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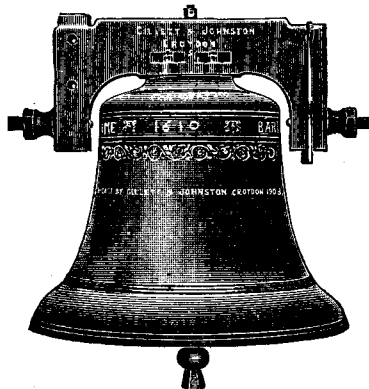
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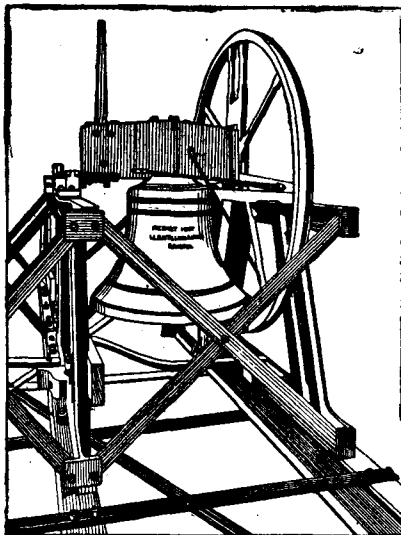
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CHRIST CHURCH, DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

Situate about five miles south of Sheffield parish church and within a mile of the stream which divides Yorkshire and Derbyshire, is the truly rural village of Dore. Anyone going along either of the two main roads which runs out of Sheffield into Derbyshire would indeed pass it without so much as thinking there could be a village only a mile off either road, so complete is its seclusion. Built about 1828, the church stands on a small plateau surrounded by heather-clad hills to the south and west, wooded slopes to the east, looking north the city of Sheffield is completely overlooked. Here then is an ideal place for a peal of bells. Here it was, in the King's Croft, that Egbert fought the deciding battle concerning the overlordship of the Heptarchy.

During the ministry of the present Vicar, extending over thirteen years, some £2000 has been spent on the church, including the building of the chancel (at a cost of £1100) to the memory of the late Vicar (the Rev. J. T. F. Aldred), whom, as I heard Mr. C. H. Hattersley say, rung with a Sheffield parish church company in the sixties. A handsome stained glass window was put in at the east end of the church to commemorate the King's coronation, at a cost of £500; a new heating apparatus; also a new clock. The church accounts show that the new chancel cost more to build than what the church cost in the first place, as a great deal of the labour and carting was then performed by the villagers gratis.

Twelve months ago the bell fund stood at £40, and it speaks well for the vigour of the Church in this village, when out of the total cost (including structural alterations to the tower, &c.) of the bells, £680, £650 is already in hand, helped, it is true, by a few generous donations: 100 guineas from Miss Newbold, no mean supporter of Dore Church; £100 from Mr. Locker; £50 from Mr. E. Hall. New Year's Day was the time appointed for the formal dedication of the new bells, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of Southwell, the Right Rev. Edwyn Hoskyns, D.D., who, on receiving the ropes from the wardens, Messrs. D. H. Porrett and Thomas Marshall, read the impressive little service used in the Diocese of York, and committed the bells to the custody of the Vicar, the Rev. William R. Gibson. As the procession proceeded up the central aisle a few rounds were struck on the bells. Within the crowded church a short but hearty service followed. The Bishop of Southwell preached. Immediately after the service a mixed band rung a peal of Double Norwich to the delight of the inhabitants, the tone of the bells being greatly admired. The bells are a handy little peal, with the tenor 11 cwts. 24 lbs. in G, the total weight being 46 cwts. 3 qrs. 11 lbs. The hanging of the

bells on one level with only a space inside the walls of 11 ft. 4 ins. is a work of art, and, needless to say, the frame is of the latest type, and everything up to date, including the tuning of the bells, and are altogether a credit to Messrs. Taylor, who are to be congratulated on having set up another example of modern craft, the going of the bells being perfect.

There are a good number of villagers who are putting in a lot of work trying to get the upper hand of the bells, and no doubt in a few months there will be an established company of ringers at Dore, and it won't be from want of encouragement if they don't get on, as the authorities are most kindly disposed.

S. T.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The annual general meeting was held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 16th, the attendance of some fifty members fully justifying the selection of a Saturday for the holding of the annual meeting. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, and some good twelve-bell practice obtained.

A knife-and-fork tea was laid in the vestry hall at 5.30, which had been kindly lent by the Vicar, the Rev. Prebendary Shelford. During the tea the rev. gentleman came in and gave an interesting speech, extending an hearty invitation to St. Martin's, and concluding by asking those present to consider themselves as his guests, which offer was received with loud applause.

The Master (Mr. A. Jacob) opened the business by asking the Secretary to read the minutes of last meeting, and the balance-sheet for the past year, which were read and passed.

For the position of Master Mr. A. Jacob, Mr. F. Smith, and Mr. W. Doran were nominated, and on a show of hands resulted in favour of Mr. F. Smith being elected by a majority of three. The treasurer (Mr. H. Dains), the secretary (Mr. F. Bennett), and the senior steward (Mr. A. Hardy) were all unanimously re-elected; Mr. W. Matthews consented to serve as junior steward. Mr. R. A. Daniell, Mr. H. Dains, Mr. J. Parker, and Mr. F. Bennett were elected to represent the society on the Central Council for the next session.

A proposition by W. Shimmans that the fifteen peals rung during the year be entered in the grand peal-book was carried. The secretary pointed out that the booking-fees at present collected in six and eight-bell peals was insufficient to cover the cost of booking. Mr. B. Foskett proposed that fourpence each should be paid by members on completing a peal. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to let the matter stand over for a twelvemonth, in the meantime to ask conductors to try and collect the deficiency among the band.

Christ Church Southgate, Highgate, and St. Alfege Greenwich, were proposed for the next quarterly meeting, to be held at the end of April, it being decided to go to Southgate providing the necessary permission could be

obtained. Miss Edith Parker, of Edmonton, Mr. W. Billenness, of Stroud Green, and Mr. Theobald, of West Ham, were elected as members of the society.

