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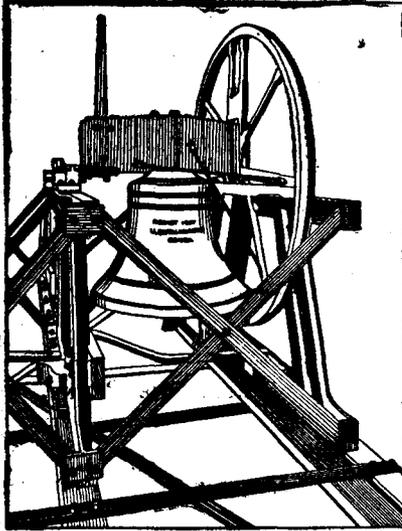
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THEODORE ECCLESTON OF CROWFIELD HALL, ESQUIRE.

Many who have rung upon the ten bells at Stonham Aspal in the county of Suffolk—tenor 24 c. in E flat—and upon the eight bells at the neighbouring parish of Coddenham—tenor 16½ c. in F sharp—(both rings being the gift of Theodore Eccleston of Crowfield Hall, esq., in the years 1741-2, and coming from the Whitechapel foundry) have been interested in learning what they could about this “ringing squire,” and the company of ringers which he maintained by employing them on his estate; and the commonly-accepted tradition about him has been that he ran through his property, went out to America, and died there. The following facts about him may therefore be of interest to the readers of “THE BELL NEWS,” entirely disproving the popular belief.

Theodore Eccleston was the grandson of Hugh Eccleston, and only son of John Eccleston, of London, merchant, by Isabella his wife, daughter of John Harwood. This John Eccleston made his will, 31st July, 1735 (proved August 4th, 1735) bequeathing his property in equal portions to his wife Isabella and children: Anne, Hester, Priscilla, Isabella, and Theodore. Thus Theodore Eccleston inherited some means from his father, but the way in which he became possessed of the Crowfield estate was this: His mother had an only brother, Henry Harwood, who had a Grant of Arms from the Herald's College, 13th August, 1722, in which he is described as of Little Chelsea, in the parish of Kensington, also of Crowfield Hall, in the county of Suffolk, and son of John Harwood, late of the city of London, merchant, by Katharine Middleton his wife, daughter of John Middleton, of Twickenham, co. Middlesex, esq., and sometime Sergeant-of-Arms to the House of Commons. This Henry Harwood purchased the Crowfield estate in or previous to the year 1722, and dying intestate 10th December, 1738, was buried in Crowfield church—where a slab on the floor still exists to his memory—and his sister succeeded to the whole of his property. Administration of her brother's estate was granted to her 17th January, 1739, as “Isabella Eccleston, widow, the natural and lawful sister and only next of kin.” By her will dated 5th May, 1743, she desired to be buried at Kingston-on-Thames, in the burial-ground of her friends, and amongst other things bequeathed certain property to her daughter Hester for life, with remainder in default of issue to her son Theodore, and with ultimate remainder in default of issue to William, eldest son of Arthur Middleton, of South Carolina, her mother's nephew. Her manors of Crowfield Hall and Bocking Hall in Suffolk, with lands, etc. in Crowland-cum-Bocking, Brockford, Wetheringsett, Stonham Aspal, Mendlesham, Earl Stonham, Coddenham,

Wattisham, and Ringshall in Suffolk, also Dickleburgh Hall in Norfolk, to the use of her said son Theodore for life, with ultimate remainder in default of issue to her said cousin William Middleton.

The 9th bell at Stonham Aspal bears the following inscription: “In this tower hung 5 bells the tenor weighing 10 hun. 2 qrs. 0 lbs. In the year 1742 they were taken down and with ye addition of 3 tons 10 hun. of mettle were recast into ten att ye expence of Theodoee Ecclestone esq. of Crowfield Hall aged 27 years. He also gave a new frame att ye same time 1742. Thos Lester made us all.” This proves that Theodore Eccleston was born about the year 1715. He appears to have lived much at Mortlake in Surrey, where he had a house; which accounts for his giving the two trebles to that church in 1746, one of which still bears his name, the other having been recast in 1784. He also gave two bells to Fulham parish church, both of which have been exchanged or recast (see “BELL NEWS,” vol. xxiv. p. 506, etc.), and two to Winchester Cathedral—the present third and fourth—of which the fourth only remains, bearing his name and the date 1742, the third having been recast in 1772. What his connection with these last two places was I have been unable to discover. He married at Mortlake April 24th, 1746, Catherine (who died in 1747, and was buried March 2nd at Mortlake), daughter of Mr. Samuel Jacomb of Ipswich and Flora his wife. The only issue of his marriage was a son, Theodore, who was baptised March 30th, 1747, died in infancy, and was buried at Mortlake July 9th, 1751. His knowledge of change-ringing must have been acquired in the metropolis previous to his connection with Suffolk, as he joined a London society called the Eastern Scholars in 1735, and as a member of that society assisted in ringing the tenor to 6012 changes of Grandsire Caters at St. Saviour's, Southwark, 28th November, 1735, in 4 hours 45 minutes, at which time he would have been about twenty years of age. He was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1744, served the office of steward in 1747, and Master in 1750, but does not appear to have taken part in any peals with that society. Two old peal-boards still hang in Coddenham belfry on which his name appears; and there is an interesting chandelier of heavy cast brass bearing the inscription—“The gift of Theodore Eccleston, esq. in the year 1740.” Originally it had six moveable branches, but unfortunately two only of them now remain. The particulars on the peal-boards are as follows:—

“On Thursday, September ye 10th, 1741, was rung in this steeple by ye Crowfield Society of Ringers a compleat Peal of Five thousand and forty of Gathrine's Tripples, being the first true Peal that Ever was Prick'd with two Doubles only. It was completed in three hours and seven minutes by ye men whose

names are under-written: Theodore Eccleston, Esqre, 1; Daniel Harsham, 2; John Foster, 3; Samuel Culham, 4; Samuel Keeble, 5; John Leggett, 6; Stephen Garnham, 7; Samuel Anderson, 8. John Foster called the bobs."

"On Tuesday, November ye 9th, 1742, was rung in this steeple by the Crowfield Society of Ringers a compleat peal of five thousand and forty Bob Major, being the first eight bell peal ever rung Here. It was completed exactly in Three Hours by the men whose names are under-written. Benjamin Walker, 1; Daniel Hearsham, 2; John Jennings, 3; Samuel Cullum, 4; John Bales, 5; Andrew Field, 6; Robert Greening, 7; Theodore Eccleston, 8. N.B.—Andrew Field called the bobs."

