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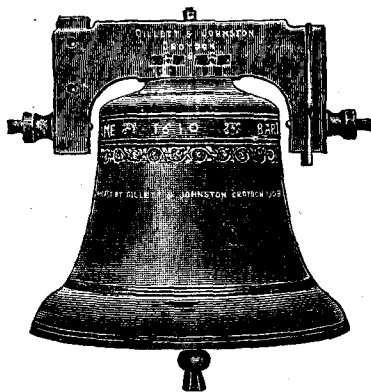
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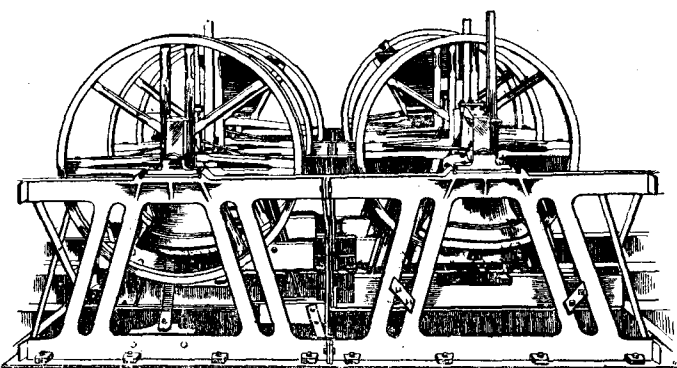
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## ROLLESTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

These bells, a ring of five, have recently been rehung with all new fittings, the treble and 2nd recast, and a new treble added, whilst the other three have been retuned by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. On Saturday evening, December 12th, a Dedication Service was held, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. the Hon. L. Tyrwhitt, Chaplain-in-Ordinary to the King. The bells were afterwards raised in peal and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles rang by the Burton-on-Trent parish church company, viz.: W. J. Smith conductor, J. H. Swinfield, F. Shepherd, T. Dicken, G. Robson, L. Bullock. This was followed by a 720 of Bob Minor, conducted by L. Bullock, in which Mr. J. W. Taylor took part. A few rounds were then rung by the local company. The whole of the ringers were afterwards entertained to refreshments by Sir Oswald Mosley, Bart., after which Mr. Sudale (captain of the local band), proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Sir Oswald for his kindness. This was seconded by Mr. G. Robinson, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

The new treble was presented by Mr. Arthur Benwell, of Rolleston, while Sir Oswald Mosley has very kindly paid all other expenses. The bells are now considered one of the most musical rings of six in the neighbourhood, the "go" being excellent, and the work has given every satisfaction. The local band have commenced to learn change-ringing.

## MILBORNE PORT, SOMERSET.

The restoration of the ring of eight bells at St. John's church has given general satisfaction. The bells have been rehung in a new massive oak frame, with new fittings. The tenor bell (28½ cwt.) has been recast, and the Ellacombe chiming apparatus fixed. The work has been carried out by Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, Devon.

## KINGSBRIDGE, DEVON.

The ring of eight bells at the parish church has been put in thorough order and the frame strengthened by Mr. Harry Stokes, church bell hanger, of Woodbury. The bells are now in capital order.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the above was held at Birmingham on Saturday, January 30th, members being present from Barwell, Burton, Cotgrave, Derby, Leicester, Loughborough, Nuneaton, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton and Birmingham and district. The bells of St.

Martin's, Aston parish church and Bishop Ryder's were open to the visitors from 2 p.m., and some good touches of Stedman Cinques, Caters and Triples, Superlative, Grandsire Caters and Triples, Double Norwich, etc., were brought round during the day. The committee meeting was held in the Bull Street Cafe at 4.45, and afterwards upwards of sixty members sat down to tea at the same establishment. This was followed by the general meeting, the vice-president being in the chair. He was supported by Messrs. W. E. White (hon. sec.), A. W. Brighton, E. D. Taylor, H. Wilde, amongst others present being Messrs. John Carter, W. H. Godden, J. Jagger, J. E. Groves and S. Reeves. The Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting held at Duffield, which were passed and signed. Mr. J. W. Taylor announced the forthcoming resignation of the hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Wakley, through ill-health. He said the resignation would be regretted by all, and hoped Mr. Wakley's health would speedily be restored.

The chairman proceeded to review the peals rung during the last quarter, which amounted to forty-four, making the total for the year up to 150, a great increase on all previous records for the Association, and almost a national record. He also referred to the ringing of a peal by a lady member, Miss Lilian Willson, of Leicester, whose name was greeted with applause. This was the first lady member to ring a peal in the Midland Counties Association.

On the proposition of Mr. W. C. Wakley, seconded by Mr. Griffin, rule 14 was altered, and now reads as follows: "That no alteration or addition to these rules be made except at the annual meeting of the Association. Notice in writing of any proposed alteration to be given to the hon. secretary previous to the third quarterly meeting." It was felt that alterations to rules would be more fittingly made at the more representative meeting. The names of four life members and thirty ringing members were read out, and their election passed *nem. con.*

Mr. White proposed, and Mr. Brighton seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Birmingham men for their kindness in arranging for the meeting, and also for a social evening after eight o'clock, Birmingham being actually outside the bounds of the Association. The names of Messrs. Carter and Godden were coupled with the vote, and it was carried with applause. Mr. Godden suitably replied. A vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells was passed, on the proposition of Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. T. W. Chapman, Mr. Griffin remarking on the treat it was to the members to get a ring on twelve bells.

Mr. Willis proposed, and Mr. Draper seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. Taylor for presiding, which that gentleman acknowledged, apologising for not having been able to be present at the last meeting.

Later in the evening the members adjourned to The Crown hotel, a smoking concert having been kindly arranged by the local men. Mr. Harry Withers delighted the company with a course of Double Norwich on the piano, and the members of St. Martin's Guild, with a few M.C.A. ringers, rang various methods on the hand.

bells, interspersed with tunes and songs. Among other performances courses of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, four in hand, by Messrs. Carter and Groves, and a course of Grandsire Cinques by T. Russam, J. Carter, A. R. Aldham, T. Miller, J. E. Groves and A. P. Smith were worthy of note, the Grandsire Cinques in particular sounding very pleasing to the unaccustomed ears of the visitors. The meeting was kept up till a late hour, everyone returning home well satisfied with the day's performances.

### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

It had been decided to hold the first meeting of this year of this Association at Oldbury, but as, when the time came, it was found that the Vicar of that parish desired the visit postponed, it was found necessary to arrange it elsewhere, and by the number of those who attended it, it was evident that a most suitable selection had been made in arranging it at Netherton, near Dudley, for on Saturday, January 30th, about eighty members visited this parish to attend the meeting.

