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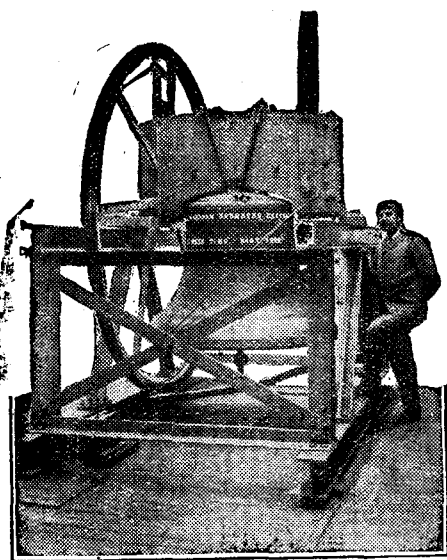
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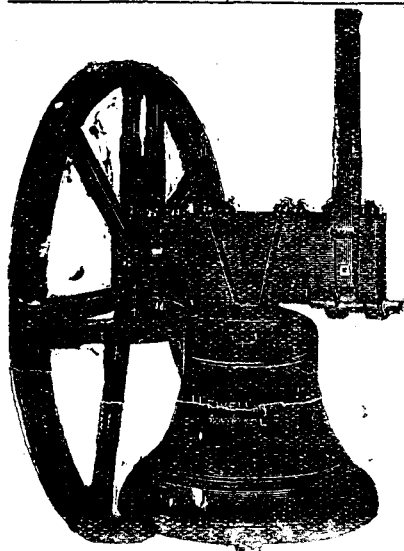
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UPHAM, HANTS.

RE-OPENING OF THE BELLS.

On Thursday, August 22nd, the sing of six in the tower of this beautiful country church, which has been silent for nearly two years, was re-opened. The fittings have all been renewed, and the 3rd bell has been recast by Messrs. Warner, who have made a very satisfactory job of the work. They have reproduced the old inscription on the bell, which, with the other five, was cast A.D. 1761 by Thomas Swain. He took over the well-known foundry of Robert Catlin in about 1751. Other bells of Swain's, bearing dates from 1753-1781, are found in this diocese at Thorpe, Cobham, Godalming and Epsom, while the peal at Thames Ditton came from his foundry, which was in Shoe Lane, in the parish of St. Andrew, Holborn. At Swain's death this foundry came to an end. The recast bell is about 6½ cwt., her note is G.

The dedication service was at 3.30, the form used was that of the Diocesan Guild, with appropriate special psalm and hymns. The Rector, the Rev. E. L. H. Tew, took the office, the Rev. H. Rycroft, Vicar of Bishop's Waltham, the lesson, and the Rev. C. E. Matthews, Vicar of Bursledon, and Master of the Diocesan Guild, preached from 1 Corinthians xiv. 10. Other clergy present were the Revs. R. A. Sidebotham (Fair Oak), W. E. Colchester (St. Maurice, Winchester), R. S. Page (Hedge End), and H. Wheat (Kingsley). The collection amounted to £3 12s. 6d., add this more than covered the deficit on the Bells Restoration Fund. The total cost of the work has been £87. Immediately after the dedicatory prayers a plain course of Stedman was rung during the service by members of the Cathedral band, under Mr. Andrews. These ringers, including the local men, with Messrs. J. W. Whiting and G. E. Chappell, were entertained at tea by the Rector. Later numerous touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung. One 6-score was rung in which the Revs. H. Wheat, W. E. Colchester, and C. E. Matthews took part. A 720 of Bob Minor was brought round by Rev. W. E. Colchester longest touch in the method, E. C. Lampard, W. C. Lampard, W. Crute, G. E. Chappell, J. W. Whiting conductor. Messrs. C. Russell, T. Smith, W. Knight, W. Kimber and W. Andrews also stood in. All were very pleased with the "go" of this ring, and as there is an exceedingly nice tone pervading the local band, some of whom are also members of the choir, Upham may be heartily congratulated upon the success of the re-opening of its bells.

C. E. M.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 24th, the Guildford District of this Guild held a meeting at Hascombe and Dunsfold. Service was held in Dunsfold church in the afternoon, when the assembled ringers were addressed by the Rector, the Rev. W. H. Winn. Afterwards the members took tea in the club room of The Bricklayers' Arms, the Rector presiding. Between forty and fifty members were present. In welcoming the ringers to Dunsfold the Rector said

that the oldest bell in their tower (which was one of the most ancient in the county of Surrey) had undoubtedly tolled the alarm for the assembling forces to repel the Spanish Armada in 1588. One could imagine on what a number of important occasions that bell had pealed since that time. He congratulated the members on the large meeting, and was only sorry that his own parishioners and ringers were so poorly represented, owing to holidays and previously-arranged cricket matches. In early times they had three bells at Dunsfold, and the legend runs that they said "Who beats we." An adjoining parish who had only two said "We do, we do!" while another neighbouring parish which had only one said "Oh, Oh." He did not want to hurt the feelings of any of the Chiddingfold ringers who were present, but it used to be said that their bells said "Poor Chiddingfold, hungry and cold," because they had such a poor peal. Now they had eight bells, which was better than Dunsfold, who only had six.

At the business meeting which followed tea, the question of the Garfath memorial was brought forward from the previous meeting held at Scale. A collection was taken then and there to try and raise the amount still required, and resulted in a collection of 17s. 3½d., which brought the total amount to £11 9s., being the total required.

The Secretary (Mr. John Jones) said he hoped the Bishop would unveil the memorial in Farnham tower during October.

The hon. members elected were Miss Florence Musgrave (Hascombe), Revs. W. H. Aitkin (Haslemere), R. H. B. Simpson (Dunsfold), and C. E. Nuttall (Guildford.) The ordinary members elected included the whole of the Hascombe ringers, who are to be instructed in change-ringing by Mr. J. W. Harrison, of Dunsfold.

The Rev. R. H. B. Simpson, in returning thanks for having been elected, said he knew very little about bell-ringing, and the experience he had had was not altogether creditable to him, though he believed unique. At the time of Queen Victoria's death the village he was Vicar of received a false alarm, and the church bell was tolled twelve hours before the Queen's death took place.

Mr. R. Whittington (Cranleigh), read an interesting paper on the Winchester Festival, and a vote of thanks was passed to him on the proposition of Mr. Roffey, of Guildford. Votes of thanks were also passed to the organist and choir for being present, and also to the Rector for his kindness.

THE WILLIAM VERRY COMMEMORATION.

The third annual commemoration dinner took place at The Red Lion hotel on Saturday last, at which thirty members and friends sat down to a first-rate dinner, carried out in a neat style by host Gorman. The last course was a Surprise Major, brought round splendidly in the shape of pears, grapes and bananas. Members and friends having thoroughly enjoyed the repast, were entertained in a splendid manner by a good programme.

