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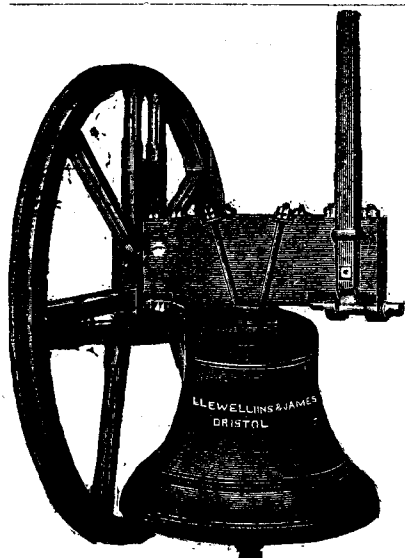
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

*Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.*

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

### SCHEDULE (continued).

**PENDLEBURY** (Lancashire). Christ Church. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1867, except 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1865. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Warner, 1890. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

**PENDLETON** (Lancashire). St. Thomas. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears; 4th, 1850; tenor, 1830; the rest 1844. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well; the soundbows are all worn. Recasting and rehung has been recommended, but there are no funds. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Superlative, and Cambridge Surprise. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Friday, 8.

**PENKRIDGE** (Staffordshire). St. Michael and All Angels. Association for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1831. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor, 1893. Ropes new 1902, good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. No regular practice. Bells readily obtainable for peals.

**PENRITH** (Cumberland). St. Andrew. Eight bells. No return.

**PENSHURST** (Kent). St. John the Baptist. Kent County Association. Eight bells; 3rd by Phelps, 1701; 5th, founders and date unknown. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 4 ft. by Hatch, 1619; the rest by Mears as follows: treble, 2nd and 6th, 1896; 4th and 7th, 1802. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Blackburn, 1896. Ropes new 1898, good. Method: Grandsire. Occasional Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

**PENTRE** (Flintshire). St. Peter. Llandaff Diocesan Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1889. Tenor

26 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 5 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1899. Ringers are stated to be novices, no method is mentioned. Sunday ringing: alternate Sunday, 10 to 11, and 5 to 6. Practice: Wednesday, 7.30.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at Brighouse on Saturday, January 23rd. This annual meeting is always welcome to our Yorkshire friends, as the official report is then presented to them. An item of great interest this year is their record number of new members, and as the Society has no probationers, it follows that this record is the more encouraging. To quote from the report, the Committee point out that they are able to call attention to the great increase of new members. "In the first year of the Society sixty-five ringing members entered their names with us, and this remained our record for ten years, viz., until 1885. In that year our recruits went up to seventy-nine, and three years later that figure was beaten by one, so that our record stood in 1888 at 80. This by no means insignificant number has since held its own until this year, when it has been beaten by the magnificent number of ninety-two new enrolments. But this is not all. In addition to these ninety-two ringing members we have added to our list of patrons the Ven. Archdeacon Brooke, of Halifax, whose sermon of last year at our annual meeting will long be remembered, and also our kind friend Canon Nolloth, of Beverley Minster, who has joined us as an hon. member."

A band started for a peal at Brighouse parish church in good time in the morning, but after some half hour's ringing the bells had to be stopped on account of very serious illness near the church. This untoward event is we believe the first that has happened at a meeting during the twenty-eight years' experience of the Society. The disappointed band however moved to Lightcliffe parish church, where the peal, already recorded in our columns, was successfully brought round under the conductorship of Mr. Charles Jackson, of Hull. This, as the day wore on, proved to be the only important ringing, as the Brighouse bells had to continue their silence. Meanwhile the auditors, Messrs. David Brearley and Thos. McKegg, were busy at headquarters, the schools being kindly lent by the church authorities for the day. The accumulated funds now amount to £250, and this would appear to an outsider to be "riches beyond the dreams of avarice." But when the Treasurer, Mr. Stainthorpe, of Birstall, owns to the honour of having 613 members who are free from all subscription for life, the actual state of affairs is greatly altered, and is pronounced by the experts to be satisfactory and no more. The full number of members is 1181, made up of seven patrons, thirty-seven honorary, and 1137 performing members. Hence more than half the Society are non-contributing, relying on the annual interest of the funds. The problem of life membership after a ten years' payment (amounting in all to 11s. 6d.) is an interesting one, and our Yorkshire friends say that with careful management they are just holding their own. Peals to

the number of sixty-seven have been rung during the year, distributed over forty-six different churches, and this distribution is again a record. Two are of Yorkshire Surprise Major—a new method by Mr. Arthur Craven, of Leeds and Chesterfield, secured by a well-chosen band, which included a clergyman.

There was a good attendance at the annual service at 4.0 p.m., when the sermon was preached by the Vicar the Rev. O. S. Laurie, from the text—"In that day there shall be upon the bells . . . Holiness to the Lord," Zechariah xiv. 20. In a friendly and sympathetic discourse after referring to the born love of bells which seemed to animate the nation, the preacher referred to the genuine pleasure given to those who had long resided abroad on returning to their native land and hearing the bells ring in the true English fashion; little wonder then that their rhythmic music opened up the echoes of the past. For all this they had to thank the ringers. Yes, indeed, to be a good change-ringer was an honour and a privilege, and he was one of those with a strong hope that the work now being done by the various Associations was rousing the individual members to more fully consider and realise their responsibilities as good sons of the Church. He was pleased to hear of the continued success of their County Association, and of those who gave up so much of their time to such a splendid piece of work. He knew from his experience as a clergyman what a help it was for a man to be able to say to himself in the hour of temptation, "this won't do for me, I am a churchman," the very recollection of his joint responsibility tending at once to pull him up in his downward career. So let it be with all, ringers included, set up a high standard, and seek to live up to it, glorying in your work and Art both as ringers and churchmen. During the address the Vicar made sympathetic reference to the very serious case of illness—life and death being evenly in the balance—and expressed great sympathy with those present who had naturally been looking forward to a hearty ring.