The usual service was held in the church at 4.15, when those present had the pleasure of listening to an address by the Vicar, the Rev. S. J. Marriott. At the conclusion a move was made to the new schools, the plans of which, by-the-bye, were drawn up by the Vicar himself, and of which he has every reason to be proud. Here a most enjoyable tea had been provided by the churchwardens, to which full justice was done; and then an adjournment was made to an adjoining room to hold the business meeting. It was again decided to hold the annual meeting at Worcester, and the Secretary was instructed to request the Very Rev. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean of Worcester, to accept the office of President. Mr. W. Micklewright was appointed conductor of the quarterly peal to be attempted at Netherton. The annual report and balance-sheet, which showed a balance on the right side of over £9, and a deposit in the Post Office Savings Bank during the past year of £5, making a total reserve fund of over £16, were read and passed; after which four honorary and seventeen performing members, including a daughter of one of the churchwardens at one of the churches affiliated with this Association, were elected. Notice was then given of a proposal to be brought forward at the annual meeting in regard to the division of the Association into three branches. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens brought the meeting to a close.

These bells are one of the few complete peals produced in Birmingham, the front six being by Elews, 1870, and the two trebles being added by Barwell in 1897, the tenor being 12½ cwt. in G. Touches were also rung during the afternoon and evening.

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### Obituary.

#### HENRY S. THOMAS.

It is with great regret that we announce the death of Mr. Henry S. Thomas, late of Battersea, which took place on the 28th ult., from collapse after an operation. He was in the 58th year of his age, having been born at Battersea in 1851. Although he had not within the last few years mixed much with the ringing world, there was a time when he was a familiar figure at all large gatherings of the Exercise. He was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths for about twenty years, and was Master of that society in the Jubilee year. He was also a member of the St. James's and Waterloo Societies. In the year 1872 the Rev. Canon Erskine Clarke, the Vicar of Battersea, asked Mr. Thomas to take charge of the belfry and the ringing there, which he did, and all those who have since rung in that much-frequented tower will bear witness how good was the result of his superintendence, the bells always being in good order, and the belfry one of the neatest and most comfortable in London. Owing probably to the pressure of business resulting from the responsible position held by him with Messrs. Ward, Lock, and Co., Mr. Thomas satisfied himself so far as ringing was concerned with the Grandsire method, scoring in all about twenty peals of Triples and Caters. His first peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Battersea on the 19th February, 1884, conducted by the late W. Baron, and his first peal of Caters at Quex Park on August 4th, 1884. Among other peals in which he took part was one rung half muffled on the day of the funeral of the late Henry Haley, by eight Henrys—viz., Bright, Hopkins, Langdon, Davis, Swain, Thomas, Tucker conductor, and Dains.

Mr. Thomas was also known outside London, having on one occasion taken the chair at the Johnson commemoration dinners at Birmingham. He was a most genial and open-handed man, and his purse was always at the service of any good object. The Cumberland Society possesses mementoes of his generosity in their last peal book and other properties, and they have also a portrait of him presented by a number of his friends. He was great as an organiser of entertainments and subscriptions for charitable purposes, apart from those connected with ringers, and all who were well acquainted with him will know how hard he worked in this way for the Farnham Boys' Homes. He himself was the recipient of a massive marble clock and an illuminated address presented to him by Canon Erskine Clarke on behalf of ringers and friends of Battersea. The first part of the funeral service was held at Old Battersea on Wednesday last, when the church was well filled. Later in the day the usual whole pull and stand was rung on the bells half muffled. On Saturday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Cumberland Society attempted a peal of Double Norwich at Battersea, with the bells half muffled to his memory, but unfortunately this was lost after about an hour's ringing.

#### PARISH CHURCH, BOLSOVER.

On Sunday, January 31st, after the usual evening service, a tablet was dedicated by the Vicar, Rev. B. S. Batty. The tablet, which is white marble, is the gift of His Grace the Duke of Portland, and bears the inscription of a peal of Superlative rang by the local ringers on the fifth anniversary of the opening of the two trebles, and to celebrate the 50th birthday of His Grace the Duke of Portland, K.G.

Will Mr. G. Baker, conductor of a peal of Doubles at Hunston on January 1st, kindly send his address to J. E. Hobbs, Lynn Croft, Eastwood, Notts.

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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The interesting article which appeared on page 546 concerning the late Mr. Haley and his various performances was no doubt well received by readers of the "B.N." The writer stated that Mr. Haley began his career as a conductor of "lapping" peals. That is so. And however the statement may be received, Mr. Haley was heard to say more than once that the experiences of his "lapping" days gave him a very good insight into the art of change-ringing and composing. It is not generally known, perhaps, that Mr. Haley was originally a Spitalfields weaver. The neighbourhoods of Spitalfields and Bethnal Green show still, here and there, significations of the days when the weaving of various textile fabrics was the staple occupation of the people. Houses were built for the weavers with a large apartment at the top to contain the looms, and wherein the whole of the household who dwelt beneath could be employed. Some such buildings are still to be found, though the looms are gone, the denizens of many of these top apartments now being flocks of pigeons. These eastern neighbourhoods have their picturesque side, however, and to ringers they afford a pleasing historical retrospect.

Spitalfields church was once a noted centre of ringing. Not the present edifice, but its predecessor, which was burned down. This church had a ring of twelve, with a 44 cwt. tenor. Those who are fortunate enough to possess a *Shipway* may learn a few interesting particulars about these bells, and some of the peals rung upon them. The old masters of the Exercise congregated there—Geo. Gross and his contemporaries of metropolitan fame. The destruction of the church was a great disaster, and by it the Cumberlands lost a favourite headquarters. The present church—Christ Church—is a prominent feature amidst its surroundings. The architect was named Hawkswood, and the churches and other buildings he erected are characterised by massive, heavy entablature, of which the present church is a good example. There is a couplet referring to him, which is said was, or ought to have been, placed upon his tomb. It is something like this:—

Lie on him heavy, earth, for in his lifetime he,  
Laid many a very heavy load on thee.

The bell-chamber at Spitalfields is a dark apartment, and some years ago a sexton named Wright, while among the bells, some of which were set, in attempting to get clear of the frame got on the wrong side of the wheel, and the bell going off, he received injuries which caused his death.

After this modicum of historical research we will turn to something else. And firstly, a reference may be made to the attempt now in progress for placing an additional bell in St. Peter's tower, Norwich. The fullest particulars have been given concerning this, and there is no necessity for me to recapitulate them. More than once it has been said that the ringing community require a deal of time to understand what is required at their hands (and pockets) when any movement slightly out of the common is brought before them. Are there not grounds for the reproach? Any ordinary person outside the Exercise would have thought that the small sum required for the new bell for St. Peter's would have been got together within a week. Yet we have seen only one subscription-list up to the present!

