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WE hear that the formation of the Middlesex County Association is moving forward with rapid strides, and is within a measurable distance of becoming a *fait accompli*. The specially appointed delegates of the Middlesex Association and the South and West Middlesex Guild, met in the City on Saturday, January 23rd, and discussed the basis of union in a manner that augurs well for the success of the negotiations. The salient features of the new organization were formulated without a single dissentient voice; and the position is now this, that the Committee of the South and West Middlesex Guild, will now shortly approach the members with an unanimous recommendation, when if, as appears most probable, this recommendation is endorsed by them, there will only remain the drawing up of the Rules on the basis which the representative Committees have agreed to adopt.

We understand that by the kindness of the Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill, the members of the Committees before parting, had the privilege of ringing touches on his beautiful bells, a privilege which was much appreciated, and thoroughly enjoyed.

We think that a step has been taken in the right direction, and we congratulate the members of both Associations on the prospect of carrying this much needed union into effect. In saying this, we do not mean to imply that both Associations have not been doing good work on their own independent lines; but we feel assured that better work will be done by them, when united, and the efficiency of both materially increased.

It is probable that the first meeting of the County Association will take place at Ealing, on Whit-Monday, June 7th, where at Christ Church and St. Mary's, two rings of eight bells are available.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (LINCOLN DISTRICT).

A meeting was held on Saturday, January 23rd, at Washingborough, and was well represented from the various towers in the district, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. The bells were set in motion soon after 3 p.m., and good use was made of them until the hour for tea arrived. Adjourning to the "Hunter's Leap," the company were not slow in setting the teapot in motion which went "round" in capital style with several "changes." Hunger being somewhat appeased, the company settled down to the more serious and sometimes dry part of the proceedings.

Business, under the presidency of the Rev. R. Bond, the General Secretary to the Association, supported by the worthy Rector of Branston, the Rev. J. C. M. Mansell-Pleydell who, notwithstanding the unfavourable elements, had trudged through the storm, probably to shew his appreciation of such gatherings. Would that a few more of his brother clergy could be persuaded to follow his example, and put in an appearance at the meetings. What a different aspect would be put upon the Association, and what encouragement would be thrust into the various officers to carry out their uphill work. But alas the time, even with the progress the art has made in recent years, has not yet arrived when the exercise shall receive the attention it ought from the clergy who have the command of the various towers connected with the Association.

The minutes of the last district meeting were read and confirmed. Both Brant Broughton and Timberland were proposed as suitable places to hold the next meeting, and, upon a shew of hands, Timberland took the majority. The first Saturday in June was suggested as a convenient time, but the definite date was left to the local ringers and the district secretary. One new member was proposed (from the Washingborough Society).

The Rev. J. C. M. Mansell-Pleydell, in suitable terms, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers, and Mr. J. W. Ash, the local committee-man, for making the necessary arrangements, to which Mr. Ash responded.

The meeting over, no time was lost in returning to the tower, where Mr. Clarke, the Master of the local Society, did his best to arrange for everyone to have a pull on the bells, which have been recently overhauled, and two trebles added, making one of the most musical and best going peals in the County. Touches of Treble Bob and Double Norwich, together with Grandsire and Bob Triples and Bob Minor were indulged in until the Master of the tower reluctantly had to call out "It's time, gentlemen, the bells were down," thus closing another pleasant meeting of the district.

THE LATE RECTOR OF CARDYNHAM.

The cause of change-ringing in the County of Cornwall and the Diocese of Truro has received a severe blow, through the lamented death of the Rev. A. Coope, Rector of Cardynham. When he came into the Diocese in 1895, he at once set about the task of providing a peal of eight bells for the tower. This was accomplished in November last, and on November 24th the Dedication Service was held. At this service, the Bishop of Truro preached a most appropriate sermon, and some hundreds of people from the village and neighbourhood attended, and afterwards heard the first peal rung on the bells. This peal was Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, and was brought to a conclusion in 2 hours and 56 minutes. It is believed to have been the second peal ever rung in Cornwall. Mr. Coope himself took part in this peal. And now, on Wednesday, January 20th, at the request of Mrs. Coope, the same peal was again rung, this time with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Rector, who was buried on the previous day. A report of the peal will be found in its proper place.

CHANGE RINGING PERFORMANCES.

Caters.

75 THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM. FULHAM.

On Saturday, January 30th, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS',

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES,

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES NICHOLLS Treble	JAMES W. DRIVER 6
WILLIAM T. ELSON 2	GEORGE CHARGE* 7
EDWARD H. ADAMS 3	CORNELIUS CHARGE 8
WILLIAM S. SMITH 4	JOSEPH FAYERS 9
ROBERT E. CHICHESTER* 5	ROBERT H. BURGESS Tenor

Composed by the late GEORGE NEWSON, and Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

* First peal in the method. This was rung as a welcome peal to Dr. Mandell Creighton Lord Bishop of London, it being the day that he came into residence at Fulham Palace.

Major.

76 THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, January 23rd, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

L. ATTWATER* Treble	GEORGE PAICE* 5
JOHN RICE 2	JOHN SHARMAN 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3	KEITH HART 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Superlative. This was Keith Hart's 100th peal, and John Rice's 50th.

77 THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION BARKING, ESSEX.

On Tuesday, January 26th, 1897, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES,

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E. flat.

ALFRED WRIGHT Treble	THOMAS FAULKNER 5
ALBERT DEARDS 2	EDWARD LUCAS 6
CALEB FENN 3	SAMUEL HAYES 7
ROWLAND FENN 4	ALBERT C. HARDY Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by THOS. FAULKNER.

The above are all members of the St. Margaret's Society, Barking, and the above is the first peal of Treble Bob by the Society.

78 CAMBRIDGE.

On Wednesday, January 27th, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,

Tenor 17 cwt.

REGINALD H. WHITFORD¶ .. Treble	WILLIAM KEMPTON† 5
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 2	CYRIL W. O. JENKYN† 6
JOHN TAYLOR* 3	WALTER EUSDEN† 7
GEORGE TAYLOR 4	GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and Conducted by GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal with a bob bell. ¶ First peal on Tower bells. Messrs. Boughey and Jenkyn belong to Trinity College; Woodhouse, to Caius; Whitford to Pembroke; the rest belong to the local company. Owing to the annoyance arising from the bells when rung open in term time, it was rung on the Seage's Apparatus.

79 THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

On Sunday, January 31st, 1897, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES HEASMAN* Treble	JAMES WALLIS* 5
WILLIAM STEED* 2	THOMAS WALLIS* 6
WILLIAM LATTER 3	JACK PRESTON 7
JOHN W. STEDDY 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. This is the first peal of Major on the bells and rang at the first attempt. Steed hails from Tonbridge; Latter from Tunbridge Wells; Groombridge from Sevenoaks; the rest belong to the local band. The above composition will be found in *Campanology*, page 24, No. 7.

Triples.

80 THE DEVON DIOCESAN GUILD. CARDYNHAM, CORNWALL.

On Wednesday, January 20th, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MEWBRED,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

HOLT'S TEN PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

C. LEGGET† Treble	A. RICHARDS 5
E. TAYLOR 2	T. BLACKBOURN 6
A. MILLS 3	J. W. HINTON 7
REV. J. M. CLARKSON* 4	H. MYERS Tenor

Conducted by T. BLACKBOURN.

† First peal. * First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the memory of the Rev. A. Coode, late Rector of Cardynham, who died January 15th, 1897. Messrs. T. Blackburn and A. Mills hail from Salisbury, J. W. Hinton from Bristol, the rest from Plymouth and Devonport. A. Mills and J. W. Hinton were elected members of the Guild before the peal commenced.

81 THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. CHICHESTER.

On Tuesday, January 26th, 1897, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

JOSEPH HISCOCK* Treble	DAVID FALCONER 5
JAMES H. BLAKE 2	DAVID H. FALCONER 6
PETER TYLER 3	RICHARD WALTER 7
FRANCIS B. TOMPKINS 4	WILLIAM SPURLOCK Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD WALTER.

* First peal.

82 THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

On Thursday, January 28th, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

THURSTAN'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 17 cwt.

