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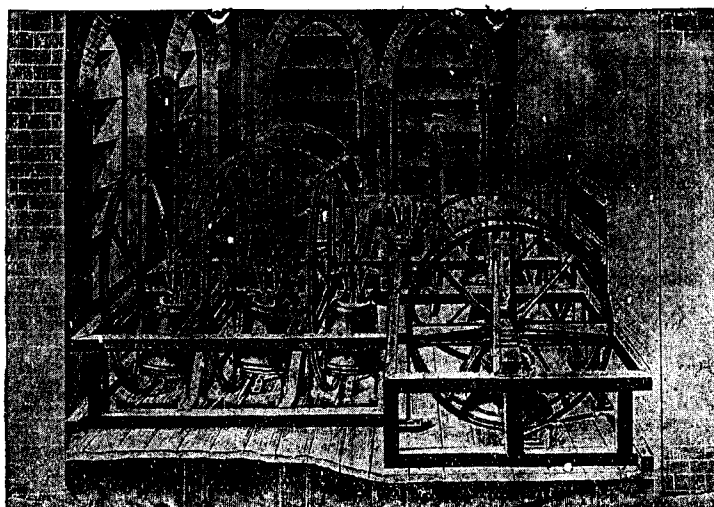
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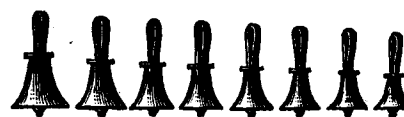
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NEW TOWER AND BELLS AT BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS.

History tells us, says a local paper, that in its time, Broughton has seen many important events, some of these connected with its ancient parish church, and the recent event adds one more very interesting page to the records of the ancient sacred pile, and to the history of Broughton itself. The new tower has been built at the sole cost of the Right Hon. Viscount Cross, G.C.B., from designs by Messrs. Austin and Paley, of Lancaster. It is handsome in design, and in keeping with the architecture of the church. A ring of bells has also been added. The seven smallest bells are new, and have been cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have also rehung the whole peal. The tenor was cast by John Warner, and given by Viscount Cross in 1869, in exchange for an old bell which had become cracked. The weight is 10 cwt. 19 lbs. The following are the inscriptions on the bells:—

Treble.—To the Glory of God, and as a Thankoffering to Him for Recovered Health. This bell is presented to St. Mary Magdalene's Church, by E. Haynes, 1900.

2nd.—Presented by John Clark, Churchwarden, 1900.

3rd.—St. Mary Magdalene, Broughton-in-Furness.

"My lips shall praise Thee,

John Garner gave me,

When he was Churchwarden here,

In the Nineteen hundredth year."

4th.—Te Deum Laudamus.

5th.—X Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam X in memory of William Henry Cross, died 1892.

6th.—Presented by T. Butler.

7th.—Venite Exultemus Domino.

The dedication service was preceded by a procession consisting of the Boys' Brigade (who looked particularly smart in their uniform), and the school children headed by the Broughton Brass Band. The streets having been paraded, the procession proceeded to the church, which was already fairly filled by a congregation assembled to take part in the service. There was a large attendance of the clergy, among those present being the Bishop of Carlisle, Ven. Archdeacon Philips, Canon Ayre (Ulverston), Rev. C. Cropper, Vicar of Broughton, Rev. S. Falle, Vicar of St. James's, Barrow, Rev. F. Byard, Vicar of Dalton, Rev. S. A. Adams, Vicar of Rampside, Rev. J. Park, Vicar of Woodland, and others. The Rev. C. J. Cropper took the first portion of the service, the special psalms being the 84th and 150th. The Ven. Archdeacon Phillips read the first lesson and Canon Ayre the second.

The Bishop of Carlisle, in the course of a brief address, said some of his hearers might not be aware that Sunday was a remarkable anniversary in the history of the Church of England, for it was in 1549, or 352 years ago, that the service of the Church of England was first rendered into the language of the people. Through the influence of Cranmer and Ridley, and those associated with them the people had now the Prayer Book. Previously the prayers had been in Latin, but 552 years ago the English people for the first time heard the prayers said in their own tongue. He thought they ought to be deeply thankful that they had the Bible and the services of the church

rendered in the tongue which they had spoken from childhood. He thought they would be surprised, as he was, at the number of times the word "tower" was mentioned in the Prayer Book. It was referred to as a strong place—a place of defence. In different parts of the Prayer Book they found it referred to as "a strong tower of defence against the face of their enemies," and the phrase must have come home to our forefathers with a familiar and comfortable sound. In the North of England they found many towers which had been used as places of refuge for those in high places. There was such a tower at Rose Castle. But the common people had their places of refuge too, and they naturally resorted to the Church. At Great Salkeld and Brough there were great massive towers, and in the days of Border forays and disturbances the people found these and similar towers a place of refuge, and thus they were taught that Jesus Christ was the true and only refuge for sinners in times of trouble. In earlier times—that is in Saxon days—the church tower was not so much a place of defence as a place for giving light. There were small windows below but high up there was an opening for the light. His lordship instanced the Lantern Tower of Ely Cathedral. In later times a change came about, and the tower and steeple were utilised for peals of bells. In the days of the Reformation, and very soon afterwards, there were more peals of bells in England than were found at the present time. When the Reformation came, however, the bells were not spared, and in the troublous times of war, the bells were cast into cannon, so that many churches were robbed of their peals and left with a single bell. Bells were consecrated and were just as much a part of the church as any other. He was sure all their hearts were full of thankfulness to him who had been the generous donor of the new tower. When he (the Bishop) saw it from Foxfield, he was very much impressed with its beauty, its proportion and symmetry, and adaptation to the other architectural lines of the church. With regard to the bells they would hear them by and bye; but he had no doubt for years to come they would call together the people to the House of God. His lordship referred to the importance of having a good set of bell-ringers, and pointed out that to ring a bell was no easy task. During a part of the last century he was afraid church bell-ringing was associated with carousal and debauchery. From the belfry the ringers often went straight to the public house. That had now been done away with, and the bell-chamber now really formed part of the church. He trusted the young men of Broughton would have the ambition to aspire to be bell-ringers. God grant that when these earthly services were over we may be assembled before the face of Christ Himself, in that House, not made by hands, and we may take our part in that worship that is the highest. His lordship concluded with an earnest appeal on behalf of the bell fund on which there was still a deficit of £50.

The Bishop then proceeded to the tower and repeated the dedicatory prayers, after which a short peal was rung. The service was then concluded.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

The six bells in Barwell church tower which were hung by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough in 1877 were so musical and tuneful that there has been for several years a feeling that the peal ought to be increased to eight. The advent of the twentieth century, marked as it has been by the close of the long and glorious reign of our much loved Queen, and by the Accession of his most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII., was thought a fitting and appropriate time to carry out this idea. A committee was formed for this purpose. The work was placed in the hands of Messrs. Taylor, and they responded so promptly that on Thursday, May 9th, the dedication service took place. Many of the neighbouring clergy attended, among whom were the Hon. and Rev. A. Byron, Rural Dean (Kirkby Mallory), Revs. R. Titley and Alf. Titley (Barwell), H. Fisher (Higham), H. Bryan (Stoke Golding), La Grange Leney (Hinckley), T. B. Hardy (Narborough), W. G. Cole (Newbold Verdon), W. Dampier (Nailstone), and C. L. Robinson (Huncote). The clergy robed at the rectory, and as they entered the church the processional hymn "O worship the King" was sung by the choir and congregation. In the belfry, prayers of dedication were read by the Rural Dean, after which a short touch was rung on the new bells for the service of the day. The prayers were intoned by the Rev. A. Titley. The first special lesson was read by the Rev. W. G. Cole, and the second by the Rev. La Grange Leney. The Hon. and Rev. A. Byron addressed the congregation on the subject of religion in common life, and dwelt upon the change which had taken place in the manner of conducting all things pertaining to the worship of God in His Sanctuary of late years, and especially in the conduct and demeanour of the choir and the ringers. He alluded to the occasions on which the bells were usually rung, and the appropriateness of their ringing.

The first bell bears the inscription "Victoria, A.D. 1837 to A.D. 1901." The second bell, "Edward VII." in commemoration of his Accession, A.D. 1901." The weight of each bell is about $5\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. During the evening the bells were rung by members of the Midland Counties' Association from Nuneaton, Earl Shilton, Stoney Stanton, and other places.

