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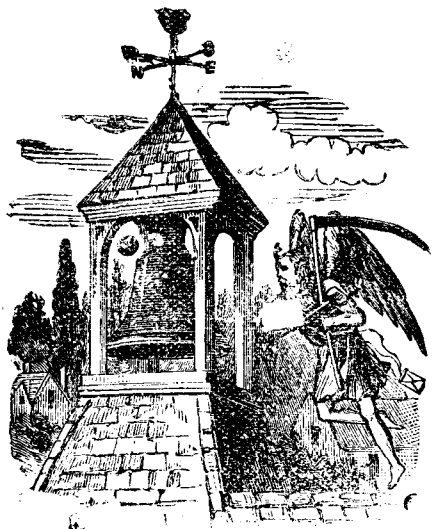
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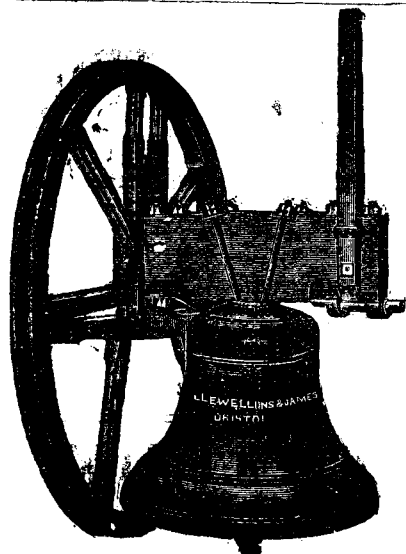
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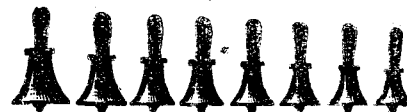
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 1904.

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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

*Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.*

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R.

### SCHEDULE (continued).

**SHIELDS, SOUTH (Durham).** St. Hilda. Durham and Newcastle Association. Eight bells. All by Mears 1887. Tenor 10 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Ropes new 1893, good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.35, and 6 to 6.20. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

**SHIPLEY (Yorks.)** St. Paul. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears; treble and tenor 1867; the rest 1826. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Partial rehanging recently by Shaw. Ropes new 1893, good. Method: Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. No practice.

**SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD (Oxon.)** Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; 5th by Keene, 1628; 7th, 1726; founder unknown. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. by Bagley, 1634; the rest by Mears, 1893. Iron frame. Bells go well except tenor. Rehung by Bond, 1893. Ropes new 1899. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.55, and 5.30 to 6.25. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

**SHOREHAM (Sussex).** St. Mary. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1896. Tenor 15 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.25 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 7.30.

**SIBSEY (Lincolnshire).** St. Margaret. East Lincolnshire Association. Eight bells: treble and tenor by Harrison, 1815; 6th by the same 1822; 4th and 5th by Bryant, 1801; the rest 1770, founder unknown. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Rodgers, 1886. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing or practice. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30.

**SIDMOUTH (Devon.)** Eight bells. No return.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual festival was held at Godalming, on July 9th. The Guild's special form of service was used at the Festival Service in the parish church, at 12.35, when an admirable address was given by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne, who took for his text, Ecclesiastics iv. 12, "A three-fold cord is not quickly broken." The service was as usual well-attended, and the beautiful singing of the choir under the direction of Mr. Mackintosh, the organist, was much appreciated. The annual dinner took place at the Borough Hall, over 100 sitting down. The Rev. L. H. Burrows, Vicar of Croydon, took the chair, and was supported by the President, Mr. J. P. Stilwell, and Mrs. Stilwell; the Master, the Rev. E. C. Matthews; the Rev. G. F. Coleridge; Mr. F. Girdlestone, (Charterhouse); Messrs. C. C. Harvey and W. Enticknap, churchwardens; Rev. F. W. Evans and Rev. H. B. Chubb, assistant-curates; Rev. F. G. Hume, Rev. E. C. Kirwan, Mr. W. Scott-Evans (Bournemouth), Mr. A. A. Mackintosh, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Hon. Sec., and others.

After dinner the chairman gave the loyal toast, which was enthusiastically drunk. He then proposed "Success to the Winchester Diocesan Guild." He welcomed them to the old borough of Godalming, which although it had not quite the same historic interest as the cathedral city of Winchester, where they assembled last year, had its own objects and its own glories. He supposed they specially noticed the cobbles in the High-street, very destructive to motors and one of the very best things they had got. Though they had not got a cathedral or some of those great and grand things, they had got for them a true brotherly welcome, and that they gave them from the bottom of their hearts. He was sure every loyal member of that Guild would rejoice with him that they had their Bishop back with them, he hoped in restored health; he had every reason to think so. It had been very hard upon him that being in the diocese only a short time, he should have had so serious an attack of illness, but every loyal clergyman would hope that he had come back with renewed health and would be able to face the great strain which that diocese must bring on any man, however strong. With regard to the guild itself—he only paid his subscription last week—the reason why he had always felt a great sympathy with the guild was because the bell-ringers from the necessity and the fact of being up in the belfry away from the rest of the congregation, were to a certain extent isolated. That was a very bad thing. They were a most important body of church-workers and had their place in the work of the Church as clearly as any; as the choir or any church organisation. It was because that guild recognised that great fact, because it brought them together at those delightful annual festivals, that all who took an interest in the Church, and the bells of the Church, were glad to welcome them there that day. One of the great points which he thought such a guild as that emphasised was the importance of unity and fellowship. What a lot they could do in pulling together—he did not mean in a peal of bells, as he found one day in trying the bells. Here were about 120 men all engaged in the same work,

all as keen as mustard, come together, determined to ring the bells more vigorously, more loudly and with greater skill. That was a grand thing. He would couple that toast with their honoured president and their master. Their president had been over twenty years president of their society, and he was not like some presidents, he always turned up at those gatherings. He had also three sons, who had all been made honorary members of the guild. It was also very delightful to think that Mrs. Stilwell was able to honour them with her presence on that occasion, and she kept in countenance the one lady bellringer who had the pluck to come that morning. He would like to mention the name of Mr. Matthews. Vicar Burlesdon, their master, who was engaged in every possible way in fulfilling their interest.

