing young ringers forward, and also of giving them the opportunity of ringing with the more experienced ringers. By so doing the Association considered that more good is done than by the more experienced ringers banding themselves together and taking up the whole of the time that is at their disposal, as a rule, at these meetings. In the closing sentences of the report the Secretary made special mention of their most genial President, the Rev. W. P. Wright, a gentleman whom the Association was most proud of. He attended all meetings possible, which is a great factor, considering that his parish is some sixty miles distant from the centre of the Association. In conclusion the report made sympathetic reference to the death of the oldest member of the Association—Mr. Joseph Baines—who died on Wednesday, April 9th, at the great age of 92 years. He did not go in for a great deal of peal ringing, having only rung one 5000, but as a Sunday ringer he was always to be found in his place. Punctuality was his motto; in fact he was a man whom a great many of the present day ringers would do well to take as a pattern. His ringing career commenced when he was about 22 years of age, under the tuition of his father, at Sharow, when there were only six bells. Following ringing at that time for about three years he thought that bellringing was not a fit and proper work for Sunday, so he gave it up, left the Church and joined a dissenting body and continued

in that work for about forty years. He then rejoined the Church and took up ringing again, but before he could satisfy himself that bellringing was a fit and proper Sunday work he had an interview with the then Vicar of Sharow, who laid his case before the Canon. The latter assured him that there was nothing wrong in any man ringing church bells on a Sunday so long as they were rung for the work that they were intended for. He had by this time reached the age of about sixty, but he set himself about the Art of change-ringing in the tower of his younger days, which had been augmented to eight. After ringing at Sharow Church for a few years he joined the Ripon Cathedral Society, and rang at both Sharow and Ripon for some time, the time for ringing at the Cathedral suiting so that there was time to get to Sharow. He picked up Stedman and Double Norwich quite as quickly as any of the younger hands. He finished his ringing career at Sharow, and though his home was some eight miles from the church he could always be found in the belfry ready to take his place at the rope up to about twelve months before his death. He was laid to rest in Sharow churchyard on Saturday, April 12th, there being a full choral service, his favourite hymn, "Rock of Ages," being sung. Several members of the Association attended the funeral and rang the bells deeply muffled and half muffled in his honour.

After the report was passed several new members were elected. The Rev. R. Macpherson was elected an honorary member, Mr. W. W. Worthington a life member, and four lady members.

The President reported that the following places had been recommended by the Committee to hold meetings during the ensuing year: August Bank Holiday, Middlesbrough; September meeting, Middleham; Easter Monday, 1914, Malton; and the Annual Meeting Whit Monday, 1914, Northallerton. The President then vacated the chair, Mr. W. W. Worthington taking his place *pro tem*. Mr. T. Stephenson proposed, and Mr. J. W. Newton seconded, that the whole of the retiring officers be re-elected. This being put to the vote was carried unanimously. Mr. Worthington, after saying that his duty had been a very pleasant one, asked the President to take his seat, which he did, thanking the members for electing him.

The next item was the election of two representatives for the Central Council. Proposed by Mr. A. McFarlane, seconded by Mr. W. Pollard, "That the President and Secretary be the representatives." Carried unanimously.

During the day a good deal of ringing was done, the bells at both Sharow and the Cathedral being kept going the greater part of the day, touches in the following methods being rung: Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Major, Double Norwich Major, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Kent Royal.

THE SURPRISE METHODS.

(JASPER SNOWDON SERIES).

CHAPTER VII.

The following article is from the pen of Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., revised to date for this work:—

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.—The usual manner of detecting false changes within the leads is to compare the bells in 5-6 at the course-ends; if there be no course-end with the bells in 5-6 reversed, as compared with any other course-end, that is, as

6 5 is to 5 6, the composition cannot be false without showing it at the lead ends.

But although the absence of reversals in 5-6 at the course-ends is evidence of truth, their presence does not always imply the contrary.

It is well known that if a course-end—such as 23456—comes at a plain lead, 24365 also coming at a plain lead will not be false with it, because the two false course-ends that act against 23456 are 32465 and 43265.

At one time I was under the impression that Mr. N. J. Pitstow, a pioneer in Superlative composition, was the first to have made use of such pairs of reversed course-ends, but it appears that the late Mr. H. W. Haley composed and conducted such a peal, in 1852.* Mr. Henry Dains has, however, gone further, and by this means has hit off the first two-part peal ever composed in the method.* Here, apparently, the use of what I shall call reversed course-ends had stopped, one 5 6 and one 6 5, both plain lead course-ends, being seemingly deemed the extent to be had out of a pair of bells in these positions—at least this was so in 1886 when this article was first written.

Now there are four places in a course of Superlative where false internal changes may occur, viz.: (1) rows with the treble in 7-8 up and down in the second lead may repeat with one another; (2) the same may occur in the sixth lead; (3) also rows with the treble in 1-2 down and up between the second and third leads may repeat with one another; and (4) the same may occur between the fifth and sixth leads.

