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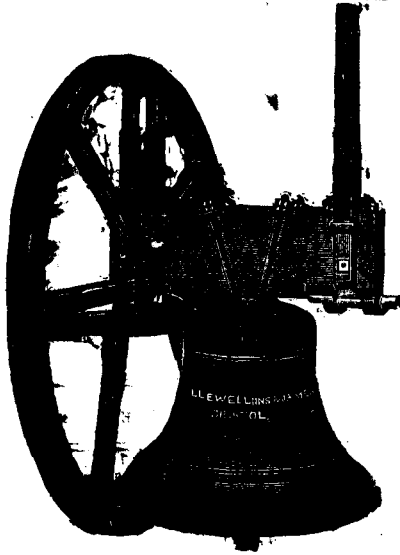
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

WALDRON (Sussex). All Saints. Eight bells. No return.

WALKDEN (Lancashire). St. Paul. Lancashire Association. Eight bells; all by Warner, the two trebles 1898, the rest 1876. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Warner 1898. Ropes new 1898, good. Methods: Grand-sire, Stedman, Darlaston Bob, Plain and Treble Bob and Double Norwich. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

WALMER (Kent). St. Mary. Eight bells; all by Warner, 1893. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs since hung. Ropes new 1893 good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

WALSALL (Staffordshire). St. Matthew. Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Ten bells; the two trebles by Taylor 1863, the rest by Rudhall 1795. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Barwell 1892. Ropes new 1892, fair. Methods: "Standard." Occasional Sunday ringing. Practice: Wednesday, 8.15.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.)

The Annual Meeting of this district was held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, February 18th, and was attended by over sixty members, nearly all the towers in the district being represented. The bells were set going soon after three o'clock. The committee meeting was held at 4.30, when twenty-six new practising members and probationers were elected, including the band at Hawkhurst, as well as an hon. member and a new life member, and the places for the meetings for the ensuing year were discussed.

At 5.30 the members sat down to an excellent meat tea provided by host Bavey at The Castle inn. Owing to illness, the Rector was unable to be present, but the chair

was occupied by the Rev. A. Gatehouse (curate), supported by M. A. Streatfield, Esq., and Mr. John Chantler (churchwardens). The chairman on being introduced by the District Secretary, extended a hearty welcome to the members, and expressed the regret of the Rector at being unable to be with them.

At the conclusion of the repast the usual business was transacted. The annual report for the past year shewed that two bands had rejoined, twenty-eight practising members and probationers, and two new hon. members had been elected. The district consisted of twelve towers in union, 116 practising members, and eighteen hon. members. Four district meetings were held, viz., at Cranbrook, Edenbridge, Speldhurst and Shipbourne, and were very well attended; at the last two mentioned places the members were very kindly entertained to tea.

The bells at Hawkhurst had been rehung, etc., and were now in good going order, and the District Secretary said that he attended a meeting of the ringers, clergy and churchwardens of that church on January 30th, when he explained to them the objects of the Association, with the result that the band had joined, and the Vicar had intimated his intention of becoming an hon. member, and the band wished to be provided with an Instructor after Easter. In conclusion the District Secretary desired to return his sincere thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to the local secretaries for their kind assistance in making arrangements for the meetings. He mentioned that at all the meetings the clergy had been present and welcomed the members, inviting them to come again.

Mr. W. Latter and Mr. D. Wright were elected to the respective offices of District Secretary and Representative, with the thanks of the members for past services. Both briefly returned thanks for the renewed confidence of the members. It was decided that the meetings for the year should be held at Westerham, Speldhurst, Hadlow or Tunbridge Wells, and the annual meeting at Tonbridge, the various dates to be left to the District Secretary to arrange.

The District Secretary mentioned the condition of the Hadlow bells, which were unringable, owing to the dangerous state of the frame and timbers. He said a local committee had been formed, a report and estimates had been obtained from Mears and Stainbank, and an appeal had been issued for funds to carry out the necessary repairs. It being a purely agricultural parish, there would no doubt be some difficulty in raising the necessary amount. The Central Committee of the Association had granted three guineas towards the fund, and if any of the members felt disposed to assist this object, he should be pleased to receive, acknowledge and forward to the proper quarter any donations, and he could assure them that any sum however small would be thankfully received and greatly appreciated, and it would also show that they as ringers were willing not only to ring bells which were in good order, but were also willing to assist to restore bells when they fell into decay.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, to

the Rev. A. Gatehouse for presiding, to the churchwardens for their attendance, and to Mr. G. Edwards for making the arrangements, were unanimously passed, and which were suitably responded to, brought a very pleasant meeting to a close, and the members dispersed to the tower where the bells were kept going in various methods until past nine o'clock.

THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

The Annual Meeting of this Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday, February 25th. Ringing commenced soon after 4 o'clock. A service was held in the church at five o'clock. The prayers were intoned by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland (Vicar), and a very interesting address was given on bells by the Rev. S. J. Marriott, Vicar of Netherton, describing the weight of the largest bells in England, on the Continent, and in other parts of the world, the inscriptions on some of them, translating their meaning; also the uses to which bells have been put in different places at different periods of time, contrasting the mode of ringing bells by swinging them in this country, the home of bellringing, with the methods of striking them at rest in other parts of Europe. The rev. gentleman brought his discourse to a close by impressing upon his hearers the sacredness of the office they held, and the dignity of performing the duties attached thereto to the best of their ability.

At the close of the service the members numbering upwards of fifty, adjourned to the schoolroom, where a substantial tea awaited them, provided by Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Jenkins, wives of the present churchwardens. Mrs. A. Gray Maitland and Mrs. Clarke presided at the tables, while the wives of St. Thomas's ringers were busy attending to the wants of all present.