It is also said that he took part in a peal at Stonham Aspal, if so, and a board was erected to record it, it has long since disappeared. He died in 1753, and was buried January 14th with his wife and son at Mortlake; and it is not a little singular that although their burials are duly recorded in the register there, no memorial inscriptions of any sort exist. The following is a short abstract of his will: "Theodore Eccleston of Crowfield co. Suffolk esq.: executor to sell my personal estate. To continue the annuity to the widow Cawdell, constantly paid by me and my late mother. To my cousin Lucretia Fedden £100. My angling rods to the Rev. Mr. Henry Austin. To my father-in-law Mr. Samuel Jacob and Flora his wife £10 each. To the six children of my sister Isabella Everard £100 apiece at their ages of 21 years. To my friend Mr. Samuel Anderson 10/6 a week for life. Rest of my manors &c. to my loving friend Mr. Samuel Alexander and his heirs &c. This 1st day of October 1752." This will was proved by the solemn affirmation of Samuel Alexander, sole executor, 25th June, 1753. The bulk of his property having been settled by his mother's will, he had no disposing power over it, and at his death it passed to the ultimate remainder-man, his cousin William Middleton, and is still in the possession of the latter's lineal descendant, the present Lady de Saumarez. "My friend Mr. Samuel Anderson" was one of his Crowfield company of ringers, and is called "Mr. Samuel Anderson of Stonham Aspal" in the subscribers list to John Holt's "Four Peals" 1753 (see Snowdon's "Grandsire," 1st ed. p. 130).

As will be seen above, his name appears on one of the Coddendam peal-boards as ringing the tenor to the peal of Gathrine's Triples. It is also interesting to note that Theodore Eccleston came of a Quaker family, and was probably drawn to the Church by his love of bells and change-ringing.

WILLIAM C. PEARSON.

Henley Vicarage.

"CHURCH BELLS."

Some few days ago the "Daily Telegraph" printed a letter from Sir W. P. Treloar, which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 15th. This was followed by two or three other letters of the "silly season" type, one of which contained a ridiculously-exaggerated passage from Charles Dickens's "Little Dorritt." The following is from the pen of Mr. J. A. Murray, the well-known publisher, and an eminent literary authority:—

CHURCH BELLS.—SIR.—The last man in the world I should have expected to find airing a grievance upon this subject is the popular and always genial ex-Lord Mayor of London, Sir William Treloar.

I note that his complaint was not directed to the almost continuous ringing of bells on great civic occasions, but to the ringing of a church bell in the vicinity of his own residence at Upper Norwood.

I know the district very well, having resided in it for many years, and the offending church is also well-known to me. In

the house now occupied by Sir William, our greatest English tenor, Mr. Sims Reeves, resided for a number of years. He found the church and "the bell" there when he came, but it suggested no nuisance to his undoubtedly sensitive temperament, and within a stone's throw also of the church the greatest preacher of the age made his home, I mean Charles Haddon Spurgeon. Neither of these great men complained of annoyance from the bell in question. I suppose it suggested to them a very pleasing little round, which I, when I was at school (and probably Sir William likewise) often sang, and I think your correspondent, Sir W. J. Soulsby, must have had it in his mind when adding his very acceptable letter to the correspondence in your columns. It runs thus:

"Sweetly the soft church bell steals on the air,
And in the House of Prayer bids us appear;
Children of God, it seems softly to say,
Haste to your Father's House,
Hasten to pray."

Here you have the best of all reasons for the ringing of church bells. Is the Muezzin still to summon Muslims to prayer while our belfries remain dumb, and give forth no sound? What authority does the opinion of Charles Dickens lend to those who carp at church bells? On this, as on many other subjects, we should not think of being influenced by his opinion, much as we esteem his memory. In this respect he was no better authority than any one of your readers. He expressed his individual opinion, that is all.

Cardinal Wiseman once severely condemned Dickens as a "superficial traveller," when reviewing the American Notes. That eminent ecclesiastic was entitled to his opinion, but do any of us share it?—JOHN A. MURRAY.

TWO PEALS OF LONDON SURPRISE.

BY CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, *Sheffield.*

No. 1.							No 2.								
5024.							5024.								
2	3	4	5	6	M	IN & 5ths	W	2	3	4	5	6	M	IN & 5ths	W
3	4	2	5	6	-	-	-	3	4	2	5	6	-	-	-
4	2	3	5	6	-	-	-	5	4	3	2	6	-	-	-
5	2	4	3	6	-	-	-	2	4	5	3	6	-	-	-
2	4	5	3	6	-	-	-	4	5	2	3	6	-	-	-
4	5	2	3	6	-	-	-	3	5	4	2	6	-	-	-
3	5	4	2	6	-	-	-	2	5	3	4	6	-	-	-
5	4	3	2	6	-	-	-	5	3	2	4	6	-	-	-
4	3	5	2	6	-	-	-	4	3	5	2	6	-	-	-
2	3	5	6	4	-	-	-	2	3	5	6	4	-	-	-

Repeat the nine courses in each peal except calling ninth course I M - I W produces—

2	6	4	3	5	M	IN & 5ths	W
6	4	2	3	5	-	-	-
4	2	6	3	5	-	-	-
3	2	4	6	5	-	-	-
6	2	3	4	5	-	-	-
2	3	6	4	5	-	-	-
4	3	2	6	5	-	-	-
6	3	4	2	5	-	-	-
2	3	4	5	6	-	-	-

The above are the two amended peals that I referred to in your last issue. By twice repeating the first nine courses in either peal, the changes would be increased to 5184. I may be allowed to state, that beyond their simplicity for bob-calling, there is nothing whatever commendable in the construction of such peals composed entirely on this plan, as it makes an unmusical method, even less musical by having the tenors so repeatedly divided. I may further state that in my opinion, the too frequent use of bobs before is not an improvement to the method.

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."

"METHODS."

SIR,—The composition of the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung at Ipswich belongs to the late Henry Hubbard. It is given as a 6000 of Treble Bob Maximus over his name in Snowdon's "Treatise," page 3 part II.

