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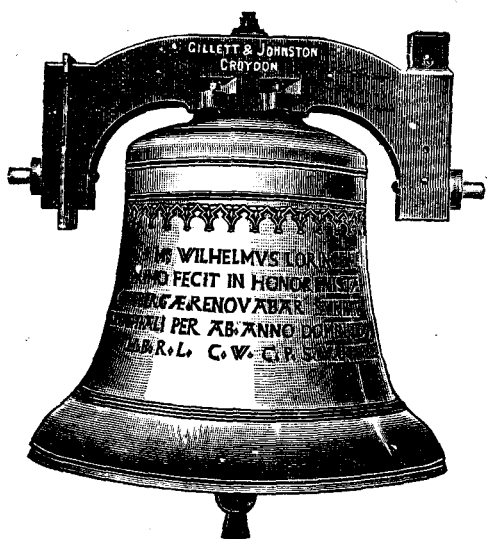
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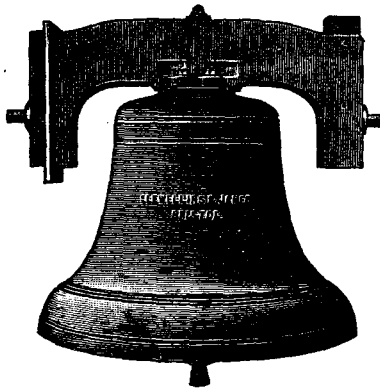
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NEW MEMORIAL BELLS AT DITCHLING.

DEDICATION BY THE BISHOP OF CHICHESTER.

The Bishop of Chichester, on the afternoon of Sunday Feb. 1st., dedicated the new bells presented by the Vicar, Rev. F. C. Norton, to the Parish Church of Ditchling, Sussex, as a memorial to his two brothers, who died in 1910 and 1913. Some 30 years ago a new bell was added to the five then in the tower, as a memorial to the Rev. Thomas Hutchinson, a former Vicar of Ditchling. These six have recently been rehung in the old oak frame, which has been considerably strengthened by wrought iron bolts, angle plates and tie bars. Each bell has been fitted with new hard gun metal bearings and new steel gudgeons, whilst all the other fittings have been overhauled and repaired. The new bells are two trebles, to complete the octave. They bear the following inscriptions:—1 "To the Glory of God, and in memory of George Norton, of Liverpool. 1910." 2 "To the Glory of God, and in memory of Thomas Herbert Norton, B.A., Ch. Ch. Oxon., of Westminster. 1913." They have been cast and tuned upon the five-tone harmonical principle, which ensures that the bells are not only in perfect tune with the remainder of the peal, as single notes, but that the harmonics (or over-tones) of each are also in accurate accord with its own fundamental, or strike note. Thus tuned each bell, when struck, gives a perfect chord, and the purity of tone is considerably enhanced. The new bells are fitted with ringing fittings of the most modern type, including cast-iron headstocks, and are hung in a new and independent steel and iron frame fixed above the original timber frame. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of the Croydon Bell Foundry.

A SACRED TRUST.

For the dedication service the Lord Bishop was attended by the Rev. F. A. Norton (Vicar), Prebendary Mallaby, and the Rev. R. J. Lee (Vicar of Henfield and Rural Dean), who bore the Bishop's crozier. A very full congregation was present. Miss Mayston was at the organ, which was presented to the church by the Rev. F. C. Norton, in 1894, in memory of his mother. Messrs. J. S. Fieldwick and Henry Grainger (churchwardens) and James Muggeridge and George Mayston (sidesmen) were also present, with a number of ringers from neighbouring towers. The service commenced with the processional hymn, "We love the place, O God." After the opening prayers had been said, the Bishop, standing in the chancel, entreated the congregation to "humbly hope that our Heavenly Father will favourably accept this charitable work of ours in consecrating these two new bells for the performance of the several offices of public worship." Then the Bishop, attended by the clergy and churchwardens, proceeded to a position below the belfry for the appointed prayers, most beautiful in their appropriateness and significance. All standing again the Bishop said: "In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate these bells to the glory of God and in memory of George and Thomas Herbert Norton, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Amen." Delivering the ropes to the Vicar, his Lordship said; "Receive these bells as a sacred trust committed to thee as the appointed Minister of Christ in this church and parish, and take heed that they be used only in His service and for the benefit of His people."

THE MESSAGE OF THE BELLS.

A band of ringers then manned the ropes, and rang a few rounds, sufficient to prove the true melody of the bells. Between the hymns "Let saints on earth in concert sing" and "the Church's one foundation" an able address was delivered by the Bishop. His text was Zechariah xiv, 20 "In that day there shall be upon the bells of the horses Holiness unto the Lord." Starting out with the vision of the old prophet that the people of the city would one day have one predominating thought—the honour of God, he went on to deal with the invention and early history of bells. Bells were in use before Christ came into the world. Romans used bells for a variety of purposes among others to let people know when the baths of the city were ready for use, when war with another nation broke out, when the Senate met, and for part of the music of street processions. The Christian did not say "We don't have anything to do with bells, but remembering the vision of the prophet they said "We will take them and use them for God's service." The bells had a message. They told the people, even those who did not go to church, that a parson was praying for them. They woke the folks up with their message "Wake up Christians, wake up." There was the passing bell, which said "Say a prayer for that soul; it is passing from Time into Eternity," and the funeral bell, whose story was: Brief life is here our portion." In that church they now had the bells completed by the kind gift of their Vicar, in memory of two who were known to many of them. They were bells upon which the giver by his hand, by his prayer, and by his thought, had written "Holiness unto the Lord." He, as Bishop, and the congregation had come to write the same.

HAPPY CHRISTIANS.

The bellringers, every time they rang them should remember that they belonged to God. The bells brought to each of them God's message. Let them, on Sundays, call the congregation regularly and punctually to church. When they heard them while at their work let them lift up their hearts to God, and ask for His blessing on them all. A melancholy Christian was like a bell out of tune, or a jarring or clanging bell. Let their lives be like a well-tuned bell. Let each go and be a bell in the world. Stop jarring words, don't gossip unkindly, don't be ill-natured, but try to think kindly of others. Bring sweet tunes among your friends and neighbours. Take care that you begin at home. Don't forget that those bells have a message from God, because you have given them to God; and on those bells we will put to-day "Holiness unto the Lord."

RINGERS AT TEA.