The services were continued on the Sunday following. In the morning the preacher was the Rev. A. Titley, and in the evening the Rev. Hugh Bryan, who has taken a great interest in bell-ringing and in the establishment of bell-ringing Associations. He spoke of the good that such Associations have done in the matter of belfry reform. Short touches were rung at intervals during the day, and the peal was pronounced highly satisfactory.

THREE NEW BELLS FOR RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

For some time there has been a strong feeling among the ringers and their friends that the addition of three bells to the five bells of All Saints' church so as to complete the octave, would have an enormous effect on the music of the peal. The church is about seven miles from Duffield, and would be an excellent place for peal-ringing.

At the Easter vestry held on April 11th, the matter was brought forward, and was heartily assented to by all present. Mr. A. L. Wright, the Vicar's warden, has generously offered two bells, and the ringers are desirous to raise as many subscriptions as possible, so as to cover

the cost of another bell, the parishioners undertaking the cost of repairs. Change-ringers and friends of the ringing world are earnestly invited to assist us by sending any small contributions to Mr. J. W. G. Pickering, Alfred Street, Ripley, Derbyshire, who is the Hon. Secretary to this special ringers' fund. Several ringing friends have already sent subscriptions, and their names will appear in this paper. Cheques and P.O. should be made payable to the Rev. W. E. Bradstock, M.A., Vicar, and crossed Nottingham Joint Stock Bank Limited. The order has been placed in the hands of Messrs. Taylor, and will be completed in August.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.

The above Association held its third annual meeting on Whit-Monday, May 27th, at Ripon, and a most enjoyable and highly successful one it proved to be. Members began to arrive at 9.53, and we found Mr. W. Pick, of the Cathedral and Sharow towers, on the railway platform to welcome us, having kindly seen that all was in readiness for the visitors. A pleasant walk of rather more than a mile soon brought us to Sharow church, a village pleasantly situated on the outskirts of the Cathedral City. Here there are eight bells, which the Vicar, the Rev. J. Cust Nunn, kindly placed at our disposal for the day. They were soon swinging to the music of Kent Treble Bob, and a touch of 1056 came round in due course in good style. Another band soon had them in hand to Bob Major, and then a mid-day service necessarily stopped further ringing for a time. In the meanwhile the reserve forces had arrived and detrained, and found their way to the Cathedral, and as we stood in Sharow churchyard we heard the ten bells rising nicely in peal. Ringing was kept up here till 2 p.m. by such members as were not obliged to attend the committee meeting held before dinner at 2.15.

At the dinner at The Black Bull, the President (Mr. G. J. Clarkson) took the chair, supported by the Vice-presidents (Messrs. J. H. Blakiston and J. Wrightson), the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (Rev. W. P. Wright), and Rev. F. L. Perkins, Vicar of Thirsk, whom we were all very glad to have amongst us. The dinner was well done and quite acceptable to all after the early morning start.

The usual toast list was gone through, beginning of course with "The King and the Royal Family."

The toast of "The Bishops and Clergy" was coupled with the name of the Vicar of Thirsk, who made a most happy speech in reply, which greatly helped to brighten up the day's proceedings.

The Secretary then read the annual report, which showed the Association to be in a prosperous condition as to membership and financially also, having a balance of £12 odd in hand, and a membership of 160.

The election of officers for the year resulted in the unanimous return of all the old ones, or I should say of all the retiring ones, who in every case were proposed in highly flattering terms.

After dinner members returned to ring at the Cathedral until such time as the railway company compelled them to return home, having most thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Letters were read from the Dean and the Vicar of Sharow expressing great regret at being unable to be present at dinner, the former on account of the very serious nature of Mrs. Freemantle's health, the latter on account of slight personal indisposition. With regard to the Very Rev. and Honourable the Dean's family anxiety, the members present at dinner showed their sympathy by standing up, at the Secretary's request, whilst he moved a vote of sympathy with the Dean and his family, which was afterwards forwarded to him.

An account of the ringing done during the day is enclosed with this report of the proceedings, which are scribbled in the lovely city of Oxford, where the writer would thoroughly enjoy a ring on one or more of the many grand peals with which he is surrounded.

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The Whit-Monday meeting was held at Alnwick, and was very well attended, considering the distance it is from the ringing centres of the two dioceses. The bells in St. Paul's church, a fine peal of eight, tenor 18 cwt., were kept going throughout the day in Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Triples, Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Major. Dinner was held at The Star hotel at one o'clock, followed by a general meeting, the President, R. S. Story, Esq. being in the chair, and Mr. Ernest Ferry in the vice-chair. There were also present the Rev. G. Brown, curate of St. Paul's, Mr. E. A. Weightman, etc.

The chairman proposed the toast of "The King," which was loyally honoured. He then read a letter from the Vicar of St. Paul's, the Rev. J. J. M. Perry, regretting inability to attend through indisposition. The President also said they were glad to see one of the clergy with them that day; it shewed the interest they took in their young and persevering band of ringers at St. Paul's.

The Rev. G. Brown welcomed the members to Alnwick, and hoped they would have a pleasant time of it. He had heard that Mr. Weightman had secured passes to the Castle and grounds, and he (Mr. Brown) now offered to escort a party to see Brislee Tower in the Duke's park. A vote of condolence to the relatives of the late Mr. T. Whinney, of Shotley Bridge, an old member and committeeman of the Association, was proposed in feeling terms by the President and sympathetically agreed to.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells; also to the Alnwick ringers for their kindly preparations, and to Mr. E. A. Weightman for obtaining passes to the castle and grounds.

Among the new members elected at this meeting were Councillor R. B. Annison, J.P., and the Rev. Dr. Randell, of Sunderland, the Rev. W. H. A. Willmer, of Cramlington, the Rev. Alfred Boote, Vicar of St. George's, Newcastle, etc.

The President was chosen from among the three representatives on the Central Council to attend the meeting at Derby.

The rest of the day was spent in the Duke of Northumberland's grounds at Alnwick Castle and in ringing, the weather being fine, and every one had a very pleasant time. There were thirty-four members present during the day from Chester-le-Street, Cramlington, Durham, Newcastle, North Shields, Whickham, Whitley, Wylam, and Alnwick.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above was held at Rothwell, on Saturday, May 25th, the attendance, although not large, was a fairly representative one, ringers being present from the following places: Armley, Bramley, Bradford, Calverley, Headingley Holbeck, Leeds, Pudsey, Wakefield, and the local company. An attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob Major, but after ringing for some time the composition was found to be false, and "stand all" was called much to the regret of all taking part, as the performance had so far been satisfactory and had every appearance of being a success. Ringing in various Minor and Major methods followed until time for the business meeting, which was held at The White Swan hotel, the President, Mr. Tom Lockwood, in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting held at Holbeck were passed as read, on the motion of Mr. Chas. Pratt (Calverley), seconded by Mr. E. Wheeler (Bradford). No other business being forthcoming, the meeting was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Wardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for their kind arrangements. Mr. W. Abbishaw (Rothwell) responded, giving all present a hearty welcome.

The next meeting will be held at Calverley, on Saturday, June 29th.

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Obituary.

JOHN ORLANDO BENNETT.

In the above-named ringer the Kidderminster company, with deep regret, lose one of their most respected members. Mr. Bennett passed away on Sunday, May 26th, in his thirty-sixth year, and was interred in St. George's churchyard, Kidderminster, on Wednesday, May 29th. The members of St. Mary's society attending the funeral were: J. Crane, W. H. Smith, J. Pagett, N. Davis, R. E. Grove, and T. J. Salter; the first-named four officiating as bearers.

