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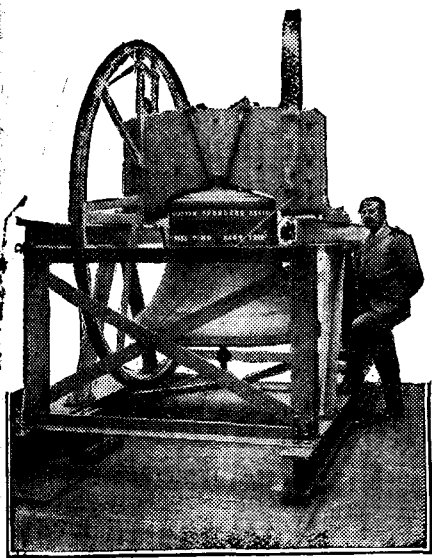
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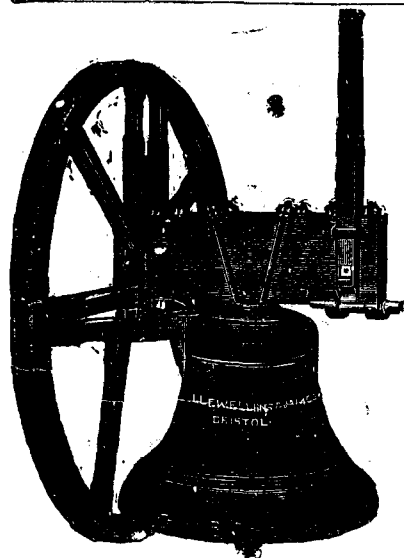
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SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1906.

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## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District of the above Association was held at St. Alfege, Greenwich, on Saturday, April 28th, and was attended by nearly forty ringers from Barking (Essex), Leatherhead, Bromley, Beckenham, Chislehurst, Chelsfield, Crayford, Dartford, Erith, Eynsford, Eltham, Sidcup, Woolwich and Deptford (St. John and St. Nicholas). Ringing commenced shortly after 3 p.m., and various methods were attempted. Few however were successfully brought round, and "Surprise," which visitors have been accustomed to expect *par excellence* at Greenwich, was "off," probably owing to the absence of some members of the local company to whom "pleasure peals" elsewhere are apparently of greater import than the devotion of a few hours in welcoming and assisting weaker brother-strings from a distance, who eagerly look forward to a trial touch upon ten bells when that number is available.

The whole company were entertained in the Church Room to an excellent meat tea, generously provided by the Vicar (Rev. S. Martyn Bardsley, M.A.), Mrs. Bardsley, and Miss Christabel Airy. The usual meeting followed, with the Vicar presiding, and Mr. T. Groombridge, the District Secretary, supporting him. Preliminaries disposed of, the Vicar spoke a few words of welcome to the members, expressing the great pleasure it gave him to entertain so large and important a body of Churchworkers. He pleaded guilty to frequent absence from his own belfry, having many irons in the fire, but he recognised and appreciated the important services rendered by his ringers and others in that district.

Mr. Frederick W. Thornton (St. Nicholas, Deptford), stated that it had been fully intended to place the bells of that church at the disposal of members that day, as a relief tower, should Greenwich (as was the case) be overcrowded. Unfortunately a battle was being fought for the office of people's warden, and it was undesirable that any bell-ringing should be permitted while the poll was in progress.

This statement was evidently a disappointment to many, but was received very kindly, members recognising the difficulty of the situation.

No fewer than twenty-four new members were elected, including the bands of Farningham and Foot's Cray. The former place was chosen in preference to Dartford for the next meeting on Saturday, July 21st.

Mr. F. W. Thornton proposed the following resolution, viz.: "The members of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association, desire to offer the Rector of Woolwich (Canon C. E. Escreet, M.A.), their sincere congratulations upon his appointment to the Archdeaconry of Lewisham, and trust he may long be given health and strength to fulfil the duties of that important position." In doing so, he said that Canon Escreet had endeared himself to every ringer who had the honour to know him. He had long been a good friend to the Association as a member of the Central Committee, and whenever it was their privilege to hold a meeting at Woolwich, no welcome could be heartier than that extended by the esteemed

Rector, who was deservedly loved by his local company. Amid the many congratulations Mr. Escreet would doubtless receive, he (Mr. Thornton) felt confident none would be valued more than those of the ringers of that district.

The motion was seconded by Mr. William J. Jeffries (St. John's, Deptford), supported by the Vicar of Greenwich, and carried with acclamation.

A very hearty vote of thanks was also unanimously accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Bardsley, and Miss Airy for their generous hospitality. The Vicar and Miss Airy suitably responded, the lady being the recipient of quite an ovation upon rising to acknowledge the compliment.