Afterwards the bells were again rung, ringers being

present from Henfield, Brighton, Lewes, Barcombe, Cuckfield, Lindfield, Hurstpierpoint, Keymer, Burgess Hill, Bolney and other places. Mr. E. Bish is head of the Ditchling belfry. About fifty sat down to a meat tea kindly provided by the Vicar. Mr. G. Mayston, on behalf of the Vicar, said how pleased he was to see so many ringers present from different parts. Mr. A. B. Bennett expressed gratitude for himself and all the ringers, and a vote of thanks was passed accordingly. The methods rung during the afternoon were Grandsire, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Stedman and Superlative. The ringers in the opening peal stood as follows:—R. Dawes (Seaford), 1; A. Gravett (Brighton), 2; C. Tyler (Henfield), 3; H. Gravett (Burgess Hill), 4; F. Protherough (Burgess Hill), 5; A. B. Bennett (Brighton), 6; A. Turner (Lewes), 7; J. Parsons (Keymer), 8.

Correspondence

Whilst always ready to insert correspondence on subjects of interest to ringers, the Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed.

INTER-AFFILIATION,

To the Editor.

SIR,—The following is abstracted from "The Bell-ringer" dated June 1st, 1907, No. 9 Vol. 1 page 216, and no doubt it will be most interesting at the present time:—

It is a remarkable fact that the Central Council is slow to act. Not only that, but it cannot be claimed by its strongest adherent that it is any too prolific in ideas. (We are quite aware that we are committing les majeste by these remarks, and cheerfully invite the penalty). Possibly the reason is because ringers as a body are very conservative themselves. The present system of life membership would in any other sphere have been taken in hand and placed upon a vastly different footing. When a ringer goes for a holiday it sometimes occurs that opportunity offers for a peal. Before he starts to ring, however, he is saddled with a levy of five shillings in order to become a life member. How many working men ringers have crown pieces to spare, especially after train fare is paid? He has no rights to exercise in the Association. He is an alien except for peal ringing. Why should he be taxed so heavily by a society of no use to him and which he may never visit again? Is there no other way? We submit that there is. Through the machinery of the Central Council it is possible for all Societies to offer equal facilities to ringers by a general

AFFILIATION SCHEME,

To bring this to pass it would be necessary for the Council to issue to all its component Societies affiliation cards of membership annually. Ever ringer could, who wished to do so, obtain from the Secretary of his particular Society his card at a cost say of one shilling per year. Its possession would entitle him to the ordinary privilege of peal-ringing anywhere for the current year. The names of the affiliated Societies could be printed upon the card, and that would be his ringing passport wherever he might travel. We believe all Societies concerned would benefit materially by such a scheme as this. At present only a limited number can afford the luxury (?) of life membership, but affiliation opens up a field of ringing to thousands otherwise unable to explore it. He would not expect the ordinary privileges of a local member, viz., certificate, report, and the right to vote, the latter being

of no use to him, but the two former could be purchased at the proper price. The income from the sale of the affiliation cards would be divided pro ratio among the societies combined.

It may be asked "Would not certain Societies suffer from lack of ordinary life membership?" We answer: That might be so, but the aggregation of affiliation fees would counter-balance and more than compensate. Moreover, the main object is not the benefit of any particular Society, but the well-being and the advantages gained by the whole.

Would ordinary members let their yearly subscriptions lapse in favour of the affiliation clause? We answer, no. Because only financial members of any Society would be able to obtain their cards. Although we are quite prepared to do so, it is scarcely within our province in this particular place to produce an elaborate scheme in all its details.

Suffice to say that although the launching of it would, of course entail some little extra work upon the officers of the C.C., once the organization was complete the affiliation scheme would virtually work itself. We are aware that it is too late for any expression of opinion to be given at the Council meeting this year, but we throw out the idea in the hope that our readers and ringers generally will discuss it among themselves.

Now, Sir, I am of opinion, and an insistent one, that after such a lapse of time our C. C. should be shook up, aye, and that roughly over the matter.

Yours etc.,

4, Malpas Road,
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FREDK. ATWELL.

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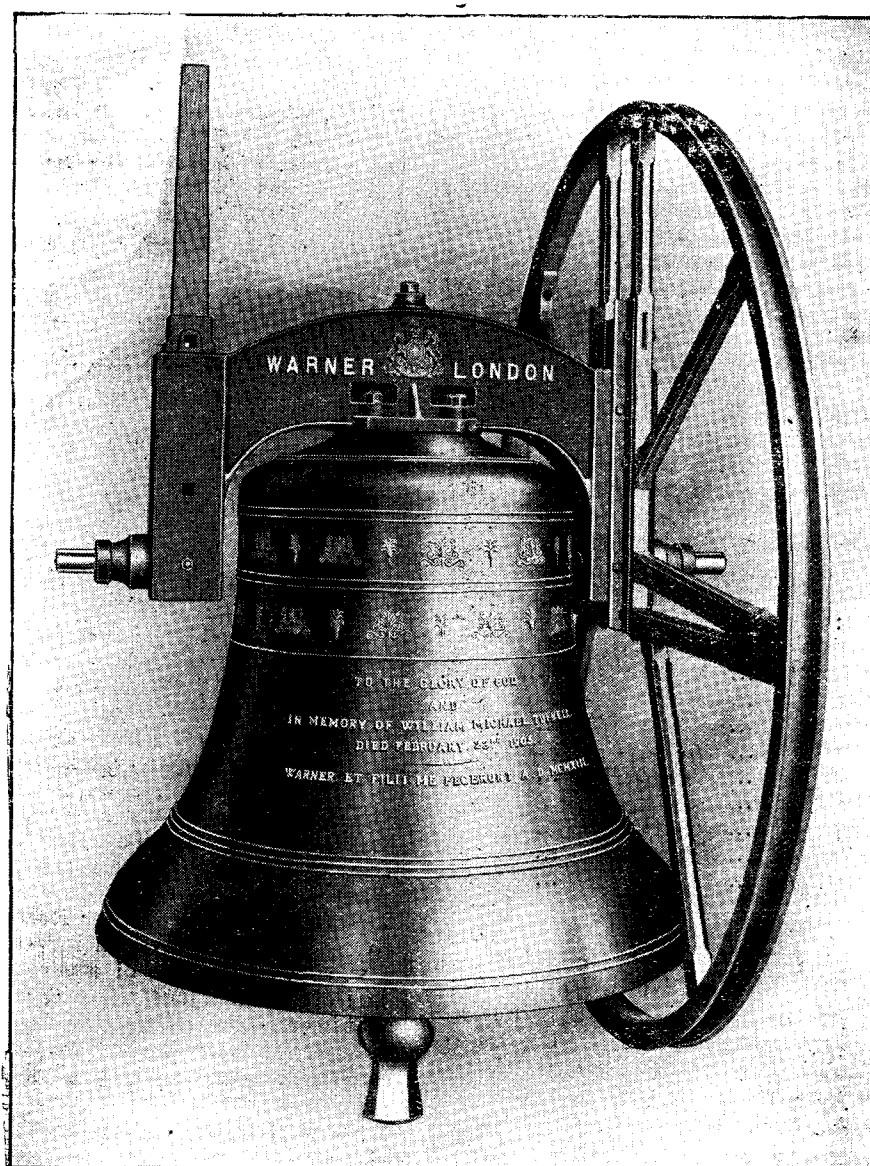
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OBITUARY.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS A BELLRINGER.

