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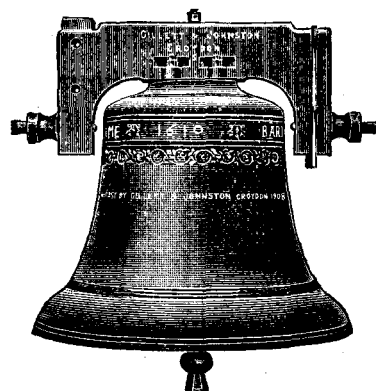
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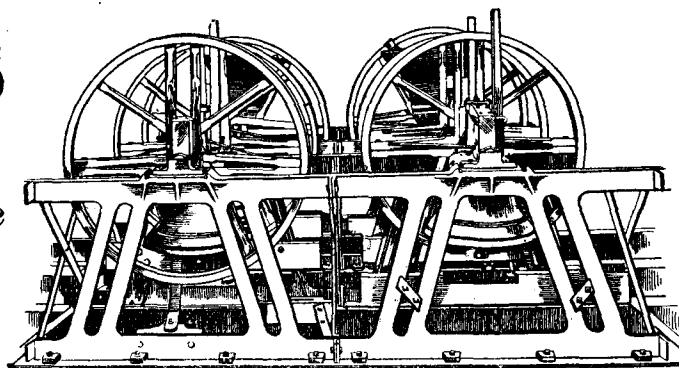
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## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING, SATURDAY, JANUARY 23rd, 1909.

The church at Bolton, a suburb of Bradford, was consecrated in 1879, having been built through the princely munificence of a single individual, the late Atkinson Jowett, esq. Not content with giving the structure itself, he furnished it with a very fine organ, and to complete the whole placed a ring of eight in its tower. The edifice is well worth further notice, the reredos in mosaics being very effective, but naturally the bells claim our attention. Here, in the year of the consecration, the Association secured a peal of 10,176 of Kent Treble Bob Major, with the late President at the tenor, whose handy 15 cwt. of metal would make the task to him a congenial one. This remained the Association's record until beaten by a few hundred more—not a very sportsmanlike quantity!—in 1896; but ten years later Wortley, near Sheffield, went for an additional thousand and obtained the present record of the Association, viz., 11,232 of Kent Treble Bob.

Bolton has invariably held out a kindly hand to the Society; the Vicar, the Rev. C. H. King, being an hon. member of many years' standing. Always kindly and ready to be useful, we find him in February, 1902, welcoming the members to Bolton, and in the same year, in October, he preached to them at Guiseley; he next addressed them in his own church in January, 1899, so that there is no wonder that many members looked forward to hearing him once more—the more so as his experiences in foreign lands give that touch of interesting manliness which we all like to meet with in our clergy. Another link with the past lies in the fact that at Bolton the Association made a presentation to their ex hon. sec., Mr. B. T. Copley, shortly before he retired from office, he having been for many years attached to the Bolton tower.

A peep into the schoolrooms about noon revealed Miss King, the respected daughter of the Vicar, together with a small army of churchworkers, engaged in the very commendable pursuit of sandwich-making, for the coming tea. Not content with the able support she was getting from her lady workers, Miss King had very wisely pressed into service the two stalwart churchwardens, Mr. Matthew Arnold and Mr. Norman Greenwood. The excellent manipulation of the carving knives and forks by these gentlemen made one reflect on the fleeting existence of hams and rounds of beef in the solid, and left us with a distinct feeling that for physical exercise a 5000 was not in it. Passing round the offertory bags on Sunday must have come as a welcome rest, after the athletic performance of that eventful Saturday! Surely a good churchwarden now-a-days needs to be a man of many parts.

As we found the audit in progress—the figures in use being those given in the report then issuing—we obtained a copy to which all fully paid up Life Members are entitled. Be it known to all and sundry that the great ones of the ringing world are all members of "The Yorkshire"; if you doubt, turn over the pages and see for yourself:—Sir Arthur Heywood, Parson Robinson, Dains, Carter,

Cockerill, Pitstow, King, Pye brothers, Winney, Prewett, Cartwright, Price, Reeves, Knights, Griffin, Storey Bros., Wood, Davies, Eachus, etc.: then you may drop on members of the Government such as R. R. Cherry, among a host of others. Yes indeed, if you want indexing in the temple of fame join the Yorkshire tykes, and do it now. We make no mention of the County members, as of course everyone of any local note is there, from Sheffield in the south, to Middlesbrough in the north, and from Hull in the east to Sedbergh and Saddleworth in the west.

The Yorkshire balance-sheets are always interesting, the more so now that they have more than 1300 members, and are greatly involved with an ever-increasing number of Life and other members, who do not contribute annually; in fact they have only some 400 paying members, so the Hon. Treasurer has his problem before him. In the previous Report 1906-7, the result of a voluntary levy on the members brought in £22 16s. od. of which £10 was very wisely put to the reserve funds which now stands at £267 12s. 6d., the balance being used up for yearly arrears. Bearing all this in mind, we annex a statement condensed for this year's balance-sheet, which will interest many:—

EXPENDITURE.				£	s.	d.
Circulars to Members ...	...	...	...	3	16	5
Circulars <i>re</i> Selby bells ...	...	...	...	2	10	4
President—postages, etc. ...	...	...	...	1	11	3
Hon. Treasurer's ditto ...	...	...	...	0	18	9
Hon. Secretary's ditto ...	...	...	...	1	12	2
Committee's Expenses ...	...	...	...	1	2	4
Annual Reports, etc. ...	...	...	...	27	5	0
Central Council ...	...	...	...	0	10	0
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	...	0	5	0
				£39	11	3

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.
From Members ...	...	...	...	28	14	6
From Investments ...	...	...	...	6	3	6
To balance ...	...	...	...	4	13	3
				£39	11	3

The above shows, on the year's work, a loss of £4 13s. 3d., but a sum of £1 15s. 9d. interest on part of the reserve, has been left in the bank, and the £2 10s. 4d., the cost of the Selby circular, is a special expenditure; so the actual loss is only one of a few shillings, but it is a loss nevertheless. Hence until the investments are increased so as to bring in more, which can only be done by occasional levies on the Life Member, we do not see how, with the present amount of peals reported, any Treasurer can keep matters on a level footing. It is curious that the very success of the Association and the size of its latest Reports—with the consequent heavy bill for printing—is working to the Treasurer's embarrassment. The Society will of course see the thing through, and as it has only once made a shilling levy in twenty-three years

no reasonable being will grumble in being called upon to lend a hand to straighten up the financial position which is on too narrow a basis. An increased dividend from larger investments, and all will be plain sailing.