Ringing was resumed shortly afterwards and (to the dismay of the tradespeople in the vicinity) continued with vigour until 9 p.m. in accordance with the Vicar's gentle hint of "Don't finish too soon." The usual indignant protests in the local press at this outrage may therefore be expected.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this society was held on Saturday, April 28th, at the parish church, Tamworth. A goodly muster of members began to arrive, and the bells were raised at three o'clock, the following towers being represented: West Bromwich, Wednesbury, Handsworth, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Bloxwich, Nuneaton and Tipton. The ringing-master (Mr. J. E. Groves), arranged the ringing, and some touches in the Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major methods were brought round. A short service was held in the church at 5 o'clock, when the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Courtney Clarke) gave a very helpful address, which was much appreciated by the members present. A committee meeting was afterwards held in the vestry, when minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. All other being disposed of, it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Lichfield on June 23rd. An adjournment was then made to the schoolroom where a very substantial tea was found to be in readiness. Grace being said by the Vicar of Tamworth, ample justice was done to the good things provided.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. T. W. Wilkes (Wednesbury), and seconded by Mr. S. Reeves, to the Vicar and churchwardens of Tamworth for the use of the bells, the address in church, and for their generous liberality in providing the members with such a capital free tea.

The Vicar in responding said how greatly he welcomed the members to Tamworth, and as the time came round for the Society to pay them another visit, they would be only too pleased to see them again.

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## SELBY, YORKSHIRE.

On Monday, April 23rd, at a meeting held in the Abbey belfry, Mr. Fred Cryer and Mr. Arthur Hall were presented by their brother-ringers with a small recognition of their past services as secretary and captain of the Selby band. Mr. J. Connell (churchwarden) presided, and with a few introductory remarks alluded to the good work done in the belfry, and in the cause of change-ringing by Mr. Cryer and Mr. Hall. The Rev. B. M. Rowlands (curate) then presented Mr. Cryer with a handsome silver-mounted umbrella, together with a gold scarf pin; Mr. Hall being also presented with a ringers' silk handkerchief with name woven in. Both recipients in feeling terms thanked the company for their kindness, acknowledging the small services they had been able to render in the interests of the belfry. Votes of thanks were accorded Mr. Connell for kindly presiding, and the Rev. B. M. Rowlands for making the presentation.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at West Meon on Easter Monday, April 16th, when members attended from Farnham, Wickham, Petersfield, Portsea, Swanmore, Privett and West Meon. The Rector kindly consented to take the chair, and gave the ringers a hearty welcome to West Meon, and said anything he could do for the welfare and interest of ringing he would be most happy to do.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. The Rector of West Meon and Mr. J. Mallard (Shedfield), were proposed honorary members; two performing members and six probationers were also proposed. Twenty-eight sat down to an excellent tea provided by Mr. G. Gedge at the Institute. It was proposed to attempt a quarterly peal at Petersfield on June 23rd. The Rector proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Whiting for the arrangements in having a meeting in his district. The same was supported by Mr. H. Sutton, who said it was the means of opening up a part of the district again, and no doubt would do a lot of good.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells during the afternoon.

## Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents  
To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

## CLASSIFICATION OF METHODS.

SIR,—Referring to pp. 38 and 39 in your issue of the 28th ult., I cannot help saying that I do not agree in classing even-bell methods with odd-bell ones, as set forth in this report, although Mr. Trollope illustrated it in his own way a few weeks ago, and in so doing in my opinion left out the main points. Although a fellow member of the committee with Mr. Trollope, I wish to explain my views on the subject.

1. All methods which have a guiding bell or bells are methods of the same principle—"guided methods."
2. All methods without a guiding bell are methods of another principle—"non-guided methods."

Bearing in mind these two principles the following systems for the various methods at once become apparent.

## Systems of methods:

1. Methods with one plain guiding bell and a working tenor are methods of one system. Such are Plain Bob, Double Oxford Bob, etc., and these are variations of one another.
2. Methods with two plain guiding bells and a covering tenor (for without a tenor a peal is not now allowed) are

methods of another system such as Grandsire, Darlaston Bob, etc., and these also are variations of one another.

3. Methods which have a dodging guiding bell are of another system; such are Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, which are variations of one another.

4. Methods which have a working bell (that is not dodging alone) are of another system.

## Non-guided systems of methods:

These which contain blocks of 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, etc. changes are all different systems. Thus Forward with four changes to a block cannot be a variation of Duffield with six changes to a block, nor can Stedman with twelve changes be a variation of Shipway's with sixteen changes.

So much being granted it follows that Double Norwich Major and Plain Bob Major are variations of one another, while Double Norwich Caters are variations of Grandsire Caters, and by the same reasoning Double Norwich Major and Double Norwich Caters are two distinct methods.

I could readily illustrate this by figures did I not feel that the valuable space could be used to greater advantage. While writing on this subject may I say that my attention has been called to the method of Forward Triples, given on page 85 of The Glossary as my method, and which I am told is the same as Court Bob given in Shipway's work. By reference to your columns of October 3rd, 1895, it will be found that I gave it as "Court Bob," the same as it appeared in Shipway, and why the late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer re-christened it Forward I could never understand, but should like to.

JOHN CARTER.

## THE STEDMAN PEAL AT DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

SIR,—I have been reading the footnote to the above peal and believe it to be without doubt the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung there, but not the first peal, as the Norwich Scholars from St. Peter Mancroft rang the first peal at Downham Market—5040 Bob Major—soon after the opening of the new bells in 1771; and again, a few years after, they visited Downham again and rang a peal of 5040 Court Bob. A few years later the Downham and Stow company rang 5040 Bob Major, and later the ringers of Downham Market rang a peal of 6160 Bob Major. This proves that the Stedman Triples is not the first peal rung at Downham Market.

SAM SLATER.