In your last issue Mr. Trollope gives a well-constructed seven-bell method, upon which I congratulate him, and he asks why it should not be rung. My reply is (without deprecating this method in any way) the only reason I know of is there are better ones existing, Grandsire and Stedman, etc. Why I say this is that I consider any method of pure Triples is better than one made up of triple and double changes as this is. The plan is as old as any composition, as I will show by giving a similar method from Stedman's Campanalogia, 1677, given there under the title of Doubles and Triples.

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7
2 1 4 3 5 7 6
2 4 1 5 3 6 7
4 2 5 1 3 7 6
4 5 2 3 1 6 7
5 4 3 2 6 1 7
4 5 2 3 6 7 1

5 4 3 2 7 6 1
4 5 2 3 7 1 6
5 4 3 2 1 7 6
5 3 4 1 2 6 7
3 5 1 4 2 7 6
3 1 5 2 4 6 7
1 3 2 5 4 7 6

1 3 5 2 7 4 6
    
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It may be said this method is not so good, as the back change of plain course lead-ends do not come up in plain course. Well, Sir, that I admit, but for my argument it matters not, as every true composition of seven bells contain all and every change, then every such peal or composition contains all the music possible, and hence it makes no difference where golden or other changes come; they are all there somewhere, no matter what the method or composition, the only variation is in the calling of the peal and the position in which changes come up. A brief reference to Major or even-bell methods will illustrate perhaps more clear my meaning. Here Bob Major lead-ends and back changes should be retained, as there is no better music to supplant these; so if you get a good musical plain course you may count on a good musical composition, Bob Major itself for example. But if you once lose these lead-ends in plain course they are lost perhaps for all time, which, as I have tried to show, is not the case in seven-bell methods.

H. DAINS.

P.S.—Of course these methods are not to be classed with pure triple methods, except to make them illegitimate. But, Sir, classed by themselves, they will stand, may be rang, if they find favor amongst ringers and conductors.

H. D.

CHESTERTON BELLS.

SIR,—Some time back you kindly inserted a letter from us asking for help towards adding the 6th bell to the existing ring of five in Chesterton church tower. This appeal produced £1, for which we thank you. The bells are well known for their richness of tone, and we are most anxious to add the treble, for which the frame has long been provided. Unfortunately bells are not a subject that appeal to people generally, and our task is an uphill one. We have got £30, and now ask you, Mr. Editor, to again allow us to appeal to ringers generally to help us complete the sum of £10. One thousand shillings will complete the task. Who will help?

OSRIC W. M. SHELTON.
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Chesterton Vicarage, Cambridge.

Obituary.

GEORGE LONGDEN.

It is with regret we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, a much-respected member of the Ashton-under-Lyne parish church Society, which took place on Tuesday, August 5th, and was interred at Hurst Cemetery on Saturday, August 8th. After the funeral muffled touches of Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and Treble Bob Maximus were rung by mixed bands. The deceased will be greatly missed by the Ashton company, and his place will be hard to fill. A first-class ringer and conductor both in the tower and on handbells, he commenced his ringing career in 1873 at St. Peter's church, Ashton, and rang his first peal at that church on the 11th October, 1877, since which time he has rung 209 peals, thirty of which he had conducted, amongst which were five 7000s, two 8000s, three 10,000s, and the famous record peal of 16,608 Kent Treble Bob Major, rung on the 18th of May, 1883, in which he rang the 7th bell. He was well known throughout the United Kingdom as a first-class striker, as he had travelled all over it, as well as abroad, in connection with his work as a representative of the National Gas Engine Company of Ashton, by whom he was greatly respected; and in the opinion of the writer the knocking about is the cause of his early death, he only being 49 years of age. He leaves a widow and three little children to mourn his loss. The deceased was followed to the grave by representatives from twenty-six different towers and a large number of his fellow workmen and trade members of his Society, the Amalgamated Society of Engineers. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by the graveside by J. Wood, J. Mellor, S. Wood, B. Thorpe, S. Booth. A muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus was rung as a last mark of respect by members of the Lancashire Association, particulars of which have been already published. The following is a list of the peals rung by deceased: Grandsire Triples 26, conducted 7; Grandsire Major, 4; Grandsire Caters 11, conducted 1; Grandsire Royal, 1; Grandsire Cinques, 4; Stedman Triples 8, conducted 1; Stedman Caters, 2; Stedman Cinques, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 94, conducted 8; Kent Treble Bob Royal 15, conducted 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 8; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 4; Plain Bob Triples 1, conducted 1; Plain Bob Major 21, conducted 7. On handbells: Plain Bob Major, 4; Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Grandsire Caters 1, conducted 1. Total rung 209, conducted 28.

HENRY RAYBOULD.

The Halesowen (Worcestershire) Society have lost in the person of the above their highly esteemed ringing master, who passed away on August 23rd, at the age of 63 years. Ex-Inspector Raybould served in the Worcestershire police force for nearly thirty years. He was stationed at Halesowen for about twenty years, and retired on pension in 1899. He was the originator of change-ringing in the above society, and through his perseverance and enthusiasm the members successfully rang all the standard methods up to Double Norwich. He was laid to rest in Clent churchyard (his native village) on August 27th, amid many manifestations of regret, the service being conducted by the Rev. Davis Winstone, senior curate of Halesowen. Before and after the service touches of Stedman Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled by members of the Halesowen Society, and later in the evening touches of Grandsire were rung on the Halesowen bells as a tribute to his memory.

Two well-known metropolitan ringers have also just recently died. Mr. Walter Jones, who was one of the St. Paul's Cathedral company dying at a comparatively early age from the dread complaint known as pneumonia. Muffled peals have been rung to his memory, at St. Paul's and Bow; and at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, to which company he also belonged, the whole pull and stand was rung. The other departed ringer was Mr. Henry Wood, elder brother of Matthew Wood, who died at the grand old age of 91. Henry Wood was a member of the College Youths, and a sound ringer in various methods. By his decease the company loses one of their oldest members.