After tea a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the donors, to Mrs. Maitland for her presence, to the ladies who had assisted in making all happy, to Mr. Marriott for the address, and Mr. North for presiding at the organ, on the proposition of the Vicar, seconded by Mr. S. Spittle, and supported by Mr. H. Mason. At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar in the chair, the whole of the officers were re-elected, viz.: President—Rev. A. Gray Maitland; Vice-President—Rev. S. J. Marriott; Ringing-Master—Mr. S. Spittle; Hon. Secretary—Mr. W. Micklewright; Treasurer—Mr. W. R. Small. Several new members were elected. Financially the Guild is prospering, as the balance-sheet showed a good surplus in the Treasurer's hands.

It was arranged to hold the next quarterly meeting at Oldbury. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for presiding at the meeting, the use of the schoolroom, tower and bells. After the meeting the members adjourned to the tower and rang several touches of Grand-sire Caters, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Royal brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

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(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

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On the motion of Mr. J. E. Clarke, seconded by Mr. C. H. Fowler, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and schools, and the rest of the evening was given up to harmony and ringing. J. M.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

On Thursday, February 9th, the members of the St. Peter's society held their fourth annual dinner, and the member's wives and friends to the number of thirty-four, sat down to an excellent repast at The Prince of Wales. The Vicar and Mrs. Cleaver were present, to the gratification of all, but unfortunately could not spend the whole of the evening with them owing to other engagements. The tables were tastefully laid by host and hostess Relf. After the tables were cleared, pipes and tobacco were allowed by the ladies present, and harmony reigned, interspersed by toasts and speeches.

The Rev. C. W. E. Cleaver before leaving said a few words expressing his pleasure at meeting his ringers and their wives again, and gave a hearty welcome to their friends and members from Shiplake, they having arrived early in the afternoon and attempted a peal of Stedman Triples which unfortunately came to grief. The bells were kept going till about seven o'clock to touches of Grandsire Triples. After dinner songs were sung by several members of the home and Shiplake bands, and a few tunes were played on the handbells by the Caversham handbell ringers, which were as usual greatly appreciated by all.

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

OLD BOOKS ON CHANGE-RINGING.

SIR,—I see that in "An account of Church Bells" published by the late Rev. William C. Lukis in 1857, a list of works on Bells, compiled by the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, is given on pp. 58-61. As this book has now been out of print many years, it may be of interest to reprint a portion of Mr. Ellacombe's list, which refers to the above subject, and is as follows:—

- "Tintinnologia or the Art of Ringing Improved," by T. W(hite), 1668, 18 mo.
 - "Campanologia, or the Art of Ringing Improved," 1677, 18 mo. (This was by Fabian Stedman.)
 - "Campanologia Improved," by J. D. and C. M., London Scholars, 18 mo., 1702.
 - Ditto second edition, 12 mo., 1705.
 - Ditto third edition, 12 mo., 1733.
 - Ditto fourth edition, 12 mo., 1753.
 - Ditto fifth edition, corrected by J. Monk, 18 mo., 1766.
 - "The School of Recreation, or Gentleman's Tutor in various exercises, one of which is Ringing," 1684.
 - "Campanologia, a Poem in praise of Ringing," by the author of the Shrubs of Parnassus. London, 1761, folio.
 - "Clavis Campanologia," by Jones, Reeves and Blakemore, 1788. (Reprinted in 1796 and 1800.)
 - "The Ringer's True Guide," by S. Beaufoy, 1804, 12 mo.
 - "The Campanologia, or Universal Instructor in the Art of Ringing," by Wm. Shipway, 1816, 12 mo.
 - "Elements of Campanologia," by H. Hubbard, 1845-1854, 12 mo.
 - "The Bell: its origin, history and uses," by Rev. A. Gatty, 12 mo., 1847 and 1848.
 - Blunt's "Use and Abuse of Church Bells," 1846, 8 vo.
 - Ellacombe's "Practical Remarks on Belfries and Ringers," 1850, 8 mo.
 - Ellacombe's "Papers on Bells," with Illustrations, in the Report of the Bristol Architectural Society, 1850.
 - Croome's "Few Words on Bells and Bell Ringing," 1851, 8 vo.
 - Woolf's "Address on the Science of Campanology," tract, 1857.
 - "Plain Hints to Bell Ringers." No. 47 of Parochial Tracts, 1852.
 - "The Art of Change-Ringing," by B. Thackrah, 1852, 12 mo.
 - Quarterly Review: Article on "Church Bells," September, 1854.
 - "The Legend of the Limerick Bell Founder," published in the Dublin University Magazine, September, 1847.
 - "The Bells," by Schiller.
 - The Osborn mss. on the subject among the Additional mss. in the British Museum, Nos. 19, 368 and 19, 373.
 - Miller's Church Bells: "Words to Ringers," 1845, 12 mo.
 - Orders of the Company of Ringers of Cheapside, etc., from February 2, 1603. MS. CXIX. in library of All Souls College, Oxford.
- Then follow the names of four Latin works and references to various articles on Bells, Bell Founding, etc., of modern date.

The first work named in this list is credited to T. White, from which it would appear that two books with similar titles were published in 1668, i.e. "Tintinnologia; or the Art of Ringing," (reprinted from an original copy in Mr. Lukis's possession at "THE BELL NEWS" office in 1895), and "Tintinnologia, or the Art of Ringing improved," by T. W(hite). This latter appears to be the book referred to by Mr. Forse in your issue of Jan. 21st. Whether they were rival productions, or whether White's was an "improved" edition of Stedman's, published a few months afterwards, or whether they were original works, or both founded upon some earlier one now lost, I must leave to others more competent than myself to decide; but it is a question worth considering, and solving if possible. The size of Mr. Tucker's imperfect book may be some guide to him in determining which edition of the London Scholars' book it is, the first and last being 18mo., and the other three 12mo. It was the fifth edition that was reprinted at "THE BELL NEWS" office in 1887, from an old copy in the possession of Mr. S. B. Goslin. The above list also shows that there were three editions of "The Clavis"—1788, 1796, and 1800. My second copy is undated, but it states on the title-page that it was printed by J. Raw, at Ipswich. WM. C. PEARSON.