A vote of thanks to the officers for their services during the past year was proposed by Mr. Parker, and carried. Mr. E. F. Cole proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality that afternoon in granting the use of the bells and the hall, and that the Secretary be instructed to convey the same. This was carried with enthusiasm. The Secretary proposed that Mrs. Zoller, the caretaker, be thanked for her catering of the tea, as it was mainly through her endeavours that the tea had been held there that day.

At 9 o'clock a good assembly of members and friends took place at The Bedford Head hotel, when songs were contributed by Messrs. Margetson, Winch, Shimmans, Weatherstone, and Matthews; a recitation by H. S. Reeves; Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters were also rung on the handbells. At 11.30 the National Anthem was sung, thus bringing to a close the first annual meeting of the society held on a Saturday, which everyone acknowledged to have been a complete success.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

As one wanders through the streets of this ancient royal borough, pictures of romance pass through the mind. Almost at every turn we see buildings that remind us of Dunstable when in its glory. Yet, as we cast our eyes about, we see the signs of modernism, and the glories of bygone days seem to contrast strangely with the commercial activity that is just awakening in the town. As we draw near the church, we cannot help being struck by its unique and grand west front. As we enter, I would that I were Dickens and Ruskin combined, that I could describe my thoughts as I pictured Cardinal Wolsey pronouncing the divorce decree between Henry VIII. and Catherine of Arragon. But why should we lay bare our thoughts in this manner?

On Saturday, January 2nd, at the invitation of the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, the Bedfordshire Association held its third quarterly meeting at Dunstable. About 3.30 p.m., the bells, a magnificent peal, was raised, and the inhabitants were treated to Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich. The Rev. W. W. C. Baker arranged a splendid tea, which was followed by a short business meeting. The members then attended a special service at the church. A form of the C.E.M.S. service was used, and the Rev. — Bullard, of Flamstead, gave an address. On entering the pulpit he stated that he would take no text, but would speak as a ringer to ringers, and take change-ringing as his subject. This he did, and brought in some weighty arguments with regard to the Individualist and Collectivist theories. He pointed out in a most able manner, that neither in itself was good for man, and clearly showed how both should and could be used for the good of all. The address was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Afterwards the bells were kept going to various methods, a number of the members receiving their first insight into the higher methods.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The members of the Chew Deanery Branch of this Association held their annual meeting at Wraxall on Saturday, January 16th. There was a large attendance, nearly fifty members sitting down to a substantial tea generously provided by the Rev. Prebendary Vaughan, who subsequently presided at the business meeting.

Mr. G. Yeo was the recipient of a handsome marble clock, in recognition of the admirable services he had rendered the Association in his position as Secretary.

The Rev. Prebendary Vaughan in making the presentation, alluded to the excellent work Mr. Yeo had accomplished, and testified to the promptitude and thoroughness he had shown in the transaction of all business appertaining to his position as Secretary.

Mr. G. Yeo, in responding, gratefully acknowledged the gift, and said the work instead of being arduous, had always been a source of pleasure and satisfaction.

Mr. T. Wyatt, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. Prebendary Vaughan for presiding, said the members of the Association were grateful to him for his presence there that evening, a remark which elicited loud applause.

Mr. T. Wyatt and Mr. G. Yeo were respectively elected chairman and secretary for the ensuing year, and five new members were added to the roll. At the conclusion of the meeting, the members adjourned to the tower of the parish church.

NOTICE OF LONG PEAL.

Ten members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild will attempt a long peal of Grandsire Caters, 17,297 changes, on Friday, February 5th, at Appleton, Berks, starting at 9 o'clock a.m.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Seventh Council will be held at the Church House, Westminster, on Whitsun-Tuesday, June 1st, 1909. Nominations for the Office of President and for that of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, as also Reports of Committees, Notices of Motion, and any other matter should reach me not later than Saturday, May 1st. Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations are earnestly requested to forward the names with full postal address of the elected representatives of their Associations as soon as possible, with a view to the early completion of the official list of the new Council; and in cases where no elections have yet taken place it is sincerely hoped that a meeting of the Association may be speedily summoned for the purpose, or that in any meeting shortly forthcoming this item may not be forgotten in drawing up the agenda. A remittance of 2/6 is due for each representative, the rights of representatives being in abeyance until their quota has been paid.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Secretary.

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, January, 1909.

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SEVENTY PEALS OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

AN INTERESTING RECORD AT BIRMINGHAM.

The peal rung at Birmingham on Tuesday, January 12th last, and duly recorded in its proper place, was Thomas Reynolds's 70th peal of Stedman Cinques. This is supposed to be the greatest number of peals of its particular class ever rung by one man.

Of this astounding total, all, with the exception of one or two, have been rung on his favourite peal, St. Martin's, Birmingham, where Mr. Reynolds has been a regular and enthusiastic ringer for upwards of thirty years. He can proudly boast that he is the only man who took part in the 9238 of Stedman Cinques on February 28th, 1881, and the present record, 11,111, rang on December 26th, 1901, to beat it.

He also took a rope in the only two short-course peals of Stedman Cinques ever accomplished, these being rung at St. Martin's, on February 5th, 1895, and November 25th, 1902, respectively. Although Mr. Reynolds is only now in his prime, it is interesting to note that he rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques some years before the ringers of the 7th, 10th, and tenor in this last peal were even born.

The aggregate number of peals of Stedman Cinques rung by the whole band no doubt constitutes another record in its way. Below we give the names of the ringers in the order in which they stood for this peal, together with the number of peals of Stedman Cinques rung by each man.

Thomas Russam	...	...	17
Charles Dickens	...	...	36
Albert Walker	...	...	40
Bernard W. Wittchell	...	...	24
Thomas Reynolds	...	...	70
Samuel Reeves	...	...	33
Edmund J. Hyland	...	...	19
John Neal	...	...	25
Thomas Miller	...	...	37
Alfred Paddon Smith	...	...	30
James E. Groves	...	...	22
Sydney J. Jessop	...	...	17

Total 370

The band have thus an average of nearly 31 peals per man.

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."

THE EXTRA BELL AT ST. PETER MANCROFT.