Mr. J. P. Stilwell, in replying, said the guild was a great power in the diocese, and he hoped to see its influence exercised in every direction; where there was a tower and at least six bells there should be organised in that parish a guild of ringers. He maintained that to ring rounds was a very small thing, but to ring changes was a very skilful thing, which took a long time to learn, but when learnt it gave the greatest pleasure to those engaged in it. It was always a pleasure to him to be with them on those occasions, and he hoped that they would find men in every tower to form guilds, and instead of 100 or 120 they might double their numbers before many years. He should be glad to know that the guild extended throughout the diocese. Last year they were in the County of Hants, this year they came to the other county, and were in one of the most pleasant spots in the diocese of Winchester.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews (Master) also responded. He said that the changes made recently, although they might not suit every member of the guild, had been in every way admirable, and it remained for every member to loyally co-operate with Mr. Carpenter, the worthy and hard-working secretary, and the other officials of the society, to carry out the rules.

Mr. Scott-Evans (Bournemouth) proposed "The clergy and churchwardens of Godalming, the organist and the choir," and heartily thanked them for their co-operation and assistance that day; also Mr. Coleridge for his excellent and practical sermon.

Mr. C. C. Harvey (senior churchwarden), acknowledged the toast, and offered a hearty welcome to the Guild whenever they wished to come down that way.

Mr. J. J. Jones submitted "The preacher of the day," and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge briefly responded.

Mr. J. P. Stilwell proposed "The Chairman." He had had the pleasure of knowing the Vicar for many years, and the first time he was brought into contact with that society was when he was asked to preside at one of their dinners in the parish of Dorking, where Mr. Burrows was one of the curates. He (the speaker) had been connected with Dorking more or less all his life, and it gave him the greatest pleasure now, after many years, to meet Mr. Burrows again and to ask them all to drink his health. They might congratulate him on what was, he trusted, a step on the upward road, but the possibilities of his future career he would not expatiate upon. The toast was drunk with the utmost warmth.

The chairman said he hardly knew himself at present as Vicar of Croydon. A great many people congratulated him, and when they proposed him in those terms he began to clap. He noticed in the wonderful titles of peals in the report that one was the Canterbury Pleasure Major. He did not know whether that had been specially put

down, because he was going to leave the diocese of Winchester for the diocese of Canterbury, and he did not know whether that was a Major Pleasure or not. The Winchester Diocesan Guild would always have his support, and he only hoped when he went to Canterbury he would find the same organisation. They had a good peal of bells at Croydon, so good that when the ringers rang the bells no one could stay in the houses for miles round.

The Secretary explained that there was no Canterbury Guild of Bellringers, but Croydon belonged to the Surrey Association; and he was sure the Secretary of the Association would speedily come down on the Vicar of Croydon and collar him.

The Annual General Meeting took place at 3 p.m., the President, J. P. Stilwell, Esq., in the chair. The Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Hon. Secretary, presented his Report and Balance-Sheet, which were adopted. All the officers of the Guild were unanimously re-elected. The Hon. Secretary then proposed certain alterations in the rules, of which notice had been given, and they were agreed to. The object of the alterations is to make each district a miniature copy of the Guild, and to provide for an Annual Meeting in each at which the district officers will be elected. The question of the place and day of the next Annual Festival was discussed, with the result that Christchurch, where the bells have recently been augmented to ten, was selected; the meeting will be held on a Monday. The rival claims of Saturday and Monday gave rise to some discussion, but an admirable spirit was shown by the members present, for most of whom Saturday is a more convenient day. It was agreed that other members for whom Saturday was inconvenient, ought to be considered, and that it would be fairer to all to alternate the days. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. L. H. Burrows (till lately Vicar of Godalming, who attended at some personal inconvenience), the preacher (Rev. G. F. Coleridge), the churchwardens, organist and choir, and the chairman.

#### PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the above was held on Saturday, July 30th, at Shedfield, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. A. B. Alexander, who gave the use of the bells, when the following towers were represented: Fareham, Portsea, Havant, Wickham, Swanmore, Shedfield. Altogether the members numbered about twenty-five, which, considering the unsettled state of the weather, was considered very satisfactory. After tea the business meeting was held, and Mr. W. Cooper was duly voted to the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and passed, and Mr. G. Chequer, churchwarden, was elected a member of the Guild. The usual vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. A. B. Alexander for the use of the bells. Touches of Bob Minor, Oxford Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and 720 Kent Treble Bob were brought round by H. Privett, G. Plashet, W. Cooper, A. Millard, G. E. Chappell, J. W. Whiting conductor. Also 720 Bob Minor. At 8.30 the bells were lowered, and the visitors were of opinion that they had enjoyed the meeting.

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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

My closing paragraphs last week were about "the weathercock legend," as it was called. But we find it is no legend at all, but the absolute and literal fact. The editor has received the following letter, which clears up the principal (not all) doubt we must have had. Here is the letter:—

DUNSDEN VICARAGE,  
READING, AUGUST 4, 1904.

DEAR SIR,—“Plain Speaker” in your last issue throws some doubt on the story told by the Dean of Windsor at the Annual Festival of this Guild. I have communicated with him since, and I have his permission to reply. The church in question is the parish church of Aston in Birmingham. The Dean has written to his brother who was Vicar of Aston at the time. He replies as follows: “The story is absolutely and literally true; I can testify to its truth from my own personal knowledge, and if the writer of the paragraph thinks that I am the victim of a hoax, let him ask the architect, Mr. J. A. Chatwin, of Birmingham, who is still living, or let him pay a visit to the Art Gallery at Birmingham, where he will find the papers at which he laughs, and he can read them for himself.”

Yours faithfully,

R. H. HART-DAVIS,

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer Oxford Diocesan Guild.

It is comforting to find that the statement is cleared up, and that the Vicar of Aston was not the victim of a practical joke. After all we may have made too much of the matter. Calm reflection of the subject has led me to think that possibly we have very easily been mistaken all along. The words which attracted our notice were these, you will recollect. Omitting formal parts (as the lawyers say) they were “that in opening a weathercock taken down from the steeple at Aston Church, a sheet of paper was found therein, given the names of the ringers who rung on the day the weathercock was put up, and how much beer was drank on that occasion.”