The bells had been going merrily for some hours, when four o'clock brought up the end of the service touch, and found a very representative gathering taking part in the annual service. The Vicar took the whole of the service, showing himself possessed of an excellent vitality, being well supported however by the organist and choir. One of the hymn tunes was a special one, and might well be termed a bell hymn, for it at once reminded many of Purcell's "Rejoice in the Lord." That famous composer however introduced the bells only in the prelude, so that strictly speaking the "Bell Anthem" is one with a bell-prelude only. Here we had a bell psalm-tune, and interesting it was, and very nicely rendered.

To trace the theme of the Vicar's sermon, which was attentively followed by the members, would take up considerable space, so we must content ourselves by saying that it was based on the bells worn on the robes of the Jewish High Priest, traversed a wide range of thought, and dealt with bells in nearly every age. Touching on the love of bells, so peculiar to every nation, the preacher called to mind occasions in India on which he had noticed the pride and satisfaction with which a native soldier in one of the British bands contributed his part. He was tall, almost a giant, and had a number of bells attached to a central pole which he carried in a somewhat elevated position, striking them with a wooden hammer. Great was his delight when the time came round for him to add his bells to the tuneful air the band was playing, and well he did it. The native was right. "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might:" a goodly text for all self-respecting ringers. A pathetic portion of the discourse was a deduction drawn from the fact that, as the County Association could only occasionally visit Bolton, this was in all probability the last time he would have the pleasure of addressing his fellow-members in church. At his time of life he could not reasonably look forward to events which only occurred at intervals of ten years or so, and he therefore earnestly appealed to all, as it were for the last time, to endeavour to do their duty like men, both in the belfry and in the church, doing all to the honour of God as in his sight. Quit yourselves like men, be valiant, strong in the Lord. The sermon very fittingly closed with the National Anthem, the day practically coinciding with the King's Accession.

The next item on the programme was tea in the school-rooms, which, as there were three sittings down, gave many opportunities for chatting and finding out old friends whilst waiting their turn. The number at tea was about 300.

The annual business followed, with the President in the chair, supported by the Vicar, both vice-Presidents, and the bulk of the officers. The minutes of the previous meeting (Saltburn-by-the-Sea) having been read and passed, the President, after a few words of introduction, called upon the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake to report on the latest subscription to the Selby Abbey bells; the list printed in the Reports amounting to £17 18s. 6d., being of necessity somewhat out of date. Mr. Drake then supplied the following: Aldmondbury (second donation), 4s. 6d.; Mr. T. Oddy, 1s.; Mr. W. Abbshaw, 5s.; Mr. T. Haigh, 1s.; Pontefract parish church, 10s. Total—£19; a strong appeal being added for help from every individual branch.

The Committee's report deals with the subject thus

"A good start has been made, and as this is now an official piece of work, we shall take care that our Reports leave behind for those that follow us, a full and substantial record of the sums subscribed, whether collectively, in the various towers, or from individuals assisting the funds, or sending their donations direct. We need hardly say how pleased the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, the Hon. Treasurer of the Y.A.C.R.'s fund, will be to receive the same at the Clergy House, Aldmondbury, near Huddersfield." This is undoubtedly a good move on the part of the Yorkshire Committee, as it is the first official subscription that they have ever been instructed to make; and those that help, as well as those that don't—but there will be none of these, so we will not finish the sentence.

On the motion of Mr. Percy Johnson (Hon. Auditor), seconded by Mr. Fred Schofield (Lindley), the Report of the Committee and the Treasurer's balance-sheet were accepted and passed; the President remarking that he had amongst the papers before him, the balance-sheet as given in the reports, signed by the Auditors—Mr. Fred Palfreman, of Bolton, having kindly acted in the place of Mr. Lindsay, who was temporarily indisposed—as well as by the Hon. Treasurer and himself; so it might be said to be fairly well attested.

The re-election of the President—Mr. Wm. Snowden—to another three years' term of office led that gentleman to remark that he feared it would have to be the last offer of his services, as the importance of giving way to a younger man was being brought home to him in many ways, proud as he was of the honour again entrusted to him. Mr. George Bolland was also re-elected vice-President, and Mr. Broadley, likewise, as Steward.

The result of the poll for four committee men was announced as follows: Mr. T. B. Kendall, Shipley, 367 votes; Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, late hon. sec., 366 votes; Mr. Jno. Lawson, Lightcliffe, 310 votes, and Mr. J. Hardcastle, Bradford, 281 votes: the first three being thus re-elected. Leeds, from the point of view of a railway centre, was again chosen for head quarters, on the motion of the president, seconded by vice-President Hattersley.

The place of next meeting was left in the hands of the Committee, the President remarking that it might enable the meeting to be taken to the north again, if only to disabuse those holding the idea that the Y.A.C.R. did not embrace all residents in the county as eligible for membership, much as they appreciated the efforts of the local societies in the good they were doing in their own neighbourhood to extend the Art. [A reference to our notice columns will show that arrangements are being made at Ecclesfield for the reception of the Association in May.]

Votes of thanks were passed to the auditors and retiring officers, on the motion of Mr. F. Willey, seconded by Mr. S. F. Palmer, regrets being expressed at the retirement of Mr. Tom Lockwood through ill-health. The roll-call proved eighteen officials present out of a possible nineteen, the absent one being practically on sick leave.

The Vicar, the Rev. C. H. King, was thanked for arranging the service, for his sermon, and for the use of his bells and schools, on the motion from the chair, seconded by vice-president Bolland. On rising to respond Mr. King met with a very hearty reception—the reception indeed due to an old friend. He contented himself by saying how much they at Bolton had looked forward to the visit, adding that one of the most cheering things to a clergyman was preaching to a large number of his fellow-men, and he thanked them for the opportunity they had granted him that day.

Messrs. Snowden, Hattersley and Bolland were re-

elected to the Central Council, with Mr. Glenn as a new member to complete the quartette, on a motion from the chair, seconded by Mr. Percy Johnson. Notice of an alteration of rules, to make the annual meeting fall on the last Saturday in January (leaving the other meetings on the third as at present) was given from the chair, and being duly seconded by Mr. Stainthorpe, will come up for adjudication at the next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was then passed to the Bolton branch and to the ladies for presiding and assisting at the tea tables, on the motion of the President, seconded by the Rev. C. C. Marshall. No other business being brought forward, a vote of thanks to the chair, on the motion of Mr. Willey, seconded by Mr. B. T. Copley, and supported by Mr. Frank Woodhead, of Leeds, brought the business meeting to a close.