MISS ALICE WHITE* Treble	JOHN BALLARD 5
ALFRED P. GODDARD 2	JOHN W. WHITING 6
FRANK HOPGOOD 3	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7
HENRY WHITE 4	W. W. GIFFORD Tenor

Conducted by REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. White on the occasion of attaining his 40th year, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

83 THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE
WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS
ASSOCIATION.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 30th, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WALTER S. EVANS Treble	GEORGE PEACEY 5
JAMES FIELD 2	ANDREW LAYTON 6
HENRY W. ALLEN 3	CHARLES LAYTON 7
CHARLES WATKINS 4	WILLIAM SMART Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

Messrs. Field and Smart were elected members of the Worcester Association before starting for the peal, and Messrs. Evans and Watkins were elected at a previous attempt for the same peal.

81 THE ST MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.
SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 30th, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

THURSTAN'S COMPOSITION.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

W. H. BARBER Treble	ROBERT J. HUNT* 5
JOHN WITHERS* 2	WILLIAM DEVEY* 6
BERNARD WITCHELL 3	FREDERICK CLAYTON 7
WILLIAM PALMER* 4	EDWARD BRYANT Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

*First peal of Stedman. W. Devey hails from Nuneaton, for whom this peal was arranged. Messrs. Palmer and Devey were elected members of the above Guild previous to starting.

85 THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

On Sunday, January 31st, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

JOHN R. SHARMAN* Treble	GEORGE PAICE 5
JOHN RICE 2	FREDERICK W. RICE 6
GEORGE ATTFIELD 3	FREDERICK W. CRIPPS 7
ALFRED CRIPPS* 4	FREDERICK MERRETT* Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. CRIPPS.

*First peal of Grandsire Triples.

88 THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LEWISHAM, KENT.

On Monday, February 1st, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES,

BROOK'S VARIATION

Tenor 22 cwt.

HARRY WARNETT Treble	HARRY BARRETT* 5
ERNEST H. NIXON* 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES* 6
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 3	WILLIAM BEDWELL 7
THOMAS G. DEAL 4	ARTHUR J. NEALE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

*First peal in the method.

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Minor.

87 THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARTIN'S SCHOLARS', STAMFORD.)

CASTOR, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 30th, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KYNEBURGHA,

A Peal 5040 of Changes of Minor in five different methods, being 720 each of the following:

Being one 720 each of Court Bob, Canterbury and Grandsire; and two different 720's of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

E. GALE Treble	C. R. LILLEY 4
E. POPPLE 2	F. DENNISON 5
W. TURNER 3	REV. H. LAW JAMES Tenor

Conducted by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

This is the first peal in five methods by the Association and by all the band; also the first of Minor on the bells.

88 THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
CHIPPING, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, January 30th, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BATHOLEMEW,

A Peal of 5040 Changes of Bob Minor

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lbs.

RICHARD KENYON Treble	WILLIAM T. H. TIMBRELL 4
JOHN SEED* 2	EDWIN TIMBRELL 5
JOHN T. KENYON 3	THOMAS SEED Tenor

Conducted by W. T. H. TIMBRELL.

*First peal. The above 720's are from "Snowden's" Rope Sight, and contains 277 calls.

K. HART'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 11, conducted 3; Grandsire Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 4; Stedman Triples, 15, conducted 1; Stedman Caters, 5, conducted 1; Bob Major, 8; Treble Bob Major, 4; Superlative Surprise Major, 18; Cambridge Surprise Major, 9; London Surprise Major, 6; Champion Surprise Major, 2; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 17 Total, 100—Conducted 5.

J. RICE'S 50 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 4; Court Bob Triples, 1; Plain Bob Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 5; Bob Major, 1; Treble Bob Major, 4; Alliance Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 26; London Surprise Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; New Cumberland Surprise Major, 1; In 7 methods on 6 bells, 2. Total, 50.

LATE NOTICE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

A meeting of the above Branch will be held on Saturday, February 13th, at Christ Church, Bacup (6 bells). The tower will be open for ringing at 2.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock. Members of eight bell towers, are specially invited, as every opportunity of learning six bell methods will be given them.

J. H. BANKS, Branch Secretary, Helmshore.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

The meeting advertised to take place on February 13th, will now be held on February 20th. W. BROWN.

To avoid disappointment, all ringing reports and touches should be forwarded without delay.

Date Touches.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

WHITECHAPEL (London).

On Wednesday evening, January 27th, at the Church of St. Mary Matfelon, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1897 changes in 1 hour 13 minutes. G. Kennedy, 1; J. Scholes, 2; F. C. Newman, 3; E. Clayton, 4; S. Parmenter, 5; E. Wallage (conductor), 6; E. Hall, 7; G. Barrell, 8. Composed by J. Barratt, of Stepney, London.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ST. MATTHEW'S GUILD.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

On Tuesday, January 26th, at St. Matthew's Church, on the heavy six, a date touch of Plain Bob Minor, 1897 changes, in 1 hour 23 minutes, being two 720's and 457 of Bob Minor, each called differently. A. F. Hillier, 1; Robert O. Hall, 2; S. O. Ferry, 3; John W. Dawson, 4; Wm. Holmes, 5; Ernest E. Ferry, 6. Arranged and conducted by Wm. Holmes. This is the first date touch on the bells, and was rung in celebration of the silver wedding of the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Churchyard. Longest touch with bob bells by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th. Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. in D.

EASTBOURNE.

On Thursday evening, January 21st, 1897, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1897 changes, in 1 hour and 7 minutes. John Rollison, 1; J. Billings, 2; H. Vernon, 3; E. Willoughby, 4; J. Lewis, 5; T. Lewis, 6; T. Willoughby (conductor), 7; S. Lewis, 8.

Miscellaneous Reports.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Sunday evening, January 24th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 50 minutes. J. Aldridge, 1; E. Artherton (first quarter-peal), 2; W. Elson, 3; J. Nicholls, 4; H. Adams, 5; J. Green, 6; C. Charge (composer and conductor), 7; R. Chichester, 8; G. Charge, 9; S. How, 10.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

BETHNAL GREEN (London).

On Saturday evening, January 23rd, at the Church of St. Matthew, 15 courses of Stedman Triples, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal in the same method, which came to grief in the 16th course, owing to one of the band missing the sally. M. A. Wood, 1; G. E. Peace, 2; F. Carter, 3; S. E. Joyce, 4; D. Tarling, 5; W. A. Alps (conductor), 6; E. Hall, 7; T. Colverd, 8. Messrs. Peace, Carter, Tarling, Alps, and Colverd, hail from Waltham Abbey.

STREATHAM (Surrey).

On Monday, January 18th, at the Church of Immanuel, 1344 of Superlative Surprise Major, in 51 minutes. G. Langford, 1; A. T. Ellis, 2; W. J. Sorrell, 3; H. S. Ellis, 4; H. R. Newton, 5; W. E. Garrard, 6; C. Brice, 7; J. Willshire (conductor), 8.

WESTMINSTER (London).

On Sunday evening, January 17th, at the Church of St. Stephen, for Divine Service, 1344 of Superlative Surprise Major, in 52 minutes. G. Langford, 1; A. T. Ellis, 2; F. Buck, 3; H. S. Ellis, 4; S. Andrews, 5; E. Carter, 6; C. Brice, 7; H. R. Newton (conductor), 8.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIDDENHAM (Beds.).

On Wednesday, January 20th, 720 of Plain Bob. H. King, 1; F. Trueman, 2; J. Maxey, 3; W. J. Davison (conductor), 4; A. Ingram, 5; J. Harpin, 6. Also 720 of Oxford Bob. J. Harpin, 1; J. Maxey, 2; F. Trueman, 3; A. Ingram, 4; W. J. Davison (conductor), 5; C. West, 6.

On Saturday, January 23rd, 720 of College Single. J. Harpin, 1; C. Brockett, 2; A. Ingram, 3; T. Frossell, 4; W. J. Davison, 5; H. King (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, January 24th, 720 of College Single. J. Harpin, 1; J. Maxey, 2; H. King, 3; T. Frossell, 4; W. J. Davison (conductor), 5; H. Tysoe, 6. Also 720 of College Single. J. Harpin, 1; F. Trueman (first in method), 2; C. West, 3; A. Ingram, 4; J. Maxey, 5; W. J. Davison (conductor), 6.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somerset).