MR. R. T. HOLDING (CREWE).

The death took place on Tuesday, the 27th ultimo, at Crewe, of a much respected member of the Chester Diocesan Guild, Mr. R. T. Holding, after a long and painful illness. Mr. Holding commenced his ringing career in 1883, at Whitchurch, about the time that the Rev. C. D. P. Davies was curate there. At the end of 1889 he came to Crewe, where he was at once appointed to succeed the late Charles Thorpe as conductor in the local tower. Change-ringing at that time was at a very low ebb in the district, Stoney predominating everywhere. After a time with the senior ringers who were of that order, he formed practically a new band, and then conducted the first on the bells by a local band at Christ Church, Crewe, on Saturday, November 28th, 1891, and shortly afterwards he was appointed as Instructor to the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Having to rely upon his own efforts for peals, and that in a chiefly agricultural district, his peals were rung in methods that perhaps do not rise to the height which they would certainly have done, had he lived in some of our chief ringing centres. The following are the peals which he had rung in 27 different towers:—

	Rung	Conducted
Plain Bob Triples	2	2
Plain Bob Major	10	8
Plain Bob Royal	1	—
Grandsire Triples	53	40
Grandsire Caters	6	2
Stedman Triples	4	3
Treble Bob Minor	2	2
Treble Bob Major	4	2
Treble Bob Royal	1	—
Totals	83	59

The Crewe belfry has undoubtedly lost a good member, whose place it will be very difficult to fill. The funeral took place at the Cemetery on the following Friday, when most of the towers in the Crewe Branch were represented by a large number of ringers. A short service was held in Christ Church, where the Vicar (the Rev. W. Bidlake, M.A.) read the first portion of the service, and the Rev. D. R. James (curate) read the lesson. Throughout the afternoon the local band rang several touches, with the bells half muffled, as a tribute of respect to their late conductor. After the service at the Cemetery (which was conducted by the Vicar) four of his fellow-ringers rang the handbells over the grave, and the members, in addition to the Rev. A. T. Beeston (Secretary of the Guild) then returned to the tower and rang 503 Grandsire Caters. Rev. A. T. Beeston, 1; W. T. Holding, 2; J. H. Riding, 3; R. Langford, 4; A. Crawley, 5; G. Crawley, 6; W. F. Hartshore (conductor), 7; J. Dentith, 8; G. Harding, 9; R. D. Lanford, 10.

Amongst the large number of wreaths was one in the shape of a bell from the ringers of Christ Church, Crewe.

MR. H. ROBERTS.

One of the best known of the ringers in the West of England has passed away, in the person of Mr. H. Roberts, of Cheltenham, tidings of whose death reached us too late to enable us to get any particulars further than those contained in the brief letter conveying the intimation.

From this we gather that Mr. Roberts was born at Prestbury, near Cheltenham, 47 years ago. He was a noted ringer and conductor, and took part in a large number of peals, his most notable performances being the two long peals of Stedman and Grandsire rung at Cheltenham in the years 1888 and 1889. Many old friends attended the funeral, when his remains were laid to rest in the family grave. After the interment a muffled quartet peal of Grandsire was rung, followed by the usual whole pull and stand,

[We shall be pleased to receive any particulars of the career of Mr. Roberts that our readers can furnish.—ED]

AFTER MANY YEARS.

NOTE TO PEAL AT OLDSWINFORD.

It was twelve years to a day since Dick Grove, Tom Salter, and A. E. P. rang their last peal together. The former had on several occasions expressed his desire to ring one more peal with the band who did good work in the nineties, and at the birthday celebration in Birmingham of Mr. James George, of Rugby, Dolph Roberts, of Coventry, clinched the decision with Tommy and A. E. P., and the latter was commissioned to get together, if possible, the "bhoys."

Difficulties, not unexpectedly, presented themselves. Bill Short was pinned to his duties in Herefordshire; Noah Davies was, unfortunately, on the sick list; and Harry Smith had important business he could not postpone. Sam Grove, of Selly Oak, filled the first vacancy, and Bob Matthews and Jack Bass, the "Siamese twins," the other two. (By the way, it is not generally known that Jack Bass rang his first hundred peals with Bob, a record certainly.) The Rector of Oldswinford kindly granted permission on his bells, and at 4.10 they (the bells) went into Stedman Triples, and an excellent peal finished at 7.9. But for "Robert calling Bob" almost absolute silence prevailed in the belfry. A smile might have covered the face of a stranger could he have seen the treble man almost the length of his rope, Dolph with his fifteen stone odd hanging on to the 3rd, a bell little heavier than himself, and little Tommy Salter in between, perched on a hassock either, because his rope was short, or he was ashamed of his stature; Dick in the middle of the crowd; little Jack Bass on the 5th; Bob the pilot at 6; whilst the word "go" to Sam Grove on the 7th, and Jack the "drummer boy" was like opening the steam valve of a couple of twenty-five horse power engines. A point of interest may be seen from the following facts that all were good century men, and all of them "not out": A. E. P., 109; Tom Salter, 267; Dolph Roberts, 166; Dick Grove, 126; Jack Bass, 192; Rob Matthews, 225; Sam Grove, 260; Jack Barber, 151. May we all meet again.