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YORK MINSTER :

Its tribute to the late William Horner Howard, Vice-president of the Yorkshire Association.

Approaching the noble west front of the Cathedral from the railway station, we were glad to see the scaffolding down, and were beginning to feast our eyes not only on the beauty of the whole, but on the carefully-restored detail, when a superb boom from the great bell fell on our ears and forcibly reminded us of our mournful errand.

In the sound of a monster bell mournfully voicing itself from the tower of a national monument, such as we have at York, there is something more than a deep soul-stirring vibration, for it quite unfits the hearer from following any other train of thought than that which it dictates. We tried to exchange opinions on its tone, for were we not listening to the second largest church bell in our country, one whose weight is nearly 11 tons, and whose thickness of soundbow is eight inches. We tried to analyse its hum-note, together with its third and fifth and super octave, and blamed the disconcerting wind which swept round the corners of the mighty fabric. But all the time we inwardly felt that its solemn tones were for our departed friend, and that our proper place was in the sanctuary, there to realise—

"That love lives on and hath a power to bless,
When they who loved are hidden in the grave."

What wonder then that we turned our minds more immediately to the sad gathering. Entering by the south transept we get at once the glorious view of the five lancet windows at the far end of the north transept, framed, as it were, in and beyond the massive piers that support the central tower.

These lancets, locally known as "the five sisters," are of enormous height, but the whole proportion is so perfect that once the height, ninety-nine feet to the roof, is grasped, all else is lost in harmony. The sun now shining southwardly, draws our attention to the grandeur of that side, the details of the triforium standing out with great effect.

Again and again the booming note of Great Peter arrests our attention, and we become conscious of the vergers seeking to keep clear a central pathway from the south door forward.

Presently the choristers and songsmen file out from the choir, followed by the clergy and Dean, and as the boys retrace their steps at the end of the procession to regain their order of precedence, we get an effective silent counter-movement of the two columns. This is carried through with such quiet dignity that a thin white line of skilled singers now forms the inner outline of the path. With commendable punctuality the remains of our friend are slowly and reverently borne in on the shoulders of his comrades, and the clergy and choir being ready, the whole procession slowly advances. The effect of Cathedral voices singing as they proceed, is at all times charming, but never more so to us than on the present occasion, for as with subdued notes the choir take up the opening sentences, we hear the trebles growing fainter in the distance as the deeper notes of the tenors and basses approach; then for a time we all but lose the boys' voices, but they return to us quiet and clear, for their owners have passed the richly-cut stone screen of the choir, and the trembling sound waves now gathering force overhead, are mingling with the carved woodwork of the

stalls and rousing their sympathetic vibration. In the same way the various voices lend themselves to their changing surroundings, and the music, rich in simple chords, makes the effect more sublime, possibly such as can be attained only in a Cathedral of almost unparalleled height. When at length we reach the choir, the large gathering is very striking, every place appearing full. Our attention is again with the singers who now chant the psalm that has come down to us through the ages: "Lord, thou hast been our refuge, from one generation to another"; and as the *Decani* and *Cantoris* here divide each verse mid-way, the interblending chords strike the ear the more impressively. To the Bishop of Hull has been allotted the lesson beginning with the comforting words—"Now is Christ risen from the dead" and so excellently does he bring its message home, that we are sorry when its end comes, and his manly voice ceases. Two appropriate hymns divide the prayers, which latter being taken by the Dean himself, combine to make us feel the service as it closed had been one that we would have indeed been the poorer to have missed, so quietly and reverently was the Cathedral portion carried through. Rising from our knees after the Dean's blessing the deep rolling of the pedals made us halt anticipate Handel's *Dead March*. But no! A more poetical end is to be given to the impressive service. The *Dead March*, at all times more martial than divine, has no words with which to express the Church's farewell to one who as a faithful official had for the long term of sixty years gone in and out of the hallowed precincts. The organ ceases its troubled dirge, a moment's silence ensues and then with subdued voices York's famous choir leads the way sending aloft those ever restful words: "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace." The Dean and clergy follow, and once more the Minster company shoulder their honoured burden. As the procession wends its way through the stately south transept, it is found to be passing between through the ranks of the choir and clergy who have once again marshalled themselves on either side. So fittingly has everything fallen that the dying echoes of the *Gloria* have scarcely ended before the south door is again reached. At the very moment that the Minster is thus completing its tribute, and as our shoulder-borne veteran passes from its shadow, Nature takes up the theme, and with dazzling intensity the afternoon sun lights up the white wreaths, and shining through them, throws back into the sombre transept a gleam of floral purity, such as brings to mind the following—a fitting continuation of the Church's beauteous requiem—

"Songs of Heaven, triumphant singing,
Rank on rank in waves of light,
March the immortal legions bringing,
Crown of gold, and robe of white;
Far above them lustre streaming
Round its towers, unbuilt by hands,
Through a mist of glory beaming,
See the City stands.

Earth hath been wearing thee,
Now it is past,
Providence sparing thee,
Mercy preparing thee,
Angels are bearing thee,
Homeward at last."

REQUIESCAT IN PACE.

ADDRESSES WANTED.—W. E. Cave, Bristol; Albert Walker, Birmingham; Frank Bennett, late of Brighton Thos. Groombridge, Beckenham.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The nineteenth annual meeting of this Association was held in the parish room, Keswick, on Saturday, there being present the Revs. Canon Rawnsley, F. L. H. Millard, and W. H. Spurrier, and a number of ringers from Aspatria, Crosthwaite, Cleator Moor, Egremont, Irton, and Workington, including Mr. J. D. Baxter, the Hon. Secretary. The President, the Rev. H. L. Millard, occupied the chair, and after heartily welcoming the members called upon the Secretary to read his annual report (which will be published in full next week).

The statements of accounts was also read, and showed the Association to be in a very satisfactory financial condition. The Secretary was directed to have the report and statement of accounts printed and distributed among the various Cumberland belfries and members of the Association. The Chairman then proposed Mr. Spurrier as President for the ensuing year, saying that he (the chairman) had now occupied that post for some years, and he thought it time they had a change. This was seconded by the Rev. Canon Rawnsley, and carried. Several gentlemen were elected as vice-Presidents, and Mr. Baxter was again re-elected as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. It was arranged that the names of gentlemen willing to become hon. members be sent to the Secretary, who should thereupon register them as members. The next competition meeting was fixed to be held at Aspatria on Easter-Monday, when it would be left to the option of the competitors whether they rung a Minor or a Major touch, the Secretary to consult Mr. Chapman, of Manchester, who was again chosen as adjudicator, as to the feasibility of fairly judging a competition such as this as a whole, either by averaging the total faults per bell, and awarding the shield to the company having the smallest average, or otherwise. It was arranged that in the event of Chapman deciding that he could not fairly adjudicate between the Minor and Major test pieces that medals be provided for the best Minor ringers, but that the best Major company take the shield along with another set of medals. It was left to the judge to fix the length of touch to be rung, and the usual resolution as to payment of fares of competing bands was passed. It was also decided to provide a box for the conveyance of the shield between the belfries, and that the next annual meeting be held at Workington.

