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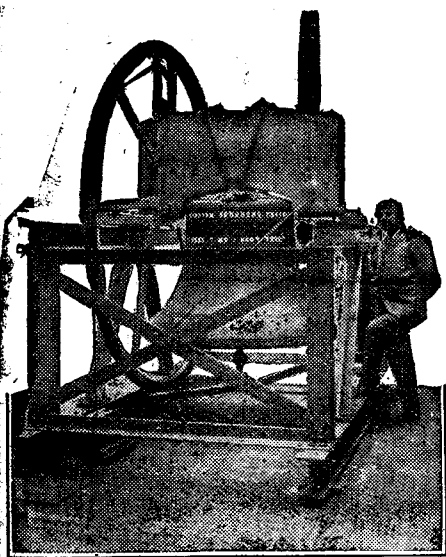
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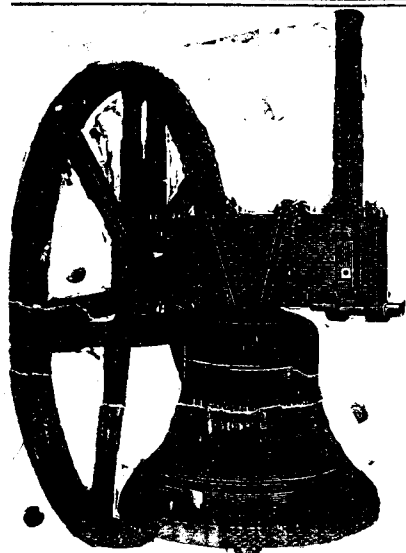
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## EAST ALLINGTON, DEVON.

The re-dedication of the ring of bells at East Allington took place on Monday, the 17th instant, the ceremony being performed by the Lord Bishop of Exeter. The service opened with the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," the first lesson was read by the Rev. V. Young, and the second by the Rev. T. C. Lewis. After the hymn "Come unto Me, ye weary," the Bishop, accompanied by the Rector (Rev. J. J. Mallock) and the rural dean, and the churchwardens, proceeded to the tower, where the re-dedication service took place. Then followed the hymn, "When morning gilds the sky," and "Lifted gently to their cradle" was the hymn before the sermon.

The Bishop said that the bells rededicated that day were the trumpet-call which summoned the army of the living God to join its forces in worship and in prayer. They should never be rung for worldly sorrow or exultation. There was a time when bellringing had come to be thought of in a careless way; and the thought of God, the thought that bellringing was a part of the service of God, and the spiritual ministry of the Church, was hardly regarded. And things used to go on in belfries which ought not to be any part of a service in a building dedicated to the service of God. Thank God those things were altered. In the Exeter diocese bellringing was carried on in such a manner as to make the bell-chamber a part of the house of God. Bellringing demanded self-control, patience, power to work in harmony with each other, and in accordance with the rules of the art. Bellringing was being made a real education, and played its part with its spiritual life of the parish and of the church. Let all who were bellringers, or who aspired to become bellringers, all those who were beginning to see the almost endless scope which there was for further skill in the art and science of bellringing, that they were in common combined with prayer and worship in the ministry.

The bells now number six, and form a pretty and handy peal. There were formerly five. A new treble, weighing 5½ cwt., has been added, and the old tenor, weight 12 cwt., has been recast. The work of casting was done by Mears and Stainbank, who also tuned the other bells. Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, supplied a new iron cage, new oak beams and floor for carrying the cage, new fittings, and a chiming apparatus. There were thirteen companies at the reopening, and the utmost satisfaction was expressed at the manner in which the whole work had been carried out.

A public luncheon was presided over by the Rev. J. J. Mallock. The Rev. F. A. Saunders (rural dean) proposed "The Committee and Churchworkers," and congratulated them on the splendid success achieved. Messrs. Grills and Tucker and the Rev. J. J. Mallock responded, the latter stating that Lord Ashcombe would contribute £150 to the restoration fund. It was chiefly due to him that the restoration had been carried out.

## QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSETSHIRE.

The bells of St. Barnabas church, Queen Camel, after being rehung, were dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon of Wells on Thursday, February 13th. The work, which consisted of rehanging the six bells, recasting the treble and 5th, and tuning the whole peal, was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, whose work has given the utmost satisfaction. The grand tenor in the key of C, 37 cwt., and the 5th are of remarkable fine tone, and give a most perfect finish to the peal. The astonishing power of these bells combined with their delicious sweetness and deep sonorous tones makes this an exceptionally fine ring, of which it is doubtful if their equal are to be found in England, and of which the village might justly be very proud.

After the dedication service was over, the local band started the bells, then the visiting ringers from Langport, Castle Cary, Butleigh, Street, Balloneborough, Ditchcat, and Marnhull, rang short touches of Grandsire Caters, all expressing their great delight in the very excellent go and tone of the same. The work of restoration reflects the greatest credit on the firm of Messrs. Taylor and Co.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the East Berks. and South Bucks. branch was held at Boyn Hill on Saturday, February 8th, in delightful weather. About 120 members were present, representing Boyn Hill, Bray, Burnham, Beaconsfield, Chalfont St. Peter, Farnham Royal, Hughenden, Marlow, Old Windsor, Reading, Slough, Stoke Poges, Wooburn, Wycombe, etc. Early in the afternoon the ringers arrived in small contingents, and touches in various methods were rung.

Service was held in the church at 4.30, and Canon Drummond preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon, while the hymns were 379, 215, and the special ringers' hymn written by the hon. secretary of the branch, the Rev. H. C. Wilder.

A capital meat tea in the boys' schoolroom was provided at 5.15. The business meeting followed, Canon Drummond, the president of the branch, presiding, supported by Mr. E. Gardner, M.P., the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Messrs. Hobbie and Duncan (churchwardens), and others. A verse of the National Anthem having been sung, the minutes of the last annual meeting were read by the chairman (in the absence of the popular hon. secretary, the Rev. H. C. Wilder, through an attack of influenza), was adopted.

A question of ladgings for an instructor having arisen and been satisfactorily explained, the balance-sheet was, on the proposition of Mr. J. J. Parker, seconded by Mr. F. Bissley, duly passed.

The Chairman read a letter from the Master, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, excusing himself being absent owing to indisposition, and congratulating Mr. George Martin on the peal of Cambridge Surprise rung on January 4th.