The Bolton branch, with Mr. Herbert Sugden acting as their hon. secretary, have every reason to be satisfied with the success of the meeting, representatives attending from every town within reasonable distance. The officers have good reasons for thanking them, for not only were they here and there and everywhere, but at very short notice they gave up one of their band—Mr. Fred Palfreman—to act as Auditor, as previously mentioned.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CENTRAL DIVISION.)

A Meeting of this division was held on Saturday, March 20th, at Withyham, but was rather poorly attended owing no doubt to it being a rather out of the way place and bad weather. The bells, a new ring of eight by Taylor, were raised soon after three o'clock, Grandsire and Bob Major being rung till 5, when the Rector, the Rev. C. N. Sutton, held a short service for the members, at which he gave an appropriate address. After service a move was made to The Dorset Arms where tea had been prepared for thirty at the request of the hon. secretary, but instead of being thirty there were only eighteen, thanks largely to a party of ten who promised to attend and then only sent three. Though there was a small attendance there were a good number of towers represented—Lindfield, Burgess Hill, Crawley, Burstow, East Grinstead, Rotherfield, Brighton (St. Peter's) Southover, together with Messrs. Thompson and Latter of Tunbridge Wells. After tea Mr. A. Huggett, of East Grinstead, was voted to the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed and several new members were elected. Mr. Castle proposed, and Mr. Rice seconded, that the next quarterly peal be attempted at East Grinstead, the method to be Grandsire, Mr. R. J. Dawe to act as conductor, the date to be left to the discretion of the hon. secretary.

Mr. Butcher (Rotherfield) moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for holding the service. Mr. Huggett, in seconding, said he should like, to include the choir and organist. This was carried with acclamation. More ringing was then indulged in, and in the opinion of the writer was a decided improvement to that before tea. It seemed the general opinion that the bells are rather too noisy in the tower,

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also that the ropes require some guides, as there is a long draught. Touches of Grandsire, Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Stedman were brought round. Most of the members having to catch the 8.30 train, we were left rather short-handed, but discovering that two of the local men could ring Grandsire Minor, the next half hour was devoted to helping them. The bells were then lowered, and thus ended a very good if somewhat small meeting of the Association.

### THE SALOP GUILD.

On Saturday, March 13th, a large gathering of members of this Guild assembled in the tower of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, to witness the unveiling of a peal tablet by the Vicar, the Rev. R. E. St. A. Arkwright, who was accompanied by the hon. secretary of the Guild, the Rev. R. M. Cole-Hamilton. The tablet recorded a muffled peal of Grandsire Triples, which was rung as a token of respect to the late Bishop of Shrewsbury—the Right Rev. Sir Lovelace T. Stamer, Bart. Before and after the unveiling ceremony several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

### ST. MARGARET'S, KING'S LYNN.

At this church on the morning of Quinquagesima Sunday, Bishop Harrison conducted a service for the purpose of dedicating the new chancel gates and carved oak screen. The chancel gates, which are of wrought iron with gilded points, were designed by the vicar, and the money to purchase them was obtained by voluntary subscriptions by members of the congregation. The screen is of carved oak, and was given by Mr. W. M. Brooke, of Chapel Street. This gift, which has cost over £100, contains Gothic tracery, and is of singular beauty. Previous to the service, by special permission of the Vicar, Rev. R. Gordon Roe, the company of change-ringers connected with the church, of which W. M. Brooke is captain, rang two touches on the bells, consisting of two courses of Bob Major, 8-10 covering, and two courses of Bob Royal. Those taking part were Messrs. Brooke, Sedgley, Markwell, C. Crome, R. Crome, G. Holland, W. Curston, W. G. Curston, Giles, Kemp, and Andrews. The clergy present at the service, in addition to Bishop Harrison, were the Revs. R. Gordon Roe (Vicar), T. Horne (chaplain to the Showmen's Guild), and A. F. Heigham (curate). The first portion of the service was conducted by Rev. A. F. Heigham, and the latter by Rev. R. Gordon Roe. The hymns sung were "We love the place, O God," and "Far down the ages now." At the conclusion of the service Bishop Harrison walked to the chancel gates, and, after opening them, pronounced the prayer of dedication. The Bishop then proceeded to the south aisle where the screen is situated and read a dedication prayer. The Bishop then delivered an address, basing his remarks on the importance of being zealous for the glory of God, zealous for the salvation of man, and zealous for the material of God's House.

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## Correspondence.

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

## PEALS OF DOUBLES.

SIR,—Several correspondents seem to have taken offence at the proposal to regard forty-two 6-scores of Doubles as a peal. But I would point out that it is not the recording of a peal made up in the above way which is objected to, but the ringing such with a cover on six bells. As I said before, where there are only five bells, such a performance seems admissible; but Doubles rung with a cover at all is most objectionable, both from a ringer's point of view, and from a musical one.

J. R. JERRAM.

SIR,—Your correspondent, E. W. Player, cannot have followed my correspondence re the above very closely, otherwise he would not accuse me of trying to stamp out peals of Doubles and everything less than a peal of Minor, each 720 called differently. I can assure that gentleman that I have no such a desire. But I should like to see a stipulation put forward preventing bogus peals of Doubles being claimed as true peals. By this I mean that if you are going to ring a 5040 of Doubles, well then ring forty-two 120s, and let each be called differently (not ten 120s). Also I should wish Mr. Player to think otherwise than for me to be making an effort to exclude beginners, as this is the ringer I want to see encouraged, but at the commencement of his career it should be pointed out to him what a true peal is. I will enclose my card for E. W. Player another time, and which I think will be in the near future. I must thank Grandsire Doubles for his remarks, and quite agree with him when he says that a beginner is as proud having rang sufficient 120s to compile a peal of 5040 as a more advanced ringer would be in having accomplished a peal of Major, but then Grandsire Doubles, see that it is forty-two 120s (not ten only). Your correspondent "Campanologist" seems to point out that there is a lot of "cooking" going on amongst (some) that ring peals of Doubles. I would also point out once again that the particular society I referred to in my first letter has an instructor, so there can be no excuse on that count. HEREFORDIAN.