Tea followed in the schools, some 200 sitting down, after which the business meeting was commenced, with the President in the chair, supported by the Vicar, Mr. Churchwarden Wood, and the leading officers of the Association. The minutes of the previous meeting (Doncaster), having been read and passed, the President paid a well-deserved compliment to the members then present on the patient way in which they had met the disappointment arising out of the enforced silence of the bells, adding that he had never felt more proud of the Association than under the restraint under which they had to place themselves.

On the motion of Mr. David Brearley (Bolsterstone), seconded by Mr. McKegg (Wortley), Hon. Auditors, the report of the Committee was accepted, and the Treasurer's balance-sheet was passed.

The President then declared the following officers re-elected without opposition: Mr. W. H. Howard (Vice-President); Mr. Thomas Hattersley (Steward); Mr. W. Stainthorpe (Hon. Treasurer); and Messrs. Cottrill, Abbshaw, Pearson, and Joseph Radcliffe (Saddleworth), Committee-men. In this matter the President referred to the pleasure they all had in seeing their re-elected veteran Vice-President among them, and also expressed the Association's great approbation of the constancy with which their Hon. Treasurer held his post.

Mr. McKegg proposed Wortley as the place of next meeting, and this was seconded by Mr. D. Brearley. As an amendment Mr. G. H. Wilson (Drighlington), pro-

posed that place, and this was seconded by Mr. J. B. Lamb (Haliar). The voting went in favour of Drighlington, the chairman voicing the meeting's appreciation of the kindness of their Wortley friends in putting forward their invitation notwithstanding the other choice made.

On the motion of Mr. Rew (Sheffield), seconded by Mr. Schofield (Lindley), a vote of thanks was passed to the auditors and the officers for their year's work.

On the motion from the chair, seconded by Mr. Howard, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his sermon and the use of the schools, and also to Mr. Pearson, the organist, for accompanying the service.

The Vicar, in replying, hoped that on some other occasion the disappointment of that day would be atoned.

Mr. Churchwarden Wood added a few kindly words, in which he stated the wish of their church to befriend the ringers in every way possible.

The roll-call of the officers showed twelve out of a possible total of nineteen, and this, when the size of the county is considered, proved a very fair muster.

The President moved the following alteration of rule, which being seconded by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Holgate, is ready for voting upon at the next meeting—"As soon as convenient after the May Meeting (the old rule here read September) a notice will be sent to each member whose subscription is unpaid, members thus notified will not be entitled to receive the annual report."

The President explained that the intention of the alteration was to save time by bringing the dilatory members to book at an earlier period, and so expedite the official work.

On the motion of Mr. George Bolland, vice-president, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Brighthouse branch, and to the ladies for presiding at the tea tables, to which Mr. Drake, local hon. secretary, suitably replied. A vote of thanks to the chairman, moved by Mr. Holgate, and seconded by Mr. Lawson, brought the meeting to a close.

#### MENDLESHAM, SUFFOLK.

The ringers of this parish church held their annual festival on New Year's Day. Ringing commenced shortly after 11 o'clock with a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. Ringing over a move was made to The Royal Oak, where dinner was provided, the Rev. E. F. Randolph taking the chair. Justice having been done to the good things provided, the Chairman proposed "The Health of the King, Queen, and all the Royal Family," which was duly responded to. Six o'clock brought on tea time, after which the evening was spent in handbell ringing, songs and games, thus ending a most enjoyable day.

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### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The pre-Lent meeting was held in Chester-le-Street on Saturday, February 13th, and was attended by members from Sunderland, Shildon, Darlington, Newcastle, Cramlington, Gateshead, Gosforth, North Shields, Stockton, Whitley, and the home branch. By kind permission of the Rector tea was held in the Church Institute and was followed by a short meeting in the same room, at which votes of thanks were passed to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells and of the vestry for committee work, and of the Institute for tea. The local branch was also thanked for so kindly making all the arrangements. Replies followed from the Rector, the Rev. A. B. de Moleynes, and Mr. W. Sheraton. Ringing was kept up till eight o'clock, the striking being excellent. 720 Kent by C. W. Clarke, F. Naisby, O. Simm, R. Story, J. Leighton, L. Routledge conductor. Another 720 Kent. J. Smith, T. Wick, F. Sheraton, A. M. Field, A. Hillier, J. Keen conductor. And 720 Cambridge Surprise. O. Simm, C. W. Clarke, C. L. Routledge, F. Sheraton, R. S. Story, A. Myers conductor. Another 720 Kent. J. Anderson, C. L. Routledge conductor, G. Potter, A. M. Field, E. A. Hern, O. Simm. And two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, J. Stuart covering.

### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday evening, January 19th, the ringers of Christ Church, Macclesfield, were hospitably entertained by the Rev. Sanford and Mrs. Woods at their residence in Oxford Road. After supper a very happy evening was spent, songs being rendered by the Rev. S. Woods, the Misses L. Banner, D. Greenwood, F. Greenwood, A. Greenwood, W. Smith and F. Wood. Mr. L. Banner proposed, and Mr. A. Dale seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Sanford and Mrs. Woods, and needless to say it was carried with enthusiasm.

The Rev. S. Woods responding on behalf of himself and his wife, said it had been a pleasure to them to have the ringers at their house, and to have spent so jolly an evening.

At midnight hands were joined in Auld lang syne, and the happy party then broke up.

### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The Three Towns branch of the above Guild paid a visit to Plympton on a recent Saturday in connection with the renovation of St. Maurice church bells. In 3 hrs. 8 mins. Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by Mr. E. W. Marsh. The bells bears the dates of 1735, 1768, 1833, and 1895 respectively, and the tenor which weighs 15 cwt., bears the inscription:—"Both day and night I measure time for all; to mirth, to grief, to church I call." The family of the late Colonel Henry Buller placed the treble and 2nd in the tower nine years ago. They weigh respectively 5 cwt. and 5½ cwt., and bear the following inscription: "To the glory of God, and in memory of Colonel H. M. Buller, Commandant Central India Horse; died at Simla, October 3rd, 1892; erected by his wife, brother and sisters."

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### ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

A quarterly meeting was held at St. Paul's, Wood Green on Saturday, January 16th. Notwithstanding the severe and wintry weather, the splendid number of fifty-three ringers attended. Ringing took place in St. Paul's tower (8 bells), and the parish church (10 bells), and Darlaston parish church (8 bells), some excellent ringing being done in each tower. The service was held in St. Paul's church. The Vicar (the Rev. H. Elwell) took the service, and preached an excellent sermon, full of good advice in the text inscribed on Great Paul: "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel." After the service a Committee Meeting was held—thanks to the Vicar—in his study. The Vicar of St. Paul's presided. The Rev. T. W. Wilkes, Rector of the parish church, expressed the deep sorrow he and the ringers felt at the resignation, through illness, of their President, the Archdeacon of Stafford, and much sympathy was felt for the Ven. Archdeacon Hodgson and his family in their trouble.

The Secretary then announced that owing to his having taken up work at St. Bede's College, Durham, the Rev. Donald Jones had resigned his work as Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of the Association. A letter was read in which the Rev. D. Jones said how hard it was to part after they had worked so long together, and bidding them all good-bye.

Mr. W. Small expressed on behalf of his fellow committee-men and ringers, their great regret on losing one who for some fourteen years had taken the greatest interest in the work, and had done so much for bell-ringing in the Archdeaconry of Stafford. There was a genuine sorrow on the news being imparted of the severance of one who had gained not only the esteem but the affection of the members of the Association. Many and sincere were the good wishes which follow the former Secretary in his new sphere of work.

The Rev. J. W. Wilkes, Vicar of Wednesbury, has undertaken the work until June 24th, the end of the Association year.

An excellent tea was partaken of in the schools at the close of the meeting. Good appetites quickly attacked the many good things provided by Mrs. H. Elwell and her lady friends.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the church and tower, and his sermon, and to the ladies for providing the tea, and the Vicar in responding said that he would be glad to become an honorary member. Then the ringers went back to the various towers, and beautiful bell music filled the air, and a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting closed.

### DISS, NORFOLK.

The seventy-first anniversary of St. Mary's church bells was held on January 6th (Old Christmas Day), when some musical touches of Double Norwich, Oxford Treble Bob and Stedman Triples were rung in fine style. At 1.30 twenty-five members and friends sat down to a splendid dinner at The King's Head hotel, the chair being taken by S. L. Cocks, Esq., supported by the Rector (Rev. C. U. Manning), and his curates (Revs. —. Mahon and Evans), the churchwardens and six of the leading tradesmen of the town. After the cloth was removed the usual loyal toasts were given and duly honoured. The healths of the Rector, churchwardens, chairmen and subscribers concluded the best meeting that the society has ever held.

## Obituary.

## WILLIAM BURKIN.

It is with deep regret that I report the death of William Burkin, of Nutfield, Surrey, which sad event took place on February 13th at his residence after a trying illness. The deceased, who was only 42 years of age, had long been connected with Nutfield parish church as a member both of belfry and choir, and of late years held the office of verger. His demise is all the more sad on account of his only recent settlement down to married life, and much sympathy is felt therefore for the young widow and little child. As a token of respect the bells were rung muffled on the Sunday. The funeral took place on the following Thursday, amid many manifestations of regret. The portion of the service performed in the church was fully choral, the choir singing the beautiful hymns, "Brief life is here our portion," and "On the Resurrection Morning," and Psalm xc. in a most impressive manner, and as the cortege left the church the organist played the Dead March. Besides the principal mourners most of the villagers joined the sad procession to the cemetery, where the service of committal was read by the Rector (Rev. C. Hartwell Jones). Many wreaths were sent, among which was a beautiful floral bell from the Nutfield company, also from the Reigate society and Nutfield church choir, and many others. The deceased was a native of Nutfield, where he learned the art on the ring of six at his native village, but later years saw him in London, where he became a prominent member of the College Youths, and held the post of Master of that society for two years in succession. He was a member of the Surrey and Sussex Associations, and an hon. member of the Reigate society. He had taken part in nearly 100 peals, on all numbers of bells, and in nearly all methods. May he rest in peace.