The usual whole pull and stand was rung in the afternoon immediately before the funeral, and in the evening an attempt was made for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major with the bells half-muffled, but unfortunately the muff came off the tenor and the bells were allowed to run round at the half-way. J. Addleton, 1; N. Davis, 2; T. J. Salter, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; J. Crane, 6; J. Pagett (composer), 7; R. E. Grove (conductor), 8. Some ten years ago the deceased had a very severe illness from which he never fully recovered, but his interest in change-ringing never flagged, and so long as he could climb the steps he was willing to take his place in a peal, his pluck carrying him through where a less determined man would easily have failed, as an instance, two peals were to be attempted the same day, but it was agreed he was only to stand in the first one, the member to make up for the second peal was not available, and Mr. Bennett at once took the place of the absentee. The peal was rung (Cambridge Surprise), and he always declared that it was the best peal he ever rang or ever heard. He was quiet, unassuming, honest almost to a fault, well-liked by his colleagues, and a great favourite with ringers who knew him. Each winter appeared to leave him a shade weaker, but the end came rather sudden and unexpected. His last peal was one of Stedman Triples rung on December 27th, 1898, and strange as it may seem, he rang twenty peals during that year, quite double the number of any previous year. Mr. Bennett was a member of the Midland Counties' Association, the Sussex County and Worcestershire Associations. The following is a list of his peals: seven methods on six bells, 2; Grandsire Triples, 8, conducted 1; Grandsire Major, 1; Bob Triples, 2; Bob Major, 4; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Double Oxford Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 9; Stedman Triples, 18; Superlative Surprise Major, 16; Cambridge Surprise Major, 8; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; London Surprise Major, 5; total—78.

THE LLAFFDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLAFFDAFF.—On Sunday morning, February 3rd, for Divine Service, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. W. Northey, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; F. Pitcher (first quarter-peal), 4; J. Clutterbuck, 5; W. Coombes, 6; A. Rowley (first as conductor), 7; J. H. Aldridge, 8.

LATE PEAL.

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DAVID TOWSON	4.	WILLIAM SMITH	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. G. D. Scott, M.A., a member of the local company, to Miss C. Barrington of Limerick.

EDMONTON (Middlesex).—On Sunday, February 24th, at the church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstan's one-part. J. Parker, P. Darlington, J. Waghorn, R. Goodchild, W. Bennett, A. W. Darlington, W. Ward (conductor), W. Anderson.

A TRIP TO IRELAND.

VISIT BY MEMBERS OF THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

A SUCCESSFUL AND ENJOYABLE OUTING.

There is a story told of a schoolboy who when asked in an examination for what Ireland was chiefly noted, promptly replied "Taters and Agitators," and perhaps there are not a few persons of maturer years who even to-day associate with the Emerald Isle little more than these two facts. Ignorance such as this, however, cannot be laid at the door of any of England's ringers, for the whole-hearted good nature of the Irish, the beauty of the scenery of Erin's Isle, and the grandeur of many of the peals of bells to be found dotted about Ireland are facts that have been told and retold to ringers up and down the country by those who have had the good fortune to visit that land across the channel. There is a well-worn proverb which says the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and the old adage applies to a great many things other than a mysterious conglomeration of comestibles. Certain it is that the three excellent points above-named have just recently been proved to have been by no means exaggerated by those who previously have written glowing dissertations on the impressions made upon them when visiting Ireland. For right down genuine hospitality, for magnificence of scenery, and for noble rings of bells, Ireland would be hard to beat—that is, in the opinion of the band of ringers who, under the auspices of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, visited the sister Isle during the Whitsun holidays. This trip was not one thought of and carried out on the impulse of the moment, but planned months before and the details thoroughly worked up so that all the arrangements worked with the utmost smoothness. No small measure of the success achieved and the whole pleasure of the outing was due to this, and it may be said at once that the whole of the band recognise that it is Mr. W. H. Barber, of Birmingham, and Mr. G. Lindoff, of Dublin, whom they have primarily to thank for the enjoyment of the tour. Seven peals in nine attempts, as the result of six days' outing, is not a bad performance, comprising as it does and as the records in another column show, five ten-bell peals—two of Stedman Caters on handbells, and one of Treble Ten, and two of Stedman Caters on church bells—and two on eight bells—one of Superlative and one of New Cambridge. About every peal, too, there was some point of interest, which makes the tour the more noteworthy.

It was at a quarter to two on the morning of Friday, May 24th, that the first arrivals at Holyhead boarded the steamer "Hibernia." These were Messrs. W. H. Barber, W. Short and J. Buffery, of Birmingham, and J. S. Goldsmith, of Lewes. It was a tedious wait till the arrival of the boat express from London which brought the brothers William, Ernest, and George R. Pye, together with the evergreen Isaac George Shade, of Greenwich, and the departure of the steamer at a quarter to four. Just however as the boat cleared Holyhead the sun peeped over the Welsh hills, lighting up the placid sea and warming those who had been shivering on the deck in the cold of the early morning. It was not long before the handbells were brought out, and Stedman Caters, Treble Ten, and Double Norwich Major were tapped off with charming effect, much to the delight of the passengers who crowded round to witness what, to them, was a unique entertainment. At Dublin Mr. Lindoff met the party and conducted them to their respective "diggin's." There being no ringing till the evening, a long morning was spent in looking round the city and making a tour of the famous Guinness's Brewery—an item in "doing" Dublin which has now come to be a conventional part of any ringer's visit to the Irish capital. Some of the visitors had been about since four o'clock on the previous morning, and not one had been to bed on the preceding night, so on reaching St. Patrick's during the afternoon they made the most of a few spare minutes to snatch just "forty winks." On tables, chairs, and boxes they laid themselves out, and hard though the couches, slept the sleep of the just for an hour or more. About six o'clock, after the various preliminaries, the bells began to turn to Treble Ten, and a grand tale they told. One thing, however, the company sought for in vain. The long sleek rat came not—he must have been poisoned, one hinted, and another one suggested that the very thought of the peal killed him—but it made no difference to the way in which the course-ends rolled up, and in

3 hrs. 51 mins. the first peal of Treble Bob Royal in Ireland was completed.

On Saturday morning the five handbell ringers of the party met in St. Patrick's belfry, and were soon hammering away at Stedman Caters. The going-off course was a bit of a stumbling-block, but once this was passed the courses were tapped off with the regularity of clockwork and the bells spun round as if rung by machinery till the peal was finished—the first peal of Stedman on handbells out of England. That morning the party had been augmented by the arrival of Mr. James George, of Rugby, and Mr. Philip Davies, of Lichfield, and these two gentlemen filled the post of referees. Christ Church Cathedral was the order for the evening, and with two good men hooked on the tenors, Stedman Caters was not much trouble. Ringing at St. Patrick's for service on Sunday morning brought the visitors again to the Cathedral, and among the touches rung was a course of Double Norwich Royal. The instruction to be at 27 by 12 at half-past one, appears somewhat like a problem in Euclid to the uninitiated, but the order was implicitly obeyed, and the ten turned up to time at the Roman Catholic church of SS. Augustine and John. The tower takes its novel designation from its measurements—twenty-seven feet long by twelve feet wide, and the belfry is approached by a tall spiral staircase. A bell running away from the slow upset the Stedman Caters that had gone merrily on for two hours and a quarter, and spoiled the unbroken run of successes that had hitherto attended the efforts of the visitors. The next business was getting down the staircase. Nine of ten had no difficulty, but the remaining one, whom it would be unfair to "give away" by mentioning names, found the greatest difficulty. The dizzy height made him rather giddy he said, so having handed his hat to one, and his umbrella to another, got a third to walk just in front of him, and a fourth to come behind in case of emergency, he commenced the descent. Backwards he came, almost on hands and knees, clinging, as if for dear life, to the handrail and the open ironwork of the steps. At length after a desperate struggle lasting about ten minutes he safely reached the landing gallery, more dead than alive it is said, and with the perspiration pouring from him. The effort had cost him much more than ringing any heavy bell would do, while to the lookers-on, it caused a corresponding amount of amusement. At the meeting-house of the St. Augustine's men, the first course of Stedman Cinques in Ireland was rung on handbells by the brothers Pye and Messrs. Barber, Lindoff and Short, while the local ringers played several tunes with a precision and finish that greatly delighted all who heard them.