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VALUE IN PTS. PER PEAL	Treble Bob.					Grandsire		Plain Methods.				Minor Methods.							Db. Mtd		Surprise Methods							Ford			Stedman.			Total value in points.	Average value in points per peal.	
	16	14	12	10	9	9	7	10	8	7	6	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	28	16	68	58	50	36	36	30	30	25	20	28	24	24				
Total Peals.	Maximus	Royal.	Major.	14 T. B. M. M.	9 " "	7 " "	Caters.	Triples.	Royal.	Major.	Triples.	Doubles.	1 Minor mtd	2 " "	3 " "	4 " "	5 " "	6 " "	7 " "	Dbl. Nor. Royal.	Dbl. Nor. Major	Note A. S. Ry. (unnamed)	London S. Maj.	Bristol S. Major.	Cam. Sur. Major.	New Cam. S. Maj.	Sup. Sur. Major.	Yorks. Sur. Maj.	7 S Minor mtds.	Major.	Cliaques.	Caters.	Triples.			
1 Middlesex Cty. Assn....	79			1				6			1									4			8	7		3	17					1	12	19	2242	28'379
2 Norwich Dio. Assn....	101	2		16	2		4			8		3			1	1	3		2	22							20				1	10	1729	17'118		
3 Kent County Assn....	107			10				26		4					2	2	3		1	13							3			8	31	1669	15'598			
4 Midland Cties. Assn....	93		3	11				6	15	1	7	1			3		1			2	12					10	3			4	14	1491	16'032			
5 Oxford Dio. Guild.....	83			1				2	17		2	1	14		3		1				2						1			2	34	1186	14'289			
6 Lancashire Association..	63	1	1	18				11			2	1									3		4	1		1	6					9	1121	17'793		
7 Yorkshire Association...	78		2	21			5	2	12		10					1	1				4									1	1	3	12	1068	13'692	
8 Worcs. & Dists. Assn...	55			4				3	8		6		1				1				8		6		1		4				1	9	1033	18'763		
9 Winchester Dio. Guild..	70			8			3	19		7		1		1	1	1					4						2				1	17	968	13'828		
10 Sussex County Assn....	60			7				1	15	1	7	1	4								6						2					16	819	13'65		
11 Essex Association	52			12				1	9		5	3			1						6						1				3		3	720	13'846	
12 Hertford County Assn..	36						3	1	3				1	2			2		8				1				3				2	9	603	16'75		
13 Soc. Archdy. Staffs....	30							1	5	1	2										2										6	13	58	18'6		
14 Surrey Association.....	32		1	1				1	6		1	4									1										1	16	537	16'784		
15 St. Martin's Guild Birm	19			1				2		1	4										1						2			6	2	5	456	24		
16 Ancient Soc. Coll. Yths..	20	2	2	1	1	2				1												1					1			4	6	448	22'4			
17 Durham & Neweastl. Ass.	25			6		2		1	2																					3	10	445	17'8			
18 London County Assn....	24			1				1	3											10							2			5	2	430	17'916			
19 Royal Cumberland Yths.	13		2																		2						2						427	32'846		
20 Centl. Northamp. Assn..	28							3		1	4			2	1	1				3		3	3				2					9	394	14'142		
21 Bath & Wells Assn	40							2	13		1	16		1							3									1	6	320	8'			
22 Gloucester & Bristol Ass.	20							1	5	1	2	2																		1	3	5	294	14'7		
23 Chester Dio. Guild.....	22			7		1		7			2	2		1			1										1						218	9'909		
24 Stoke Achdl. Assn	21							16		3																					2		184	8'761		
25 Devonshire Guild	13							1	7																					5		178	13'692			
26 Truro Diocesan Guild..	7							1													1									3		155	22'142			
27 Hereford Dio. Guild....	20							3		1	9			1																3		149	7'45			
28 Bedford Association....	12			2				4		1	1			1																		107	8'916			
29 Lincoln Dio. Guild.....	17			2				2		2				4	3	1	2		1												2	106	6'235			
30 North Wales Assn.	9							5		2																					1		99	11'		
31 Ely Diocesan Assn.	12			1				3			1	2		1																	1	98	8'166			
32 Salisbury Dio. Guild....	5							3																						2	69	13'8				
33 Cleveland & N. Yorks....	6			4				1						1																		58	9'666			
34 Irish Association	3							2																							1		42	14		
35 Llandaff Dio. Assn.....	6							6																									42	7'		
36 Liverpool Dio. Guild....	4							4																								28	7'			
37 North Notts. Assn	1					1																										19	19.			
38 Salop. Arch. Guild	2							2																									14	7'		
39 Halifax and District	1			1																													12	12.		
Independent Societies....	50		1	1				3	19		6	8									1										3	4	469	9'38		
Grand totals.....	1339	5	13	136	2	1	24	29	266	4	84	14	67	22	8	7	10	7	3	44	2	105	1	22	11	5	5	85	3	1	3	10	61	279	21005	15'687

NOTE A. The ringing of this peal by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths is unquestionably a performance of very great merit; but the Central Council, for reasons which will appear in the report of their proceedings for 1908, have declined to allow the peal to be registered as London Surprise Royal. They have, however, accepted the Report of the Points Committee, and awarded 68 points for the peal, which sufficiently indicates the difficulty of the method, by whatever name it may be called hereafter.

Thurstans' Four-part and Variations, 244; Thurstans' Five-part, 2; Carter's peals, 10; Lindoff's peals, 5; Washbrook's peals, 3; Lates' peals, 2; Heywood's peals, 2; Martin's peal, 1.

Conductors of four peals and upwards were; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 78; William Pye, 44; Frank Bennett, 38; James Motts, 28; Clement Glenn, 24; Robert Matthews, 23; Alfred H. Palling, 21; John H. Cheesman and George Williams, 18; James E. Davis, 17; Charles R. Lilley and Bertram Prewett, 14; William Short, 13; Keith Hart, James

The peals in Plain Methods comprise: Bob Royal 4; Bob Major 84; Oxford Bob Triples 7; Bob Triples 2; Stansted Triples 2 (now rung for the first time); Penning's Triples 1; Darlaston Bob Triples 1; Union Triples 1.

The peals of Doubles are comprised in the following statement:—

Association.	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Methods	Total
Bath and Wells	14	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	16
Bedfordshire	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Central Northants.	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Ely Dio. Gld.	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
Gloucester & Bristol	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Hereford	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
Hertford	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Middlesex	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Norwich	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	3
Oxford	11	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	14
Sussex	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Winchester	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Worcester	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Independent	5	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	8
Total—	51	5	5	3	1	1	1	1	67

The 50 peals rung by Independent Societies are thus distributed, viz.; Bedfordshire 5; Berkshire 2; Buckinghamshire 1; Cambridgeshire 1; Edinburgh 1; Essex 1; Gloucestershire 4; Hertfordshire 1; Lancashire 3; Leicestershire 2; Lincolnshire 1; Middlesex 5; Nottinghamshire 1; Oxfordshire 6; Staffordshire 2; Surrey 4; Sussex 4; Warwickshire 2; Worcestershire 3; Yorkshire 1. Total—50.