But in any course in which a bob Before is called there can be no false changes with the trebles in 1-2, because the leads that would contain them are cut out, so by a judicious use of bobs B it will be found possible to bring these reversed course-ends not only each at plain leads, but also at bob leads; or one at a plain lead and one at a bob lead; and, further, in this latter case to use a third 5 6 or 6 5, as the case may be, or their equivalents.

In order to show how much may be done on these lines I append a table giving the various reversals that may be had, taking the course-end 23456 to work from. The marks to the left and right of the course-ends show where it is necessary that they should be preceded or followed by a bob Before: also the course-ends marked H must come with a bob at Home, those not marked coming with a plain lead. The left hand half of the table shows the possible arrangements where 23456 is a plain lead, the other, the right-hand half, shows 23456 as bobbed at Home. The horizontal lines divide the various sets.

Preceded by bob B	Course ends.	Followed by bob B	Preceded by bob B	Course ends.	Followed by bobs B
(1)	23456 24365		(2)	23456 H 32465 H	—
(3)	23456 24365 H	—	(4)	23456 H 24365	—
(5)	23456 32465 H	—	(6)	23456 H 32465	—
(7)	23456 24365 H 32465 H	—	(8)	23456 H 42356 H 24365 H	—
(9)	23456 34256 32465 H	—	(10)	23456 H 34256 H 32465	—

On examination it will be found that several of the above arrangements are only the converse of others, but I have thought it simpler to present them all to avoid confusion. The set of course-ends under No. 9 is by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, and is the more interesting, as it forms an alternative to No. 10 of my previous collection, what may be termed the "calls and omits," at H, being interchanged.

* Will be given amongst the peals later.

(To be continued.)



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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MEET AT WEST EALING.

A meeting of the Middlesex County Association that proved particularly successful took place at St Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday, May 31st, over thirty members attending. A service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Dr. Thompson), the ringers heartily joining in the singing of the hymns. Subsequently all were entertained to tea by the Vicar and Mrs Thompson, amongst those present being Messrs A. J. F. Gunning and L. S. Guy (churchwardens), and Mr Walter Tyndale. After tea a business meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr J. H. B. Hesse (vice-president). Among the new members elected were two sons of Mr Geo. Hesse (West Ealing), who delighted the company with the way in which they rang a pair of handbells each in a touch of Grandsire Triples—a very creditable performance for lads so young. They were very heartily applauded by the company, which included such well-known ringers as Mr. I. Beadle (master of S. and W. District), Mr. H. C. Chandler (hon. sec.), Mr. Waghorn (Tottenham) Mr. Geo Ransom (Isleworth), Mr. Pratt (Hillingdon), Mr. Iles (Shepherds Bush), Mr. W. Elion (Earl's Court), Mr. Bird (Heston) Mr. Kibley (Willesden), Mr. Hunt (Barnes), and Mr. W. Lawrence (instructor St. Stephen's).

The local band is by no means strong and anyone desirous of joining should apply at the belfry on any Tuesday evening from 7.30 to 9 o'clock. The instruction is given free.

RINGER'S OUTING.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

The third annual outing of this company was an unqualified success. A programme had been drawn up, which included a visit to Woolwich Arsenal as the principal item, and as a result of the excellent arrangements made the whole programme was carried through without a hitch. Leaving Bolney in wagonettes a most enjoyable drive brought the party to Haywards Heath Station in time to catch the 7.40 a.m. train to London Bridge. On arriving breakfast was the first order, after which the journey to Woolwich was continued. On reaching the Arsenal the party, which numbered 13, were divided into two sections, and conducted through the various shops and workrooms inspecting the many interesting operations connected with the manufacture of the implements and munitions of war. After leaving the Arsenal a move was made to Greenwich, where an excellent dinner was taken at the "Gloucester" Hotel, following which a visit was paid to St. Alphege Church, where permission had been given for a short pull. Here they were met by Mr. H. Hoskins, the hon. sec. of the St. Alphege company, and also had the pleasure of meeting Mr. I. G. Shade and other members of the Greenwich band. The back eight were found up in readiness, and the visitors essayed to try their hands on Grandsire Caters. But, perhaps owing to the heat, the number of bells, the weight of metal, the length of draught, or some other cause, the ringing was not of the highest order.

The failure to obtain good striking was quite compensated for by the cordial welcome extended to the party by the local ringers, for which the visitors wish to tender their sincere thanks. They wish especially to thank Mr. Hoskins whose kindness in securing the use of the bells, and making

such excellent catering arrangements was much appreciated.

The visit to Greenwich concluded a return was made to the City and a short visit paid to St. Paul's, followed by tea. Then a start was made for the final, The Palladium, where seats had been booked for the first performance. This was over in time for the trippers to catch the 9.50 train, Victoria to Haywards Heath, which was reached shortly before 11. Conveyances were waiting, and after a pleasant journey "Stand" was called at Bolney soon after midnight.

BURRINGTON DEVON

RE-OPENING OF THE BELLS AND RINGERS' FESTIVAL.

The grand old peal of bells of Burrington Parish Church which date as far back as 1788, were reopened last week after rehanging, the ceremony being performed the Lord Bishop of Crediton. In conjunction with the event was held the annual festival of the Chulmleigh Deanery Bell Ringers' Association, and the day made a red-letter one for the parish, large numbers of people from the surrounding villages joining with the parishioners in the celebrations, upon which the sun shone gloriously, adding much to the success and pleasure of the day.