SIR,—It may interest your readers to know that the intended extra bell to be added to St. Peter Mancroft is not the first peal of twelve where the innovation has occurred. At Cirencester there is a peal of twelve bells which has been in existence since 1722. The whole peal were rehung in the early part of 1895, and it was then decided to have the ninth bell recast. This bell had been used as a fire-alarm bell, and was badly cracked, no doubt by rough handling. The question then arose as to the advisability of having an extra bell to be used as a fire bell, so as not to interfere with the peal of twelve, and eventually the cost of the extra bell was guaranteed by the Cirencester Society in London. Having obtained the wherewithal to pay for the bell, it was considered a good opportunity to have the tone of it so arranged as to work in with the other bells, so as to have a light peal of eight. This was successfully carried out by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and the tower now possesses the peal of twelve in D, tenor 28 cwt., and including the extra bell a light peal of eight in G, tenor 12 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs., and also a peal of eight in E, tenor 21 cwt. This last peal is the one now used for ringing when the bells are muffled, and is considered to be much more effective for that purpose than the back eight of the peal of twelve.

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Obituary.

THOMAS ALSOPP.

We regret to record the death of Thomas Alsopp, of Thornbury, Gloucestershire, which occurred December 13th, after a lingering and painful illness with cancer in mouth and neck. Our deceased friend was connected with the Thornbury parish ringers for about twenty years. During his career as a ringer he took part in three peals; he was also a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association for a number of years. His brother ringers attended the funeral, and presented a beautiful wreath composed of choice flowers made in the shape of a bell. The first part of the burial service took place at the parish church, and was fully choral, conducted by the Rev. A. W. Cornwall (Vicar), and assisted by Rev. A. N. Crossman (curate), deceased being also organ-blower for a number of years. The final rites were performed in the cemetery by the Vicar, at the conclusion of which four of his oldest brother-ringers rang the handbells over his grave. F. K. Howell 1-2, C. Eddington 3-4, J. W. Poole 5-6, J. Phillips 7-8. The ringers then visited the tower, and rang a muffled peal on the bells he loved so well.—R.I.P.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE CLANDON SOCIETY.

The following have been rung during 1908 at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, West Clandon: Seventy-six complete 720's have been rung in the following methods:—Surprise methods—London 9, Wells 3, York 9, Durham 6, Superlative 4, Cambridge 6, Worcester 3, Carlisle 3, Chichester 3, Chester 3, Canterbury 1. Treble Bob—Woodbine 3, Oxford 2, Kent 3. Plain methods—Grandsire 2, College Single 3, Oxford Bob 6, Plain Bob 5, being rung by the following members:—Joseph Goacher 76, Frederick Bennett 75, William Day 75, Reginald Blake 71, George Monk 45, Henry Blackman 45, Charles Willshire 21, Alfred H. Pulling 21, Frederick Day 14, William Savage 4, Henry Stovell 3, James Palmer 2, Thomas Streeter 1, the conducting being done by Frederick Bennett 42, Alfred H. Pulling 21, William Day 11, Joseph Goacher 2—total 76.

A DATE TOUCH OF STEDMAN CATERS.

1909.

By WM. H. INGLESANT.

Start slow six.

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5	1	2	3	6	4	s	-
5	3	1	2	6	4	-	-
5	2	1	3	6	4	s	-
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5	1	3	2	6	4	-	-
3	1	5	4	6	2	-	-
3	4	1	5	6	2	-	-
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The last three courses twice repeated produce:

2 4 1 3 6 5

Then call:

2	3	1	4	6	5	s	
2	4	3	1	6	5	-	
2	1	4	3	6	5	-	

Rounds next change.

* First course produced by 51, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, in seventy-two changes.

SIMPSON (Bucks).—On Saturday, November 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. W. Coles, T. Maycock, F. Higgins conductor, W. Pether, J. Meadows. First quarter-peal by the ringers of treble, 2 and tenor.

THE PROPOSED EXTRA BELL FOR ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH.

We repeat the list of subscriptions towards this laudable undertaking in the hope that many other members of the Exercise may be induced to assist, by forwarding, with the least possible delay, any sums they may be desirous of giving. We hope that in our next number we shall be able to publish the names of many additional subscribers.

It is estimated that about £115 will be wanted to provide the new bell, frame and fittings. The following subscriptions have already been paid or promised:—

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The Sheriff of Norwich (Mr. F. G. Chamberlin) ...	0	10	6
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The St. Peter Mancroft Ringers' Guild ...	10	10	0
Mr. George P. Burton ...	1	1	0
Mr. D. O. Holme ...	1	1	0
Mr. Charles E. Borrett ...	0	10	6
Mr. John E. Burton ...	1	1	0
Mr. H. J. Borrett ...	0	10	6
Mr. George Harvey ...	0	10	0
The Rev. E. J. Crosby ...	0	5	0
Mr. Fredk. Saunders, <i>Eton</i> ...	0	5	0
The Rev. E. C. Hopper, <i>Starston</i> ...	0	10	6
The Rev. Wm. C. Pearson, <i>Henley</i> ...	0	10	6
Mr. J. A. Trollope, <i>Ealing</i> ...	0	5	0
Mr. W. J. Nevard, <i>Gt. Bentley</i> ...	0	10	6
The Rev. C. F. Blyth, <i>Richinghall</i> ...	0	10	0
Mr. E. Poppy, <i>Eye</i> ...	0	2	6
The Rev. C. L. Kennaway, <i>Garboldisham</i> ...	1	1	0
Mr. A. G. Berry, <i>Wembley</i> ...	0	10	6
Mr. W. R. Rudd, <i>Thorpe</i> ...	0	5	0
The St. John-de-Sepulchre Church Council and Ringers ...	2	2	0
The Beccles Company of Ringers, per Mr. Hopson ...	0	10	0
The Thetford Company of Ringers, per Mr. Fitzjohn ...	0	3	6
Mr. R. H. Hayward, <i>Marlesford</i> ...	0	10	6
Mr. James George, <i>Rugby</i> ...	0	2	0
Miss Pestell, <i>Stalham</i> ...	0	5	0
The Rev. E. C. J. Bowen, <i>Stoke Ash</i> ...	0	5	0
Mr. Arthur Hubbard, <i>Fulham</i> ...	1	1	0
Messrs. J. and J. Colman, <i>Norwich</i> ...	1	1	0
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A copy of the appeal which has been issued, and which gives details of the scheme and of the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, will be sent on application being made to any one of the honorary secretaries of the Extra Bell Fund:—Mr. Geo. P. Burton, 137, Newmarket Road, Norwich; Mr. D. O. Holme, Castle Chambers, Norwich; Mr. Chas. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street, Norwich.