Whit-Monday was the day fixed for the annual meeting of the Irish Association at Arklow, and the visitors who were to be the guests of the society had to be stirring before five o'clock in order to reach the Wicklow town in time to ring a peal before the service at half-past twelve. The railway lies through the beautiful vale of Avoca, which rivals even the scenery of Killarney. At Arklow the party were met by Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who conducted them to the very fine church, which is as complete in detail as it is possible for such a structure to be. Thousands of pounds were lavished on it by Lord Carysfort, who does nothing by halves. The magnificent ring of eight bells, with a tenor of 22 cwt., were soon beating away at Superlative, but in the third course the tenor rope gave out at a splice, and "stand" had to be called, and some little time was lost before things could be put straight. Permission was kindly given to complete the peal if possible, and about ten o'clock the bells went off again. The ringing was of the very best—and there were competent judges listening outside to express an opinion—but unfortunately in the fifteenth course one of the bells straight through from the front was missing when he ought to have been behind, and so the second loss occurred. The bells as mentioned before are very grand in tone and go like the proverbial fiddles; and when the ringing ceased, Earl Carysfort came into the belfry to congratulate the band on the excellent striking. Throughout the day the visitors were received with the greatest cordiality and were entertained right royally. In the afternoon they rung the first courses of London and Cambridge ever brought round in Ireland. Some further details of the ringing at Arklow will be found in the report of the Irish Association, so it is unnecessary to give them here. Probably not many readers of "THE BELL NEWS" have experienced the delights of travelling on the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford

Railway. If they have'nt they need not wish to, if they have, without doubt, they do not wish to do so again. Most of the third class carriages would be despised by any respectable country Irishman as a place in which to keep his pig, while the pace even rivals that for which the Chatham and Dover Railway has made itself notorious. Arklow to Dublin—forty-nine miles in 3 hrs. 20 mins.,—why, a London cab horse would knock spots off it.

Bray was the rendezvous for Tuesday morning, and here another superb ring of eight were found. The lost Superlative was again attempted, and in 3 hrs. 34 mins. along came that ever-welcome "this is all," signalling the completion of the first peal in a Surprise method ever rung out of England. This success put the party upon very good terms with themselves, but it was only the first of an unbroken series of successes that attended the tour thence to the end. After the peal Archdeacon Scott very generously entertained the visitors to dinner at The Royal Hotel, two friends from Yorkshire, who happened to be staying in Ireland for the holidays, also sitting down. An opportunity of attempting a second peal at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, having been very considerably given, a start was made at 6 o'clock for the first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. Except in the going off and turning, every course was reeled off with singular regularity—five minutes was the time, no more, no less, and so at the end of 3 hrs. 56 mins. the bells ran round, finishing another performance upon which the band congratulated themselves. The visitors then, at the invitation of R. R. Cherry, Esq., K.C., who had taken part in the peal, adjourned to that gentleman's residence at St. Stephen's Green, and partook of a bountiful supper, to which, as may be imagined after four hours' ringing, ten hungry men did full justice. 'Twas in the early hours of the morning that all reached their respective temporary abodes, to meet again on the 10.15 a.m. boat for Holyhead. Regrets that the enjoyable trip was nearing its close were deep and sincere, and a course of Stedman Caters was rung going down the Liffey as a farewell touch. The sea beyond was lake-like in calmness, and so the five men of handbell fame bethought themselves of attempting another unique performance, that of ringing a peal on the sea when they were quite assured that the qualms of *mal de mer* would not upset the bells in the slow. Getting the ears of the steward they stowed themselves away from the crowd in the corner of a saloon on the lower deck, and with the two Georges—the George and Isaac George—to see that all was square and above board, away they went for Stedman Caters. But the sound of bells has an enchanting effect, and the curiosity of the passengers could not be restrained. A gate across the companion hatch would not stop them, and it was all that the "shadow" could do to keep them at a respectable distance. But neither the pertinacity with which the passengers hung about the cabin, the buzz of the boat's machinery, nor the roar of the guns of the Channel Fleet practising at targets some thirty miles from land and close to whose lines the well-found "Cambria" passed and dipped her ensign to salute "The flag that's braved a thousand years, the battle and the breeze," could upset the ringing, and as the engines slowed to half speed off the breakwater head, round came the bells and the business was done. The visitors, who were minus Mr. Davies, who left on Monday for the Central Council meeting, were snap-shotted on the deck before leaving the ship, by Mr. John Wickens, of Bangor. A wire sent the day before to the Vicar of St. David's, Bangor, had, it was anticipated, put things right for a peal at that church, and on reaching the place such was found to be the case. New Cambridge was the method decided upon, and after a couple of false starts a first-rate peal was knocked off, making a splendid finish to a magnificent outing. The parting of the ways had begun, Mr. Buffery had earlier been whirled away to Birmingham, Mr. Goldsmith was now left behind to complete a holiday in North Wales, at Crewe Messrs. Barber and Short were dropped for Birmingham, and the Londoners were left at Rugby by Mr. George to complete their journey alone. Thus ended one of the most enjoyable and successful ringing tours it is possible to conceive.

Where so much has been done by so many individuals to make the comfort and pleasure of a party so complete, it is difficult to know where to begin with the thanks. The debt of gratitude which the ringers owe to all concerned cannot be re-

paid in mere words. The plainer the expressions used, perhaps the better, and heartily and sincerely the ten visitors wish to return their unbounded thanks to all, but especially to the following: the Dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Archdeacon Scott of Bray, Rev. R. Hallows of Arklow, Rev. T. Lewis Jones of Bangor, North Wales, and the Reverend Fathers of SS. Augustine and John, Dublin, for the use of the respective peals of bells; to Lord Carysfort, Archdeacon Scott, and R. R. Cherry, Esq., for their hospitality, and the bands of the three Dublin towers for their kindness throughout the tour. And in conclusion it is the wish of the visitors to again thank Mr. Lindoff for his continued kindness and attention, and for the capital arrangements made by him.

AN ENGLISH VISITOR.

WIRKSWORTH TAP DRESSINGS.

The historic town of Wirksworth, the ancient metropolis of the lead-mining industry, nestling under the hills at the head of the pretty valley of the Ecclesbourne, was *en fete* on Whit-Wednesday, the occasion being the annual observance of the time-honoured custom of tap or well dressing, that is, the decking of the sources of the water supply with flowers. Originally this custom was the accompaniment of a service of thanksgiving to God for the return of spring and the blessing of water, and possibly in the near future the religious ceremony may be reintroduced.

The town was early astir, and visitors poured in by road and rail. Headed by the Wirksworth Volunteer Band, a procession was formed for inspection of the various "taps," and afterwards excursionists enjoyed a stroll amid the lovely scenery of the surrounding neighbourhood.

Amongst the holiday-makers were a number of change-ringers from Sheffield, Rotherham, Chesterfield, Derby, Nottingham, and Ripley, who were attracted to the tower of the parish church, and being heartily welcomed by the Wirksworth men, enjoyed some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major.

The concluding touch of the day was a well-struck 1064 Grandsire Triples in 39 mins. F. Johnson, 1; C. Allsop, 2; B. Greatorex, 3; W. Fox, 4; J. Wardman, 5; A. H. Ward (conductor), 6; S. Wesley, 7; C. Bartlett, 8. The local society hope that their visitors spent an enjoyable day, and will be glad to see them on a future occasion.

Correspondence.

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

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SIR,—Let me express my unfeigned pleasure at the purport of the letters of Mr. Phillott and Mr. Musty. To attempt anything in the nature of "tuning" in connection with the glorious bells of Painswick would, I am persuaded, be a fatal and disastrous mistake. The very thought of it simply makes one shudder.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

A SUGGESTION.

SIR,—A year or so ago there was a peal of Superlative Surprise Major rung at Irthlingborough containing 9312 changes; and later a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung with the bells muffled on the day of the interment of our beloved Queen. Certainly they are not performances worthy of being classed with the silent London, etc., of the St. Stephen's band of the College Youths. But I do think they ought to be recorded on something more substantial than paper. If the ringers themselves cannot see their way clear to get a tablet erected in their belfry, why not approach the Association about it. I feel sure their worthy Secretary, Mr. E. J. Dennes, would help them. I believe other Associations do so.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1901.

WHEN, some years ago, eight members of the College Youths rang the first peal in Ireland—a peal of Grandsire Triples at Waterford Cathedral—it was little thought the time would come when the Emerald Isle would possess so many excellent rings of bells, or that so many peals in intricate methods would be rung upon them. Ireland itself, and its church bells, have of late progressed very rapidly in favour with the Exercise. Across St. George's Channel is now held to be the "grand tour" by all ringers who desire an holiday wherein ringing shall form a distinctive feature. And if the reception accorded to visiting ringers by their brethren, and churchmen generally, is any criterion, it may be imagined that the popularity of a visit to Ireland will long endure.