## MESSRS. INGLESANT AND MOORE.

SIR,—As Mr. Moore is unable to discern whether his peals of Superlative and London are true, as an old ringer I would advise him to buy a copy of Snowden's "Treatise on Treble Bob," part i., and to make a careful study of the proof of that method.

I can assure him that if he will take the trouble by the help of this book to master the proof of Treble Bob, he will then have no difficulty in finding the false changes which may be found in the above compositions. N. J. PITSTOW.

SIR,—I am sorry that Mr. H. Moore is unable to find out where his compositions of London and Superlative are false. In reply to his enquiry I will endeavour to point out as briefly as possible where falseness occurs. Taking first the peal of London Surprise. Anyone who is sufficiently acquainted with the proof of peals in this method would detect at a glance the course-end 13254678, which this peal contains in the first part, and which is a false course with the treble in 3-4. Now if Mr. Moore will write out the first two leads after this course-end (which is not followed with a bob at M) and compare them with the treble in 3-4 in the second and fifth leads in first course of peal (first part) he will find a repetition when treble is in 3-4 up and 3-4 down, and other instances occur of a similar nature in the peal, but need not be pointed out here.

In the third course of the Superlative the tenor is called in in 5ths and 4ths, i.e. bobs at 1 5, containing the lead 18624537, which is a false lead (interior) with 14632578, the third course-end in the second part of peal.

I should be interested to know what Mr. Moore's object is in giving the calling of these peals by the number of leads instead of, viz. M B W H, what advantage there is, if any. In my opinion it is more misleading; perhaps Mr. Moore will explain on some future occasion. The peal of Double Norwich I have not

troubled about, but if false perhaps some other composer will notify to that effect. I hope Mr. Moore will now understand, and that he did not mind me writing to call attention to his peals being false. W. H. INGLESANT.

P.S.—The 5024 of Treble Bob by Mr. Naylor, published in your issue of March 6th, is false (interior) in the first and twelfth courses.

## THE LONG PEAL AT HYTHE, KENT.

SIR,—I think it will be of some interest to the Exercise to know something about the 13,440 changes of Bob Major that was rung at St. Leonard's, Hythe, Kent, on May 4th, 1846. The peal was completed in 7 hrs. 55 mins., started at about 7 o'clock in the morning, and remained the longest single-handed performance in the county for about fifty years or a little over I think. The performers were—Charles Fowler (Hythe), *Treble*, died August, 1875, aged 74 years; Henry Down (Hythe), 2, died March 31, 1885, aged 80 years; James Harrison (Folkestone), 3, died April 11, 1887, aged 79; Joseph Stoakes (Aldington), 4, died March 15, 1887, aged 71 years; Joseph Chapple (Hythe), 5, died January 24, 1869, aged 82 years; John Friend (Hythe), 6, died October 15, 1881, aged 77 years; Edward Hyder (Aldington), 7, died November 14, 1896, aged 84 years; Thomas Post (Aldington), *Tenor*, died April 5, 1906, aged 87 years. The peal was conducted by John Friend. Now I consider this to be almost, or probably is a record for age of any long peal band; for with the extra months that several of the above lived over the years mentioned it will average out at just about 80 years apiece, an extraordinary age indeed. I must also state that I personally knew six of the above, and have rung with four or five of them, and they used to tell me that the treble ringer being a big stout man was taken seriously ill just before the peal came round, and they had to fetch a doctor to attend him immediately the peal was finished; but the tenor man told me that he could have rung a good while longer. P. HODGKIN.

## MR. WILLIAM J. NEVARD'S 100 PEALS.

(See report of peal of Double Norwich rung at Ipswich.)

Grandsire Doubles ... ..	1
Bob Minor ... ..	1
Seven Minor methods .. ..	7
Grandsire Triples ... ..	6
Stedman Triples ... ..	5
Stedman Catfers ... ..	1
Plain Bob Major ... ..	5
Plain Bob Royal ... ..	1
Kent Treble Bob Major ... ..	23
Kent Treble Bob Royal ... ..	2
Oxford Treble Bob Major ... ..	7
Oxford Treble Bob Royal ... ..	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major ... ..	22
Superlative Surprise Major ... ..	16
London Surprise Major (on the treble) ... ..	2
Total ... ..	100

These were rung in forty-seven towers, in ten counties, including a 5376 of Superlative Surprise Major, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. at Arklow, Ireland. The longest peal that Mr. Nevard has taken part in was 7040 of Treble Bob Major, in 4 hrs. and 12 mins., at Walter Belchamp, Essex. He has also visited and rang at nearly 300 various towers.

After accomplishing his 100th peal, Mr. Nevard invited all the members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society to a substantial meat tea at their meeting house, Northgate Street, which was admirably served by host and hostess Sowersby. At the conclusion of the tea Mr. Nevard, in a neat speech, referred to the double event that had brought them together that day. He thanked all who had responded to his invitation.

Mr. R. H. Brundle suitably responded on behalf of the above Society. This being also the 81st birthday of Mrs. Harriet Motts, the mother of James and William Motts, a cordial glass was partaken of by all present. Handbell ringing and three cheers for Mr. Nevard, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.



## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on April 1st, 15th, and 29th; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 5th and 19th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 6th and 20th; at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 6th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; all at 8 p.m.

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

**The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.**—There will be no practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields during Lent. Due notice will be given of the next meeting.

F. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—A supplementary meeting will be held at Drighlington to-day, Sat., March 27th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the schoolroom at 7.30 p.m.

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

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Willesborough, near Ashford, to-day, Sat., March 27. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Every member and all other ringing friends cordially invited to attend, and no methods "barred."

C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held to-day, Sat., March 27th. By kind permission of the Rev. A. E. Bull, the bells of St. Paul's, Bath Road, Hounslow, will be available from 3.30 to 5.30. Ringing will afterwards be continued at Heston, at which place tea (free) will be provided at 6 o'clock. Both towers contain rings of 8 bells. All ringing friends heartily welcome.

H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. George-in-the-East on Saturday, April 3rd, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. F. J. St. John Corbett). The bells which have been recently overhauled by Messrs. Warner, will be raised at 3 p.m. There will be a short service at 4.30 p.m. All ringers and friends of the Association will be heartily welcomed.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle parish church on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, April 5th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. J. Darlington, 14, Madeley Street, Tunstall, not later than March 31st.