The greatest number of changes in one peal was 7392 Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung by the Winchester Diocesan Guild. One other peal contained over 7000 changes; four peals were over 6000 changes; and under 6000 changes there were 1332 peals.

The 154 peals of Treble Bob were rung as follows: in the Kent Variation—Maximus, 5; Royal, 13; Major, 119; and in the Oxford Variation—Major, 17.

The 266 peals of Grandsire Triples were: Holt's Original 54; Holt's Six-part 1; Holt's Ten-part and Variations 74; Parker's Twelve-part and Variations, 37; Parker's One-part 1; Parker's Five-part 1; Parker's Six-part 6; Taylor's Bob-and-Single 24; Carter's (including his twenty-four part rung for the first time) 17; Hollis's Five-part 10; Rev. C. D. P. Davies' peals—Five-part 6; Ten-part 5; H. Moore's peals 6; Vicars' peals 4; other peals 20.

The 279 peals of Stedman Triples are accounted for thus; Thurstans' One-part 10;

NOTE—In reckoning points for peals, those over 7000 and under 10,000 counts as two peals; over 10,000 and 12,000 changes count as three peals, and so forth.

The following Table gives the first twenty Societies and their relative positions since 1895.

	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
1 Middlesex County Association	—	25	18	9	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
2 Norwich Diocesan Association	4	5	9	5	6	6	2	2	2	1	2	2
3 Kent County Association	7	7	8	3	3	4	4	6	9	3	3	3
4 Midland Counties Association	3	8	6	6	13	11	13	10	5	5	5	4
5 Oxford Diocesan Guild	1	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	8	8	6	5
6 Lancashire Association	10	4	5	7	7	8	14	19	22	9	8	6
7 Yorkshire Association	6	9	11	8	14	12	12	9	3	4	4	7
8 Worcestershire and Districts	12	6	3	10	15	18	21	20	23	17	14	8
9 Winchester Diocesan Guild	9	14	12	15	10	13	16	23	18	15	10	9
10 Sussex County Association	2	1	1	2	5	3	7	3	7	7	17	10

Parker and Arthur E. Pegler, 11; Charles F. Bailey, William Fitchford, James E. Groves, and W. S. Smith, 10; Thomas Groombridge, Geo. Holifield, sen., Benjamin A. Knights, and Geo. N. Price, 9; Edwin Barnett, sen., Chas. W. Clarks, George Cattermole, John Flint, and Arthur Knights, 8; William H. Barber, Edwin G. Buesden David Elliott, Lewis S. Griffith, Joseph Griffin, Geo. Hughes, Walter Large, Geo. R. Pye, John R. Sharman, Chas. F. Winney, Sidney Wade, George Wightman, and Albert Walker, 7; Arthur Edwards, Arthur Latham and Sam Thomas, 6; John Austin, Harry Chapman, John Carter, Frederick W. Dixon, Geo. F. Hoad, John W. Jones Ernest C. Lambert, Joseph A. Lambert, Geo. R. Newton, Albert Phillips, Alfred Rowley, and Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, 5; Harry Barton, Fredk. Borrett, Geo. Billewess, James Hunt, Herbert Knight, William H. Lawrence, Gabriel Lindoff, Walter Perkins, Philip H. Pierce, W. T. Pegler, William J. Prescott, James H. Ridyard, Joseph Ridyard, Fredk. W. Stokes, Fredk. W. Thornton, Fredk. R. Tullett, sen., William Watts, and Edgar Wightman, 4. In addition to these, 38 persons conducted three peals; 103, two peals; and 259, one peal, making a total of 477 persons who acted as conductors during the year. A peal of Stedman Triples rung at Wolverhampton on October 12th, 1907, was conducted by Mr. Herbert Knight, blindfolded.

The number of peals rung on church bells was 1309; on handbells, 30.

Two peals were found to be false, after publication; and they are therefore excluded from this Analysis.

The following is a summary of the peals rung on handbells:

Kent Treble Bob Maximus	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Grandsire Caters	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Grandsire Triples	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Doubles	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bob Major	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Bob Minor	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bristol Surprise Major*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Stedman Caters	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Stedman Triples	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Total—												30

*First peal in the method on handbells.

The 1339 peals rung are 26 more than last year; but they fall short by 180 of the record year, 1905. They were distributed as follows; January 106; February 113; March 86; April 132; May 111; June 103; July 64; August 90; September 124; October 118; November 152; December 140.

The number of peals rung annually since the publication of "THE BELL NEWS" are shown by the following Table.

1881	156	..	1886	..	556	1891	..	878	1896	..	791	1901	..	1194	1906	..	1313
1882	244	..	1887	..	646	1892	..	802	1897	..	905	1902	..	1313	1907	..	1339
1883	330	..	1888	..	759	1893	..	705	1898	..	1002	1903	..	1469			
1884	419	..	1889	..	797	1894	..	859	1899	..	912	1904	..	1512			
1885	500	..	1890	..	699	1895	..	766	1900	..	924	1905	..	1519			

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THIS week a correspondent takes exception to a brief comment which appeared a fortnight ago. He has not sufficiently grasped the intent of the writer with whom he cannot agree. That is his misfortune. Our unemployed brethren avail themselves of the advantages these pages afford them to advertise for work, believing that the Exercise, or very many of its members, will attempt, by representation and influence, and by solicitation where necessary, to put something in their way so that employment may be secured. It was intimated in our remarks that up to the present very little had been done by the Exercise, either individually or collectively, to help these advertisers to obtain work. And to this opinion we still adhere.

Who has not noticed week after week these pleadings (for such they are) of our distressed brethren? We can imagine with what anxiety they await a communication of some kind which may be a favourable response to their appeal. "Hopes deferred maketh the heart grow sick." Can we without offence ask our readers to give this sub-

ject a thought; to peruse the notice-page more carefully; and see whether they can, by any and every possible means, render help to those brethren who are in necessity through unemployment?

Beneath we append the letter of the correspondent referred to above.

Re UNEMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYABLE.