CIRCUMAGERE—PULSARE.

SIR,—Allow me to thank Mr. Jerram for his letter in your last issue. His second quotation is an interesting piece of evidence in favour of the secular origin of Ringing. R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—The extracts which Mr. Jerram gives are very interesting, but there must be some way of ascertaining an approximate date, without which they are of no value for the purposes in hand. In any case they would be quite applicable to the original half-wheels as to the present whole wheels. I should be inclined to think that "circumagere" meant no more than the present continental style of swinging the bell, whether by lever, or by the weight of the ringer balanced on the headstock itself, or by half-wheels. I submit that we have no definite evidence that bells were either tuned in diatonic scale, or hung so that they could be upset, before the introduction of plain changes. H. DRAKE.

THE RAWTENSTALL DIFFICULTY.

SIR,—Acting under the advice of our late Vicar I do not intend to reply to the last set of falsehoods written by Mr. Newman, and pointed out in your issue of the 18th ult. I have shown the correspondence to our late Vicar (Rev. D. S. Johnson, now of Bradford rectory, Manchester), and he has promised to write out a full statement of the true facts, a full copy of which I will send on to you in due course. I may add that the Rawtenstall ringers deeply regret that a former member of their company should so far forget himself as to rush into print with such statements, especially after the many considerations he has received from them. JAMES ROLLERSON.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Referring to the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at St. Cuthbert's parish church, Edinburgh, on February 11th, and published in your issue of February 25th, will you kindly allow us to correct an error which was made in claiming that peal as the first in the method in Scotland. Mr. A. Nunneley Wood, of Driffield, has kindly written pointing out that a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by the College Youths at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness, on September 27th, 1877. We regret the error, and offer our apologies to the Ancient Society of College Youths.

C. CLEVELAND ELLIS, St. Mary's Cathedral Society.
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Where heaves the turf in many a mouldering heap
Each in his narrow cell for ever laid,
The rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep.
No more for them the blazing hearth will burn,
Or busy housewife ply her evening care.
No children run to lisp their sires' return,
Or climb his knee, the envied kiss to share.

Gray's Elegy.

A bleak cold wind is blowing from the north. Across Leicester old cemetery it whirls the winter's dead leaves in fitful gusts over the graves "where heaves the turf in many a mouldering heap," and the group of silent sympathisers under the church porch gather closer together as they await the procession of the dead. And it comes.

The rumbling wheels cease, and the church doors are open as tenderly the coffin of our dead comrade is placed upon the bier. Then they close upon the outer world, and we hear as in a dream the words: "I am the Resurrection and the Life." Who hath not listened to the service for the burial of the dead? It breathes of peace and rest to hearts that ache. It is like an oasis wherein one may drink in the sanctity of the cloister for a brief spell before journeying onward in a desert world. We have felt this unseen influence before, we shall maybe feel it again, ere that day when others will sit in our places, and other hands shall perform for us the duty we now do for our erstwhile brother ringer. And this is the end of it all! the end of aspirations, of hopes and fears which make life a battleground from the cradle to the grave.

Slowly the service proceeds, broken only by the sobs across the aisle, and as there falls upon our ears "It is sown in dishonour—it is raised in glory," as though in fulfilment; down through the chancel the sunlight steals, shedding a halo over the bier and its floral burden. At length it is over, and the final journey down the gravelled path is taken. Few events in life cut more keenly than that last look into the grave of one whom we have learned to love, and the thought will come—"Nevermore: this side of eternity."

It is over now. The minister has fulfilled his office, and departs to give spiritual consolation to others. One by one the mourners gaze sadly down at the coffin, and as they move away from the graveside we approach with bells in hand, and ring over him who has been far more than a friend, a farewell course of Grandsire Caters. The bystanders linger awhile to hear the strange music, then they too melt away, and the curtain is rung down upon the last scene in a ringer's life "like a tale that is told." *Requiescat in pace!*

Stephen Cooper was a man of many parts. Well read, and a good speaker, he could discuss on almost any topic. His presence always commanded respect. As a young man he entered the Ancient Order of Foresters, and rose through the elective positions until he reached that of High Chief Ranger. He was probably the youngest man at that time to reach the chair, and many are the stories told of his efficiency. The following was told to the writer by Stephen himself. On one occasion, when the brethren thought their young chairman could be played with, Stephen Cooper proved his worth. After many futile appeals for order, he at last rose to his feet and exclaimed—"Silence! and now listen to me. You have placed me in this office of your own free will, whether you respect me or no matters not, but I'll have you respect the position I occupy. While I fill this chair I will maintain its dignity at any cost, and the next who offends I'll name him! And now brethren, we'll proceed to business." It was as though a thunderbolt had fallen. Many older officers shook him by the hand, and from that hour Stephen Cooper was known to be a man who meant business.