The words printed in italics only need concern us. The document found inside the weathercock does not state, or affirm, or make oath and say, *who* drank this beer! Then why should we for one moment imagine that it was drank by the ringers? There is no vestige of evidence to support such a supposition; nor ought we to allow our imagination to run riot in such case. The real fact no doubt is that this consumption of home-brewed the ringers had nothing to do with, nothing at all! I had better commence a new paragraph, now.

When this weathercock was about to be re-hoisted to its place, some petty official in charge of the job—a clerk, perhaps, but most likely a sexton—both possessing the usual extraordinary rubicund features—evidently suggested that the occurrence should be “wetted”—a word very well-known in Birmingham. No sooner said than done; and the organ-blower, with the grave-digger and his assistants, would be dispatched to the nearest inn for materials sufficient for the “wetting.” Then after the process it is easy to believe that the clerk would say to his fellow-official—“We’ll book this, Harry; and write on the paper how many quarts we have put away among us.” Agreed to *nem. con.*—and so the document became embellished in this way by the clerk, who would in those days be the only man among the company capable of putting a pen to paper.

I think this, or something like it, must be regarded as fact or approaching very near to it. As I have pointed out there is not a scintilla of reason why the consumption of the liquor should be attributed to ringers, who we know would not so indulge themselves so close to the church. And when it is known that these inferior officers of the church and churchyard such as I have named, were at the time in question—and are now in a measure—very prone to such indulgences, we shall come to the conclusion that they were the people who were responsible for the addition to the record of the weathercock. This subject is now at an end, so far as I am concerned.

And so William Baron has gone to join the great majority. To this must we all come. For some years he was a prominent member of the Cumberlands, with somewhat of an authoritative manner, but whatever his merits and failings were, and he had a share of each like the rest of us, he was a most useful and active member in any ringing society to which he belonged. A section of the older ringers did not at all concur in his founding, with others, of the Waterloo Society, though they eventually came to agree that such society was doing much good in bringing recruits to the Exercise. Bill had a somewhat boisterous way with him in these early days, but it was only a mannerism; he was sociable to the last degree. He had a lot of friends, among whom is the writer of this paragraph, who mourn his decease.

The Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett, who has proved himself a very energetic Honorary Secretary of the Salisbury Guild, has just entered married life, and the members of the Guild have given him a suitable present. Mr. Tilney-Bassett is not a mere ornamental Secretary; he works hard in its behalf, and is quite alive to the varied and numerous questions which are frequently agitating the ringing field. Readers will join with me in wishing the rev. gentleman and his lady every blessing.

Another new method, Mr. Dench? Very clever, no doubt, and coming from such a composer, sure to be legitimate. But new methods are getting to be treacherous indulgences. Look at the quantity of good methods we have now got; and remember how some of their authors have fought to gain them recognition as pure and unsullied, free from piracy and so forth. And brother Dench, Worth (your native place) may be very worthy, but it is hardly a good striking title, and does not give your latest production “bold advertisement.” Don’t be angry, brother Dench.

Weather this week has been torrid. The tropics of Capricorn and Cancer with the Torrid Zone and Equator, appear to be taking their annual outing, and enjoying their beano in the southern portion of our island. Hope when they have done they will be able to say they have enjoyed themselves. The heat has upset many calculations, and deranged many arrangements for holiday-making. Among the latter is the brief interval in which the country lanes and hills and dales of a lovely county is about this time of the year enjoyed by

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### THE BELLS OF ST. MARY REDCLIFF, BRISTOL.

(Specially contributed to a Bristol paper.)

Those of us who have been dependent upon the clock of Redcliff Church for the accuracy of our time have been sadly put about by the silence of the chimes during the last few days. The removal of the bells from the church tower has been necessitated by the insecurity of the old wooden framework upon which the bells were hung.

The other day we climbed up the narrow circular staircase and found ourselves amongst the bells. What an ideal old belfry it was—the two massive oak beams stretching from side to side of the tower and resting on the window ledges, seemed strong enough to bear any weight; but when we looked about and saw how that from time to time blocks of wood had been wedged in here and there to support the bells and to raise the level, we began to realise that, though it might be very picturesque, it was hardly safe when you considered the mass of metal that swings backwards and forwards when the bells are ringing.

How the bells seemed to take us back to the past. Here is the great big tenor bell. She—note the pronoun; the ringer always speaks thus of a bell; it is a symbol of that affection which a true ringer has for his bell—was cast in 1622. At the end of that year she must have tolled for the death of the Vicar, Samuel Davies. Three years later she probably made one of a merry peal at the Coronation of Charles I.; and then, Bristol being always a loyal city, one can but suppose that she tolled when that unfortunate King was beheaded. About this time the great philanthropist, Edward Colston, must often have listened to her with great pleasure. In 1660 she must have joined in a merry peal when again a king sat on the throne of England, and a Vicar was once more instituted at Redcliff.

But sad times were coming. The great plague which broke out in London in 1665, found its way to Bristol, as the Redcliff registers too plainly testify. Day after day this tenor bell must have tolled the sad news of fresh victims to the dread scourge; day after day the plague cart carried away the dead bodies and buried them in the great pit, which was dug at what we now call the Horse Fair. There is a tradition that if this ground were to be dug up the plague would start again.

And so year by year the bells have marked each great event in the lives of the people of Redcliff and the nation at large. In fact, no great event has happened since 1622 but what the great tenor bell has proclaimed the fact; she was the first bell in Bristol to proclaim the sad news of the death of Queen Victoria.

We conclude with a quotation from Mr. Passmore's song, "Olde Redcliff."—

Old Redcliff bells! our joys and griefs,  
Your sympathies record;  
In every phase of chequered life  
Your friendly voice is heard.  
Thy chimes remind me night and morn,  
How swift is Time's career—  
As with a solemn, warning voice  
Ye chant (sic) your praiseful pray'r!

The present work of building a new frame-work for the bells has been carried out by the well-known firm of Taylor, of Loughborough. C. W. J.

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### ST. MODWEN'S PARISH CHURCH, BURTON- ON-TRENT.