Mr. Wilson, of Aspatria, gave notice that he would move at the annual meeting that unless three bands signified one month before the date fixed for any shield competition their intention of taking part therein that such competition be abandoned for that year. On the motion of the Rev. Canon Rawnsley the Secretary was directed to write to each of the conductors of the various belfries and ask for a copy of the rules (if any) in force in his belfry, and, if none, whether he and his ringers considered it advisable to adopt any, and, if so, for a memorandum of such rules as they suggested, so that model belfry rules might be drawn up by a committee of the Association. At this point the Chairman said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was to ask Mr. Baxter to accept a slight recognition of his services to the Association, which took the form of a handsome table gong consisting of a silver model church bell hung by a silken cord from a silver arch, which was fixed upon an ebony base, upon which there was a silver plate with the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. J. D. Baxter by the Cumberland Association of Bellringers in recognition of his enthusiastic work as Secretary for fourteen years, August 24th,

1907." The Chairman referred in glowing terms to Mr. Baxter's work in connection with the Association, and stated that he had to a great extent been instrumental in spreading the Art of Change-ringing among the Cumberland belfries, and in bringing the Association to its present satisfactory position. The other rev. gentlemen followed in the same strain, and Mr. Spurrier (who had undertaken the collection of the necessary subscriptions in connection with the presentation, and who had chosen the form of the gift, which he stated had its inception in the mind of Mr. Johnston, one of the Workington ringers) said it had been a pleasure to him to do what little he had done, as everyone he wrote to entirely concurred in what was being done, and expressed his appreciation of Mr. Baxter's services. Mr. Baxter had been kept entirely in the dark as to the impending presentation, and in thanking the members for their appropriate and beautiful gift said how unexpected it was, and how grateful he felt for the kind remarks which had fallen from the lips of the rev. gentlemen, and been so enthusiastically received by the members, and that much as he would value the handsome gong he felt amply repaid for any services rendered by him to the Association, which had been entirely a labour of love by the manner in which such services had been received by the members. The usual vote of thanks to the chairman brought a very enthusiastic and pleasant meeting to a close. Just before the termination the sad case of Mr. Stephen Hogarth, of Crosthwaite, was mentioned. Mr. Hogarth, who was a very efficient change-ringer, and one of the earliest members of the Association, and a most earnest worker in connection with everything appertaining thereto, had been for some time past, and still is, suffering from a painful illness, which has totally incapacitated him from work, and it was decided that a Committee consisting of the clergymen and conductors be appointed to see what could be done in the way of lightening the burdens of the invalid and his wife and family.

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."

MACFARLANE INFORMATION.

SIR,—To ascertain from public opinion which is the better peal of eight church bells in England would be a most difficult task, and taken off-hand only approximate. The question should be applied to peals with not less than a ton tenor, as we find comparatively few over 25 cwt. unless to peals of ten. Before offering my humble opinion may I suggest that the views of the members of the Exercise be given in strict accordance with certain definite lines, such as follows: Not more than two octaves to be named for each county; Weight of bell-metal only (no fittings) not to vary more than 1 cwt. above or under 25 cwt.; Diameter, note of key, and weigh of the tenor bell to be immaterial to the decision; Exact tuning of all the bells, maiden castings, or tuned bells not to be questioned; No cracked or "leather" bells to be included in the octave; Inquiry should be made from the sound of the peal when rung (not chimed) in in rounds only, and heard outside the tower; Members of guilds, associations or ringing societies to consult together at their annual meetings and vote for the peals selected for each county.

Taking a whole peal of eight collectively it would be needless to compare an 18-20 cwt. peal with one of 24-26 cwt., we know which would be the "grandest." Again, why bring in a fairly good octave with one of the larger bells known to be duffer, or a wild smaller bell? Many peals sound better inside the tower and others outside, this depending upon the floors intervening between the ringers and the bells, or if there is a spire surmounting the tower, and again if the whole peal is hung on one level. Certain ringers acquire an affection for a particular peal,

and if they are ardent change-ringers seldom listen to good octave outside the tower with the object of forming a comparison. The fact has been confirmed in Mr. Robinson's work—"Among the Bells," that certain bellfounders can produce a deep-noted bell with about one-sixth less metal than others—Privett for instance. It is to be concluded that no eight be selected from ten or twelve-bell towers. Mr. Gifford (of Salisbury) has for some years taken the note and diameter of the tenors of many grand peals, and has personally made aural comparisons, his opinion would therefore be most valuable. The late George Newson considered Lavenham one of the finest tenors he had ever heard, some of the other peals are not so good, and Southgate (Middlesex) takes precedence. St. Stephen's Westminster, Westerham, Denham, Hackney, South Molton, Southgate, Eastbourne, Headcorn (St. Saviour's), have each a 24 cwt. tenor, but the 5th at Denham puts this fine peal out of the running. Could the Westminster (St. Stephen's) bells by erected at Southgate few persons would detect the change of octaves, but in this case Southgate trebles do better. Barking, Rammoor, Battle, Borden, Henley, Ash, Beaconsfield, and Shrewsbury Abbey, tenors about 22 cwt. each, are all good, the latter peal made up by five different bellfounders constitutes a record for variety of birth-place. There are few peals of 22 cwt. tenor to equal Beaconsfield, here two of the bells are old and of rather doubtful quality individually. Referring to heavier peals, Romsey, Preston, Ledbury, Chatham, Folkestone, Ross, Rugby, Guildford, and Grinstead, each of 25 cwt., are good, Ross (cast by Rudhalls) taking the lead, but marred by the 4th, if I remember rightly, so that we must again turn to Southgate for preference. Ryde, Lindfield, Rochester Cathedral, Axminster, and Leighton Buzzard, all 26 cwt. each, are well-known peals, and among these most ringers would select Ryde, but each bell separately tried would not pass for quality of tone in proportion to Southgate bells. Arklow would probably be the best peal in Ireland, Dundee in Scotland, and Barmouth in Wales. With regard to England my observations apply to London and South, as I have not heard many of the fine peals in the North of England. The north countrymen I have met in town who have heard Southgate bells have spoken of them as the grandest they have heard for their weight.