On Old Year's Night, at the Church of St. Mary Magdelene, for evening service, 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Thomas, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; J. Hunts,

3; S. Radford, 4; A. Evans, 5; J. Fowler, 6; J. Burge (conductor), 7; A. Walker, 8. After service and ringing out the Old Year, 910 of Oxford Bob Triples. W. Thomas, 1; A. Walker, 2; S. Radford, 3; J. Burge, 4; T. W. Radford (conductor), 5; J. Fowler, 6; A. Evans, 7; J. Hunt, 8. And 504 of Grandsire Triples. And after midnight, 336 of Grandsire Triples, standing as above.

On Monday, December 28th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 50 minutes. A. Walker, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; J. Joyce, 3; J. Fowler, 4; A. Evans, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6; J. Burge, 7; W. Thomas, 8. First quarter-peal by all.

On Saturday, January 2nd, 910 of Oxford Bob Triples. S. Radford, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; J. Hunt, 3; J. Fowler, 4; T. W. Radford (conductor), 5; J. Joyce, 6; J. Burge, 7; A. Evans, 8.

On Saturday, January 16th, an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, which unhappily came to grief after ringing 2 hours and 25 minutes through a shift course. J. Jones, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; S. Radford, 3; J. Joyce, 4; T. W. Radford (conductor), 5; A. Evans, 6; J. Burge, 7; J. Fowler, 8.

On Sunday, January 17th, for afternoon service, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. E. Lloyd, 1; S. Radford, 2; J. Joyce, 3; W. Thomas, 4; J. Hunt, 5; J. Burge (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. First by the Association, E. Lloyd was elected a member before starting.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).

On Thursday, December 31st. Three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. H. E. Bowers, 1; G. A. Andrews, 2; C. Clarke, 3; G. Lancaster, 4; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 5. At 12 o'clock, the tenor was tolled 12 times, to denote the hour, by W. J. Nevard. Afterwards, a well-struck 720 Plain Bob was rung. G. Humm, 1; H. E. Bowers, 2; G. A. Andrews, 3; C. Clarke, 4; G. Lancaster, 5; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, January 3rd, for evening service, 720 Single Court Bob. G. Miles, 1; W. J. Hazell, 2; G. A. Andrews, 3; C. Clarke, 4; H. E. Bowers, 5; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 6. First in the method by all.

This company's summary for the year 1896, at the Parish Church of Great Bentley, consists of 65 complete 720's, viz. — 17 of Oxford Treble Bob, 9 of Cambridge Surprise, 8 of New London Pleasure, 6 of London Scholar's Pleasure, 6 of Kent Treble Bob, 4 of Yorkshire Court, 3 of Double Court Bob, and one each of the following:—Violet Treble Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob, College Pleasure, College Exercise, City Delight, Duke of York, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Bob Minor, Plain Bob, College Single, and Grandsire Minor.

Then in addition to this taking part in 26 more complete 720's, in other Parishes as follows:—Higham, (Suffolk), 1 of Plain Bob, 2 of Oxford 1 Treble Bob, and 1 of Kent Treble Bob; Stratford, St. Mary, (Suffolk), 1 of Oxford Treble Bob; Woodford, (Essex), 1 of Oxford Treble Bob; Boreham, (Essex), 1 of London Scholars' Pleasure; Springfield, (Essex), 1 of London Scholars' Pleasure; Earls Colne, (Essex), 1 of London Scholar's Pleasure; St. Osyth, (Essex), 5 of Oxford Treble Bob, 1 London Scholars' Pleasure, 1 of Yorkshire Court, and 1 of Cambridge Surprise; Great Bromley, (Essex), 3 of Oxford Treble Bob, 2 of London Scholars' Pleasure, 2 of Cambridge Surprise, and one each of College Exercise and Kent Treble Bob, thus making a grand total of 91, 720's, which can be seen in Nineteen different methods. W. J. Nevard, (conductor), 78; W. J. Hazell, 10; J. W. Smith, at Higham, 1; W. Watts, (of Stanstead), at Woodford, 1; and N. Hawkins, (of Belchamp Water), at St. Osyth, 1.

Further addition in ringing by one, two or more members of the company at the several different Parish Churches:—Wanstead, Loughton, Writtle, Ingrave, Chelmsford, Colchester, St. Peters, Great Horkesley, Tending, Little Bentley, Halstead, Grinstead Green, Colne Engaine, Thorington, Kirby-le-Soken. At Belchamp Walter, H. E. Bowers, and W. J. Nevard, took part in 7040 Kent Treble Bob Major, all Essex towns. In Suffolk:—Lavenham, Haughley, Old Newton, Stuton, by a full company; the opening bells, the first 6 score being Stedman Doubles, also Grandsire. At Boxford, W. J. Hazell, and W. J. Nevard took part in 5088 Kent Treble Bob, thus making a total visit of towers in Essex 22, and Suffolk 7 towers, thus ends the year for 1896.

THE ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR SOCIETY, SOUTHWARK.

SOUTHWARK (London).

On Thursday, January 28th, at St. George's Church, for practice, the first 500 of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 19 minutes. C. H. Deer, 1; T. Langdon, 2; W. Webber, 3; W. Humberstone, 4; H. Flanders, 5; F. Clements, 6; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 7; W. H. Smith, 8. Longest touch by 1 and 3.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH (Kent).

On Sunday, January 31st, at the Church of St. Alfege, for evening service, 1409 of Stedman Caters in 55 minutes. W. Berry (longest length in method), 1; F. S. Bayley, 2; H. Hoskins (longest length in method), 3; H. J. Skelt (longest length in method), 4; W. Foreman (longest length in method), 5; G. R. Fardon, 6; I. G. Shade (conductor), 7; T. Taylor (longest length in method), 8; F. W. Thornton, 9; C. Langdon (longest length in method), 10.

LEWISHAM (Kent).

On Sunday, January 31st, at the Church of St. Mary, 1260 changes of Stedman Triples. H. Warnett, 1; E. H. Nixon, 2; T. Deal, 3; W. H. Turner, 4; H. Barrett, 5; G. Daynes, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; C. Bedwell, 8.

THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX GUILD.

EALING (Middlesex).

On Tuesday evening, January 26th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 minutes. A. H. Taber, 1; F. Goddard, 2; H. G. Rowe, 3; J. J. Pratt, 4; W. Foster, 5; E. Harris, 6; J. Basden (conductor), 7; H. S. Reeves, 8. This was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Bob Major, as a farewell peal for Mr. H. G. Rowe, who is leaving the neighbourhood.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURGH (Suffolk).

On Wednesday, January 20th, at the Church of St. Andrew's, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. J. Dowsing, 1; A. F. Dowsing, 2; E. Kidby, 3; T. G. Dowsing, 4; H. A. Wright, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. All are members of the local company.

LEISTON (Suffolk).

On Saturday, January 30th, at St. Margaret's Church, for practice, 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Button, 1; H. J. Button, 2; G. Wilson, 3; E. Wigg, 4; C. Samson, 5; T. D. Bell, 6; T. Staulkey, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. Weight of tenor, 20½ cwt. in E.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL.

On Sunday, December 27th, for afternoon Children's Service, 720 of College Single Minor. H. Merrills, 1; A. Street, 2; H. Haigh, 3; H. Lambert (conductor), 4; W. Preston, 5; J. White, 6. Also 720 of Bob Minor, conducted by A. Street (aged 14 years), first as conductor, and to whom great credit is due. W. Preston, hails from Worksop, the rest belong to local company.

EAST RETFORD.

On Sunday, January 17th, for Divine Service, 504 of Grandsire Triples (18 singles) in 20 minutes. T. B. Barlow, 1; G. Clayton, 2; F. W. Abbott, 3; T. Spurr, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 6; H. Warburton, 7; J. B. Joynes, 8.

