

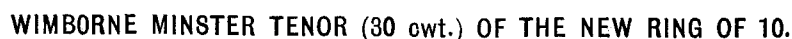
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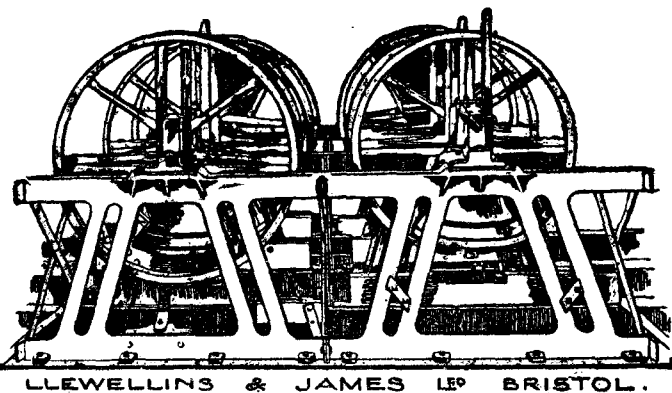
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## MACHEN, NEAR NEWPORT, MON.

The dedication service took place on Saturday afternoon of the newly spliced ring of eight bells. Until recently the ring consisted of six bells only, which were hung on an old fashioned framing of oak beams, but being out of order they had not been rung for nearly thirty years. In March last experts reported that the framework was in a most dilapidated and dangerous condition, and the bells were liable to fall at any moment. The bells were accordingly at once taken down. They bore the following inscription:—

- 1.—My treble voice makes hearts rejoice.
- 2.—Good ringing might, yields great delight.
- 3.—Health, peace and plenty to this neighbourhood.  
Cast by Thos. Bayley, 1768. David Edmunds, churchwarden.
- 4.—Faith, hope and grace attend this place. David Edmunds, churchwarden. Cast 1768. Thos. Bayley, C. Mears, founders, London. Recast 1856. Rector, Rev. A. Morgan. Churchwardens, Phillip Woodruff, W. Jones.
- 5.—Public subscription gave us birth, and now we six here joyn in mirth. Cast by Thos. Bayley, 1768. David Edmunds, churchwarden.
- 6.—"The resonare pieta, more atque voluptas." David Edmunds, churchwarden. Thos. Bayley, founder, Bridgewater, 1768.

A number of the parishioners and others in the diocese who are interested in bellringing took the matter up, with a view to having the bells restored on modern lines, and the Hon. Sec. of the Landaff diocesan wrote suggesting that an effort should be made to increase the ring from six to eight, thus completing the octave.

At a public meeting, held on March 9th, it was unanimously decided to carry out the rehanging, and to add two more bells. The contract was let to Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, whose specification comprised a new modern frame having a foundation of massive rolled steel joists with webbed ends, over which is a new frame of cast iron sections, braced with steel bars. Each bell is provided with a complete set of mountings of the latest improved design, at a total cost of £183 5s.

The new treble bell, weighing 3cwt. 14lbs., with the inscription: "Praise to the Holiest in the height." Canon C. E. T. Griffith, rector; W. R. Lloyd and Frederick Stratton, churchwardens, cost £38 15s., and a new tenor bell has been provided, weighing 12cwt., with the inscription: "And in the depths be praise." The tenor and treble bells were added by public subscription in 1911, thus completing the ring of eight bells. The cost was £97.

A chiming apparatus of the latest improved design has also been fixed at a cost of £16 16s., and a new double floor underneath the bell frame packed with silicate cotton to prevent sound.

The total cost was £350 11s. Over £350 has now been collected, and the balance will probably be wiped out in a short time.

The dedication service was performed by the Bishop of Landaff. The clergy present included the Rev. Canon

Griffith (rector of the parish), the Rev. Canon Lister, of St. Marks', Newport, The Rev. Connop Price, rector of Caerphilly, the Rev. A. A. Matthews, vicar of St. Paul's, Newport, the Rev. G. Aubrey Baile, vicar of Nash (Newport), the Rev. S. G. Morgan and the Rev. D. Dudleyke, curates of the parish.

The bell ropes were presented to the Bishop by the churchwardens, Messrs. W. R. Lloyd and F. Stratton, and his Lordship handed them over to the charge of the Rector of the parish.

The hymns, "Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him," "Praise my soul the King of Heaven," and "They are lifted to the steeple," were sung during the service by a very large congregation, the church being crowded.

The Bishop congratulated the parishioners on the splendid effort they had made.

After the service, the bells were rung by the ringers of St. Woolos and All Saints' Churches, Newport, under the direction of Mr. J. W. Jones. Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, and the bells fired several times. The visiting ringers included Mr. A. W. Brighton, London, Mr. Davies, Caerleon, and Mr. Hobbs, Cardiff.

A meat tea was afterwards provided in the Schoolroom for the whole of the ringers present, and included the local newly formed Guild of Ringers.

The tea was presided over by churchwarden F. Stratton and the Hon. Sec. to the Bell Fund, Mr. Newton Wade, who were ably assisted by Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. N. Wade, and the Misses Stratton and McKinnon.

The work done reflects the highest possible credit on Messrs. Llewellyns and James, the tone and go of the bells being perfect.

J. W. J.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Milverton on Saturday, Dec. 16th, when the following Towers were represented:—Bridgewater, Ilminster, Milverton, Chipstable, Fitzhead, Taunton St. James and Bishop Hull. A short service was held in the Parish Church, where the Rev. E. F. Fulton, vicar of Milverton, officiated, and gave a very suitable address. The meeting was held in the Church Room (by kind permission of the Vicar), when the Master of the Association, the Rev. C. C. Parker, presided. The minutes were read and duly signed, and about 30 new members were elected. Dulverton was selected as the place for the next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Felton for officiating at the service, the use of the Room, and the bells. This concluded the business, and tea being ready, a busy fifteen minutes was spent at the table. This over, a move was made to the belfry, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung.

## LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Tuesday, December 26th, all being well, eight members of the Hertfordshire Association will attempt a long peal of Bristol Surprise (12,000 changes) at Knebworth, starting at mid-day.

## CHRISTMAS JOTTINGS.

(By G. F. M.)