W. H. F.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—Mr. H. Dains says the charges I made against him are fabulous and baseless, but I say they are not, and what is more I intend to prove it. I think I gave sufficient reason in my letter on July 20th to show that I had some claim to originality in my peals without referring to Sottanstill's when I published them in 1903. When I sent my first letter on the above subject I complained that Mr. Dains's peals were merely variations of mine, but now, sir, I intend to go further, and state that Mr. Dains's so-called peals are in reality mine, which he mutilated to serve his own ends. Let your readers compare the peals, and I think they will come to the same opinion. Yes, sir, and what is more, Mr. Dains knows this, and that is the real reason why he ignored my peals and referred your readers to Snowden's "Treatise." If Mr. Dains can disprove these statements, which I challenge him to do, and can show that he has effected any improvement on Sottanstill's peals not already contained in mine, then I shall be only too pleased to withdraw the charges I made against him as fabulous and baseless.

FRED ROBINSON.

LONDON SURPRISE.

SIR,—Mr. Dains's first peal of London Surprise in your last issue is false, therefore my 5056, published several years ago, is still the only peal with the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6. I thank Mr. Dains for pointing out when the Superlative peals were published by me, as I had looked in vain. I hope Mr. Inglesant is now thoroughly convinced that he has no claim whatever to these peals. As to my claim, when I have proof of previous publication, I will give my decision: I shall not be so obstinate as Mr. Inglesant, being quite competent to judge an original from a variation.

F. DENCH.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—I wonder whether you or any readers of "THE BELL NEWS" could help me in the following matter: In this church

there are a peal of eight bells—tenor 20 cwt.—which are thought by many to make rather too much noise in the immediate vicinity. I fancy that the reason may be that the louvres are open too far down, and that the sound of the bells might be made better in every way by blocking of the openings up to a certain height. At present there are three long openings on each side of the bell-chamber, each, I should think, about 25 feet high and 3 feet wide; these openings extend right down to the bottom of the bell-frame, and the louvres across them are about 3 feet apart. My idea is to brick up, roughly speaking, the bottom half of all these openings with a single course of bricks on the inside, taking the blocking-up process to some three or four feet above the height of the bells when being rung; but I should like to know whether anyone has any experience of the effect of this, and whether a single-brick course would be sufficient to prevent the sound striking straight down, as it apparently does at present. What would be effect of wood instead of brick in the way of stopping the sound? There has been a proposition to place a kind of system of venetian blinds on a large scale on the inside of the openings, which could be opened or shut. Such an idea seems to me cumbersome, and probably not so effective; but I should like advice.

VICAR.

"A REASONABLE COMPLAINT."

SIR,—Under the above heading, which I would designate as unreasonable, there appears in your issue of August 24th, a letter presumably taken from a Northants paper, to which I sent a reply at the time, which I will ask you to give currency in your paper so widely circulating among bellringers.

On August 9th, Bank Holiday, on which day this year our annual sports were held, there came an application by wire for permission to ring a peal on the church bells. As it happened, I was not home when the telegram arrived, but immediately on my return, after consultation with the captain of our band of ringers, to whom I always look as responsible for the care of the belfry, I wired back—"Very sorry; not to-day." One reason being that no bellringing on that day is ever allowed here, as the church being very near to the houses in the town, it is found greatly to disturb and interfere with the business of the parishioners living close by the church, whom I feel bound to consider before the wishes of strangers.

Subsequently two of these would-be ringers called at the rectory, to whom I sent the same reply as I had already given by wire. I need not here enter more fully into other reasons which obliged me on this occasion to decline their request, but I wish to disclaim any lack of courtesy in regard to my action in the matter, and to protest against the assumption made in the letter that the refusal was due to outside influence arising from jealousy and an old grudge which the caretaker had against the Irthlingborough ringers. This, sir, is a most untruthful and ungenerous statement to come from those who have on more than one occasion been granted the use of the bells for a full peal. Further comment on this letter is, I think, unnecessary.

S. KINGSFORD, Rector.

WEDDING PEALS AT WEST HAM.

SIR,—I see in your issue of the 24th that our Wanstead friends state that I promised to get a band to ring for Mr. B. Marks' wedding; I did no such thing. What I said was that if either of the contracting parties came to me I would try and get a band, and I could have got one if I had the order to do so. And I wish to state further, if any one wishes the bells rung, they must communicate with the verger of the church, or myself.

WILLIAM DORAN, Steeplekeeper.

A correspondent writes: "Apropos of the remarks in your issue of the 17th instant anent the success of Brother George Bolland, of Tong, you omitted to mention that Mrs. Bolland secured prizes for butter and for bread making."

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 1907.

As shewing the magnetic influence that a peal of bells possesses for drawing together those who take an interest in the art of change-ringing, we may chronicle an impromptu meeting that took place in the belfry of St. Mary's parish church, Scarborough, the queen of watering places.

One intending visitor had previously by letter enquired for the usual practice-nights, and Mr. Ferguson, the local secretary, kindly arranged for Tuesday evening, August 17th, at 7.30 p.m.

At this hour there was not a full band present, but the bells were "pulled up," and very shortly the sounds brought other visitors. Enquiries for names and places of abode elicited the fact that amongst those present were—Miss Gilbanks, of Wollaston Vicarage, Stourbridge; Mr. Towers and friends from South Wigston (Leicester); Mr. and Mrs. T. Stephenson, of Stockton-on-Tees; Mr. W. and Miss Abbishaw, of Rothwell, Leeds; and T. Maude, of Pudsey, in addition to Messrs. Ferguson, Gibson, Dixie, Barton and Coates of the local company.

Amongst several touches rung were—504 Grandsire

Triples. G. J. Barton, 1; Miss Gilbanks, 2; A. Coates, 3; H. Ferguson, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; H. Gibson, 6; J. Dixie, 7; —. Towers, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. And a touch of Kent Treble Bob with 7-8 covering by G. Ferguson, Miss Gilbanks, J. Dixie, H. Gilson, T. Stephenson, and W. Abbshaw.

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Messrs. Llewellyns and James, Bellfounders, of Castle Green, Bristol, have recently restored the church bells at Portishead. They have provided a new cast-iron frame for eight bells, and rehung the eight bells with cast-iron headstocks and entirely new mountings throughout. The work has been executed in a very satisfactory manner, and reflects great credit upon the firm.

On Thursday, August 15th, the bells were re-opened, after a short service by the Ven. Archdeacon of Bath. On all sides one heard nothing but praise for, and satisfaction with, the go of the bells, and with the general design and workmanship.

LATE NOTICE.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Earlsheaton on Saturday, September 14th. Meeting-house—The Park hotel. Meeting to commence at 5.30. WALTER IDLE, Sec.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES.

HARRY HOSKINS Treble.	WILLIAM FOREMAN 6.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	ISAAC GEORGE SHADE 7.
WILLIAM BERRY 3.	JAMES DAVIS 8.
EDWIN PRICE 4.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS 9.
JOHN J. LAMB 5.	THOMAS JAKEMAN Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SHADE.

Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Berry, the ringers wishing them every happiness.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt

CHARLES POTHECARY .. Treble.	HARRY FLANDERS 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH 6.
ALFRED J. T. CARTER .. 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
JOHN J. LAMB 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

GEORGE MARRINER Treble.	†RICHARD F. DEAL 6.
ALFRED WINCH 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
FRED G. PERRIN 3.	ERNEST BRETT 8.
BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON* .. 4.	ARTHUR N. HARDY 9.
HORATIO GUMMER 5.	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal of Royal. †First peal with a bob bell.

The Provinces.

CAPEL, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, August 3, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE CHEESMAN Treble.	ARTHUR LINTOTT 4.
JOHN AKKHURST 2.	FREDK. R. TULLETT, JUN. .. 5.
CHARLES TAYLOR 3.	ARTHUR W. TULLETT .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. TULLETT, JUN.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 12, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES TANN Treble.	*CHARLES CUTTING 5.
FREDERICK ROOPE 2.	HENRY ADCOCK 6.
EDWIN WHITING* 3.	CHARLES TANN 7.
ROBERT WHITING 4.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by C. T. P. BRICE.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to James Tann.

CORSE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 17, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being thirty-two 6-scores of St. Dunstan's, and ten of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

T. TAYLOR Treble.	W. J. SEVIER 4.
B. ETHERIDGE 2.	W. WICKS 5.
B. W. G. ETHERIDGE, JUN. 3.	A. DANCE Tenor.

Conducted by B. ETHERIDGE, SEN.

First peal on the new bells. Reference elsewhere.

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM CRANE, SEN. .. Treble.	JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES .. 2.	C. CAREW COX 6.
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Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER

This is the conductor's 150th peal, particulars of which appear elsewhere.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 20, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being a 720 of Double Court, and two each of Oxford, Kent, and Plain Bob.

CHARLES NUNN Treble.	ALPHAUS BERRY 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	FREDERICK WATLING .. 5.
HARRY MOSS 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

COMPTON, DEVON.—THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 21, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs. in E flat.

J. GLUVAS	Treble.	G. E. PARR	5.
W. FORD	2.	E. MANNING	6.
W. RUNDLE	3.	G. H. MYERS	7.
F. DUNAWAY	4.	J. WOODLEY	Tenor.

Conducted by G. H. MYERS.

First peal by members of the Guild. It was rung after a previous attempt at Liskeard on August Bank Holiday, but owing to the bad "go" of the 7th and tenor it was lost after ringing 1 hr. 15 mins.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, August 22, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.

WILLIAM J. SMITH	Treble.	EDGAR HUMFREY	6.
GEORGE R. FARDON	2.	WILLIAM JEFFREY	7.
ARTHUR HAWES	3.	THOMAS PAYNE	8.
SAMUEL HOUNSLOW	4.	EDWIN HIMS	9.
ALFRED FOX	5.	EDMUND BANNISTER	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM J. SMITH.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 23, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.

GEORGE JONES	Treble.	EDWARD ROWLANDS	5.
ROBERT SPERRING	2.	THOMAS NEWELL	6.
HENRY W. WILDE	3.	JAMES V. WRIGHT	7.
ARTHUR PRINCE	4.	JAMES MORGAN	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWARD UNITT	Treble.	WILLIAM DEVEY	5.
GEORGE MORGAN	2.	WILLIAM SMITH	6.
JOHN CARTER	3.	HORACE BELCHER	7.
TITUS LOWE	4.	JOSEPH LOWE	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal is on the three lead plan, and is a twenty four part peal and now rung for the first time. First peal on the bells since being rehung by Barwell. Messrs. Uitt, Morgan and T. and J. Lowe were elected members previous to starting.

EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS'S.

JOHN WYATT	Treble.	WILLIAM GROVES	5.
STEPHEN WILSON*	2.	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT	6.
ROBERT B. BLANCHARD	3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH	7.
CHARLES E. READ	4.	LEWIN C. FERRIGE	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

*First peal in the method.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

J. E. OVERTON*	Treble.	B. HEAD	5.
A. T. BAKER	2.	W. OVERTON	6.
J. ELCOCK	3.	W. SHORT	7.
J. OVERTON	4.	H. W. OVERTON	Tenor.

Conducted by W. SHORT.

*First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

LYMINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURGA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY BARTON	Treble.	WILLIAM E. PITMAN	5.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN	2.	CHARLES W. BRETT	6.
PERCY PAINE	3.	FREDERICK G. BRETT	7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE	4.	EDWARD RUCK	Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

BENNINGTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY	Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE	5.
HENRY HODGETTS	2.	HUBERT EDEN	6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	3.	ALFRED B. PECK	7.
HENRY G. MILES	4.	SAMUEL PAGE	Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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.

HERBERT J. HARLOW	Treble.	CHARLES MORTIMER	4.
HERBERT L. HARLOW	2.	WILLIAM J. DAVISON	5.
JOHN W. BARKER	3.	FRANK WEBB	Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Single Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN WILKINSON*	Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE	4.
JAMES W. BELL	2.	GEORGE R. NEWTON	5.
EDWIN H. LEWIS	3.	JAMES MORGAN	Tenor.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

*First peal.

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(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR CRANE* Treble.	HARRY HOPKINS 5.
FRANCIS HEDGES 2.	RICHARD NICHOLS 6.
LAURENCE MEAGER† 3.	HARRY SEAR 7.
GEORGE F. HOAD 4.	ALFRED G. CRANE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

*First peal. †First peal on eight bells. Rung to commemorate the London and North Western Cricket Club winning Sir Frederick Harrison's cup competition at Llandudno on the above date.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

ALFRED LAWRENCE Treble.	CHARLES J. GARDNER 5.
THOMAS RICKETTS 2.	WILLIAM STONE 6.
EDGAR HUMFREY 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 4.	ALFRED W. HARRINGTON Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

THOMAS H. COLBURN .. Treble.	CHARLES DEAN 5.
JAMES D. DREWETT 2.	THOMAS STEERS 6.
DOUGLAS W. DREWETT 3.	ALBERT CALVEB 7.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 4.	WILLIAM H. JOINER Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Joiner, who received the usual good wishes.

BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PHILIP W. DAVIES .. Treble.	C. CAREW COX 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES 2.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER 6.
REV. THE HON. A. ERSKINE 3.	JOHN H. GRUNDY 7.
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4.	JAMES H. MIDWINTER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

First peal of Stedman on the bells and in the county.

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

JOHN H. GRUNDY .. Treble.	ALBERT J. HUGHES 5.
REV. THE HON. A. ERSKINE 2.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER 6.
DAVID T. HUGHES* 2.	C. CAREW COX 7.
JAMES H. MIDWINTER 4.	†JOHN WARD Tenor.