## AN OLD GOWER BELL.

In these days of rapid road travelling (writes Mr. G. E. Halliday, F.R.I.B.A., to the "Mail") few may have noticed the little wayside church of Nicholaston, on the high road from Swansea to Rhossilly, situate about half a mile east of Penrice Castle gates. It is well worth stopping for a few minutes at the little church, if even for the sake of the bell, which hangs within a few yards of the road, and may be seen without the trouble of finding the verger or getting the church key.

The old bell rings as sweetly to day as when it was cast in Holland by Arent van Won in the days of Henry VIII. It has a particular interest, being the only Dutch church bell in Gower, and probably in South Wales.

It is inscribed as follows: "Ic been chegoten int jaer on Heeren 1518." Translated: "I am cast in the year of our Lord 1518."

On either side are cast two hexagonal seals, each about 3-in. by 2½ in. across. That on the eastern side represents the Virgin Mary, crowned, holding the infant Saviour in her arms, standing on the crescent moon. Above the Virgin's head is a small, open-mouthed face, from which descend fine, radiating lines. This is probably intended to represent the breathing of the Holy Spirit. On the right side of the seal is the Crucifixion, with a skull below. The western seal represents the infant Saviour holding a Latin cross, hanging from which is a circle.

Dr. Coenen, a well-known antiquary, says that this bell was cast by a member of the celebrated family of bellfounders named Van Won, and he attributes it to Arent Van Won, who cast an almost identical bell for Steins, in Friesland, dated 1517.

The old bell was quarter tuned in 1894, when it was furnished with a new clapper, which was sadly needed.

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## In Memoriam.

WILLIAM WAKLEY.

On April 24th William Wakley passed to his rest at the comparatively early age of fifty-three years. Behind him is left a gap, not only in his family circle, but also in the tower of Burton-on-Trent, and indeed over a still wider area, which cannot be filled. His interests were many and wide, as were his friends. A Devonian by birth, for he was born at Gittisham on February 12th, 1853, he migrated in the year 1874, being then twenty-one years of age, to Burton, where he spent the rest of his life. In August 1877 he married Miss Louisa Harriet Maer, of Sidmouth, and leaves besides his wife, two sons and five daughters. In 1878 he became a sidesman of St. Paul's, the new church built by the late Mr. Bass; and from 1882 to 1884 he was Vicar's warden. The Rev. J. H. Fish, at that time incumbent of the church, was an ardent promoter of change-ringing, and Mr. Wakley energetically co-operated with him in bringing the St. Paul's Society of change-ringers to a pitch of excellence that has nowhere been surpassed. From the year 1874 till the time of his death, he occupied the position of leader and principal conductor to the St. Paul's ringers.

In the rise and progress of this company he took always the deepest interest, ably supported by men whose names have become household words in the ringing world, notably by his brothers Arthur and Harry, and especially by his intimate friend, for ten years the Hon. Secretary of the Midland Counties Association, Mr. Joseph Griffin, who frequently relieved his leader in the duties of conductor. Of the gradual rise of the St. Paul's society to the very summit of the Art of ringing, it is unnecessary here to speak. The example set before the Exercise at a time when advanced methods were little rung has probably been a conducing cause of no little effect in the now widespread practice of the highest branches of the science of campanology.

In the year 1882 Mr. Fish bestirred himself, in conjunction with his own ringers and others in Derby, to found the Midland Counties Association, which embraced, roughly, the districts around Burton, Derby, Nottingham, and Leicester, but which has since been by degrees considerably extended.

Mr. Wakley became Hon. Treasurer of the Association in 1883, and continued, from that date, to hold this office to the end of his life.

In the year 1891 the Central Council of Ringers was formed, and with this body Mr. Wakley was from its inception connected, first as an hon. member, and later as a delegate. As a speaker at meetings he never obtruded himself, but when he had any point to make, or was asked to take part in the proceedings, he invariably spoke with effect, wasting no words but addressing his audience in clear and unhesitating language. Of the same nature was his manner in everything in which he took part. Always kind and cheery, helpful and considerate, he had great rapidity of judgment which was seldom at fault, which never wavered, and which, when occasion required, was unstakably expressed. Only those who had the privilege of working with him know the fund of experience and reliability that lay beneath his calm and dignified ways. It is noteworthy that his first peal was also the first on the then new bells of St. Paul's, one of Grandsire Triples, conducted by himself, on April 1st, 1876.

But it was not only as a campanologist that Mr. Wakley made his mark. In 1868, when only fifteen years of age, he led the Volunteers at Buckerly, Devon, and was transferred to "A" company, 2nd North Staffordshire Regiment, and made Sergeant in 1878, and Colour-Sergeant in 1899. On several occasions he represented his company at Bisley, and in 1894 won the Battalion, Company, and Morris Tube prizes. At Bisley, in his county, and at Burton, he also won various other shooting prizes. It should be mentioned, to his small credit, that, since their institution, he never missed a church parade or a camp.

The value to the force may best be summed up in the local order issued on Saturday, April 28th: "The battalion learn with great regret of the death of the late Colour-Sergeant Wakley. He had served in the Volunteer Force for twenty-eight years; thirty-two years with this battalion, and

twenty-seven years as Sergeant and Colour-Sergeant. He was always distinguished by untiring zeal and devotion to the service. We have lost a good comrade and a loyal friend."