SIR,—In your editorial note of this week's issue you seem to think by your remarks that ringers of to-day are all for number one as regards employment. I must say I cannot agree with you. I know of several who would put themselves to more trouble than is done at present if they knew more about those who are in want of work. I am sorry to have to say it, but I have proof without end that there are a lot of men to-day who advertise just merely for advertising sake. They do not want work, and moreover than that they won't have work. Since I have been in Derbyshire (seven years) I have obtained and given employment to over sixteen ringers, and half of these have only been "half-inch" workmen; and as to some of their ringing abilities this had best be left unsaid. I am more than pleased to say all men are not alike. GEO. W. BEMROSE.

P.S.—It would be interesting to know what Mr. Daniell's experience is on the above with his office as labour bureau management.

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JOHN CARTER Treble.	SAMUEL REEVES 5.
FRANK WITHERS 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
JOHN WITHERS 4.	WILLIAM FAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 27, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

WESLEY WATSON Treble	WILLIAM MILLER 5.
ARTHUR B. WIFFEN* .. 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	SGT.-MAJOR A. PYE 7.
HARRY W. CATTERWELL.. 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.
*First peal in the method.

WOOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 27, 1908, in Three Hours and Three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST J. WILSON* .. Treble	RICHARD LRATHER 5.
GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 2.	THOMAS KAY 6.
GEORGE HISLOP 3.	EDWARD CAUNCE 7.
FREDK. C. THOMAS .. 4.	JOHN ROBERTS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

*First peal.

MILTON ERNEST, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALBERT T. BARKER .. Treble	HERBERT L. HARLOW .. 4.
JOHN W. BARKER 2.	FRANK WEBB 5.
HARRY GAYTON 3.	HERBERT COCKINGS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

First peal on the bells by the Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 29, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

GEORGE CLEAL Treble	JOSIAH MORRIS 6.
THOMAS L. ALLEN 2.	JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM .. 7.
ERNEST MORRIS* 3.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 8.
FREDK. H. DEXTER 4.	ALFRED MARTIN 9.
WILLIAM WILSON 5.	*HARRY POWDRILL .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

*First peal of Caters.

PONTEFRACT, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERNARD MOODY Treble	*BENJAMIN WATKINSON .. 5.
WILLIAM P. BROOK 2.	FRANCIS BARKER 6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3.	THOMAS M. BARKER .. 7.
JOHN FRYER 4.	THOMAS HOULDER .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

*First peal in the method.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 29, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT Treble	THOMAS RILEY 5.
JESSE J. MOSS 2.	WILLIAM LAMBEET 6.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 3.	HARRY MOSS 7.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN .. Treble	†GEORGE MILEHAM 6.
FRANK COLE 2.	AUSTIN GWINNETT 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 3.	WILLIAM BATEMAN 8.
HUBERT SCRIVENS 4.	†JOHN W. DAVIS 9.
ALBERT WRIGHT† 5.	†FREDK. SANDFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by FRED G. MAY, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

†First peal of Caters.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Sunday, August 30, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HUBERT EMERSON .. Treble	JAMES JONES 4.
THOMAS LEWIS 2.	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS .. 5.
ALBERT HURCOMBE .. 3.	WALTER TAYLOR .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 30, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY S. REEVES .. Treble	FREDERICK BONNER 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 6.
ROBERT E. STAVERT .. 3.	ALFRED KING 7.
JAMES MERRICK 4.	*BASIL HUGHES Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Monday, August 31, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS MILLER .. Treble	JAMES PLANT 5.
FREDK. DICKENS 2.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 6.
GEORGE F. SWANN 3.	MARTIN MURPHY 7.
CHARLES DICKENS 4.	JOHN NEAL Tenor.

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On Monday, August 31, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.**

JOHN B. JACKSON 1-2.	FREDE. W. DIXON 5-6.
THOMAS M. THOMPSON.. 3-4.	JOSEPH WAITE 7-8.

Conducted by FREDE. W. DIXON.

Umpires—F. W. Hird and W. B. Smith. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. M. Thompson.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Grandsire rung by members of the Surrey Association, has been sent without name of place mentioned.

Miscellaneous.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

STANSTED.—On Sunday, July 26th, at the parish church, 576 Superlative Surprise. G. Gray, W. Prior, G. Jordan, S. Hayes, J. Luckey, H. J. Tucker, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. And 504 Stedman Triples. S. Hayes, H. Little, W. Prior, W. T. Prior, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, July 29th, for practice, 840 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, W. Prior, J. Luckey, H. J. Tucker, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

APPLEDORE (Kent).—On Thursday, July 27th, an attempt for a peal came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 45 mins. G. Johnson, C. W. Player, A. Johnson, E. C. Lambert, C. Tribe, F. S. Brown, E. G. Johnson conductor, W. Sharp. On Sunday, July 30th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Law, E. G. Johnson conductor, C. L. Noakes, S. W. Hills, A. Johnson, F. S. Brown, G. Johnson, W. Sharp. For evening service 672 Grandsire Triples. W. Law, G. Johnson, C. L. Noakes, S. W. Hills, A. Johnson, F. S. Brown, E. G. Johnson conductor, W. Sharp. All the above touches were rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a last token of respect to the late James Law, who had been a ringer at Appledore for forty-five years. He dropped dead on his way to work on the Monday morning. He was at the belfry on Sunday both morning and evening in the best of health, and his sudden death cast a gloom over the place. He was laid to rest on the following Thursday amid every token of respect and sympathy from all who knew him.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHENLEY.—On July 11th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. F. Baker, H. Sear, J. Higgins, E. Marks, G. F. Clarke, V. Sear. First 720 on the bells. On August 10th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Edwards, C. F. Johnston, G. W. Tompkins, W. Bonham, J. Higgins, H. Sear conductor. Composed by J. George. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss T. Grace, a member of the choir.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST CLANDON.—On Thursday, July 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Monk, H. Stovell, T. Streeter, J. Goacher, W. Day, F. Bennett.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, July 19th, at Bishop Ryder's church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1280 changes, in 47 mins. W. F. Webb, T. Collinson, B. Whiteside, J. B. Collett, R. Hackley, J. T. Perry conductor, F. Burley, W. G. Ellis.

BURGESS HILL (Sussex).—On Sunday, July 26th, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Horney, H. C. Castle, E. Bish, H. Bish, T. Stringer, J. Parsons, A. W. Gravett conductor, F. Day. And

550 in the same method. E. Killick, E. Bish, W. Hart, H. Gravett conductor, H. Bish, A. Gravett, H. C. Castle, F. Day.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, July 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. G. R. Fardon conductor, J. Howes, F. Smith, T. Beadle, C. F. Winney, F. G. Goddard, J. H. B. Hesse, S. How. On Sunday, August 9th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. J. Howes conductor, F. G. Goddard, A. Cutmore, T. Beadle, G. R. Fardon, J. H. B. Hesse, A. Harding, G. Spencer.