His ringing career dates from his youth. He heard the first peal of Stedman Caters rung in the county of Leicester in 1853, when the Birmingham company, including such notables as W. Chattell, J. Day, Bannister, and others, rang the peal at St. Margaret's. His first peal was rung in 1868, his last in 1895; a

total of twenty-six of Stedman Triples and Caters, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Treble Bob Major, and Royal. He filled the post of president of St. Margaret's society from the death of the late Edward Biggs in 1879; as chairman of the Leicester branch of the Midland Counties Association for the past twenty-two years, and had sat upon the Central Council for six years. Muffled peals were rung at nearly all Leicester churches, at St. Saviour's 5088 of Treble Bob, at St. Mark's 5088 of Bob Major, and touches of Stedman Triples and Caters at St. John's and St. Margaret's respectively. The Leicester ringers sent a floral emblem in the shape of a bell, and six ringers carried him to the grave: A. Millis, J. Buttery, J. Needham, J. Jarvis, J. Morris, and W. Willson.

His favorite author was Charles Dickens; his favorite poem, "Gray's Elegy in a Country Churchyard," and with the writer of these lines he loved to sit for hours and discuss that gem of English literature, in praise of which he would never tire. And now he is laid on mother earth, what shall his epitaph be?

Stilled is the hand so honest and so true,
Frozen, the hand that now had grasped so warm,
Done, all the good that one good man could do,
Come shine or storm, W. WILLSON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

A meeting of the Sudbury Archidiaconal Branch of this Association was held at Sudbury, on Saturday, February 18th. The tea and business meeting were held at The Green Dragon, when the Rev. J. J. Jones (Rector of Sudbury) occupied the chair, and there were also present the Rev. R. L. Twells (Diocesan Secretary), Rev. H. B. Woolley (District Secretary), and some thirty ringers hailing from Sudbury (SS. Peter and Gregory s) Bury St. Edmunds (St. James'), Glemsford, Sudbury (All Saints), Lavenham, Horringer, Thetford, Haverhill and Withersfield. Four new members were elected, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting if convenient at Lavenham on July 15th. With regard to the proposed Bishopric of Suffolk the opinion was expressed that the county could produce an excellent Diocesan Association of ringers.

During the day several touches of Treble Bob and Grandsire were rung on the three towers of St. Peter's, St. Gregory's and All Saints. The ringers desire to thank the Rector of Sudbury and the Rev. C. J. Stower, Vicar of All Saints, for the use of the bells, and the Rector of Sudbury for presiding at the meeting.

THE CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL SOCIETY,
NEW ZEALAND.

The Annual Meeting of the above Society was held on Tuesday evening, December 20th, at 8 p.m., in the Coffee Palace, the President, the Rev. W. Dunkley, in the chair. The Secretary's report was read, shewing a falling off in the ringing, which was accounted for by the Society not having enough active members, the attendance averaging a fraction over seven per meeting. The balance sheet shewed a substantial improvement over that of last year. The election of officers resulted as follows: Mr. T. Biddle, Master; Mr. J. Maple, Deputy Master; Mr. W. H. Wraight, Secretary and Treasurer; Auditor, Mr. H. Baker; Committee, Messrs. J. Andrews, W. Baker, A. Dunkley, W. Jones, W. Saunders. Mr. A. Stothers was presented with a small trophy for having made most progress during his probation, Mr. L. Barnes being a good second.

Business being disposed of the meeting resolved itself into a supper and musical evening. Several toasts were proposed, including the King and the honorary members. Songs were sung by Messrs. T. Biddle, L. Barnes, A. Dunkley and T. Treadwell. Also several courses of Grandsire Triples, double-handed, by members of the Society. This meeting and supper combined is a new departure, and was a thorough success, and it is hoped will become an annual affair.

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Ancient Society of College Youths.—Estd. 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Wednesday, March 15, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on March 23rd. Business meeting after St. Michael's. All members are requested to attend the meeting at headquarters on Wed., March 15th, when the Rule VII. Committee's Report will be presented.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at the church of St George-in-the-East to-day, Saturday, March 11th, by kind permission of the Rector, Rev. F. St. John Corbett. The bells will be raised about 3.30 p.m., and evensong will be said at 5.30 p.m. Arrangements will be made for a plain tea on the usual terms at 6 p.m. It would save the Hon. Sec. some trouble if the subscriptions now due could be sent in earlier than has been customary.

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

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting of the above Society will be held at Earlsheaton to-day, Saturday, March 11th. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major will be attempted during the afternoon, the meeting to commence as near 6 o'clock as possible, the meeting to be held at The Park hotel.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Beeston to-day, Saturday, March 11th. Ringing from 3.30 to 9 p.m.

REUBEN CLIFFORD,
Local Hon. Sec.

The Herts Association.—A district meeting will be held at Pinner to-day, Saturday, March 11th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, 7d. a head. Members will oblige by informing me if they intend to be present.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Leonard's, Heston, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea about 5.50. Will members kindly note that subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at once.

J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Alban's, Rochdale, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, *Branch Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, March 25th. Broomfield and Springfield towers will be open for ringing after 3 p.m. A knife and fork tea at 5 p.m. at The Endeavour, Springfield, 1s. each. All intending to be present please let me know by the 20th inst.

B. S. THOMPSON, *Dis. Sec.*
The Bungalow, Widford, Chelmsford.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on Satur-

day, March 25th. Bells available at 3. Tea at 5.30. by invitation of the Rev. A. Allen, B.D. Members intending to be present will oblige by sending me word by Wednesday the 22nd inst.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*
Arran, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

Wes'erham (Kent).—There will be no practices during Lent. Sundays as usual.

G. B. SELBY, *Sec.*

Compositions.

A DATE TOUCH OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By W. J. FISHER, *Farnborough, Hants.*

1905.

23456	I	4	5
*18674523			
26435	-	-	
42563	-	-	
43526	-	-	
36524	-	-	
53462	-	-	
45236	-	-	
24653	-	-	
23645	-	-	

Twice repeated.

*Odd change first lead-end.

