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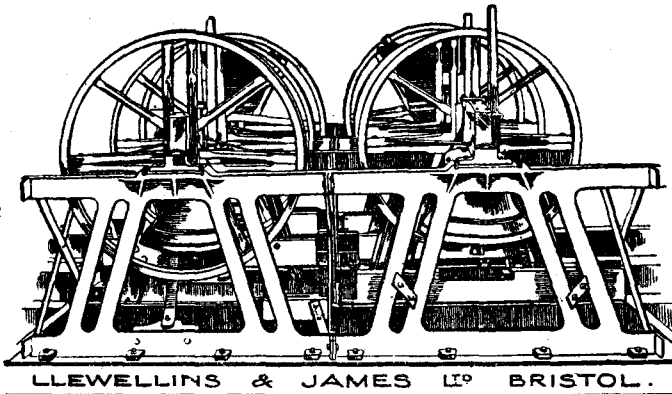
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JOHN BUNYAN.

Some ten years ago, when I was contributing to the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" some articles relating to the history of ringing I had occasion to refer to Bunyan and to criticise the absurdities written about him by the Rev. G. S. Tyack in a then recently-published volume entitled "A Book about Bells." If, therefore, I am now to write about Bunyan, some repetition is unavoidable. But I venture to submit the following lines to Mr. Editor, because in the course of ten years what I formerly said may not be readily accessible to some younger members of the Exercise, who may be interested in Bunyan, and because as we have in him a distinguished and interesting Englishman on the roll of our ringing ancestors, it seems as well to strip from his memory some of the trash that has been written about him. It is a most extraordinary circumstance that whilst Bunyan has in his own words, in that most remarkable autobiography, the "Grace Abounding," told us about his connection with ringing, we find people dogmatising about him without the smallest attention to what he himself has left on record. Even such a scholar as Mr. H. B. Walters in his "Church Bells" has been misled about Bunyan, as I observed when noticing his admirable book in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 20th, 1909, and I then mentioned that I had noticed in these columns a similar error a few weeks previously. This allusion was to nothing less than the account appearing in the issue of January 2nd, 1909, of the bell opening at Elstow. When I read the account of the address delivered by the Vicar, the Rev. C. B. F. Hawkins, on that occasion, I said to myself—"Here's Mr. Tyack's nonsense again," and if Mr. Editor will permit the following extracts in parallel columns, I think his readers will see what I mean.

Bell ringers in the past bore everything but the best of reputations. John Bunyan, in his early days, was one of the ringers of Elstow church. But an employment which ought from its sturdy exercise for the brain and body to be a help, was found to be an obstacle and was abandoned by John Bunyan as he grew more thoughtful, together with profanity, Sunday tip-cat on the green, dancing and evil company.

REV. C. B. F. HAWKINS.

Bell ringers in the past bore anything but the best of reputations John Bunyan, some perhaps will remember, was in his early days one of the bell-ringers at Elstow; but an employment which in better regulated times ought, from its sturdy exercise for the body and its summons of the soul to prayer and praise to be a help to a man, was found in those days to be a hindrance, and was abandoned by Bunyan as he grew more thoughtful, together with profanity and Sunday tip-cat, dancing and evil company.

REV. G. S. TYACK.
(p. 143).

The resemblance between these extracts is too close to be accidental, and we have here an instance of the harm done by careless book-makers. What Mr. Tyack says is inaccurate, unhistorical and misleading; and one consequence of this has been that Mr. Hawkins, the Vicar of Elstow, who has taken the utmost interest in the bells of his parish, who cannot wish to be inaccurate about anything connected with it, whose earnest desire it must be to convey from his pulpit nothing but what is true, has, by relying on statements presented to him in a book, which he might reasonably suppose to be prepared with accuracy, been beguiled into saying what is false. Under these circumstances it may not be amiss to consider Bunyan's connection with ringing from his own point of view, and from that of the social history of the period in which he lived.

If we are to get any reasonable understanding of Bunyan and his actions we must begin by realizing that in his day the conditions both of religious and of political ideas were widely different from what in these respects we observe now. No civilized statesman would now mix up politics and religion as causes of war. Yet for a century before Bunyan's time wars had been waged as much for the one as the other. The so called Wars of Religion in the sixteenth and the thirty years war in the seventeenth century, whatever might be their nominal object included both, because rulers in general were unable to understand modern ideas of toleration. They held that there could be but one system in a state and that variety in religious organisation could no more be allowed than opposing civil institutions. Fortunately for our country we escaped the prolonged strife of the European Continent, but the expedition of the Spanish Armada reminded Englishmen forcibly of the facts of the situation.

In our own days there is, goodness knows, sadly too much want of charity in connection with religious differences; but under the conditions of the seventeenth century such differences were much more accentuated. When men at large are treating forms of religious belief and practice as of vital importance to the Civil Government and well being of States, a tendency naturally arises to a strong partisanship which emphasises differences of opinion into facts of absolute right and wrong. If Protestants agreed in recognising this in the case of the Roman Catholic Church, they were equally open to the same censure themselves, and the prominent preachers of opposing views exhibited towards each other a narrow and bitter spirit. There were, to be sure, some wise men of tolerant mind whom we still esteem, but naturally these were not held of much account by the fanatics of their time.

It is necessary to bear these considerations in mind when investigating Bunyan's connection with ringing; because when we come to consult his own account in "The Grace Abounding" we shall see that which drove him from the Exercise was not any such reason as that assigned by Mr. Tyack, but the bewilderment of his mind arising from his acceptance of Calvinistic Doctrine as the true exponent of Christianity.

John Bunyan was born at Elstow, a village about a mile from Bedford, in the year 1628. His father was a tinker or brazier, and he was brought up to follow the same trade, and he seems to have been industrious in following it. He was fond of sports and games, and I suppose no reader of "THE BELL NEWS" will blame him for this. He was temperate and chaste. He swore at large, but on receiving a rebuke for this, which carried conviction with it, he instantly abandoned the practice. He married at the age of twenty, and he and his wife lived happily together.