This church has recently undergone thorough restoration, and in addition has been added two new vestries for clergy and choir at a cost of about £14,000. The bells have also been re-tuned and rehung in a new iron frame with all the latest improvements, and great credit is due to Messrs. Taylor for the way they have carried out their work, the tone and "go" of the bells being excellent. The ringers are also indebted to Mr. R. A. Auty (their present ringing-master), for covering the belfry floor with linoleum and supplying carpets for the ropes to fall upon when ringing. On Wednesday, July 27th on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. T. Dicken (a member of the band), was rung the first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the members of the parish church society.

The following is a copy of the tablet placed in the church to record this most generous gift of the donors: "To the Glory of God, in memory of many members of their respective families buried in the adjoining churchyard, this church was restored and enlarged 1900-1903 by Lord Burton, Robert Ratcliffe, John Gretton, Frederick Gretton, and the late Miss Fanny Gretton."

### Obituary.

#### LEWIS SNOWDEN.

We regret to announce the very sudden end of a member of the Drighlington branch of the Yorkshire Association, which took place in the belfry on Sunday, July 17th, whilst ringing for evening service. Mr. Snowden had been connected with the local company ever since the opening of the bells in 1880, and in the following year, being then fully qualified, he joined the county Association, of which he has for many years been a life member. The annual report of last year shows him to have rung eight peals, but we believe that he quite recently increased this number. Possessed of a quiet and endearing disposition he will be greatly missed, added to which he was a conductor of more than twenty years' standing. At the recent May meeting of the Association, held in his native village, he played an active part, and none of the many visitors to Drighlington on that occasion could have anticipated so tragic an end to his career. With others of the company he appears to have stood up and chatted at the foot of the tower, and then quickly ascended the forty steps or so that lead to the ringing chamber. The bells having been raised—in which he took the 7th—a short stand was made, during which he adjusted his rope, and when all was ready, on the very point of pulling off, Mr. Snowden fell forward insensible. Every attention was shown him, and medical assistance was soon at hand, but only to pronounce life extinct. Having enjoyed such good health that no doctor knew of any weakness that might cause a sudden collapse, an inquest was necessary, heart failure being given as the cause of death, ascertained after a *post mortem* examination. The funeral took place on the following Wednesday, the service being choral, with the Vicar, the Rev. Jno. Trew, officiating. Amidst a large congregation he was carried to his last resting-place by his brother-ringers, and service over, courses of Grandsire were contributed on handbells at the grave side, after which the muffled tower bells joined in the requiem. Deceased, who was forty-seven years of age, leaves a widow and four children, the eldest son being able to carry on his father's business. The suddenness of the whole gathers force when it is stated that the marriage of the only daughter was to have taken place during the week. Both the family and the local branch have the sympathy of the Yorkshire Association, and we feel sure that of the Exercise generally, in their sad and sudden loss. The whole affair cast quite a gloom over the village, where the deceased was well known and respected.

**Peal-Boards** made by JAMES HUNT, Change-Ringer, of 19, Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour.



THE LATE WILLIAM BARON.

As announced by a short notice in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 23rd ult., the funeral of the above-named took place at Nunhead Cemetery on Saturday, July 23rd. The cortege left Secker Street about 2.30 as arranged, the coffin being profusely decorated with floral and other sympathetic testimonies. There was a good attendance at the graveside, considering the short notice, and the oppressive condition of the weather; all the London Societies being represented, foremost amongst them being Mr. R. A. Daniell (Master of the Cumberlands), A. Jacob, A. Hardy and T. Langdon, hon. sec. and stewards respectively; the brothers H. A. and C. T. Hopkins, J. W. Cattle, G. Wild, H. Ellis, J. Davies, Dains, and others; also representatives from the firm where the deceased had been employed for nearly forty years. These, with the family circle, made probably nearly a hundred persons who attended the ceremony.

The service in church over, the remains were carried to the grave by six old ringing friends, and after the performance of the usual rites a course upon the handbells should have taken place, but as previous arrangements with the authorities had not been made this could not be done. But the Master's bells were there in charge of the Hon. Sec. and Stewards. Filing round the grave old friends cast a last and lingering glance upon the coffin containing the mortal remains of Bill Baron, who at one time was a prominent member of the London Exercise, among whom his name was associated for nearly forty years. During the last few years he was not so prominent, but as he was Treasurer to the Cumberlands to the day of his death, he was thus in touch with his favourite pastime to the end. Of course it is well known by London ringers, but not perhaps so well amongst our country friends, that poor Baron has been suffering since the latter part of last October from a kind of paralytic stroke, which rendered him for the time speechless and almost senseless, and from which he never fully recovered. But he did recover a little so as to be able to converse upon various subjects with his friends, though his speech was still defective. When the writer saw him last, just before Whitsuntide, he had an idea of getting better, based upon the return of sensitiveness to the affected arm and hand. But this hope was not realised.

We are told the end was peaceful. Dropsy was the immediate immediate cause of death, which took place at 19, Secker Street, Waterloo Road, on Tuesday, July 19th. He was in his sixty-first year. We have said our late old friend was not so busy of late years as he was at one part of his ringing career, and that statement will be found correct by anyone who will look back to the latter part of the sixties and early part of the seventies of the last century. In the sixties Bill Baron, with another departed worthy, Bill Coppage, and others formed and floated the Waterloo Society, a Society which flourishes at the present day, and which Baron (rightly or otherwise) prided himself upon.

The ostensible object of this Society's formation was to give more opportunities for ringing practices for the young bloods of the day, who burning with a desire for progress could scarcely get a pull, it was said, "for love or money." It was considered that there was such a high standard of studied indifference amongst the older members of the Exercise, that nothing short of a revolution was necessary, and this feeling found a vent in the establishment of this society. For many years therefore the tower of St. John's, Waterloo, was filled to overflowing upon practice nights by ringers from all parts of London. So great was the attendance that there was scarcely time to give all a touch. Consequently other church towers were requisitioned, and meetings appointed at St. Mary's, Lambeth, St. Andrew's,

Holborn, St. James's, Clerkenwell, and others. So popular were these meetings that later on some of the older London members would come round and join in the throng. Perhaps there are but few of the Exercise who remember the date and period who did not pay a visit and have a pull at Waterloo.