The Chairman then gave his annual address, and after-

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wards read the report of the secretary. He proposed that it be received with many thanks, and expressed regret that the secretary was not with them. This was seconded by Mr. H. Straford and passed.

The election of officers was next proceeded with, and resulted as follows: Chairman, Canon Drummond; Secretary, Rev. H. C. Wilder; Treasurer, Mr. Saunders. Additional representatives of the Guild Committee, Messrs. R. Biggs and G. Martin.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis then gave some interesting figures with reference to the Guild. Eighty-six peals had been rung, which was within one of the highest reached by the Guild, viz., 87. He was glad to say that although he had lowered the income-tax and had only asked for 7d. in the 1s. instead of 8d., their balance at Lloyds' bank was £66 11s. 1d., with a reserve of £6 17s. 5d., making a total balance in hand of £73 8s. 6d. As they knew, the annual meeting of the Guild was to be at Buckingham.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the preacher, the organist and choir, and the meeting terminated. A move was afterwards made to the belfry, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, and Cambridge Surprise were rung by the various members.

On Saturday, February 15th, the Reading branch held its annual meeting. The proceedings opened with a touch of Grandsire Caters at St. Laurence's church, conducted by A. W. Osborne. A move was then made for St. Mary's, where service was held at 6 o'clock, touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, and Treble Bob Major being rung previously. The Rev. W. Neville preached a very able sermon to the ringers present.

The supper, business meeting, and smoker was held at Mr. Phillips's dining rooms, about sixty sitting down. The repeat over the chairman (Mr. J. Martin Routh) proposed "The King." Mr. A. W. Osborne (branch secretary) next read the minutes, and balance-sheet for the past year. The election of officers was then proceeded with, Mr. F. Sweetzer proposing that to save time they should all be re-elected, which proposal was approved of. Mr. T. E. Glanville having gone to reside at Colnbrook, he wished to resign his membership on the Guild Committee, and on the proposition of Mr. Osborne Mr. L. Green (Caversham) was elected in his stead. The chairman alluded to the absent faces from their midst, especially mentioning one who he was sorry to say was lying very dangerously ill at that moment in the Royal Berkshire Hospital, viz., Mr. Charles Chapman, of Tilehurst, whom they had all known for many years. He was a ringer very much respected, and he (the chairman) was sure they would join with him in sympathising with Mr. Chapman and his family in their unfortunate position. It would be most gratifying to Mr. Chapman to receive a letter of sympathy from this meeting, and Mr. Osborne was asked to do so at an early date.

Rev. R. P. Newhouse (Vicar of St. Lawrence's) proposed "Prosperity to the Guild," to which, as he said, we all belong, and was an excellent one, and a very powerful body in that part of the country. Many years he had been a member, and his own feeling was that if they were going to rise and ring prosperity to the Guild, they will be behind unless they strive to do their best. It ought to grow in numbers, and as far as possible in the advancement of the higher acquirements of the art. He felt sorry they had not the presence of the worthy Master, the Rev. F. B. Robinson. In his absence he had the pleasure of coupling the name of the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis,

Secretary, and Mr. A. E. Rees, Assistant Secretary, of the Guild, both of whom responded.

Mr. Wright was entrusted with the toast of "The Reading Branch," and in a few remarks he coupled the names of the most worthy chairman, and their secretary, viz., J. Martin Routh, Esq., and A. W. Osborne.

The rest of the evening was indulged in harmony. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought to a close the most successful gathering it has been the lot of the Reading Branch to hold.

A. W. O.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Sidcup on Saturday, Feb. 1st.

Ringling commenced at the Parish Church (St. John the Evangelist) at 4 p.m., and was continued till 5.30 p.m., when a good muster attended Divine Service, and listened to an excellent address by the Rev. E. Basil Spurgin, M.A., who based his remarks on the life of the ringer with the life and pull of the bell, and who spoke in high terms of his ringers, who only missed ringing for one Sunday service during 1907.

An adjournment was then made to St. John's Hall, where an excellent tea, provided by the Vicar, was awaiting the members, to which over fifty sat down, the Vicar presiding, supported by both churchwardens.

The business meeting followed. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and signed. Several new members elected. St. Nicholas, Deptford, was chosen as the place of the next quarterly meeting on Saturday, May 2nd.

A discussion then followed as to the way the towers in this district were used by another Association to score peal points, which several took part in, and was ultimately left for the District Secretary to call together representatives of the different towers, as soon as possible, to thoroughly discuss the matter.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his excellent address and splendid tea, to the churchwardens for attending, the choir for their services in church, to Mrs. Spurgin and the other ladies who had so kindly waited on us at tea. The Vicar and Mr. Churchwarden Beaven very suitably responded.

#### Correspondence.

*While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.*

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

#### RINGING BIG BELLS.

SIR,—I awaited the receipt of your issue for the 22nd of February to see if any one with a more able pen than mine replied to your correspondent "B. Claydon" in your issue of the 15th. I have always desired to know what mechanical advantage is gained by using a raised platform for big bell ringing, other than keeping the extra coils of rope (due to the larger diameter of the wheel) clear of the ringers' feet when the bell is pulled off at handstroke, and it seems to assist the free play of the rope generally. The same result would, I take it, be obtained by forming a sinking in the floor of the ringing chamber equal to the height of the box, although this is nearly always impossible, especially from an architectural point of view. The use of a raised box appears to have this advantage, that the ringer is nearer the bell (if but slightly), consequently there is a little less spring in the rope. I shall be very glad if anyone will let me know if my ideas are wrong.

WM. LAWRENCE.

(Continuation of Correspondence will be found on Page 592).

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**Notices.**

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on March 3rd and 17th; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 9th and 23rd; St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on the 12th and 26th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 5th and 19th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 10th and 24th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 26th; all at 8 p.m.

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

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—North Bucks. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chicheley, Bucks. to-day, Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells open at 2 p.m.

F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

**Durham and Newcastle Association.**—The pre Lent meeting will be held at Lan Chester to-day, Saturday February 29th. Tea at The King's Head at 5.30.

ARTHUR M. C. FIELD, *Hon. Sec.*  
30, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Blackhill, Durham.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Christ-church District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's church, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells available at 4 p.m.

G. PRESTON, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—A meeting (without allowances), will be held at Lynghe to-day, Saturday, Feb. 29th. Belfry open at 3 p.m. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at the meeting. G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

**The Essex Association.**—North-Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harlow to-day, Saturday, Feb. 29th. Ringing at St. Mary's church at 3 o'clock. Tea at St. Mary's Hall at 5 o'clock.