The bells of Nutfield parish church were rung muffled in the evening, and at Reigate a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung muffled as a token of respect. H. R.

## CHARLES DEMPSEY.

With feelings of regret is recorded the death of this ringer, which took place on February 16th last, aged 61. He was not so well known in the ringing world as some, although in his young days he learnt to handle a bell at the church of his native parish—Spitalfields; but in those days young men were not so much thought of in the Exercise as now, hence he gave up all connection with it until some few years ago, when he came to reside at West Ham, Essex. He soon became acquainted with some of the ringers there, and by them he was introduced to the local company at St. Mary, which he joined, also the College Youths. After ringing the tenor to a peal of Grandsire Triples he made up his mind to master the treble, which he succeeded in doing, on account of advancing years never progressing any further. He rang several peals of Triples and Major. He was a member of the Essex Association and the West Ham local company, and with the latter rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Caters, which is recorded in the tower of All Saints, West Ham.

The funeral took place at West Ham cemetery on February 23rd, the ringers representing the above societies at the graveside being S. Hayes, W. Doran, and F. Searle. Muffled peals were rung in the evening: that at Bow in connection with the College Youths and Bow societies being the usual whole pull and stand, followed by a touch of Stedman Triples by S. Hayes, S. Bird, R. Turner, Y. Green, E. Hall, J. Jones, A. Peck, and H. Torble; that at West Ham in connection with the Essex Association and the local company being also the usual whole pull and stand, followed by a touch of Grandsire Caters by W. Doran, J. Bradley, W. Keeble, J. Moule, R. Searle, G. Potter, F. Searle, E. Clayton, G. Pearl, and G. Hayden.

## EDWARD WATKINS.

The sudden death of the above-named ringer, which took place in the early hours of Sunday morning, February 14th, at Temple Street, High Wycombe, at the age of 68, is very much regretted. He had occasionally received medical attention of late, but feeling so much better on the day previous, and being

a lover of sport, he witnessed a local football match. On retiring to rest in the evening nothing unusual was noticed with him, but in the early hours of the following morning the household was suddenly awakened to the fact that he was in a serious condition, and before medical aid could be procured he passed away, death being due to syncope. Deceased had been connected with High Wycombe belfry between 50 and 60 years, when change-ringing took a firm hold there some five years ago, by the amalgamation of the then voluntary society with the old band, he was one of the few round ringers who continued their connection with the belfry, although at his age it could not be expected of him to master the art of change, yet he was a regular attendant on Sundays and practice nights, and was ever willing to take a rope when short-handed. The last occasion on which he rung was on new year's morning, immediately after the midnight service.

On Monday evening, February 15th, and again on Wednesday, the bells of the parish church were rung half-muffled, and on Thursday, the 18th instant his remains were laid to rest in High Wycombe cemetery, followed to the grave by children and grandchildren, ringers past and present, and members of the Foresters' Court of which order he had been a member for some 30 years. Among the many floral tributes was one from his brother-ringers, who in the evening rang touches of Grandsire with the bells fully muffled.

## J. W. LONG.

It is with heartfelt regret that we have to record the death of Mr. J. W. Long, of Thirsk, who died on February 19th, in his 28th year, after a long illness. He was a member of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, having one peal to his credit. His remains were interred on Monday, February 22nd, in the Cemetery, Thirsk, being borne to their last resting-place by the ringers of the parish church, of which he was a ringer for many years. The Rev. F. L. Perkins was the officiating clergyman. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to their departed brother-ringer by F. Kettlewell, E. Neesam, J. W. Neesam, J. Stott, G. Neesam, D. H. Burton conductor, H. Brown.

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To handle *one* bell through a difficult peal;What then of a *couple*? when hour by hour

The mind is beclouded and senses reel.

Do you know what it means when you pilot a pair?

Of the strain which a two-fold task demands,

Have you rang thro' a coming-home course with fear

And a *frightful suspicion* you've changed your hands!

No? Nor if you had would you think it strange

To speak of the hopes that rose and fell;

How the nightmare flees as you homeward range,

And the glorious thrill at the final change,

Those who have been through the mill can tell.

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Only to think of it! then let us drink to it,

Here's to the handbell peal "London Surprise!"

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**Date Touches.****THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.**

**ABERAVON** (Glamorganshire).—At St. Mary's on Friday, February 5th, a date touch, 1904 changes, of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 12 mins. F. Bartlett, R. Clarke, C. Frankham, W. Greenslade, W. Williams, H. Perry, E. Clarke conductor, W. Wethersley.

**THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**

**NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS** (Staffs).—On Tuesday, February 2nd, in 1 hr. 7 mins., a date touch of Treble Bob Minor, 1904 changes, in the 7 following methods: 104 London Surprise, 240 each City Delight, Duke of York and Violet, 360 each Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. F. Dawson, J. T. Taylor, W. A. Tabbernor conductor, B. Pegg, J. R. Wheelton, A. E. Ryles.

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**SPALDING** (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, February 15th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 14 mins. J. S. Wright, J. T. Brown, H. Eley, W. Bennett, R. Smith, R. Mackman conductor, G. Mackman, J. W. Jarvis.