Conducted by C. CAREW COX.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. *First peal of Stedman. †First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Lewis Jones, wife of the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, the esteemed Vicar of St. David's, Bangor, the band wishing her many happy returns.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal at Kettering, reported last week, was conducted by David J. Nichols, not by C. Bird as stated.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT DUDLEY (reported last week).—These bells have just been supplied with new wheels and other necessary repairs done by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham. An appeal was made to the parishioners by the churchwardens for funds to pay off the debt. Mr. W. W. Jenkins, an ex-churchwarden, came forward and paid it; in addition he had the walls and ceiling thoroughly cleaned in the ringing-chamber. August 12th being the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, this peal was rung as a compliment for his kindness, and to celebrate the event. Before starting for the peal Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins and party came up to the ringing-chamber to thank the ringers for their kindness in attempting a peal on their silver wedding-day. Mr. Jenkins said the sound of those beautiful bells had given him great pleasure on many occasions; they had cheered him in times of sadness, and made him feel happy at all times when listening to the sound of the bells. He wished the ringers health and strength to go on with their scientific Art for many years to come, in as able a manner as they had done in the past, for the sound of the bells was far-reaching, and they never knew to how many people they were giving pleasure, while they were enjoying their healthy exercise. Mr. Spittle proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Jenkins, and enumerated many acts of kindness shewn to the ringers by him, his last act coming forward and defraying the cost of putting the bells in proper order, and especially the happy thought of making the ringing-chamber so clean and comfortable for them, was worthy of the ringers' highest praise, and the gratitude of the whole parish. The vote was carried with enthusiasm, Mr. Jenkins suitably responding. The party then left the belfry, and the peal was commenced. This was also a birthday peal for John Goodman, jun., and the ringers drank to his good health, and wished him many returns of the day after the peal was rung.

THE PEAL AT CORSE.—The Vicar and Mrs. White very kindly entertained the ringers to high tea at the vicarage after the peal, for which the band return their thanks through the medium of this paper; also for the use of the magnificent peal of six just recently placed there by Messrs. Taylor, the "go" of them being all that can be desired.

THE PEAL AT BANGOR.—W. Pegler's 150 Peals.—Doubles 3, conducted 3; Minor 4, conducted 3; Grandsire Triples 20, conducted 10; Caters 9; Cinques 2; Stedman Triples 10, conducted 6; Caters 9, conducted 1; Cinques 1; Bob Triples 1; Major 14, conducted 9; Royal 9, conducted 4; Maximus 1; Treble Bob Major 11, conducted 6; Royal 10; Maximus 1; Canterbury Triples 1; Major 1; Double Norwich Major 21; Gloucester 3; Superlative 7; Cambridge 10; Royal 2. Total—150; conducted 42.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, July 10th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 960 Double Norwich. A. Jordan, G. Gray, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, H. J. Tucker T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, July 14th, for morning service, 336 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, H. Little, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. For evening service 448 Cambridge Surprise. G. Gray, H. Little, J. Luckey, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, July 21st, for morning service, 448 London Surprise. H. Little, G. Jordan, W. Prior, G. Barker, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, July 28th, for morning service, 336 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, H. Little, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. On Sunday, August 4th, for morning service, 384 Cambridge Surprise. G. Gray, H. Little, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts, G. Jordan conductor. For evening service 408 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, W. T. Prior, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, H. Little,

DUNMOW (Essex).—On Wednesday, August 21st, for practice,

720 Bob Minor. H. Noon, E. Newman, A. Shufflebotham, H. Smith, A. Ribbans, W. Smith. 240 Kent. G. Monk, A. Shufflebotham, H. Smith, W. Smith, A. Ribbans, E. Newman. 360 Bob Minor. W. Little, H. Smith, A. Ribbans, W. Smith, A. Shufflebotham, E. Newman conductor.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, August 18th, at St. Michael's church 504 Stedman Triples. S. R. Roper, B. S. Thompson, F. Webb, H. E. Hammond, H. J. Collins, F. Rudkin, C. H. Howard conductor, H. Goote.

BOCKING.—On Thursday, August 15th, at St. Mary's church, 1344 Kent Treble Bob. W. Smith, F. Radley, S. Sargent, W. Radley, R. Roper, W. Grimwade, H. J. Collins, C. H. Howard conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 18th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1296 changes, in 43 mins. G. Edser, G. Woodiss, F. G. Woodiss, G. Edser, jun., F. Bennett conductor, C. S. Hamblin, S. Hamblin, W. Shepherd.

OWSLEBURY (Hants).—On August 10th, on the occasion of visit of the North Stoneham ringers, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Deemper, W. T. Tucker, C. J. Fray, W. H. George, C. A. Valentine, G. Williams conductor. First 720 in the method on the bells. Also 720 Bob Minor. E. Mundy, W. T. Tucker, C. J. Fray, W. H. George, W. Rowe, C. A. Valentine conductor. And 360 each of Double Court and College Single.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Thursday, August 15th, for practice at St. Nicholas' church, 720 Oxford. G. Williams conductor, H. W. Wilks first 720 in the method, C. J. Fray, W. H. George first 720 in the method, C. A. Valentine, W. T. Tucker.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On March 24th, for evening service, 720 College Single. J. T. Thompson, J. Huddleston, T. Metcalfe, T. Stuart conductor, T. E. Shuttleworth, J. Burrows. On May 12th, for evening service, 720 College Single. T. Metcalfe, J. Huddleston, W. H. Dennison, T. Stuart conductor, T. E. Shuttleworth, J. Burrows. On June 2nd, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. T. Thompson, A. Jackson, T. Metcalfe, J. Huddleston, T. E. Shuttleworth, J. Burrows conductor. On June 16th, for morning service, 720 London New London Bob. J. T. Thompson, T. Metcalfe, W. H. Dennison, T. Stuart conductor, J. Huddleston, J. Burrows. On June 20th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. T. R. Jackson, J. Huddleston, T. Metcalfe, T. Stuart, W. S. Forshaw, J. Burrows conductor. On August 11th, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Burrows, J. Huddleston, T. Metcalfe, T. Stuart conductor, W. S. Forshaw, W. H. Dennison. On August 18th, for morning service, 720 London New Bob. T. R. Jackson conductor, T. Metcalfe, W. H. Dennison, J. Huddleston, W. S. Forshaw, J. Burrows. For evening service, 720 College Single. J. Huddleston, T. Metcalfe, T. Stuart conductor, W. S. Forshaw, T. E. Shuttleworth, J. Burrows.