JOHN F. PENNING, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
"Fairville," Saffron Walden.

**St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.**—The "Henry Johnson" Anniversary Commemorative Dinner will be held to-day, Saturday, February 29th at Ye Olde Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, when the chair will be taken by Charles Henry Hattersley, esq., of Sheffield. Dinner will be served at 6.30 p.m. sharp.

There will be ringing on the twelve bells at St. Martin's from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Leyland, to-day, Saturday, February 29th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Stockport Branch, Eastern Division.—Next meeting at Mottram, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 29th. Tea, 9d. each to non-resident members and visitors.

A. T. BRISTON, *Hon. Br. Sec.*

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Swineshead to-day, Saturday, Feb. 29th. Ser-

vice at 3.30. Tea at 4, 1s. 6d. each to non-members.  
E. SELLERS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Gnildford District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Haslemere to-day, Saturday, Feb. 29th. The new peal of eight bells will be available from 2 to 5, and after the meeting. Service at St. Bartholomew's church at 5, when an address will be given by the Rev. W. H. Aitken, Rector. Tea at the School Hall by invitation of the Rector, at 6, followed by business. Subscriptions will be received for the presentation to the Rev. E. W. Carpenter.

J. J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Wellingborough District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers to-day, Saturday, Feb. 29th. Ringing from 3 till 7. Tea as usual.

J. B. MARTIN, *Dis. Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—Nomination meeting at Armley to-day, Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The White Horse hotel at 7.30 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly and special meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, March 7th. Service in the parish church at 4 p.m. Tea at the Cafe at 4.45. Business meeting to follow.

Taunton. E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting will take place at Ecclesfield on Saturday, March 7th. Members please note

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—A meeting of the North and East District of this Association will be held at St. George's-in-the-East on Saturday, March 7th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. F. J. St. John Cortett). The bells will be raised at 3 p.m. There will be a short service at 4.30 p.m. An arrangement will be made to provide tea, if a sufficient number of ringers will kindly notify their intention of being present. Please note the change of date from February 29th to March 7th, which has been unavoidable.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Furness Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, March 7th. Meeting in the Kirkland School at 5 p.m. Bells (10), available all day.

W. ROBINSON, *Branch Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.** The monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. John's church, Longton, on Saturday, March 7th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Committee meeting in the upper vestry at 4.30 p.m. Unveiling of peal-board at 5.30 p.m. Tea in the schools at 6 p.m. Service in church at 7.30 p.m. Tea will be 3d. per head. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. W. Wade, 90, Ashwood, Longton, not later than March 4th.

REV. E. V. COX, } *Hon. Secs.*  
J. JOHNSON, }

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5. There will be a free tea provided for those who send in their names not later than Wednesday, March 4th.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready at 4.30. Tea at 6. Members intending being present please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

35, Church Road, Garston.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, March 14th. Bells at 5. Meeting at 7. W. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*

### ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.

On Tuesday, January 28th, the ringers of the above church held a concert to raise the funds to complete the purchase of a set of 52 handbells which they have recently bought. The accommodation of the Redcross Hall, Whitecross Street, S.E., where the concert was held, was taxed to its utmost, and a large and varied programme was provided including comic and sentimental songs, sketches and change-ringing and tune-playing on the handbells by members of the Society.

The Rector and assistant clergy were all present. The Rector in announcing one of the sketches took the opportunity of thanking the ringers for the great interest they took in ringing the bells for the services, and remarked that although they were seen but little, they made themselves heard above everybody else. They were now seeing them in a new light, that of concert entertainers, and they were to be congratulated upon their success, especially as it was their "first offence" in this respect. He would like to mention the name of Mr. Taffender, the Master of the Society and musical director for the evening, and thank him for the interest, now extending over many years, he had always taken in the ringers of St. George's, and the skill and patience he had always shown in teaching the members. He, the Rector, was not a Ringer himself, all his campanological experience consisting of once pulling a bell-rope and forgetting to let go, and being taken up to the ceiling in consequence; but that experience had taught him to respect the skill shown by change-ringers.

With the usual speed that marks happy hours the hands of the clock flew round until, with the programme still unfinished, that arch enemy Time called "stand" to a pleasant evening, which it is hoped will be repeated annually.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—E. Reader has removed from 115, Ratcliff Road, to Linton Villa, Beacon Road, Loughborough.

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## REPLY TO REV. H. J. PILKINGTON

SIR,—It is a pity that Mr. Pilkington has rushed into an accusation of want of courtesy towards himself on the part of the Peal Collection Committee of the Central Council. Neither Mr. Dains nor I have the slightest recollection as to how the first peal in the Double Oxford Collection found its way into print. But on the back of Mr. Pilkington's ms. copy I find the following pencil note in my handwriting: "This is the way to send in a collection. Beautifully done. Publish them *en masse*." After my own initials follow those of Dr. Carpenter and Mr. Dains, the two other members of the Committee. In view of this Mr. Pilkington will see that the fact that proofs were not sent to him, so far from being occasioned by any want of courtesy, was due to considerations entirely the reverse of this, namely, that the Collection had evidently been most carefully carried out, and that the ms. was most plainly and neatly written out, and that therefore to send him the proofs was only to give him unnecessary trouble. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

## DEAL BELL FRAMES.

SIR,—There is a pitch pine frame at Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, as far as my memory serves me. It carries the heavy ring of eight there, and the bells go exceedingly well. G. H. PHILLOTT.

## THEN—AND NOW!

SIR,—Some time ago when "Practical Politics" were written, the writer stated that certain persons upon the Central Council peal committee were there for "pushing their own pikes." Those remarks brought down upon me execration and anathema unlimited from those readers who dislike unpalatable truth. I will now ask those who disagreed with me to read carefully the letter of Rev. J. Holme Pilkington in your last issue on the tactics employed in pushing compositions into the Central Council's work. When they have read the rev. gentleman's protest they might do worse than think again. W. W.

## THE LATE JOHN ROGERS.

SIR,—It was with deep regret I read the short notice of the above ringer's end, and that regret was intensified by the thought that among the much vaunted London Exercise no man was found to send a line for seven weeks! Such callous apathy would not, I fancy, occur in the provinces, where men like John Rogers would not go their grave unwept, unhonoured or unsung. This repeated indifference to the demise of good ringers and conductors in the metropolis does not add to its dignity. It has been the writer's lot at times to be in conflict of opinion with the deceased gentleman through the correspondence column, but such instances lessen not a whit respect for a fellow ringer. John Rogers was, by his performances, a good ringer and conductor, and if there is any freemasonry—any brotherhood at all among us—it should at least be shewn when Death the leveller has laid his grip upon our brethren. Should these lines be read by any relative, will they accept the will for the deed and believe that at least one brother-man would have shewn his sympathy had he known. R.I.P. W. WILLSON.