A. E. P.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Tuesday, February 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Merrison, T. Stockdale, G. F. Williams (conductor), G. Dowling, J. Hodds, G. T. Miller, C. Jackson, J. Chamberlain. Rung as a birthday complement to the conductor.

HEDON.—At the Parish Church, on Thursday, February 5th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Chamberlain, T. Stockdale, F. Merrison, G. Dowling, A. B. Cook, F. F. Williams (conductor).

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THE DISPUTE OVER HANDBELLS AT LEE, LEWISHAM.

We have been requested to publish the following letter, and gladly do so:—

SIR,—In view of the local interest excited in this case by paragraphs in St. Margaret's Parish Magazine, and by the report in a recent issue of proceedings in the High Court in reference to the Rev. Richard Meddings, we think it only fair to our client that you should publish the fact that the churchwardens have now served formal notice of discontinuance. Consequently the handbells that have caused all the trouble will remain, as heretofore, the personal property of Mr. George Simmonds and his colleagues, the late bellringers of St. Margaret's.

We are, Sir, etc.,

JAMES AND CHARLES DODD,

Solicitors for the defendant.

11, New Square, Lincoln's Inn.

LUTON (Beds)—At the Parish Church, on Tuesday, Feb. 3rd, a quarter-peal (1344 changes) of Bob Major, in 50 mins. A. Rookwood, A. King, E. White (Eistow), G. Newson, B. Wilson, H. J. Burgess (Toronto, Canada), C. Wing, F. Hunt (conductor). Rung for the wedding of Mr. John Davies, of Barry Dock, South Wales, and Miss M. Burgess, of Luton. Mr. Davies was for some years a member of the Luton Parish Church Society.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1914

BELL RESTORATIONS AND EXPERTS.

The letter published in a recent issue over the signature of Mr. O'Meara has not drawn from the Exercise the criticism that might have been anticipated.

The writer uses the term engineer in a general sense, but the name is applied to a variety of sections each distinct from the other. It may be used of heating or sanitary engineers, or of civil engineers, and these are as wide apart as the poles.

The great difficulty would seem to be to get an expert who was not prejudiced, since only those who have had some experience in a bell foundry can claim to have the knowledge necessary to make the perfect expert, and such a man would almost invariably be prejudiced in favour of the firm with whom he gained his experience.

Then the bell expert must have a most varied education. He would be expected to know something of building construction, since he would have to determine what weight a tower would bear, and how best to fix a bell frame in it so as to get the minimum of strain with the minimum of weight and the maximum of strength.

He would need to have had some experience as a CONSTRUCTIONAL engineer, especially of girder work, since only one with such knowledge could tell whether a bell frame was properly made and strong enough to bear the strain placed on it by the ringing of the bells. Combined with this knowledge he must know just the right amount of hang-out and tuck necessary to ensure that bell's of varying sizes would swing in the same time; be able to calculate the strength and weight of headstocks, diameter and length of gudgeons necessary for each bell, weight of clappers, the moment of inertia of moving bells, and numerous other theoretical and practical problems incidental to the hanging of bells in frames and the towers in which they are to be fixed. It would be necessary, too, that he should have a knowledge of dynamics, and the theory of stresses and strains in iron and steel as well as in stone and wood structures.

So much for the mechanical side. Now for the musical side of the question, and this is what is of most importance in the mind of the public. The man in the street does not trouble his head as to how a bell is hung, but he does

care whether a peal has a musical sound or not. The expert would have to test the tuning of the bells, and to enable him to do this he would need a long and careful musical training. Otherwise he could not accurately test the harmonics of a peal. This testing cannot be done by the ear alone. It is a well known fact that the human ear can not detect in bells a variation of less than four vibrations, sharp or flat, but the delicate apparatus used in testing bells indicates variations of two vibrations. This apparatus is rather too complicated to carry about in the waistcoat pocket.

How much experience is necessary to enable a man to judge of the bells best suited to a tower built perhaps hundreds of years ago, the form of which has, in certain circumstances, a distinct influence on the sound of bells.

An expert must also possess a knowledge of the mixture of alloys, and the effect of such alloys on the tone of a bell. He should also be able to detect defects in the casting, such as sponginess, which, though undiscernable on the surface, may be there all the same, and which may not affect the tone at the moment. Then there is the possibility of an expert becoming prejudiced in favour of some particular firm, or style of work, or to have old-fashioned likes and dislikes with regard to improvements brought about by up-to-date knowledge.

The getting of a really unprejudiced expert is the main issue, and the surest way to attain this end is to adopt the plan in vogue in Germany. In that country the Government retains experts in every branch of trade, whose duty it is to examine and report on all work where they are called in. When handing in the report they have to attest, on oath, that they have no bias in favour of, or prejudicial to, any particular firm. Moreover they are paid a salary sufficient to keep them free from the temptation to accept a bribe or to commit perjury.

But where are we to find such an expert as would meet all the requirements laid down. Surely the nearest approach to the ideal is the bellfounder himself, who has spent his time and money in gaining the requisite knowledge and experience, and who is not likely to risk his reputation by knowingly putting in bad work. Further, each of the bell-founding firms has upon the staff men who are experts, each in his own particular branch, whose aim it is to give of their best to serve the interests of the firm.

Again, Church authorities, be they clergy or laymen, are not so ignorant of the ways of the world as not to be able to judge whether a man is to be trusted to do his best; neither are they likely to be put off with bad work, even though it necessitate the delay incidental to doing the work over again. The best safeguard for the public is that these authorities should, before commencing operations, make sure that they know which firms are doing the best work. But, after all, as in all business transactions, the customer is the one the tradesman has to please, and if the church authorities are pleased, the public are pleased, and the bell founder is satisfied, why call in any one else to find fault.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, January 20th, for practice at St. Thomas's Church, 672 Bob Major. W. Cooper, W. Hand, T. Heathcock, W. Meredith, R. More, G. H. Pagett, W. A. Pugh, A. W. Dodd (first as conductor), 8. On Sunday, February 1st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, 6th and tenor covering. H. Thomas (first 720), W. Meredith, W. Hand, W. A. Pugh, G. H. Pagett, W. Cooper, A. W. Dodd (conductor), P. Thomas. On Sunday, February 8th, for morning service, 252 Bob Triples. H. Thomas, W. Cooper (first inside), G. H. Pagett (conductor), W. Meredith, W. Hand, A. W. Dodd, W. A. Pugh, P. Thomas.