The key to Bunyan's abandonment of ringing is to be found NOT in the character or conduct of his fellow ringers—as Mr. Tyack ignorantly suggests—BUT in the Calvinistic distortion of Christianity under whose influence he fell.

I hope to continue this next week. R. A. DANIELL.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the south-western division took place at West Ham on Saturday, February 26th, when thirty or more members, representing most of the towers of the district, assembled at the parish church soon after three o'clock. Everything was found in readiness within the belfry, thanks to the supervision of our veteran steeple keeper, Mr. W. Doran, reflecting the greatest credit on his valuable services, and also promoting both comfort and pleasure while the ringers thread the magic dance of figures, with sounds that change and change in mathematical precision, to their delight and entertainment.

The bells are now in thorough repair, and the tenor goes like a top—a beautiful bell truly she is, though little can be said in praise of the others so far as being in tune. The 9th is the worst offender.

Those old ringers of a century or two ago, whose names may be dimly traced upon the mouldering records which adorn the rugged walls of this venerable and historical tower, could they now appear on the scene, would doubtless be astonished at the improvements and conveniences which ringers now enjoy under the electric light instead of the lanterns and candles of their generation. Nor would their surprise be less at the methods indulged on this particular occasion. Commencing with Grandsire Caters, conducted by Mr. A. J. Perkins, Stedman Caters followed, bringing up the hour for tea in the Meeson Hall.

The Master of the Association, Mr. C. Howard, occupied the chair, supported by Mr. G. Black and twenty-five other members, and for an hour everything flowed as harmoniously as the vibrations of Lavenham tenor, for-

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getting the past week's labours and anxieties in the joy of conviviality. We had scarcely finished tea when Canon Pelly arrived, having been unavoidably detained some distance from home.

At the business meeting three members were proposed for re-election, and had the pleasure of again being installed to the honour they had formerly enjoyed. A proposition to hold the next meeting at Loughton was seconded and agreed upon, North Weald having the next preference in case of not obtaining the Loughton tower.

Mr. C. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Pelly for his presence, and the privileges he had granted us, to which the rev. gentleman replied by assuring us of the pleasure he felt at seeing so many present that evening. He was glad to know the bells went well, and would endeavour to get the 9th bell tuned if Mr. Doran thought it advisable.

Mr. Dale mentioned that a united practice at Hornchurch had been inaugurated for each alternate Saturday, to-day, Saturday, March 5th, being the next, at 8 o'clock.

An expression of sympathy for Mr. S. Hayes, the district master, whose continued illness prevented his attendance, closed the business for that day.

The company then returned to the steeple, and a capital touch of Treble Bob Royal led off the evening's success, Mr. Doran conducting from the treble, while at his side the renowned Tom Faulkner popped in the tenor with the greatest neatness and ease. An attempt at London Surprise proved a failure. The bells would have none of it, but took better to Superlative and Double Norwich, conducted by Mr. Walker.

By nine o'clock every one seemed satisfied, including those who had not yet mastered the higher methods on ten bells. And as the best of friends must part, so did we in the anticipation of another gathering in the near future.

M.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

The eighteenth annual general meeting of this society was held on Monday evening, February 21st, in the parish church vestry. In the absence of Canon Baillie (president), owing to his being in London for Convocation, Mr. G. E. Over (churchwarden) presided. There was a good attendance. The balance-sheet was passed as satisfactory. Mr. Coleman (ringing master), Mr. Small (hon. sec. and treasurer), Mr. Fenton (deputy ringing master), and Mr. Hessian (hon. auditor), were all re-elected, and Messrs. Watson, Murray and White were appointed on the committee.

Mr. Brooke (ex-warden), in proposing a vote of thanks to the ringers for their services during the past year, said that what had been heard of the bells, and what had not been heard of the bellringers, proved that the society was getting on very well indeed, and he was sure their services were very much admired, and the least one could do was to wish the society another successful year.

Mr. Over seconded Mr. Brooke's proposition, and said he was grateful to the ringers, as churchwarden, and as an individual, for their readiness at all times to do what was required, remarking that one can judge, from what one does not hear, the condition of affairs regarding this and any other society, and he was pleased to say that he had never heard anything other than that things were going smoothly with the society.

Mr. Coleman, on behalf of the ringers, thanked Mr. Brooks and Mr. Over for their kind remarks, and also the

ringers for re-electing him, as their leader. He said the progress of the Society had been highly satisfactory during the year, and the attendance shewed the great interest which the members took in their work. They regretted the loss of the Rev. C. E. M. Wilson (Chaplain to the Society), and hoped that he might speedily recover his health. They also regretted the absence of an old face at that meeting—the late Mr. Spencer—a gentleman whom they all much appreciated, as he always took a very great interest in their work. It is satisfactory to note that there are now nearly thirty members in the society, which is a record in its history.

Owing to another engagement, Mr. Over had to leave at this juncture, and the meeting proceeded with Mr. Brooke in the chair. Two new members, Messrs. E. Hughes and F. Wheeler, were elected.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On a recent Saturday, a monthly meeting of the Manchester branch was held at Pendleton, when about forty ringers turned up, representing about twelve towers in the district. Practice in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative was indulged in. The business was presided over by Mr. Barratt, who in a few well-chosen remarks proposed a vote of sympathy to Mrs. Robinson and family in the loss they have sustained by the death of the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

On Monday, February 21st, the Pendleton company, with the consent of the Vicar (Rev. W. G. Edwards Rees), attempted a peal of Stedman Triples with the bells muffled for the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who had been a member of the Association for fourteen years, but it came to grief just before the half-way in 1 hr. 30 mins.

ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, CARDIFF.