Rev W. G. KEYWORTH, } *Hon. Secs.*  
J. JOHNSON, }

**The Yorkshire Handbell Ringers' Association.**—Sixth Annual Tune-ringing Contest

on Saturday, April 10th, 1909, at Sunnyvale Gardens, Hipperholme, near Halifax.

The entries include the following bands: Birstal, Clifton, Crosland Moor United, Dewsbury, Horbury, Higher Walton, Holmfirth, Royston, Sheffield, Thurlstone, Ossett (St. Aidan's), Crosland Moor Public, Clifton Juniors, Thurlstone Juniors, Ecclesfield, and Mirfield. For full particulars apply to Ashville, Ossett.

W. H. GIGGLE, *Sec.*

**Halifax and District Association.**—The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Tong on Saturday, April 10th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m.

J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

302, Hepwood Lane, Halifax.

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The annual meeting will be held at Leeds on Easter Monday, April 11th. Peal attempt at 10 a.m. Business at The Royal Oak at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

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

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 12th. Particulars in detail next week. An important announcement will be made to members next week. Please remember to read it.

G. W. CARTMEL, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting will take place at Bolsover on Easter Monday, April 12th. Bells available from noon. By the kindness of the Rev. B. S. Batty, tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m. to those notifying Mr. J. Flint, Oxcroft Lane, not later than Wednesday, April 7th. The Castle and grounds will be open to visitors at 3 p.m. Committee meeting will follow tea.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The twenty-seventh annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday, April 12th. Tea in the High Cross Coffee Rooms at 1s. each will only be arranged for those who notify Mr. E. Morris, Gold Street, by Thursday, April 8th, of their intention to be present. Further particulars in next issue.

W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—South-Western District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Easter Monday, April 12th. Bells may be raised at 2 p.m. Tea will be provided on the usual terms in the schoolroom for those who notify me by Thursday, April 8th. Professionals and amateurs are all welcomed.

G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*

7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—The annual general meeting of this Association will be held on Easter Monday, April 12th, at The George hotel, Huntingdon, at 1.30. The Committee will meet at 12.15.

R. L. TWELLS, *General Secretary.*

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llantwit-Major on Easter Monday, at 3 o'clock.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, M.A., *Hon. Sec.*

JOHN W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thetford on Easter Monday, April 12th. Bells available all day. Dinner at The Green Dragon hotel at 1.30 p.m. Those attending must send notice by April 7th.

CHARLES E. BORRETT, *Sec.*  
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 12th. Service at St. Helen's church at 12.30, with an address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean of Worcester. Meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 prompt. The bells (12) at the Cathedral, will it is hoped, be available from 5 to 6, also those at St. Helen's (8), St. Nicholas (6), and St. John's (6). Tea will be provided free for those who send me their names before Wednesday, April 7th.

J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Bransford.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. The ten bells at St. Paul's will be available for ringing from 9 till 11 a.m. from 12 till 1 p.m., from 3 till 5 p.m., and from 6 till 8 p.m. There will also be a room at the Church House, St. Paul's Square, for handbell ringing; also the usual luncheon at the Mission Room, Brace Street, price 1s. 6d. per head, 1s. Members who wish to be present at luncheon, and who must inform me not later than Wednesday, April 7th.

Rev. A. RUST, } *Hon. Secs.*  
I. HILLS, }

Newnham Avenue, The Embankment, Bedford.

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Crich on Easter Monday, April 12th. Service in church at 4 p.m. Preacher—Rev. E. T. Pegg, Vicar of Ripley. Tea in schools at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

**The Yorkshire Association.**—Preliminary Notice.—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, May 15th. Circulars in due course.

CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*

40 Percy Street, Rotherham.

**The Bushey Society.**—St. James's, Bushey, —Sunday ringing 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Practice on Thursdays at 7.45 p.m. All ringing friends welcome. Communications respecting the tower should be addressed to the Master.

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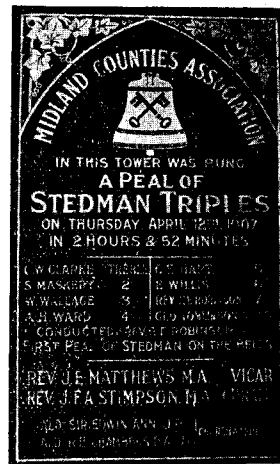
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## The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1909.

## INSTITUTION OF VICAR AT GREAT ST. MARY'S CAMBRIDGE.

On Monday, March 22nd, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, M.A., Fellow and late Senior Dean of Trinity College, was instituted and inducted to the combined benefices of St. Mary the Great and St. Michael, Cambridge. The Bishop of Ely performed the ceremony of institution, and gave an earnest and eloquent address. The service was intoned by the Rev. A. H. Walker, the lessons being read by Canon Hargrove, rural dean of Cambridge, and Professor Stanton. The Master of Trinity represented the Patrons (Trinity College), and many clergy of the town and neighbourhood attended in their robes. There was a large congregation. The Archdeacon of Ely, who has just resigned St. Mary's after a long incumbency, inducted his successor into both churches.

St. Michael's possesses only four bells, but Great St. Mary's has a splendid ring of twelve bells, the tenor being about 31 cwt. The famous "Cambridge chimes" were first composed and attached to the clock here towards the end of the eighteenth century. They were copied at the Royal Exchange, London, and at Westminster, and have now spread far and wide over the British Empire. Mr. Boughey is well-known as a change-ringer; he has been for many years an honorary member of the Central Council, a member of the College Youths and other Associations, and President of the Cambridge University Guild. He has already assisted in ringing peals of Triples, Major and Caters on the bells of the church of which he has now become Vicar.

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**The Metropolis.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, March 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5043 CHANGES.**

Tenor 22 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE .. .. Treble.	ROBERT E. STAVERT .. .. 6.
CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 2.	REUBEN SANDERS .. .. 7.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 9.
ALBERT W. COLES .. .. 5.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, March 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5017 CHANGES.**

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE .. .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 7.
FRED WILFORD .. .. 3.	REUBEN SANDERS .. .. 8.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 4.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 9.
SAMUEL J. BIRD* .. .. 5.	ALBERT W. COLES .. .. Tenor.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Lamb, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. \*Fiftieth peal.