The recent visit to Ireland, full particulars of which,

with the record of the splendid work done, will be found in this number, ought to give a fillip not only to change-ringing in itself, but to the erection of new peals, and the restoration of old ones. Interest in bells and ringing seem to grow in the country. The appearance of Mr. LINDOFF upon the scene has not only led to the establishment of "The Irish Association," but he has been instrumental in "making" ringers, and thus proved his worth for the position he holds.

A peal of Stedman Caters in hand is now fast losing its novelty; but when such a thing is performed on a vessel while in the trough of the Irish Sea, it is quite out of the common. We have read of some Grandsire Doubles being rung on the Sea of Azov; but the idea of a peal of Stedman Caters on the water takes one's breath away. This performance should certainly be recorded in a tangible manner.

A few weeks ago the number of peals of 5040 and upwards rang in memory of Her late Majesty Queen VICTORIA was remarked upon, and it was plainly hinted that it was the duty of the various Church authorities throughout the kingdom to erect in their churches records of such peals in a substantial manner as memorials. This week a correspondent writes on the subject. If those who took part in these memorial performances would bestir themselves, and impress the matter upon either incumbent or churchwardens, or both, it is highly probable that their representations would be effectual. The allusion which was made in this column has had its required effect in more places than one. Sometimes the Vicar, sometimes one of the Wardens, has readily fallen in with the idea. There is every hope the church authorities generally will consent to the necessary expense if they are shown its propriety.

THE YORK MINSTER SOCIETY.

The ringers of York Minster will be glad to see any ringers visiting York during the gala week, as they will be ringing on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, June 12th, 13th, and 14th. Meeting the first two days at 12.30 and 5.30, and Friday at 12.30 only.

W. H. HOWARD, *Secretary*.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt. in D.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	ERNEST PYE 7.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 3.	WILLIAM BERRY 8.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 9.
GEORGE R. PYE 5.	JOSEPH BARRY } Tenor.
	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. }

Composed by SIR ARTHUR PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

The tenor was rung by the conductor for 1 hour 20 mins., but owing to one of the band being a little distressed, Mr. Barry took the tenor and the conductor took the other rope and thus finished the peal. Mr. Barry kindly sat in the tower in case assistance was required.

The Provinces.

SHORNE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

G. BARDEN* Treble.	C. WATERMAN 4.
F. HAYES 2.	*F. STICKINGS 5.
C. H. SCRIVEN 3.	G. MORRAD Tenor.

Conducted by G. MORRAD.

First peal on the bells. *First peal.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 26, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK WEBB Treble.	JOHN MATTHEWS 5.
HARRY G. JUDGE 2.	FREDERICK WEBB 6.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3.	JAMES FRANKLIN 7.
WILLIAM BENNETT 4.	WILLIAM FRANKLIN Tenor.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

COLEORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, MELBOURNE.

On Wednesday, May 29, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

FRANK PARSONS Treble.	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE .. 5.
FRED HOLLINGWORTH 2.	HARRY HOLLINGWORTH .. 6.
LEWIS HOLLINGWORTH 3.	CHARLES DRAPER 7.
WILLIAM EARLE 4.	HARRY SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY HOLLINGWORTH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Earle, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Beadsmore and Smith hail from Ashby; Draper from Derby. The band wish to thank Mr. Friend for the use of the bells, and Mr. Brooks for having everything in readiness.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 29, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES

Tenor 17 cwt

JOSEPH ALLEN Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
HUBERT EDEN* 2.	GEORGE N. PRICE 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	*HARRY A. HORREX 7.
FRANCIS A. SMITH 4.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

†First peal with a bob bell in the method. *First peal of Double Norwich.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 30, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM STAPLETON* .. Treble.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 4.
GEORGE VALENTINE 2.	ALBERT ROBINSON 5.
CHARLES CHASTY 3.	JOHN WM. BARKER Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. BARKER.

*First peal. Ringers of 1 and 5 belong to the St. Peter's company; the rest to St. Paul's, Bedford.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM PERVIN Treble.	HARRY WHITTLE 5.
FRANK PERVIN* 2.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH 6.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 3.	*GEORGE DOUGHTY 7.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 4.	H. W. ABBOTT Tenor.

Composed by HARRY WHITTLE, and Conducted by F. G. BURLEIGH.

*First peal in the method. Messrs. Doughty and Pervin (2) belong to the local company; the remainder to Loughborough.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

MAURICE STEER Treble.	JOHN H. GRUNDY 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 2.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE 6.
JAMES HUNT 3.	CHARLES GILES 7.
GEORGE FOSTER 4.	FRANK BLONDELL Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Foster, it being also his first peal in the method.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Saturday, June 1, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT PRESTIDGE* .. Treble.	*CHARLES SMITH 5.
JOHN W. SMITH 2.	JOSEPH FAULKNER 6.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 3.	HARRY PRICE 7.
HORACE SMITH† 4.	JOHN SMITH Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Prestidge, he having attained his majority, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

CRANHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM STATE Treble.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 4.
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 2.	HENRY MITCHELL 5.
RICHARD A. JUDD 3.	OWEN C. LEHANE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 1, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

AMOS COOPER Treble.	WILLIAM JOHNSON 5.
GEORGE MORGAN 2.	EDWIN J. TYLER 6.
OLIVER BROWN 3.	JOHN MALPASS 7.
ALFRED PLANT* 4.	THOMAS COOPER Tenor.

Composed by JAMES BRUERTON, and Conducted by WM. JOHNSON.

This peal was rung to commemorate the fifty-first birthday of G. Morgan. *First peal. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND
THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

BENJAMIN S. HILL Treble.	GORDON CHECKETTS 5.
GEORGE HINTON 2.	HENRY WILKES 6.
WILLIAM POWELL 3.	ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. 7.
ALBERT HILL 4.	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

First peal on the bells.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHIPPING NORTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 4, 1901, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED MILES* Treble.	SAMUEL COOMBS 5.
JOHN PEIRCE* 2.	ALBERT TURNER 6.
HARRY MILES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
GEORGE BARTLETT 4.	WALTER LONGSHAW Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the late Rev. Henry Barter, for thirty years Vicar of the parish.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND
DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, June 4, 1901, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEO. W. STEEL Treble.	J. W. T. HOLGATE 5.
CHAS. PRATT 2.	WM. ABBISHAW 6.
J. C. ABBISHAW 3.	PRATT CORDINGLEY 7.
TOM LATIMER 4.	WALTER CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORPE, and Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

Latimer and Cordingley hail from Pudsey, Pratt from Calverley, and Holgate from Bramley, the rest belong to the local company.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 4, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES L. WELLS Treble.	ERNEST BISHOP 5.
THOMAS ROBINSON 2.	THOMAS RICKETTS 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 3.	CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 7.
FRANCIS S. WILSON 4.	SIDNEY PALMER Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and

Conducted by THOMAS RICKETTS.

F. S. Wilson hails from Abergavenny.

Handbell Peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. MOULE, CHOBHAM ROAD, STRATFORD,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	*WILLIAM KEEBLE 7-8.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires—W. H. Doran, G. Haydon and H. Bottrill. *First peal on handbells. The above is E. Pye's 202nd peal, a list of which will be found elsewhere.

The following are the results of the ringing tour by members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham:—

DUBLIN, IRELAND.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, May 24, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs. in C.

JOHN BUFFERY Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	JAMES W. TOWNLEY 8.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 9.
ERNEST PYE 5.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.
This is the first peal of Treble Bob Royal rung out of Great Britain.

DUBLIN, IRELAND.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, May 25, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,
ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	ERNEST PYE 7-8.
WILLIAM SHORT 9-10.	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Referees—Philip W. Davies, and James George. First peal in the method on handbells rung out of England.

DUBLIN, IRELAND.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, May 25, 1901, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qrs. in B.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2.	ERNEST PYE 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	JAMES GEORGE 8.
PHILIP W. DAVIES 4.	WILLIAM PYE 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE 5.	JOHN BUFFERY Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This composition, which is now rung for the first time, contains sixty-nine short courses and has 7-6-8-9 and 6-7-8-9 alternately. It is also the first of its kind conducted from a non-observation bell.

BRAY, COUNTY WICKLOW, IRELAND.

THE MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, May 28, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

JOHN BUFFERY Treble.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

First peal in a Surprise method ever rung out of England.

DUBLIN, IRELAND.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, May 28th, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	RICHARD R. CHERRY 6.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	JAMES GEORGE 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
WILLIAM PYE 5.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. This composition has the 6th 23 courses behind the 9th, in the titmums and the extent behind the 8th in the hand-stroke home position, and is now rung for the first time.