MARGATE.—On Sunday evening, July 26th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. H. Saxby, S. G. Twyman, A. Scambler, J. Blythman, E. L. Burgess, G. Johnson, C. W. Player conductor, G. Enderby.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, July 4th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Symonds conductor, H. Gladwell, R. W. J. Poulson, W. Fayers, H. D. Poulson, T. Levitt.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday, July 19th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Chattle, G. Jutson, E. Tilley, J. W. Jarvis, J. Jutson, F. Jeffs conductor. First 720 by the local company. On July 25th, 720 Bob Minor. R. Rowell, G. Jutson, E. Tilley, J. W. Jarvis, J. Jutson conductor, F. Jeffs. 720 Bob Minor. R. Rowell, E. Tilley, J. W. Jarvis, F. Cooke, G. Jutson conductor, F. Jeffs. On August 2nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Chattle, G. Jutson, E. Tilley, J. Jutson, J. W. Seamer conductor, J. W. Jarvis.

REDHILL (Surrey).—On Sunday, July 26th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Streeter, A. Harman, A. Bashford, S. Kenward conductor, J. Cotterell, J. Sherlock, W. H. Buckland, H. Edwards. For evening service 504 and 168 in the same method. J. Gear, W. Streeter, A. Bashford, W. H. Buckland, J. Cotterell, H. Card conductor, H. Edwards, E. Dennis.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On July 9th, at Christ Church, on the occasion of a local wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Armstrong, S. Wade, G. Bester, F. G. Tegg, N. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. E. Miller conductor, A. G. Crane.

ST. ANNE'S-ON-SEA (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, August 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Mason, F. Greenwood, J. Jones, F. Page, J. Smith, C. Page, W. Willson conductor, F. Bennett. At St. John's, Blackpool, on Tuesday, August 4th, 336 Grandsire Triples. Miss Lillian Willson, W. Willson, J. Jones, F. Page, E. Timbrell, J. Smith, C. Page, F. Bennett. And 336 Bob Major. W. Mason, F. Greenwood, J. Jones, E. Timbrell, F. Page, J. Smith, C. Page, W. Willson conductor.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—On the occasion of the opening of a new ring of eight the following touches were rung: 228 Kent Treble Bob. J. W. Newton, G. Parker, R. A. Lovie, R. W. Falconer, G. W. Peverell, J. Robinson, W. H. Porter, T. Metcalfe conductor. 336 Stedman Triples. J. Chilton, R. W. Falconer, W. Pillar, O. Arkless, W. Neal, R. M. Pounder, T. Metcalfe conductor, T. G. Gamlin. 448 Grandsire Triples. J. Chilton, G. Handley, J. Baxter, C. Cox, S. F. Wright, A. A. Hughes conductor, A. Simpson, T. Blackburn. 420 Stedman Triples. G. W. Park, G. Handley, E. Burnett, W. Neale, A. Simpson, S. T. Wright, T. Metcalfe conductor, T. Blackburn. 640 Kent Treble Bob. J. Chilton, E. Burnett, G. Handley, R. A. Lovie, R. W. Falconer, J. Robinson, E. Hern, T. Metcalfe conductor. On Whit Sunday, for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Chilton, W. Pillar, A. A. Hughes, W. Neal, T. Blackburn, E. Burnett, A. Simpson conductor, E. Reynard.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637.) — Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 15th; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 7th and 21st; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 8th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 10th; St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on the 10th and 24th; St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 22nd; all at 8 p.m.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Lancashire Association. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held in the schoolroom at Silverdale to-day, Saturday, September 5th, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Bells (6), available during the day. W. ROBINSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Alban's, Rochdale, to-day, Saturday, September 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. A good attendance is requested, as business is important.
JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. — A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, September 12th. Service at 3.30 p.m. in the parish church. Tea at 4.15 p.m. in schoolroom with meeting to follow.
E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild — North Bucks. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Calverton, Bucks., on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells open at 2 p.m.
F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, September 12th (Life-Boat Saturday). Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.
W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild — North and East District.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at All Saints' church, Edmonton, on Saturday, September 12th, by kind permission of the Rev. E. A. B. Sanders. The bells will be raised about 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided on the usual terms for those who intimate their intention to be present, but such intimation must reach the Hon. Sec. by September 7th at the latest. It is hoped that members and their friends will make a special effort to attend.
ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Lancashire Association. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, September 12th. Bells ready at 4.30. Tea at 6. Members intending being present please send word to
WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*
36, Church Road, Garston.

East Derbyshire Association. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Alfreton on Saturday, September 12th. Tea in parish room at 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards. All members intending taking tea are requested to write Mr. F. Watkinson, 129, King Street, not later than September 8th.
T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The Sussex County Association. — A meeting will be held at Brightling (8 bells) on Saturday, September 12th. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector—Rev. C. A. Sturgess-Jones, M.A. Members wishing to be present at tea, and also for brake from Robertsbridge Station, must let me know by Monday, September 7th. Will branches, etc. kindly note subscriptions for 1908 are due, and should be sent as soon as possible. Train—Hastings, 2 p.m.; brake—2.30, Robertsbridge.
GEO. H. HOWSE, *Hon. Sec.*
2, Carlton Road, Eastbourne.

The Kent County Association. — Rochester District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. George's, Gravesend, on Saturday, September 19th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Church House at 5.30. Business meeting after tea, when the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place. Members intending to be present at tea must let me know on or before Wednesday, September 16th.
A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
65, Clive Road, Rochester.

Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham. — The renovation of this church being completed, the usual weekly practice will be resumed on Saturday, September 12th, from 6 till 7.30.
W. H. CARROD, *Sec.*

The Essex Association. — South-Western Branch.—The annual district meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available after 3 o'clock. Tea at The Red Lion at 5.30, (rs. 6d.), members 6d. Business meeting to follow.
G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association. — Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Rusper on Saturday, September 19th. Tower open at 3. Tea at The Star inn at 5 o'clock, 6d., each to those who let me know by September 15th.
R. J. DAWE, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

The Yorkshire Association. — By kind permission of the Vicar—the Rev. B. Irwin—the September meeting will be held at Saltburn-by-the-Sea on Saturday, September 19th. Ring of eight, tenor 23 cwt. Circulars next week.
CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*
40, Percy Street, Rotherham.