Many of our ringing friends in Essex and the Southern Counties will be glad to hear of the safe arrival of Mr. Lewis Green and family at Woodstock, Capetown, last month. The ringers there, in company with the Rector, gave our friend a very hearty welcome, raising the bells and ringing in honour of his return to Krugerland. There are some people yet living who are not convinced of the rotundity of the earth. Here have I a letter, with Christmas greetings, from the uttermost ends of the earth, where the seasons are the contrary to ours in England. Mr. Green tells me that at Christmas he is dining on lamb at 4d. a pound, with green peas *ad lib.*, strawberries, and other delicacies, while here in England we have nothing but cabbages and root crops, with roast beef and plum pudding, to cheer us in the land of darkness he has left behind. Mr. Green is not only a good ringer, but a clever architect, having rapidly built himself a nice little fortune in South Africa. It is very few working men ringers who achieve that. The scoring of thousands of peals drops flat in comparison to the scoring of a competency. Fortunate are they, too, who dodge our wintry skies at Christmas, and, like our friend, enjoy two summers in succession. While we are shivering at the fireside in England, Mr. Green, attired in pyjamas, is revelling with his family and friends among peach and apple blossoms, drinking ambrosial wines, and culling sweet and variegated flowers from the borders of their vineries. Talk about Paradise on earth! What is better than a perpetual summer, or spring, where everlasting beauties abide, never to fade. But some of us were glad of a change last summer in England, and so a great many of us struck work for less hours and more wages. Then we had a veritable war with flies and wasps. Nothing like that in South Africa. There they have hornets and snakes, and sleep with perforated zinc over their mouths.

Once upon a time it was the privilege of ringers to beat the bounds of their parishes, and beseech each smiling parishioner to give them a Christmas-box. In these degenerate days, we approach the portals of the rich man's palace with fear and trembling, hesitating to pass that kindly caution, "Beware of the dog." The postman alone now stands on his dignity, and, with an air of righteousness in his demand, takes his box as his just and lawful dues. And why? Be it remembered we scarcely ever refuse where our own interests are involved. Suppose a love letter, or other valuable document, should not be delivered, the postman is responsible. As to the bell ringers, well, some will give us a Christmas-box if we promise not to ring again. I shall never forget my last experience of begging Christmas-boxes for the ringers. There were only two of us, and in the dark December evenings, when we made back-calls, we looked like two suspects, with caps reaching over our mouths, and my friend carried a pipe in his mouth notwithstanding all my admonitions to the contrary. Yes, Christmas was Christmas when I was a lad. You would see the parish clerk, with his bundles of holly and mistletoe, waiting on the parishioners one or two days before the great festival arrived. He had only to hand his rosy-clustered prickles to the servant, and all went "merry as a village bell,"

Port and sherry, nut-brown ale, and short cakes, lit up the spirit of his dreams. At night the sexton would return home heavy-laden (not with holly berries) with little golden discs and abundance of silver coins of the realm. What if he appeared somewhat elated as he met the town crier, who had been on the same errand as first bell ringer of the town. Could they not well wish every one a right merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

It is, I believe, the prerogative of young people to make love, and the old to relate stories. And so I am reminded of a Christmas far away in the dim past. I was then an errand boy to a rising doctor and physician. I might have eventually taken up his business had I behaved myself, but received my discharge in being too honest in my prescriptions, whereby his patients soon recovered, and thus reduced my master's revenue. My first Christmas with him was full of experience. "Boy," said he to me on Christmas-eve, "fail not at your peril to be here at business on Boxing-day, for the week after Christmas is the busiest one of the year. You remember how busy we were in the autumn—just after the sea-side holidays? Christmas brings us a lot of grist to the mill." Boxing-day came. Gradually messages and patients arrived. Calling me aside, my master said, "I think you are now sufficiently conversant with simple remedies for disorders of the stomach as to warrant my leaving you in charge while I attend more urgent cases. There is the magnesia, salts, senna, and other things necessary for slight cases, which you will easily distinguish by the several symptoms my patients disclose to you. Look well to their tongues—what language they have, as well as the colour of them, and have a care to my reputation." My master had not long been gone before I felt the weight of my duties bearing heavily upon me. With an air of gravity and learning I examined their tongues, listening to their tales of woe. Every now and then the door opened by people asking for a Christmas box. There were the waits, the bellringers, the newsboy, postman, and many others who I told to call again. Gradually the day wore away, and it was late when my master returned. My sagacity enabled me in his absence to discover the more serious cases, and many patients were still awaiting him for relief, as well as myself. The following weeks our hands were full, till at last my master and I breathed freely once more: yet I never heard the results of my decoctions on that Boxing Day, though I learned for the first time the folly of spending too merry a Christmas, and expecting a Happy New Year.

Last Christmas occurred the opening of a new peal of six by the Loughton change-ringers, at Chilwell Row, Essex. The bells are an ornament to the parish, and highly creditable to the firm of Mears and Stainbank. The selected band to be instructed included men who had never before handled a bell-rope, and, as may be expected, where the instructor is single-handed, proved "a slow six" for several months. They are now able to strike well, and can manage the extent of four with 5, 6, covering, as well as going through a lead of Plain Bob Minor by changing two bells at each call. This method appears to them rather intricate, having the tenor down to lead, with the treble behind, which they term, "Chigwell Row Surprise." The Rector has six bells, and six sons, and is desirous of them becoming ringers. Granting the accomplishment of such, how will this stand as a record? Be it understood, the Rector has not six daughters, as well as six sons. To teach six fair daughters of Mother Eve the art of change-ringing might prove disastrous to the nerves of a hyper-sensitive instructor. Only one young lady at present has graced our magic circle, and I note has just

scored her first 720 at Dagenham, where the presence of ladies in the belfry was held to be unseemly. I take off my hat to Miss Playle for her courage, but would at the same time just whisper in her ear—

"What will the locum tenens say  
When he comes again your way  
Next season?"