This movement led to William Baron becoming Instructor to various companies at various places in and around London. He is remembered in this capacity at All Saints, Fulham, St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, and St. Mary's Old Battersea, Acton, Ealing, Isleworth, etc. But at all these places and practices there was only Grandsire and Stedman (the latter rarely) and a course of Treble Bob now and again. What the young gentlemen of the present day would say to such a state of affairs is easier to imagine than describe, but such it was. In time there was a Court Bob band meeting at Clerkenwell, and they would tap off four and five courses capitally well, but poor old Cox never attempted a peal, and so it fell through.

But to continue. Bill Baron never condescended to call anything but Grandsire, only once, and that was a peal of Treble Bob at St. Mary's, Lambeth, in 1893. His instructorship caused several presentations to be made to him at various times; one about the year 1874 was a timepiece presented by Mr. J. M. Routh, on behalf of the Waterloo Society; another by the Rev. H. Fisher, then Vicar of All Saints, Fulham, took the shape of a gold watch and chain with pendant, and others came on subsequently.

Baron was a good and safe ringer, and what is known in the Art as a good striker, and in his younger days would be found at the heavy end of the ring. He would not court a hard job (a bad going bell) but once there he would do his best to stay and finish. For instance, in 1868 a peal was attempted at St. Sepulchre's to commemorate the opening of the Viaduct, William Baron and William Hoverd were selected to ring the 9th and tenor, these bells not going well. It seemed when near the end of the peal that neither would be able to stand to a finish; probably they would not; but they did. One would not give way before the other, and so real pluck saved the peal.

Through the kindness of the authorities of St. Sepulchre's a half-muffled peal was rung on the evening of the funeral upon St. Sepulchre's bells, and again at the meeting of the Cumberlands the following Monday, in each case the usual whole pull and stand being performed.

The spot chosen for the last resting-place of William Baron is close to the gravestone erected by the ringers of England in memory of the late John Cox in January, 1885. This monument looks fairly well, but is gone slightly out of the perpendicular.

H. D.

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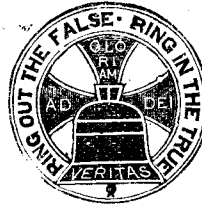
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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 1904.

## WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

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**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

A quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Trevechin, Pontypool, Monmouthshire, on Saturday, July 30th, and which was fairly attended by representatives of the various towers of the Association.

In the absence of the Vicar of the parish, who had that day gone into camp with the local Volunteers, the Rev. W. C. MacLaren was voted to the chair. The Hon. Sec. commenced by reading the minutes of the previous meeting, which upon being put to the meeting, were duly carried and signed.

The question of the next Monmouthshire quarterly meeting place was next discussed, and it was eventually decided that it should be at Monmouth, on Easter Monday. The next quarterly meeting of the Association takes place at St. Fagans, Glamorganshire, as previously arranged in September, and the annual meeting is to be held at Newport, Monmouthshire, on Boxing-day.

New members were next proposed and elected from Trevechin and Newport.

A member next put before the meeting the case of one of its old members, namely, Mr. James Morley, of Chepstow, who unfortunately has been seriously ill for some time, owing to a severe attack of paralysis. The member asked if a sum could be voted him from the funds of the Association, but after a good deal of discussion, it was decided not to do so, as the case would be forming a precedent. A subscription was then started in the room, to which the members suitably responded.

There was no more business, and after the usual vote of thanks to the chairman, members were very kindly entertained to tea in the vicarage by the Vicar's wife, Mrs. Morgan. Tea over, the tower was again visited, where Triples was the order of the day, thus concluding a very pleasant gathering.

J. W. P.

**The Provinces.**

**BROMHAM, BEDS.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
(BEDFORDSHIRE ARCHDEACONRY.)

On Monday, July 25, 1904, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Merchants' Return, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 24½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN HARE .. .. .	.. Treble.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 4.
FREDERICK WELLS .. .. 2.		WILLIAM J. MAYES .. .. 5.
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Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Arranged specially for Mr. G. D. Coleman, Secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association.

**SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**

On Thursday, July 28, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
TAYLOR'S.

SIDNEY J. JESSOP .. .. Treble.	JOHN WITHERS .. .. . 5.
HORACE F. STREET .. .. 2.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. . 6.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 7.
FRANK WITHERS* .. .. 4.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES DOWLER.

\*First peal.

**NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, July 28, 1904, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 7.
ALBERT G. WARNES .. .. 2.	EDWARD FRANCIS .. .. 8.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 3.	FREDERICK DAY .. .. 9.
EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 4.	FREDK J. HOWCHIN .. 10.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS* .. 5.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. 11.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS* .. .. 6.	†JOHN SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\*First peal on twelve bells. †First peal of Maximus on tower bells.

**GOOLE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, July 30, 1904, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

JAMES COTTERELL .. .. Treble.	†WILLIAM PEARSON .. .. 5.
CHARLES ARMITAGE* .. 2.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 6.
GEORGE HALKEWORTH* .. 3.	BEN T. LAMB .. .. 7.
GEORGE T. MARSHALL .. 4.	JOHN W. DALE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

\*First peal of Stedmrn. †First peal away from the tenor.

**BUSHEY, HERTS.**

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD, AND THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, July 30, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. Treble.	HUBERT EDEM .. .. . 5.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 6.
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. 3.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells, and first by the Hertfordshire Association.

**TONG, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, July 30, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

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ED. ODDY .. .. . 3.	HENRY ODDY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. B. BOLLAND.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the memory of John Haley, whose obituary notice appeared in our last issue.

**MINEHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, July 30, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
MATTHEW'S TWELVE-PART (No. 60). Tenor 21 cwt.

F. MASON .. .. . Treble.	REV. W. M. K. WARREN 5.
A. OSWALD MAJOR .. .. 2.	J. R. JONES .. .. . 6.
A. E. COLES .. .. . 3.	H. MOORE .. .. . 7.
G. ATKINS .. .. . 4.	†F. W. EVANS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY MOORE.

†First peal.

HULL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1904, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ERNEST MARRIOTT* .. .. Treble.	*SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 6.
ALFRED NAYLOR .. .. 2.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 7.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 3.	GEORGE T. MILLER.. .. 8.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 4.	*CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 9.
WILLIAM PEARSON* .. .. 5.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

\*First peal of Treble Ten.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 1, 1904, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES N. FROSSELL.. .. Treble.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 5.
ALFRED H. WINGH .. .. 2.	HARRY T. LAST.. .. 6.
JOHN HOWES .. .. 3.	JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. 7.
ALFRED J. REDMAN .. .. 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

SWANSEA.—THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1904, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's. Tenor 20 cwt.