The Lancashire Association. — The annual meeting will be held at Manchester on Saturday, October 3rd. Any proposed alterations of rules, and nominations for the following official posts, viz., President, General Secretary, and Treasurer, must be sent in to the General Secretary not later than Monday, September 7th. All ringing reports up to the 31st inst., to be sent to the Ringing Secretary. Further particulars by circular.
A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*
4, Helena Street, Irlams O' Th' Height, Manchester.

J. H. BANKS, *Ringing Secretary.*
462, Helmsshore Road, Helmsshore.

The William Verry Commemoration. — The annual dinner will be held at The Red Lion hotel, Handsworth, on Saturday, October 17th. Details later on.
R. FAUX, *Hon. Sec.*

Exeter. — Practice at the Cathedral second Wednesday in every month at 7.15 p.m. until further notice.
E. SHEPHERD, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
160, Sidwell Street.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild. — During the repairs to the tower of Winchester Cathe-

dral, there will be no ringing on the bells until further notice.
JAS. W. ELKINS,
3, Culver Villas, Winchester.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. — A. B. Peck has removed to 42, Harrogate Road, South Hackney, N.E.

AN APPEAL.

The members of the Keighley society have opened a subscription list for the cause of one of their ringing brethren—J. McGoun—who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, the foot of which has been just amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

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Mr. R. Rider	0	4
Silsden ringers, per Mr. F. W.		
Rishworth	1	0
A Ringing Friend (Grantham) ..	0	2
The Ilkley Ringers (per Mr.		
Feather	0	10
Halifax and District Association,		
per Mr. James Cotterell:		
Bradford Branch	0	10
Halifax Parish	0	5
Mr. M. W. Lund (Bradford) ..	0	2
Skipton ringers, per Mr. T. Lam-		
bert	0	9
Mr. James George (Rugby) ..	0	2
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PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The Annual General Meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, will be held on Saturday, October 10th, at All Saints church, Fulham, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Muriel. Further particulars will appear later.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

THE PEAL ANALYSIS.

As is our custom we repeat the Analysis once more. Had the following letter from Mr. King reached us in time, we would have made the desired correction:—

SIR,—I am sorry to find that Mr. W. Keeble's name has been omitted from the list of conductors in 1907. On reference to the rough copy, I find him duly credited

with sixteen peals; but in making out the fair copy, his name was inadvertently omitted. The mistake is mine, and I can only assure my old friend Mr. Keeble that I am very sorry it should have been made.—ARTHUR T. KING.

Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. GEORGE'S GUILD, BECKENHAM.—The annual outing of this society was held on Wednesday, August 12th. Leaving Beckenham at 6 o'clock, Dover was reached soon after 8, when thirteen sat down to a substantial breakfast at The Pavilion hotel. Then to the pier, where much interest was taken in watching the loading of mails, etc., to the Calais and Ostend boats, a trip round the harbour, and a trip over the railway company's fine boat *Empress* brought up dinner-time.

This over, we climbed the shaft to the barracks and cliffs, and were well rewarded by the excellent view obtained. Then to St. Mary's church, where we were met by some of the Dover band, and about an hour-and-a-half was spent in ringing some touches of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, and Bob Major. Tea was then taken, and a journey through the town to the Harbour station, which the happy party left at 7.20 for home, all having spent a most enjoyable day. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the Dover ringers for their assistance in the ringing. W. S.

ADDRESS WANTED.—Mr. Lionel Longney. To ADVERTISER "W. A."—Send us your address immediately on stamped envelope.

SELBY ABBEY BELL FUND.

The following subscriptions from ringers have been received towards converting the old peal of eight, destroyed by fire, into ten. Amount required—£300. Subscription should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Almondsbury, Huddersfield.

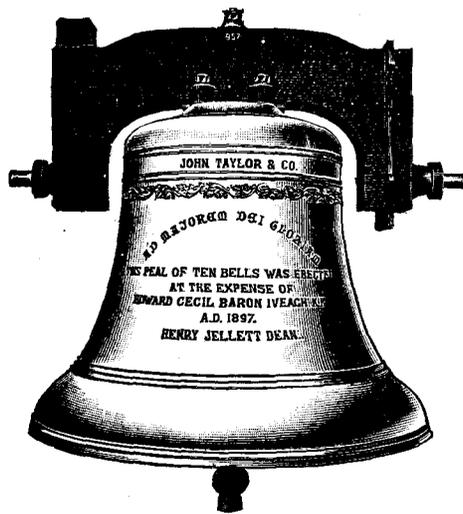
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Rev. H. S. T. Richardson	...	0	11	0
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Edward Snowdon, Esq.	...	1	1	0
W. H. Thompson, Esq.	...	1	1	0
Pudsey Parish Church	...	1	1	0
Holy Trinity, Hull	...	0	11	0
Mr. C. H. Hattersley	...	1	1	0
Rev. H. S. T. Richardson	...	0	10	6
Sutton-on-Hull Parish Church	...	1	0	0
Sheffield Parish Church	...	0	10	0
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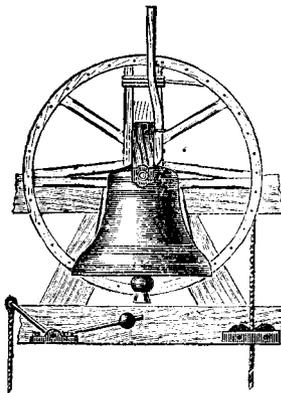
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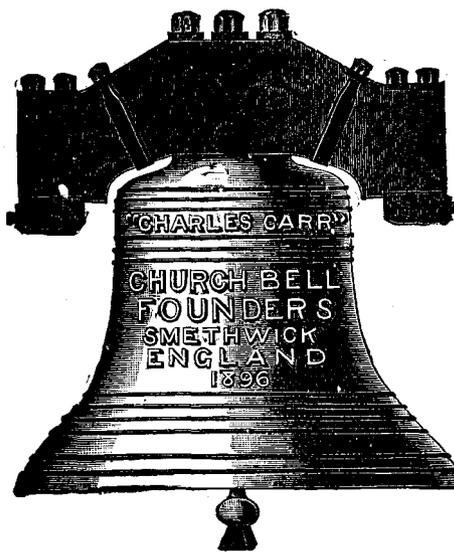
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