The work of rehanging the peal has been carried out at a cost of about £131, by Messrs. Stokes & Son, of Woodbury, in a manner that has given every satisfaction.

Parishioners and friends responded nobly to the appeal made for subscriptions to enable the work to be taken in hand, and up to Tuesday it was announced by the Vicar (the Rev. M. D. Buckingham), at the luncheon, a sum of £157 had been raised. With the balance it is hoped to carry out some very necessary repairs to the historic tower.

The task of collecting subscriptions has been admirable carried out by Messrs. J. H. Cook, J. Tucker, T. Ellicott, T. Rippin, C. B. Snell, T. Buckingham junr., P. Smith, and James Parkhouse. From an early hour in the morning and onwards at intervals through the day, the bells sounded in merry strain o'er the hills, the ringing being carried out by teams from the various parishes in the Chulmleigh Deanery. Those represented, in addition to the local ringers, were Lapford (2 sets), Atherington, High Bickington, Ashreigney, East and West Worlington, Chulmleigh and Chawleigh.

THE LUNCHEON.

A company of about 100 sat down to a splendid luncheon in the schoolroom, the Rev. M. D. Buckingham presiding, supported by the Bishop of Crediton, the Revs. H. A. Hill (Worlington, Hon. Secretary of the Deanery Association); W. Allinson (Chittlehamholt). Mr. Hosegood (treasurer of the Association), and Messrs. H. Stokes and Son, the contractors for the rehanging of the bells. A splendid repast was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Symons, of the Barnstaple Inn, Burrington.

The loyal toast having been duly honoured, the Chairman gave "Success to the Chulmleigh Deanery Association." He was pleased to welcome the members to the parish for the festival. Referring to the work carried out in connection with the bells, he said they were cast, together with those of Atherington and Landkey, by Pennington, in Atherington Churchyard, in the year 1788. Atherington bells as well as their own, were repaired in the same year, 1884, while there was a difference of only one year in the dates of their re-hanging, the work at Atherington having been carried out last year.

The Rev. H. A. Hill, whose name was coupled with the toast, in responding, said 13 years had elapsed since the

Association last visited Burrington for its festival. It gave them great pleasure to be there that day to take part in the rejoicing on the re-opening of the bells. They were glad to find them in an improved condition, but he did not claim that the credit for this was due to the Association. The effect did not always follow the cause, but the fact remained that that was the sixth tower in the Deanery in which the bells had been rehung since the Association had been started. Dealing with the question of ringers attending the services the speaker argued that it could not be denied that the man who called others to prayer ought to attend that prayer himself. He hoped all present would recognise, as an unwritten law, their duty to attend a service at least once on a Sunday. Mr. Hill then took up the matter of limiting the ringing in a tower to one set of ringers. He was of opinion that it would be an advantage to have more than a single set, as some members might leave the village and then there would be someone to fill the gap. It ought to be a pleasure to the older ringers to teach the younger members who wished to learn the art of ringing.

The Vicar, in submitting the toast of "The Lord Bishop of Crediton," said they could claim him as a North Devon man, and one whom they revered and whose genial face they were always glad to see.

The Bishop said it was a real treat to be present that day to meet the members of the Deanery Association. He began to ring a little when quite a youngster, but did not get very far in the art, but since then he had learnt a little more, and knew the value of it. He knew that all ringers who were as keen about it as those present were doing an immense service for our Lord in this country. They were re-hanging bells all over the diocese, and he was continually seeing the work that had been done by Messrs. Stokes & Son, and everywhere it was very highly spoken of. He congratulated the Vicar and churchwardens of Burrington on the fact that their bells had not been touched or re-cast, because there was some thought about that. There were some quite ready to destroy, thinking the new was better than the old but he thought they had before them that day an example of what could be done by the preservation of the old. Ringing was improving everywhere, and everywhere there was a desire for improvement in ringing. They were glad to see the younger members associated with the older ones. In all things they wanted the young members to carry on the work as the older ones passed away.

The Vicar next proposed "The contractors," remarking that a sum of £157 had been collected towards the cost of re-hanging the bells and repairing the tower.

Mr. Stokes suitably acknowledged the compliment.

The Treasurer of the Association, Mr. W. Hosegood, presented a satisfactory balance sheet, showing a balance in hand of £3 1s. 11d.

THE RE-OPENING SERVICE

was held in the Parish Church. The clergy present, in addition to the Lord Bishop and the Vicar, were the Revs. W. W. Arthur (Atherington), C. V. Wansborough (High Bickington), H. A. Hill (Worlington), W. Allinson (Chittlehamholt), and M. Parker (Eggesford). The service, which was largely attended, commenced with the hymn "O God our help in ages past," this being followed by evensong to the end of the third collect, and the special Psalms lxxvii and lxxxiv. Following the singing of the hymn "We love the place, O God," the Bishop and other clergy proceeded to the belfry, where five short appropriate prayers were offered, and at the conclusion a short touch was rung.