THE WHITWICK SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER.

THE LOCKED-OUT RINGERS AND THE VICAR.

The annual dinner of the Whitwick Parish Church Society was held at The Waggon and Horses inn, Whitwick, on Wednesday evening, when about 30 of the members and friends partook of a capital meal admirably served by host Horton.

After dinner Mr. George West was voted to the chair, and first

gave the usual loyal toast of the King, Queen and Royal Family, referring to His Majesty's deserved popularity, and the National Anthem was played on the handbells.

The next toast was "The Church and State." Mr. H. G. W. Howe proposed "The Midland Counties Association" and the local members. He was not going to enter into a discussion as to how the difference between them and the Vicar had occurred, except to say how much he regretted it. They could not have neglected their duty, or they would not have attained such proficiency, for the Whitwick ringers had a good name, and were welcomed in any tower. He hoped the differences would soon be smoothed over, and that they would soon be back again ringing where they ought to be—in their own parish church tower. They took up the work for the love of it, and tried to make themselves efficient church workers. They had shown their loyalty by the way they had stuck together in the peculiar circumstances in which they found themselves (cheers). He repeated that he hoped the breach would soon be smoothed over, and that before the new year had very far advanced they would be back again in their rightful places. The difference never ought to have arisen. The toast, coupled with the names of Messrs. J. A. Moulton, W. Fern, B. West, and S. W. West, was enthusiastically drunk.

Mr. Storer West, in reply, said that what Mr. Howe had said was perfectly true. The Midland Counties Association had done a great amount of work, much of it not known to the general public. The local members had devoted themselves to the work of ringing. It took a lot of learning, and what they heard on the Whitwick bells at the present time resembled learning their A.B.C. As Mr. Howe said, at the dinner twelve months ago, there did not appear to be a single ruffie, and nobody was more surprised than the members when this did occur. But the band, though dismissed, had not dispersed, and with one exception, they had remained loyal. He believed the future promised to be quite as interesting to them as the past, notwithstanding what had taken place. Until there was a tower fitted with bells open to them in their own parish they must go abroad when they wished to ring changes on tower bells, which was the aim and object of the campanologists, and, being affiliated members of many years' standing of the Midland Counties Association, there would be every opportunity to ring in other towers when they could conveniently attend. It was noteworthy that every Sunday from January up to and including Easter, 1908, change-ringing was carried out by members of their society for both morning and evening service in their own parish church. Shortly after Easter the belfry was closed to them, and in due course the whole band were dismissed from the service of the church and parish. In support of this, a rule was mentioned which said, "The bells shall be rung or chimed for morning and evening service on Sundays," and seeing that the rule had only been omitted once in 17 years the reasons advanced in support of such an extreme measure may be said to be not worth the paper they were written upon. In spite of adverse circumstances, they were able to report that four quarter-peals had been rung in the past year, in addition to a large number of shorter compositions, ranging between 400 and 1000 changes in three different towers, the secretary having also assisted in chiming the ten bells at St. Martin's, Leicester, for Sunday morning service. The handbells presented to the society by the late Vicar, the Rev. A. F. Tollemache, had been most useful.

Mr. J. A. Moulton, the captain of the ringers, also responded, remarking that he endorsed all Mr. West had said. They meant to stick together. He had been captain for eleven years, and it had always been his aim, as it had been the aim of his colleagues, to encourage young members and promote good ringing in the district. Mr. S. W. West proposed "The Visitors and the Press." He extended a cordial welcome to all who were not members of the Association.

The funeral of the late Charles Billard, of Great Totham, where he had been a regular and skilled ringer for thirty years, took place on Wednesday last in the churchyard. He died very suddenly, much respected by all. The choir and ringers attended to pay their last respects to his memory. The customary muffled peal, whole pull and stand, was rung before the service. At the conclusion of the ceremony his age, 58, was fired on the bells.

The chairman (Pennyline). Ringers come to his

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Notices.

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The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The eighty-fifth Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 13th, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 5 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 at The Princes Head, Princes Street, opposite the Abbey. Ringers attending to ring till 5 p.m. are requested to be there not later than 4 p.m. sharp, as the church doors will then be closed. **T. H. TAYLOR, Hon. Sec.**
10, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne to-day Saturday, January 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. **J. WATSON, Branch Sec.**

Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest will take place at Lightcliffe parish church to-day, Saturday, January 30th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m.

J. COTTERELL, Hon. Sec.
302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nether-ton to-day, Saturday, January 30th. Service, with address by the Vicar (Rev. S. J. Marriott), will be held in the church at 4.15 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. **J. R. NEWMAN, Hon. Sec.**
Bransford, Worcester.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Birmingham to-day Saturday, January 30th. The bells at the parish church, Aston, and at Bishop Ryder's church will be open from 2 p.m., and at St. Martin's from 3.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.45. Tea (1s. 3d. each), at 5.30, both in the Bull Street cafe. The Hon. Secretary has received notice that the following alteration of Rule 14 will be proposed, viz. to substitute "annual meeting" for "third quarterly meeting."

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.
Colgrave, Notts.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the North and West District of the above Association will be held at St. Saviour's, Waltham-stow, to-day, Saturday, January 30th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Siddans. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1909 are now due.

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

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The members of this society will hold their next quarterly meeting at the church of St. Thomas, Pendleton, to-day, Saturday, January 30th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWERS, Hon. Sec.

The Leeds and Districts Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey to-day, Saturday, January 30th. Peal

attempt at 2.30. Refreshments at The Royal hotel. Business meeting at 7.30.

GEO. W. SLACK, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bromley to-day, Saturday, January 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. Donald Tait (Vicar), at 5.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.
34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, to-day, Saturday, January 30th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5.30, followed by General Meeting in the Parish Room, North Street. Subscriptions for the year are now due, and can either be paid at the meeting, or sent to the District Secretary.

W. LATTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.
26, Duker Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Staines to-day Saturday, January 30th. The bells of St. Mary's will be available for a short time from 4 o'clock, and those of St. Peter's from 6 o'clock. Will members please note that subscriptions for 1909 are now due? To facilitate the distribution of annual reports unattached members would greatly oblige by forwarding their addresses to

H. C. CHANDLER, Hon. Sec.
Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Titchfield to-day, Saturday, January 30th. Bells available at 2.30. Tea at parish room at 5. Short service at 6. Members requiring tea kindly inform me by the 26th.

Fareham. **J. W. WHITING, Dis. Sec.**

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Farnham Royal on Saturday, February 6th. Service in church 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Bells of Burnham, Slough, Stoke Poges, and Farnham Royal, open to members after 2 p.m. Motors leave Slough Station for Farnham Royal at 1.15, 3.25, and 5.35. Return 6.25 and 7.55. All coming should send names to

Farnham Royal, Slough **J. J. PARKER.**

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—In order not to clash with a meeting of the Northern District, the meeting at Ware will be held on February 13th. The bells will be ready from 3.30. Tea at 5.30, with a business meeting after. All members and friends will be made welcome.

W. H. LAWRENCE, Hon. Dis. Sec.
Little Mundon.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Whittlesford on Saturday afternoon, February 6th. Tea at 5 o'clock.

P. WEBB, Dis. Sec.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, February 6th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea at 5.30 at The White Lion. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. J. Cawdell, White Horse Street, Baldock, by Thursday, February 4th.

J. F. FOSTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.
82, Grove Road, Hitchin

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, February 6th, 1909. Tea at 5.45 free, in the National Schools Service at 7.0. Those intending to be present notify Mr. J. Whitfield, 2, Back Brampton, Newcastle-under-Lyme, not later than Feb. 3.

Rev. W. G. KEYWORTH, Hon. Sec.
J. JOHNSON.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherfield (eight bells) on Saturday, February 13th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector, Rev. F. W. Champneys, M.A. Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know by February 9th. Trains from Eastbourne 12.40, Polegate 12.51, Hastings 11.50, arrive Rotherfield 1.44.

GEO. H. HOUSE, Hon. Sec.
2, Carlton Road, Eastbourne.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas church, Newchurch, on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 3. Tea at 5. Meeting at 7, when a presentation will be made to Mr. Zeb Lord, in commemoration of his services to the Association and his fifty years' standing as a bell-ringer. All ringing friends are cordially invited, and special tea (hot joints) will be provided at 1s. 3d. each for all sending in their names to Sam Lord, 1, Church Lane, Newchurch, on or before Monday, February 8th. Waterfoot bells (six) will also be at liberty from 3 to 4.30.

JAMES ROLLERSON.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual anniversary, "Henry Johnson" commemoration, will be held on Saturday, February 20th next, at Ye Olde Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, dinner being served at 6.30 sharp. Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., will preside. Ringing at St. Martin's (twelve bells) from 3.30 to 5.30. Dinner tickets free to full subscribing members, and to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained by application on or before Wednesday, February 17th, from any of the guild's officers, or from

W. H. GODDIN, Hon. Sec.
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

APPLEDORE (Kent).—On Monday evening, January 11th, as a last token of respect to the late Jane Eliza, dearly loved wife of Mr. F. Brown, a member of the local band of change-ringers, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with bells deeply muffled, by the local band, assisted by C. W. Player, from Stone-in-Oxey, as under: Wm. Law, Alfred Johnson, Clifton L. Noakes, Sydney W. Hills, Charles W. Player, George Johnson, Ewart G. Johnson conductor, Wm. Sharp.

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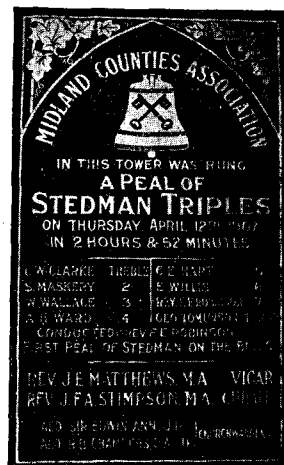
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1909.

We report below the ringing of a peal of 6048 Twelve-In at the church of St. Mary-le-Bow, London. It is not so very long ago since a peal of any kind on these bells was considered an impossibility, by reason of their defective condition. When, therefore, we read of such a performance as this—a 6000, too—it must be held that the recent rehanging by Mears and Stainbank is of the very best order. Accounts are to hand from those who heard the peal that the ringing throughout was excellent. When we are also told that one young ringer raised this tenor of 53 cwt. single-handed in three minutes, the marvel is that these bells in their existing old-fashioned and ungainly frame, could by any means be got into such a good condition. The Whitechapel firm are to be congratulated on the result of their work.

The twelve bells of St. Giles, Cripplegate, have recently been rehanged by Messrs. Warner and Sons. And this firm, like their neighbours, are also to be congratulated on the excellence of their work, for the bells now go splendidly, several good peals having been rung upon them since restoration.

The great quantity of peals now being rung, necessitates the records being somewhat in arrear, but they are published as they come to hand, and we hope to get abreast of them again before long. We beg our brethren to be patient.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.

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The Metropolis.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, January 23, 1909, in Four Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 6048 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 53 cwt.**

CHALLIS F. WINNEY.. ..Treble.	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 7.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 8.
HENRY R. PASMORE.. .. 3.	HERBERT LANGDON 9.
WILLIAM F. GARRARD .. 4.	ALFRED B. PECK 10.
WILLIAM TRUSS.. .. 5.	HENRY R. NEWTON 11.
HENRY SPRINGALL 6.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ..Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.

Rung in honour of the eighth anniversary of the Accession of His Majesty King Edward VII.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.*On Saturday, January 23, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, CHISWICK,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.**

RICHARD D. HAYLOCK* ..Treble.	HERBERT W. LIDBETTER .. 5.
HAROLD S. BURTON.. .. 2.	JOHN W. KELLEY 6.
ALFRED L. SAMSON*.. .. 3.	GEORGE J. WHITE 7.
FRANK SKEVINGTON 4.	*JOHN H. ROBERTS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by HAROLD S. BURTON.