ON THE IRISH SEA.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, May 29, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

ON BOARD S.S. CAMBRIA,
ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5173 CHANGES.

WILLIAM PYE 1-2.	GEORGE R. PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 3-4.	ERNEST PYE 7-8.
WILLIAM SHORT 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Referees—James George and Isaac G. Shade. This peal was rung while crossing the Irish Sea from Dublin to Holyhead and is the first ever accomplished on the water. The composition has the 6th the extent behind the 9th in the titmums and the extent behind the 8th in the hand-stroke home position.

BANGOR, NORTH WALES.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, May 29, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs.

JAMES GEORGE Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 5.
ERNEST PYE 2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This is the first peal in a Surprise Method ever rung in Wales and the first peal of New Cambridge out of England. It is also the first peal in the method by all except Messrs. Short and Barber.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The time occupied in ringing the peal of Stedman Caters at Duffield on May 20th was 3 hrs. 23 mins., not 12 minutes as stated last week; and it was not a Midland Counties' Association peal, some of those who rang in it not belonging to that society.—The peal rung at Oxtou, Cheshire, and published in last week's issue, was conducted by James Dillon.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Albans Cathedral on Saturday, May 18th, was rung by members of the Hertfordshire Association and the St. Albans Cathedral Society.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Appleton, Berks., has been sent without any date.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHIPLEY (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday, April 16th, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1901 changes, in 1 hour 10 mins. J. Broadley, 1; T. Thompson, 2; T. B. Kendall (conductor), 3; J. Ross, 4; J. Schoefield (E.R.A. H.M.S. Pembroke), 5; J. Joyce, 6; W. Joyce, 7; G. A. Nettleton, 8. Tenor 13 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAFFENHALL (Cheshire).—On January 6th, two 477s of Grandsire Triples. J. Mainwaring, 1; J. E. Ashcroft, 2; S. J. Jenkins, 3; S. Spence, 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. W. Booth, 6; F. Spence (conductor), 7; A. Kinsey, 8. On January 8th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Fairhurst (first 504), 1; the rest as before. On January 12th, 840 Grandsire Triples. J. E. Ashcroft, 1; S. Spence, 2; S. J. Jenkins, 3; Jos. Hughes, 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. W. Booth, 6; F. Spence (conductor), 7; S. Moston, 8. Also 504 Grandsire. F. Spence, 1; J. E. Ashcroft, 2; S. Spence, 4; W. Hughes (conductor), 6; S. Moston, 7; J. W. Booth, 8; the rest as before. On January 13th, two 504s of Grandsire. J. Mainwaring, 1; J. E. Ashcroft, 2; S. J. Jenkins, 3; S. Spence, 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. W. Booth, 6; F. Spence (conductor), 7; A. Kinsey, 8. On February 12th, 720 College Single. J. Mainwaring, 1; S. Jenkins, 2; J. E. Ashcroft, 3; S. Spence, 4; F. Spence, 5; J. W. Booth (conductor), 6. First in the method by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. On February 23rd, 720 Plain Bob. J. Fairhurst (first 720), 1; the rest as before. Also another 720 with A. Kinsey, 1; the rest as before. On February 24th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Mainwaring, 1; J. Fairhurst (first 504 with a bob bell), 2; J. E. Ashcroft, 3; S. Jenkins, 4; S. Spence, 5; J. Booth, 6; F. Spence (conductor), 7; A. Kinsey, 8. Also another 504 standing as before. On March 10th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Fairhurst, 1; J. E. Ashcroft, 2; S. J. Jenkins, 3; S. Spence, 4; F. Spence

(conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On March 21st, 720 College Single. J. Mainwaring, 1; the rest as before. On March 25th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Mainwaring, 1; S. Jenkins, 2; J. E. Ashcroft, 3; S. Spence, 4; F. Spence (gooth 720), 5; J. Booth (conductor), 6. First in the method by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, also was rung at the first attempt. On March 30th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Fairhurst, 1; S. Horsfall, 3; J. E. Ashcroft, 5; F. Spence (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On March 31st, 447 Grandsire and 504 Plain Bob Triples. J. Mainwaring, 1; J. E. Ashcroft, 2; S. Spence, 3; S. J. Jenkins, 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. W. Booth, 6; F. Spence (conductor), 7; A. Kinsey, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (FYLDE BRANCH.)

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On January 23rd, at the church of St. John, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Bamber, 1; John Fell, 2; John Tipping, 3; R. Seddon, 4; E. Tipping (conductor), 5; T. Allanson, 6. On January 24th, 720 College Single Minor. W. Bamber, 1; J. Moore, 2; R. Seddon, 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; E. Tipping (conductor), 5; T. Allanson, 6. On January 27th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Bamber, 1; C. H. Kerr, 2; J. Tipping (conductor), 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; R. Seddon, 5; T. Allanson, 6. On January 28th, 720 in the same method, 18 bobs 2 singles, composed by E. J. Gale. W. Bamber, 1; C. H. Kerr, 2; W. Gillet, 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; E. Tipping (conductor), 5; T. Allanson, 6. On January 29th, another 720 in the same method. W. Bamber, 1; C. H. Kerr, 2; J. Tipping, 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; R. Seddon (first 720 as conductor), 5; T. Allanson, 6. On January 30th, 720 College Single Minor, 22 bobs 18 singles (N. Spindlow's). John Fell, 1; C. H. Kerr, 2; J. Tipping (conductor), 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; E. Tipping, 5; T. Allanson, 6. On February 3rd, 720 Oxford Single Bob. W. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; R. Seddon, 4; E. Tipping (conductor), 5; T. Allanson, 6. All the above were rung as a last token of respect to the late Queen Victoria. On February 24th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Bamber, 1; John Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; E. Tipping (conductor), 4; R. Seddon, 5; T. Allanson, 6. On March 8th, 720 in the same method. W. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; C. H. Kerr, 3; E. Tipping (conductor), 4; R. Seddon, 5; T. Allanson, 6. On March 10th, 720 Oxford Single Bob. A. E. Wilson, 1; C. H. Kerr, 2; E. Tipping (conductor), 3; J. Fell, 4; R. Seddon, 5; T. Allanson, 6. On March 31st, 720 College Single. W. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; J. Tipping (conductor), 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; R. Seddon, 5; T. Allanson, 6. On April 5th, 720 Plain Bob, 30 singles, (E. J. Gale's). W. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; C. H. Kerr, 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; E. Tipping (conductor), 5; T. Allanson, 6. On April 7th, another 720 in the same method. J. Fell, 1; C. H. Kerr, 2; J. Tipping, 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; T. Allanson, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. On May 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; E. Tipping (conductor), 4; C. H. Keer, 5; T. Allanson, 6.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, February 12th, for practice, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. N. Wood (first in the method), 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Hall, 3; B. Jealous, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; G. Valentine, 6; C. R. Lilley, 7; W. J. Barker, 8. Also 224 Bob Major. A. N. Wood (first in the method), 1; W. J. Barker, 2; W. Hall, 3; B. Jealous, 4; C. R. Lilley, 5; I. Hills, 6; G. Valentine, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. Also 192 Stedman Triples. A. N. Wood, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; W. Hall, 3; B. Jealous, 4; W. J. Barker, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; G. Valentine, 8. On Sunday, February 17th, for morning service, 192 Stedman Triples. C. R. Lilley, 1; S. S. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; A. N. Wood, 4; B. Jealous, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; J. Sear, 8. Also two courses of Grandsire Caters, J. Sear, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; C. Chasty, 3; J. Church, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous, 6; I. Hills, 7; W. J. Barker, 8; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 9; A. N. Other, 10. For evening service, 336 Stedman Triples. A. N. Wood, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; S. S. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Webb, 6; C. R. Lilley, 7; J. Sear, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HASTINGS (Sussex).—On Sunday, February 17th, for morning service at Christ Church, Blacklands, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. F. C. Saker, 1; J. Livermore, 2; — Harvey, 3; S. Saker (conductor), 4; G. Watson, 5; A. E. Barrow, 6; A. L. May, 7; W. H. Swain, 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Livermore, 1; E. Brant, 2; S. F. C. Saker, 3; A. L. May, 4; F. Lock (conductor), 5; A. E. Barrow, 6; S. Saker, 7; W. H. Swain, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On Sunday, February 3rd, at the Priory church, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Best, 1; E. Hinton, 2; T. Best, 3; W. Kerby, 4; G. Vey, 5; S. Best, 6; G.