[Mr. Rowe, of Cbesbunt, Herts., writes to say that the date touch of Double Norwich by Mr. Fisher, already published, contains eighteen courses, or 2001 changes. Perhaps he could make some alteration.]

BOB MAJOR.

By JAMES HUNT, *Guildford.*

5120.

23456	W	B	M	H
53462	-	-	-	x
46325	-	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-

Five times repeated; single for bob half-way and end. x Add three homes here in one part only.

5088.

By GEO. F. WILLIAMS, *Horsham.*

23456	W	B	5	4	M	H
23564	I	-	-	-	-	-
26543	I	-	-	-	-	-
52436	s	I	-	-	s	-
52364	-	I	-	-	-	-
52643	-	I	-	-	-	-
24653	-	-	-	-	-	-
24536	I	-	-	-	-	-

Five times repeated; single at w in sixth course of third and sixth parts. The 2nd her extent at home and always in 2-3, the 6th never in 2nds place throughout, and has all the combinations of 4-5-6.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.
By FRED ROBINSON, *Mirfield.*

5120.

23456	M	B	W	H
36452	2	-	I	2
53624	2	2	2	2
25346	2	2	2	2
46532	2	-	-	2
52364	2	-	2	2
34625	2	-	2	2
42356	2	-	2	2
54263	2	2	2	2
23645	2	-	2	2
34256	2	2	2	2
53462	2	2	2	2
42635	2	-	2	2
23456	2	2	2	2

This peal, in the minimum number of changes, has all the 8-6s and eighteen 8-6-7s, all the 8-5-7s and eighteen 8-5s.

TOUCHES OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By JAMES HUNT, *Guildford.*

544.

43652	I	5	6	
36452	-	-	-	
43265	-	-	-	
608.	I	4	5	
65324	-	-	-	
52364	-	-	-	
32465	-	-	-	
672	I	4	5	6
24356	-	-	-	
45236	-	-	-	
32546	-	-	-	

Repeated.

Repeated.

672

65324	I	4	6
23564	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

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The Metropolis.

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On Wednesday, February 22, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

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HENRY R. NEWTON 4.	SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

†First peal in the method. Rang as a compliment to Mr. How, he having attained his 73rd birthday on the 19th inst., the band wishing him many happy returns.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

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| HENRY GEORGE HILL .. Treble. | RICHARD GEORGE CARTER .. 5. |
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| QR.-MR.-SGT. ALFRED PYE .. 4. | HARRY BECKFORD Tenor. |

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHN ALDRIDGE.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to H. Beckford, E. O. Masters, Hon. Secretary of the band, and the Rev. Canon E. C. Escreet, Rector of the parish, to whom the ringers tender their sincere congratulations.

The Provinces.

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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars', College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs.

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| CHARLES MORTIMER 2. | DENNIS CARRIER 5. |
| WILLIAM J. DAVISON .. 3. | CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor. |

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

*First peal.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars', College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court. Tenor 13 cwt.

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Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Woodbine and two 720s each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob.

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| W. WILKINSON Treble. | F. EKINS 4. |
| H. WAINER 2. | T. HUMBERSTONE 5. |
| R. MASTERS 3. | C. WARD Tenor. |

Conducted by C. WARD.

First peal as conductor.

MIDHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 22, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Plain Bob, Duke of York and Woodbine; and two of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM WERRY, JUN. .. Treble. | †WILLIAM R. MADGWICK .. 4. |
| HERBERT R. WEEKS .. 2. | WILLIAM NEW 5. |
| ERNEST PRESSLING .. 3. | JAMES LEE Tenor. |

Conducted by WILLIAM R. MADGWICK.

†First peal as conductor.

SHERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, February 22, 1905 in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs.

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| CHARLES STREET* .. Treble. | GEORGE W. CHALICE .. 5. |
| MALCOLM SANDERS .. 2. | MAURICE BIGNOLD .. 6. |
| SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 3. | JAMES HUNT 7. |
| FRANK BIGNOLD .. 4. | HARRY MASON Tenor. |

Composed by ARTHUR E. BAMES, of Australia, and Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

*First peal.

JARROW-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 22, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Merchants' Return, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Bob Minor, Double Oxford and College Single.

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| J. J. BREWIS* Treble. | ANDREW TULLY 4. |
| ROBT. HOGG 2. | THOS. A. TEASDALE .. 5. |
| J. T. HOGG 3. | JOS. E. SYKES Tenor. |

Conducted by THOS. A. TEASDALE.

*First peal and is one of the local ringers; the rest belong to Christ Church, North Shields. First 5040 on the bells, which are a very musical ring but go very bad, especially the tenor. The peal was arranged by Mr. Brewis with a view of giving an impetus to change-ringing at the above church. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Pybus for making the necessary arrangements.

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On Thursday, February 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

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| ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. Treble. | GEORGE F. SWANN .. 5. |
| ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 2. | SAMUEL GROVE .. 6. |
| EDMUND J. HYLAND .. 3. | JAMES DOWLER .. 7. |
| FRANK WITHERS .. 4. | WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor. |

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

On Friday, February 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

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| H. W. TURLEY* .. Treble. | †G. BAKER 5. |
| VICTOR STILL* .. 2. | G. TURLEY 6. |
| J. BAKER 3. | J. MAYNARD 7. |
| C. CHAPMAN 4. | *J. PRATT Tenor. |

Conducted by G. TURLEY.

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

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On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

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| MARY CHILLINGWORTH* .. Treble. | G. ABERY 4. |
| H. TUCKER 2. | C. GILES 5. |
| J. ABERY 3. | W. HORN Tenor. |

Conducted by C. GILES.

*First peal.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Four Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
7296 CHANGES.