On Sunday, January 24th, 504 of Grandsire Caters. T. B. Barlow, 1; T. Spurr, 2; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 3; E. Collingburn, 4; F. W. Abbott, 5; H. Warburton (conductor), 6; H. Haigh, 7; J. B. Joynes, 8; G. R. Winter, 9; J. F. Haigh, 10. J. F. Haigh, hails from Worksop, the rest belong to local band.

WEST RETFORD.

On Wednesday, January 6th, for practice by the Amalgamated Society, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 25 minutes. A. Street, 1; R. Potter, 2; G. F. Clarke, 3; H. Haigh, 4; H. Blagg, 5; J. White (conductor), 6.

WORKSOP.

The following are the 720's and touches rung at the quarterly meeting.

On Saturday, January 23rd, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 25 minutes. G. Barrowcliffe, 1; G. F. Clarke, 2; Rev. B. Darley, 3; W. Marshall, 4; W. Newbury (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. And 720 of Oxford in 25½ minutes. G. Barrowcliffe, 1; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 2; G. F. Clarke, 3; W. Newbury, 4; D. Russon, 5; J. White, 6. And 720 of Kent in 25 minutes. H. Unwin, 1; C. Crawford, 2; J. Guest, 3; B. Hall, 4; W. Newbury (conductor), 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. And 720 of Violet in 26 minutes. H. Warburton, 1; C. Crawford, 2; H. Haigh, 3; H. Lambert, 4; G. Barrowcliffe, 5; F. Hargreaves (conductor), 6. And 672 of Grand sire Triples (containing 12 6-7's) in 28 minutes. F. W. Abbott, 1; J. Swannack, 2; H. Warburton, 3; W. Drake, 4; C. Crawford, 5; H. Haigh (conductor), 6; T. Spurr, 7; R. Potter, 8. Also 630 of Grandsire Triples in 26 minutes. T. B. Barlow, 1; C. Crawford, 2; R. Potter, 3; W. Drake, 4; H. Haigh, 5; H. Warburton (conductor), 6; T. Spurr, 7; H. Lambert, 8. Messrs. Haigh, Warburton, Spurr, Abbott, Swannack, and Barlow, hail from East Retford; Potter and Drake, from West Retford; Crawford from East Markham; White, Clarke, and Lambert, from Ordsall; Russon, Hall, and W. Hargreaves, from Shireoaks; Rev. B. Darley, Newbury, Guest, Unwin, and Marshall, from Harthill; F. Hargreaves and Barrowcliffe, from Worksop.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(St. Mary's Branch).

PORTSEA (Hants).

On Tuesday, January 12th, at St. Mary's Church, for practice, 360 Plain Bob Minor. P. Hammond, 1; C. Newman, 2; J. T. Matthews, 3; J. Harper, 4; J. Symons, 5; A. Pye (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, January 17th, for morning service, 546 Grandsire Triples. P. Hammond, 1; E. Newman, 2; J. Harris, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. Harper, 5; E. Reynolds, 6; J. Gould, 7; J. T. Matthews, 8. And for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 minutes. C.

Groves, 1; E. Newman, 2; J. Harper, 3; A. Pye (conductor), 4; J. Symons, 5; E. Reynolds, 6; J. Gould, 7; J. T. Matthews, 8.

On Sunday, January 24th, for evening service, 252 Stedman Triples. J. Harris, 1; C. Groves, 2; E. Newman, 3; J. Symons, 4; E. Reynolds, 5; J. Harper, 6; J. Gould (conductor), 7; J. T. Matthews, 8.

WINCHESTER (Hants.)

On Saturday, January 30th, at the Cathedral, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. W. J. Sevier, 1; G. Smith, 2; C. J. Chooet, 3; R. Hasted, 4; J. Harris, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. Also 324 Stedman Triples, standing as before.

LOUGHTON (Essex).

On Tuesday, January 12th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Freeman, 1; G. Perry, 2; E. A. Bacon (conductor), 3; W. Pye, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; E. Wightman, 7; W. Clark, 8.

On Tuesday, January 26th, 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Pye (conductor), 1; W. H. Doran, 2; E. A. Bacon, 3; F. Freeman, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; E. Wightman, 8. Also two courses Stedman Triples. W. H. Doran, 1; G. Perry, 2; E. A. Bacon (conductor), 3; F. Freeman, 4; J. Rann, 5; E. Wightman, 6; G. Carter, 7; W. Clark, 8.

PRITTLEWELL (Essex).

On Sunday, January 24th, at St. Mary's Church, for early Celebration, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Hunt, 1; W. Bedwell, 2; W. Dowsett, 3; W. Dudley, 4; C. Anderson, 5; J. Smith, 6; J. Perry, 7; W. H. Judd (conductor), 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. T. O'Reay, M.A., the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

RAYLEIGH (Essex).

On Friday, January 22nd, at Holy Trinity Church, for practice, 720 College Singles. A. Smith, 1; S. Bingham, 2; J. Johnson, 3; H. Smith, 4; W. Bingham, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6.

On Monday, January 25th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Bradley, 1; S. Bingham, 2; J. Johnson, 3; H. Smith, 4; W. Bingham, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6.

THORNBURY (Gloucestershire).

On Sunday, January 17th, at the Parish Church, for Divine Service, several six-scores of Stedman Doubles, also some plain courses of Stedman Triples, and a short touch in the same method. A. Burchell, 1; A. Trayhum, 2; S. Cullimore, 3; J. W. Poole, 4; F. K. Howell, 5; H. T. Howell, 6; S. Phipps, 7; T. Smith, 8. Also W. Symes took part both in Doubles and Triples.

The above company is called the "Thornbury Amateur Band," and only commenced to handle bells 10 months ago, under the tuition of F. K. Howell and J. W. Poole, for the purpose of introducing the Stedman method into our town, it never having been rung here before by local men. The bells are rung here twice every Sunday, with practice in the week, and hope soon to pull off a 504 of Stedman Triples.

The above band will be very pleased to welcome any ringer to their tower, for a practice or Sunday ringing. H. T. Howell hails from St. George's, Bristol.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).

On Sunday evening, January 24th, after Divine service, at St. Mary's Church, a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal, the first on the bells. F. Nunn, 1; F. Rumens, 2; G. Grimwade, 3; W. Pye, 4; G. R. Pye, 5; E. Pye, 6; G. Lucas, 7; E. Wightman, 8; A. G. Freeman, 9; F. G. Newman, 10.

WOODFORD (Essex).

On Monday, January 11th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 26 minutes. K. C. Fox, 1; H. Gowers, 2; J. Mardell, 3; J. Kimberley, 4; E. Wightman (conductor), 5; J. Marks, 6. First 720 in the method by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th. J. Marks hails from Weststead.

WORTLEY (Yorks).

On Saturday, January 23rd, at St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 minutes. D. D. Reed, 1; J. Dixon, 2; G. Parkin, 3; J. Evinson, 4; J. Clark, 5; G. O. Dixon, 6; H. Jones (conductor), 7; J. Parkin, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. First quarter-peal in the method. G. O. Dixon, J. Dixon, J. Evinson, and H. Jones hail from Sheffield; the rest belong to the local company.

TO COMPOSERS OF PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

Will composers of the above method kindly send all their compositions as soon as possible, as the work of classifying will take up considerable time. I hope they will also send the peals they have already published in the ringing papers, dated if possible.

T. Lockwood.

By enclosing 1/- Postal Order or stamps with report of peal, you will receive one dozen neat peal cards.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.

On Thursday, January 14th, at the Church of St. Peter, for practice 720 of Double Court. W. Barker (first in the method), 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Lowe, 3; Harry Toll, 4; S. Constant, 5; F. Hull, 6. Also 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. S. Constant, 1; F. Lowe, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; F. Hull, 4; Harry Toll, 5; C. Chasty (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

On Sunday, January 17th, for evensong, 720 of Grandsire Minor. F. Parrott, 1; A. Robinson, 2; F. Lowe, 3; S. Lowe, 4; Harry Toll, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6.