It is incumbent on *all* ringers to so affiliate themselves with objects of this kind, that they should regard it as a point of honour that such matters should be dealt with rapidly. The invitations to assist objects in which we all have an interest

should be responded to *immediately*, and without any delay whatever. It should be our pride to give a *practical* response to such matters the moment they are broached. Will all who read these lines so exert themselves that the sum required for the extra bell at St. Peter Mancroft may be in the hands of the secretaries to the fund by the end of the present month at farthest? A little energy, a little thought, and a very limited call on one's means, and the job is done. My readers, old and young, will you neglect lending your aid to this?

The bells of St. Mary-le-Bow, like St. Paul's and Cripplegate, are pealable. Years ago I listened to a conversation among ringers respecting the raising of heavy bells single-handed. It was said up to that time no one had raised St. Saviour's tenor, and then one or two of those present "guaranteed" that they could do it. But they did not succeed, either of them. We have just been informed that Bow tenor has recently been pulled up in the short space of three minutes by a youth who is likely to become a very prominent member of the Exercise in the near future. When we consider that Bow has for many years past been referred to with a shrug, on account of their unpealable—almost unringable—condition, we must confess that bell-hanging has now become a science. The time was, when referring to various rings of bells, we should have run the rule over them and pointed out their several defects, and such remarks as these would be made: "tenor can't be rung;" "an awful false lot;" "— is a fair slaughter-house;" "they drop on you like houses;" and so forth. But now all this is in the way of being changed, large bells are made to go well, *vide* the heavy tenors of St. Paul's and Bow, rung easily in peals of Maximus. It is worthy of remark, too, that these last-named are hung in wood frames.

"The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths is looking up. More life appears to be thrown into its management. With some pleasure I read about the annual meeting, held the other day. There were some nominations for the office of Master, among them being the name of our old friend, William H. Doran. I am old enough to recollect a cartoon in *Punch*, wherein the grandfather of the present Earl of Derby is seen to welcome Lord John Russell on his admission into the House of Lords, thusly: "What! you here, Johnny? Oh! what fun we shall have now, Johnny." And if my friend W. H. D. had been elected Master of the Cumberlands, I should have addressed him in a similar manner: "Why, Billy, got to be Master? O dear, what fun we shall have."

That the church of St. Andrew, Rugby, has a ring of eight bells may be taken as a fact. It may then be assumed that the ringing company there are in number about twelve, or say, sixteen. After reading the published report of the annual meeting of this august body one is tempted to ask how many of them are *not* in office. There is a President, a chaplain, a Ringing Master, deputy-ringing Master (what mouthfuls), an hon. auditor, and several committee-men; I suppose all "hon." Too many officials of this sort appear ridiculous. A small local society like this only needs a good business man as Secretary, who should be a good ringer, though. Ringing-masters, deputy-ringing masters, assistant deputy-ringing-masters, hon. auditors, and all the rest of it, sound fulsome, and should be avoided. The man at the head of affairs in the tower should by tacit consent be he whose ringing attainments are immeasurably above the rest of the company. These, my last observations this week, only apply to such small local affairs as the one alluded to.

PLAIN SPEAKER.



## A TONG CENTURY.

## MR. GEORGE BOLLAND'S RECORD.

Under the above heading the *Pudsey and Stanningley News* has the following:—

A company of bell-ringers visited Tong on Saturday to do honour to Mr. George Bolland, the veteran ringer of that village, who that day rang his hundredth peal. This took place in the afternoon in the parish church tower, when a peal of 5040 changes was rung in fourteen different methods. The ringers were:—Geo. Bolland, treble, conductor; Sam Oddy, 2; Edward Oddy, 3; William Bolland, 4; Thomas Hepworth, 5; J. H. Oddy, tenor. A party of nearly forty ringers, hailing from Armley, Birstall, Calverley, Pudsey, Cleethorpes, Shipley, Earls-heaton, Dewsbury, and other places afterwards foregathered in The Greyhound inn at Tong, where Mr. and Mrs. Ashton admirably served a capital rabbit pie supper. Mr. Charles Salloway afterwards presided, and stated that the peals in which Mr. Bolland had taken part had been 44 on six bells (of which he had conducted 40). Forty-nine Kent Treble Bob Major (conducted 10), three Cambridge Surprise Major, one Oxford Treble Bob Major, one Bob Major (tower) and one ditto (hand-bells), and one Kent Treble Bob Royal—total 100. Included in these were 6000 in 25 different methods, which he conducted, 10,440 in different methods, which he conducted, and he also took part in a silent peal at Dewsbury on April 7th, 1888, which was not included in the list. This was not, he said, a bad share of ringing for a man who had had to work hard. Mr. H. Oddy proposed "The Health of Mr. George Bolland," and in doing so said that every man present that evening knew his worth. He was known for miles around as a good and careful ringer, and as a reliable conductor. He (Mr. Oddy) had never known him miss a call, and ringers everywhere had always been glad to meet Mr. Bolland; he was always so agreeable, and so ready to undertake any duty. The toast was heartily honoured. Mr. Bolland, on rising to respond, had a very heart reception. He said it was a great pleasure to see so many old friends. He had thought at one time that he would never reach one hundred peals, and it had taken him thirty-one years to do it. Many changes had taken place in that time. Four out of the six who took part in his first peal in 1877 had gone, and the other, in addition to himself, Mr. J. H. Dixon, of Dewsbury, was with them that evening. Not one of the old Pudsey company was left. It was the same at Birstall, and only one or two were left at Calverley. He (Mr. Bolland) was not particularly old, but he was an old ringer. Before his day ringing 5000 was an extraordinary thing at Tong. Pudsey, Birstall and Batley had to come and help them. But they persevered, and Tong held the record of the first 5040 on six bells, the first record of 6000 in different methods, and the record for 10,440 in fifteen methods. They all knew his position. He could not get off at dinner time, but their record would take a lot of beating. Mr. Bolland proposed the health of the visitors, coupling with it the names of Mr. Holgate (Bramley), Mr. Pratt Cordingley (Pudsey), and others. Mr. Holgate, in responding, said he was deeply grateful for the opportunity of taking part in the gathering. Young ringers had always found a sturdy friend in Mr. Bolland, and he was very pleased to share in the congratulations to one who was known as "the king of bell-ringers." He hoped that he would live long to ring with them. Mr. P. Cordingley said that the Pudsey company were perhaps more than any other company indebted to Mr. Bolland. He well remembered the time when as a probationer he came to Tong. The Pudsey company was not then in a flourishing condition, and they came to Tong for help and instruction, and received a hearty welcome from Mr. Bolland and the Tong company as a whole. He had spent many happy hours at Tong. It was eleven years since he rang his first bell, and he was largely indebted to Mr. Bolland and the Tong ringers for any success he might have obtained. Ringers were always willing to help the young. There was a brotherliness about bell-ringers which was not found everywhere. Mr. Bolland had ever held the highest ideal of the bell-ringers, and that was to do church work. That, he always submitted, was the primary object of their existence, and he had ever tried to help the Tong and other companies to realise the value of the work they were doing. Mr. F. Redmayne, churchwarden at Tong, said he should like to see the spirit which animated bell-ringers in every department of church work. They stuck

together, and there was a brotherliness amongst them which was often lacking in the congregations of the Church of England. Mr. J. H. Dixon and others also spoke. Selections on the hand-bells were given during the evening by several members of the party, and altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