**FAR HEADINGLEY**.—On Sunday, January 31st, for evening service, 1904 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 12 mins. F. Barraclough, A. Stokoe, D. Swift, J. Bennett, L. Stokoe, J. C. Walker, G. Barraclough, W. Child conductor.

**LAVENHAM** (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 6th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 18 mins. H. Smith, F. Parker, J. Moore, E. Simpson, L. Leeks, T. King conductor, A. Symonds. Composed by J. P. Bradley. Rung for the first time.

**Miscellaneous.****THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**ROYSTON**.—On Wednesday, February 24th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. S. Wilson, E. Bonnett, A. King, jun., A. Wilkerson, R. King, A. Lawrence conductor.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)**

**APPLEDORE** (Kent).—On January 1st, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Law, E. G. Johnson conductor, C. Noakes, S. W. Hills, A. Johnson, F. S. Brown, G. Johnson, W. Sharp. On Friday, January 8th, 350 ditto. W. Law, E. G. Johnson, C. Noakes conductor, S. W. Hills, A. Johnson, F. S. Brown, G. Johnson, W. Sharp. Also 504 standing as above conducted by C. Noakes. On Friday, February 5th, 1400 Grandiire Triples as above, conducted by E. G. Johnson, this being an attempt for a peal.

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**LONG ASHTON**.—On Friday, January 29th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. A. Watts, S. Moore, G. Yeo, W. Apperley, H. Bridle, F. Price, J. Thomas conductor, G. Jayne.

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.****(EAST COUNTIES' BRANCH.)**

**SPALDING** (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, January 19th, at the parish church, a 2520 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 30 mins. J. Cherrington, J. T. Brown, J. Wright, W. Bennett, R. Smith, R. Mackman, J. W. Jarvis, G. Mackman. On Monday, January 25th, Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 27 mins. J. Wright, J. T. Brown conductor, G. Mackman, W. Bennett, R. Smith, R. Mackman, J. W. Jarvis, H. Eley. On Tuesday, February 8th, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. W. Bennett, J. S. Wright, G. Mackman, R. Smith, J. T. Brown conductor, J. W. Jarvis, R. Mackman.

**THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.**

**WORCESTER**.—At the Cathedral on December 31st, 528 Grandsire Cinques. B. S. Hill, J. Hill, W. Bright, J. Newman, W. Powell, A. Hill, W. C. Jones conductor, G. Checketts, H. Wilkes, E. Watkins, W. H. Johnson, T. Malin. On January 4th, 1298 Grandsire Cinques. B. S. Hill, J. Hill, W. Bright, A. Hill, W. Powell, C. Jones, W. C. Jones conductor, G. Checketts, H. Wilkes, E. Watkins, W. H. Johnson, T. Malin. On January 18th, 396 Grandsire Cinques. B. S. Hill, J. Hill, W. Bright, J. Newman, C. Jones, F. Dunaway, W. C. Jones conductor, A. Hills, H. Wilkes, G. Checketts, W. H. Johnson,

T. Malin. On February 1st, 572 Grandsire Cinques. G. Hinton, J. Hill, W. Bright, J. R. Newman, W. Powell, C. Jones, W. C. Jones, A. Hill, G. Checketts conductor, E. Watkins, W. H. Johnson, T. Malin.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**WINCHESTER**.—On Wednesday, February 3rd, for practice at the Cathedral, 360 Grandsire Caters. W. T. Lampard, W. C. Lampard, E. G. Lampard, J. W. Elkins, W. H. Laveland, W. Andrews, W. T. Tucker, C. Russell, W. H. George conductor, D. Frome. Also a course of Stedman Triples. J. W. Elkins, E. G. Lampard, W. Andrews, W. Loveland, W. C. Lampard, W. T. Tucker, W. H. George, D. Frome.

**ROMSEY** (Hants).—On Tuesday, February 2nd, for Divine service at the Abbey, 224 Bob Major. B. Paskins, A. White, J. Ckalk, W. T. Tucker, J. Walker, F. Russen, W. G. Fowler, W. H. George conductor.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

**WEST HAM**.—On December 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1260 changes, in 52 mins. W. Doran conductor, C. Hopkins, W. Keeble, H. Tarble, J. Rann, S. Hayes, J. Moule, E. Clayton, G. Hayden, J. Jones. Composed by J. Bradley.

**CHRISTCHURCH** (New Zealand).—On Christmas morning, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Carter, J. Sheppard, J. S. Wilde, W. Wright, J. Biddle, T. Biddle conductor, J. Maples, W. Jones. On December 26th, on handbells, several courses and touches of Grandsire Triples, and several plain courses of Grandsire Caters and Bob Major double-handed by the brothers Biddle and Messrs. Wright, Dunkerley, Maples and Wilde. On Sunday, December 27th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. S. Wilde conductor, A. Dunckerly, J. Sheppard, W. Wright, J. Biddle, T. Biddle, J. Maples, W. Joaes. On Monday, December 28th, after meeting rather too late for an attempt for a whole peal, the first half of Holt's ten-part, in 1 hr. 31 mins. J. S. Wilde conductor, A. Duñckley, J. Sheppard, W. Wright, J. Biddle, T. Biddle, J. Maples, W. Jones.