The Metropolis.

LONDON.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR; 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt.

John H. B. Hesse Treble	Ernest E. Grimes 5
Albert A. Hughes 2	J. Armiger Trollope 6
Alfred W. Grimes 3	Frank I. Hairs 7
Edwin F. Pike 4	James E. Davis Tenor

Composed by Frederick A. Holden, and
Conducted by James E. Davis.

BOW, E.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 5, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES.

In the Kent Variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

York Green Treble	William Truss 5
Arthur J. Neale 2	William Miller 6
William H. Theobald 3	Reuben Sanders 7
Thomas Cranfield 4	Henry Torble Tenor

Composed and Conducted by York Green.

The composition, now rung for the first time, has the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th placed four course ends each way in 5-6, the extent in those positions without the 2nd in 5ths or 6ths at the course ends, and is the first published on this plan with these qualities. Figures published in the "Bell News," June 14th, 1913.

The Provinces.

BICESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Brook's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Frederick Webb Treble	William Stone 5
Albert E. Lock 2	George Holifield, sen. 6
Miss K. Holifield 3	George Holifield, jun. 7
Harry Holifield 4	William Cox Tenor

Conducted by G. Holifield.

First peal on the bells.

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Fredk. W. Stone Treble	John W. Glew 4
George Freebrey* 2	John Flower 5
Charles Draper 3	Joseph Lord Tenor

Conducted by Joseph Lord.

*First peal of Minor.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 16½ cwt.

Rev. R. P. Farrow Treble	Gerald Griffin 5
Walter Fern 2	E. Harry Stoneley 6
Joseph Cadle 3	Harry Powdrill 7
Ernest W. Beadsmore 4	Henry Cornford Tenor

Conducted by E. Harry Stoneley.

Rung on the Eve of the Festival of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5555 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

William J. Mears Treble	John Corrigan 6
Alfred T. Hyland 2	George Garrison 7
James Jones 3	William G. Ellis 8
John Carter 4	George F. Swann 9
Morris J. Morris 5	William Davies Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Carter.

This peal has the 6th the extent behind the 8th and 9th, with a second bell fixed at every course-end, and is now rung for the first time.

SWINDON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores, each called differently.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

John Cooper* Treble	John F. Ballinger 3
Harold Halford 2	James Causon 4
Joseph T. Dyke 3	.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. T. Dyke.

*First peal, and elected a member before starting.

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Tenor 20 cwt.

Henry G. Rowe Treble	George Gray 5
Frederick W. Richardson .. 2	George Radley 6
Jesse Pnplett 3	William Saban 7
William Irons 4	Horace Simmons Tenor

Conducted by George Radley.

First peal in the method on the bells, and first peal as conductor.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

James T. Ward Treble	Alfred Martin 5
John J. Mawby 2	William Willson 6
James Garrett 3	James Houghton 7
J. Hubert Horn 4	Walter Perkins Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff, and Conducted by W. Perkins

Arranged for Mr. William Willson, of Leicester, who was working in the locality, and rung as a birthday compliment to J. J. Mawby.

BENFIELD SIDE, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTBERT,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Canterbury, Newcastle, London, Wells, York and Durham. Tenor 14 cwt.

J. W. Forster Treble	T. H. Surtees 4
J. Marshall 2	A. Charlton 5
R. Dixon 3	F. Barron Tenor

Conducted by F. Barron.

First peal of Surprise Minor by all. First peal ever rung upon the bells. Rung at the first attempt.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(The Nuneaton Society).

On Thursday, February 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation.

Harry Argyle Treble	E. Harry Stoneley 5
Roland O. Pollard 2	James F. Clarke, jun. .. 6
Ernest Stone 3	Thomas W. Chapman .. 7
Walter Horton 4	John Greasley Tenor

Conducted by T. W. Chapman.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

James' 5-Part.

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

Rev. E. Banks James .. Treble	Charles J. Fray 5
Rev. H. B. Woolley 2	William T. Tucker 6
George Williams 3	William H. George 7
William G. Edwards 4	Owen H. Giles Tenor

Composed and Conducted by the Rev. E. Banks James.

Mr. Woolley, for whom the peal was arranged, was elected a member previous to starting, and it was his first peal of Grandsire.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Charles A. Layton Treble	Christopher Bowers .. 4
Charles Layton 2	Andrew Layton 4
Charles Powell 3	George Jordan 6

Conducted by Andrew Layton.

First peal by C. A. Layton; first with a bob bell by C. Powell.

SUNDERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstans'.

Tenor 13 cwt.

George S. Taylor Treble	Michael F. Harrison .. 5
Cecil O. Sayer 2	Joseph W. Parker 6
James Ayers 3	Robert L. Patterson .. 7
Frederick P. Howcroft .. 4	William Oxley Tenor

Conducted by R. L. Patterson.

First peal as conductor on eight bells. Arranged for F. P. Howcroft, of West Hartlepool.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)

On Thursday, February 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

John W. Lakin, sen. .. Treble	John W. Lakin, jun. .. 4
John Taylor 2	Harry Willerton 5
Arthur Riggall 3	Rupert Richardson .. Tenor

Conducted by Rupert Richardson.

* First peal.

FARNHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

In the Kent Variation.

Tenor 14 cwt.

Thomas Scammell* Treble	George Williams 5
Miss W. Carden* 2	Edwin J. Harding.. .. 6
Lionel H. Page 3	William H. George 7
William G. Edwards 4	William T. Tucker Tenor

Composed by Henry Daies, and Conducted by George Williams.

*First peal.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tbirstan's Four-part.

Tenor 12 cwt.

Albert E. Parsons Treble	John Bass 5
Thomas J. Salter 2	Robert Matthews.. .. 6
Adolphus Roberts 3	Samuel Grove 7
Richard E. Grove 4	John Barber Tenor

Conducted by R. Matthews.

An interesting note on this peal will be found on page 592.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR: CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

Reginald Brough Treble	Frederick W. Richardson .. 5
Ernest B. Crowder 2	Isaac Emery 6
Hubert J. Blackwell 3	George Durling 7
John Wheadon 4	Edwin Barnett, sen. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Edwin Barnett, sen.

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

John Overton Treble	Bertram Head 5
Walter Hayward* 2	Ernest Foxall.. .. 6
George Cass 3	Wilfred Overton 7
John Elcock 4	Horace W. Overton Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard, and Conducted by Wilfred Overton.