On Tuesday, January 19th, for practice, 720 of Oxford Bob. A. Hunt (first 720 in this method), 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; J. Hills, 3; S. Lowe, 4; A. Robinson, 5; Harry Toll, 6. A. Hunt hails from Newcastle-upon-Tyne. And 720 of Woodbine. Frank Hull, 1; A. Robinson, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; S. Lowe, 4; Harry Toll, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Double Court. A. Barker, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; Frank Lowe, 3; Harry Toll, 4; S. Constant (conductor), 5; C. Chasty, 6.

On Sunday, January 24th, for evensong, 720 of Oxford Bob. A. Barker, 1; Frank Lowe, 2; C. Chasty, 3; S. Lowe, 4; A. Robinson, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Kent Treble Bob. S. Constant (conductor), 1; H. Sharp, 2; F. Hull, 3; W. Lightfoot, 4; H. Tysoe, 5; C. Chasty, 6.

On Tuesday evening, January 26th, for practice, 720 of Double Oxford, Frank Lowe, 1; S. Lowe, 2; Chas. Chasty, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; Harry Toll, 5; S. Constant, 6.

On Sunday, January 31st, for mattins, 360 of Double Court. F. Parrott, 1; S. Lowe, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; Harry Toll, 4; S. Constant (conductor), 5; A. Robinson, 6. And for evensong, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. W. Barker, 1; A. Robinson, 2; Frank Lowe, 3; S. Constant, 4; Chas. Chasty, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLWALL.

On Thursday, December 31st, 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Evans, 1; S. Hope, 2; E. Beatley, 3; C. Layton (conductor), 4; G. Peacey, 5; H. Allen, 6; J. Field, 7; W. Smart, 8.

On Monday, January 4th, 720 Grandsire Minor, with 7 and 8 behind. S. Hope, 1; W. Evans, 2; H. Allen, 3; C. Layton (conductor), 4; G. Peacey, 5; J. Field, 6; W. Smart, 7; C. Pedlingham, 8.

On Monday, January 11th, 350 Grandsire Triples. C. Layton (conductor), 1; S. Hope, 2; G. Peacey, 3; W. Evans, 4; C. Greening, 5; H. Allen, 6; J. Field, 7; W. Smart, 8. Also 168 of Grandsire Triples. W. Evans, 1; C. Layton, 2; C. Greening, 3; H. Allen, 4; S. Hope, 5; G. Peacey, 6; J. Field (conductor), 7; W. Smart, 8.

On Monday, January 25th, 650 of Grandsire Triples. C. Layton (conductor), 1; S. Hope, 2; J. Field, 3; J. Thomas, 4; G. Peacey, 5; H. Allen, 6; A. Layton, 7; W. Smart, 8. Also 210 in the same method. W. Evans, 1; J. Field, 2; Rev. G. M. Custance, 3; H. Allen, 4; J. Thomas, 5; A. Layton, 6; C. Layton (conductor), 7; W. Smart, 8.

KNIGHTON (Radnorshire).

On Saturday, January 23rd, several 120's of Grandsire Doubles, and touches of Grandsire Minor, in which the following took part:—J. G. Buchanan, J. Roberts, W. Meads (Clun), J. E. Groves (Instructor), Rev. H. F. Bagshaw, R. Burge, F. Pewtress, R. Thomas, J. Perks (Knighton). The ringers were afterwards entertained to Tea at the Chandos Temperance Hotel by the Rev. H. F. Bagshaw.

On Sunday, January 24th, for evening service, 720 of Grandsire Doubles. J. E. Groves (conductor), 1; R. Burge, 2; R. Thomas, 3; E. Griffiths, 4; F. Pewtress, 5; J. Perks, 6. Also during the Instructor's stay, several 120's of Grandsire Doubles, with Rev. H. F. Bagshaw and other probationary members taking part. Tenor 8 cwt.

LUGWARDINE (Herefordshire).

On Sunday, January 17th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 minutes. H. King, 1; W. Williams, 2; A. Brace, 3; C. Clifford, 4; J. Jones, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Grandsire Doubles. G. Cole, 1; W. Williams, 2; J. E. Groves (conductor), 3; C. Clifford, 4; J. Jones, 5; H. King, 6. And 480 in the same method. J. Jones, 1; F. Emerson, 2; A. Brace (conductor), 3; T. Jones, 4; T. Lewis, 5; E. Brookes, 6. This is the first 720 of Minor by the first five ringers. Tenor 16 cwt.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD (Herefordshire).

The ringers here have just joined the Hereford Guild, and, on Tuesday, January 12th, were visited by the Instructor, Mr. J. E. Groves, when several 120's and a 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung. J. E. Groves (conductor), 1; E. Evans, 2; G. Wilks, 3; C. Davies, 4; F. Heaven, 5; B. Jeffries, 6. Tenor 11 cwt.

WISTANSTOW (Shropshire).

On Thursday, January 21st, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles. T. Lewis, 1; A. Evans, 2; J. Williams, 3; T. Davies, 4; J. E. Groves (conductor), 5; J. Beaumont, 6. Longest length by all except J. E. Groves. Also several 120's with the probationers taking part. Tenor 12 cwt. but badly cracked.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY (Herts).

On Saturday, January 16th, for practice, 480 Bob Major. J. J. Allen, 1; W. G. Whitehead, 2; W. Thorn, 3; W. E. Oakley, 4; F. Edwards, 5; W. H. L. Buckingham, 6; W. I. Oakley, 7; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Edwards, 1; F. A. Smith, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; W. G. Whitehead, 4; W. E. Oakley, 5; W. Thorn, 6; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 7; T. Hussey, 8.

On Sunday, January 17th, for evening service, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. J. Allen, 1; E. E. Huntley, 2; W. G. Whitehead (conductor), 3; F. Smith, 4; W. E. Oakley, 5; W. Thorn, 6; F. Edwards, 7; T. Hussey, 8.

On Thursday, January 21st, for practice, 336 Bob Major. F. Smith, 1; W. G. Whitehead, 2; W. Thorn, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; W. E. Oakley, 5; F. Edwards, 6; W. I. Oakley, 7; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 8.

On Sunday, January 24th, for morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples (without a cover). J. J. Allen, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. G. Whitehead, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; F. Edwards, 6; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 8. Also 168 in the same method, standing as before. Also, for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Smith, 1; J. J. Allen, 2; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 3; W. G. Whitehead, 4; W. E. Oakley, 5; W. Thorn, 6; F. Edwards, 7; T. Hussey, 8. And one course of Bob Major. J. J. Allen, 1; W. G. Whitehead, 2; W. Thorn, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; W. E. Oakley, 5; F. Edwards, 6; W. I. Oakley, 7; E. E. Huntley, 8.

On Sunday, January 31st, for morning service, 336 and 168 Grandsire Triples (without a cover). J. J. Allen, 1; W. G. Whitehead, 2; A. J. Pate, 3; W. E. Oakley, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; F. Edwards, 6; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 8. Also 168 in the same method. F. Smith, 2; T. Hussey, 8; conducted by F. Edwards; the rest as before. And for evening service, 336 Bob Major. J. J. Allen, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. G. Whitehead, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; W. E. Oakley, 5; F. Edwards, 6; W. I. Oakley, 7; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 8.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.

On Wednesday, January 27th, at the Church of St. Peter-at-Arches, 576 of Superlative Surprise Major. J. B. Fenton, 1; G. Flintham (first attempt in the method), 2; G. Lindoff, 3; G. W. Bemrose, 4; G. Chester, 5; J. R. Mackman, 6; R. Dawson, 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8.

On Sunday morning, January 31st, a course of Superlative and a course of Double Norwich. A. Button (Bury St. Edmund's), 1; G. Flintham, 2; J. B. Fenton, 3; G. Bemrose, 4; J. W. Watson, 5; J. R. Mackman, 6; R. Dawson, 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. And in the evening, 400 Double Norwich and a course of Stedman Triples. G. Chester, 1; G. Flintham, 2; J. B. Fenton, 3; G. Bemrose, 4; G. Lindoff, 5; J. R. Mackman, 6; R. Dawson, 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER (London).