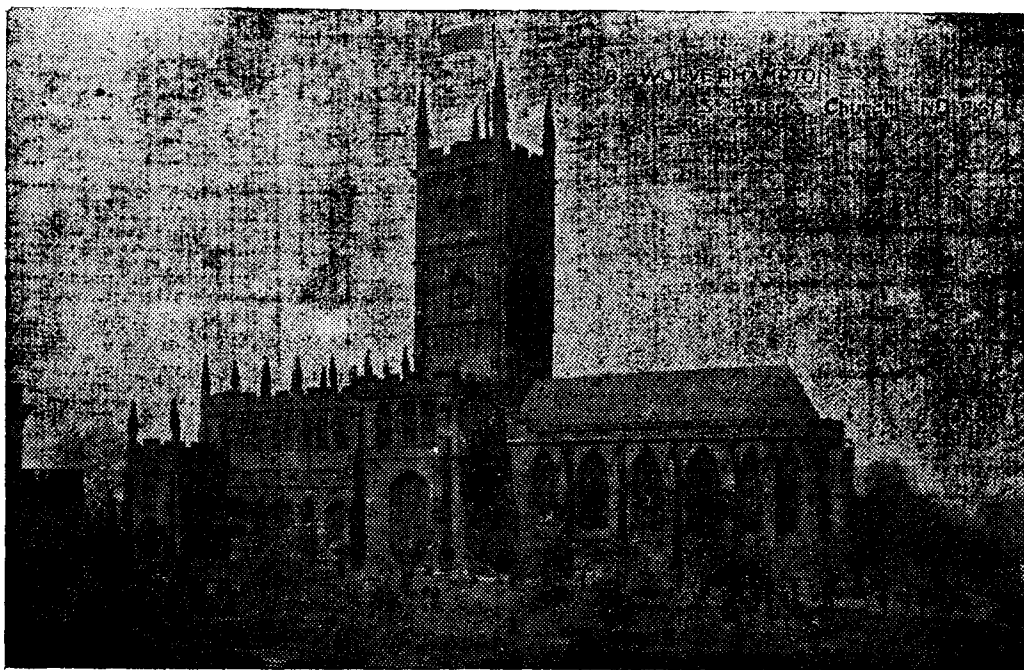
To find you ringing with the chaps—  
He'll lose all self-control, and praps  
His reason."

ILKESTON.—On Sunday, December 10th, being the anniversary of the opening of the tower and bells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung for evening service, in 46 mins. A. J. Baker, J. H. Iliffe, J. Hutton, S. Burgoyne, E. Poxon, H. Fletcher, E. C. Gobey conductor, J. F. George. Composed by Sir Arthur Heywood. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman in Ilkeston rung entirely by a local band, and the first quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells since they were recast in 1910.

STANTON-BY-DALE.—On Sunday, December 3rd, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 540 of Oxford Bob and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. H. Henry, first quarter-peal, W. Halford, J. Hall, E. Scattergood, W. Thornley, C. E. Gobey conductor.

### THE BELLS OF ST. MATTHEW'S, UPPER CLAPTON.

It was found necessary, some months back, to cease ringing these bells on account of the great movement of the frame, which naturally endangered the fabric of the tower. It is now decided to have the frame strengthened with wrought steel angles and bolts in the joints, and the whole eight bells rehng in new fittings. It is also proposed, owing to the numerous complaints hitherto received, to take some step to prevent the sound crashing down upon the immediate neighbourhood, and thus allow more peal attempts to be made than has previously been possible. The device used, however, depends upon the money available, and an appeal is made to ringers generally for contributions towards the Restoration Fund. An appeal is also being made to the parishioners, but, unfortunately, there is coupled with this an appeal for £600 to repair the organ, and this will, of course, make it a much harder matter to get the money for the bells than would otherwise have been the case. Contributions, however small, will be gratefully received, and should be sent to the Vicar, the Rev. C. R. Dawson, St. Matthew's Vicarage, Upper Clapton, N.E., who is taking a great interest in getting the bells put into ringing order.



### ST. PETER'S, WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Sunday, December 17th, there was dedicated a new ring of twelve bells by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The "go" and tone of them were greatly admired by all who heard and rang them. The dedication took place following a sermon by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Stafford. The clergy who took part in the service were the Revs. W. Caldicott Ridding, R. L. Hodson, and A. Penny (Rector), who announced that owing to the generosity of the donor of the two bells to make up the ring of twelve, and who wishes to remain anonymous, a

sum of £200 has been received, which meant that the bells were opened free from debt.

A large number of ringers turned up for the opening, and Stedman Cinques, Kent Treble Bob Maximus, Double Norwich, etc. was rung. The tenor is 33 cwt. 0 qrs. 21 lbs., the total weight of the twelve bells being 132 cwt. 2 qrs. 8 lbs.

The bells are tuned on the five-tone Simpson principle, and one great point is that the small bells can be heard distinctly when dolging among the large ones, or when out among themselves.

## Obituary.

JOHN BASDEN.

The death of Mr. J. Basden, late Master of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, occurred at his residence, 2, Oaklands Road, Hanwell, on Wednesday, December 13th, in his 54th year, after a protracted illness.

The deceased, who was always prominent in the art of change ringing in West Middlesex, was mainly instrumental in forming a Guild for that part of the county.

He, together with Messrs. T. Beadle, A. H. Taber, E. J. Walsom, and a few local enthusiasts, met at Isleworth early in 1894, and formed what was subsequently known as the South and West Middlesex Guild. Mr. Basden was elected Master, and under his able tuition the Guild made good progress.

With the amalgamation of the Guild and the Middlesex Association in 1897, the deceased was unanimously elected Master, and from then until illness overtook him at the end of 1907, he carried out his duties with a cheerfulness and tact that gained for him the esteem and respect of all those who came into contact with him. By his illness, the Association (more especially the South and West District with which he was more intimately connected) lost not only a courteous and kindly official, but also a valuable friend.

The deceased had rung 74 peals for the Middlesex Association, 51 of which he conducted. His first peal (Grandsire Triples) was rung at Isleworth, on August 6th, 1894, and his last (Stedman Triples) at Hounslow, on Sept. 28th, 1907, both of which he conducted.