## HALLOW, WORCESTER.

SIR,—Would you kindly allow me through your columns to dissociate the Hallow company from any part in the proposed charge of 2s. 6d. to visiting bands of ringers here. I pointed out to the Vicar and churchwardens, when the proposed charge was made to me, that I did not think they could find any precedent for such a course, and that the local band were against a charge being made for use of bells unless such a system was generally adopted. I advised the Vicar to send notice of the proposed charge to the Secretary of our Association, and the matter could be brought forward and fully discussed at the next quarterly meeting, which was done. Your able leader on the subject in the issue of February 15th has the sympathy of ringers here and should act as a deterrent to those authorities who feel inclined to take a similar course. I might say, in fairness to the authorities here, that they appoint and pay one of the ringers to clean and keep the tower and bells in order, and any necessary repairs are quickly attended to.

A. WINTERTON, Hon. Sec. Hallow Company.

## LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

SIR,—Mr. Dains misunderstands me. I have no wish to prevent this subject going before the Central Council. But I do wish that neither the Method Committee nor any other Committee should be asked or expected to settle disputes between individuals.

Mr. Snowdon quotes the case of Cambridge Major and asks me how far I consider it allowable to add places to the illegitimate London Royal to make it legitimate. I think the answer depends on what your object is. If you are simply trying to make a good method out of a bad one then it is certainly allowable to add what places you think fit. But I don't think that you can call the new good method by the same name as the old bad one. I hardly think the precedent of Cambridge applies. When methods were in the making it was of course not only allowable but inevitable that methods should be improved from an imperfect to a perfect state. But when you have once got a perfect method you have got it and further alteration is not allowable. London Surprise is a fixed quantity, a series of places that gives on six and eight bells perfect methods, but does not on ten and twelve bells. Mr. James uses in this connection an inverted kind of argument, common enough in this sort of discussion, but which he is as a rule commendably free from. He says London is a legitimate method therefore method A (page 530 D.N.) is not London Royal. Surely it should be thus. Method A is London Royal therefore London Royal is not a legitimate method. 'Tis a pity 'tis so, but there it is. The grouping of places which we call London Surprise gives perfect methods on six and eight bells but does not on ten. That is as far as we can go in strict logic. But it seems pretty generally agreed not only by those who have written on the subject but by all ringers to whom I have spoken that we must have a method on ten bells that we can call London Royal. I don't see any objection to this provided that any such method is frankly recognised as a compromise. The matter now stands thus. Mr. Lindoff has a method which has been rung as London Royal. The Bristol men have a method by Mr. Bankes James which they practised before Mr. Lindoff's method was brought to London. And Mr. Law James has a method which he claims to be really and truly London Royal. On their merits, I think most people, and myself among them, place Mr. Law James's method at the top of the three. But, and this is the only point really in dispute, is it sufficiently better than Mr. Lindoff's to counteract the fact that the latter has been rung, and is therefore in possession? Personally I don't think so. If Mr. Law James's method were scientific London Royal as he claims it to be then there were an end of the matter. But it is not, and if it were accepted as London Royal we should be just as far from having a scientifically correct London Royal as we are now.

As I understand it, Mr. James bases his claims on the fact that his method differs from London Royal only when the treble is in 9-0. "This is a new position which has never appeared before," says he, and therefore he assumes that you may here deviate from the strict method in a way that he will not tolerate elsewhere. I altogether dissent. I am not prepared to admit that 9-10 is a new position. I do not consider that when you add two bells to eight to make them ten that either in practice or in theory it is 9-0 that you add. You certainly add two numerals by which you call the bells. That is all. If you called your bells by musical names instead of numerical names you would add to the other end. In practice you certainly add to the light end and in theory I consider that what you do when you increase the number of working bells, is not that you add fresh bells but that you expand, so to speak, what you have already got. There is at least as much to be said for the view that the fresh positions are in 5-6 which is equi-distant from before and behind as that they are in 9-0. But either view breaks down as soon as you come to apply it to all cases. Let Mr. James apply his theory to a double method and he will see at once how unsound it is. The weakest part of Mr. James's argument is that 9th's place should be made in Royal. In both Minor and Major fourth's place from behind is made, and this is at least certain that no Royal Method that does not make the same place can any how be true London Royal. Mr. James has proved that Mr. Lindoff's method is not London Royal. Has he proved that his own is? I think not.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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SIR,—I gather from the correspondence on London Surprise, that everyone is agreed that the true Royal form of that method is illegitimate. Everyone seems also agreed that the name should therefore be transferred to the method that comes nearest to it. Now I must say, if I am correct in my interpretation, that this involves a *non sequitur*.

These same Masters, who are now contending, have laid down on us who have only opportunity of ringing such methods as Grandsire Bob, a burden which is sometimes hard to bear, but they are now unwilling to touch it with one of their fingers. If we are not to ring Bob Triples, or talk of Grandsire Major, because they are illegitimate, why are they to have their London Surprise Royal when that is illegitimate?

And the unfairness is the more wanton, in that while they have provided themselves with such a superfluity of substitutes that they do not know which to choose, they will not allow us even one substitute in which we can adapt either of our methods to a new number of bells.

Surely it were more consistent to squarely recognise the fact that a legitimate peal cannot be scored in London Surprise Royal; and if all these varieties belong to London Surprise, and to no other method, to designate them by their authors' names: e.g., "Law James's Modification" or "Lindoff's Modification." This would have the advantage of being correct and at the same time pleasing everyone.

H. DRAKE.

SIR,—Mr. James says I have given no explanation as regards the work with treble in 3-4. I consider I gave him an honest straightforward answer in my last. I will however put it more direct. I departed from True London with treble in 3-4 for the same reason that he made his departure in 9-0. Because a departure was necessary. And I had as much right to use 3-4 for that departure as he had for using 9-0.

Mr. James has admitted that we must alter the rules somewhere. And to support his variation makes the following statement and claim. "9-0 is a new position. And that the alteration must be made there." Now my contentions are that 9-0 are not a new position, and that we are not forced by any precedent to make our alteration there. 9-0 I contend are only old places with a new name. The equivalents to 7-8 in Major. Any bells in 9-0 are merely behind.