ALFRED BARNES Treble.	DAVID BREARLEY 5.
JAMES L. ROBINSON 2.	JOHN FLINT 6.
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Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by E. READER.
Longest peal in the method by the Guild.

TRING, HERTS. — THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HUBERT EDEN Treble.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 5.
HENRY HODGETTS 2.	ALFRED B. PECK 6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 3.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	HARRY A. HORREX Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

First peal on the bells.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.
Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

JAMES HOUGH Treble.	THOMAS HUGHES 5.
JOSEPH WOODS 2.	JAMES DILLON 6.
FRANK JONES 3.	*WILLIAM BRISCOE 7.
JOSEPH CLIFF* 4.	*EDWIN BEEZE Tenor.

Composed by J. DILLON, and Conducted by E. BREEZE.

*First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5010 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	ALFRED J. TURNER 6.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	*SIDNEY F. C. SAKER 7.
EDMUND LINDUP* 3.	FREDERICK W. RICE 8.
WILLIAM PALMER 4.	GEORGE A. KING 9.
ALBERT D. STONE 5.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by J. RILEY, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Royal.

STAINDROP, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720s. Tenor 13 cwt.

HARRY PEVERELL† Treble.	†JOHN KEELER 4.
ROBINSON LEONARD* 2.	*DANIEL SHIPP 5.
JOHN SHIPP† 3.	*CHRISTOPHER WALKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by DANIEL SHIPP.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. E. Phillips as Vicar of the parish.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.

THOMAS NEWMAN Treble.	*WILLIAM H. JOHNSON .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	*GORDON CHECKETTS 8.
JESSE GILLET 3.	*GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 9.
THOMAS BALDWIN* 4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 10.
JAMES R. NEWMAN* 5.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 11.
WILLIAM C. JONES* 6.	*FRANK COLE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. C. JONES.

*First peal of Grandsire Cinques.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE AND HALIFAX AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY REYNOLDS Treble.	RICHARD RYLANDS 5.
JAMES COTTERELL 2.	LEWIS MIDGLEY 6.
THOMAS POLLITT 3.	CHARLES E. STEWART .. 7.
JONAS S. AMBLER 4.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt. 5 cwt. 17 lb.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN Treble.	LEWIS CHAPMAN 5.
ALFRED EVERITT 2.	WILLIAM PETTETT 6.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN 3.	ALFRED H. MARTIN 7.
WALTER GRAY 4.	WALTER PERKINS Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Thomas Sanders, of Higham Ferrers, who was an Alderman of the borough and an highly respected tradesman. He was interred in the above cemetery on Thursday, February 23rd.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 5.
JAMES G. RUMSEY 2.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 6.
EDGAR HICKS 3.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. 7.
WILLIAM GROOM 4.	WILLIAM SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

WM. WEATHERSTONE .. Treble.	WILLIAM GROVES 5.
WILLIAM E. JUDD 2.	WILLIAM HILL 6.
WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7.
WILLIAM R. CROCKFORD .. 4.	WILLIAM CROPLEY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

Messrs. Weatherstone and Judd were elected members of the above Association before commencing the peal.

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GREAT BERKHAMSTEAD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs.

HARRY GOLDING Treble.	CHARLES GOLDING 5.
WILLIAM H. NEWELL .. 2.	*WILLIAM JOHN NEWELL .. 6.
JAMES FLOYD 3.	GEORGE WARNER 7.
OWEN BAYSE* 4.	FREDERICK NORRIS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. NEWELL.

*First peal. O. Bayse was elected a member of the Association before starting. Rung to celebrate the recovery of Mrs. Henry Constable Curtis (the Rector's wife) from a serious illness.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

EDMUND J. HYLAND .. Treble.	THOMAS MILLER 5.
ALF. PADDON SMITH .. 2.	CHARLES DICKENS 6.
FRANK FAY 3.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 7.
GEORGE F. SWANN 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN .. Treble.	JOSEPH B. FENTON 5.
WILLIAM WILLSON 2.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 6.
HARRY O. WHITE 3.	WILLIAM MILLER 7.
ALFRED J. HESSIAN 4.	JOSIAH MORRIS Tenor.

Composed by E. A. RIDGWAY, of Leek, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

This peal was arranged for the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th and 5th, who hail from Rugby, and was rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Stephen Cooper who called the first peal upon these bells.

HELMESHORE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE MUSBURY PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION Tenor 10 cwt.

H. J. STEFF Treble.	ROBERT WALLWORK 5.
T. P. BRANDWOOD 2.	JOSEPH BANKS 6.
JOSEPH FOSTER 3.	WALTER HASLAM 7.
THOMAS WALLWORK 4.	J. H. BANKS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by ROBERT WALLWORK.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Lieut. Colonel J. H. Hardman.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 27, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. JOINER .. Treble.	HENRY GOSDEN 5.
HENRY WAITE 2.	EDGAR HANCOX 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 7.
JOSEPH J. PRATT 4.	JOHN PEDDLE Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH)

On Tuesday, February 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Bob Minor, College Single, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720s of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN HOYES Treble.	FREDERICK TUNNARDINE .. 4.
CHARLES NICHOLSON, SEN. 2.	†CHARLES NICHOLSON, JUN. 5.
SIDNEY WHALEY† 3.	*ARTHUR MACKEARS Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

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

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE OF CHARITY,

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

HARRY WALLIS Treble.	ALBERT BIGGS, JUN. 5.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 2.	FREDERICK HUNT 6.
ALBERT BIGGS, SEN. .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLDSTOCK .. 7.
SAMUEL R. GARNER 4.	GEORGE WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by E. E. FOREMAN.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. LAURENCE'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, March 1, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE HOPE* Treble.	HARRY RUNHAM 5.
ERNEST W. HOLLOWAY* .. 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL 6.
WILLIAM RUNHAM 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN FULLER* 4.	*REUBEN DOWSET Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson complimented the lads on their good striking, and said they did credit to their instructor, Mr. W. Newell. *First peal of Stedman.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE S. TAYLOR .. Treble.	JAMES F. STAINTON 4.
WILLIAM H. DENTETH* .. 2.	JOSEPH W. PARKER 5.
MICHAEL HARRISON† .. 3.	ROBERT L. PATTERSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT L. PATTERSON.