**The Provinces.****OTLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, February 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES RALPH .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM D. CLOUGH .. .. 5.
ALFRED LEBSON* .. .. 2.	JOHN NELSON .. .. 6.
JOHN B. JACKSON .. .. 3.	JAMES HORNER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM B. SMITH .. .. 4.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and Conducted by F. W. DIXON.

\*First peal.

**DORE, DERBYSHIRE.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

*On Tuesday, February 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TEURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lbs.

CLEMENT GLENN .. .. Treble.	CHARLES J. NORTH .. .. 5.
TOM O'HARA .. .. 2.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 6.
JOSEPH ATKIN .. .. 3.	R. WILFRED COLLIER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BURGAR .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers tender their best thanks to the Vicar for kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal.

**WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

*On Thursday, March 4, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and six 720s of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM PIERCE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE EASTHAUGH .. .. 4.
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT .. .. 2.	JAMES HOWARD .. .. 5.
JOHN O'NEILL .. .. 3.	JOHN PUNCHARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

**TIVERTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

*On Thursday, March 4, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

S. GRATER .. .. Treble.	J. ELSWORTHY .. .. 5.
E. MUNDAY .. .. 2.	R. GRATER .. .. 6.
W. GRATER .. .. 3.	J. HART .. .. 7.
J. GRATER, JUN. .. .. 4.	F. NEWCOMBE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. MUNDAY.

Rung on the birthday of Lewis Mackenzie, esq., F.R.C.S. Eng., J.P., President of the Society.

**KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, March 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

JOHN H. R. FREEBORN .. Treble.	HARRY JUDGE .. .. 5.
GEORGE E. STONE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM STONE .. .. 6.
HERBERT E. BEESLEY .. 3.	FREDERICK WEBB .. .. 7.
WILLIAM JUDGE .. .. 4.	JOHN RICHARDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. C. JUDGE.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.****THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. Treble.	WILLIAM DENT .. .. 5.
HARRY SMITH .. .. 2.	HORACE F. MOORE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM FAYERS* .. .. 3.	*ELIJAH BRADFIELD .. .. 7.
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON* 4.	ARTHUR SYMONDS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

\*First peal in the method. Arranged for the 6th and 7th ringers.

**HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S.

Tenor 19 cwt.

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Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

\*First peal of Stedman as conductor.

**HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.****THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, March 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,**

5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWARD CHAPMAN .. .. Treble.	EDWARD F. COLE .. .. 5.
ERNEST BONFIELD* .. .. 2.	RICHARD BEVAN .. .. 6.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 3.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	FRANK SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

\*First peal in the method.

## KEIGHLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT GREEN .. .. Treble.	ROBERT W. JENNISON .. 5.
JOHNNY EDMONDSON .. 2.	SAMUEL BATEMAN .. 6.
MARQUIS W. LUND .. 3.	*JOHN HALL .. 7.
THOMAS BANCROFT .. 4.	SMITH MURGATROYD .. Tenor.

Composed by W. MALLINSON, and Conducted by THOS. BANCROFT.

\*First peal with a bob bell.

## ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS .. .. Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 6.
SAMUEL J. BIRD .. .. 3.	SGT.-MAJOR A. PYE .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

## DISS, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 9, 1909, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. Treble.	GEORGE ARCHER .. 5.
ARTHUR LEEDER .. .. 2.	CLEMENT MORE .. 6.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 3.	WILLIAM CHENERY .. 7.
WILLIAM SALTER .. .. 4.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by J. SOUTER.

Rung in honour of the birthday of W. Chenery, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. The ringer of the treble is only 14 years of age.

## PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 9, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

WM. BIRKS .. .. Treble.	J. C. BOOTH .. 5.
REV. CHAS. B. D. FARROW .. 2.	J. W. CORDINGLEY .. 6.
REV. R. P. FARROW .. 3.	JAMES W. BAKENDALE .. 7.
SAMUEL WARD .. .. 4.	PRATT, CORDINGLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by PRATT CORDINGLEY.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE  
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, March 6, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

DANIEL PRENTICE .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 6.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. 7.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTEE, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*100th peal. Rung to celebrate the 81st birthday of Mrs. Harriet Motts, mother of James and William Motts. Further reference elsewhere.

**Peal-Boards** made by JAMES HUNT, Change Ringer, of 191 Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour

## NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of Violet, College Pleasure, College Exercise,  
London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

WALTER G. ROWE .. .. Treble.	HENRY W. WILKES .. 4.
ALBERT MARKS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 5.
CHARLES J. FRAY .. .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First 5040 in seven Treble Bob methods in the county, and by all the band except the conductor, and was rung to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Williams, mother of the conductor, who completed her 90th year on the 8th inst.

## TONG, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 11, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES J. SALLAWAY .. Treble.	REV. C. B. D. FARROW .. 4.
EDWARD ODDY .. .. 2.	GEORGE BOLLAND .. 5.
REV. R. P. FARROW .. 3.	SAMUEL ODDY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

Arranged for the brothers Farrow, who were paying a visit to their native village.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Treble.	CHARLES H. CLARKE .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 6.
EDWARD EVANS .. .. 3.	CHARLES W. PARKER .. 7.
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 4.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and  
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

## WATTON, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

JAMES LITTLE* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES SMITH .. 5.
JOHN C. TRUSS .. .. 2.	ARTHUR WALKER .. 6.
JOHN EVANS .. .. 3.	THOMAS PRICE .. 7.
JESSE ELDRIDGE .. .. 4.	GEORGE MARTIN .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\*First peal in the method.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 5.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## ROTHWELL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND  
DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY .. Treble.	SYDNEY KEIGHLEY .. 5.
ROBERT CHILD .. .. 2.	JAMES WM. BAXENDALE .. 6.
J. W. T. HOLGATE .. .. 3.	CHARLES PRATT .. .. 7.
WALTER POPPLEWELL .. 4.	FRED PAGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by CHARLES PRATT.

## LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:  
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTAN'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

JESSE GILLET .. Treble.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. 5.
GEORGE MILEHAM .. .. 2.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 6.
THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. 3.	JOHN W. DAVIS .. .. 7.
GEORGE CONDICK .. .. 4.	FREDERICK SANDFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. W. Davis.

## TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN DARLINGTON .. Treble.	FRED PAGE .. .. 5.
GEORGE A. SMITH .. .. 2.	SIDNEY CHURTON .. .. 6.
ARTHUR A. CLAY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM CARTER .. .. 7.
CHARLES PAGE .. .. 4.	JOHN JOHNSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WM. HARRISON, and Conducted by J. JOHNSON.