It is often said that the busiest man has most time. When there are public duties to discharge it is the active business man rather than retired gentlemen who take the positions, when a committee needs a secretary, they rarely rely on the man who has no evening engagements. The man that has most to do can generally find most time for other work. And here we have Mr. George Bolland, of Tong, described as "the king of bell-ringers," as one more illustration of the truthfulness of the old saying. George has been nearly all his life a milkman, a retail milkman, and a farmer, and when a man has only one of these occupations he has very little spare time. But George had them both, and yet he has found time to establish a hundred peal record for the district. It has taken him thirty-one years to do it, but he has attended the church tower as a duty, as an act of service as well as of pleasure.

## 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."

## PEALS OF DOUBLES.

SIR,—The protest raised by your correspondent is a mistaken one. There is no reason why our friends who are restricted to five bells should not ring 5000's of Doubles in one method, although many six-scores are called alike. The Central Council did require for some time that every 720 in the same method in a peal of Minor should be called differently, but later on this was rescinded, and the question left open.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

## THE EXTRA BELL FOR ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH.

SIR,—It was with surprise that I noticed in your last issue a letter from Mr. Geo. D. Burton, relative to the Sunday ringing of heavy peals of twelve, who wonders how it is managed, if even done at all, and as he is asking for information on this point, I have pleasure in supplying the following facts from the records of the Sheffield parish church company.

Out of a possible attendance of ninety-eight (being twice for each Sunday, less six for three Sundays in August, during which the church was closed for cleaning) for the official year ending November, 1908, I find the full peal of twelve bells (tenor 41 cwt.) were rung on sixty-two occasions, and from thence to the present date on nineteen occasions, whilst at all other times not less than ten have been rung.

I may say the company consists of fourteen members, of whom more than half reside upwards of two miles from the church, and even this record might possibly have been better, but for the fact that one member, through serious illness, has only put in eleven attendances during the times stated, therefore when Mr. Burton remarks "how seldom is it that the full peal of twelve is used for Sunday ringing," I feel I cannot let it pass without acquainting him of what at least is done here.

Doubtless there are others who could show that full peals of twelve are regularly used, although there are but few such peals in the country.

In conclusion, I may add that in addition to the extra bell at Cirencester, I know of one at the parish churches of Leeds and Halifax.

SIDNEY F. PALMER.

87, Bradley Street, Sheffield.

## A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In your issue of January 23rd you publish a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, as the heaviest Surprise peal yet rung.

I beg to inform you that a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 5056 changes, was accomplished at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on February 27th, 1904, and published in your next issue as the heaviest peal of Major ever rung.

J. W. GOLDING.

23A, Oxenford Street, East Dulwich.

## Notices.

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

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on the 16th; at St. John's, South Hackney, on the 22nd; at St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on the 25th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 18th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 25th; all at 8 p.m.

The subscription of rs. 8d. which entitles members who have not met twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th.

WILLIAM T. COCKBAILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The London County Association** (late the St. James's Society)—Established 1824.—The eighty-fifth Annual General Meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, February 13th, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 5 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 at The Princes Head, Princes Street, opposite the Abbey. Ringers attending to ring till 5 p.m. are requested to be there not later than 4 p.m. sharp, as the church doors will then be closed. T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Eastern District.—The meeting at Ware will be held to-day, Saturday, February 13th. The bells will be ready from 3.30. Tea at 5.30, with a business meeting after. All members and friends will be made welcome.

W. H. LAWRENCE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Little Munden.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherfield (eight bells), to-day, Sat., February 13th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector, Rev. F. W. Champneys, M.A. Trains from Eastbourne 12.40, Polegate 12.51, Hastings 11.50, arrive Rotherfield 1.44.

GEO. H. HOUSE, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Carlton Road, Eastbourne.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas church, Newchurch, to-day, Sat., February 13th. Bells ready at 3. Tea at 5. Meeting at 7, when a presentation will be made to Mr. Zeb. Lord, in commemoration of his services to the Association and his fifty years' standing as a bell-ringer. All ringing friends are cordially invited. Waterfoot bells (six), will be at liberty from 3.0 to 4.30.

JAMES ROLLERSON.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Alton to-day, Sat., February 13th. Alton (eight) Chawton (six) bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at parish hall at 5.0.

JAS. W. ELKINS, *Hon. Sec.*

3, Culver Villas, Winchester.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, to-day, Sat., February 13th. Bells ready at 5.0. Meeting at 6.30.

WALTER HUGHES.

35, Church Road, Garston.

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Spilsby to-day, Sat., February 13th. Service at 3.15. Tea at The Shades hotel at 4 o'clock.

E. SELLERS, *Hon. Sec.*

Gedney House, Kirton, Boston.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Billingshurst to-day, Sat., February 13th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business to follow. H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

**The North Notts Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ordsall to-day, Saturday, February 13th. Tea at 5 p.m. Members should inform Mr. J. White, Ordsall, Retford, by February 10th.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Harthill, Sheffield.

**The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—The annual meeting will be held on Friday, February 19th, at 7.45

JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual anniversary, "Henry Johnson" commemoration, will be held on Saturday, February 20th next, at Ye Olde Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, dinner being served at 6.30 sharp. Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., will preside. Ringing at St. Martin's (twelve bells) from 3.30 to 5.30. Dinner tickets free to full subscribing members, and to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained by application on or before Wednesday, February 17th, from any of the guild's officers, or from W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The meeting will be held at St. John, Deansgate, on Saturday, February 20th. Bells ready at 5.0. Meeting at 7.0.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

106, Bank Street, Clayton.

**The Essex Association.**—North Eastern District.—The next meeting of the above district will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, February 20th. Tea will be provided at The George hotel at 5 o'clock, 6d. each. Those intending to be present please give notice.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Coggeshall.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Catherine's, Feltham, on Saturday, February 20th, by kind permission of the Rev. J. F. Jemmett. Bells will be ready at 4.0. Tea will be provided at 5.30 at 6d. each. The Rev. H. T. C. Steenbuck will preside. Members and friends are cordially invited.

H. C. CHANDLER, *Hon. Sec.*

Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—A meeting (without allowances) will be held at Boughton, on Saturday, February 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m.

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

61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

**The Salop Guild.**—The next meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, February 20th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m.