*First peal.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, January 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes'*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 6.
ARTHUR J. NEALE 2.	FRANK C. NEWMAN 7.
WILLIAM MILLER 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 8.
JOHN J. LAME 4.	JAMES GEORGE 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE.. .. 5.	BERTHAM PREWETT .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, January 9, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, NORWOOD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.**

HENRY PARSLAW* .. ..Treble.	*JAMES STEARN 4.
JAMES MERRICK 2.	EDGAR HANCOX 5.
ALAN R. MACDONALD* .. 3.	*THOMAS BRISTOW .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

First peal of Doubles by all the band. *First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

The Provinces.**SOUTHWELL, NOTTS. MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)***On Saturday, January 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.**

JESSE J. MOSS .. ..Treble.	HARRY MOSS 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 7.
EDWIN H. LEWIS 4.	JOHN FLINT.. .. ..Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

REV. DE DEN DENNE ..Treble.	H. FERGUSON 5.
T. H. HAIGH 2.	H. GIBSON 6.
J. R. BARTON 3.	J. DIXIE 7.
G. F. ALEXANDER 4.	T. COLE .. .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by T. H. HAIGH.

First peal of Grandsire by the ringer of the treble, and first peal in any method by the ringer of the tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Lilian Barton, daughter of the ringer of the 3rd

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 2, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.
Tenor 19 cwt.**

JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. ..Treble.	*JOSEPH ROWELL 6.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 2.	R. ALDER GOFTON 7.
EDWARD A. HERN 3.	ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 8.
GEORGE HANDLEY* 4.	ROBERT RICHARDS 9.
GEORGE T. POTTER 5.	ALEXANDER G. LAWSON ..Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

*First peal of Caters.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 2, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.**

FREDERICK G. BRETT ..Treble.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 5.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 2.	CHARLES E. LUERY 6.
WILLIAM W. WENBAN .. 3.	CHARLES W. BRETT.. .. 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE..Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 2, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 6-scores each of Stedman. Stedman Slow Course, New Doubles, Barton, St. Simon's, St. Botolph, Canterbury, Chase, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, London, St. Dunstan's, Antelope, and Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER ROBINSON .. ..Treble.	ARTHUR ROBINSON 3.
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2.	VICTOR CLARK 4.
FREDERICK J. TITE .. .. ..Tenor.	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

First peal in fourteen methods by all. Rung as a birthday compliment to Fredk. J. Tite, the band wishing him many happy returns.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, January 7, 1909, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM DELLAR .. ..Treble.	FREDERICK PALMER 5.
BEN COPPEN 2.	GEORGE DENT 6.
HARRY BOTTRIL 3.	JOHN CORDELL 7.
WILLIAM WHEELER 4.	JOHN SMITH .. .. ..Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by F. PALMER.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1909 in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR PHILLIPS Treble.	FREDERICK WILLIAMS .. 4.
HENRY WALLACE 2.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 5.
EDWARD H. KING 3.	BARNARD PATMORE Tenor.

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

TALGARH, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM PRITCHARD Treble.	ALFRED EDWARDS 4.
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 2.	WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 5.
ARTHUR J. GRIFFITHS .. 3.	PERCY JONES Tenor.

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells. It is believed to be the first peal of Doubles rung in Wales, and first in the method by the above Guild. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Addie Lewis, of Talgarth, to Captain Reginald Bruce.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 9, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS ATIWELL Treble.	MAURICE SMITHER 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, JUN.† 2.	CHARLES HAZFELDEN 6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE 3.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 7.
HENRY L. GARFATH 4.	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor.

Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

†First peal of Double Norwich First on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1909 in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

RICHARD POTTER Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
WALTER SADLER 2.	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
PERCY LANGSTON 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM W. WENBAN .. Treble.	JOSEPH E. GRENFED .. 5.
FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 2.	WILLIAM SPIGE 6.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. 3.	*STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. 7.
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lbs.

FRANK LAWTON Treble.	JOSEPH OGDEN 5.
ALBERT CLEGG 2.	SAMUEL STOTT 6.
GEORGE H. BEEVER 3.	GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE .. 7.
JAMES PRIESTLEY 4.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD Tenor.

Composed by J. PLATT, and Conducted by I. SCHOFIELD.

First peal in the method as conductor.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE O. DIXON Treble.	PTE. WILLIAM G. ROSE .. 5.
JOSEPH ATKIN 2.	ROBERT HARRISON 6.
EDWIN JAMES 3.	JAMES DIXON 7.
CLEMENT GLENN 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BIGGIN.

This peal was arranged for the 5th ringer, who belongs to the Coldstream Guards, and who used to belong to the local band here.

DEVONPORT, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT H.M. DOCKYARD CHAPEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES EALES Treble.	JOSEPH WOODLEY 5.
WILLIAM RUNDLE† 2.	FRANK HOCKADAY 6.
WILLIAM FORD 3.	ERNEST W. MARSH 7.
ARTHUR E. TOMLINS 4.	THOMAS LINNELL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM RUNDLE.

†First peal as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to Chief Petty Officer J. Woodley, who is leaving for Malta.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

WALTER SMITH Treble.	GEORGE WHITEAKER .. 6.
JAMES COTTERELL 2.	JOSEPH HY. BRAZEY .. 7.
THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 3.	JOHN MCKELL 8.
JONAS S. AMBLEE 4.	FRANCIS BARKER 9.
JOSEPH BROADLEY 5.	FRED SALMONS Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

Rung in honour of John Jenkinson's (Little Jack) 69th birthday.

LLANGARREN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 11 cwt.

HARLEY RUDGE* Treble.	WILLIAM PARTRIDGE .. 4.
HENRY WEALE 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
FRANK VOYCE 3.	ERNEST TUMMEY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 8, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES.

ROBERT SPERRING* Treble.	bTHOMAS NEWALL 6.
HARRY MOORE, JUN.† 2.	HENRY W. WILDE 7.
HARRY MOORE, SEN.† 3.	*JAMES MORGAN 8.
GEORGE JONES* 4.	†SAMUEL MEADOWS 9.
EDWARD ROWLANDS 5.	*WILLIAM WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

†First peal. *First peal of Caters. †First peal of Stedman Caters.
bFirst peal of Stedman aFirst peal in the method with a bob bell.
First peal in the method by the Association. Reference elsewhere.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WILLIAM CLARK Treble.	WILLIAM ROOT 5.
JAMES FLEUTY 2.	DAVID LEGGETT 6.
WILLIAM SILLITOE 3.	JAMES FRENCH 7.
FRANK CLAYDON 4.	ERNEST RIDGWELL Tenor.