On Easter Monday there took place at Burton the annual gathering of the Midland Counties Association. Mr. Wakley was present, as usual indefatigable both in the business proceedings and in promoting the comfort and pleasure of those present. Again he was re-elected Hon. Treasurer of the Association, with hearty thanks for his past long services. Of those who had not recently seen him there were some who noticed with surprise how worn and tired he looked, but that he was seriously ill was not, at all events, generally known. Yet on the following Tuesday week he passed to his rest in the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, whither he had been removed in view of a serious internal operation, which was considered necessary, but which could not be hurried, and indeed was never performed. Startling was the shock to his friends when the news came that the fine strong man had suddenly passed away in the prime of life. Beyond his home circle no suspicion was entertained that his altered appearance betokened more than a temporary ailment, and deep was the sympathy and sincere the sorrow that were evoked by his hardly credited demise.

On April 28th, William Wakley was laid in the Burton Cemetery. On the previous evening the coffin had been placed in the church he served so well, and loving watchers guarded the body throughout the night. The special service, the muffled bells, the floral tributes, the gathered Volunteers and Yeomanry, the full military honours at the grave, all given with devoted regard, brought home to the throng of on-lookers that one had gone from them who was esteemed by his fellows as an able, earnest, reliable, and God-fearing man. H.

*The two following peals have been rung as tributes of respect to the late Mr. W. Wakley:—*

## BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

*On Thursday, May 3, 1906, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

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

*On Tuesday, May 8, 1906, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

EDMUND J. HYLAND .. .. Treble	*HORACE F. STREET .. .. 7.
THOMAS H. REEVES* .. .. 2.	JOHN NEAL .. .. 8.
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 3.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 9.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 4.	ALF. PADDON SMITH .. .. 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 11.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP .. .. Tenor.

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

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### Miscellaneous.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LANGHAM (Essex).—On a recent Sunday, for Confirmation Service, 720 and two 360s of Bob Minor. H. Deaves, G. Biggs, E. Smith, F. Smith, S. Featherstone, C. Greun. On the previous evening, 720 Oxford by the same band.

CHESTER.—On Sunday, April 1st, at the church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. F. Weston, J. W. Davies, J. Crook, R. Oliver, C. Davies, T. E. Hughes, R. Sperring, F. Milton.

DENTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, March 25th, for morning service at St. Anne's church, 720 Woodbine. F. Chadwick, A. Marshall, J. Pollitt, E. Sidebottom, J. Heckingbottom conductor, W. Wright. For evening service 720 Woodbine. F. Chadwick, A. Marshall, J. Heckingbottom conductor, E. Sidebottom, H. Ellis, W. Wright. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor, and is supposed to be the first in the method on the bells.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On February 7th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, with the bells muffled as a token of respect for Mr. Wilberforce Bryant, of Stoke Park, whose funeral took place that day at Stoke Poges. H. Skuse, J. J. Parker conductor, H. Batten, F. Reid, J. Elderfield, G. Basden, C. Clarke, J. Bovington. On Easter Sunday, for morning service, 108, and in the evening 980, conducted by C. Clarke. On May 1st, a quarter-peal in the same method, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to Charles Finsmore, an old ringer of Abbots Langley, and a choirman for many years at Farnham Royal, and who was buried at Farnham that day.

GREAT GADDESSEN (Herts).—On Tuesday, April 17th, at the parish church, several 120s of Grandsire Doubles. M. Rance, Rev. A. Clark, J. Barry, C. Potheary, Rev. A. T. Hollis. On Wednesday, at the vicarage, on handbells, 720 Grandsire Doubles. Mrs. A. T. Hollis, C. Potheary, J. Barry, Rev. A. T. Hollis.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Saturday, February 10th, at the parish church, 1344 Bob Major, in 50 mins. A. C. Otway, G. Marriner, A. H. Winch, J. Wyatt, H. Corbett, J. White, F. Richardson, A. Dean conductor. On Sunday, February 25th, for Divine Service, 1529 Grandsire Caters, in 57 mins. H. Marks, W. Messam, G. Marriner, W. E. Otway, H. Wood, E. Hull, W. R. Crookford, A. C. Otway, A. Dean conductor, E. Ventham. The above touch of Caters consists of 85 leads, and was specially composed by W. Marks, the local captain, and was rung in honour of the 85th anniversary of Joseph Lisney, who for many years has been a valued and esteemed member of the local band. His brother-ringers all wished him health and happiness through his remaining years.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks).—On April 19th, for practice, two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor. H. Collins, J. J. Parker, G. Williams, G. H. Guttridge, T. W. Gosling, R. Flaxman conductor, J. Guttridge, W. Ralph. E. Harwood and W. Willing rang in the second quarter-peal. On April 26th, two more quarter-peals with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. W. Harmer, who had been a choirman for thirty-three years at Old Windsor, and who was buried that day. F. G. Guttridge, J. Hoare, E. Harwood, T. W. Gosling, J. J. Parker, G. H. Guttridge, J. Guttridge, W. Willing.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Sunday, March 25th, at St. Margaret's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Kidd, A. Holden conductor, G. Chantler, J. Kidd, J. Tulett, E. Rayne, W. Baker, J. Rayner.