The hymn "Hark, on high the joyful music" preceeded the address, which was given by the Bishop, who took as his text Colossians iii, 23, "Whosoever ye do, do it heartily." In the course of his appropriate remarks, the preacher said it was remarkable how in the case of bells all the parishioners had an interest; how everyone within the borders of the parish united more than they would for any other purpose in re-hanging or increasing the number of their bells, which showed the harmony of spirit in the one body. That was just what was acceptable, for everyone, he thought had a love after all for the old Parish Church, though there might be some who did not worship in it continually. It was built by their forefathers, who also hung the bells in their ancient tower.

The service concluded with hymns "Now thank we all our God" and "Glorious things of thee are spoken," the Bishop pronouncing the Benediction. The collection was devoted to the Bells Restoration Fund and the Deanery Ringers' Association.

A public tea followed in the schoolroom.

UNVEILING A PEAL TABLET AT THORNHAM MAGNA.

On Tuesday, May 27th, at the conclusion of a Confirmation Service, the Bishop of Thetford proceeded to the belfry, together with the Vicar, churchwardens and others, to unveil and dedicate a tablet placed there to record the peal of 10,080 changes in 14 Treble Bob Minor methods, rung by the Thornham Magna Company on Thursday, Dec. 26th, 1912. After the dedication the Bishop, in a few well-chosen words, commended the art of bell-ringing especially eulogizing the skill of the local company, who, he said, were rightly famous throughout the Diocese. In conclusion he reminded the congregation that the sweet harmony of the bells was a happy illustration of what the life of every Christian should be lived in harmony with the will of God.

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Prior to the Confirmation Service a 720 of Cambridge Surprise was rung by C. Nunn, E. Youngs, W. Clover, A. J. Berry, E. F. Poppy, and W. Rose (conductor). The same team rang a 720 of Double Court after the service.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the above branch was held at Barthomley, about twenty members being present from seven different towers. Ringing was commenced about 4 p.m., and after touches of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob had been rung the members adjourned to partake of a capital tea, which had been kindly provided by the Rector (Rev. G. W. Skene). After tea the usual business meeting took place, which was supported by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, who made this his official visit. Afterwards the ringers again adjourned to the tower for other touches, etc., and a capital meeting was brought to a close about 8.30 p.m.

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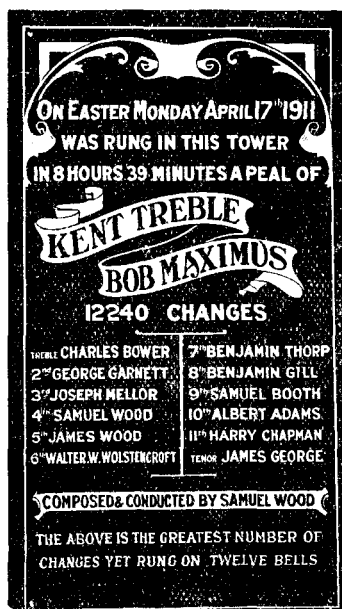
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1913.

The Provinces.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM G. MILLER 6
HENRY DAY 2	SIDNEY DAWK 7
CLARENCE O. HOBBS 3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 8
JOHN W. JONES 4	BENJAMIN THORP 9
JOSEPH E. SYKES 5	SEYMOUR R. BAREER Tenor

Composed by SAM WOOD, and Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

Rung as a farewell peal to W. G. Miller, one of the St. John's Guild, who left Cardiff for the West Coast of Africa on the 11th inst., the ringers wishing him every prosperity in his new sphere.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. Treble	THOMAS W. GARRARD 5
WM. R. JOHN POULSON .. 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. 6
ARTHUR SYMONDS 3	THOMAS REED† 7
ARTHUR KEEBLE 4	JOHN KING† Tenor

Composed by A. T. KING, and Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

†First peal in the method. The ringers of 4, 6, 7 and 8 are of Monks Eleigh, Ipswich, Hadleigh and Polstead, Suffolk, respectively; others of Lavenham. This is Mr. Catchpole's 50th peal. The visitors wish to thank the Very Rev. Dean F. E. Carter for the use the bells.

IGHTHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clements, Oxford Bob, College Single and Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES WAGHORN Treble	ANDREW MARSHALL 4
JIM BRACH 2	FREDERICK BUTCHERS 5
EDWIN LAMBERT 3	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM FISHER Treble	CORPL. GEORGE GILBERT R.E. 4
ALFRED J. CROUCHER 2	HUBERT CHAFFBY 5
ALBERT CROUCHER 3	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal by the ringer of the 3rd, and first peal in seven methods on the bells.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

J. E. Groves Variation of J. J. Parker's 12-Part.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYER Treble	ARTHUR S. BOAR 5
JOHN F. BALLINGER 2	THOMAS FENDRY 6
CHARLES L. SADLER 3	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS .. 7
GEORGE F. WALTERS 4	WILLIAM W. BASTIN Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYER.