The annual meeting of this society was held in the vestry of St. John's church on Thursday, February 17th. Mr. W. Allen presided. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the re-election of W. Biss (captain), also the election of H. Day as secretary. Discussion took place on several interesting subjects. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the officers for their services during the past year. A suitable reply from Mr. Allen brought a satisfactory meeting to a close.

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."

REPLY TO MR. LINDOFF.

SIR,—Let me thank Mr. Lindoff for his dates and compliments, and to say the process of finding or getting these 5088s is about on a line with his own, when a few years since he unfortunately re-produced, published, and sang his praises for the beautiful musical changes contained in a twenty-year old composition of mine published in Snowdon's Treatise.

H. DAINS.

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CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Thursday, February 24th, at St. Edmund's church, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 1 hr., so a quarter-peal was rung. F. Hopper, T. Haynes, B. Soden, R. Howard, J. Metherell, F. Wilford, T. Tebbutt conductor, W. Farey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINKFIELD (Berks.)—On Monday, February 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. H. Mitchell, F. Blay, J. Simmonds, J. North, J. Brant conductor, F. Brant.

BEACONSFIELD (Bucks.)—On Thursday, February 24th. at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. F. Buckland, W. Bailey, T. Buckland, J. Batting, A. Bagley, R. Young. R. Buckland conductor, S. Child.

EYE (Suffolk.)—On Monday, February 21st, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob was attempted, but came to grief. T. Turner, A. Bowell, E. Clover, E. Broome, T. Brunning, G. Murton, F. Day, E. Poppy. Also touches of Kent, with E. Duntun, E. Youngs, A. Berry, and C. Nunn.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Monday, February 21st, touches of Grandsire Caters were rung. W. Blyth, R. Christian, H. Hammond, W. Harding, C. Harwood, D. Hayward conductor, F. Pestell, C. Pidgeon, E. Todd, H. Wright, W. Clayton, A. Webber.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants.)—On Tuesday, February 22nd, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was lost in the 44th course. W. Perkins, J. Ward, C. Keller, H. Horn, F. Palmer, J. Garratt, A. Tyler conductor, F. Jones.

ROMFORD (Essex.)—On Monday, February 21st, at the church of St. Edward, two touches of Bristol Surprise Major. W. Watson, G. Buggs, T. Loosemore, G. Jaye, W. Woodgate, H. F. Dawkins, H. Catterwell, E. Pye, G. R. Pye.

SWINDON (Wilts.)—On Tuesday, February 22nd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 56 mins. G. Townsend, R. Thompson, E. Bishop, H. Wells, T. Robinson. O. Norman conductor, S. Palmer, C. Gardiner.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Tuesday, February 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following Cambridge Youths, with the bells muffled, as a token of respect for the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. H. Mansfield, T. R. Dennis, Rev. A. H. F. Boughay, J. Taylor, P. Taylor, G. Taylor, F. Kempton conductor, W. B. Kempton.

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FUNERAL OF THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Evidence of wide-spread mourning marked the funeral at Wokingham, on Saturday, the 19th ultimo, of the beloved Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Not only was there a large attendance of local residents and people living in the immediate district, but bellringers came from all parts of the country to pay their last tribute of respect to him.

The cortege left Fair Home, at about 2.30. In the meantime the ringers and the members of the Church of England Men's Society had met in the Town Hall, where they were marshalled by Mr. R. H. Watts, Mr. S. Paice (foreman bellringer at All Saints) and Mr. Reeves (assistant-secretary of the Oxford Guild).

The ringers and C.E.M.S. members then marched into the market-place, and formed the head of the funeral procession to All Saints' church. Mr. J. C. Hammond, carrying the cross, preceded the bier, the casket being covered by a purple pall. Ringers from Drayton had charge of the bier, other Drayton representatives carrying wreaths. Carriages containing the mourners came last. These were:—

First carriage: Mrs. F. E. Robinson (widow), Miss Robinson and Miss C. Robinson (daughters), Dr. W. E. Robinson (son).

Second carriage: Miss M. V. Robinson, Miss M. E. Robinson (daughters), Mr. D. J. Robinson (son), Mrs. W. E. Robinson.

Third carriage: Dr. and Mrs. Spon (daughter), Mr. E. Robinson (brother), Dr. G. W. Butler (brother-in-law).

Fourth carriage: The Rev. W. Burrell Norris and the Rev. W. Carter.

Mrs. Sturges, of Tithe Barn, sent her carriage.

On arrival at the church, those in front opened out into two lines, through which the bier and chief mourners passed. The ringers fell in immediately behind and were followed by the members of the C.E.M.S. There was a crowded congregation. The body was met at the entrance to the churchyard by the Rector (Rev. B. Long), with the choir, and a numerous array of clergy. Among the latter were the Revs. E. Broome, G. F. Coleridge, H. A. Cockey, A. C. R. Freeborn, R. H. Hart-Davis, C. W. O. Jenkyn, H. M. Walter, H. C. Wilder, and C. D. P. Davies.

The organist played Beethoven's Funeral March and "O Rest in the Lord" (Mendelssohn) as voluntaries, and as the cortege passed up the aisle the congregation sang hymn 137, "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven and Voices raise." Psalm xc. and the "Nunc Dimittis" were well-rendered by the choir; the Rev. G. F. Coleridge read the lesson; and hymn 437, "For all the Saints who from their labours rest," was sung. As the coffin was borne from the church the organist played Mendelssohn's funeral march.

In the churchyard the ringers and C.E.M.S. members formed a large square at the graveside. The Rector read the committal sentences; the hymn, "Now the labourer's task is o'er," was sung; and the choir rendered Stainer's Sevenfold Amen. Then four ringers stepped forward, and rang upon handbells a course of Grandsire Triples. These were Messrs. Hopgood and C. Giles (St. Mary's, Reading), A. H. Pulling (Holy Trinity, Guildford), and J. Hunt (St. Nicolas, Guildford).

The coffin was of unpolished oak, with brass fittings, the inscription being: "Francis Edward Robinson, M.A.