The interment took place on Monday, December 18th, at Greenford Cemetery, when the following members attended the graveside to pay their tribute of respect to an old comrade:—Messrs. T. Beadle (District Master), H. C. Chandler (Hon. Sec.), E. J. Walsom, A. H. Taber, E. Harris, J. J. Pratt, F. G. Goddard, G. A. Ransom, G. Spencer and W. H. Lidbetter.

In the evening, the local band at St. Leonards' Parish Church, Heston, rang the bells fully muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Master. A quarter peal was attempted, but came to grief.

JAMES JOYCE.

On Wednesday, December 6th, the death occurred of the above-named ringer, aged 58 years. Deceased was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and was steeple-keeper at the Church of All Hallows', Barking Tower Hill, for 15 years, and much respected in the East End. The interment took place on Tuesday, December 12th, at the Ilford Cemetery on the same evening. The following members of the above Society rang the usual whole pull and stand, followed by a touch of Stedman Triples:—H. Springall, A. Peck, J. Scholes, A. Hardy, S. Joyce, E. Hall, H. Langdon, G. Barrell.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT ROLVENDEN.**—This was rung as a welcome to the Rev. Lynn Fryer, who comes from Delsey, near Rochester. The rev. gentleman was inducted incumbent on the same day by the Archdeacon of Maidstone. The change-ringers of the district are exceedingly sorry that his predecessor (the Rev. Drabble) felt it his duty, owing to advanced years, to resign the Vicarship, for the rev. gentleman was of a good disposition, and always granted permission for peals, practices and meetings to take place at Rolvenden, when applications were made. The campanologists look forward to receiving the same privileges under the new vicar. The Rev. Drabble has gone to reside at Woking, Surrey. A ringing tour was held in August last in Kent, and the visitors complained bitterly of the bad running of Rolvenden bells. They will be pleased to know that Mr. F. G. Burden has thoroughly overhauled the peal, and the "go" is excellent now. All that was necessary was the bolts had to be tightened, the cause of the trouble being the dry summer. Evidently there was not so much the matter with the bells as the visitors imagined, and Mr. Burden is to be highly thanked and congratulated for attending to the matter, for in time it would have become serious.

**THE PEAL AT LUTTERWORTH.**—This was the first peal by the

ringers of the 2nd, 5th, 6th and tenor, who belong to the local band, and is the first to be rung by a resident who has learned his change-ringing at Lutterworth. The peal was attempted on the two previous Saturdays—on the first occasion it came to grief after ringing two hours, and on the second a change course occurred in the last 200 changes. The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th and 7th, hail from Rugby, and wish to take this opportunity of thanking the local ringers for kindly entertaining them after the peal, and also after the two previous attempts.

**THE PEAL AT DUDLEY.**—At the conclusion of the peal at Dudley, on Saturday, December 16th, an adjournment was made to The Griffin hotel, Stone Street, where a pleasing presentation took place by the senior member of the St. Thomas' Society, Mr. John Mills, on behalf of the St. Thomas's ringers, of a gold-mounted umbrella, which bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. S. Spittle, by the Dudley Bellringers. Dec. 16th, 1911." In making the presentation, Mr. Mills spoke of the pleasure it gave him of being asked to make the presentation on behalf of his fellow ringers in appreciation of the many services and kindnesses they have received at the hands of Mr. Spittle, both inside and outside of the belfry. After a few congratulatory remarks by Mr. Mills and others, Mr. Spittle rose to thank them for their kindness in making him a present, which quite took him by surprise, and said how glad it was for him to be able to be of any service to his band of ringers, especially to the younger members of the band. At the conclusion of his remarks, the company present rose and drank to his health, and wished him every good wish that he may be spared in health and strength, that he may continue to be their Master for many a year to come.

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## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern District was held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, December 16th, and is believed to be the first ever held at this tower. Ringing commenced at 3.45, and the bells were kept going in the various methods, including Erin Triples, Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich. Tea was provided in the Church House at 5.15, after which the business meeting was held, the District Master (Mr. A. D. Barker, presiding). Mr. E. A. Young was elected to audit the accounts of the district, and two new members were also elected. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, was chosen as the place for the annual district meeting on January 20th, and failing that St. Sepulchre's, Holborn.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Rochester District was held at St. Mary's, Newington, Sittingbourne, on Saturday, December 16th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. Members were present from Sheerness, Queenborough, Tunstall, Hartlip, Upchurch, Chatham, Gillingham, Rochester, and the local ringers, numbering twenty in all. The bells were kept going in various methods including Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise. The business meeting was held in the belfry at 6.15 p.m. Mr. W. H. Wilkins, of Sheerness, was elected as chairman. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Two new members of the Gravesend band were admitted into the Association. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Borden in March 1912. A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Newington (Rev. P. L. Hunt), for the use of the tower and bells; also to the Vicar of Hartlip (Rev. J. S. McMillan), for his bells.

After the meeting eight members from the Rochester part of the district walked over to Hartlip, where some touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were rung. The bells were lowered in peal, at 9.15 p.m., when the party made for home.

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## POTTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

On a recent Saturday afternoon a meeting was held in the schoolroom by several members of the Bedfordshire Association from Bedford, Elstow, Sandy, Clifton, Biggleswade, etc., with the local band, in order to form a branch of the Association for North Bedfordshire. The Vicar (Rev. A. Long), kindly took the chair at the meeting, when the following were elected to start the branch: The Potton society (en bloc), consisting of seven members with two members from Sandy, and one probationer, and F. Blood (Biggleswade). The following officers were also elected: President—Rev. A. Long (Vicar of Potton); Secretary—Mr. F. Blood (Biggleswade); Committee—Mr. A. Bailey (Potton), and Mr. W. Deacon (Sandy).

After tea, which was kindly provided by the Vicar of Potton, the members adjourned to the tower, where ringing was indulged in, several Minor methods being rung, until train time arrived, when after a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, and also the use of the schoolroom for the meeting, the ringers dispersed to their several destinations.

The following were the ringers who attended: Mr. Harlow and Miss Steele (Bedford); W. Deacon, G. Jefferies, and T. Kendall (Sandy); C. A. Pratt (Clifton); F. Blood (Biggleswade), and the members of the Potton society. This was the first time a lady ringer has visited these parts, and taken an active part in the ringing. Now that a local branch of the Bedfordshire Association has been formed, it is hoped that the Vicars of all the parishes of this district will lend the movement their support.