Rung with half muffled clappers as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Phelps, a prominent parishioner of Leckhampton. It was the first peal by W. W. Bastin who was elected a member previous to starting. The ringers wish, through the medium of "The Bell News," to thank the Vicar for kindly granting them the use of the bells.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

A. VICTOR MORGAN Treble	JOHN W. JONES 5
CLARENCE O. HOBBS 2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 6
WILLIAM B. BISS 3	SIDNEY DAWK 7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 4	CHARLES GREEDY Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY DAWK.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Kent Major for the Association. First peal of Kent Major for all except the ringer of the 5th.

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913 in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Reverse College Single, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and College Single. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES WAGHORN* Treble	FREDERICK BUTCHERS 4
ANDREW MARSHALL 2	ALFRED RELFE 5
JIM BRACH 3	EDWIN LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

*First peal in seven methods. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also Mr. Harding for making arrangements.

PUTNEY.—On June 3rd, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. H. Whanslaw, T. Bolton, W. Honeyball, A. Hubbard, C. Collis, jun., A. Jones, G. W. Honeyball (conductor), C. Collis, sen.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
 (NORTHERN BRANCH),

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN 5
WILLIAM FISHER 2	ALFRED DAVIES 6
GEORGE PIGOTT 3	WILLIAM SHORT 7
JOHN BASS 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the 85th birthday of Mr. W. Lawrence, grandfather of the ringer of the 4th.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN WHITING Treble	JOHN SNELLING 5
BERTIE TURNER 2	GEORGE SNELLING 6
FREDERICK SHAGER 3	CHARLES BRICE 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	FREDERICK BORRETT Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by C. BRICE.

*First peal in the method.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;
 Groves' Variation of Parker's 12-Part.

HERBERT HULBERT Treble	FREDERICK LAMBERT 5
SAMUEL WILTSHIRE 2	FREDERICK PEACE 6
LEONARD AMBROSE 3	LEONARD TAYLOR 7
WILLIAM HULBERT 4	HENRY POWELL Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TAYLOR.

First peal by the ringers of the treble and 5th.

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday May 12, 1913 in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

CHARLES HARDING Treble	HARRY WRIGHT 4
GEORGE CLAYTON 2	DENISON HAYWARD 5
FREDERICK KILBORN 3	WILLIAM LEE Tenor

Conducted by DENISON HAYWARD.

F. Kilborn, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Desborough, Market Harborough, and was elected a member previous to starting. First peal by the ringer of the 2nd.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s, each called differently Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN TAILOR Treble	ROBERT GREEN 4
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 2	GEORGE H. KETTLER 5
HARRY HASTINGS 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

*First peal of Minor. †First peal of Minor with a bob bell. The ringers of the 2nd and tenor belong to the Stoke Society, Coventry, and the others are members of the local band.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 22, 1913, in Three Hours Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.
 IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

JAMES R. GRIFFIN Treble	WILLIAM DAVIES 5
JOHN WILKINSON 2	ERNEST J. OLIVER 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
THOMAS MURRAY 4	JOHN TURNER Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

*First peal of Major.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES POWELL Treble	CHARLES LAYTON 4
DAVID HORNE 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
CHARLES WROBLEY 3	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs.

WILLIAM G. EDWARDS Treble	JOSIAH D. HARRIS 5
ARTHUR STUBBINGTON 2	EDWIN J. HARDING 6
HENRY W. WILKES 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7
WILLIAM T. TUCKER 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Double Norwich. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH, SUNDERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thrustans'. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROBERT W. LOVIE Treble	THOMAS W. DITCHBURN 5
CRCIL O. SAYER 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON 7
JOHN PICKERING 4	GEORGE PICKERING† Tenor

Conducted by J. W. PARKER.

†First peal. *First peal of Stedman away from the tenor. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES ;
 IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lb.

CHARLES E. FISHER Treble	ALFRED E. ACFIELD 5
GEORGE R. FINCH 2	DAVID LEGGETT 6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 3	WILLIAM FLORY 7
ROBERT G. MILES 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEO. E. SYMONDS.

*50th peal. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the King.

OLD WARDEN.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Biggleswade Branch.)

On Thursday, June 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of—i, Woodbine; ii, Kent; iii, Oxford Treble Bob; iv, Double Oxford Bob; v, Reverse College Single; vi, Single Oxford Bob; vii, Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM J. MAYES Treble	CHARLES A. PRATT 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL 2	GEORGE W. NEWTON 5
JOHN W. BARKER 3	FRED BLOOD Tenor

Conducted by F. BLOOD.

First peal in seven methods as conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	FRANCIS A. SMITH 5
RICHARD DARLOW 2	BERTRAM PREWETT 6
WALTER S. INWOOD 3	ROBERT E. STAVERT 7
EDWIN F. PIER 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung as a compliment to J. Prewett, Esq., an hon. member of the Association.

COLLEGE YOUTHS AT WORCESTER.