If they are new places as Mr. James claim then all our method builders have been wrong. Take Stedman for a simple example. According to this new idea in Caters and Cinques we ought to retain our 5ths place bob as in Triples.

But are we wrong? I contend we are not, even though, to suit his own ends Mr. James would try to bounce us into this belief.

No—my contention is that any extension is contained in the interior. An analysis of previous extensions will prove such to be the case.

Till Mr. James can prove my contentions to be wrong, then he cannot prove that I have made a wrong departure in London Royal.

Time or space will not permit me to give him illustrations.

I shall be most happy to correspond with him privately on the subject.

G. LINDOFF.

SIR,—All the writers in "THE BELL NEWS" re London Surprise have overlooked one very important fact—that of the coursing order of the working bells. Every standard method extended to Royal and Maximus, Grandsire, Plain, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge fully carry out the rule. Take Double Norwich for an example. Although it requires fresh rules for ringing this method, yet the coursing order remains 5, 3, 2, 4, 6, 8, 7. Now in London Major the order going up after the treble is 5, 3, 2 (7 the central 5th bell), 4, 6, 8 the 2nd lead 3, 2, 4 (5 central 5th), 6, 8, 7. Therefore the same order should be maintained in Royal. The pricking given by the Rev. James initialled (E) has this feature. The order being 5, 3, 2 (7, 9, 10 central work), 4, 6, 8 in the 2nd lead, 3, 2, 4 (5, 7, 9 central work 6, 8, 10).

W. L. CATCHPOLE.

SIR,—Having read with much interest the correspondence which has appeared from time to time in your valuable paper I

should like to give my idea on this subject. London should be treated the same as Grandsire, Stedman and other methods, and the place-making ought not to be altered from the original. First we get Minor and then Major, and in both it will be seen that when the treble is either before or behind they are the same. Now we want Royal, and to get it we must have the Major changes, otherwise it cannot be London Royal, and the only alteration which can be made must be when the treble is in 5-6, in which places she never appears in Major. I now give half a lead to show my meaning, and if the place-making is not as set down it is not London, whether the method can be obtained or not.

JOHN CARTER.

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#### INTERESTING PRESENTATION.

The ringers of the various churches in Northampton met on Friday evening last in the large room at the Volunteer Inn, Wellingborough Road (kindly lent by Mr. E. Copson) for the purpose of presenting to Mr. Fred Wilford, who is the esteemed Captain of St. Giles' team, a gold badge in honour of his having rung 100 peals. The badge is in the form of a church bell, of a true and correct shape, and is the work of Mr. G. H. Coldwell, Mirfield, Yorks. There were about 50 present. Mr. Fairey (All Saints') was chairman for the evening. Mr. W. H. Ashby (St. Sepulchre's) occupied the vice-chair. The Chairman, in his opening remarks, called upon Mr. F. Hopper to make the presentation, and in doing so Mr. Hopper spoke in very high and appreciative terms of Mr. Wilford, and the good work he was carrying on in the ringing world. Mr. Wilford, he said, had a very extensive knowledge of bells, and was an expert ringer, but he did not keep his knowledge to himself. Mr. Wilford was a gentleman who was ever ready to assist others in acquiring proficiency in the art of change-ringing, and he was glad that Mr. Wilford's good work and example had been recognised in a practical manner. Mr. Wilford, who had been carefully kept in ignorance as to the nature of the meeting, in accepting the bell, assured the subscribers that he appreciated the kindly spirit in which it was given to the fullest extent, and thanked them most heartily. He should value the present very much, and ever regard it as a token of goodfellowship, which he was pleased to be able to say did exist among them. Messrs. Manning and W. Roberts added their testimony to the good work Mr. Wilford was carrying on. The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, a capital programme having been arranged. The following contributed songs:—Mr. W. Fairey, Mr. J. Metherell, Mr. W. Rogers, Mr. F. Wilford, and Mr. W. Roberts. Mr. W. H. Ashby gave a humorous recital, while Mr. W. Swallow, the popular local comedian, who sang four comic songs in fine style, caused infinite amusement. Mr. R. Haynes was the able accompanist. Mr. Fred Wilford, it should be mentioned, is the energetic General Secretary of the Central Northamptonshire Association.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1908.

## DEDICATION OF PEAL TABLETS.

On Saturday, February 15th, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Luke's Church, Wolverhampton, in the form of the dedication of two peal tablets. One records a peal of Grandsire Triples, in which the conductor, James E. Groves, rang two bells (3-4), it being the first peal rung in this manner in Great Britain, also one of Grandsire Triples rung by an entirely local band. The other tablets also contains two peals, viz.:—One of Superlative Surprise, rung by members of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, conducted by Arthur Pegler—the first peal of Surprise rung in Wolverhampton; and one of Stedman Triples, in which the bob-caller, Herbert Knight, rang the 7th (blindfold) the first time such had been performed on tower bells.

The bells form a musical ring of eight, in F sharp (the tenor weighing 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lbs.) being given by Joseph Lisle, esq., and cast and hung by the well-known firm of Messrs. James Barwell and Co., of Birmingham, in the Diamond Jubilee year.

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(curate) performed the ceremony, and, in the course of his remarks said he hoped the ringers would recognise their important duty, both as ringers and as churchmen, and expressed the wish that ere long he would be one of their number in the belfry.

Mr. W. R. Small made a few interesting remarks, giving advice to the younger members of the Art to persevere, and try to excel what had already been done on the bells. Although not hitting at the reverend gentleman present, Mr. Small went on to relate how ringers generally had in former years been to a great measure neglected by the clergy, but was happy to say that at the present time such was not so seriously the case, as, through the formation of Associations, clergy and ringers were brought together in closer contact, each body recognising the friendship of the other.

Mr. D. Jones proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. T. Handley for his kindly services, and Mr. J. E. Groves seconded the motion, uttering a few encouraging words to the younger element.

After the ceremony an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but it was unfortunately lost after an hour's ringing. The band were afterwards hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. D. Jones. Mr. G. Burrows helped to amuse the company by relating some of his escapades.

### HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

On Wednesday evening, February 19th, the members of the Bolney church Ringers' Society paid a visit to the parish church at Henfield, where they were welcomed by Mr. W. Harkwell—the Secretary to the local band—and several of the Henfield Ringers, who had the bells raised in readiness.