HARBORNE.—On Sunday, December 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Such, J. Tilley, H. Pratt, W. Beacham, H. Grosvenor conductor, G. Hitchman, J. Cartwright, E. Grice.

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The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Woolos, Newport, on Tuesday, December 26th, at 3 o'clock. The bells of St. Woolos and All Saints churches available all the evening.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, } Hon. Secs.  
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The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2nd, 1912, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, City. Chair to be taken at 8 p.m. Subscriptions, annual and otherwise, are payable at this meeting. The balance-sheet will be presented, and an alteration to Rule 4 proposed. The peal book will be on view.

A. PADDON SMITH, Hon. Sec,  
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The Bedfordshire Association.—Quarterly meeting at Dunstable on Saturday, January 6th.  
A. RUST, Hon. Sec.

Peterborough and District Association.—Proposed meeting at Wisbech cancelled owing to bells being out of repair.

F. T. COOKE, Hon. Sec.

Notice.—Any correspondence as regards ringing at St. Lawrence's church, Long Eaton, should be addressed to the Secretary—N. H. WIDDOWSON, 13, Recreation Street, Long Eaton.

## NOTE TO PEAL

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## The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

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## The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,  
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. Treble.	JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. 5.
MISS EDITH K. PARKER .. 2.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 6.
JOHN THOMAS .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
CHARLES W. BIRD .. .. 4.	GEORGE PAICE .. .. Tenor.

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## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 2.	ALBERT C. HARDY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. HOTTEN* .. 3.	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 7.
GEORGE W. FAULKNER .. 4.	CHARLES S. BUDEN .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

\*First peal in the method.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN.

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS .. .. Treble.	ALBERT W. COLES .. .. 6.
BRETHAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 8.
CHARLES T. COLES .. .. 4.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. .. 9.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 5.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above is the conductor's 1000th peal, and A. W. Grimes' 100th. The band wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Vicar, the Rev. E. Rogers, for the use of the bells.

## The Provinces.

## ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ALFRED KNIGHT .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR E. PAYNE .. .. 5.
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 2.	CHARLES W. BIRD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM D. JAMES .. .. 3.	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT .. 7.
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 4.	DAVID J. NICHOLLS .. Tenor.

Composed by E. M. ATKINS, and Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLLS.

## RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

E. MAURICE ATKINS .. Treble.	DAVID J. NICHOLLS .. .. 4.
CHARLES W. BIRD .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM D. JAMES .. .. 5.
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 3.	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

\*First peal in seven methods.

## DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

WM. DAVIES* .. .. Treble.	J. PAGETT .. .. .. 5.
J. HAYNES† .. .. .. 2.	L. LOMAS .. .. .. 6.
GEO. TOMLINSON .. .. 3.	R. G. BASSON .. .. 7.
J. W. GLEW .. .. .. 4.	FRED FOSTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by GEO. TOMLINSON.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the treble was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting.

## ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

BERNARD J. SADDINGTON Treble.	WILLIAM C. LEWIS .. .. 4.
WALTER T. WILSON .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM D. JAMES .. .. 5.
GEORGE A. BLAXLEY .. .. 3.	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. D. JAMES.

\*First peal of Minor as conductor.

## NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 12 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH .. .. Treble.	GEORGE SNELLING .. .. 4.
FREDK. MANSEE .. .. 2.	JOHN SNELLING .. .. 5.
BERTIE TURNER .. .. 3.	FREDK. SEAGER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. MANSEE.

First peal on the bells.

## COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 12, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.

HERBERT BAILEY .. .. Treble.	JAMES YORK .. .. .. 5.
GEORGE J. TAYLOR .. .. 2.	FRANK S. DOWNING .. .. 6.
E. R. TREVOR CORBETT .. 3.	WM. SAUNDERS .. .. 7.
ALBERT WOODVINE* .. .. 4.	HAROLD ASTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WM. SAUNDERS.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. O'Brien and Mr. W. G. Morris. The former was interred at Holy Trinity church, and the latter at the Society of Friends burial ground, Coalbrookdale, on the above date. \*First muffled peal on the bells, and by all the band. \*First peal on eight bells.

## WORKSOP, NOTTS.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 12, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER E. PECK* .. Treble.	HERBERT HAIGH .. .. 5.
HARRY H. CARTWRIGHT* .. 2.	*THOMAS BARTHOLOMEW .. 6.
CORNELIUS HUDSON* .. .. 3.	*THOMAS WILSON .. .. 7.
ALBERT JOHNSON* .. .. 4.	*FREDK. HIND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT HAIGH.

\*First peal. This is the first peal ever rung by a Worksop company, and the first on the bells since the restoration. Rung to commemorate the marriage of Sir John Robinson, of Worksop Manor, with Miss Eveline Alderson, elder daughter of the late Mr. D. Alderson, of Park House, Worksop, which took place on December 12th, at Holy Trinity church, Sloane Street. It was also a birthday peal to the ringer of the tenor, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

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## BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

BEN REED .. .. .Treble.	RICHARD SUTTON .. .. 5.
GEORGE WILLSHIRE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WENBAN .. .. 6.
ALBERT H. SAYEE .. .. 3.	HENRY J. LARKINS .. .. 7.
ERNEST WILSON .. .. 4.	ALBERT GOLDBER .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by G. WILLSHIRE.

Rung to celebrate the Coronation Durbar.

## ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 12, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lbs.

JOSEPH H. ILIFFE* .. ..Treble.	HENRY FLETCHER .. .. 5.
CECIL J. BAKER* .. .. 2.	HENRY HARRISON .. .. 6.
ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 3.	EDWARD D. GOBEY .. .. 7.
NEVILLE WIDDOWSON .. .. 4.	ALFRED T. BAKER .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

\*First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bell, since being recast by Messrs. Taylor, the go and tone being excellent. Rung to commemorate the first anniversary of the opening of the bells, 1910.

## WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARNOLD AUSTIN* .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD, SEN. 5.
WILLIAM H. FITCHFORD† .. 2.	JOHN MORLEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM ALLMAN* .. .. 3.	CHARLES MOBLEY .. .. 7.
HARRY ROBERTS .. .. 4.	THOMAS HARLEY .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by C. MORLEY.

\*First peal. †First peal with bob bell; aged 15.

## ROLVENDENDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDGAR BURDEN .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 5.
ALFRED JOHNSON .. .. 2.	GEORGE BILLENNESS .. 6.
ROBERT EDWARDS .. .. 3.	CHARLES TRIBE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. BURDEN .. 4.	ALFRED BLACKMAN .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

Reference elsewhere.

## TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Wednesday, December 13, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM CHAPMAN .. ..Treble.	JOSEPH H. CHAPMAN .. .. 5.
JOSEPH W. TIMMS .. .. 2.	ALFRED CHAPLIN .. .. 6.
CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. 3.	ALBERT E. YOUNG .. .. 7.
ARTHUR J. MARKS .. .. 4.	JAMES PRATT .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH W. TIMMS.

## DONINGTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND HOLYROOD,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

CYRIL G. WOODS* .. ..Treble.	HERBERT WOODS .. .. 4.
JOHN T. STAPLES .. .. 2.	*JOSEPH FOVARGUE .. .. 5.
JOHN H. STAFFORD .. .. 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON ..Tenor.

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

\*First peal. First peal in three methods by all except the conductor.

## ALDENHAM, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH J. ALLEN .. ..Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
WALTER S. INWOOD† .. .. 2.	FREDK. EDWARDS .. .. 6.
WALTER SEBLEY† .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. 7.
FRANCIS A. SMITH .. .. 4.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

\*First peal in the method.

## REDDISH, STOCKPORT.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS JACKSON .. ..Treble.	*WILLIAM JACKSON .. .. 5.
HIEAM MEAKIN .. .. 2.	ALFRED BARNES .. .. 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 3.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 7.
HAROLD JACKSON* .. .. 4.	GEORGE MARSHALL .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by HAROLD JACKSON.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal as conductor.

## LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH B. FENTON .. ..Treble.	*FREDE. J. HEBBERT .. .. 5.
PETER ROURKE* .. .. 2.	*WALTER WILLIAMS .. .. 6.
JOSEPH A. FENTON .. .. 3.	WALTER MADINS .. .. 7.
ALFRED J. HESSIAN .. .. 4.	*WALTER G. TILCOCK ..Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER MALINS.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal as conductor on tower bells. Further reference elsewhere.

## ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

T. J. HALL .. ..Treble.	R. CHALKLEY .. .. 4.
C. WALKLATE .. .. 2.	E. HUNT .. .. 5.
J. MALYAN .. .. 3.	F. JEFFS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by J. MALYAN.

This is believed to be the first peal on the bells. First peal by the ringers of the 2nd and 5th.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

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On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours,

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J. W. TAYLOR .. .. 4.	F. SHEPHERD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. READER.

## ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	GEORGE BAXTER .. .. 5.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 2.	*ERNEST WHITING .. .. 6.
CLAYTON FARNELL .. .. 3.	ERNEST LINCOLN .. .. 7.
WALTER MOBES .. .. 4.	FREDERICK SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\*First peal in the method.

## PRESTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 of Woodbine, and two each of New London, Oxford and Kent.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. Treble.	*FREDERICK POULSON .. .. 4.
CHARLES VARO .. .. 2.	ARTHUR SYMONDS .. .. 5.
HARRY CRICE .. .. 3.	ROBT. JOHN POULSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

\*First peal.

## NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

SAM THOMAS .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS WARD .. .. 5.
ARCHIE BREARLEY .. .. 2.	WILFRED R. COLLIER .. .. 6.
GEORGE LEWIS .. .. 3.	WALTER ALLWOOD .. .. 7.
DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

First peal in the method as conductor.

## READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER A. WEBB .. Treble.	ARTHUR W. PIKE .. .. 5.
CHARLES GILES .. .. 2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. .. 6.
FRANK MARTIN .. .. 3.	*ALFRED WATMORE .. .. 7.
AMEROSE W. OSBOENE .. 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Fitzwilliam J. C. Gillmor to the parish of St. Giles, being inducted by the Lord Bishop of Oxford on Friday, December 15th.

## HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BIDDLESTONE'S 12-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES SUCH .. .. Treble.	HENRY GROSVENOR .. .. 5.
J. WILLIAM TILLEY .. .. 2.	ALBERT BEACHAM .. .. 6.
TOM GIBBS .. .. 3.	*ALLEN J. CARTWRIGHT .. .. 7.
HAROLD PRATT .. .. 4.	GEORGE HITCHMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GROSVENOR.

†First peal with a bob bell. All the above are members of the local company.

## LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF ROSE OF ENGLAND TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

SID. GOODALL .. .. Treble.	H. DRANSFIELD .. .. 5.
ED. CRABTREE .. .. 2.	W. THOMAS .. .. 6.
W. CLARK .. .. 3.	F. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
F. CLAYTON .. .. 4.	W. BREARLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by F. ROBINSON.

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## MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM .. Treble.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD .. .. 5.
FRANK HALL .. .. 2.	JOHN HARROP .. .. 6.
ROBERT WALKER .. .. 3.	JOSEPH GODDARD .. .. 7.
SAMUEL STOTT .. .. 4.	CHARLES H. MARSLAND .. .. Tenor.

Composed by E. TIMRELL, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.

FREDERICK ROOPE* .. Treble.	ERNEST WHITING .. .. 5.
EDWIN WHITING .. .. 2.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. 6.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 7.
CHARLES ROOPE .. .. 4.	CHARLES CRICE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by F. ROOPE.

\*First peal in the method as conductor.

### DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

*On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 3057 CHANGES.

JOSEPH WEST .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM GOODMAN .. .. 6.
GILBERT GUEST .. .. 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. 7.
HERBERT SHEPPARD .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN GOUGH .. .. 8.
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. .. 4.	HARRY GOODMAN .. .. 9.
THOMAS WATTON .. .. 5.	CHARLES FAULKS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM MICELEWRIGHT, and  
Conducted by S. SPITTLE.