Preston, 7; H. Bagshot, 8. On Sunday, February 17th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Bagshot, 1; M. Stewart, 2; E. Hinton, 3; S. Best, 4; W. Kerby, 5; G. Preston, 6; T. Best, 7; W. Saffery, 8. On Monday, February 18th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 50 mins. A. Best, 1; E. Hinton, 2; T. Best, 3; G. Plummer, 4; W. Kerby, 5; S. Best, 6; G. Preston, 7; W. Saffery, 8. On Sunday, March 3rd, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Best, 1; E. Hinton, 2; T. Best, 3; S. Best, 4; G. Vey, 5; W. Kerby, 6; G. Preston, 7; W. Saffery, 8. For evening service, 504 in the same method, but called differently. A. Best, 1; T. Best, 2; E. Hinton, 3; S. Best, 4; G. Vey, 5; W. Kerby, 6; G. Preston, 7; H. Bagshot, 8.

HAWLEY (Hants).—On Friday evening, February 22nd, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Hoare, 1; F. Mustow, 2; W. Boyles, 3; G. Hawkins (conductor), 4; M. Steer, 5; M. Miller, 6; B. Hawkins, 7; D. Leary, 8. Rung with the 6-8 behind. Also several 120s of Grandsire Doubles. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Vicar, the Rev. J. I. P. Wyatt, who was interred in the churchyard during the afternoon. The deceased gentleman had been connected with Hawley church for upwards of half-a-century.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Saturday, February 2nd, after the memorial service for the late Queen Victoria, 503 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, 1; A. Hill, 2; W. Powell, 3; C. Jones, 4; G. Hinton, 5; R. Knowles, 6; H. Wilkes, 7; E. Watkins, 8; G. Checketts (conductor), 9; W. Johnson and J. Hardiman, 10. On Wednesday, February 6th, at the residence of C. Jones, 504 Grandsire Triples on handbells retained in hand. A. Hill, 1-2; C. Jones, 3-4; W. Powell, 5-6; G. Checketts (conductor), 7-8. On Sunday morning, February 10th, for Divine Service, 503 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, 1; A. Hill, 2; W. Powell, 3; C. Jones (conductor), 4; G. Hinton, 5; G. Checketts, 6; H. Wilkes, 7; E. Watkins, 8; R. Knowles, 9; W. Johnson and J. Hardiman, 10. On Sunday morning, March 24th, for Divine Service, 503 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Powell, 3; A. Hill, 4; C. Jones, 5; G. Checketts, 8; H. Wilkes (conductor), 7; R. Knowles, 8; W. Johnson, 9; T. Malin, 10. On Sunday evening, March 31st, at the church of All Saints, 828 Grandsire Caters. J. H. Hill, 1; G. Checketts, 2; A. Hill, 3; G. Hinton, 4; W. Powell, 5; W. Johnson, 6; H. Wilkes (conductor), 7; C. Jones, 8; E. Watkins, 9; T. Malin, 10. On Sunday, April 7th, for Divine Service, 503 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, 1; A. Hills, 2; W. Powell, 3; G. Hinton, 4; C. Jones (conductor), 5; G. Checketts, 6; H. Wilkes, 7; E. Watkins, 8; W. Johnson, 9; T. Malin, 10.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DAGENHAM (Essex).—On Saturday, February 23rd, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, (15 bobs). J. Dear, 1; R. Fenn, 2; E. Lucas, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; A. Neale, 5; J. Dale, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins. W. Halls, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; A. Carter, 3; J. Dear, 4; J. Dale, 5; C. Fenn (conductor), 6. 720 Grandsire Doubles. T. Cast, 4; G. Cottes, 2; A. Hardy, 3; A. Carter, 4; C. Fenn, 5; E. A. Davis, 6. On handbells, a course of Grandsire Caters. A. Neale, 1-2; C. Fenn, 3-4; A. J. Perkins, 5-6. A. Hardy, 7-8; E. Lucas, 9-10. Also a course of Grandsire Triples. A. Kerrick, 1-2; A. Neale, 3-4; A. Hardy, 5-6; H. Boar, 7-8. Several tunes were played on the handbells by the East Ham band.

BRISTOL.—On Monday, March 4th, for practice at the church of St. Thomas the Martyr (City), 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Poole, 1; W. A. Cave (conductor), 2; R. Leaker, 3; V. O'Brien, 4; F. G. Leaker, 5; A. Lewton, 6; F. Cooper, 7; G. Roberts, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. in D. This is the first touch of Triples by the newly-formed guild of St. Thomas.

STOKE-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, March 3rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. A. Brindley, 1; F. J. Steele, 2; A. Clewes, 3; T. Mountford (conductor), 4; G. Woods, 5; J. Titterton, 6; S. Churton, 7; T. Austin, 8.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.

This branch, which was established in 1892, and since 1895 has held half-yearly meetings, met on a recent Saturday at Charlbury, where a muster of about 40 put in appearance, the following towers being represented: Chipping Norton, Charlbury, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Enstone, and Hook Norton. There were also present Messrs. Packer and Bond (Burford), Large (Todenham), Powell (Witney), and Druce (Moreton-in-Marsh). The day's proceedings commenced at 2.30 with ringing, which was continued until 4.30, when a service was held in the parish church. Among the clergy present were the Revs. F. E. Robinson (Master of the Guild), J. E. Philipps (President of the Branch), C. W. O. Jenkyn, R. E. W. Cozens, W. J. Palmer, and A. C. Smith. Mr. J. F. Barlow (hon. sec.) was also present. The service was taken by the Rev. R. E. W. Cozens, the lessons being read by the Revs. J. E. Philipps and A. C. Smith. The hymns were 12 and 302.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who took his text from Peter iv. 11. In the course of his remarks he said: How was it they gave so much time and attention to bell-ringing? Was it because they enjoyed it, for they derived pleasure from it? They ought to remember they had received a distinct gift from God, and the exercise of such a gift successfully depended upon certain powers of body and mind which cannot be brought to perfection without diligent training. This was why so much time and attention was given to the art of change-ringing. They should not do this in an ambitious spirit, but in all reverence, not only because it is a duty in the world, but because they believed that this particular effort improved the mind and prepared them for other services hereafter. This was the spirit in which they ought to get on. It was impossible to glorify God unless they were particularly careful about obedience, which should be from the heart. Were they obedient to their Lord and Master? Another very obvious way in which they could glorify God had been alluded to by the Master in the sermon on the Mount: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." They glorified God in a special way by setting a good example. He knew of no class of men whose example had more influence than bell-ringers. He feared that sometimes bell-ringers called people to the House of God by the bells they rung and then walked away without attending the service themselves. Such conduct only served to stagger people; it seemed they were contradicting with the one hand what they did with the other. They should always seek to live true and consistent lives. Outwardly rendering praise was of little value if mere words; the heart should be in tune with God's praises. A right state of the heart was needed with bell-ringers, as with all other Christian men, and women, to praise God. These things should be considered more frequently, that each one had received strength from God, of mind and body, by which they were able to pursue the art of bell-ringing. They were given not only to serve in this world, but also as a preparation for some special service within His kingdom.

Shortly after the service, 41 members and friends sat down to a meat tea, provided in the town hall. A business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Rev. J. E. Philipps. Letters regretting inability to attend were read from the Rev. T. W. Lee (Leafeld), and also from the Rev. Chas. F. Garratt (Little Tew), who desired to become an hon. member of the Guild. The chairman said they were very pleased to welcome him as one of their members. The following were elected life subscribers: Messrs. W. M. Butler, Albert White, Samuel Ralph Roberts, Ernest Henry Rouse, and Eli Thomas. The following were elected as probationary members: Messrs. Frederick Candy, James Henry Jarvis, and William Henry Tanner. Several certificates were handed to new members.

It was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting in November, at Hook Norton, the chairman remarking they had done well at Hook Norton, having collected money for the belfry. He felt sure all the members would have much pleasure in going there.

The chairman then said he had a very pleasant duty to per-

form, that of proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. A. C. Smith for having received the guild so kindly that day. He also wished to thank the members of the choir and the organist, who so kindly presided on the occasion, as their singing had made the service much brighter than it would otherwise have been, though the representation of the choir was not a very large one.