Oxon., late Vicar of Drayton, Berks., born 6th January, 1833, died 16th February, 1910."

The number of floral emblems of affection and sympathy was very great, and came from people of every degree.

On the following Sunday morning a pulpit reference was made to the late Master by the Rector of All Saints', Wokingham. He said: To most of them Francis Edward Robinson would be known as a devoted, lovable, priest of God. For forty years he had worked patiently, earnestly, as a minister of God, endearing himself to those who knew him a short time at Wokingham, and to those whom he had worked for at Drayton for thirty years. His work was marked by the spirit of humility, the spirit of service to the Church of God, which was a qualification for leadership. He (the preacher) would never forget the spirit in which deceased undertook work when he came into that parish, as soon as his health allowed him to do anything. When the Rector asked him if he would be able to undertake some work in the church, his answer was, "I like to be asked, and if you ask me I shall do all I can; when I am asked by the Rector of my parish to do anything, I look upon that as a call from the Holy Ghost." There were many, some who had passed to their rest, who had appreciated his loving care, and until his last illness it was always a joy to him to be able to continue the work of his ministry in that church. He exercised a peculiar influence upon many by the kindness of his face and voice, and there were many in that place who felt a real sorrow and loss in his departure from among them. But it would be in his capacity as a bellringer, perhaps, that he would have been best known, and would be so long remembered. Let it not be thought for a moment, however, that this work was in any way dissociated from his work as a priest. The Master of the Oxford Guild stood out among the foremost bellringers, and was known all over England, and far beyond the British Isles, where change-ringing was practised. He had that power of mind which was essential, and which in another direction they had experienced. They had often heard him preach, with continual references to God's Holy Word, yet with the barest notes. And in the art of bellringing he used that power for the glory of God. Only those who knew the condition of many bellfries some fifty years ago could realise the influence of their Master, among others. In former days the parson's presence in the belfry was often regarded as an intrusion, and the ringers seldom, if ever, attended church, or regarded it as a necessary part of their work. Now the belfry had been consecrated to the worship of God; the ringers were regarded as church workers; the presence of the clergy was always warmly welcomed in the belfry; and proficiency had been raised to a higher level. Their late Master was always ready to encourage young ringers, and exercised an influence which tended to raise religious tone and make the men realise the privilege of their calling as church workers. The number of men present at the funeral was eloquent testimony of the love and esteem with which he was regarded, and of his influence on the lives of others. They in that place, and hundreds outside, had lost from their midst a friend and guide, who would be sadly missed. His memory would long live as a power over the lives of men, and in the great Communion of Saints he, in the nearer presence of God, would continue his work for God.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on March 15th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 17th and 31st; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 8th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 14th; 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 half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Kirby-in-Furness to-day, Sat., March 5th. Meeting at 4 p.m. Bells (6) available during the day.
W. ROBSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham—Established 1755.—The twenty-third annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, to-day, Sat., March 5th, at 6.30 p.m., John W. Taylor, esq., in the chair. The bells of the parish church (St. Martin's) will be available for ringing from 3 o'clock till 5.30. Dinner tickets free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are not in arrear; to other members and friends as 6d. each.
A. PADDON SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Norwich.—On Sunday morning, March 6th, at 11 a.m., the new bell will be dedicated at St. Peter Mancroft, and rung for the first time in peal. The preacher will be the Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, March 12th. Service in the parish church at 4 p.m. Tea at The Angel inn at 5. Meeting to follow. Bells available all the afternoon.
E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 16.30 p.m.
J. WATSON, *Br. Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudlsey on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5 p.m. There will be a free tea provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, March 9th.
JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*
Church House, Church Lane, Tipton.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, March 19th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.
W. H. SHUREF, *Br. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 5.
WALTER HUGHES.

The Kent County Association—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting of this district will be held at Gillingham parish church on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be allowed at this meeting. Subscriptions for 1910 are now due.
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, *Hon. Sec.*

All Saints, High Wycombe.—Tower open for combined practice third Monday in each month until further notice, commencing February 21st, at 7 p.m. sharp. Method—Stedman. All welcome.
FRED HAYES, *Hon. Sec.*
54, Hughenden Road.

"THE ISAAC HILLS MEMORIAL."

It is proposed to erect in the belfry of St. Paul's church, Bedford, a tablet to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr. Isaac Hills. He gave unstinted service for over thirty years towards promoting belfry reform and scientific change-ringing, and endeared himself to the hearts of those with whom he came in contact. Through this medium we ask for the sympathy and support of his friends who reside in various parts of the country.

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NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT WOLLASTON.—R. Matthews' 130 Peals.—Minor in 5 methods 5, conducted 5; 7 methods 13, conducted 10; Grandsire Triples 11, conducted 6; Major 1, conducted 1; Caters 3, conducted 2; Darlaston Bob Triples 1, conducted 1; Oxford 2, conducted 2; Stedman 35, conducted 21; Stedman Caters 4, conducted 2; Bob Major 15, conducted 9; Royal 2; Canterbury Major 2; Double Norwich 24, conducted 14; Kent Major 11, conducted 5; Royal 2, conducted 2; Oxford 1, conducted 1; Major 2, conducted 1; Double Oxford Major 2, conducted 2*; Royal 1; Forward Major 1, conducted 1; Royal 1, conducted 1; Superlative Major 4, conducted 3; Cambridge 3, conducted 2; London 3, conducted 1; Norfolk 1, conducted 1. Total—150; conducted 93. *Includes 10,176 (record). The peal of Double Oxford Royal is the only peal yet rung.

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OUR LOSS.

Out of our midst has gone
One, who knowing was to love;
Yes, gone from us,
But to a brighter and more bless'd home above.

Priest in God's holy Church,
He strove always to do God's will;
And so nobly too
Did he that holy aim fulfil.

Now the fight for him is o'er,
His course is finished, the Faith maintained;
And now the crown
Is his, which he so richly gained.