*First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Bob Major by all, and on the bells.

STOCKPORT.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Three Hours Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, HEAVILEY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

Thomas Jackson Treble	Rev. A. T. Beeston 6
Alfred Barnes 2	Henry W. Wilde 7
Harold Jackson 3	Rev. H. S. Richardson* .. 8
William Bibby 4	J. Thomas Bottrill* 9
William Jackson 5	Harry Chapman Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Henry W. Wilde.

This is the first peal of Royal to be rung in the method. *First peal in the method. First peal as conductor on ten bells. This peal has the 5th and 6th the extent in 6ths place, and the 4th never there.

HANDBELLS.—Fine set of 41 for Sale, cheap. Taylor's make. Particulars from THORP, 57, Regent Road, Leicester.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR.

5024 Changes.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

Fred Davies* Treble	Thomas Riley 5
George Hollis* 2	Arthur Knights 6
Charles Mason 3	George W. Bemrose 7
William Lambert 4	John Flint Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights and Conducted by John Flint.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, and first peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. John Warner and Sons. The "go" is excellent.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

Thomas Russam Treble	John Neal 6
James E. Groves.. .. 2	James George 7
Joseph W. Timms 3	Stanley Bragg 8
Alfred J. Hessian.. .. 4	John Bragg* 9
Ernest T. Allaway 5	Sidney G. Chaplin Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and Conducted by James E. Groves.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal on ten bells.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

Arthur Cattermole Treble	William Clover 4
Edward Youngs.. .. 2	William Rose 5
Thomas Davey 3	Leonard E. Last Tenor

Conducted by L. E. Last.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Youngs, of Thornham Magna, who has attained the age of fifty years.

PETERSTONE, WENTLOOG, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

John W. Jones Treble	Frederick Atwell 5
Joseph E. Sykes 2	Fred Chamberlain 6
William B. Biss 3	Sidney Dawe 7
Charles Greedy 4	Benjamin Thorp Tenor

Composed by John Thorp, and Conducted by Benjamin Thorp.

First peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Lilian Biss, daughter of the ringer of the 3rd, it being her 23rd birthday.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

RUGBY.—On Tuesday evening, February 10th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 51 mins. J. W. Chandler, J. A. Fenton, B. W. Haywood, H. O. White, C. E. Joynes, C. W. Wheeler, W. Malins, R. W. Jesson. Composed and Conducted by Walter Malins. Rung with the bells half muffled, as a token of respect to the late Richard Over, an ex-churchwarden, who was interred at Rugby on this date.

FROCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
 (Stroud and District Branch).

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, called differently.

Frank Ponting ...	...Treble	Harry Barratt ...	... 4
Charles East ...	... 2	Arthur Summers ...	... 5
Albert Wright ...	... 3	Frank Cole ...	... Tenor

Conducted by Albert Wright.

First peal of 5040 on the bells.

BOLDMEZE, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

William G. Anker * ...	...Treble	Thomas Bloore ...	... 5
John Jennings ...	... 2	Frederick J. Cope... ..	... 4
Charles Waithman * ...	... 3	George Roberts ...	... 5
George Parsons * ...	... 4	Bertram G. Leedham† ...	Tenor

Composed by John Carter and Conducted by B. G. Leedham.

*First peal of Major. † First peal as conductor, to whom it was rung as a birthday compliment, the band tendering him the usual good wishes.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
 (The Heavitree Society).

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 26 cwt.

Richard Hamilton ...	...Treble	John R. Sandover ...	... 5
William S. Lethbridge ...	... 2	Charles G. Glass ...	... 6
Frederick W. Richards... ..	... 3	Herbert V. Richards† ...	... 7
Thomas Laver ...	... 4	Sergt.-Major C. Warner	Tenor

Conducted by Herbert V. Richards.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal of Stedman as conductor.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 8, 1914, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being sixteen 6-scores each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 18½ cwt.

Jasper Emerson* ...	...Treble	James P. Hyett... ..	... 4
William H. Williams ...	... 2	Walter Taylor ...	... 5
Charles Clifford... ..	... 3	Edmund Brooks ...	Tenor

Conducted by William H. Williams.

*First peal. Rung for evening service.

KILBURN, N.W.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 9, 1914, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St Augustine,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

William J. Nudds ...	Treble	Alfred W. Grimes ...	... 5
William Pye ...	... 2	Reuben Sanders ...	... 6
Bertram Prewett ...	... 3	Charles T. Coles ...	... 7
George R. Pye ...	... 4	Ernest Pye ...	... Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights, and Conducted by Wm. Pye.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

HAUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sunday, February 8, 1914, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, consisting of Plain Bob, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire.

George Booth * ...	...Treble	John Warrilow * ...	... 3
Fredk V. Haggis† ...	... 2	Wm. H. Jones * ...	... 4
John J. Taylor ...	...Tenor		

Conducted by John J. Taylor.

* First Peal. † First with a bob bell. First as conductor Rung with the bells half muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Bettelley, a generous donor towards re-hanging the bells.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31st, 1914 in 3 Hours 13 Minutes,

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

William Last... ..	...Treble	George Farnish ...	... 5
William Weedon ...	... 2	Ernest E. Lanham ...	... 6
George Farnish ...	... 3	George Whiting ...	... 7
Sydney Pilgrim ...	... 4	Edward Jenkins ...	... Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross and Conducted by George Whiting.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. W. Thirkettle, churchwarden of this parish.

N.B.—This peal may be found in Norwich Diocesan Association Report for 1912, No. 2391.

Handbell Peals.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 30, 1914, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At 129, Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

On Handbells, retained in hand,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Bertram Prewett ..	.. 1-2	Ernest Pye ..	.. 7-8
William Pye ..	.. 3-4	James Hunt ..	.. 9-10
George R. Pye ..	.. 5-6	Alfred W. Grimes ..	.. 11-12

Composed by Henry Johnson, and Conducted by William Pye.

Umpire—M. F. R. Hibbert. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. W. Grimes.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

At the residence of S. H. Symonds, 5, Church Street.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent, and three of Bob Minor.