C. HOARE .. .. Treble.	W. WALAND .. .. 5.
C. MORSE .. .. 2.	J. HOARE .. .. 6.
P. KNEATH .. .. 3.	W. GREEN .. .. 7.
E. SERLE .. .. 4.	E. DAVIES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. HOARE.

Messrs. Waland and Green were elected members before starting.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

F. MASON .. .. Treble.	W. G. BOWDEN.. .. 5.
G. W. CHALLICE* .. .. 2.	G. W. STORES .. .. 6.
C. SUMMERS .. .. 3.	H. MOORE .. .. 7.
G. ATKINS .. .. 4.	C. DAWSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. ATKINS.

\*First peal of Triples.

The following are the result of three peals specially arranged for the Rev. F. E. Robinson:—

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 27, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Treble.	HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON 5.
HENRY GEORGE.. .. 2.	WILLIAM FOX .. .. 6.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JAMES PAGETT .. .. 4.	ROBERT M. BLACKWALL.. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

1st peal in the method on the bells.

LENTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 28, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Treble.	JAMES E. HEXTER .. .. 5.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 2.	HENRY GEORGE .. .. 6.
HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM WAGSTAFFE .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 29, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM HEXTER .. .. 5.
HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON 2.	SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 6.
HENRY GEORGE.. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 4.	ROBERT M. BLACKWALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

Handbell Peals.

EDINBURGH.—THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, July 12, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

EDMUND F. PRICE .. 1-2.	WALTER WALLACE .. 5-6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 3-4.	WM. C. S. HEATHCOTE 7-8.
C. CLEVELAND ELLIS .. 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WM. H. BARBER.

First peal of Caters on handbells by all except the conductor. Referee—Mr. N. C. Wilson.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 26, 1904, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM PYE.. .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 5-6.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 3-4.	HARRY W. CATTERWELL 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—W. Watson. Rung on the first anniversary of the wedding of H. W. Catterwell.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. NEOTS SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, July 28, 1904, in One Hour and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Kent Treble Bob, and five 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently.

LEWIS L. WATSON.. .. 1-2.	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. .. 5-6.	

Conducted by G. D. COLEMAN.

Umpire—O. Wiles, who ticked off the peal as rung.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Grandsire Caters recently rung at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, contained 5003 changes, not 5039 as reported.

**Date Touches.****THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

**TIVERTON (Devon).**—On Wednesday, May 25th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of 1904 Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 1 hr. and 12 mins. J. Elsworthy conductor, E. Munday, W. Grater, B. Grater, J. Grater, J. Hart, R. Grater, H. Ware.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**GARSTON (Lancashire).**—Recently a date touch of 1904 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. and 10 mins. J. Aspinwall, T. Hammond, jun., E. Counce conductor, G. Stewart, J. W. Rawlinson, G. R. Newton, W. Hughes, S. Millership.

**Miscellaneous.****THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.**

**GRANTHAM (Lincolnshire).**—On Monday, May 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins. R. Harrison, H. Singleton, G. Singleton, J. Shelton, W. White conductor.

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

**BRIERLEY HILL.**—On Monday, May 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. A. J. Skelding, W. Potter, J. Smith, R. James, J. Bass, F. Plant, R. Matthews conductor, E. Perkins. This is the first quarter-peal in the method by all except A. J. Skelding.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**FAREHAM (Hants).**—On Monday, May 16th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. S. Churcher, (first quarter-peal), C. Privett, G. Privett, Rev. W. H. Gordon, H. Privett, F. Saunders, J. W. Whiting conductor, G. Grant.

**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**NEWPORT (Mon).**—On Whit-Sunday, May 22nd, for morning service at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Williams (Llangibby), F. Charles, J. Buller, J. Butler, A. Thomas, G. Robinson, J. W. Jones conductor, S. Baiss. First quarter-peal by treble, 3rd and 6th men.

**THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD,**

**APPLEDORE (Kent).**—On Sunday, May 14th, for evening service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Law, E. G. Johnson conductor, C. Noakes, S. W. Hills, A. Johnson, F. S. Brown, G. Johnson, W. Sharp.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**WEST MALLING (Kent).**—On Saturday, May 21st, at the parish church, a 504 of Plain Bob Triples. E. Bellingham, E. Kelvie, A. Tawney, G. Pound (first touch of Bob Triples), J. Shorter, R. Goodburn, J. W. Leonard, P. Masters. 504 in the same method. W. Terry, E. Kelvie, J. Shorter, G. Pound, B. Goodburn, A. Tawney, J. W. Leonard, R. Noakes and 336 Grandsire Triples. E. Bellingham, A. Tawney, R. Goodburn, G. Pound, J. Shorter, E. Kelvie, J. W. Leonard, P. Masters. And 180 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, 6-8 covering. E. Kelvie, A. Tawney, J. Shorter, G. Pound, R. Goodburn, P. Masters, J. W. Leonard, E. Bellingham.

**BEARSTEAD (Kent).**—On June 7th, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob Minor. F. Pound, G. Burbridge, G. Forster, G. Wratten (first 720 with a bob bell), G. Draikes, sen., J. Shorter conductor. On June 21st, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor. W. Cheeseman, G. Draikes, sen. G. Foster, G. Wratten, G. Burbridge conductor, (first 720), J. Shorter. And 120 Bob Minor. G. Draikes, jun. (first in the method), W. Cheeseman, G. Foster, G. Burbridge, J. J. Shorter. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. F. Pound, W. Cheeseman, J. Draikes, G. Burbridge, J. Shorter, G. Foster.

**THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**BRAINTREE (Essex).**—On Sunday, July 24th, at the parish church, a 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Newman conductor, W. Sadler, F. Webb, H. E. Hammond, P. Holmes, G. Sentance, C. H. Howard, A. B. Wiffen.

**BOOKING (Essex).**—On Sunday, July 24th, at the parish church, a 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. N. Smith, E. Newman, G. H. Sentance, A. Saunders, H. J. Collins, F. Rudkin, W. Steel conductor, A. Avis.