SLOUGH (Bucks).—On February 17th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. F. Reid, W. Wilder, H. Batten, J. J. Parker, E. Field, R. Flaxman conductor, C. Clarke, J. Bovington.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Minor rung at Great Wymondley, Herts., has been sent without any time being mentioned.



## Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. — (Established 1637). — Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays, May 17th and 31st, and St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, May 22, all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild. — Winchester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Hursley, to-day, Saturday, May 12th, 1906. The belfry will be open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at the King's Head, at 5 o'clock.

JAMES W. ELKINS, *Dist. Sec.*

3, Culow Villas, Winchester.

The Kent County Association. — Canterbury District. — The annual meeting of this district will be held at Faversham, to-day, Saturday, May 12. The tower of Faversham church will be open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at the Recreation Tavern. Business meeting afterwards. Half railway fares not exceeding 2s. each, will be paid to members present. Subscriptions should be paid at once.

G. DENNE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild — South and West District. — The next meeting will be held at Sunbury, to-day, Saturday, May 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea kindly provided in parish room at 6 p.m. Members and friends cordially invited.

J. J. PEATT, *Hon. Sec.*

Hillingdon.

The Lancashire Association. — Liverpool Branch. — A meeting will be held at Ormskirk, to-day, Saturday, May 12. Bells ready at 5. W. HUGHES, *Hon. Sec.*

3, Belmont Place, Garston.

The Heavy Woollen District Association. — The next monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Liversedge, to-day, Saturday, May 12th. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock, meeting house, The Albion Inn.

WALTER IDLE, *Hon. Sec.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. — A meeting of members of this Association will be held on Saturday, May 19, at St. Sepulchre's Church, E.C. (10 bells) by kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers. The bells will be raised at 6.30 p.m. The Vicar will give a short address to ringers at evensong, which will be said at 4.30 p.m., and it is particularly requested that all ringers will attend this service. The hon. secretary will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

ARTHUR KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Yorkshire Association. — The next meeting will be held at Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, May 19th, Local hon. sec., Mr. E. R. Armitage, Dean Cottage, Kirkburton, near Huddersfield. For further details see Association circular.

JOHN W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

21, Westover Road, Bramley, Leeds.

The Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury, on May 19. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association. — Bolton Branch. — The monthly meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, May 19th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.

G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association. — Rochdale Branch. — The next meeting of the above will be held at Moorside, on Saturday, May 19th, 1906. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

EDMUND SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association. — A meeting will be held at Luton on May 19th. Bells available at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.

A. KING, *Local Sec.*

St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rowley Regis, on Saturday, May 19th. Bells will be available at 4. Service in church at 5 o'clock.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

16, Wilmcote Place, Oxford Street, Dudley.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild. — The annual meeting will be held in Salisbury, on Monday, May 21st, 1906. Service in the Cathedral, 12.30. Sermon by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Dinner, 1.30 in the church house; 2s. each. Business meeting immediately after dinner. The following towers will be available for ringing: — St. Thomas (8), to change ringers only. St. Edmund's (8). St. Martin's (8). Fisherton (6). Wilton (6).

H. E. TILNEY-BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. — The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 22nd, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there will be business of some importance to transact, it is hoped that every member will make an effort to attend.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The London County Association. — (late the St. James' Society, Est. 1824). — A meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, May 26th, for united practice and social intercourse at the church of St. Luke, Chelsea, S.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 8.30 p.m. A social will afterwards take place at The Builders Arms, Britton Street, near the church.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

1, Budge Row, E.C.

East Derbyshire Association. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pleasley, on Saturday, May 26th. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards. Please advise Mr. Frank Hayes, Pleasley Hill, Mansfield, who will attend not later than May 19th certain.

T. ALLIBONE, *Hon. Sec.*

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Ely Diocesan Association. — Sudbury Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Clave on Saturday, May 26th, 1906. All intending to be present, please send in their names to me not later than the 19th.

S. SLATER, *Dist. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild. — North Bucks Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Newton Longville, Bucks, on Saturday, June 2nd, 1906. Bells open 2 p.m.

A. E. POWELL, *Hon. Sec.*

Newton Longville, Bletchley.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. — The annual meeting will be

held at Painswick, on Whit-Monday, June 4th. Further particulars in future advertisements.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

30, Broad Street, Bristol.

The Kent County Association. — The annual general meeting will be held on Whit-sun Monday, June 4th, at Tonbridge. Further particulars later. For dinner tickets, apply to

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Canterbury.

The Lancashire Association. — As the A.M.C. of the Manchester Unity of Odd-fellows will be held at Barrow-in-Furness during Whit-week, any delegates attending the conference who are change-ringers, will be heartily welcomed by the Dalton ringers any evening during the week. A handy ring of 6 bells, in good going order. Dalton is easily accessible from Barrow. Communications to be addressed to the conductor.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1906.

## THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

A special meeting of the above society was held at Chesterfield on Easter Monday, and was well attended by a large gathering of ringers and friends from the surrounding district. Ringing commenced at 2 p.m., and touches in the various methods were duly brought round. Apart from the ordinary routine, the special item of interest was the unveiling of a marble tablet recording four first Surprise peals rung by the society, which ceremony was performed at 4 p.m. by the Rev. E. F. Crosse, Vicar of Chesterfield. The company also included Mrs. and Miss Crosse, Messrs. S. E. Short and R. T. Dewe (churchwardens), and about fifty ringers. The proceedings opened with a prayer by the Vicar, after which Mr. Sam Thomas (President of the Society), explained the object of their visit, and outlined the history of the society, commenting on the steady advancement that had been made in the Art of change-ringing, resulting in the recording of peals rung in the higher methods, which performances were considered worthy of the erection of a marble tablet. In concluding, Mr. Thomas said he should have great pleasure in asking the Rev. E. F. Crosse to unveil the tablet. Before doing so, the Vicar



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gave a short address, expressing his pleasure in welcoming the society to Chesterfield, and said that although not a ringer, he was always greatly interested in bells and bell-ringing; also it gave him great pleasure in attending to unveil the new tablet, and with the words "Something attempted, something done," he drew the curtain on one side, exposing the tablet to view. The work entailed in the making and erection of same had been entrusted to Mr. David Brearley, and great credit is due to him for the excellent manner in which he has performed the same. The peals recorded are one each of Superlative, Yorkshire, Peterborough, and London Surprise, all of which have been rung on the Chesterfield bells. After all had expressed satisfaction, the Rev. A. T. Beeston moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for their attendance and kind contributions, which was ably seconded by Mr. D. Brearley.

A vote of thanks to the ladies for their interest and attendance was proposed by Mr. S. Thomas, seconded by the Rev. A. T. Beeston. Before the visitors descended the tower, three courses of Forward Royal were rung by special desire. An adjournment was then made to the Everest cafe, where a substantial tea had been most kindly provided by the Vicar, who presided, whilst "Jasper" (Chesterfield's mascot, who can do anything but ring), was in close attendance upon all. During conversation at the table, the Vicar asked for an opinion respecting the condition and tone of the Chesterfield bells, which at once brought forth that the "go" of the bells was everything that could be desired, but the tone was far from perfect, and the best thing that could be done was to have them taken down, recast and tuned in the modern style. A suggestion was also made that seeing there was not a peal of twelve bells in Derbyshire, it would be far better still if two additional bells could be added at the same time. After enquiring the approximate cost, the Vicar promised the matter should have due consideration; therefore hopes are now running high that a new peal of twelve will be established at Chesterfield at a not very remote date.

When full justice had been done to the good things provided, a vote of thanks to the Vicar for providing the tea and presiding at the table was moved by Mr. S. Thomas and seconded by Mr. T. Tyas. A further adjournment was then made to the tower, and touches in the various methods were indulged in until 7.30 p.m. A social evening followed at The Swan hotel, songs, recitations, touches and tunes on the handbells being given by the various well-known "Star artistes," things being kept merry until train time arrived, which terminated a red-letter day for Chesterfield.

## NOTICE OF LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

A company will meet at Mottram on Whit-Monday, and attempt to ring Mr. E. Timbrell's 16,800 Treble Bob Major, in the Kent Variation.

## EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

The Dean and Chapter of Exeter Cathedral will no longer allow an attempt at a peal of Royal, involving the ringing of the tenor bell by one person, to be made on the Cathedral bells.

## LUTON, BEDS.

### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1906, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. in F.

BENJAMIN GUTTERIDGE .. Treble.	FREDERICK BONNER .. .. 5.
CHARLES R. WING .. .. 2.	ALFRED KINO .. .. 6.
CHARLES MATTHEWS .. .. 3.	JAMES A. ROOKWOOD .. .. 7.
BERT WILSON .. .. 4.	JOHN W. BARKER .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

First peal of Bob Major on the bells also by the band.

## TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 18, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 of Bob Minor. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK LEAGER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE SNELLING .. .. 4.
BASIL J. MANSEY .. .. 2.	FREDERICK MANSEY .. .. 5.
JOHN SNELLING .. .. 3.	ARTHUR LEAGER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK MANSEY.

## STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER WOOLLEY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. .. 5.
JOHN BEECH* .. .. 2.	REV. E. V. COX .. .. 6.
C. CAREW COX .. .. 3.	CHARLES MORLEY .. .. 7.
BENJAMIN SNOW† .. .. 4.	PETER PRESTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FITCHFORD.

\*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. Mr. Carew Cox was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting.

## WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 23, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK MARTIN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. .. 5.
ALBERT MILLER .. .. 2.	REV. E. V. COX .. .. 6.
C. CAREW COX .. .. 3.	ERNEST SHERRATT* .. .. 7.
JOHN MORLEY* .. .. 4.	CHARLES MORLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by REV. E. V. COX.

\*First peal with a bob bell.

## CHERITON, KENT.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 23, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s each called differently of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

HENRY BEAL* .. .. Treble.	FRANK A. SLINGSBY* .. .. 4.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. .. 2.	JAMES MANN* .. .. 5.
GEORGE C. WATERS* .. .. 3.	CHARLES TURNER† .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

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## STANSTEAD, SUFFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 23, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Double Court, College Single, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE SMITH .. .. Treble.	GEORGE AITKENS .. .. 4.
PERCY GARWOOD .. .. 2.	THEODORE E. SLATER .. 5.
BERTIE MAXIM .. .. 3.	ALBERT Y. CLARKE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT Y. CLARKE.