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

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Friday, March 3, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

RICHARD HARTLEY .. Treble.	WALTER LONGSHAW 5.
HARRY COOMBS 2.	*ROBERT MILES 6.
GEORGE BARTLETT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
TOM BOND 4.	HARRY MILES Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman away from the tenor. This is the conductor's 600th peal of Stedman Triples.

The following peals are the result of a ringing tour in East Kent by the Rev. F. E. Robinson and W. H. Fussell:—

DOVER, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, February 22, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.
HARRY BARTON Treble. | *WILLIAM A. FOWLER .. 5.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 2. | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 6.
J. W. STEDDY 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 4. | EDWARD E. FORRMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

ELHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, February 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.
JOHN W. STEDDY Treble. | EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 5.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. 2. | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HERBERT A. PETTS* .. 4. | STEPHEN BINFIELD .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method.

HYPHE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, February 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.
JOHN W. STEDDY Treble. | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.
ALFRED R. MANNING* .. 2. | *SAMUEL A. GOWER .. 6.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
STEPHEN BINFIELD 4. | HERBERT A. PETTS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. *First peal in the method.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EANSWYTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. Treble. | STEPHEN BINFIELD .. 5.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 2. | SAMUEL A. GOWER .. 6.
RICHARD F. LANE 3. | PHILIP H. PIERCE .. 7.
HERBERT A. PETTS 4. | ERNEST CHEESMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by PHILIP H. PIERCE.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. Richard F. Lane was elected a member of the Association before starting.

MERSHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.
JOHN W. STEDDY Treble. | WILLIAM SPICE 5.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 2. | HERBERT A. PETTS .. 6.
STEPHEN BINFIELD 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4. | JOHN T. COPPINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

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LYMINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, February 27, 1905, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURGA,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY BARTON Treble. | EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 5.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. 2. | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 6.
ERNEST CHEESMAN .. 3. | *ALBERT TANTON .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4. | *CHARLES R. MILLWAY .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by HARRY BARTON.
*First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells.

Handbell Peals.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT 17, WIDDINGTON TERRACE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES.
JOHN T. HOGG* .. 1-2. | JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. 5-6.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 3-4. | R. ALDER GOFTON .. 7-8.

Composed by T. T. GOFTON, and Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.
*First peal in the method, and first peal on handbells.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. NEOTS SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 23, 1905, Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes
AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.
LOUIS J. FLINT .. 1-2. | GEORGE G. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4. | EDMUND C. CHASTY .. 7-8.
Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by E. C. CHASTY.
Umpire—Herbert Fields.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at East Tytherley should read Saturday, February 18th, not Tuesday, February 18th.

A few reports of peals are unavoidably held over till next week.

Date Touches.

SKIRBECK (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, February 28th, at St. Nicolas' church, a date touch of 1905 changes, in 1 hr. 11 mins., in the following methods: St. Simon, Stedman Slow Course, Sunshine, Canterbury, Dream, St. Dunstan's, Hudibrass, Grandsire, Earl Soham Delight, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Primrose, and April Day. J. Coleman, A. Palmer, A. Gale, H. Palmer, J. Kirk conductor.

Miscellaneous.

THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

KENSINGTON.—On Tuesday, February 28th, previous to the usual practice, the whole pull and stand was rung as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. J. C. Jackson, who was an honorary member of the Guild, he having rung his last peal (Double Norwich Caters) on February 4th. Afterwards touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Norwich Caters were rung.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday, January 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. C. F. Winny conductor, E. Taylor, E. Cassell, J. Fryer, W. Dean, A. Newman, J. Barber, G. Turner.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

SELLY OAK (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, November 6th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Eaton, A. Chambers, W. Mumford, F. Withers, H. Withers, S. Grove, A. E. Pegler, J. Dowler conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, November 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. Hibberd, G. L. Tunncliffe, J. York, L. Hollingworth, W. Earle, H. Hollingworth, T. Hollingworth conductor, G. York. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. Tunncliffe, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHESTER.—On Tuesday, November 1st, at St Mary's church, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. C. Nield, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. A. Watkyn, R. Sperring, T. Chamberlain, E. Smith, W. Sconce, J. Sconce, E. Cbannel, J. Tomlinson.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GLASTONBURY (Somerset).—On Saturday, October 22nd, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2 hrs. and 20 mins. it came to grief. S. Hawkins, H. Parish, A. E. Coles, C. J. Webb, J. H. Trimm, Rev. E. S. C. Locke, A. W. Webb conductor, W. Lee.