The Rev. A. C. Smith said he had very great pleasure in receiving the bell-ringers at Charlbury. They were glad to have them there if only to point out the defect in the machinery. As it had been pointed out, the bells and the clock needed repair. He wished the choir had been a much larger one that day. At Charlbury they were not as energetic members of the guild as they had been, but they were pleased to extend a hearty welcome to the guild. He had a very pleasing duty to perform, that of proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the master of the guild for so kindly coming amongst them and giving such an excellent sermon. They all knew that no one took more interest in furthering the position of the guild than Mr. Robinson.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson thanked them for the very kind welcome he always received at every tower in the diocese when visiting them in order to assist in furthering the art of bell-ringing. He would remind the members that the annual meeting this year would be held at Reading, on July 13th, and although it was perhaps a long distance, he hoped there would be a good gathering. He had thought of resigning the mastership of the guild but he had been persuaded not to. He had laid his case before the committee and pointed out what the expenses were in getting about the country, and they had met him in a most generous manner.

Mr. J. F. Barlow, the indefatigable hon. sec. of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch, said he had one little complaint to make. He had sent out circulars inviting all the towers to be present, but regretted to say he had not received a reply from one tower representing those present. This made it very awkward for him and the caterer, as they did not know how many to provide for. He hoped it would not occur again. He would also like to say that all the towers in that part of the diocese were delighted to find that the master had re-considered his decision, and that they would continue to have Mr. Robinson as master. There was another thing. They had lost one or two towers, which was a very great pity, because change-ringing must certainly be nicer to the ear and far more interesting to those taking part in the ringing. He thought it was a great pity these towers should have left the guild. Charlbury was going on very well at one time. He hoped Mr. Smith would be able to induce the ringers to take it up again, and assured him that they would be only too pleased to help them in any way they could. He hoped they would have a good meeting at Hook Norton in the winter, as he was satisfied Mr. Russell would give them a hearty welcome.

The chairman wished to endorse all the secretary had said. He really did not know how they could get along without him. He would urge them to do all they were able to encourage change-ringing. He did not know any better way in which a man could glorify God and help forward the work of the Church than by consecrating ability to the art of bell-ringing. He would not like to go back to what was called those good old days; he would call them those dreadful old days, in which all sorts of games were carried on and the belfry was more like a bar in a publichouse than a portion of God's sanctuary. They never could go back to such days. He did not think it was too much to expect all towers to come into union. He looked forward to a happy meeting at Hook Norton, and hoped they would all do their best to get every member and everyone interested in bell-ringing to attend.

An adjournment was then made to the tower, where Grand-sire and Stedman Doubles, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung. There was also some ringing at Spelsbury, which terminated a very successful meeting.

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Notices.

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The Kent County Association.—Annual General Meeting at Chatham, to-day, Saturday, June 8th. Central Committee meeting in St. Mary's Vestry, 10.30 a.m. Service at St. Mary's (address by the Rector, Rev. J. Tetley Rowe) 11.45 a.m., offertory for the Belfry Repairs Fund. Dinner in the Queen's Hall at 1 p.m. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after dinner. The bells of St. Mary's, Chatham, 8, St. Margaret's, Rochester, 8, Gillingham, 8, Rochester Cathedral, 6, and Rainham, 6, will be open for ringing.
CANterbury. FREDK. J. O. HELMORE.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Aughton to-day, Saturday, June 8th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.
REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, Secretary.
5, Marsden Road, Southport.

The Heavy Woollen District Association. The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Armitage Bridge, near Huddersfield, to-day, Saturday, June 8th. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. Meeting-house—The Butcher's Arms. **WALTER IDLE, Secretary.**
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above, will be held at Petworth, to-day, Saturday, June 8th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Tea and business 5.30.
H. EVANS, Hon. Dist. Sec.

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meeting for practice at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on June 11th. Business meeting after.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
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The East Derbyshire Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Tibshelf on Saturday, June 15th. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards.

T. ALLIBONE, Secretary.
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at the church of St. Mary, Staines, on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready 4.30 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited.
C. EDWARDS, Hon. Dist. Sec.

The Hertford County Association.—St. Albans District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Luton on Saturday, June 15th. The bells of the parish church, recently rehung, will be at the disposal of members during the afternoon and evening.
G. W. CARTMEL, Asst. Hon. Sec.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Kingsley, on Saturday, June 15th. Members intending to be present must send word to Mr. J. Moreton, Kingsley, not later than Wednesday, June 12th.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of this branch will be held at St. Thomas's church, Pendleton, on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready at 4.30, meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.
25, Hope Street, Pendleton.

The Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Festival at Ledbury on Wednesday, June 19th. Church Service at 11 a.m. with sermon by the Rev. H. B. Walton, Rector of Coddington. Offertory on behalf of the Guild. Business meeting at 12 noon, in the Barrett Browning rooms. Dinner 2s. at 1 p.m. at The Feathers hotel. Ringing also at Eastnor, Colwall, and Coddington towers, and brakes found as far as possible. Eastnor Castle and grounds open by kind permission of the Lady Henry Somerset. Parties of eight at 1½ railway fare by previous notice.

AUGUSTUS C. LEE, Hon. Sec.

Lugwardine Vicarage, Hereford.

Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough, on Saturday, June 22nd. Further particulars next week.

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

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, June 22nd, 1901, at Lichfield. The bells of the cathedral and other churches will be available for ringing touches during the afternoon and evening, except while service is being held. A short service will be held in the Lady Chapel of the cathedral at five o'clock. Tea at the Coffee House at 5.40. Tickets sixpence each to all members who have paid their subscriptions, to others one shilling. All subscriptions are due at this meeting and should be paid at the cathedral belfry, between the hours of two and four.
S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Essex Association.—A special meeting of this Association will be held at Witham, on Saturday, June 29th, at 5 p.m. for the purpose of electing a Master and Secretary for the north-eastern division of the county. Tea will be kindly provided by Canon Ingles, at the Vicarage. The tower will be open for ringing after 4 p.m. Members intending to be present must notify me before June 26th.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, Hon. Sec.

Great Totham.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly and committee meeting of this Association will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Archibald Day, M.A., at Malvern Link, on Saturday, June 29th. Service in the church, with short address by the Rev. H. B. Wrey, at 5 p.m., business meeting to follow in the schoolroom. The tower and bells will be open for ringing. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting.
JNO. SMITH, Hon. Sec.
36, Simms Lane, Netherton.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Archdeaconry of Dorset.—It is proposed to hold meetings to start branches for the two halves of Dorset around Wimborne and Dorchester on a Saturday afternoon in July. Any ringers in or near the county who have not been communicated with, are asked to write at once to
REV. H. DRAKE, Secretary for Dorset.
Verwood, Wimborne.

Hornchurch, Essex.—There will be meetings at the above church the 1st and 3rd Saturdays in the month for practice, when all ringing friends will be welcome. Meeting time 6 p.m.
J. DALE, Steeple-keeper.
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Thos. Groombridge has removed to 3, Victoria Road, Sevenoaks, Kent.

LIST OF E. PYE'S PEALS.

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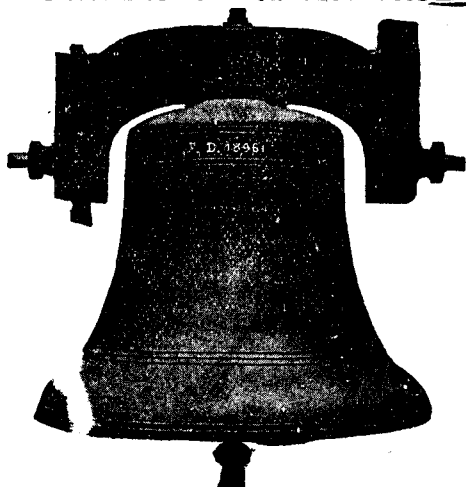
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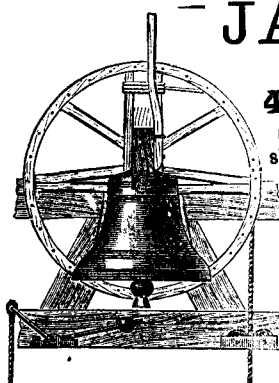
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