**DARTFORD** (Kent).—On Sunday, January 31st, for service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. S. Everson, J. Wheadon, R. Brett, E. Everson, F. J. French, H. Simmonds, H. J. Castle conductor, G. Taylor.

**EPSOM**.—On Sunday, February 7th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. F. Uphill, W. Challen, A. Brown, D. Snelling conductor, T. Self, A. E. Bassett, W. Gearing, A. Coleman.

**HASLEMERE** (Surrey).—On January 22nd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. R. Combes, W. Young, T. Mack, G. Goodchild, H. Mullard conductor, R. Hayes. Also on January 24th, for Divine service, 720 Bob Minor. R. Combes, J. B. Bridger, R. Hayes, G. Goodchild, T. Mack, W. Young conductor.

**KELSALE** (Suffolk).—At St. Peter's, on Saturday, January 30th, an attempt at a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, which came to grief after ringing 4200 changes in 2 hrs. 35 mins. W. Fleming, C. Thompson, H. Smith, W. Drew, G. Barr, F. Watling, J. Avis, W. Fisher, W. Drew conductor.

**LAVENHAM** (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, February 7th, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Symonds, T. King conductor, F. Parker, J. Moore, E. Simpson, H. Smith, A. Symonds, L. Leeks.

**NORTH STONEHAM** (Hants).—On Wednesday, January 20th, 360 Bob Minor. E. Dumper, C. Fray, W. Rowe, jun., A. Marks, W. Rowe, sen., W. Tucker conductor. On Sunday morning, January 25th, 180 in the same method. W. Mundy 1, the rest as before. On Wednesday, February 10th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Mundy, C. Fray, W. Rowe, jun., A. Marks, E. Dumper, W. Tucker conductor. Also another 720. E. Dumper, C. Fray, W. Rowe, jun., A. Marks, W. Rowe, sen., W. Tucker conductor.

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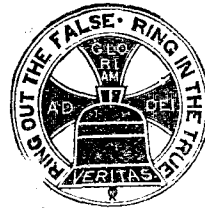
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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1904.

A CORRESPONDENT—Mr. W. WILLSON, of Leicester—in another column sings the praises of the company who successfully rang a peal of London Surprise double-handed so recently. Such a performance is one of the highest merit, and reflects a great weight of credit upon



the four ringers who achieved it. The time was when the idea of attempting such a feat would have been laughed out of countenance, but in these days ringers are to be found courageous enough to attempt the apparently impossible. Mere courage would of course be of no avail in the absence of the requisite ability and skill, and those completing such a task as the one we are alluding to must be possessed of qualifications of extraordinary calibre, and of great intellectual powers.

Another kind of prowess obtains just now: that of ringing peals of Major on heavy back eights. Our Norwich friends have done this once or twice lately, but the largest job of the kind is recorded this week at St. Saviour's, Southwark. The tenor in this peal was rung by the same ringer who has just "turned-in" St. Paul's tenor in a peal of Treble-Twelve—Mr. H. R. NEWTON.

Do these heavy-bell performances point to an attempt upon still heavier metal?

\*\* Some correspondence is left over till next week. Towards the end of the month we shall issue an illustrated double number. Further particulars will appear in due course.

**The Metropolis.**

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND THE ST STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.**

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 52 cwt.

ARTHUR G. ELLIS .. .. Treble.	HARRY R. PASMORE .. 5.
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On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

ALBERT PITTAM .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 6.
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**Handbell Peal.**

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Thursday, February 25, 1904, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. H. PASMORE,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

HARRY R. PASMORE .. 1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5-6.
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On Thursday, February 4, 1904, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. Treble.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM JAMES SMITH .. 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM C WAKLEY .. 3.	EDMUND WILLIS .. .. 7.
CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 4.	JOSEPH SLADE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

**REIGATE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, February 18, 1904, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY F. EWINS .. .. Treble.	HUGH R. THORPE .. .. 6.
GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ARGENT .. .. 7.
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Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late W. Burkin, who was interred at Nutfield Cemetery on that date.

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**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, February 20, 1904, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

THURSTANS'S FOUR PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

J. C. TRUSS .. .. Treble.	G. MARTIN .. .. 5.
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On Saturday, February 20, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

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

H. F. MOORE .. .. Treble.	G. LILLEY .. .. 4.
A. E. MOORE .. .. 2.	J. CHINRRY .. .. 5.
B. DEBENHAM* .. .. 3.	H. TURNER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. F. MOORE.

\*First peal on tower bells.

**RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, February 23, 1904, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

VICARS'. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE SIMPSON .. Treble.	JACOB BENNETT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM C. PILCHER .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FROST .. .. 6.
GEORGE A. GOODWIN .. 3.	HENRY GEORGE .. .. 7.
JOSEPH BOURNE .. .. 4.	FRANK H. KAY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. GEORGE.

Rung in honour of the institution of the Rev. E. T. Pegg, M.A., to the benefice of Ripley.

## UPCHURCH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 23, 1904, in Two Hours Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM FAIRBEARD .. Treble.	JOSEPH E. GREYSTED .. 4.
GEORGE GILBERT, JUN. .. 2.	FREDK. A. FAIRBEARD .. 5.
WILLIAM T. GILBERT .. 3.	ALBERT J. DAY .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

This is the conductor's fiftieth peal.