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and Conducted by ERNEST RIDGWELL.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

JAMES HOUGHTON Treble.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 5.
WALTER GERMAN 2.	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 6.
CHARLIE KELLER 3.	JAMES GARRATT 7.
HUBERT HORN 4.	WALTER PEWKINS Tenor.

Composed by REV. H. EABLE BULWER, and
Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of W. German.

HAVANT, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

ANDREW COLLINS Treble.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 5.
JOHN W. WHITING 2.	WILLIAM LEBBON 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	EDWIN J. HARDING 7.
HENRY W. WILKES 4.	FREDK. S. BAYLEY Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich, as a farewell peal to the Rev. C. W. Scott, late Hon. Sec. to the above Guild, and who sails on the 19th inst. to take up missionary work in China.

LLANGARREN, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 10, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	FRANK VOYCE 4.
WILLIAM PARTRIDGE 2.	CHARLES L. SADLER 5.
HENRY WEALE 3.	*THOMAS AMOS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal.

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

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, DURHAM.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 27½ cwt.

J. W. NEWTON* Treble.	W. NEWTON 5.
W. H. STEPHENSON* 2.	F. P. HOWCROFT 6.
J. HALL 3.	T. METCALFE 7.
A. MCFARLANE 4.	T. STEPHENSON Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by T. STEPHENSON.

*First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. J. Clarkson.

DEAN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 14 cwt.

FRED ABBOTT Treble.	THOMAS PEERS 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH 2.	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6.
WILLIAM TEBAY 3.	WILLIAM PENNINGTON 7.
GEORGE PINCOTT 4.	TITUS BARLOW Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

CRANBROOK, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 11, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS'. Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE* Treble.	FRED BUTCHERS 5.
FRED J. LAMBERT 2.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 6.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 3.	EDWIN LAMBERT 7.
JIM BEACH 4.	THOMAS LAMBERT Tenor.

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

*Fiftieth peal of Grandsire.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

FRANK WITHERS Treble.	FREDERICK NEVITT 5.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 2.	JAMES DOWLER 6.
JOHN WITHERS 3.	SAMUEL GROVE 7.
WILLIAM PALMER 4.	JOSEPH FIGOTT Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. L. B. Sladen, Vicar, who is leaving to take the Vicarage of St. Mary's, Kidderminster.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)
On Monday, January 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS BETTISON Treble.	CHARLES CARR 5.
WILLIAM GOSLING, SEN. 2.	HERBERT ALLSOP 6.
GEORGE CLARK 3.	FRANK MAY 7.
WILLIAM G. CHRISTIAN 4.	WILLIAM GOSLING Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM GOSLING.

Rung on the occasion of the home-coming of the Vicar (Canon Prior) after a long and serious illness. The ringer of the 2nd is in his 82nd year.

FOYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	HENRY BOOTH 4.
JOHN CLARK 2.	REBEVE EVANS 5.
CHARLES L. SADLER 3.	THOMAS ROBBINS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

MUCH MARCLE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED JAMES Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 4.
CHARLES L. SADLER 2.	HENRY BOOTH 5.
ARTHUR JAMES 3.	THOMAS LEWIS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES L. SADLER.

First peal on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, January 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

THOMAS RUSSAM Treble.	EDMUND J. HYLAND 7.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	JOHN NEAL 8.
ALBERT WALKER 3.	THOMAS MILLER 9.
BERNARD W. WITCHELL 4.	ALF PADDON SMITH 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	JAMES E. GROVES 11.
SAMUEL REEVES 6.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This composition is taken from John Carter's broadsheet of Stedman Cinques, 5019, No. 1. It is T. Reynolds's 70th peal of Stedman Cinques, and A. Walker's 20th of the same as conductor.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 12, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

DAVID BREARLEY Treble.	*JAMES T. SHAW 5.
JOHN REDFERN BREARLEY 2.	*JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH 6.
SAMUEL HARRISON 3.	*LEONARD JACKSON 7.
ARCHIE BREARLEY 4.	*WILLIAM HARRISON Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by D. BREARLEY.

*First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method on the bells.

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford Bob and Double Court, and 720 each of Single Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM G. CROSS Treble.	ARTHUR CAMPING 4.
REV. C. J. STURTON 2.	GEORGE R. TRUSS 5.
HARRY V. FLETCHER 3.	JOHN B. HALLIFAX Tenor.

Rung to celebrate the 81st birthday of the Rev. Canon James, Rector of the parish, which took place on the above date.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 9, 1909 in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of Woodbine, Kent, Oxford Delight, College Trebles, Primrose, Tulip, London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE BOLLAND Treble.	WILLIAM BOLLAND 4.
SAMUEL ODDY 2.	THOMAS HEPWORTH 5.
EDWARD ODDY 3.	HENRY ODDY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

This is the conductor's 100th peal, of which he has conducted 50. He has rung and conducted a peal from every bell in Tong tower.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 12, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble.	WILLIAM WOODGATE 5.
ARTHUR B. WIFFIN 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6.
GEORGE JAYE 3.	WESLEY WATSON 7.
ALFRED J. I. CARTER 4.	SGT.-MAJOR A. PYE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Date Touches.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

BOURNE (Lincolnshire).—On Wednesday, January 13th, at the abbey, a date touch of Minor, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins., being 240 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Reversed College Single: 120 each of Single Court, Double Oxford Bob, and 469 Plain Bob. J. Neal, J. Osborne, J. W. Lake conductor, A. S. Allen, F. Blood, A. E. Lacksonson. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. C. Barker, son of the Vicar's warden of the above church who was married on that day.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RAINHAM (Kent).—On January 17th, for evening service, a date touch of Oxford Bob Minor, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. E. Bishop, A. Vaughan, S. Marshall, H. Macey, F. H. Champion, C. Belsey conductor. Tenor 24 cwt.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RENDCOMB.—On Sunday, October 25th, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. S. Saunders, H. R. Saunders, A. Hayward, F. J. Lewis conductor, B. Gegg, B. Haywood. On Thursday, October 29th, 1060 Grandsire Doubles. S. Saunders, F. J. Lewis, H. R. Saunders, C. Andrews, B. Gegg, B. Haywood.