A band of the Ancient Society of College Youths made an attempt for the first peal of Stedman Cinques on Worcester Cathedral bells on Whit-Monday. In every way great difficulties were experienced, and we are told by those outside that the ringing was good—the best in the method every head there. Permission had been granted to Mr. F. P. Dawe for this special honour some 29 years ago in the time of Lord Alwyn Compton, Canon Cattley, and Sir Edmund Beckett, but a continuity of obstacles intervened to prevent the attempt being made until now, and it is indeed very hard luck to find that owing to a painful eye trouble, from which he was suffering on the day of the attempt, but from which he is now completely recovered, Mr. Dawe unfortunately made a miss call in 28th course, after ringing 2 hrs. and 45 mins. in the most creditable manner. The band was: C. F. Winney 1, T. H. Taftender 2, H. Langdon 3, T. Miller 4, T. H. Reeves 5, A. Paddon Smith 6, F. E. Dawe (conductor) 7, J. H. Shepherd 8, J. George 9, R. T. Hibbert 10, A. B. Peck 11, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 12. Tenor 50 cwt. D flat. The conductor afterwards presented to each of the band an excellent mounted photo of of the Cathedral, recently taken by himself. All concerned wish heartily to thank the Dean and Chapter, and particularly Canon Whatley, for their kindness to the visitors, and also the Rev. G. F. Coleridge for his kind intervention on their behalf.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Sunday, June 1st, for evening service at St. John's Church, 1216 Bob Major, in 43 mins. T. A. Easterby A. G. Bennington, F. Fraser, W. H. Daynes, F. W. Richardson, E. B. Crowder, J. Law, W. J. Jeffries (conductor). At 7 a.m. on Tuesday, June 3rd, in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 45 mins. W. H. Daynes F. S. Bacon, J. Law, W. Weatherstone, F. W. Richardson (conductor), E. B. Crowder, W. J. Jeffries, C. H. Macklin. The conductor's 100th quarter-peal.

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This peal has the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th placed four course ends each way in 5-6, the extent in those positions without the 2nd in 5th or 6th. It also contains twenty-two each of the 8-3s and 8-6s, twenty 8-4s, sixteen 8-5s, and 8-5-7s. This is the first peal published on this plan with these qualities.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Thursday, June 5th, Brook's quarter-peal of Steaman Triples, in 49 mins. W. C. Wakley, E. I. Stone, A. P. G. Stone, H. Hurdman, G. Bull, J. H. Swinfield, A. P. Wakley (conductor), J. A. Sanders. Tenor 28½ cwt. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Charles Sanders and Miss Bertha Clark and also that of Mr. J. W. Webb and Miss Olive Wakley, which were celebrated the previous day.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BECCLES.—On June 3rd, at St. Michael's Church, in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 57 mins. R. Goate, T. Beckett, E. Pipe, C. Parnell, G. Baxter, W. Spaulding, H. Ling (conductor), R. Freestone. This is the longest length by E. Pipe. Another quarter-peal in the same method, in 55 mins. R. Goate, T. Beckett, E. Pipe, G. Baxter, C. Parnell, W. Spaulding, H. Ling (conductor), R. Rush. This is the longest length by R. Rush. First quarter-peals rung entirely by the St. Michael's Company for several years.

PULHAM ST. MARY (Norfolk).—On Sunday, June 8th, for morning service, 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major. F. Borrett, R. Stacey, C. Baker, A. Smith, E. Whiting, W. Roope, C. Roope, F. Roope.

STARSTON (Norfolk).—On Sunday, June 8th, for evening service, 720 Treble Bob Minor. F. Borrett, H. Piercy, Rev. E. G. Hopper, H. Garnham, E. Reeve, E. Lubbock.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, June 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. G. Bloor, C. Woodward, H. Page, J. Woodward, C. Page (conductor), H. Austin.

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Correspondence

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YORK MINSTER BELLS.

To the Editor.

SIR,—As several statements have appeared as to the weight of the Tenor bell of York Minster, I would ask you to kindly publish this, to prevent wilful inaccuracy being attributed to the founders.

The whole of the twelve bells were cast by Mears at this foundry. In 1844 eleven bells were cast to agree with the old Tenor, which was saved from the fire. Five years later the old Tenor was recast, the present bell being invoiced in May, 1849, at 50 cwt. exactly. By an oversight the weight of the first bell has never been corrected in reprints of our catalogue, consequently the bell has been reputed to weigh 50 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lb., which was the weight of the original Tenor.

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Yours etc.

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London, E.
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NEW METHODS.—A CHALLENGE.

To the Editor.

SIR,—Mr. Dains sent you a Method with three hunts, which he said was the first of the sort. I pointed out that that was not so, that many had been in existence for years; now he says, in so many words, that he will believe me if I can point to the publication of such a Method. He knows as well as I do that none have been published, the reason being partly because they are of no practical value, and partly because I have no particular desire to be numbered among those industrious gentlemen who are continually putting figures together, and as soon as they light on something that looks like a Method straightway send it to the Ringing Papers. Scores of useless Methods have been published, many of them (including Leek Major, the latest) being mongrels. I do not want to add to their number; nevertheless, if anyone wants new Methods I am prepared to supply in dozen lots, assorted, quality guaranteed, and to make a trade reduction of 10 per cent for wholesale quantities of not less than 100 each consignment. Some people seem to think that no Method exists till it has been printed. That is rubbish. There are heaps of Methods in existence that have never even been written down. Then Mr. Dains seems to suggest that I was adding one more to the number of Methods that are claimed to be London Royal. Nothing is further from my intention. I said from the first that London Royal did not exist; there is no such thing. The Method I gave was what I said it was, viz., London Major (slightly varied) with two hunts added, the slight variation consisting solely in substituting Kent places for the 5-6-5s, to clear the falseness. It is not London Royal, but when Mr. Dains says it is no nearer the Method than those published a few years ago, and not so near as his version, I join issue with him. Save for the variation afore-