And can we grieve for him
Who from years of labour is free;
And now doth rest
With Jesus, whom he served so faithfully?

Nay, let us rather strive
To tread the saintly way he trod;
And meet at last
With him, and dwell for ever with our God.

And let us bear in mind
Who dear his memory keep;
He did not die
But in Jesus simply fell asleep.

To wake when He comes again,
To bid him take his stand;
With those who ring
The never-ending peal at God's right hand

The peal of ceaseless praise.
To God the Father, Son, and Holy Dove;
On golden bells
Where the "course" is endless joy, the
"method" perfect love.

W. J. PAICE,

CARDIFF.—On Wednesday, February 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Vinnicombe, H. Day, S. Williams, S. Dawe, W. Miller conductor, F. Chamberlain, W. Biss, R. Coles. Also three more touches in the same method, conducted by W. Biss. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Agnes M. Cedervall, to Mr. Frank Chappell, eldest son of Mr. John Chappell, J.P., Lord Mayor of Cardiff.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Sunday, January 2nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. R. Hamilton, W. Lethbridge, F. Richards, J. Sandover, H. Richards, C. Glass, T. Laver, H. Mitchell.

SOUTH HACKNEY (Middlesex).—On Monday, January 24th, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Riley, H. Alford, R. Rice, A. Coles, A. Barker, R. F. Deal conductor, Composed by J. Carter. On Sunday, January 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Riley, G. Gaijs, R. F. Deal, A. Barker, R. Rice conductor, R. Grimwood, H. Alford, A. Coles. Composed by J. George.

UPPER CLAPTON (Middlesex).—On Thursday, January 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. Copper, W. Kemp, P. Hislop, J. Adams, H. Sudell, H. Rumens, R. Rice conductor, A. Redgrave. Composed by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter.

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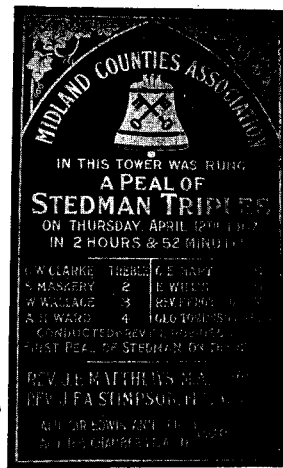
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FREDK. S. BACON Treble.	GEORGE RAWLINGS 5.
FREDK. W. RICHARDSON .. 2.	JOSEPH LAW 6.
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON .. 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 7.
HERBERT E. WHITE 4.	CHARLES H. MACKLIN .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung with the bells deeply miffed as a last mark of great regard and respect for the late Rev G. F. Whidbourne, M.A., patron of St. John's, Deptford, and Hammerwood, East Grinstead, whose funeral took place at Hammerwood the same afternoon.

The Provinces.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 13, 1909, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET, BRIDSTOW, A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

W. PRESTON Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 3.
W. H. C. WILLIAMS .. 2.	REBE EVANS 4.
CHARLES L. SADLER Tenor.	

Conducted by CHARLES L. SADLER.

First peal on the bells.

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HAMPTON, NEAR EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasre, Plain Bob, and Grandsire.

HARRY COLLEY Treble.	FREDERICK JORDAN 4.
THOMAS EDWIN 2.	JAMES HEMMING 5.
FRANK COOK 3.	HERBERT JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

EAST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 3 lbs.

ELI HARTFIELD Treble.	EDWIN J. FUNNELL 4.
GEORGE IZZARD 2.	WILLIAM J. TUGWOOD 5.
ALFRED HOBDEN 3.	ALBERT DIPLOCK Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. TUGWOOD.

First peal on the bells by all the band, and by an Association band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, the usual good wishes being tendered. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells.

HEIGHINGTON, NEAR DARLINGTON.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1910, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Carlisle, Cambridge, York, Durham, London and Wells. Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

EMMANUEL COX Treble.	WILLIAM H. PORTER 4.
G. JAMES LUNGLY 2.	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 5.
CHAS. TODD 3.	GEORGE W. PARK Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE W. PARK.

This is the first peal of Surprise Minor on the bells, and the ringers wish to thank the Rev. H. D. Jackson, Vicar, for kindly granting the use of the bells.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 24, 1910, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR G. ARNOLD* .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 2.	*LEONARD LEWIS 6.
W. BERNARD CLARKE 3.	WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS 7.
WILLIAM EVANS 4.	*EDGAR R. JONES Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal of Triples. These bells have just been put in thorough going order by Messrs. Greenleaf and Tristram, of Hereford. After the peal the ringers and others of the local band were entertained to supper at The Three Cocks hotel by Captain Glen Kidston, of Gwemyfed Park

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 25, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's One-Part. Tenor 14 cwt.

WM. H. FITCHFORD, JUN. .. Treble.	JOHN GOODHEAD 5.
GEORGE WOODS 2.	JOHN MORLEY 6.
CHARLES BISHOP 3.	CHARLES MORLEY 7.
WILLIAM FITCHFORD, SEN. .. 4.	THOMAS HAELEY Tenor.

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD, SEN.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 25, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM GOODMAN Treble.	ALFRED DAVIES 6.
HERBERT SHEPPARD 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 7.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL 3.	JOHN SMITH 8.
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. 4.	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 9.
HARRY GOODMAN 5.	CHARLES FAULKS Tenor.

Composed by Wm. Micklewright, and Conducted by S. Spittle.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late William Micklewright.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 25, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Reeves's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lbs.

WM. BROADLEY* Treble.	JAMES BAXTER 5.
RD. MONCASTER 2.	WM. D. LISTER 6.
WM. PATTON 3.	WM. H. PORTER 7.
R. W. GAV * 4.	†JOSEPH CRAVEN Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES BAXTER.