R. M. COLE-HAMILTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Surrey Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, February 20th. Members will meet at the Bell Foundry, Whitehorse Road, Croydon,

at 3 o'clock. Tea will be served at 4.45 only to those informing me by Wednesday the 17th inst., and the usual business meeting will follow Ringing at St. John's and St. Peter's after meeting. CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

59, Wellsley Road, Croydon.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock in the parish room. G. EDSEY, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Stockport Branch, Eastern Division.—Next meeting at Denton on Saturday, February 20th.

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

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Ringwood on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. GEO. PRESTON, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, February 20th. 2.30.—Bells (8) available till 9 p.m. 5.0.—Service at St. Nicolas church. Address by the Rev. P. Cunningham, M.D., Rector of Cranleigh 5.30.—Tea at the schoolroom, followed by business meeting. Tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s. All subscriptions should be paid on or before the above date. Probationers 1s.; Ordinary Members 2s.; Honorary Members 5s. J. J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Nottingham Branch.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham on Saturday, February 27th, from 3 till 9 p.m. The election of officers will take place at this meeting for the ensuing year.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Dis. Sec.*

Bramcote Road, Beeston.

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Newington on Saturday, March 13th. Tower open at 2.30. Half railway fares up to 2s. allowed. Subscriptions are now due.

A. B. ROBSON, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PRAL AT BRISTOL.**—W. Apperley's 50 Peals.—London Surprise Major 1; Cambridge Royal 4; Major 5; Stedman Cinques 1; Caers 11; Triples 12; Bob Major 2; Minor 1; Grandsire Triples 9; Doubles 2. On handbells.—Grandsire Triples 2 Total—50. Rung in twenty-two towers.

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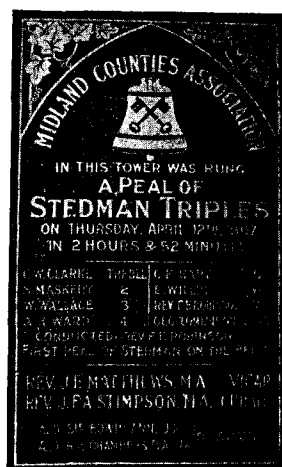
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## The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SAURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1909.

A DISCUSSION has commenced on the genuineness of 5040 changes of Doubles; whether such essays should be dignified by the term "peal," and other debatable points. Up to a certain period our rule of publication was to place such records among the touches, and taking the phrase "a PEAL of Changes" as our standard, we think it was the correct thing to do. The same idea would apply to Minor also. But the Council thought otherwise, and to its dictum we yielded. As a performance seven methods of Minor can hardly be too highly commended; but to ring forty-two 6-scores of Doubles we should say that great courage was needed, and in cases where all of them are called alike, the terrific strain upon the faculties, combined with the awful monopoly, must develop a tendency to brain-softening. Hence we would have our five and six-bell brethren beware. We may have to ask the Central Council to issue a commission of scientists to inquire into the mental effects arising from forty-two 6-scores of Doubles.

A REQUEST.—Wanted by the Hon. Secretary of the Midland Counties Association, the composition of the peals rung by William Pye's band on August 1st and 3rd at Loughborough; and the eleven peals rung between the 12th and 19th of September last.

A DIAGRAM OF UNION TRIPLES (1893), may be had gratis, on application by letter to W. H. THOMPSON, 5, Sillwood Street, Brighton, to whom the unsold remainder has been returned by the publishers.



**The Metropolis.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, February 3, 1909 in Three Hours and Three Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

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

Tenor 20 cwt

ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE* .. 2.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. 6.
WILLIAM HEWETT .. .. 3.	†EDWARD J. WOLLEY.. .. 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. FISTOW and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

\*First Surprise peal. †First peal of Major. This was E. Barnett, jun's. rootb peal. a list of which appears elsewhere.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, February 4, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

THOMAS H. HAWKINS .. Treble.	REUBEN SANDERS .. .. 5.
ALBERT W. COLES .. .. 2.	SAMUEL J. BIRD .. .. 6.
THOMAS CRANFIELD .. .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 7.
FRANK C. NEWMAN .. .. 4.	DALBY HODGSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

Rung in commemoration of the Mission, and on the fifty-second anniversary of the church; also a birthday compliment to Dalby Hodgson.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, February 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, SOUTH HACKNEY,

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

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR HUGHES .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE .. .. 5.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. .. 2.	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 6.
ALBERT A. HUGHES.. .. 3.	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 7.
DANIEL GIBBONS .. .. 4.	GEORGE DORRINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED B. PECK.

This is the first peal on the bells since the restoration by Mears and Stainbank, after being silent for over twenty years.

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, February 6, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,**

5280 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILBY J. HAZELL .. .. Treble.	ERNEST S. POLL.. .. 5.
JAMES SAXBY .. .. 2.	JOSEPH E. SYKES .. .. 6.
GEORGE RADLEY .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 4.	GEORGE PAICE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

**The Provinces.****BIDDULPH, STAFFORDSHIRE.****STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 26, 1908 in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Being two 720s of Kent and two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Plain Bob and one of Oxford Bob.

B. HOLLAND .. .. Treble.	J. COTTRELL .. .. 4.
J. WHITEHURST .. .. 2.	H. WHITEHURST .. .. 5.
E. TIGWELL .. .. 3.	W. J. CARTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. CARTER.

First peal by the first three ringers.

**CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.***On Saturday, December 26, 1908 (no time mentioned).*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Consisting of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER J. COURT* .. Treble.	*NORRIS WAY .. .. 4.
THOS. WYATT .. .. 2.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 5.
FREDK. DERRICK .. .. 3.	*GILBERT G. COURT .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOS. WYATT.

\*First peal.

**BECKINGTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.****THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 28, 1908, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5144 CHANGES.**

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SEERS .. Treble.	CHARLES DENSLEY .. .. 5.
RICHARD J. COUSINS .. 2.	ERNEST BISHOP.. .. 6.
CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. 3.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 7.
ALBERT E. SEERS .. .. 4.	THOMAS T. KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

Longest length, and first of Major on the bells. Longest length by all the band, and of Major by the Association. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. Seers and Goodenough.

**REIGATE, SURREY.—THE REIGATE SOCIETY.***On Monday, January 11, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.**

J. WILLIAM POOLEY .. Treble.	ALBERT COTTRELL .. .. 6.
CHARLES S. HOAD .. .. 2.	HENRY A. HOAD .. .. 7.
ARTHUR HOLMAN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. BUCKLAND .. 8.
HUGH R. THORPE .. .. 4.	GEORGE F. HOAD .. .. 9.
GEORGE W. WALDER .. 5.	WILLIAM SMITH.. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. W. Pooley.

**STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, January 12, 1909, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM WELHAM .. Treble.	WILLIAM SOUTER .. .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	EDWARD E. DIAPER.. .. 6.
WILLIAM E. TYDEMAN .. 3.	CHARLES W. PARKER .. 7.
STANLEY W. HULL .. .. 4.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

The ringer of the 4th is only sixteen years of age, and this is his first peal.

**WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 16, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5220 CHANGES.**

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK ROBSON* .. Treble.	ARTHUR BARRETT .. .. 6.
JOHN CHILTON† .. .. 2.	OSWALD ARKLESS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PILLAR .. .. 3.	SAMPSON T. WRIGHT .. 8.
JOHN G. HALL .. .. 4.	†ALBERT SIMPSON .. .. 9.
WILLIAM NEAL .. .. 5.	THOMAS METCALFE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by S. T. WRIGHT.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the fifth dedication festival of the church.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 17, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST OWENS .. .. Treble	ALBERT OWENS .. .. 4
FREDERICK JAINE .. .. 2	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 5
CHARLES JAINE .. .. 3	JOSEPH HARPER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal on the bells, and by all the band except the conductor.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 19, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BUCK .. .. Treble	JOHN WEBB .. .. 5
FRANK HOLDER .. .. 2	JAMES WIGNELL .. .. 6
ALFRED BOXALL .. .. 3	ALFRED CLAYTON .. .. 7
ARTHUR BUNDLE .. .. 4	FREDERICK BOULTER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK HOLDER.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 19, 1909, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM WATKINS .. .. Treble	CHARLES JONES .. .. 4
WILLIAM CLEMENTS .. .. 2	ALFRED TOMKINS .. .. 5
JAMES COOK .. .. 3	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CLEMENTS.

First peal on the bells.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 20, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Treble	GEORGE P. BURTON .. 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 2	FREDK. R. BORRETT .. 6
JOHN WILSON .. .. 3	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD .. 7
JOHN E. BURTON .. .. 4	WILLIAM STEELE .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CHAS. E. BORRETT.

First peal on the bells since their augmentation from six to eight, which was carried out at the sole cost of the Rector, the Rev. R. W. Pitt.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK TURNER .. Treble	JOHN MILLETT .. .. 5
BENJAMIN SOUTER .. .. 2	WILLIAM FOX .. .. 6
HENRY GEORGE .. .. 3	BENJAMIN GREATOREX .. 7
FREDERICK JOHNSON .. 4	BRIAN HILDITCH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATOREX.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Katharine Auriol Meade-Waldo, youngest daughter of Mrs. Meade-Waldo, of the Gables, Wirksworth, to the Rev. Henry John Freke Van, Rector of Radbourne, Derbyshire.

HAMPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 21, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE HEBBING* .. Treble	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 4
GEORGE GRIFFITHS .. .. 2	*FREDERICK FOSTER .. .. 5
WALTER TAYLOR .. .. 3	*ROBERT TAYSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\*First peal.

SAWSTON, CAMBS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1909, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

W. B. KEMPTON .. .. Treble	PERCY WEBB .. .. 5
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHBY .. 2	FRANK E. KEMPTON .. 6
GEORGE TAYLOR .. .. 3	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 7
JOHN TAYLOR .. .. 4	PERCY TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

FENTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 25, 1909, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

JAMES WHITFIELD* .. Treble	CHARLES MORLEY .. .. 5
WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. .. 2	CHARLES PAGE .. .. 6
GEORGE WOODS .. .. 3	FREDERICK PAGE .. .. 7
ARTHUR PAINTER .. .. 4	JOSEPH SINISTER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

\*First peal away from the tenor.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 25, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

WALTER APPERLEY* .. Treble	HENRY PORCH .. .. 6
HUBERT J. CAVELL .. .. 2	FREDERICK J. PORCH .. 7
CHARLES H. GORDON .. .. 3	FRANCIS T. JEWELL .. 8
HARRY BROWNJOHN .. .. 4	HENRY T. HOWELL .. .. 9
WILLIAM KNIGHT .. .. 5	RICHARD CHAMMINGS .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by HENRY PORCH.

Arranged and rang as a birthday compliment to F. J. Porch, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. \*Fiftieth peal.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 26, 1909, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK J. DIBBEN* .. Treble	WILLIAM C. ROBSON .. 5
JOHN BUCKLE .. .. 2	C. RAINBIRD G. ADDISS .. 6
PERCIVAL E. MORFE .. .. 3	HENRY W. WILKES .. .. 7
CHARLES E. HALL .. .. 4	*FRANK HUNT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by H. W. WILKES.

\*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. R. Gladdiss, First peal by an entirely local band in the borough of Southampton.

**Peal-Boards** made by JAMES HUNT, Change Ringer, of 19 Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour

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

On Tuesday, January 26, 1909, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

J. H. R. FREEBORN .. .. Treble.	JOHN MONK .. .. 5.
WILLIAM JUDGE .. .. 2.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM STONE .. .. 3.	HARRY G. JUDGE .. .. 7.
MAURICE SMITH .. .. 4.	JOHN RICHARDS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by H. G. JUDGE.

For figures of peal see Guild report for 1905.

## EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 26, 1909, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED MONKLEY .. .. Treble.	EDMUND SARGENT .. .. 5.
CHARLES CARTER .. .. 2.	FRANK MURPHY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM MOGRIDGE .. .. 3.	EDWIN SHEPHERD .. .. 7.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. .. 4.	JAMES MOSS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

First peal of Stedman rung in the City of Exeter by an entirely local band.

## CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 28, 1909, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE OATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

FRANCIS W. BOND .. .. Treble.	H. CHARLES BOND .. .. 6.
HARRY LEWIS .. .. 2.	CHARLES E. BARTLETT .. .. 7.
JESSE B. TYLER .. .. 3.	H. TOM GARDNER .. .. 8.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS .. .. 4.	JOHN THOMAS .. .. 9.
J. CHARLES EDEN .. .. 5.	FREDK. PROTHEROUGH .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\*First peal of Cateches. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Miss D. Cripps.

## STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 28, 1909, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble.	WILFRID J. MOSS .. .. 6.
ALFRED BARNES .. .. 2.	FRED HOLT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM LOWERY .. .. 3.	GEO. D. WARBURTON .. 8.
JAMES FERNLEY .. .. 4.	*ALLAN S. GORDON .. 9.
HIRAM MEAKIN .. .. 5.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

\*First peal of Royal.

## EASTBOURNE.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 28, 1909, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALBERT J. E. HARFFY .. Treble.	CHARLES J. E. HARFFY .. 5.
GEORGE H. HOWSE .. .. 2.	GEORGE PENFOLD .. .. 6.
ERNEST GOWER .. .. 3.	EDWARD W. BRAY .. .. 7.
JOSEPH SHARP .. .. 4.	CHARLES H. GATLAND .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PENFOLD.

## BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 28, 1909 in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM LEAVEY .. .. Treble.	HENRY WHITE .. .. 5.
MISS ALICE WHITE .. .. 2.	ALFRED BURGESS .. .. 6.
FRANK HANSFORD .. .. 3.	JOHN E. BALLARD .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HUNT .. .. 4.	FREDERICK KIMBER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN E. BALLARD.

\*First peal. Rung on the anniversary of the birthday of the ringers of the treble and 5th.

## HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 27, 1909, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN H. PAICE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM HILLMAN .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN BASSETT .. .. 2.	ALFRED W. GROVES .. .. 6.
HARRY EVANS .. .. 3.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. 7.
GEORGE J. NORRIS .. .. 4.	FREDERICK LINDUP .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

Rung to commemorate fifty years' ringing of H. Evans, who has also rung on forty-nine Christmas Days; also to commemorate twenty-five years' ringing of B. Bassett.

## BROMHAM, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30 1909, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court.

ARTHUR MORTIMER .. Treble.	CHARLES MORTIMER .. 4.
PEARL INSKIP .. .. 2.	FRED MORTIMER .. .. 5.
WALTER FINEDON .. .. 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1909, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF FORWARD ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 6.
GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. 2.	HARRY MOSS .. .. 7.
FRANK JACOBS .. .. 3.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON .. 8.
JESSE J. MOSS .. .. 4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 9.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 5.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

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

First peal of Forward Royal by all, and first in the method on the bells.

## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 1, 1909, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE H. HOWSE .. Treble.	GEORGE PENFOLD .. .. 5.
ARTHUR GOWER .. .. 2.	EDWARD W. BRAY .. .. 6.
ARTHUR MILES .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
ERNEST GOWER .. .. 4.	THOMAS WILLOUGHBY .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

Quarterly peal for the Eastern Division. The band wish to thank the Vicar—Rev. Canon Goodwin, M.A., R.D.—for the use of this splendid peal of bells, and also to the St. Mary's Guild for giving up their usual practice-night for the peal.

We insert the following peal somewhat out of its turn, because our readers will be pleased to hear, at the very first opportunity, of the restoration to health of the Rev. F. E. Robinson:—

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

On Tuesday, February 9, 1909, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

SAMUEL BELES .. .. . Treble.	THOMAS BULL .. .. . 5.
JOHN MONK .. .. . 2.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. .. 6.
FREDERICK POUNDS .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
JOHN RICHARDS .. .. . 4.	†FREDERICK MESSENGER .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

†First peal. This is the first peal rung by the Rev. F. E. Robinson since May, 1908. At the conclusion of what was a first-class peal Mr. Robinson received the hearty congratulations of the band on the recovery of health and strength once more.

#### Date Couches.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNE.—On Thursday evening, November 19, 1908, at the Abbey church, a date touch of Minor in 1 hr. 9 mins., in the following methods:—240 Cambridge Surprise, 240 Double Court, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 240 Kent Treble Bob, 240 Reverse College Single, 120 Single Court, 120 Double Oxford, and 468 Plain Bob. J. Neal, F. Blood, J. W. Lake conductor, A. S. Allen, A. E. Larkinson, J. Osborne.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—on Monday, February 1st, at All Saints' church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1909 changes, in 1 hr. 11 mins, T. Harrison, A. Naylor, T. Whitfield, L. Rodmell, T. Stockdale, H. Rodmell, C. Jackson composer and conductor, A. B. Cooke. Has the twenty-four 6-7s.

#### Miscellaneous.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—On Tuesday, December 29th, 1908, 1344 Kent Treble Bob Major, with bells half muffled, as a token of respect and esteem for Rev. T. E. Cartwright, Vicar of Braintree 1865 to 1879, and was interred at Great Barfield on that date. F. Webb, W. Sadler, C. N. Kirwan conductor, N. E. Hammond, P. Holmes. S. R. Roper, H. Coote, H. Collins. On Monday, January 18th, 1909, 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Coote, W. Sadler, H. E. Hammond, C. H. Howard conductor, P. Holmes, F. Ely, S. R. Roper, W. H. Hammond.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LUTON.—At the parish church on January 24th, 1909, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1386 changes, in 48 mins. C. Wing, W. Payne, F. Bonner, J. W. New, B. Wilson, J. Rookwood, A. King conductor, H. Shaw.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CONGRESBURY.—On Sunday evening, November 29th, 1908, for Dedication Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 50 mins. F. W. Nipper conductor, S. T. Chalk, E. Andow, W. G. Perry, G. H. Collins, T. Gill.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—The following quarter-peals have been rung by the local company since September:—October 4th, for morning service, 1312 of Double Norwich Major. E. Hamblin, A. Shepherd, G. Woodiss conductor, F. G. Woodiss, I. Emery, G. Edser, jun., C. J. Hamblin, J. Emery.—Handbell Ringing.—October 3rd, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 34 mins. F. G. Woodiss, A. Shepherd, G. Edser, jun. conductor, S. C. Hamblin. Also on

October 12th, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 38 mins, taken from Holt's Original. C. J. Hamblin, G. Edser, jun. conductor, G. Woodiss, F. G. Woodiss. On October 19th, 1349 Grandsire Caters in 50 mins. C. J. Hamblin, A. Shepherd, G. Edser, jun., G. Woodiss conductor, J. Emery. October 20th, 1260 Grandsire Triples. F. G. Woodiss, G. Edser, jun. conductor, A. Shepherd, W. Woodrow, jun. First quarter-peal. November 9th, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 34 mins. C. J. Hamblin, G. Edser, jun. conductor, A. Shepherd, W. Woodrow, jun.

#### THE DEVON GUILD.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, November 15th, 1908, at Charles church, for evening service, 1265 Stedman Caters in 50 mins. W. A. Fowler, F. Hockaday, G. F. Williams, G. Stroud, W. Rundle, W. H. Marsh, A. F. Wellington, W. Hiscott, E. W. Marsh, J. Woodley. Composed and conducted by F. Williams. First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in Plymouth by local ringers, and first quarter-peal in the method by all except ringers of 1st and 3rd.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RYE (Sussex).—On Sunday, November 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, as follows:—H. Cobon, G. Billiness, J. Bennett, C. Price, W. Bennett, G. J. Youngs, W. Billiness conductor, G. Perrin. First quarter-peal of Bob Triples by the band. On Sunday, November 15th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Cobon, V. Lawrence, J. Bennett, W. Bennett, G. J. Youngs, G. Billiness conductor, G. Ferrin. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major. H. Cobon, L. Seers, J. Bennett, C. Price, W. Bennett, G. J. Youngs, G. Billiness, W. Billiness conductor. First quarter-peal Bob Major by the band. On Sunday, November 22nd, for morning service, two 720s of Minor (one Grandsire and one Plain Bob) in 55 mins. H. Cobon, J. Bennett, V. Lawrence, W. Bennett, G. J. Youngs, G. Billiness conductor, G. Perrin. On Thursday evening, November 19th, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Cobon, C. Price, V. Lawrence, W. Bennett, G. J. Youngs, G. Billiness conductor, G. Perrin.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KELSALE.—At the church of St. Peter, 1056 Plain Bob Major. W. Fleming, J. W. Avis, E. Thompson, W. Drew conductor, H. Phillips, H. Thompson, F. Thompson, G. Hardy. Longest touch by E. Thompson.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On November 7th 350 Grandsire Triples. A. Crane, R. Nichols, L. Meager, F. Hedges conductor, J. Hughes, E. Marks, F. Whithead, F. Goodman.