The visitors rang the first touch of 504 changes of Grandsire Triples, after which combined practice took place, several touches of Grandsire Triples and a touch of Stedman Triples being brought round.

At 9.10 p.m. the bells were lowered and the party adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where a homely, but most enjoyable bread and cheese supper was partaken of. The visitors left for Bolney by pair horse 'bus soon after ten o'clock, and expressed themselves as highly pleased with the cordial welcome extended to them by their brother strings at Henfield.

### The Metropolis.

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THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 6.
HENEY S. ELLIS .. .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 7.
ARTHUR R. JACOB .. .. 4.	RICHARD FRANCIS DEAL .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\*First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells since restoration by Mears and Stainbank, who have done the work in excellent style, the "go" being perfect.

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#### THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, February 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT TURNER* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM HEWETT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. 2.	MARK MELIA .. .. 6.
HORATIO GUMMER .. .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by H. GUMMER.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Hollier, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

#### THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 22, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; SHIPWAY'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. in E.

GEORGE WATKINS .. .. Treble.	WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 5.
JOHN PRYER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. BARBER .. 6.
FREDERICK GODDARD .. 3.	HARRY MANCE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. DEAN .. .. 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. MANCE.

Rung with the bells muffled in memory of Miss Morgan, a prominent supporter of St. Luke's. First muffled peal on the bells.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 18, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS H. HAWKINS .. Treble.	*REUBEN SAUNDERS .. .. 5.
EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 2.	*ALBERT E. GODDARD .. 6.
THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 4.	*CHARLES J. CLARK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung as a parting compliment to the ringer of the tenor, who is leaving for Canada, his brother-ringers wishing him good luck and success in his new sphere. He is the son of Mr. Charles Clark, the captain of the Christ Church, Cubitt Town, Middlesex, band.

### The Provinces.

#### DARTFORD, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. Treble.	LEWIS SILVER .. .. 5.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 6.
FREDK. J. RING .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HARPER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM LANE .. .. 4.	GEORGE HAYS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

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## NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ABSALOM THOMAS .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR E. MORGAN .. 5.
FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES.. 2.	JOHN W. JONES.. .. 6.
JOHN BULLEN .. .. 3.	JAMES PIPPIN .. .. 7.
SAMUEL JONES .. .. 4.	CORNELIUS BOWEN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

Rung in honour of the marriage of one of the All Saints ringers, Mr. Melbourne Lewis to Miss Florence Little Jones.

## BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 7 lbs. in F.

HENRY W. WILDE .. .. Treble.	JOHN USHER .. .. 5.
GEORGE DYMENT* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
EDWIN USHER .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ROBERT SPERRING .. .. 4.	EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal. This is the Rev. F. E. Robinson's first peal for the above Association; also his first peal in the county of Flint. This is the Rev. F. E. Robinson's 1220th peal, of which 838 were peals of Stedman Triples.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 17, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

JAMES M. BAILEY* .. .. Treble.	NORMAN R. BAILEY.. .. 5.
GEORGE BERRY .. .. 2.	EDGAR H. BAILEY .. .. 6.
FREDERICK J. SMITH .. 3.	CHARLES SAMSON .. .. 7.
ERNEST S. BAILEY .. .. 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY.. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

\*First peal in the method.

## ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 17, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lbs.

EDGAR WEBB* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS BEADLE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD.. .. 2.	GEORGE SPENCER .. .. 6.
HERBERT W. LIDBETTER 3.	FREDERICK G. GODDARD.. 7.
CHARLES DELL .. .. 4.	*WALTER HOWLETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

\*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. G. Goddard and the Master of the Association, Mr. J. Basden.

## EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 18, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. B. JAMES'S TEN-PART.

ALFRED E. BASSETT .. Treble	HARRY G. BEAMS .. .. 5.
JOHN BEAMS .. .. 2.	DANIEL SNELLING .. .. 6.
EDWARD T. GROVE .. .. 3.	CHARLES E. READ .. .. 7.
STEPHEN WILSON .. .. 4.	WALTER SHERMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late George Wood, Esq., who was churchwarden for fifteen years at the parish church, and was also an honorary member of the above Association.

## SAINTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being Canterbury, Plain Bob, St. Dunstan, and Grandsire.

WILLIAM MACE .. .. Treble	GEORGE LARGE .. .. 4.
ERNEST WEBB .. .. 2.	WALTER LARGE.. .. 5.
STANLEY GREEN.. .. 3.	*ANDREW F. RANDALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

\*First peal.

## SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Saturday, February 15, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BIDDLESTONE'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt 4 lbs.

JOHN GOODMAN .. .. Treble.	ALFRED ROWLEY .. .. 5.
FRED EVANS .. .. 2.	JESSE SCREEN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM MILLS.. .. 3.	JOHN GOODMAN .. .. 7.
THOMAS WATTON .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by JESSE SCREEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. John Goodman, who was a ringer at this tower for forty years, and cousin to the ringer of the treble.

## SWINDON, WILTS.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

J. TAZEWELL .. .. Treble.	T. RICKETTS .. .. 4.
G. LAWRENCE .. .. 2.	H. HATTON .. .. 5.
E. BOULTON .. .. 3.	T. PENNEY.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. RICKETTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 52 cwt.

EDWARD CASH .. .. Treble.	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. 6.
JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. 2.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 7.
SAMUEL STOTT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 8.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 9.
EDWARD CAUNCE .. .. 5.	PETER CROOK .. .. Tenor.
	WILLIAM SHELTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

Reference elsewhere.

## NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE LEWIS .. .. Treble.	WALTER COATES .. .. 5.
THOMAS G. SAREL .. .. 2.	WALTER ALLWOOD .. .. 6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. 7.
EDWIN JAMES .. .. 4.	ANTHONY V. DENT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung as a farewell peal to Anthony V. Dent, who is leaving the district, the ringers wishing him every success.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, February 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
**PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.** Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD .. .. Treble.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 5.
ALBERT P. WAKLEY .. .. 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 7.
THOMAS DICKEN* .. .. 4.	HERBERT HURDMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

\*First peal in the method, †First peal.

**EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, February 12, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being two 720s each of College Single and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

ERNEST BEECROFT* .. .. Treble.	JOHN HALL .. .. 4.
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. .. 2.	JOHN W. MALLETT .. .. 5.
FREDERICK WAENER .. .. 3.	GEORGE BALLS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

\*First peal.