\*Fistr peal of Grandsire Caters. Arranged and rang as a birthday compliment to the Master of the above Guild (Mr. Spittle), on attaining his 75th birthday, the band wishing him the usual good wishes that he may be spared in health and strength, and that he may still continue to be their Master for many years to come.

### HORLEY, SURREY.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sunday, December 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDK. W. RICE .. .. Treble.	ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. 5.
OLIVER SIPPETTS .. .. 2.	GEORGE ILLMAN .. .. 6.
ALBERT E. MITCHELL .. .. 3.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. .. 7.
ALBERT HAEMAN .. .. 4.	ALBERT ELLISS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by FREDK. W. RICE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and ringer of the 7th.

### Handbell Peal.

#### PADDINGTON, LONDON, W.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thursday, December 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes.*

AT 52, SHIRLAND ROAD,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2.	GEORGE B. EDGER .. .. 5-6.
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. .. 3-4.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. .. 7-8.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by W. SHEPHERD.

Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

WORKSOP.—On Sunday evening, December 3rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. F. Hind, H. H. Cartwright, C. Hudson, A. Johnson, H. Haigh conductor, T. Bartholomew, T. Wilson, C. E. Peck. First quarter-peal away from the tenor by F. Hind. On Sunday morning, December 10th, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Hind, H. H. Cartwright, C. Hudson, A. Johnson conductor, W. Roberts, C. E. Peck, H. Haigh, E. Clarke. Longest touch as conductor, and by the tenor man.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRANLEIGH.—On Saturday, December 16th, in an attempt for a peal, 2060 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. Mrs. R. W. Whittington, R. Whittington, T. Worsfold, W. Denyer, H. Tidy, A. A. Charman, W. Charman conductor, H. Ledger. 1080 Bob Major. Mrs. R. Whittington, W. Streeter, W. Denyer, H. Tidy, A. Charman, R. Whittington, T. Worsfold, W. Charman conductor. Longest length in the method by the ringers of treble and 3rd. On Sunday, December 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1266 changes), in 46 mins. Mrs. R. Whittington, W. Streeter, A. Charman, H. Tidy, C. Charman, R. Whittington, T. Worsfold, W. Charman conductor. First quarter-peal of Major by the ringers of treble and 5th.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING.—On Friday, December 15th, at St. Giles' church, 840 Stedman Triples. L. Osborn, Miss E. Goodship, H. Osborne, A. T. Reeves, F. Wade, F. Griffin, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. Durman. Also 168 in the same method, conducted by Miss F. Goodship. And 160 Bob Major, conducted by F. Griffin. Rung on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. Fitzwilliam J. C. Gillmor to the above church by the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HOUNSLOW.—On Thursday, December 14th, at St. Paul's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Watson, G. A. Ransom conductor, C. Bird, T. Chave, T. Beadle, E. Gladman, G. Spencer, H. Beadle.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM MARKET.—On Sunday, December 17th, for morning service, 720 Double Norwich Major. A. Roope conductor, C. Baker, A. Smith, R. Whiting, J. Allen, F. Roope, C. Roope, F. Borrett. For evening service 736 Superlative Surprise. F. Roope conductor, C. Baker, C. Roope, J. Allen, W. Roope, A. A. Smith, A. Roope, F. Borrett.

CROYDON.—For practice on handbells 1260 Grandsire Triples. T. Groombridge, jun., 1-2; W. S. Wise, 3-4; A. J. Perkins conductor, 5-6; A. W. Clark, 7-8. First quarter-peal in hand by the ringers of 1-2 and 7-8. Also 518, T. Colburn ringing 7-8.

GOOLE.—On Monday, December 19th, 720 Caambridge Surprise Minor. G. Davis, M. Tate, C. W. King, T. Smith, F. Tate H. Ludkin conductor, J. Duke. First 720 in the method by all the band and on the bells.

LONG EATON.—On Sunday, December 17th, for evening service at St. Lawrence's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief in the last course. Miss M. E. Woolley, J. Harrisou, A. Hickton, N. H. Widdowson, J. Bailey, J. Andrews, T. R. Hensher conductor, T. Hutchinson.

### AN APPEAL.

A special appeal is being made to all members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild to be considerate and subscribe to a fund which has been started in connection with the condition of a brother-ringer, Mr. A. W. Reeves, of 78, Queen's Road, Caversham, Oxon. Besides being unable to follow his daily occupation for the past three years, two of which he has laid on his back suffering from that most dreaded disease Cancer. The time has now arrived when help is needed by all who can show their true sympathy for a brother in distress. Mr. Reeves has been a ringer for over twenty years, and his a member of the above Guild, and those of us who know him and have known him as a ringer, we feel it our bouden duty to bring the case before the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" with the hope that they and others if possible will willingly respond to this call which is made to us in this hour of need. Having been absent from work so long, and only a working man, naturally there has been so little coming in that his wife is at her wits ends to know where to get sufficient for the little extras needed in such an expensive time. Unfortunately Mr. Reeves has fallen into quarter pay from the Friendly Society to which he belongs, and the time is nearly due for him to pay up his quarter's club money to enable him to receive the benefit. Therefore he is almost entirely dependent on the generosity of all who can afford it to stretch out an hand to our worthy brother-ringer who is lying on a bed of sickness from which he can never hope to rise again. Let us help him while he has a little life spared him on this earth. I can assure you this is a most deserving case, and leave it to your brotherly consideration as to whether you will be one and perhaps induce others also to contribute to this fund, however small the donation may be, as it is not the amount which is important (though that is necessary if means will allow), but it is the cheerful giver who is to prove a true friend in a case like this. Trusting there will be many who will come forward with a good heart and give what they can, which will be most gratefully received by A. W. Osborne, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer to the Reading Branch, 17, Dorothy Street, Reading.