**HALSTEAD (Essex).**—On Sunday, July 24th, at the parish church, a 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Wiffen, W. Root, A. Saunders, W. Ward, G. Arnold, G. H. Sentance, W. Steele conductor, A. Avis.

**ALLESLEY (Warwickshire).**—On Saturday, April 30th, the Coventry band rang at the above place a 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. H. White, conductor, S. Hope, W. H. Rees, A. W. Flowers, W. Maunds, W. H. Horwood. Also 120 and 180 Bob Minor. S. Hope, J. H. White, W. H. Rees, A. W. Flowers, W. Maunds, W. Horwood conductor. And 660 and 682 Bob Minor. A. W. Flowers, S. Hope, W. H. Rees, J. H. White, W. Maund, W. H. Harwood conductor. And on Saturday, May 14th, a 360 Bob Minor. A. W. Flowers, S. Hope, W. H. Rees, J. H. White, W. Maund, W. H. Horwood conductor. Also 240 and 660 standing as before. And 240 Bob Minor. J. H. White, W. Maund, W. H. Rees, A. W. Flowers, S. Hope, W. Horwood conductor.

**BEARSTED.**—On Sunday, June 26th, at the parish church, for morning service, a 360 Bob Minor. G. Burbridge, W. Cheeseman, G. Foster, F. Pollard, G. Draikes, sen., J. Shorter. On Tuesday, June 28th, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob Minor. A. Goodhew (first 720), W. Cheeseman, G. Foster, G. Draikes, G. Burbridge, J. Shorter, conductor.

**BROOMFIELD (Essex).**—On May 8th, for evening service, a 720 of Bob Minor. G. Clarke, T. Crozier, G. Parsons, J. Tonbridge, A. Bradley conductor, C. Matthews. On May 12th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Clarke, G. Waterman, G. Parsons, C. Crozier, A. Bradley conductor, G. Matthews. And 360 Kent Treble Bob. G. Clarke, P. Holmes, G. Waterman, J. Tonbridge, A. Bradley conductor, C. Matthews.

**DUNMOW (Essex).**—On May 14th, at the parish church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Gouldston, F. Suckling, H. Emery, E. Hynés, H. Bowers, E. Claydon conductor. Tenor 22½ cwt.

**GOLDHANGER (Essex).**—On Wednesday, April 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. S. Hume, A. Appleton, B. Cottis, I. D. Buckingham conductor, H. Brazier, G. Abbott.

**KIRDFORD (Sussex).**—On Sunday, May 22nd, at the parish church, a 240 Grandsire Doubles. W. Stemp, F. Hoad, sen., F. Hoad, jun., conductor, A. Collins, G. Kilner, H. Hoad. And 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. Stemp, G. Kilner, G. Durrant conductor, A. Collins, F. Sopp, M. Stenning.

**PRESTON (Suffolk).**—On Thursday evening, May 5th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Superlative Surprise. H. Crick, T. Hollocks, A. Symonds, J. Fayers, W. Hollocks, H. Gladwell conductor.

**SPRINGFIELD (Essex).**—Recently at the parish church, a 320 Kent Treble Bob. J. Savill, G. Waterman, C. Matthews, W. Sharpington, A. Bradley conductor, H. Sharpington. And 120 Plain Bob. F. Ward, G. Waterman, C. Mathews, W. Sharpington, A. Bradley conductor, M. Wendley.

**STEBBING (Essex).**—On May 13th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise. H. Young, E. Hynés, H. C. Ruffel, H. Emery, J. T. Barker, E. Claydon conductor. Tenor 10 cwt. On Sunday, May 29th, for morning service, a 720 Plain Bob, and for evening service a 720 Plain Bob (Penning's One-Part), conducted by E. Claydon. On Sunday, June 4th, for morning service, a 720 Plain Bob and for evening service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Claydon, first 720 in the method. On Sunday, June 12th, for evening service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. On June 17th, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob. A. Barker, E. Hynés, Rev. E. Clapton (Vicar), H. Emery, 7. T. Baker, E. Claydon conductor. First 720 by the Rev. E. Clapton.

**WALBERTON (Sussex).**—On Saturday, May 7th, at the parish church, a 720 Grandsire Doubles, being six 120s each called differently. G. Wollen, F. Luxford, C. Blackman, J. Netley, G. H. Lee conductor. This was the first on the bells, which have recently been recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, the go of them being excellent, and the ringers take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Luxford.

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### Notices.

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The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Meeting at Tanfield to-day Saturday, Aug. 6th. The eight bells in St. Margaret's church are open for ringing after 2.30 p.m. Tea at The Peacock inn at 5 o'clock, 9d. each. Committee meets at 4 o'clock.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*  
62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Paal's, Ramsbottom, to-day, Saturday, August 6. Bells ready at 4.0, meeting at 6.30. Business: nomination of branch secretary and committeeman for the next term.

W. ASHWORTH, *Branch Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting of this Association will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, the 13th of August. The bells will be raised about 5 o'clock. Members and friends of the Association are cordially invited to attend.

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

The Herts Association.—A district meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday August 13th. Bells available at 4.0. Tea at 6 o'clock. Shall be glad to hear from those who are coming.

H. EDEN, *Dis. Sec.*  
Chalk Hill House, Watford.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready at 4.30, meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Warrington on Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready at 4.0, tea at 5.30 o'clock.

WALTER HUGHES.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Blandford, Dorset, on Saturday, August 13th, instead of the 30th July. Details in next issue.

A. F. MARTIN STEWART, *Branch Hon. Sec.*

Exeter Cathedral.—Caters practice at 7 o'clock sharp on Wednesday, August 10th.

EDWIN SHEPHERD.

160, Sidwell Street, Exeter.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—York Town District.—Quarterly meeting at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, August 13th. Bells open from one o'clock. Tea in Church Room at 5 o'clock for those who inform me by Thursday, August 11th.

CHAS. H. PEARCE, *Dist. Sec.*

Vale Road, Yorktown.

The Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Daybrook, on Saturday, August 13th. Ringing from 3.30 to 9 p.m.

R. CLIFFORD, *Local Hon. Sec.*

Brancote Road, Beeston, Notts.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's, Milnrow, on Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m., meeting at 7. All ringers welcome. Business important.