**SWANSCOMBE, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, February 13, 1908, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
**IN THE KENT VARIATION.** Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE HAYES .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM LANE .. .. 5.
JOHN WHEADON .. .. 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HARPER .. .. 3.	REUBEN COPELIN .. .. 7.
FREDK. J. RING .. .. 4.	LEWIS SILVER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

**BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.**

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Friday, February 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.**  
**Tenor 12 cwt.**

WALLACE RODEN* .. .. Treble.	WALTER HAYWARD .. .. 4.
JOHN T. TYLER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 5.
GEORGE E. JONES* .. .. 3.	GEORGE CASE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

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

**NUTTALL, NOTTS.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.)

On Friday, February 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

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

Being ten 6-scores each of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, four 6-scores each of Chace, Stedman Slow Course, Plain and Old Doubles, and six 6-scores of Antelope Doubles. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr.

LEWIS BEARDSMORE .. .. Treble.	ERNEST WILCOX .. .. 3.
ARTHUR HARRISON .. .. 2.	PERCY BEARDSMORE .. .. 4.
FRANK BEARDSMORE .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by ARTHUR HARRISON.

\*First peal. P. Beardsmore was elected a member previous to starting.

**WEST CLANDON, SURREY.**

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, February 15, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Being 720 each of Durham, Chester, Carlisle, London, Superlative, York and Cambridge. Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHAS. WILLSHIRE, JUN. .. Treble.	JOSEPH GOACHER .. .. 4.
REGINALD BLAKE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM DAY .. .. 5.
FREDERICK BENNETT .. .. 3.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

This is the first peal of Surprise Minor rung by the above Guild, and by all the band.

**TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

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

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

TOM PYLE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES F. WEST .. .. 4.
WILLIAM ELKINGTON .. .. 2.	STANLEY WOLFE .. .. 5.
ALBERT WEST .. .. 3.	GEORGE CHESTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CHESTER.

\*First peal.

**CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.** Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 5.
GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 6.
JOHN FLINT .. .. 3.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 7.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 4.	SAM THOMAS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

First in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the conductor. Rang after meeting two short for Double Norwich Royal

**BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.**

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, February 15, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
**THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.** Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN E. OVERTON .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM HEAD .. .. 5.
ALBERT T. BAKER .. .. 2.	WILFRED OVERTON .. .. 6.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 3.	JOHN OVERTON .. .. 7.
JOHN ELCOCK .. .. 4.	HORACE W. OVERTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN OVERTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of Mr. Churchwarden Deighton and the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor.

**ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 15, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
**IN THE KENT VARIATION.** Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST MCWILLIAM .. Treble.	GEORGE H. ABBISHAW .. 5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW .. 6.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW .. 3.	WALTER CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
W. T. HOLGATE .. .. 4.	GEORGE W. STEEL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE W. STEEL.

This is the conductor's 50th peal.

**Date Touches.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

**SHILDON.**—On Tuesday, February 18th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1908 changes, consisting of 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent, and 468 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 13 mins. E. Hind, H. Metcalfe, T. Wick, J. Smith, E. J. Titt, R. B. Robinson conductor.

**Miscellaneous.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**FARNHAM ROYAL.**—On February 12th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. H. Skuse, W. Henley first quarter-peal, G. Basden, J. J. Parker, J. Blackmore first quarter-peal, J. E. Elderfield, C. Clarke conductor, J. Bovington.

**BLETCHLEY.**—On January 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Rowe, H. Sear, F. Baker, F. Hedges conductor, L. Meager, E. Marks, F. Whitehead, F. Goodman. On January 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Rowe, H. Sear, F. Baker, L. Meager, J. Higgins, E. Marks, G. Bonfield, V. Sear. And 181. F. Rowe, L. Mayer, F. Baker, E. Marks, G. Bonfield, J. Higgins, H. Sear, V. Sear.

**SIMPSON (Bucks).**—On January 16th, 360 Grandsire Doubles. H. Turner, J. Higgins conductor, W. Pether, C. W. Smith, J. Meadows. And 360 by H. Turner, W. Coles, C. W. Smith conductor, J. Higgins, W. Pether.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**SELBY (Yorks).**—On Sunday, February 2nd, at 51, New Lane, 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Hall, 1-2; F. Cryer, 3-4; F. W. Stokes conductor 5-6; H. Fairlam, 7-8. On Sunday, February 2th, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Hall, 1-2; F. Cryer, 3-4; F. W. Stokes conductor, 5-6; H. Fairlam, 7-8. Longest length of Grandsire Triples on handbells by all except the conductor. Handbell practice has been taken up since the destruction of the Abbey bells by fire on October 20th, 1906.

**SEDBURGH (Yorks).**—The following eight methods were rung for the eight services during February: February 2nd, 672 Bob Major and 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. February 9th, 672 Double Norwich and 672 Grandsire Triples. February 16th, 672 Superlative Surprise and 84 Stedman Triples (504 being false owing to a change course). February 23rd, 672 Duffield Major and 672 Double Oxford Major. W. Stainton, T. Sisson, E. Pennington, J. E. Senogles, H. Haresnape, W. Pennington, J. W. Pennington, G. F. Woodhouse conductor.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

**LOUGHBOROUGH.**—On Thursday, January 30th, at the Bell Foundry tower, nearly 4000 Stedman Triples, in 2 hrs., taken from Thurstans' four-part. H. F. Stubbs, J. Smith, E. Reader, W. Pervin, J. Davies, E. Abbott, H. Whittle conductor, J. Powell.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**LEE.**—On Wednesday, January 22nd, at St. Margaret's church, 576 Cambridge Surprise Major. F. Pike, E. Barnett, W. Hewitt, H. Gummer, F. Bennett conductor, W. J. Jeffries, I. Emery, J. E. Davies.