said it is pure London Surprise. The Cambridge is pure Cambridge, without any exception. I will bet Mr. Dains sixpence to a farthing cake that I could find a good many first-class ringers who would go and ring either without ever seeing the figures. I should say to them "Ring London Major on the ten bells remembering that you have three trebles to pass instead of one, and that, consequently, above the treble all the work is two positions higher up, i.e., 5ths instead of 3rds, and 10-9-10 instead of 8-7-8." I could do it myself, and, goodness knows, I am not a first-class ringer.

Yours etc.,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the above branch was held at All Saints, Hamer, on Saturday, June 7th. Members were present from Rochdale, Milnrow, Newhey, Glodwick, Oldham, and the local company. The business meeting was presided over by Mr. A. Clegg, of Glodwick. This was the first meeting held here since the bells were overhauled by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, the ringers present being highly pleased with the go of them.

PLYMOUTH.—On Tuesday, June 10th, at Charles' Church, 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Hooper, W. H. Marsh, W. S. Hornbrook, R. Dobson, F. Hockaday, W. Rundle, W. G. Hiscott, E. W. Marsh (conductor). First touch of Double Norwich by all the band.

Our readers will, we feel sure, sympathise with Mr. F. E. Dawe and the band who attempted the peal of Stedman Cinques at Worcester Cathedral. They will be pleased to know that he has completely recovered his usual health; in fact, as he puts it himself, he was never better in his life.

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At the conclusion of the peal rung at Cardiff on June 5th, as a farewell to Mr. W. G. Miller, that gentleman was presented with a nicely-fitted dressing case, as a parting gift from his brother ringers.

BEBINGTON (Cheshire).—On Saturday, June 7th, for practice at St. Andrew's Church, a half peal (2592 changes) of Double Norwich Major. J. Cliffe, T. Murray, G. R. Newton (conductor), E. Counce, H. Fyles, E. J. Oliver, E. Breeze, J. Turner. Time 1 hr. 33 mins.

LONDON.—At St. Matthew's Bethnal Green, on June 5th, the whole pull and stand, with the bells half muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. J. Coombes. T. Benarden (conductor), G. L. Dorrington, E. Holman, H. Taylor, C. Kennedy, H. Hills, — Sackland, J. Monday.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Thursday, June 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by J. George of Rugby. S. King, J. Mead, W. Sear, W. Mead, L. Meager, E. Marks, H. Sear (conductor), V. Sear. First quarter-peal by S. King, and first inside by W. Mead.

HERTFORD.—On Sunday, June 8th, at St. Andrew's Church, 896 Grandsire Triples. R. Dore, W. Newnham, V. Neale, A. Wright, H. J. Gray, W. Irons (conductor), G. Gray, G. W. Akers. It was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. Gal-

way, a member of the local band, and Miss Reeves, and also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

OBITUARY.

JAMES W. COOMBE.

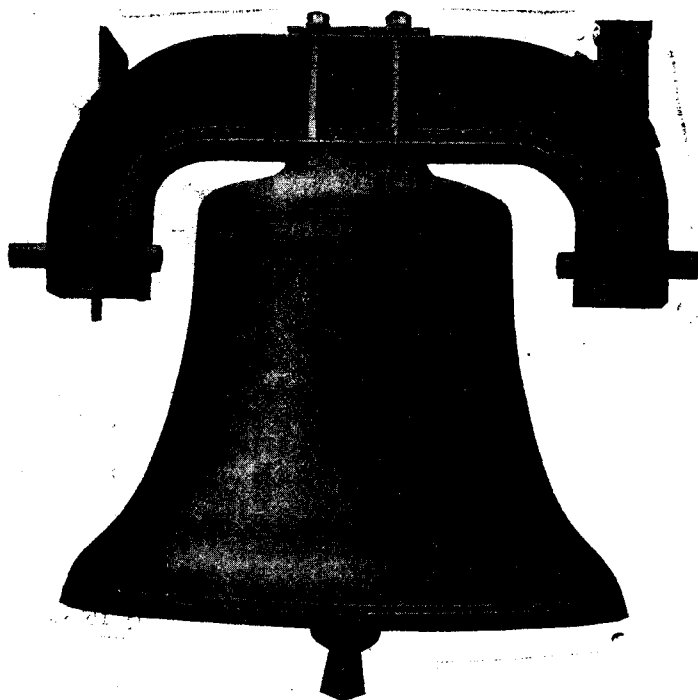
On May 29th, was laid to rest, at Southgate Cemetery the remains of James C. Coombe, a familiar figure among the older school of ringers, who for over 40 years was a regular ringer at St. Clement Danes, where he was taken to the belfry before he could walk. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, St. James's Society, Middlesex Association, Bethnal Green, Hackney, and other bands, beside being well known at Highgate, Hampstead, Gospel Oak, &c., and at each he was highly respected. He was not a peal ringer, the solitary peal in which he took a string being one of Grandsire Triples, rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields some 66 years ago, conducted by Geo. Stockham. Many of his old comrades attended at the graveside, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by N. Alderman (one of the mourners). J. Barry, G. J. Smith, C. F. Winney, and E. A. Young.