## BISHOP AUCKLAND.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 23, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

F. G. METCALFE* .. Treble.	G. W. PEVERELL .. 5.
H. LENTON .. 2.	J. G. GREEN .. 6.
W. H. METCALFE* .. 3.	*W. KINGDON .. 7.
F. CHARLTON† .. 4.	H. PEVERELL .. Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by H. PEVERELL.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Kingdon.

## WILLINGTON, BEDS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 24, 1904, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Oxford Bob, and five 720s of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM NEWTON .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 4.
THOMAS R. SCOTT .. 2.	WILLIAM J. MAYES .. 5.
FRANK YORK .. 3.	FREDERICK WELLS .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

## STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(STANFORD BRANCH)

On Thursday, February 25, 1904, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WHITTLE'S VARIATION OF CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK HARDY .. Treble.	*JOHN YATES .. 5.
GEORGE WILSON .. 2.	JAMES WILSON .. 6.
HARRY WHITTLE .. 3.	ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
CHARLES H. HARRIMAN .. 4.	JOSEPH POWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

\*First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late William Atkins and William Loseby, both farmers of this village.

## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 25, 1904, in Three Hours Five and ½ Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE H. HOWSE .. Treble.	SYDNEY SAKER .. 5.
ARTHUR GOWER* .. 2.	JOSEPH SHARP .. 6.
GEORGE PENFOLD .. 3.	GEORGE WATSON .. 7.
FRANK MEDHURST* .. 4.	FRANK BENNETT .. Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT

\*First peal in the method.

## STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE GRAY* .. Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY .. 5.
THOMAS J. WATTS .. 2.	THOMAS J. JORDAN .. 6.
GEORGE JORDAN .. 3.	†WILLIAM F. PRIOR .. 7.
WALTER PRIOR .. 4.	WILLIAM WATTS .. Tenor.

Composed by F. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. This is the first peal in the method by an entirely local band.

## BENINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD CLAYTON .. Treble.	HARRY BISHOP, SEN. .. 4.
CHARLES F. W. SKELTON* 2.	ERNEST SELLERS .. 5.
CRISS STAFFURTH .. 3.	WILLIAM BARKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARKER.

\*First peal.

## WATTON, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENRY CARTER .. Treble.	GEORGE H. BARKER .. 4.
CHARLES GALE .. 2.	ALBERT SMITH .. 5.
ALBERT PHILLIPS .. 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

First peal on the bells.

## GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK KIRK .. Treble.	WALTER GILBERT .. 4.
JAMES M. NICKERSON† .. 2.	†REGINALD LOVEDAY .. 5.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 3.	FRED WILFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED WILFORD.

†First peal in seven methods.

## ELMDON, ESSEX.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 6-score of Stedman, four 6-scores each of London, Canterbury, Oxford, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, three 6-scores of April Day, eighteen 6-scores of Grandsire, each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

FRANCIS BOWTELL .. Treble.	ARTHUR G. LILLEY .. 4.
EUSTACE WEBB .. 2.	JESSE WEBB .. 5.
PERCY WEBB .. 3.	FREDERICK CRICK .. Tenor.

Conducted by P. WEBB,

First peal on the bells.

**GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED HARDWICK .. .. Treble.	FREDEFICK W. DIXON .. 5.
JOHN B. JACKSON .. .. 2.	THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 6.
JOHN BODDY* .. .. 3.	SAMUEL PALFRAMAN.. .. 7.
ARTHUR GILL* .. .. 4.	*FRANCIS BARKER .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method.

**HERNHILL, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK G. BRETT .. Treble.	HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 5.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 2.	CHARLES LUERY .. 6.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN.. .. 3.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. 7.
GEORGE G. JENKINS.. .. 4.	GEORGE WOOD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by PHILIP H. PIERCE.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, and rung in honour of F. G. Brett's birthday.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS† .. Treble.	†ARTHUR BEVAN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HALFORD .. .. 2.	FRED BRACE .. .. 6.
JOHN BASS .. .. 3.	ALBERT J. SKELDING .. 7.
CHARLES F. WHITE* .. 4.	RICHARD JAMES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. PIGOTT, and Conducted by ROBERT MATTHEWS.

\*First peal. †First peal of Major. ‡First peal as conductor.

**WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being 720 each of Oxford, Kent, Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Duke of York, and College Exercise.

GEORGE KEMP .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK PLEASANCE .. 4.
HARRY DAVY .. .. 2.	HARRY CATTERMOLLE* .. 5.
THOMAS DAVY .. .. 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

\*First peal in seven Treble Bob methods.

**EMBERTON, BUCKS.**

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERNEST J. GALE .. .. Treble.	*JOHN LOVELL .. .. 4.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 2.	WILLIAM J. FREEMAN .. 5.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 3.	†FREDK. JAS. MYNARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. †First peal of Treble Bob Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. J. Mynard, the band wishing him many happy returns.

**LINDLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JAMES BARRACLOUGH .. Treble.	*WILLIAM B. FRITH .. .. 5.
JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 2.	BENJAMIN SHAW .. .. 6.
JOHN F. PEARSON .. .. 3.	THOMAS POLLITT .. .. 7.
ARTHUR CROSSLAND .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by B. F. LAMB.

\*First peal.

**MONNEWDEN, SUFFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, February 28, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt.

JOSEPH TARRANT .. .. Treble.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 4.
EDGAR HICKS† .. .. 2.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 5.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 3.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

†First peal on six bells.

**HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.**

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

On Monday, February 29, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN PEDDLE .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH J. PRATT .. .. 5.
REV. H. G. BIRD* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. JOINER .. 6.
HENRY WAITE .. .. 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 7.
EDGAR HANCOX .. .. 4.	WILLIAM FOSTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. G. BIRD.

\*First peal as conductor.

**BOBBING, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, February 29, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

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

WILLIAM J. FAIRBEARD .. Treble.	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD 4.
GEORGE GILBERT, JUN. .. 2.	JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND .. 3.	ALBERT J. DAY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

**Handbell Peal.**

**BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)

On Sunday, February 21, 1904, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. CHINERY,

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

HARRY R. MOORE .. .. 1-2.	*HARRY A. TURNER .. 5-6.
ARTHUR E. MOORE .. 3-4.	HORACE F. MOORE .. 7-8.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

Umpire—J. Chinery. \*First peal of Major on handbells. This is the first peal of Major rung double-handed in Bury St. Edmunds.

**PEAL CORRECTION.**—The peal of Double Norwich rung at St. Giles, Northampton, reported in last week's issue, was the first peal in the method rang in the town by an entirely local band.

### Notices.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's church, Haslingden, to-day, Saturday, March 5th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 6.30 prompt. W. ASHWORTH, Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Swanscombe Branch.—Owing to pressure of work, the Bishop of Southwark is obliged to abandon his proposed visit, so Archdeacon Cheetham will dedicate the new ring of eight bells to-day, Saturday, March 5th, at 3.15 p.m. After service the bells will be available for ringing. All are welcome. F. J. RING, Secretary.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Curry Rivel to-day, Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells available all day at the following towers: Curry Rivel (8), Drayton, one mile (8), Langport (6), and Huish Episcopi (6), two miles. Service at Curry Rivel church at 4 p.m. Tea, kindly given by E. C. Trevilian, Esq., at Middelney Place at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Members intending being present at tea should inform me not later than Tuesday, March 2nd. A. E. COLES, Hon. Sec.

#### Bridgwater.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Longton to-day, Saturday, Mar. 5th. Members intending to be present must give notice to Mr. W. Wade, 40, Ashwood Longton, by Thursday, March 3rd. D. PRESTON, Hon. Sec. pro. tem.

The Royal Cumberland Society.—On Monday, March 7th, after the usual practice at St. Martin's in the Fields, a special meeting will be held at the Society's headquarters, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand. Members are requested to attend, as important business has to be transacted.

A. JACOB, Hon. Sec.

#### 10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's church, Manchester, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7. J. SMITH, Branch Sec.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above Society will be held on Saturday, March 12th, at Holmfirth. Meeting house, The Friendship Inn. Meeting to commence at 5.30 o'clock. WALTER IDLE, Sec.

#### 47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Herts Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Broxbourne on Saturday, 12th March, when the newly augmented ring will be open for ringing. Further particulars next week.

W. H. LAWRENCE, Dist. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 3, meeting at 6 o'clock. All ringers invited.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 12th at St. Leonard's the Less, Samesbury. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. R. SANDERSON, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, 12th March.

Tower open for ringing at 5 o'clock. Committee meeting at 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Bentley on Saturday, March 19th. Tea will be provided at The Lion inn, and business meeting will follow. Members intending to be there should give three days notice.

ERNEST W. BRCKWITH,  
Hon. Dist. Sec.

#### Coggeshall

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A special meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, March 19th at Ormskirk. Bells ready at 4. Members are requested to attend. WALTER HUGHES, Branch Sec.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays, March 10th and 24th, at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Tuesday the 15th, and at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Wednesday the 30th. Business meetings after the two latter.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

'Frodingham,' Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

A WITHDRAWAL.—Mr. W. Pye writes:—"I find that the 5088 of Superlative Surprise Major rung at Bridgewater by members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, composed by G. Lindoff and conducted by myself, on September 15th, 1903, is false. I therefore withdraw all claim to the peal and apologise to the unfortunate persons who took part in it."

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. J. S. Goldsmith's address is now 13, The Rise, Royal Oak Road, Woking, Surrey.

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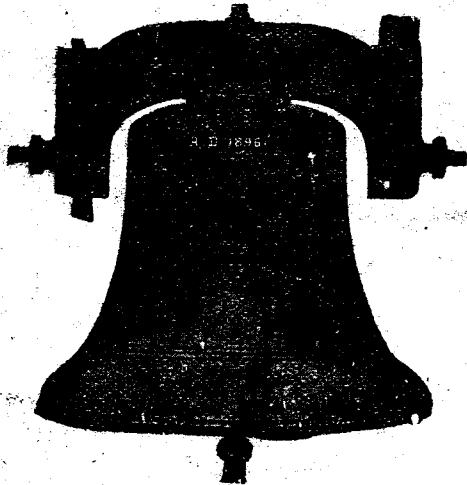
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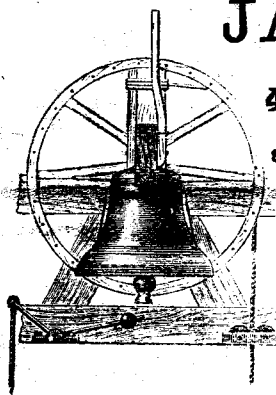
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