**DEPTFORD.**—On Monday, February 10th, at St. John's church, 800 in the same method, W. Weatherstone ringing the treble, the rest as above. These were the first touches of Cambridge on the bells.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

**HARLOW.**—On Thursday, February 13th, 1008 Bob Major. G. Dent, B. Coppin, F. Palmer, J. Burles, W. Wheeler, J. Wheeler, J. Cordell, J. Smith. First 1008 by all except the ringers of the treble and 3rd. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Dent, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

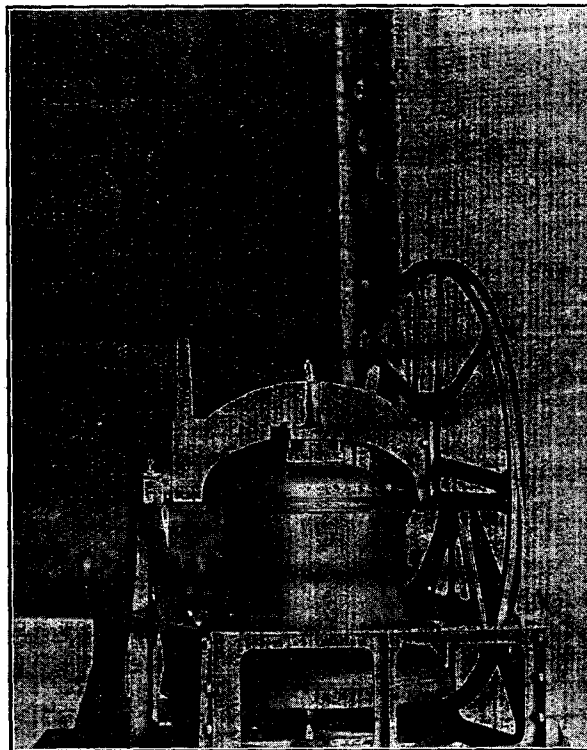
**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**HORLEY.**—On Wednesday, January 22nd, on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. William Deavin Graham, Vicar of Christ Church, Somers Town, and Louise, youngest daughter of Thomas Watkins Parrish, of Sbrublands, Horley, 504 and

238 Grandsire Triples before the wedding, and a half-peal of Grandsire Triples and a 168 of Court Bob Triples after. A. Etheridge, N. Wakefield, J. Kenward, S. Kenward, P. Etheridge, N. Wakefield, J. Kenward, S. Kenward, P. Etheridge, G. Illman, A. Songhurst, J. Sherlock. On Sunday, January 26th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Etheridge, J. Kenward, N. Wakefield, S. Kenward, A. Songhurst, G. Illman, P. Etheridge, C. Osborn.

**EXETER.**—On Sunday, January 19th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. Gardner, F. Davey conductor, C. Carter, A. W. Searle, E. Barter, H. B. Kindersley, J. Moss, W. Hoskins.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**—On Tuesday, January 21st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Curley, T. Green, F. Phillips, E. Waters, T. Best, C. Goodenough, W. Ingham, C. Merryfield.

**L. BAKER & BELLS.**

A Large Bell as fitted with Mr. L. Baker's improvements.

In the year 1854 Mr. Baker was honoured with a patent for suspending a bell upon a good and sufficient central bolt.

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**W. LEWIS BAKER, A.M.I.C.E.,**  
Hargrave, Huntingdon.

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

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**Obituary.****B. F. LAMB, HALIFAX.**

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Lamb, which took place on Saturday, Feb. 15th, after a prolonged illness of two years, from acute anæmia, at the early age of 42 years. The deceased was a native of Bradford, and when a youth of 15 years commenced his ringing career at St. James' Church, Bolton, Bradford, where he soon blossomed into an expert ringer and striker, and in a short time joined the Bradford Parish Church Society, making his name as a tenor ringer, for which his build was adapted, and his record of peals rung, which totalled 67, were with a few exceptions made by ringing the tenor; while he also rang through a 10,400 of Treble Bob at Shipley, some twelve years ago.

The deceased, who was in the Weights

and Measures Department of the Bradford Corporation, obtained the post of Inspector at Halifax when the Corporation took over the county responsibility in this respect; and on his removal to Halifax he joined the parish church company, with whom he rang regularly until some eighteen months ago, when his health began to fail.

The deceased was a member of the Yorkshire Association of 28 years' standing, and for a few years a member of the committee. He was also the President of the Halifax and District Association until he abandoned both these posts in December last. The funeral took place on the 19th ult., at Undercliffe cemetery, Bradford, the cortege proceeding from Halifax by road, and being met at Bradford by his brother ringers and friends, the Yorkshire Association being represented by Messrs. G. Bolland, vice-president; J. Broadley, steward; and J. Cotterell, treasurer; and

the Halifax and District Association by J. Lawson, vice-president; J. S. Ambler, ex-president; and J. E. Jenkinson, committee. Ringers were also present from Bolton, Bradford, Shipley, Leeds, Wakefield, and other places. The services were conducted by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, vicar of St. Chad's Church, Headingley, with whom deceased had spent many happy hours during his ringing career, and in the evening a muffled peal in memoriam was rung at Drighlington by representatives of eight parishes in the district.

**ROBERT FOULDS.**

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer on the 6th ult., at 33, Duke Street, Colne. He had always been a prominent Church worker, as a Member of the Choir, Church Cleaner, etc. He had also been a member of the local company of change ringers for 30 years. He was a member of the Lancashire Association, and had taken part in six peals. He was 57 years of age, and worked at Messrs. Shaws' Cotton Manufacturers, from a boy.

He was carried to his last resting place, Colne Cemetery, by his brother ringers on the 10th ult., the service in the Parish Church being fully choral, the Rector officiating, and referred in feeling terms to services of deceased to the Church in his sermon on Sunday morning, the bells being fully muffled.

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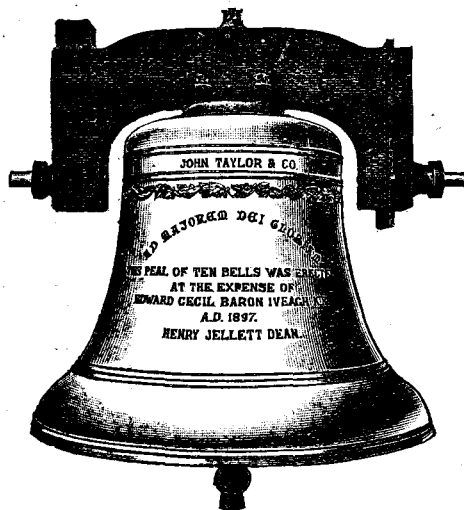
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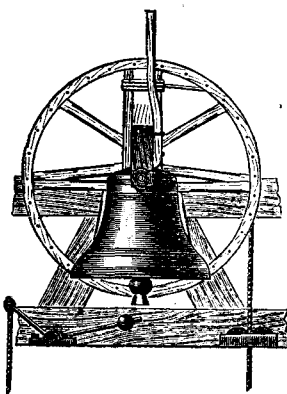
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