The ringer of the 4th bell is the eldest son of the Rector of this parish, the Rev. George Aitkens, M.A., and this is his first 5000. Mr. Aitkens rang his first 720 of Bob Minor on the Stanstead Church bells on March 9, 1905, a little more than 13 months ago. This was conducted by his old friend S. Slater.

## MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 24, 1906, in Three Hours

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL STEVENS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HARDSTAFF .. .. 5.
WILLIAM GOSLING, SENR. .. 2.	HERBERT ALLSOPP .. .. 6.
WILLIAM GOSLING, JUNR. .. 3.	FRANK MAY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM G. CHRISTIAN .. 4.	CHARLES CARR .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM GOSLING, JUNR.

## BROMLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE H. KITE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 5.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. .. 2.	GEORGE HUXLEY .. .. 6.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. 3.	GEORGE DURLING* .. .. 7.
JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 4.	GEORGE HEAD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE DURLING.

\*First peal in the method as conductor.

## DORCHESTER, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. in F.

WALTER HITCHMAN* .. Treble.	†VINCENT R. HITCHMAN .. 5.
ALFRED R. BOSLEY .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM HUTTON .. .. 6.
HENRY COBB .. .. 3.	EDWARD BANNISTER .. .. 7.
RICHARD G. RICE* .. .. 4.	FELIX DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD BANNISTER.

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

## BATH, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

JOHN TAYLOR* .. .. Treble.	HERBERT E. HOLDER .. .. 5.
CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. .. 2.	CHARLES DENSLEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM PRESCOTT .. .. 3.	CHARLES W. BELL .. .. 7.
THOMAS F. KING .. .. 4.	JAMES FUSSELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. BELL.

\*First peal of Triples. Reference to this peal to be found elsewhere.

## RINGMER, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt

WILLIAM PELLING* .. .. Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 6.
ALBERT D. STONE* .. .. 3.	*EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 7.
ALFRED J. TURNER* .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal in the Oxford variation; also on the bells, and as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Pelling, the band offering the usual compliments.

## LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S.

GEORGE CONDICK .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 5.
JESSE GILLET .. .. 2.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 6.
ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. 3.	JOHN F. BALLINGER .. 7.
THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. 4.	THOMAS J. WHITING .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

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

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

A. E. LOCK* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS SHORT .. .. 5.
A. B. BOSLEY .. .. 2.	*R. G. RICE .. .. 6.
JOHN BROWN .. .. 3.	REV. E. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY HOLFIELD .. .. 4.	*W. H. HOLFIELD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman.

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

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

FREDERICK J. STAINES .. Treble.	ALBERT J. DAY .. .. 5.
GEORGE W. FOSTER .. .. 2.	JOHN TASSELL .. .. 6.
RICHARD S. STAINES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 7.
WILLIAM SPICE .. .. 4.	JOHN EXCELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD S. STAINES.

Great credit is due to the treble ringer for the way he rang his bell throughout the peal, it being his first peal, and is believed to be the youngest ringer in the above Association who has scored a peal, he being only fourteen years of age.

## HERSHAM, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS* .. Treble.	*STEPHEN C. HAMBLIN .. 5.
GEORGE WOODISS† .. .. 2.	*CHARLES J. HAMBLIN .. 6.
ALFRED WOODROW .. .. 3.	*JOHN EMERY .. .. 7.
GEORGE EDSEER, JUNR .. 4.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD and Conducted by GEORGE WOODISS.

\*First peal of Major. †First of Major as conductor. Also the first peal of Major by the local band.

## KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES M. BRAY .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL E. ROBERTS .. 5.
WILLIAM J. CROFT .. .. 2.	ARTHUR H. BRAY .. .. 6.
JOHN J. CAWDELL .. .. 3.	JOHN F. FOSTER .. .. 7.
CHARLES CASTLE .. .. 4.	*EDWARD G. BYGRAVE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN F. CAWDELL.

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

## MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s, each called differently, with 6-8 covering.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM BUTLER* .. .. Treble.	RICHARD LYDDIATT .. .. 5.
GEORGE LARGE .. .. 2.	*ERNEST WEBB .. .. 6.
CHARLES J. GILLET .. 3.	WALTER LARGE .. .. 7.
ALBERT WHITE .. .. 4.	*FREDERICK A. CASE .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

\*First peal. H. A. Case and E. Webb were elected members before starting for peal.

## GILLINGHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

SIDNEY PEACOCK* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM EASTER .. .. 5.
SAMUEL TAYLOR*(R.N.) .. 2.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 6.
SIDNEY FIGGESS† .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BATE† .. .. 4.	JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. HAIGH,

\*First peal in the method. †First peal away from the tenor.

## OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

J. PRICE .. .. Treble.	W. ADAMS .. .. 5.
H. JOHNSON .. .. 2.	W. PRIEST .. .. 6.
O. PEARSON .. .. 3.	G. H. B. CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
J. P. MASON .. .. 4.	*W. GREEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. GREEN.

\*First peal as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Major by all. First peal of Grandsire Major on these bells.