J. H. BASTOW, *Branch Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great

Waltham on Saturday, August 20th. Bells ready at 4.0. Business meeting at 6.30.

H. T. WILSON, *Dist. Sec.*

36, St. Mary's Road, Prittlewell.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at SS Peter and Paul, Borden, on Saturday, August 20th. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at The Maypole inn at 6 p.m. Members intending to be present at tea must let me know on or before Wednesday, the 17th instant. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be paid.

A. OSBORNE, *Dist. Sec.*  
65, Clive Road, Rochester.

The Essex Association.—Notice.—New rule made at annual meeting, Whit-Monday, 1904. All peals sent to me for booking must be accompanied by figures of composition or reference to their publication be given. No peal will be inserted in peal-book unless this rule is complied with.

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63425	2	2	2
35426	I	2	
24536	2	2	
25346	I	2	
23456	I	2	

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#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BADDOW.—On Tuesday, May 10th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples, in 46 mins. H. Bush, H. Dawson, H. W. Kirton, W. Newman, A. Head, A. Richell, H. F. Cooper conductor, W. Rice.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM.—On Sunday May 1st, at St. Martin's church, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples, in 42 mins. F. Uphill, A. Brown, D. Snelling, F. Challen, W. Gearing, T. Shrubbs, A. Bassett, A. Coleman.

ELLINGHAM (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, May 4th, 1080 Doubles, in 30 mins., being 360 each of Stedman, Grand-sire and Plain Bob. E. Saunders, C. E. Parnell, E. Poppy, G. Baxter, G. E. Symonds conductor.

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**Ringers' Outings.**

**THE KIRKHEATON SOCIETY.**—On Sunday, July 24th, through the generosity of Mr. J. A. Rhodes, the above company were enabled to pay a visit to the parish church of Friezeland, where a start was made to ring 600 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Owing to it being service time we had to stop twenty-four changes from home. On leaving the church we wended our way to the Royal George Club, where touches of Grandsire Major and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were rung on the handbells. Following this we adjourned to The Railway hotel, where ample justice was done to a good dinner prepared by the landlord. After dinner we returned to the church, where, through the kind permission of the Vicar we were allowed to ring until 3.30. "Go" was called for home, on which we remounted the wagonette, and drove home via "Bill's-o-Jack's" and the Isle of Skye, arriving at The Waterloo hotel at 9.45 p.m. A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Rhodes for his kindness by Mr. J. E. Carter, seconded by Mr. J. Bottom, and unanimously carried by all, who had thoroughly enjoyed the excursion.

**THE ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.**—The members of this Society went for their annual outing on Saturday, July 16th. Great Yarmouth was the place selected, and on arrival there quarters were taken at Goode's hotel. After partaking of lunch a ramble was made along the lively sands of the sea shore, returning to dinner. Afterwards they adjourned to the Britannia Pier, and listened to the strains of the military band, and attended a capital entertainment in the concert room on the pier. Sunday morning was devoted to a visit to the parish church of St. Nicholas, where they were 'courteously received by the local band, and were invited to stand in a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples and a touch of Grandsire Caters. In the afternoon a trip by boat was made to the village of Gorleston. Making for the church, and "hunting up and down," they had good "luck" in finding the conductor (Mr. Luck) who kindly gave up the ropes to the visitors. A 360 Bob Minor was brought round and another touch in the same method. The visitors desire to thank Mr. Luck and the local band for their kindness. On Monday the party was joined by the Rev. A. Chaplin, of St. Albans Cathedral. In the afternoon a

most enjoyable sail was made round the light ship called Saint Nicholas. On Tuesday the pleasant outing came to a finish, the members having thoroughly enjoyed it, returning home in the evening no doubt deriving much benefit from their visit to the sea-side.

**BRIGHTON.**—On Sunday, July 17th, for Divine Service at St. Nicholas' church, 647 Grandsire Caters. J. Jay, D. Stredwick, J. Wyatt, E. O'Meara, E. Merritt, F. Tindall, H. Last, A. C. Otway, A. Dean conductor, E. Tugwood.

**ORMSKIRK.**—On Monday, June 6th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Taylor, T. Taylor, Jno. Taylor, J. H. Sholicar, J. Pilkington, W. Fairclough, W. Bentham, J. Draper.

**WOODFORD.**—On Sunday, May 5th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob. C. Marr, G. A. Black, S. A. Green, J. Kimberley, J. Mardell, E. Wightman. After service 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Kimberley, K. C. Fox, F. Bressey, A. Doherty, E. Wightman conductor, J. Mardell. On Sunday, July 12th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles.

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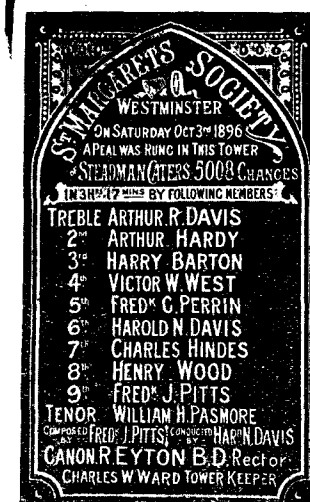
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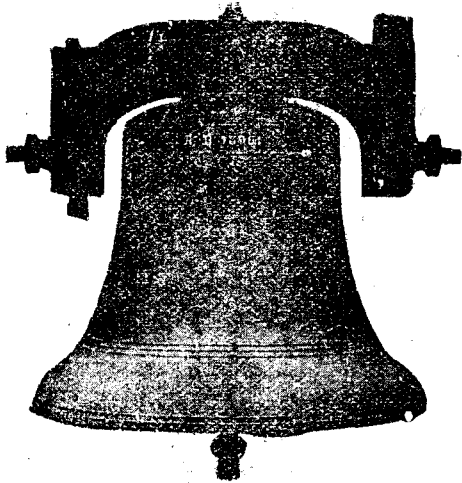
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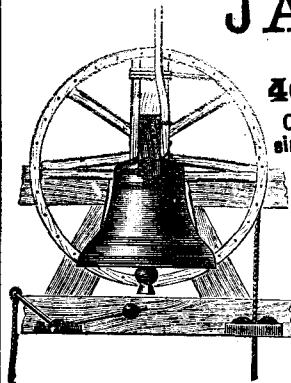
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