†First peal. *First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the birthday of Wm. Patton, and the marriage of the Rev. B. R. Kerr Moilliot, curate of the parish, with Miss R. Wigram, of South Colingham, Lincolnshire.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 25, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Woodbine and Kent; and two 720s of Oxford and Plain Bob.

ARTHUR CATTERMOLLE .. Treble.	ALPHAUS BERRY 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	GEORGE KEMP 5.
THOMAS DAVY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Youngs.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 26, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS WHITE Treble.	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE 5.
HUGH GREGORY 2.	EDWIN BLACKWELL 6.
HENRY GREGORY 3.	WILLIAM TAYLOR 7.
WILLIAM FOX 4.	HUGH W. GREGORY Tenor.

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Fred. Travis, wife of one of the local band.

GORLESTON, NORFOLK.

On Monday, February 7, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

E. JAMIESON* Treble.	*C. BURRAGE 4.
J. DENTON 2.	G. ORFORD 5.
G. STEWARD* 3.	A. CROWE Tenor.

Conducted by G. ORFORD.

*First peal.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 27, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of Colledge Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble.	FRED BRACE 4.
HARRY PRICE 2.	ALFRED DAVIES 5.
JOHN BASS 3.	CHARLES F. WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Mabel Gilbanks to Mr. W. Robinson. Quickest peal on the bells. This is the conductor's 150th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 4, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 6.
HUBERT J. CAVELL 2.	FREDERICK J. PORCH .. 7.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 3.	FRANCIS J. JEWELL .. 8.
HENRY PRING 4.	WILLIAM A. CAVE 9.
CHARLES H. GORDON .. 5.	HENRY PORCH Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by HENRY PORCH.

First peal with the tenor in on these bells.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 7, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

EDWARD V. HINTON .. Treble.	GEORGE W. STONE 6.
HARRY BENNETT* 2.	ALBERT BEST 7.
VINCENT STREET 3.	WALTER KERLEY 8.
FREDERICK PHILLIPS* .. 4.	GEORGE PRESTON 9.
CHARLES FORFITT* 5.	BERT KERLEY Tenor.

Composed by J. ROGERS, and Conducted by G. PRESTON.

*First peal of Caters.

TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES MATTHEWS* .. Taible.	EDGAR E. BURGESS .. 5.
THOMAS DOBLE 2.	HENRY BOSLEY 6.
WILLIAM CORDING 3.	JOSEPH MADDOCK 7.
FRANK MILLARD 4.	WILLIAM J. TARR Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH MADDOCK.

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

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1910, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores, called in ten different ways.

Tenor 12 cwt.

SAMUEL TAYLOR, JUN.* .. Treble.	LESLIE C. SMITH 4.
HAROLD G. TAYLOR* .. 2.	JOHN H. TOPLEY 5.
ARTHUR K. HARRISON .. 3.	PHILIP SUDALE, SEN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR K. HARRISON,

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

HARRY BARTON Treble.	CHARLES W. BRETT .. 5.
PERCY P. PAINE 2.	HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 3.	JACK WILLIS 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4.	ARCHIBALD KAY Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. J. Balaam, for many years steeplekeeper at this church.

BAMPTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 7, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE PARROTT .. Treble.	WILLIAM TANNER 5.
GEORGE PLASTER* 2.	NOBLE SPINDLOW 6.
JOHN ROSE 3.	JOSEPH LARDNER 7.
HARRY WHEELER 4.	JOHN TANNER Tenor.

Conducted by NOBLE SPINDLOW.

*First peal.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 7, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM J. E. COMPTON .. Treble.	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 6.
HENRY HODGETTS 3.	EDWARD WHITEHEAD .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by HUBERT EDEN.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 7, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5124 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs.

JOHN H. B. HESSE .. Treble.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 5.
WILLIAM WELLING 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
RICHARD BUCKLAND 3.	*EDGAR HANCOX 7.
GEORGE SPENCER 4.	ROBERT E. STAVERT .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVERT.

*First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 7, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PENNING'S FIVE-PART.

BERNARD MOODY .. Treble.	JOHN CARTER 5.
ARTHUR WALKER 2.	JAMES JACKSON 6.
WILLIAM BROOK 3.	WILLIAM PEARSON 7.
HARRY WALTERS 4.	FREDERICK MOODY Tenor.

Conducted by A. WALKER.

At the conclusion of the peal it transpired that it was the birthday of the wives of two of the ringers, and also that a daughter was born to another of the band on the same day, so the writer thinks the above peal is well entitled to be called a birthday peal.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 27, 1910, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM DELLAR Treble.	WILLIAM WHEELER 5.
WALTER HOBBS 2.	JOHN SMITH 6.
GEORGE DENT* 3.	JOHN CORDELL 7.
BENJAMIN COPPING 4.	†HARRY BOTTRILL Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by G. DENT,
*100th peal. †50th peal.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Friday, January 28, 1910, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN WHERRETON† Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL 5.
REUBEN HALL 2.	JESSE SCREBN 6.
JOHN SMITH 3.	ALFRED ROWLEY 7.
HARRY S. SMITH 4.	*GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

*First peal. †First away from the tenor. Rung with the bells
half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr William Mickle-
wright, of Dudley, hon. secretary of the above Guild.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 28, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

PERCY COOPER† Treble.	THOMAS SELF 5.
ALLAN GOWER 2.	THOMAS A. SHRUBB 6.
DANIEL SNELLING 3.	ALFRED E. BASSETT 7.
CHARLES MAYS 4.	*FREDERICK COLDMAN Tenor.

Conducted by DANIEL SNELLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the
late Mrs. Bainbridge Bell, wife of the Rev. Bainbridge Bell, Vicar of
St. Martin's, Epsom. †First peal away from the tenor. *First peal.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1910, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

THOMAS J. WATTS Treble.	WILLIAM WATTS 5.
ARTHUR F. JAMES 2.	*JOHN F. PENNING 6.
THOMAS JORDAN 3.	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7.
WALTER PRIOR 4.	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE JORDAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. *First peal of
New Cambridge.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1910, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART.