## DERBY.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HAROLD INCKLE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM EARL .. .. 5.
ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 2.	CHARLES E. HART .. .. 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 3.	SAMUEL MASKREY .. .. 7.
FREDERICK HOLLINGWORTH 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

## BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING .. .. Treble.	GEORGE JONES .. .. 5.
JOHN MEALOR* .. .. 2.	HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 6.
JOHN W. DAVIES .. .. 3.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BRISCOE* .. .. 4.	*JAMES V. WRIGHT .. Tenor.

Composed by J. LOCKWOOD and Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\*First peal in the Method. This is H. W. Wilde's 50th peal, particulars of which appear elsewhere.

## MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Six Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 12,000 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM .. .. Treble.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD .. .. 5.
FRANK HALL .. .. 2.	JOHN HARROP .. .. 6.
JOE GODDARD .. .. 3.	JOHN HARRISON .. .. 7.
SAM STOTT .. .. 4.	CHARLES MARSLAND .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

## RUSPER, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 29, 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

GEORGE MARRINER* .. Treble.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 5.
HARRY F. LAST .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
JOHN AKEHURST .. .. 3.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 7.
ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 4.	GEORGE F. HOAD .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE F. HEAD.

Rung as a farewell peal to G. F. Williams who is leaving the district. \*First peal of Treble Bob Major.

## REIGATE, SURREY.—THE REIGATE SOCIETY.

On Monday, April 30, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY F. EWINS .. .. Treble.	HENRY REEVES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. CARD .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. CROUCHER .. 6.
ARTHUR HOLMAN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ARGENT .. .. 7.
ALBERT E. BARROWS .. 4.	GEORGE F. HOAD .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by GEO. F. HOAD.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Monday, April 30, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

CHARLES BOWER* .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL BOOTH .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN THORPE .. .. 2.	GEORGE LONGDEN .. .. 6.
SAMUEL WOOD .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM BOOTH .. .. 7.
BENJAMIN GILL .. .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rung on the front eight. \*First peal in the method.

# BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Frome and Midsomer Norton branch of the above Association, held its annual meeting at Frome, on Saturday, April 28th. There was a good attendance, the following towers being represented:—Frome, Midsomer Norton, Buckland, Dinham, Leigh-on-Mendip. The bells of St. John's church were available all the day, and members began to arrive in the town as early as 2 p.m. Some ringing was done before tea, after which interesting function a capital business meeting, under the able and genial chairmanship of the Rev. W. Randolph, Vicar of Frome, was held. An innovation, which was manifestly appreciated by the members present, was a brief report on the year's work read by the secretary. Business was followed at 6 p.m. by a very impressive service in St. John's church, when the Vicar officiated.

The rest of the evening was spent in the tower, and a few touches in Triples (Grandsire) were brought round, though there was some little difficulty in getting really efficient bands together, owing to the fact that several of the ringers belonged to six bell towers.

It was a great pleasure to all to give a hearty hand-shake and welcome to Mr. Cole (London), a Clevedon man, and an old member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. At the business meeting the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill (Leigh-on-Mendip) was elected chairman of the branch, vice the Rev. W. A. Dwight (Buckland Dinham), resigned, to whom a most hearty vote of thanks was accorded for his kind services as Chairman of the branch for the last three years. That the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended the meeting goes without saying.

# ATTLEBOROUGH, NORFOLK.

On Easter Monday, the Attleborough company of bell-ringers had their outing, taking a trip round to different churches, the band meeting at 8.45 being R. Etteridge, captain, T. Sapey, J. Lawrence, W. Wiseman, S. Daniels, J. Daniels, W. Daniels. Our first place being Barnham Broom, where we were welcomed by the Rev. J. E. P. Bartlett. Here we found a nice peal of five where we got two 360 of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by T. Sapey. After that we drove on to Honingham where we found a nice peal of six, all in readiness for us. Here we got 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in twenty-eight minutes, conducted by T. Sapey, then a few more changes of Plain Bob. After that we went on to Mattishall to the Eight Ringers' inn, where host J. Batson had provided a good lunch. After a course or two of salt beef we went to the tower where there was a splendid peal of six, here we got a 720 changes of Plain Bob in twenty-six minutes, conducted by J. Lawrence, in good striking order, then a few more changes. After that we went on to Garvestone, where the Rev. Alpe had provided tea for us. After partaking of his hospitality, we made for the church, with the Rector and two of his local ringers, being Mr. H. and Mr. S. Kiddle, who are new beginners, but we piloted them through their first 360 changes of Plain Bob, conducted by G. Sapey. After that six of their own band rang 360 changes of Kent Treble Bob Minor, conducted by T. Sapey. Then to finish with four of their own band rang a course of Bob Major. T. Sapey, 1-2; R. Etteridge, 3-4; S. Daniels, 5-6; J. Lawrence, 7-8. Then we drove on to Hingham where we had a few changes of Bob Major with the Hingham ringers, and as it was getting late, we made for home, arriving about 10.15, having all enjoyed ourselves.

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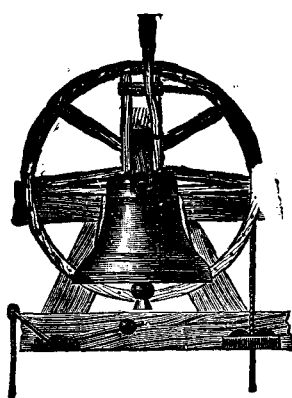
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