William R. J. Poulson ..	.. 1-2	Arthur Symonds ..	.. 3-4
Stedman H. Symonds ..	.. 5-6		

Conducted by S. H. Symonds,

HOLLOWAY.—On Sunday evening, for service at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 45 mins. J. Barry, A. Bunn, H. Dains, A. Hart, R. Green, J. Cornford, G. Charge, A. Turner (conductor). On Sunday evening, February 9th, for service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. J. Barry, R. Green, T. Walker, H. Franks, A. Bunn, A. Hart, A. Turner (conductor), A. Riley. First quarter-peal in both methods as conductor.

RINGERS AT THE FEAST.

ST. URBRIDGE, WORCESTER-HIRE.

On Monday, January 26th, for the third year in succession the band of ringers associated with St. Thomas's Church were entertained to supper by Mr. C. O. Gallimore, Peoples' Warden, at Norton Grange. The assembly also included Mrs. Gallimore, Mr. W. Fiddian (Vicar's Warden) and Miss Newland. To the regret of the company the Vicar was unable to be present owing to illness. After an excellent supper a social evening followed, and the ringers played tunes and rang courses on the handbells. Mr. G. H. Pagett, conductor of the band, voiced the thanks of the guests for Mr. and Mrs. Gallimore's hospitality, and spoke of the progress the band had made during the year, all being able to ring Triples and Major.

Mr. Gallimore, responding, expressed the pleasure it gave Mrs. Gallimore and himself to entertain the ringers of St. Thomas' Church.

Mr. Fiddian also tendered thanks to the ringers for their services, and Mr. Gallimore added his testimony to the progress the band had made. The evening was a thoroughly enjoyable one.

FEN DITTON, CAMBS.

The members of the Fen Ditton Church Ringers Club held their annual dinner at the Club Room of the "Ancient Shepherd," when a large company of members and friends sat down to an excellent repast served by Host and Hostess Hancock.

The Rector, Rev. H. W. Forbes, occupied the chair, but the churchwardens (Professor Ridgeway and Mr. J. H. Thornton) were unavoidably absent, much to the regret of the company. Mr. H. Newman conductor and hon. sec., proposed "Success to the Club," which was well received, and Mr. L. Mallion, in reply, said he would like to see a subscription list started for placing three additional bells in the tower. The Rector proposed the health of Mr. F. Dench, and said they ought to think it an honour to have the company of a professional ringer. Mr. Dench, in responding, thanked the members for the kind invitation to the dinner, and said he had been about the country, but he had never met with a more united band of ringers than they were at Fen Ditton. Mr. H. Lees proposed the health of the Conductor and Hon. Sec., Mr. H. Newman, which was received with musical honours. Mr. Newman briefly replied. The health of the President, proposed by Mr. Mallion, was also accorded musical honours, and the Rector replied, thanking them, and hoping they would have many more such pleasant evenings. Thanks were tendered to the Host and Hostess, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

The proceedings were interspersed with songs and handbell selections, among those who contributed being Messrs. A. Palmer, A. Turner, Wm. Reeves, T. Ward, H. Newman, J. Ward, H. Lees, J. Nichols, A. Arch, L. Mallion, H. Wisbeach, E. Hibbins, J. Martin, E. Cracknell, F. Dench and Walter Newman.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO THE TONBRIDGE SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge Branch of the Kent County Association was held at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, Jan. 31, the proceedings including, beside the formal business of the meeting, the presentation of a handsome clock to Mr. W. Latter, the Hon. Sec. of the District, in appreciation of the services he has rendered. The first part of the meeting was at St. Peter's Church, where a bright service was conducted by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec. of the Association.

Some 75 ringers were present from towers in the district, and these afterwards sat down to an excellent meat tea at the Parish Hall. Following this the business meeting was held. After the usual preliminaries,

Miss Leny, in a graceful little speech, presented to Mr. W. Latter a handsome marble chiming clock, which bore the following inscription on a brass plate:—"Presented to W. Latter, by the members of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers, in recognition of his 20 years' service as Hon. Secretary, Jan 31, 1914."

The Chairman, in a brief speech eulogised the work of Mr. Latter as their hon. secretary for 20 years. Few knew, he said, the amount of work involved in ensuring that the work of the Association went smoothly, and it was fitting that the members should show, in some practical form, their appreciation of Mr. Latter's untiring energy. In conclusion, the speaker urged the members not to rest till they had made the Kent Association one of the foremost in the kingdom.

Mr. Latter, in returning thanks, said that the secretarial work had been to him a labour of love, and he was always pleased to do what he could for the Association. He assured the members that he would prize the gift all his life.

In his report to the annual meeting Mr. Latter said that 15 new members had been elected during the year. The loss of a few members left the District with a net gain of two. The District included 19 towers, with 170 practising and 19 hon. members. The balance sheet showed receipts amounting to £21 16s. and expenditure £7 7s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £14 8s. 6d.

Mr. Latter was unanimously re-elected hon. sec., and Mr. G. Edwards representative on the Central Committee.

Meetings were arranged for Staplehurst in the spring, Speldhurst in the summer, Shipbourne in the autumn, and Tonbridge for the annual meeting next January.

Mr. Latter writes:—"Will you grant me a small space to return my sincere thanks to the members for the very handsome present they gave me at the annual meeting. I was so taken by surprise that I am afraid I did not express the thanks I felt at their kindness. Also I desire to thank Miss Leny for her kindness in coming to present me with the gift, and for her kind remarks. I have, further, to thank our esteemed Hon. Sec. for so kindly coming to conduct the service and preside at the meeting, and for his appreciation of my work."

Any member who picked up a pair of lined gloves at the meeting on Jan. 31st is requested to return them to 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Tuesday, January 27th at the Parish Church, 560 Double Norwich Major. A. Fairie, F. Stubbs, H. Stubbs, W. J. Gilbert, F. Kirk, W. Gilbert, H. Copperwheat, W. Willson (conductor). Arranged for Mr. W. Willson, of Leicester.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

HYTHE.—On Saturday, February 7th, a half-peal of Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 29 mins. S. T. Birfield, A. R. Manning, Ernest Cheesman, W. Bidwell, W. H. Wood, S. A. Gower, P. Pierce (conductor), W. Knight.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Sunday, February 8th, at St. Saviour's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. B. Lucas, W. Cooper, G. Cooper (first quarter-peal in the method), W. J. E. Jones, E. D. Lillywhite, H. Rumens, F. Hull (conductor), O. L. Twist. Rung for evening service, and on the occasion of the christening of a daughter of C. J. Bartlett, a member of St. Saviour's band of ringers.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, on Feb. 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. H. Holloway, H. W. Cotton, W. Phillips, J. W. Frin, V. Holloway, R. Holloway (conductor), J. R. Mackman, J. R. Sims. First quarter-peal as conductor.