\*First peal. This is A. G. Smith's 50th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

## HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM WENMAN .. Treble.	CHARLES W. BRETT .. 5.
FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 2.	HARRY BARTON .. .. 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 3.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. 4.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

First peal in the method by all the band.

## WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 13, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5043 CHANGES.

ALBERT E. BLUNDELL .. Treble.	JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 6.
JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 2.	THOMAS H. REEVES .. 7.
THOMAS J. ELTON .. .. 3.	*JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 8.
WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 4.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 9.
GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 5.	REUBEN HALL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Cinques, and as a birthday compliment to J. E. Groves.

## EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Single Court, two 720s of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob,

SIDNEY COOPER .. Treble.	HENRY CUNNINGTON .. 4.
HERBERT REED .. .. 2.	ARTHUR J. HOLMES .. 5.
JOHN W. LAKE .. .. 3.	CHARLES NEAVEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES NEAVEY.

First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since they have been tuned and rehung, the "go" being excellent.

## GLASBURY, BRECONSHIRE.

## THE HERFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 14, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 15 cwt.

LEONARD LEWIS .. Treble.	LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS .. 4.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 5.
EDGAR JONES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM DREW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS.

\*First peal.

## PENDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY)

On Monday, March 15, 1909, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lbs. to E.

FRANCIS SMITH .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. SHUKER .. 5.
GEORGE E. TURNER .. 2.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 6.
JOSEPH TURNER .. .. 3.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. 7.
ALFRED CROSS .. .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

## DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

CHARLES DRAPER .. Treble.	JOHN T. BUTLER .. .. 5.
E. GOBY .. .. 2.	WALTER ALLWOOD .. .. 6.
HERBERT DAY .. .. 3.	JOHN FLOWER .. .. 7.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 4.	JOHN P. TARTLTON .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by J. P. TARTLTON.

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## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, March 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

CHARLES DICKENS .. .. Treble.	PERCY O. LAFLIN .. .. 7.
FREDERICK DICKENS .. .. 2.	THOMAS RUSSAM .. .. 8.
EDMUND J. HYLAND .. .. 3.	JOHN NEAL .. .. 9.
THOMAS H. REEVES .. .. 4.	ALF PADDON SMITH .. .. 10.
JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. .. 5.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 11.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 6.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This composition, now rung for the first time, has the 6th thirty-seven courses at home in the tittums position. Rung as a birthday compliment to Sidney J. Jessop, the usual congratulations being tendered him.

## Handbell Peals.

## GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 5, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

IN ST. MARY'S BELFREY,

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

R. ALDER GOFTON .. .. 1-2.	*WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. 5-6.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. 3-4.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. .. 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

\*First in the method on handbells.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT 10, WELLGATE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

CHARLES J. NORTH .. .. 1-2.	ALBERT NASH .. .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3-4.	*JOHN THORPE .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—George Oakes. This and the following peal were arranged for C. J. North. \*Fiftieth peal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 25, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT 10, WELLGATE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

ALBERT NASH .. .. 1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 5-6.
SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 3-4.	CHARLES J. NORTH .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—George Oakes. \*First handbell peal with an inside pair.

## HERSHAM, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 4, 1909, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT HERSHAM SCHOOLS,

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

CHARLES J. HAMBLIN .. .. 1-2.	GEORGE EDSEER, JUN. .. .. 5-6.
ARTHUR SHEPHERD .. .. 3-4.	JOHN EMERY .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE EDSEER, JUN.

Umpire—William Woodrow. Rung as a farewell peal to Charles J. Hamblin, who is leaving the neighbourhood.

## Date Touches.

ROYSTON (Herts.)—On Sunday, March 21st, at the parish church, a date touch of Minor, 1909 changes, being 720 each of Violet and Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Woodbine, and 109 Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 5 mins. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. Rung as a welcome to the Lord Bishop of Colchester, on his first visit to Royston to perform the rite of Confirmation.

## Miscellaneous.

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

SOUTH HACKNEY.—On Sunday morning, February 14th, for Divine Service, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. H. J. Wrigley, S. Bird, R. Sanders, H. C. Alford, H. May, D. Elliott, H. F. Hull conductor, A. Riley. On Sunday morning, March 14th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. A. W. Barker, R. Elliott, R. Green, J. Bullock, H. F. Hull, H. Franks conductor, H. C. Alford, A. Joyce.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks.)—On Sunday evening, February 21st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. V. Sear, H. Sear conductor, A. Crane, W. Sear, L. Meager, E. Marks, F. Whitehead, F. Morley. Composed by J. George, of Rugby. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. Leslie Norris, Vicar of Chesterton, Oxon., late of Newton Longville, Bucks.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

NORTHOP (Flintshire)—On Wednesday, March 10th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. J. T. Hopwood, G. Dymont, J. E. Usher, —. Davies, H. Jones, J. W. Davies, W. Short conductor, E. Messham.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 10th, for evening service, 560 Bob Major. A. Smith, G. Upshall, F. Elliott, W. Lowman, A. Baigent, E. Newell, T. Upshall, C. Edwards conductor. On January 12th, for practice, a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Russell, G. Upshall, W. Bashford, W. Lowman, F. Elliott, E. Newell, T. Upshall, C. Edwards. First course of Treble Bob Major by all except the ringers of the 3rd, 5th, and tenor, and probably the first course in the method on the bells. On February 16th, for C.E.M.S. service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. H. Kimber, A. J. Le Clercq, C. Edwards conductor, W. Lowman, E. Clapshaw, F. Elliott, J. Russell, W. Sherfield. After service 720 Bob Major. A. Baigent, G. Upshall, W. Bashford, F. Elliott, F. A. Barnett, E. Newell, T. Upshall, C. Edwards conductor. On February 18th, for service, 578 Oxford Bob Triples. A. Le Clercq, C. Edwards conductor, G. Upshall, W. Lowman, A. Baigent, F. Elliott, T. Upshall, W. Sherfield. First in the method on the bells, and by all the band. On March 9th, 210 in the same method, being E. Clapshaw's first touch in the method. And a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. F. A. Barnett (first course in the method), G. Upshall, W. Bashford, W. Lowman, J. W. Russell, F. Elliott, T. Upshall, C. Edwards. On Sunday, March 7th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. King, A. Le Clercq, G. Upshall, W. Lowman, E. Clapshaw, F. W. Elliott (first 504 as conductor), E. Newell, W. Sherfield. On Sunday, March 21st, for morning service, 532 Oxford Bob Triples. E. Clapshaw, G. Upshall, W. Bashford, W. Lowman, C. Edwards conductor, T. Upshall, E. Newell, W. Sherfield.