CHARLES WOODCOCK Treble.	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON 5.
HARRY SMITH 2.	*THOMAS J. GARRARD 6.
FREDK. PARKER 3.	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7.
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 4.	WILLIAM DENT Tenor.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

*First peal with a bob bell.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1910, in Five Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
10,080 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt.

STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. Treble.	CHARLES E. BRETT 5.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 2.	EDWIN G. BUESDEN 6.
ALFRED H. WINCH 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 7.
FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 4.	*FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.
Longest length by all except the ringers of the 3rd and 7th. *150th
peal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

PHILIP ALLFREY Treble.	ALFRED J. TURNER 5.
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2.	GEORGE SEWARD 6.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 3.	ALBERT D. STONE 7.
RICHARD HOLDER 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

CHESTER.—THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 29, 1910, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY GOUGE* Treble.	HENRY DEW 5.
ERNEST SMITH 2.	JOHN TOMLINSON 6.
ARTHUR WATKIN† 3.	WILLIAM SCONCE 7.
JOHN SCONCE 4.	ERNEST CHANNELL Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM SCONCE.
*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday
compliment to Messrs. Channell and Tomlinson.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 2, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. Treble.	JOSEPH J. PRATT 5.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE 2.	FREDK. G. GODDARD 6.
PERCY H. WILD* 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER 7.
EDGAR HANCOX 4.	WILLIAM HONOR Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

*First peal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, February 3, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM C. WAILEY .. Treble.	GEORGE BULL 5.
JOSEPH DYER* 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 6.
JOHN H. SWINFIELD 3.	HARRY WAILEY 7.
CHARLES DRAPER 4.	CECIL A. BEELS Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WAILEY.

*First peal in the method.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Tuesday, February 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

FREDERICK SMITH* 2.	†FRANK JACOBS 6.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7.
CHARLES W. NUTTALL 4.	THOMAS W. GORE 8.
BART MITCHELL† 5.	GEORGE A. THOMPSON 9.
WILLIAM H. PEABODY 6.	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. ‡First peal in the method with a bob bell.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ERNEST H. NEWMAN .. Treble.	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH .. 5.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6.
GEORGE FRENCH 3.	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. 7.
ISAAC EMERY 4.	*HARRY DURLING Tenor.

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

*First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 8, 1910, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES E. WATERS .. Treble.	THOMAS JULL 4.
ALBERT J. DAY 2.	WM. G. KITCHINGHAM .. 5.
FREDK. A. HOLDEN 3.	WM. H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

This is the quickest peal on the bells.

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Oxford and two 720s each of Plain Bob, Double Court and Oxford Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HILLIAM* .. Treble.	ARTHUR E. CAMPLING .. 4.
REV. C. J. STURTON 2.	GEORGE R. TRUSS 5.
HARVEY V. FLETCHER .. 3.	JOHN B. HALLIFAX Tenor.

Conducted by J. B. HALLIFAX.

*First peal.

REDDISH, NEAR STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 8, 1910, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble.	TOM WILDE 5.
HAROLD JACKSON* 2.	ALBERT HOUGH 6.
ALFRED BARNES 3.	ALLAN S. GORDON 7.
GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 4.	PETER BRICKELL Tenor.

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

*First peal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 8, 1910, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM J. SMITH Treble.	*WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 5.
FRANK SHEPHERD 2.	GEORGE ROBINSON 6.
HARRY KENDRICK 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK 7.
THOMAS DICKEN 4.	CECIL A. BEELS Tenor.

Conducted by LEONARD BULLOCK.

*First peal of Triples.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, February 10, 1910, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

JAMES DOWLER Treble.	JOHN CARTER 5.
GEORGE PIGOTT 2.	PETER LAFLIN 6.
ERNEST W. MENDAY 3.	SAMUEL GROVE 7.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 4.	JOHN NEAL Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

First peal in the method as conductor. Arranged for E. W. Menday, of Caversham.

Miscellaneous.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—On Thursday, January 27th, at the church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. F. Hardy, H. Gowlett, C. Hughes, E. Finch, A. D. Barker, S. Gowlett, T. H. Taffender conductor, S. B. Weatherstone. Rung as a compliment to Miss Gilbanks, a member of the above Association, whose marriage took place that day to Mr. Robinson at St. Andrew's, Wollaston. On Sunday evening, February 6th, at St. Mary's church, Clapham, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins. T. H. Taffender, G. Woodage, S. Gowlett, J. Lee, F. Hardy, W. Taffender conductor, F. Hairs, A. Fluck. On Sunday evening, February 27th, for Divine Service at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, 1280 Kent Major in 47 mins. H. Hislop, R. Rice, W. Kemp, G. R. Fardon, H. Rumens, T. H. Taffender conductor, G. Spencer, R. F. Deal. First quarter-peal of Major by the ringers of the treble and 3rd. On January 27th, at 35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. S. Gowlett, 1-2; T. H. Taffender, 3-4; H. Gowlett, 5-6; F. Hardy, 7-8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YATELEY (Hants).—On Sunday, January 30th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples. A. Hearmon, W. Bunch, C. Hilton, G. Butler, F. Hagley conductor, S. Riddell, W. Horne, J. Bunch. On Sunday, February 13th, 504 Grand sire Triples. Miss B. Stilwell, W. Bunch, C. Hilton, G. Butler, W. Horne, H. Tice, S. Riddell conductor, A. Hearmon. For evening service 518 Grand sire Triples. A. Hearmon, W. Bunch, G. Butler, S. Riddell conductor, H. Tice, C. Hilton, W. Horne, J. Bunch.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, February 6th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. A. C. Blyth, 1-2; E. W. Blyth, 3-4; E. M. Atkins, 5-6. On Wednesday, February 16th, 480 Bob Major. E. M. Atkins, 1-2; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, 3-4; Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (conductor), 5-6; A. C. Blyth, 7-8.