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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 June 5th and 19th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 10th and 24th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 10th; Southwark Cathedral on the 17th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30 p.m.; all the others 8 p.m.

William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association (late the St. James's Society). Established 1824.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 21st, at Christ Church, Blackfriars. Tower open from 6.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15. All ringers invited.

F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

86, Gaskarth Road,
Balham Hill, S.W.

Worcestershire and Districts Association—Northern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bromsgrove, on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (10) will be available at 3.0 p.m. Service in the Church at 4.45. Tea (8d. each) will be provided in the Schools at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Will those wishing to take tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, June 11th.

9, Edward Road,

Bournbrook, Birmingham.

E. J. Dowler.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Quarterly meeting at Stafford, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available at 3.0. Service at 5.30, with an address by the Rector. Tea at 6.0 o'clock in St. Mary's Church Institute, Mount Street. Please send word by Tuesday, 17th inst. Reports will be ready.

15, Rugby Street,

Wolverhampton.

H. Knight, Hon. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association—Western Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Ombersley, on Saturday, June 21st. Service at 4.0 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available.

Madresfield, Malvern.

R. G. Knowles,

Branch Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A Branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 3.0 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

J. Watson,
Branch Sec.

Midland Counties Association.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Oakham, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.0 o'clock. Tea (1s. each) at 4.45, in the Church Room. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. W. E. Higgs, King's Road, Oakham, not later than Thursday, June 19th, so that proper arrangements may be made.

W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

Lavenham, Suffolk.—On Saturday, June 21st, the tower will be open for ringing till 7.30 p.m. Any visitor will be welcome.

A. Symonds.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Leek, on Saturday, June 21st. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. E. A. Ridgway, Dragon's Croft, Westwood Road, Leek, not later than June 20th.

Rev. John Reay } Hon. Secs.
J. Johnson

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Meeting of this Guild will be held at Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, on Saturday, June 28th. Full particulars by circular.

Rev. W. T. Bulpit } Hon. Secs.
W. Bentham

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The Annual meeting of the above will be held at Taunton, on Saturday, July 5th. Particulars to follow.

E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec.

Taunton.

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will be held at Winchester, on Monday, June 23rd. Meeting at the Guildhall at 2.0 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4.0 p.m., preacher the Rev. A. D. Hill, the original founder and first Secretary of the Guild. Tea at 5.0 p.m. The Cathedral bells will be available.

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Hon. Sec.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. F. W. A. Wilkinson), at Heston, on Saturday, June 28th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea provided at 6.0 o'clock. All ringing friends heartily welcome.

H. C. Chandler.

Hon. Sec.

Heston, Hounslow.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Warwick, on Saturday, June 28th. Short service at St. Mary's at 4.45 p.m., preacher Rev. Canon Baillie. Committee meeting in Vestry at 4.0 p.m. Tea at "The Globe" Hotel, 9d. per head, after service. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please send notice by June 20th. St. Mary's tower will be open at 3.30 p.m., and St. Nicholas by arrangement. All subscriptions in arrears should be forwarded at once to the Treasurer.

Rev. C. C. Cox.

Hon. Sec.

Shotton.

Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Hornchurch, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea and business meeting at the "Bull" Inn, at 5.30, 9d. to members who notify me by June 25th. All ringers and friends invited.

H. Rumens,

Hon. Dis. Sec.

32, Verulam Avenue.

Walthamstow N.E.

THE SUSSEX AND KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

A combined meeting of the Eastern Division of the former and the Ashford District of the latter will be held at Rye, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available, Rye (8) and Iden (6) from 2 till 9. A special service will be held at St. Mary's, Rye, at 5 o'clock, preacher the Vicar (Rev. A. P. Howes, M.A.) who has also kindly invited all the members attending to the Monastery, immediately after the service, to be his guests at tea.

A short business meeting will follow the tea. The usual travelling allowances will be paid to the Sussex members who attend, on application to their Secretary, as below. It is particularly requested that all members intending to be present will advise their Secretary on or before June 17th, as a large attendance is anticipated, and the arrangements for tea will involve a considerable amount of time and work.

G. H. Howse,

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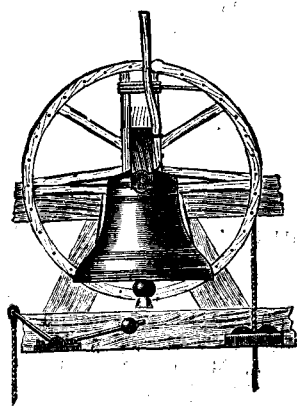
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