NEW BRENTFORD (Middlesex).—On Saturday, March 20th, at the church of St. Laurence, 720 Bob Minor, 240 of Grandsire, and several 120s of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. T. Beadle, A. George, W. Lidbetter, C. Dell, F. Goddard, G. Spencer, A. Sheard, J. Merrick, A. R. Macdonald.

**Obituary.****ERNEST JOHN STRICLAND  
ANDREW.**

It is with profound regret that we have to record the death of the above ringer, who died on February 16th at St. Boniface hospital, Manitoba, Canada, of typhoid fever. The deceased was only twenty-five years of age, and was a member of the Gloucester and Bristol and Bath and Wells Association. He had been a change-ringer about three years, and had mastered all the Standard methods, having called two peals of Grandsire Doubles. His death came as a shock to his many ringing friends in Bristol, as he was of a kindly disposition, and respected by all who knew him. The members of St. Stephen's Guild rang a course each of Cambridge Royal, London Major, and Stedman Caters muffled on St. Stephen's bells to his

memory, and at Emmanuel church, Clifton, where he was formerly conductor, some of his intimate friends rang a muffled touch of Stedman Triples, also a course of Bob Major. R. Channings, W. Rawlings, A. Allen, A. Huggins, C. Rawlings, E. Guise, W. Apperley, H. Brownjohn.

**W. MANSFIELD.**

Members of the Essex Association will regret to hear of the sudden death of one of their oldest ringing friends in the person of the above ringer of Maldon, who passed away on March 5th, at the age of 71. He was in usual spirits and health before retiring on the previous evening, but he passed away during the early hours of the morning. Mr. Mansfield was present at the meeting when the Essex Association was first formed in 1879. He very rarely missed the annual Whit-Monday meeting at Chelmsford. Although not prominent

in the peal-ringing circles, he was an ardent lover of the Art, being a regular attendant at both All Saints and St. Mary's towers for practice, and always ready to instruct and help beginners. He was laid to rest in Maldon Cemetery on March 9th, his brother-ringers attending the funeral.

**LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.**

All being well, ten members of the Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers will attempt a peal of Stedman Caters, 18027 changes, at All Saints, Loughborough, Leicestershire, on Easter Monday, April 12, starting at 7 a.m.

**NOTE TO PEAL.**

**THE PEAL AT TUNSTALL.**—G. Smith's 50 Peals.—Treble Bob 9, conducted 1; Stedman Caters 2; Grandsire 9; New Cambridge Surprise 1; London 1; Stedman Triples 18; Double Norwich 4; Bob Major 4; Seven Minor methods 1; Bob Triples 1, conducted 1.

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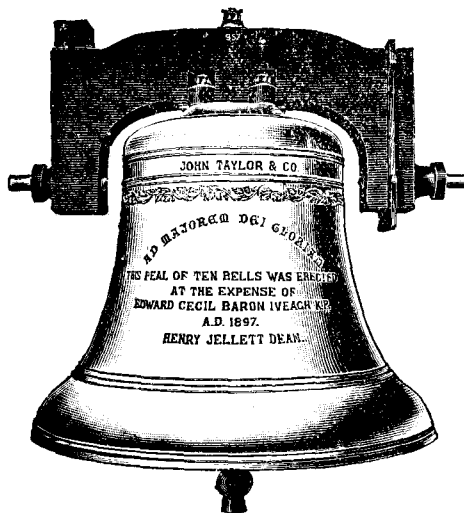
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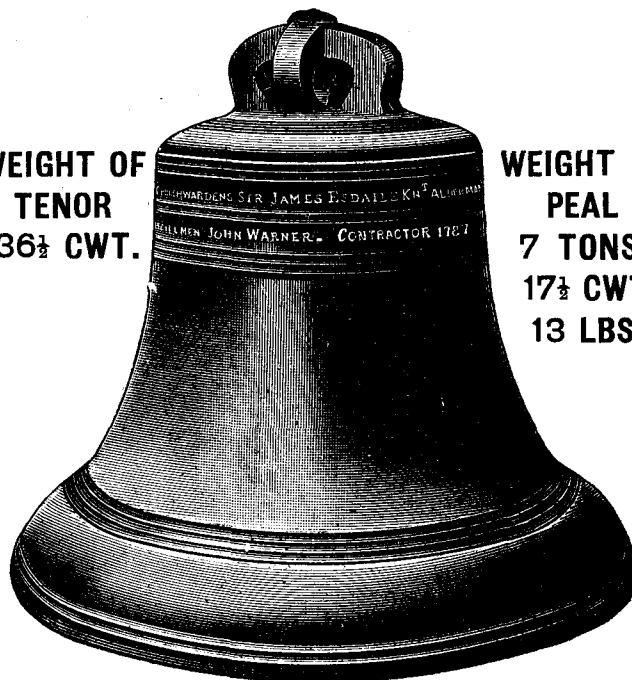
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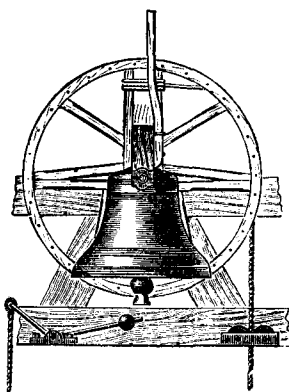
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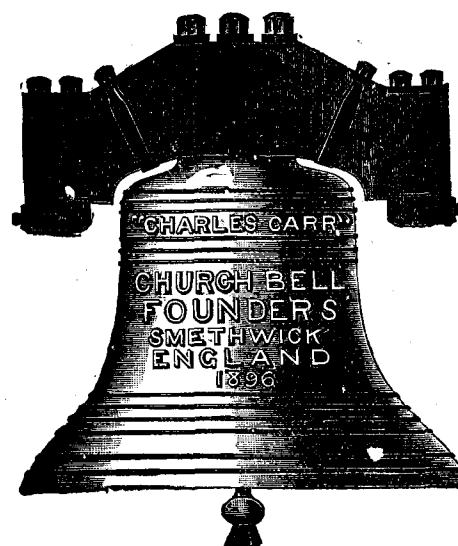
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