On Sunday, January 31st, at St. Margaret's Church, for evening service, 935 Grandsire Caters. A. Hardy, 1; W. H. Pasmore, 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; G. Mulley (longest touch on 10 bells), 4; G. Symonds (longest touch on 10 bells), 5; W. Meads, 6; A. R. Davis, 7; E. W. Fraser, 8; H. Barton (conductor), 9; C. W. Ward, 10.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

CHIPPING BARNET (Herts).

On Monday, January 25th, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Newby, 1; A. Belton, 2; J. Sumpter, 3; A. D. Chidwick, 4; J. Stevens (conductor), 5; F. A. Milne, Esq., 6; J. Miller, 7; W. F. Dolton, 8. And 350 in the same method. A. D. Chidwick, 1; H. Newby, 2; J. Sumpter, 3; J. Miller, 4; J. Stevens, 5; F. A. Milne, Esq. (conductor), 6; A. Belton, 7; A. T. King, Esq., 8. And 120 Stedman Doubles (on the back six). F. A. Milne, Esq., 1; J. Miller, 2; H. Newby, 3; J. Stevens, 4; A. Belton, 5; A. D. Chidwick, 6. Messrs. Miller and Newby hail from Southgate.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GOSPORT BRANCH.)

On New Year's Eve, December 31st, for midnight service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Gardner, 1; H. Reynolds, 2; H. Westbrook, 3; A. Barrow, 4; R. Fuge, 5; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 6.

On Saturday, January 8th, for practice, 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Barrow, 1; J. Hewett, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; J. Symons, 4; H. Westbrook, 5; F. Burkett, 6; J. Gould, 7; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 8.

On Thursday, January 28th, after meeting short for a peal of Treble Bob, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, and 720 of Double Stedman Slow Course Minor. R. Fuge, 1; H. Reynolds (first 720 of Plain Bob), 2; E. Newman (first 720 of Plain Bob), 3; E. Reynolds, 4; J. Gould (first 720 of Plain Bob), 5; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 6. The first 720 of Double Stedman by all, and the first on tower bells by members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

IN MEMORIAM CARDS, with Portrait of the late GEORGE NEWSON, post free 6d. each, can be obtained at "Campanology" Office, 221, High Street, Lewisham.

OUR ILLUSTRATION: ST. NICOLAS, NUNEATON.

NEARLY everyone who has travelled much between London and the North has passed through Nuneaton, but few in the hurry of their journeys, recognise "Milby" under its every-day name and think to visit the Parish Church in which "Mr. Crewe" officiated for over fifty years, whose sermons were "the soundest and most edifying that ever

dates of this fine old Parish Church, for the building has evidently been often and much altered. There was standing on the present site in the reign of Henry I. (1100—1135), a church dedicated to St. Nicholas, for it was then given to the monastery of Lira in Normandy by Robert Bossu, Earl of Leicester; but the church was almost entirely rebuilt in the



ST. NICOLAS, NUNEATON.

remained unheard by a church-going population;" and not a few, we think, if they remembered that at Nuneaton Station they were in George Eliot's market-town of "Milby," would stay and visit the place which did something more than suggest many of the characters and scenes of her stories.

It seems impossible to ascertain with certainty the earliest

time of Henry III. (1216—1272), and again enlarged in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. To those who lived in those stirring times we mainly owe the church as it now exists. The eastern arch of the tower belongs probably to an earlier period; for the mark of the roof-pitch over it has preserved for the eye the height of the earlier nave.

The entire length of the church is about 150 feet, and about 66 feet wide, including nave and aisles. The roofs are boldly panelled and carved. They are ornamented with the "York Rose," and with shields bearing the sacred emblems of the Passion, while at the centre of the west end of the nave roof is a hideously Satanic-looking face, grinning down its spite at Holy Baptism. At the east end of the south aisle is a chapel for which we are probably indebted to one John Leeke, who founded a chantry here in the twenty-third year of Henry VII. (1507-8).

In the chancel is a fine alabaster tomb, with a recumbent effigy of Sir Marmaduke Constable in armour. He was created a Knight Banneret at Roquesborough in 1547. There is also in the chancel, monuments to the families of Ryder, ancestors of the Earls of Harrowby, and of Trotman and Stratford, ancestors of the Dugdale family.

On the wall of the south aisle is a monument to the memory of the Rev. Hugh Hughes of Tynymynydd in the County of Denbigh, Rector of Hardwicke, Northamptonshire, Vicar of Wolvey, Warwickshire. Thirty years head master of the Grammar School, and fifty-two years curate of the parish of Nuneaton. "He departed this life August 3rd, 1830."

The Registers date from 1577, but are in places defective. Dugdale gives a list of twenty-nine Incumbents from 1310 to 1627, but he omits Nicholas Beale, who was appointed in August 1590, and held the Vicarage for a few months only. Among the Vicars mentioned is, in 1505, a suffragan Bishop, described as Thomas, Dei Gratia Panadensis Episc. William Cradok, appointed September 3rd, 1627, who closes Dugdale's list.

Mr. Robert Ridgeway, M.A., was appointed in November, 1660. Among the succeeding Vicars was Dr. John Ryder, a native of the parish, born in 1697, and educated at Queen's College, Cambridge. He was appointed to the Vicarage at the early age of twenty-four, and held it for twenty-two years, when he was consecrated Bishop of Killaloe, from which he was translated to Down and Connor, and then advanced to the Archbishopric of Tuam.

After Dr. Ryder, the Vicars for a hundred years, appear to have been non-resident. Canon Savage was presented to the living in 1845, and at once took steps to make the Vicarage House fit for habitation. To his loving and laborious work for twenty-six years, the parish owes a great debt of gratitude. On his death, in the autumn of 1871, he was succeeded by Canon Bellairs in January 1872, well known as formerly one of H.M. Inspectors of Schools, on whose resignation in 1893, the Rev. John George Deed, D.D., the present Vicar was appointed.

The fine old tower stands some forty yards from the main road, and is about eighty-two feet high (standing as it does on rising ground it appears to be somewhat higher) and contains a ring of eight bells. In 1872, there were only six bells, the tenor and third being badly cracked; and in the early part of 1873, subscriptions were raised for re-casting the third, fifth, and tenor, with the addition of two trebles to complete the octave; the work being intrusted to J. Warner & Sons, London, and on Saturday, April 19th, 1873, the opening peal (5040 Stedman Triples), was rung by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, in 3 hours and 9 minutes, conducted by John Perks. This peal was Thurstan's Original (reversed), with the calling on 1-2 instead of 6-7.

As there was no change-ringers in Nuneaton at this time, no other peal was rung upon the bells until 1886, when a band of the Birmingham Amalgamated Society rung a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, on Saturday, August 31st, 1886, in 2 hours 59 minutes, composed and conducted by John Carter. About this time the local ringers by the perseverance of Mr. H. Horwood (the Father of Campanologia in Nun-

eaton), could master Grandsire Doubles fairly well, but it was not until April 13th, 1889, that the local band rang a peal 5040 of Grandsire Triples, which is recorded in the belfry, being the first by all except the conductor, Mr. A. R. Aldham.

There has been 46 peals in all rung upon these bells in the four standard methods, "Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, and Treble Bob." There is recorded in the belfry a peal of Bob Major, 5040 changes, February 1st, 1890, first peal of Major on the bells. Also 5056 of Treble Bob Major, October 2nd, 1890, first of Treble Bob on the bells.

The following are the particulars of the bells:—

(Treble.) Diameter, 2 ft. 4½ ins.; inscription, 'This and the 2nd Bell were subscribed by the parish. H. W. Bellairs Vicar. J. H. Clay J. Hall Churchwardens. John Warner & Sons London 1873.'

(Second.) Diameter, 2 ft. 6 ins.; inscription, 'John Warner & Sons London 1873.'

(Third.) Diameter, 2 ft. 7½ ins.; inscription, 'Arba Rudhall of Gloucester Bell Founder AN DO 1703.'

(Fourth.) Diameter, 2 ft. 10 ins.; inscription, 'J. Bryant of Hertford fecit 1809.'

(Fifth.) Diameter, 3 ft. ½ in.; inscription, 'John Warner & Sons London 1873.'