**THE LATE MR. H. SNOWDEN WARD.**

A distinct feeling of gloom has been cast over the district by the announcement of the death of the above-named gentleman, who died at New York on the 7th inst., after a rare operation, performed to drain the system of pneumonia germs. He was found unconscious in bed on the previous Tuesday, an hour after which he was due to deliver a lecture on "Dickens in America." Mrs. Snowden was at his bedside when he died. The deceased was a famous Anglo-American authority on photography, and the loss of so cultured a gentleman will be felt here severely, more particularly by those who enjoyed the pleasure of his acquaintance, and his friends and

admirers were legion. Behind his scholarly attainments he carried a very large heart, and his amiable disposition was the source of general comment and admiration. Locally, it will be difficult to fill his place, as in everything connected with the welfare of the village he was always ready to lend a helping hand, and his purse for any deserving object was never sought in vain. Connected himself with the legion of Frontiersman, with whom he annually went into camp, he took a great interest in the local lads' brigade and Boy Scouts, and only recently provided them with a rifle range at his residence at "Falklands." But it is the local band of bellringers by whom he will be most missed, as he was a great admirer and supporter of cam-

panology. In the belfry of St. Mary's church may be seen a fine peal-board presented by him, and unveiled by the Ven. Archdeacon of Tonbridge on May 11th, 1900, in commemoration of a peal of Grandsire Triples, the names of the successful local band, also the clergy and churchwardens being inscribed. The previous record of this fine achievement, dates back to 1854, a period of fifty-four years having elapsed. The last local function at which Mr. Snowden Ward was present was the planting of the Coronation oak in the Cemetery Grounds, an occasion which his unbounded loyalty would not allow him to miss.

The late H. Snowden Ward, Esq., was also keenly interested in ringers and ringing, and it was through his advice the Hadlow ringers joined the Kent County Association, and received instruction in change-ringing with very good results. A few years ago, when the condition of the bells and frame was such that ringing had to cease, and the authorities despaired of ever raising the funds to do the necessary repairs, it was Mr. Wardle who came forward and threw himself heartily into the trouble, and by his energy and tact infused a general interest in the matter, with the result that the money was speedily raised to carry out the necessary repairs.

Mr. W. Shepherd, of "Leyland," Queen's Road, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames, writes:—The two peals of Bob Major published in your issues of December 9th and 16th, by Mr. Gilbert, are both the composition of the late J. R. Pritchard, the only difference being the addition of four singles. With regard to the latter peal, perhaps Mr. Gilbert can explain how it is he gets "in course," course-ends after the use of one single, for according to the calling published the bells should be out of course instead of in course. The 5024 of Double Norwich, by G. Cross, published on December 9th, is false, for even some of the course ends repeat with one another.

Mr. H. J. Tucker writes:—The peal of Bob Major published in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 9th, and again December 16th, by Mr. W. Gilbert, is an old composition, and was rung at the church of All Saints, Great Marlow, Bucks, on Saturday, Sept. 29th, 1894, conducted by Mr. John C. Truss, junr., as my composition.

W. H. L.—Next week.

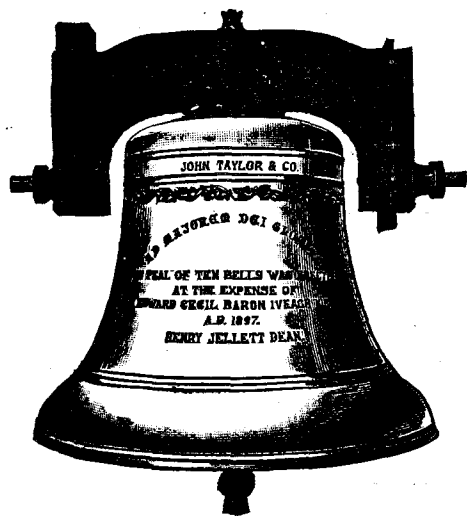
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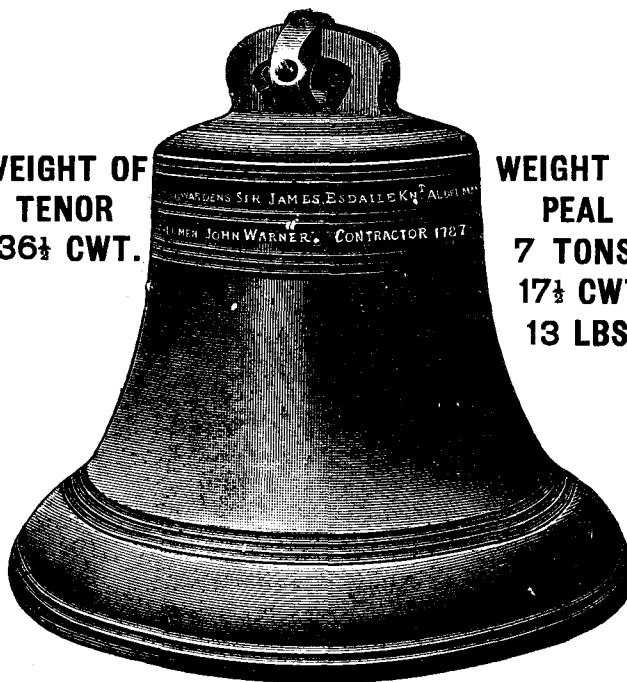
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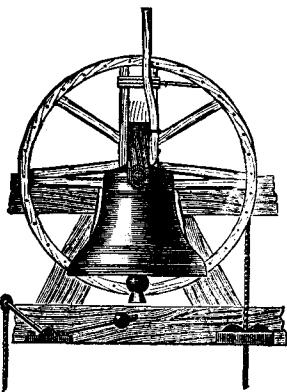
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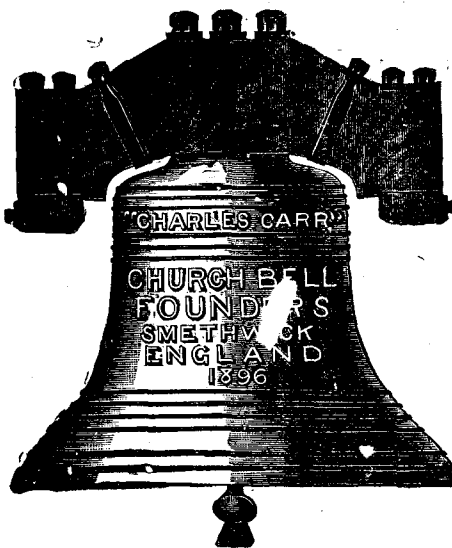
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