FLIXTON.—On Sunday, August 11th, for evening service at St. Michael's church, on the occasion of the anniversary services, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. Massey, J. Eachus, J. Hunter, R. Ridyard, S. Collier, J. H. Collier conductor, J. Nuttall, W. Johnson.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

ARELEY KINGS.—On August 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Elcox, C. Beaman, W. Pardoe, W. Bowen, F. Willcox, W. Martin conductor. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Willcox, T. Elcox, J. Reynolds conductor, W. Bowen, C. Beaman, T. W. Chapman.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WIVELSFIELD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 18th, at the parish church, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 23 mins. And 360 in the same method. G. Killick, J. Standing, W. Horner, E. E. Bish, J. Parsons conductor.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON.—On Sunday, August 11th, at St. Peter's church, a

quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. F. W. Larbey, W. Ives, H. Brooker, jun., E. L. Miles, E. R. J. Dunk, H. Brooker conductor, G. Burt, J. Calcutt.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

BROADCLYST (Devon).—On Saturday, August 17th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was abandoned after ringing 2 hrs. 8 mins owing to the indisposition of one of the band. A. Monkley, E. Shepherd, W. Richardson, Rev. E. V. Cox conductor, E. Sargent, T. Mudge, J. Moss, T. J. Lake.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON.—On Wednesday, August 7th, at St. Nicholas' church, 720 Bob Minor, composed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. A. Fawdry, H. Holifield, J. Brown, J. Juggins, R. G. Rice conductor, R. F. Deal.

HARWELL (Berks).—On Wednesday, August 14th, 360 and two 720s of Grandsire Minor. G. C. Rice, W. Hitchman, R. G. Rice, H. C. Mulford, V. R. Hitchman, R. F. Deal conductor. 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. C. Rice, W. Hitchman, V. R. Hitchman, A. R. Bosley, R. G. Rice conductor, R. F. Deal. On Sunday, August 18th, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. C. Rice, W. Hitchman, R. G. Rice, H. C. Mulford, V. R. Hitchman, R. F. Deal conductor.

EAST HENDRED (Berks).—On Friday, August 16th, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. C. Rice, E. Humfrey, W. Grace, H. C. Mulford, R. G. Rice, R. F. Deal conductor.

AYLSHAM (Norfolk).—On Friday, August 23rd, at St. Michael's church, 1008 Bob Major. G. Soame, W. Arnott, G. May, W. Miller, J. Moy, A. King, G. Moy, J. Moy conductor. Two courses of Grandsire Caters. J. Roberts, W. Arnott, G. Soame, J. Godfrey, J. Moy, J. Pilch, J. Moy, A. King, G. Moy conductor, W. Miller.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, August 4th, for Divine Service in the evening at Bishop Ryder's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. A. Scrivens, J. T. Perry, J. Collett, W. F. Webb, T. Collinson composer and conductor, R. Hackley, J. F. Smallwood, G. Restall.

EASTWOOD (Notts).—On August 21st, on the occasion of the Rev. A. H. Plumtre's funeral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled. J. Parnham, J. T. Pollard, A. Wyld, E. Manners, J. P. Pollard, F. Rowley, A. Parker conductor, F. Crich. Composed by Reuben Clifford.

SILVERDALE (Lancashire).—On August 12th, at St. John's church, 720 Plain Bob, in 25 mins. T. Webster conductor, J. W. Hayton, J. Ambrose, R. R. Richmond, R. Dowthwaite, W. E. Wilson.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 18th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Pannett, G. H. Sturt, J. T. Rickman, F. S. Sturt, J. S. Goldsmith, A. J. Turner conductor, R. J. Dawe, F. Gregory. 560 Bob Major. E. J. Pannett, G. H. Sturt, J. S. Goldsmith, J. T. Rickman, F. S. Sturt, A. S. Langridge, R. J. Dawe conductor, A. J. Turner.

SWANAGE (Dorset).—On Sunday, August 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. Tones, F. Brunson, H. W. Audsley, R. Brown, W. Bishop, G. Williams, W. Bastable conductor, A. Brunson. Arranged for H. W. Audsley, who hails from Crayford, Kent.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, August 11th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor. A. R. Glasscock, N. Tomlinson, G. Bester, J. Armstrong, H. Miller, W. Harris, J. Miller, B. Armstrong. On Sunday, August 25th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. F. G. Budd, S. Wade, G. Bester, J. Armstrong, J. Miller conductor, N. Tomlinson, W. Pickworth, H. Armstrong.

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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 September 5th, and at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th; St. John-at-Hackney on the 3rd and 17th; St. John, South Hackney, on the 9th and 23rd. The attendance of members is specially requested at the business meeting on September 10th, for the consideration of a new rule concerning the figures of peals rung for the first time by this society.

WILLIAM T. COCKEYILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Royal Cumberland Society.—The next meeting for practice will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Monday, September 2nd, at 8 p.m. Trusting members will make it convenient to attend. A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Calverley to-day, Sat., August 31st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Thornhill Arms at 7.30 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild—Christchurch District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Ringwood on Thursday, September 5th. Bells at 6 p.m.

GEO. PRESTON, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, September 7th, at the parish church of All Saints, Isleworth. The tower will be open from 3.30 to 8 p.m. A social will be held afterwards. All ringers will be made welcome. Members and others are requested to note that the annual concert will be held on Saturday, October 12th.

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

5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Lancashire Association—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ambleside on Saturday, September 7th. Meeting at 5 o'clock. Ambleside and Brathay bells available.

W. ROBINSON, *Hon. Sec.*

Central Northamptonshire Association.—We Lingborough District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Barton on Saturday, September 7th. Ringing from 2 till 7 o'clock. Tea as usual.

J. B. MARTIN, *Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild—Stockport Branch.—Next meeting at Knutsford, on Saturday, September 7th.

A. T. BRESTON, *Hon. Br. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Newhey on Saturday, September 7th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 7. Business of meeting—Election of Secretary and Committeeman for the next two years. Members are requested to attend this meeting, as it was unavoidably postponed.

E. SCHOFIELD, *Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Frome on Saturday, September 14th.

Service at St. John's church at 4 p.m. Tea at the Union Jack coffee-house, Cork Street, at 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Helen's church, Cliffe-at-Hoo, on Saturday, September 14th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in the school at 5.30. Committee Meeting after tea. Half fares up to 2s. will be allowed. The Rector of the parish has promised to conduct parties round, and explain all about this grand and historic old church. The organist will give some selections on the organ during the evening. Members intending to be present must send me notice not later than Wednesday, September 11th.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Penarth on Saturday, September 14th at 4.30 p.m.

RKV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*

JOHN W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, September 14th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending to be present please send word to

WALTER HUGHES, *Soc.*

35, Church Road, Ga. ston.

The Kent County Association—Canterbury District.—An extra meeting (without allowances) will be held at Sturry on Saturday, September 14th. A tea will be provided for all members attending, who must kindly notify the local secretary, Mr. F. Hall, Broadoak, Sturry, on or before Wednesday, September 11th.