(Sixth.) Diameter, 3 ft. 1½ ins.; inscription, 'Wilhelmo Smith, Joh Watts, Ric Wise, Ecclesiae G. Vardianis 1703.'

(Seventh.) Diameter, 3 ft. 4 ins.; inscription, 'John Warner & Sons London 1873.'

(Tenor.) Diameter, 3 ft. 8½ ins.; inscription, 'This and the 3rd and 5th Bells were recast at the expense of the parish. H. W. Bellairs Vicar. J. H. Clay J. Hall Churchwardens. John Warner & Sons London 1873.' Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs. in the key of E.

The belfry is about 24 feet from the ground, and is 13 feet square, the ropes falling in a very good circle. When the bells were re-cast, the following lines were printed and hung in the belfry for a number of years:—

"CAMPANOLOGIA.

"How oft mankind exert their utmost powers
To find amusement for their leisure hours;
While some in bowls or cricket will unite
And in such healthful exercise delight;
Others in chess or music fix their mind
Requiring practice of no trifling kind;
Those who are gifted with a tuneful voice
In singing glees or such like strains rejoice;
While some to far less noble arts descend
Their time thus wasted oft in ruin end;
Then why should ringing be set down as nought
By some who never give the science thought;
Its exercise amusement doth impart
To those who are proficient in the art;
In it our energies are all required
Mental and physical and zeal untired;
Its compositions intricate are found
While in its changes harmony abound;
Then let those critics who our choice condemn
Leave us to follow it—we grant the same to them."

On the south side of the church is a tombstone to the memory of an old six bell ringer, named David Wheway, "Who departed this life October 13th, 1828, aged 77 years," with the following epitaph:—

"Here lies a ringer beneath this cold clay
Who rang many peals both serious and gay
Through Grandsire and Triples so well he could range
Till death call the Bob and brought round the last change."

T.W.C.

From Treble Bob to London Surprise.

(By BROTHER STRING.)

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CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 5 7 3 8 2 6 4	1 8 6 7 4 5 2 3	1 4 2 6 3 8 5 7	1 3 5 2 7 4 8 6	1 7 8 5 6 3 4 2	1 6 4 8 2 7 3 5	BOB
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7	5 1 3 7 2 8 4 6	8 1 7 6 5 4 3 2	4 1 6 2 8 3 7 5	3 1 2 5 4 7 6 8	7 1 5 8 3 6 2 4	6 1 8 4 7 2 5 3	8 3 2 6 5 7 1 4
1 2 4 6 3 8 5 7	1 5 3 2 7 4 8 6	1 8 7 5 6 3 4 2	1 4 6 8 2 7 3 5	1 3 2 4 5 6 7 8	1 7 5 3 8 2 6 4	1 6 8 7 4 5 2 3	8 2 3 5 6 7 4 1
2 1 6 4 8 3 7 5	5 1 2 3 4 7 6 8	8 1 5 7 3 6 2 4	4 1 8 6 7 2 5 3	3 1 4 2 6 5 8 7	7 1 3 5 2 8 4 6	6 1 7 8 5 4 3 2	2 8 5 3 7 6 1 4
2 6 1 4 3 8 5 7	5 2 1 3 7 4 8 6	8 5 1 7 6 3 4 2	4 8 1 6 2 7 3 5	3 4 1 2 5 6 7 8	7 3 1 5 8 2 6 4	6 7 1 8 4 5 2 3	8 2 3 5 7 1 6 4
6 2 4 1 8 3 7 5	2 5 3 1 4 7 6 8	5 8 7 1 3 6 2 4	8 4 6 1 7 2 5 3	4 3 2 1 6 5 8 7	3 7 5 1 2 8 4 6	7 6 8 1 5 4 3 2	2 8 5 3 1 7 4 6
2 6 1 4 8 7 3 5	5 2 1 3 4 6 7 8	8 5 1 7 3 2 6 4	4 8 1 6 7 5 2 3	3 4 1 2 6 8 5 7	7 3 1 5 2 4 8 6	6 7 1 8 5 3 4 2	2 5 8 3 7 1 6 4
6 2 4 1 7 8 5 3	2 5 3 1 6 4 8 7	5 8 7 1 2 3 4 6	8 4 6 1 5 7 3 2	4 3 2 1 8 6 7 5	3 7 5 1 4 2 6 8	7 6 8 1 3 5 2 4	5 2 3 8 1 7 4 6
6 2 4 7 1 8 3 5	2 5 3 6 1 4 7 8	5 8 7 2 1 3 6 4	8 4 6 5 1 7 2 3	4 3 2 8 1 6 5 7	3 7 5 4 1 2 8 6	7 6 8 3 1 5 4 2	2 5 3 1 8 7 6 4
2 6 7 4 8 1 5 3	5 2 6 3 4 1 8 7	8 5 2 7 3 1 4 6	4 8 5 6 7 1 3 2	3 4 8 2 6 1 7 5	7 3 4 5 2 1 6 8	6 7 3 8 5 1 2 4	5 2 1 3 7 8 4 6
2 7 6 4 1 8 3 5	5 6 2 3 1 4 7 8	8 2 5 7 1 3 6 4	4 5 8 6 1 7 2 3	3 8 4 2 1 6 5 7	7 4 3 5 1 2 8 6	6 3 7 8 1 5 4 2	5 2 3 1 7 4 8 6
7 2 4 6 8 1 5 3	6 5 3 2 4 1 8 7	2 8 7 5 3 1 4 6	5 4 6 8 7 1 3 2	8 3 2 4 6 1 7 5	4 7 5 3 2 1 6 8	3 6 8 7 5 1 2 4	2 5 1 3 4 7 6 8
2 7 6 4 8 5 1 3	5 6 2 3 4 8 1 7	8 2 5 7 3 4 1 6	4 5 8 6 7 3 1 2	3 8 4 2 6 7 1 5	7 4 3 5 2 6 1 8	6 3 7 8 5 2 1 4	2 1 5 3 7 4 8 6
7 2 4 6 5 8 3 1	6 5 3 2 8 4 7 1	2 8 7 5 4 3 6 1	5 4 6 8 3 7 2 1	8 3 2 4 7 6 5 1	4 7 5 3 6 2 8 1	3 6 8 7 2 5 4 1	1 2 3 5 4 7 6 8
7 4 2 5 6 8 1 3	6 3 5 8 2 4 1 7	2 7 8 4 5 3 1 6	5 6 4 3 8 7 1 2	8 3 2 7 4 6 1 5	4 5 7 6 3 2 1 8	3 8 6 2 7 5 1 4	2 1 3 4 5 6 7 8
4 7 5 2 8 6 3 1	3 6 8 5 4 2 7 1	7 2 4 8 3 5 6 1	6 5 3 4 7 8 2 1	2 8 7 3 6 4 5 1	5 4 6 7 2 3 8 1	8 3 2 6 5 7 4 1	1 2 4 3 6 5 8 7
7 4 2 5 6 8 3 1	6 3 5 8 2 4 7 1	2 7 8 4 5 3 6 1	5 6 4 3 8 7 2 1	8 2 3 7 4 6 5 1	4 5 7 6 3 2 8 1	3 8 6 2 7 5 4 1	1 4 2 3 5 6 7 8
4 7 5 2 8 6 1 3	3 6 8 5 4 2 7 1	7 2 4 8 3 5 1 6	6 5 3 4 7 8 1 2	2 8 7 3 6 4 1 5	5 4 6 7 2 3 1 8	8 3 2 6 5 7 1 4	4 1 3 2 6 5 8 7
4 5 7 8 2 6 3 1	3 8 6 4 5 2 7 1	7 4 2 3 8 5 6 1	6 3 5 7 4 8 2 1	2 7 8 6 3 4 5 1	5 6 4 2 7 3 8 1	8 2 3 5 6 7 4 1	1 4 3 6 2 8 5 7
5 4 8 7 6 2 1 3	8 3 4 6 2 5 1 7	4 7 3 2 5 8 1 6	3 6 7 5 8 4 1 2	7 2 6 8 4 3 1 5	6 5 2 4 3 7 1 8	2 8 5 3 7 6 1 4	4 1 6 3 8 2 7 5
4 5 7 8 6 1 2 3	3 8 6 4 2 1 5 7	7 4 2 3 5 1 8 6	6 3 5 7 8 1 4 2	2 7 8 6 4 1 3 5	5 6 4 2 3 1 7 8	8 2 3 5 7 1 6 4	4 6 1 3 2 8 5 7
5 4 8 7 1 6 3 2	8 3 4 6 1 2 7 5	4 7 3 2 1 5 6 8	3 6 7 5 1 8 2 4	7 2 6 8 1 4 5 3	6 5 2 4 1 3 8 7	2 8 5 3 1 7 4 6	6 4 3 1 8 2 7 5
5 8 4 7 6 1 2 3	8 4 3 6 2 1 5 7	4 3 7 2 5 1 8 6	3 7 6 5 8 1 4 2	7 6 2 8 4 1 3 5	6 2 5 4 3 1 7 8	2 5 8 3 7 1 6 4	6 4 1 3 8 7 2 5
8 5 7 4 1 6 3 2	4 8 6 3 1 2 7 5	3 4 2 7 1 5 6 8	7 3 5 1 8 2 4	6 7 8 2 1 4 5 3	2 6 4 1 5 3 8 7	5 2 3 8 1 7 4 6	4 6 3 1 7 8 5 2
5 8 7 1 4 6 2 3	4 8 6 1 3 2 5 7	3 4 2 1 7 5 8 6	7 3 5 1 6 8 4 2	6 7 8 1 2 4 3 5	2 6 4 1 5 3 7 8	5 2 3 1 8 7 6 4	6 4 3 7 1 8 2 5
5 8 1 7 6 4 3 2	8 4 1 6 2 3 7 5	4 3 1 2 5 7 6 8	3 7 1 5 8 6 2 4	7 6 1 8 4 2 5 3	6 2 1 4 3 5 8 7	5 2 1 3 7 8 4 6	4 6 7 3 8 1 5 2
8 5 7 1 6 3 4 2	4 8 6 1 2 7 3 5	3 4 2 1 5 6 7 8	7 3 5 1 8 2 6 4	6 7 8 1 4 5 2 3	2 6 4 1 3 8 5 7	2 5 3 1 7 4 8 6	4 7 6 3 1 8 2 5
5 8 1 7 3 6 2 4	8 4 1 6 7 2 5 3	4 3 1 2 6 5 8 7	3 7 1 5 2 8 4 6	7 6 1 8 5 4 3 2	6 2 1 4 8 3 7 5	2 5 1 3 4 7 6 8	7 4 3 6 8 1 5 2
5 1 8 7 6 3 4 2	8 1 4 6 2 7 3 5	4 1 3 2 5 6 7 8	3 1 7 5 8 2 6 4	7 1 6 8 4 5 2 3	6 1 2 4 3 8 5 7	2 1 5 3 7 4 8 6	4 7 6 3 8 5 1 2
1 5 7 8 3 6 2 4	1 8 6 4 7 2 5 3	1 4 2 3 6 5 8 7	1 3 5 7 2 8 4 6	1 7 8 6 5 4 3 2	1 6 4 2 8 3 7 5	1 2 3 5 4 7 6 8	7 4 3 6 5 8 2 1
5 1 7 3 8 2 6 4	8 1 6 7 4 5 2 3	4 1 2 6 3 8 5 7	3 1 5 2 7 4 8 6	7 1 8 5 6 3 4 2	6 1 4 8 2 7 3 5	2 1 3 4 5 6 7 8	7 3 4 5 6 8 1 2
1 5 3 7 2 8 4 6	1 8 7 6 5 4 3 2	1 4 6 2 8 3 7 5	1 3 2 5 4 7 6 8	1 7 5 8 3 6 2 4	1 6 8 4 7 2 5 3	1 2 4 3 6 5 8 7	3 7 5 4 8 6 2 1
1 5 7 3 8 2 6 4	1 8 6 7 4 5 2 3	1 4 2 6 3 8 5 7	1 3 5 2 7 4 8 6	1 7 8 5 6 3 4 2	1 6 4 8 2 7 3 5	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	7 3 4 5 6 8 2 1