BUCKHORN WESTON (Dorsetshire).—On Saturday, January 9th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. C. Hughes D'Aeth, W. Henslow, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, W. Hughes D'Aeth, H. J. Montor conductor, L. Hughes D'Aeth. Also 240 Plain Bob Doubles. C. Hughes D'Aeth, W. Henslow, H. J. Montor, W. Hughes D'Aeth conductor, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, F. Compton.

EALING.—On Sunday, January 31st, at the parish church, for evening service, the first part (518 changes) of Holt's Ten-Part Grandsire Triples. Wm. Lawrence conductor, E. J. Walsom, F. Harris, A. Tabor, F. G. Winter first 500, H. Browning, A. Harding, H. Stemp.

MILVERTON (Somerset).—On Sunday morning, January 31st, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 41 mins. Wm. Chapman, Wm. Andrews, jun., R. Scott conductor, C. Chapman, H. Norman, S. Bateman, A. J. Andrews, R. Chapman. Wm. Andrews, jun.'s, first quarter away from the treble. S. Bateman hails from Keighley, Yorkshire.

WEST LULWORTH (Dorset).—On Christmas Day, 1908, at Holy Trinity church, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles. George Dorey, Edward Charles, Henry Williams, James Orchard, William Williams, Walter Chaffey. Tenor 11 cwt.

APPLES.—GOOD COOKING, DESSERT, hand-picked. 1d. and 1½d. per lb.: f.o.r.—Order early.—LONGNEY, Stoke Lacy, Worcester.

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3; J. B. Hallifax 3; G. Hollis 7; W. Bellamy 1; W. Wadsley 2; B. Reed 2; —. Andrews 5. The conductors were—J. W. Lake 97; J. Osborne 16; F. Blood 7; C. Neaverson 3; A. E. Larkinson 3; T. L. Bainbridge 6; A. S. Allen 2; W. Wadsley 1; G. Hollis 1; A. J. Holmes 2. On November 19th, 1908, a date touch was rung in the eight following methods: 240 Cambridge Surprise, 240 Double Court, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 240 Reversed College Single, 120 Single Court, 120 Double Oxford Bob, and 468 Plain Bob. J. Neal, F. Blood, J. W. Lake conductor, A. S. Allen, A. E. Larkinson, J. Osborne. The time taken in ringing this date touch was 1 hr. 9 mins. There are also eight 720s rung on handbells by J. W. Lake 8; J. Osborne 8; F. Blood 5; A. E. Larkinson 4; J. T. Woolley 2; A. S. Allen 2; C. Neaverson and T. L. Bainbridge 1 each conducted; J. W. Lake 7; J. Osborne 1.

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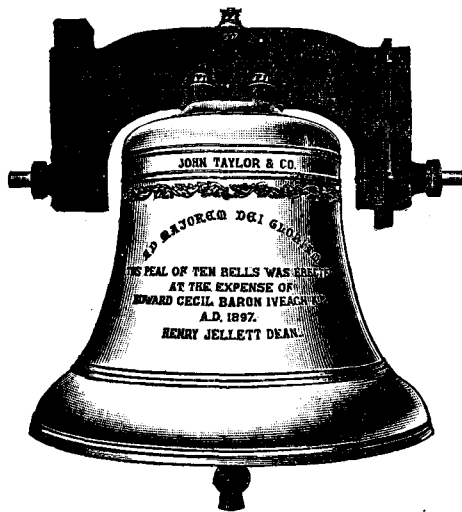
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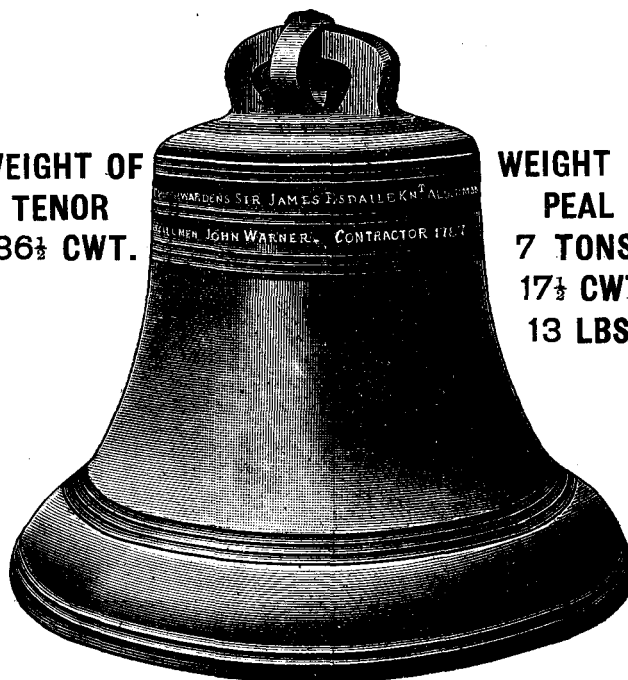
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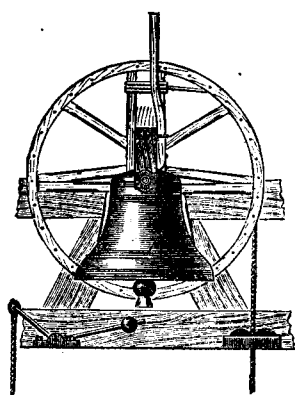
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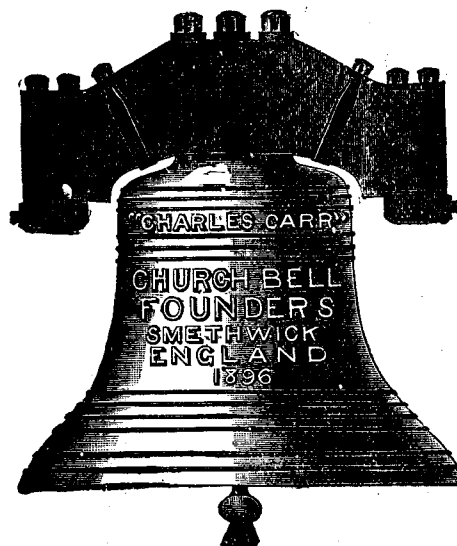
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