LEIGH (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, December 21st, 1908 (St. Thomas's Day), a date touch, 1908 changes, of Grandsire Doubles. St. Dunstan's method in 1 hr. 12 mins. T. V. Lister, H. Finch, C. Coldrick, G. Watts, C. Dyson conductor, W. Hughes. Rung at the parish church of St. Catharine.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, October 11th, 1260 Stedman Triples in 46 mins. W. Shimmans, W. A. Fowler, J. J.

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Lamb, F. A. Holden conductor, F. Bennett, I. G. Shade, T. Jakeman, H. Hoskins. On handbells a course of Stedman Caters. H. Hoskins, F. A. Holden, F. Bennett, W. Shimmans, W. A. Fowler. This ringing was arranged specially for W. A. Fowler, who hails from Taunton, Somerset. On Sunday morning, October 18th, 576 London Surprise Major. W. Foreman, H. Hoskins, J. J. Lamb, L. G. Shade, F. Bennett conductor, W. Berry, F. A. Holden, W. Shimmans.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCETTER.—On Sunday, October 4th, at the parish church, 575 Grandsire Caters. F. W. Bond, H. Lewis, W. Andrews, F. J. Lewis conductor, J. C. Eden, J. Jeffries, C. E. Bartlett, H. J. Gardner, H. C. Bond, H. Clutterbuck.

BRISTOL.—On November 17th, 1908, at

the church of St. Thomas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 49 mins. S. Day, I. W. Apperley, T. Abrams, H. Green, R. Leaken, F. Cooper, F. Leaker, C. White. Composed and conducted by W. Apperley.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAGBOURNE (Berks.) — On Tuesday, October 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Butler, R. G. Butler, A. Yates, J. Napper, jun., T. East conductor, M. E. Caudwell, E. Napper, W. Warwick. Composed by J. George.

WANTAGE (Berks.) — On Thursday, October 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Gregory, R. G. Rice composer and conductor, A. Gregory, A. J. Gregory, F. Bunce, O. Gregory, P. Jones, T. Gregory. Tenor 22 cwt.

READING (Berks.)—Recently for practice at Laurence's church, a quarter-peal of

Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. A. Burgess, H. Neighbour, F. Snook, R. Runham, A. Runham, A. Halliday, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. Harding.

NOTE TO PEAL.

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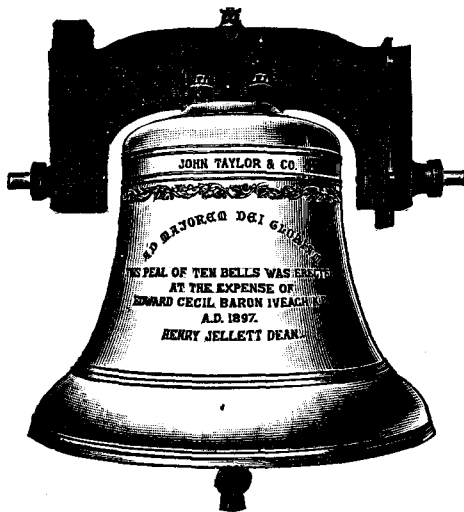
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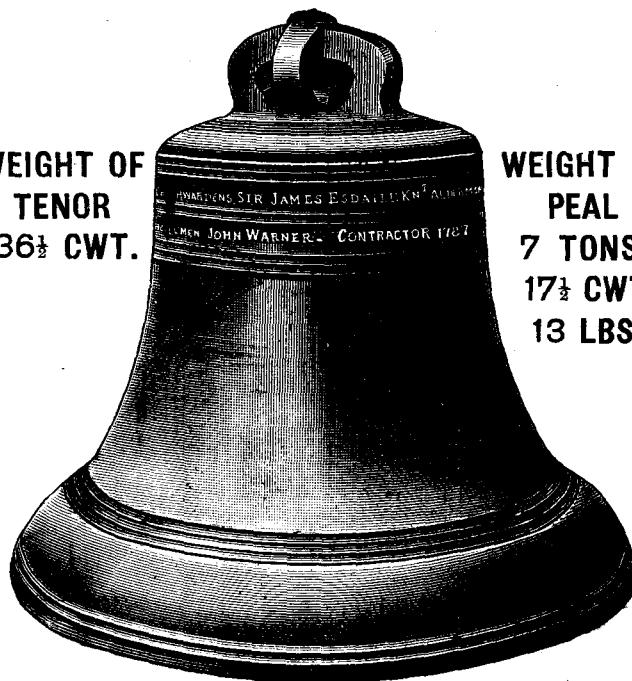
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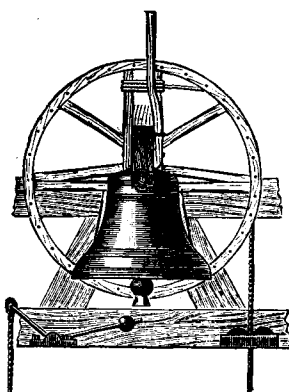
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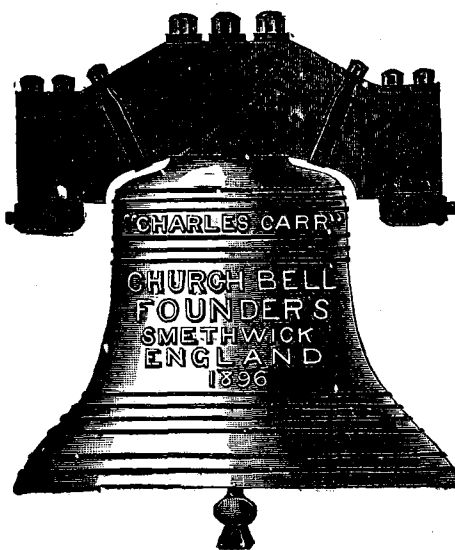
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