STREET (Somerset).—On Monday, October 31st, 504 Grandsire Triples. M. Stagg, H. Parish conductor, J. Barnes, F. Marsh, C. Webb, J. H. Trimm, A. W. Webb, H. Marsh. And a plain course of Bob Major. F. Huish, H. Parish, J. Barnes, F. Marsh, C. Webb, S. Hawkins, J. H. Trimm, A. W. Webb. On Sunday, November 6th, before morning service, a plain course of Stedman Triples. H. Pyrrish, C. Webb, J. Barnes, F. Marsh, S. Hawkins, J. Trimm, A. Webb, H. Marsh. And 350 Grandsire Triples. M. Stagg, H. Parish, G. Hawkins, F. Marsh, C. Webb, J. Trimm, A. W. Webb conductor, H. Marsh. Before evening service 251 Grandsire Triples. M. Stagg, C. Webb, S. Hawkins, F. Marsh, H. Parish, J. Barnes, A. W. Webb, H. Marsh. And 350 in the same method. M. Staff, C. Webb, F. Marsh, S. Hawkins, H. Parish, A. W. Webb, J. Barnes, G. Lockyer.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HEMPSTED (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday morning, November 6th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 42 mins. A. R. Lulham, C. Boxwell, A. T. Webb, W. B. Jones, G. Taylor conductor, G. Nash.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, January 8th, at the church of St. Nicholas, Brook's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 35 mins. T. Cranfield, W. R. Crookford, A. N. Hardy, W. Foreman, F. G. Perrin, F. W. Thornton, J. E. Davis conductor, F. H. Gooch.

HADLEIGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, November 6th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Scowen conductor, W. Grimes, W. Betts, W. Gleed, E. Willis, T. Reed.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday, November 14th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. G. Hadlow, T. W. Jarrett, H. J. Tidy, E. J. Bottle, W. Golding, H. E. Simpson, W. J. Walker, S. Ladd, W. Golding conductor.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, February 12th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. W. J. Aldridge, A. M. Phillips, W. Watchorn, H. G. Hill, H. S. Humphreys, G. Carter conductor, H. Beckford. Also 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Sandiford, H. G. Hill, W. Watchorn, A. M. Phillips, R. G. Carter, G. Carter, H. S. Humphreys, W. J. Aldridge conductor.

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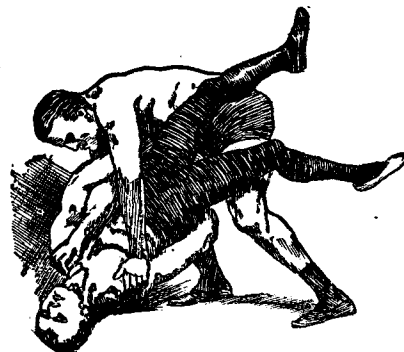
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Obituary.

WILLIAM HADLOW.

It is with deep regret we record the death of the above-named ringer, at the early age of 43 years, after a very short illness. Deceased was ringing on Wednesday evening, February 8th; he did not appear at all well. He was taken with influenza and was confined to his bed on the Friday following, gradually getting worse, pneumonia set in and he passed peacefully away on February 15th, having been laid up only five days. He leaves a wife and eight children to mourn his loss. Poor Bill Hadlow (as he was called) was a good-hearted fellow, and was well liked by all he came in contact with. He was very highly respected in Lenham, where he had been in one situation for over twenty years. Although he was not far advanced in change-ringing it was no fault of his, as the opportunity never came to him, he had been a thorough good tenor-man, and had rang several peals of Triples and Caters, and he was a wonderful willing hand in teaching young ringers to handle a bell. He will be greatly missed. He had been a member of the Kent County Asso-

ciation for many years. He was interred at Harrietsham churchyard amid many manifestations of sympathy. He was borne to his last resting place by four of his brother-ringers. The bells at Harrietsham were muffled on Saturday, and on Sunday, at Lenham, for both services, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted half muffled, but was unfortunately lost.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Wednesday, February 23rd, the remains of Emma B. Wiley, a well-known Erdington lady, were laid to rest in the family vault at the parish church, and according to the wish of the Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Swindell, M.A.) the members of the Erdington parish church Society rang the whole pull and stand, recording the age of the deceased lady, viz., 64 years, with the bells deeply-muffled. The following members took part: C. Cottrell, S. Jones, W. Hartwell, G. Jones, T. Wells, W. Meers, T. Russam conductor, J. Preston. And several courses of Grandsire Triples, W. P. Stobart and F. Perkinson taking part. The deceased lady will be missed in Erdington, especially among the poor,

as she was ever willing to help those in need. She was also connected with the Erdington district nursing society, of which she was Treasurer.

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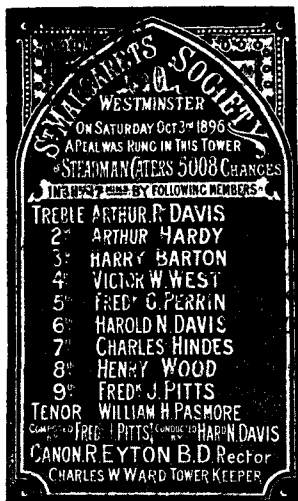
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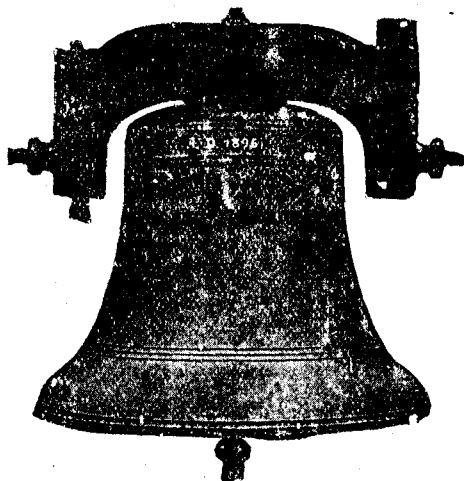
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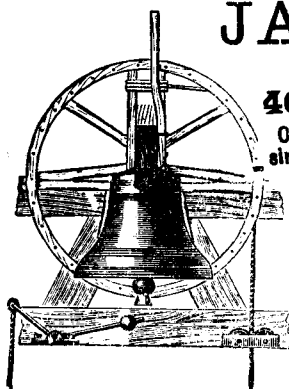
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