BRADING (Isle of Wight).—On December 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. P. Pain, F. Chaffey, E. Squibb, G. Wilkins, I. W. Pain, C. Price, H. Jennings (conductor), A. Pain.

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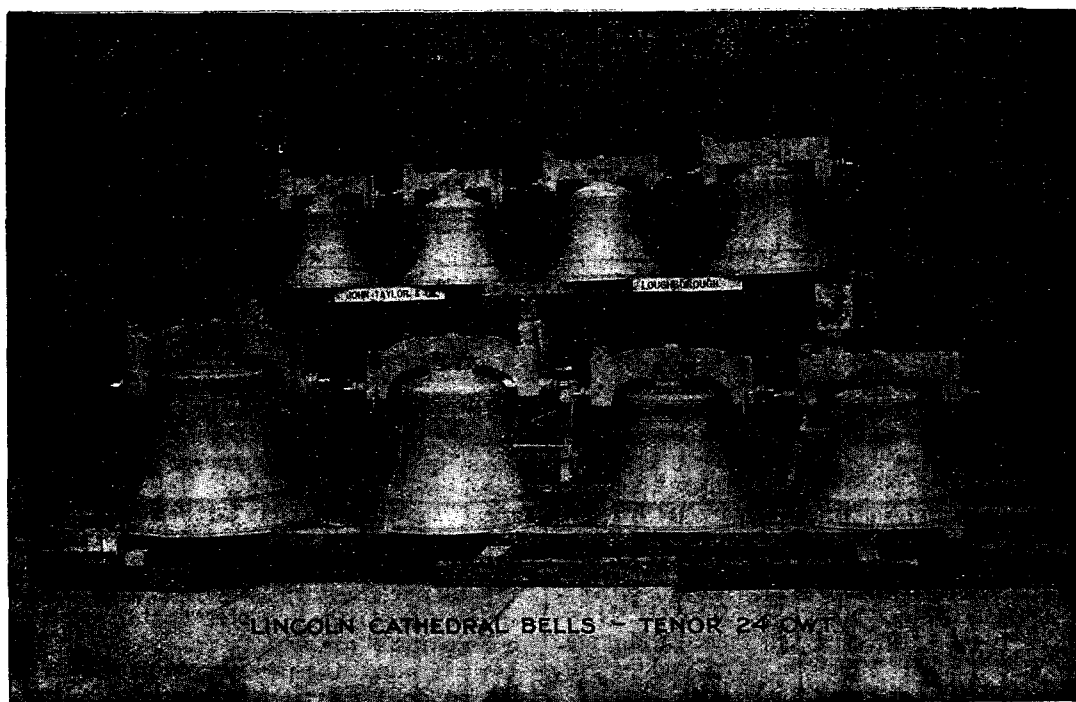
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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on February 17th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 12th and 26th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 17th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before February 28th.

William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—The annual general meeting and election of officers will take place on Saturday, February 14th. The tower of St. Andrew's, Holborn, E.C., will be open from 4.30 to 6.30. Tea at The King of Denmark, Old Bailey, at 7 p.m., at 7d. per head. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.

F. J. Hardy, Hon. Gen. Sec.

54, Thurlow Park Road, West Dulwich, S.E.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea in the Parish Room at 5.15. Members requiring tea will oblige by informing the Dis. Sec. before February 12th.

Jas. W. Elkins, Dis. Sec.

20, Culver Road, Winchester.

The Lancashire Association, Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, February 14th. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock.

Joseph Ogden, Sec.

135, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

The Lancashire Association—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Church Kirk, on Saturday, February 14th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30 p.m. The bells have been rehung. A good attendance is requested.

J. Watson, Branch Sec.

32, Langham Road, Blackburn.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Areley Kings on Saturday, February 14th. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided for those giving notice of attendance. The Branch Sec. should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.

R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec.

Madresfield, Malvern.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, February 14th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock.

Walter Hughes Branch Sec.

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—The Pre-Lent meeting of the above Association will be held at Cramlington on Saturday, February 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening by kind permission of the Vicar. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Those intending to be present, please communicate not later than February 16th, with

R. Stephenson.

2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Aldershot, on Saturday, February 21st. 3.30, St. Michael's bells (6) available till 9 p.m.; 5.30, Service, preacher Rev. F. O. T. Hawkes, Vicar; 6, Tea in the Parish Hall—Tickets 6d. each to members, 1s. to visitors. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.

John J. Jones, Hon. Sec.

North Street, Guildford.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church Prestwich, on Saturday, February 21st. Bells available from 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Bells available from 3.30; meeting at 7; service in church at 7.15; bells 8 to 9 p.m.

W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

Guild of Change-Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Shifnal on Saturday, February 21st, 1914. Ringing at 3.0 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.

Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Hon. Sec.

Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

Worcestershire and Districts Association (Southern Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cropthorne on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening; business meeting at 6 p.m.

J. Hemming, Branch Sec.

29 Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch Meeting will be held at St. James, Haslingden on Sat., February 21st. Bells ready at 5.30 p.m. Meeting at 7.30 a good attendance requested. Subscriptions are also due.

J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

31 St. Paul's St., Ramsbottom.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. Established 1755.—The Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, on Saturday, February 28th, at 6.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by Canon J. W. Willink, Rector of Birmingham. Tickets free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and St. John's (8) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock.

A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec.

11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Dudley and District Guild.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th. Tower open at 3.30; service in church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, March 4th. Business meeting afterwards. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting.

Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.,

113, Himley Road, Dudley.

Herts Association (Western Division).—A meeting will be held at Oxhey and Bushey on the 21st instant. The bells at the former church will be available at 3.30, and those of the latter after tea. Tea at the Institute, Bushey, at 5.30.

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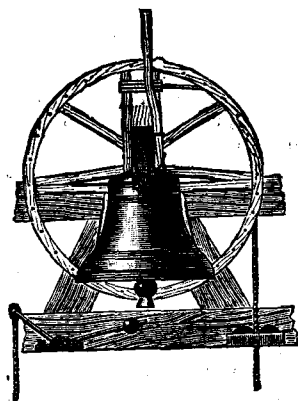
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