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	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged ..	8	1	6
F. Parsons esq	1	0	0
Parsons, esq.	1	0	0
Major H. G. Henderson, M.P. ..	5	0	0
E. Pendleton	0	2	0
C. Hounslow	0	5	0

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All further subscriptions will be gratefully received by Mr. E. Rivers and Mr. F. Rolfe, Sproington, near Ipswich.

GOOLE (Yorks.)—On Friday, December 31st, at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Davis, J. Clarke, F. Greenwood, M. Tate, T. Smith, F. Tate. H. Ludham conductor, J. Smith. On Sunday, January 2nd, for evening service, 720 Kent Minor. G. Davis, C. King, T. Smith, M. Tate, F. Tate, H. Ludkin conductor. On Monday,

January 3rd, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. F. Tate, C. King, T. Smith, M. Tate, H. Ludkin conductor, G. Davies.

SOUTH TOTTENHAM—On Sunday, December 19th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. F. E. Ringrose, C. Gibson, E. Davidson, P. Perry G. Lucas conductor, C. Davidson.

TADCASTER (Yorks.)—On Wednesday, December 15th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Bird-sall, J. Garbutt, E. Pickering, C. Atkinson, H. Clayton, J. Bradley, H. Williams conductor, B. Pickering.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, December 27th, at St. Andrew's church, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major came to grief after ringing 3 hrs. 25 mins., owing to a change-course. A. L. Coleman, R. Watson, W. Malins, W. Taylor, H. White, S. Small, C. Wheeler, J. B. Fenton conductor.

HAUGHTON (Stafford).—On New Year's eve, 480 Grandsire Doubles. T. Tunnicliffe, B. Duke, J. Nottage, G. Booth, J. Taylor conductor.

RICKMANSWORTH (Herts.)—On Sunday morning, January 19th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. J. Jones conductor, H. Shire, W. Gilham, T. Reeves, J. Dolomere, A. Wishart, E. Pike, J. Good.

SHALFORD (Surrey).—On January 5th, a 720 Bob Minor. C. Bish, T. Thompson, T. Streeter, M. Smither. E. Lucas, C. Willshire conductor.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Yorks.)—On Tuesday, February 22nd, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise. W. Titchener, F. Laverick, W. Rudd, G. Pickering, W. Pollard, J. Paesman, J. H. Blakiston, T. Lancaster.

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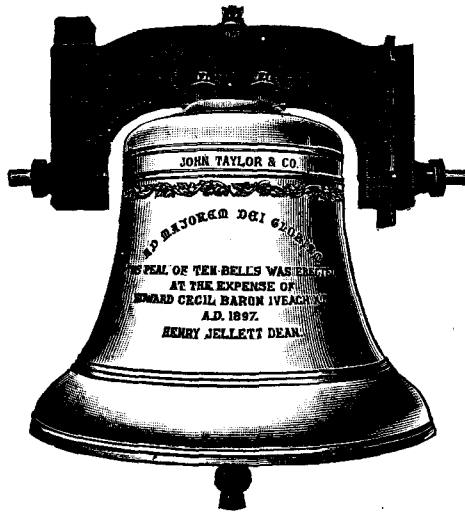
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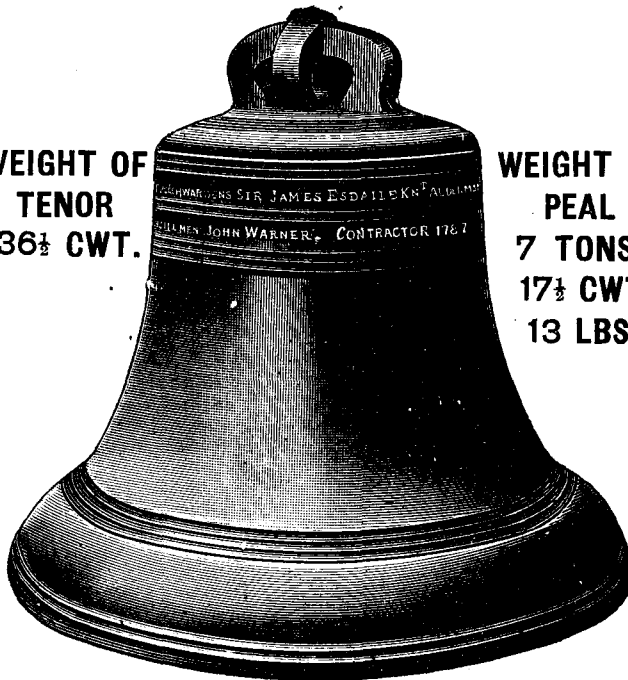
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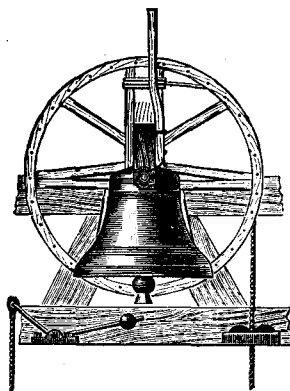
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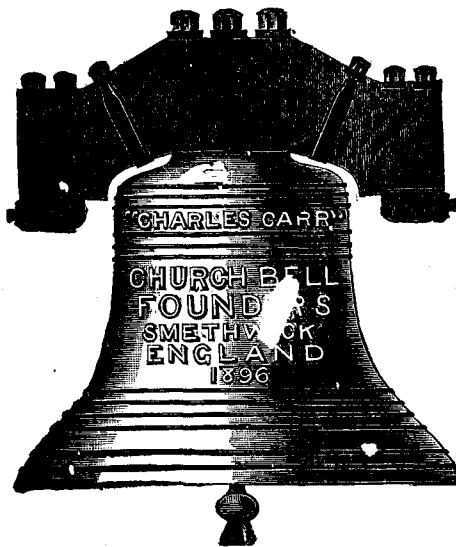
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