G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cheriton on Saturday, September 14th. Cheriton and Tichborne bells available from 2.30. Tea at H. H. inn at 5 o'clock.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, September 14th. Knife and fork tea at The Blue Boar hotel at five o'clock. 6d. to members, 1s. 6d. to others. It is hoped all members will make an effort to attend this meeting. Names to be sent to me not later than Wednesday, September 11th. The tower of Leigh (6 bells) will also be open for ringing.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*

County Office, Chelmsford.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, September 21st, at St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon, near Uxbridge. It is hoped that members will do their utmost to attend, and that they will be good enough to signify their intention to the Hon. Secretary in order that proper provision may be made. Early payment of outstanding subscriptions would be much appreciated. The sermon will be preached by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Barking. Further particulars will in due course be announced.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Blackburn on Saturday, September 28th. Preacher—The Right Rev. Bishop Thornton, D.D., Vicar of Blackburn. The following officers retire this year, but are eligible for re-election; Mr. J. Eachus,

Vice-president; Mr. J. H. Banks, Ringing Secretary, and the two auditors, Messrs. J. Barratt and S. Greenhalgh. Nominations for any of these positions, and any notices for proposed alteration of rules must be sent in to the General Secretary not later than the first week in September. Further particulars by circular. A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*

4, Helena Street, Irlam o' the Heights, Manchester

J. H. BANKS, *Ringling Secretary.*

462, Helmsore Road, Helmsore.

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—All ringing at the above church is suspended till Friday, September 6th.

JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Ringers visiting Grimsby and Cleethorpes are welcome at St. Andrew's church (one minute from Grimsby Docks Station). Sunday ringing—10 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practices or peals arranged the Sunday previous. Intending visitors should write to J. W. Seamer, 83, Wintringham Road, to avoid disappointment.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild—New Rule.—Conductors should send a full report of peals rung within branch borders to the Branch Hon. Secs., and of peals rung elsewhere to the Guild Hon. Sec. within one month, written on one side of the paper only.

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John Brady is a cripple, and in getting a livelihood he requires a pony to take him on his rounds. Our readers will recollect that he unfortunately lost his last pony under painful circumstances.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Albert E. Reeves, Assistant-Secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, has removed from 81, Radstock Road, to 277 London Road, Reading.

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DIBDEN, HAMPSHIRE.

For the second time of asking arrangements for a peal of Treble Bob Major at this little country church on the New Forest side of Southampton Water has been frustrated by the weather, two of the band (from the East this time), failing to put in an appearance. However after waiting an hour or so after the time arranged, Grandsire Triples was substituted, a well-struck peal the result in 3 hrs. 7 mins., Messrs. H. Payne and A. J. Prince, of the local band (who were only too pleased with the opportunity), making up the eight, although Mr. Payne was a pupil of the conductor's twenty-five years, this was his first opportunity to take part in a peal, having removed from Soberton to Dibden just at the time the former ring were augmented from 6 to 8. Although there are no places of refreshment (within the meaning of the Act), a good Samaritan

was found in Mr. Welch, of the Church Farm, adjoining, who very kindly offered us some of his real Somersetshire cider, the cycling members of the band also remaining to tea with him, and to whom the band tender their sincere thanks, and also to the Rector for the use of the bells, not forgetting the local band who had made all the arrangements, and who have just recently become members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

ST. NICOLAS SOCIETY, NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

The members of the above society, accompanied by the Rector (Rev. Kenworthy Brown), had a very pleasant outing to Owlesbury on Saturday, August 10th, the church of St. Andrew being reached by brake at 3 p.m. Here the handy little ring of six, recently augmented from three

by Mears and Stainbank, were soon set going to Bob Minor, a 720 being brought round. Other touches were rung, after which all adjourned to the vicarage grounds, which had been thrown open to visitors. Unfortunately the Vicar, the Rev. C. Buston (himself a ringer), was away from home. A capital tea was served on the lawn, and much enjoyed in the open air, being on very high ground, and a commanding view is obtained of the surrounding country, including the Isle of Wight. Before and after tea a game of bowls was indulged in. Again visiting the tower during the evening a 720 Oxford Treble Bob (first in the method on the bells) was brought round, also 360 Double Court, and 360 College Single. Marwell Hall is near here, to which hangs the tradition of the song—"The Mistletoe Bough," the old oak chest being carefully preserved in this church. A vote of thanks at the tea-table was passed to the Rev. C. Buston for granting the use of the bells, and for a free run over the vicarage grounds; also to the Rector of North Stoneham for arranging the same.

GREAT CHURCH EXTENSION.

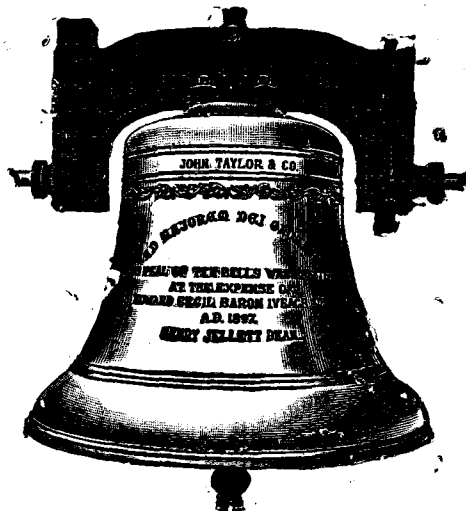
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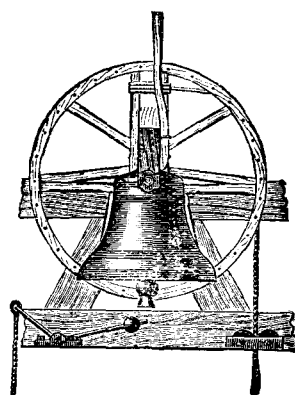
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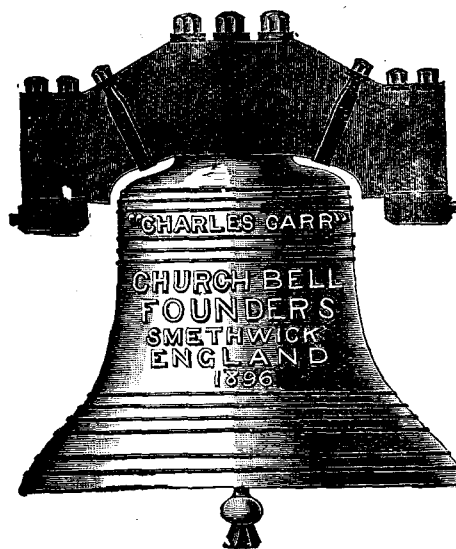
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