In treating with this method, I have taken the Burton Variation, thinking it would meet with general approval. The original method only allowing a very limited number of musical positions, and a still smaller number of compositions, viz.:—one with its few variations, while this variation admits more freedom in composition, thereby allowing more musical pearls to be composed.

Cambridge is not a double method like the preceding ones. All dodges are single, with the exception of two in each lead; and places, though somewhat similar, are more simple than in Superlative. But let us proceed with taking the method to pieces, giving each piece a name.

In front we have four kinds of work, viz.:—*Work with the treble*, *Full work*, *Whole pull first*, and *Whole pull last*.

Work with treble consists of:—

- Dodge 1-2 down, lead and a whole pull in 2nd's.
- Dodge 1-2 down, lead.
- Dodge 1-2 up with treble, lay to treble.
- Dodge 1-2 down with treble, lead.
- Dodge 1-2 up, whole pull in 2nd's, lead.
- Dodge 1-2 up.

Full work.—A single dodge before and after leading.

Whole pull first.—Lead and dodge after.

Whole pull last.—Dodge 1-2 down, lead and go away.

The work behind is more simple than that of the front. A double dodge occurs immediately before and after the treble does her work in that position. The remainder is all single dodging before and after laying the whole pull.

The work with treble behind is like that of Superlative.

- Double dodge 7-8 up.
- Dodge with treble.
- Lay whole pull in 7th's before treble.
- Dodge 7-8 up with treble.
- Double dodge 7-8 down.

The other bells which assist in these double dodges, will be taken in another portion of the work.

There are four sets of places, two in 3-4, and two in 5-6. Being somewhat similar to those of Double Norwich, we give them the same names.

Near places from front, and *Far places* from front. *Near places* from behind, and *Far places* from behind.

Near from front.—Dodge 3-4 up; make 4th's and 3rd's.

Dodge 3-4 up (with treble); make 4th's and 3rd's.

Dodge 3-4 up

Dodge 5-6 up.

Far from front.—Dodge 3-4 up.

Dodge 5-6 up; make 6th's and 5th's.

Dodge 5-6 up (with treble); make 6th's and 5th's.

Dodge 5-6 up.

Near from behind.—Dodge 5-6 down; make 5th's and 6th's.

Dodge 5-6 down (with treble); make 5th's and 6th's.

Dodge 5-6 down.

Dodge 3-4 down.

Far from behind.—Dodge 5-6 down.

Dodge 3-4 down; make 3rd's and 4th's.

Dodge 3-4 down (with treble); make 3rd's and 4th's.

Dodge 3-4 down.

It will be seen that these are all straightforward places. Always dodge to or from these places, as the case may be. The furthest place is made first in each case.

All places are made with a whole-pull right, and no turning back after places are made, but continue in the direction you were going previous to making places. Dodge with treble in each case in centre of places.

Now let us put the work into sections, of which there are four; three from the front, and one from behind.

Two of these sections from the front can be termed sister sections, viz.:—*Double dodge up*, and *Double dodge down*. The remaining two sections, one from the front, and the other from behind, can also be classed as sister sections, which we will give the long names.

Far	} From front.	Far	} From behind.
Full		Full	
Straight		Straight	
Full		Full	
and Near		and Near	

Double dodge up.—Dodge 3-4 up, hunt through 5-6; *Double dodge 7-8 up*, single dodge 7-8 down, return to lead dodging in place missed on way up, viz., 5-6, and hunting through place dodge in on way up, viz., 3-4.

Double dodge down.—Hunt through 3-4, dodge 5-6 up, dodge 7-8 up (single) and a *Double dodge 7-8 down*, returning to lead hunting through place,

dodged in on way up, namely 5-6, and dodging in the place hunted through on the upward journey, namely 3-4.

Far full, &c., from front.—*Far places* from the front, *Full work* behind, *Straight* through to lead, *Full work* in front, *Near places* from front.

Far full, &c., from behind.—*Far places* from behind, *Full work* in front, *Straight* out behind, *Full work* behind, *Near places* from behind.

These four sections follow the undermentioned work in this manner.

Work with treble in front.—Double dodge up.

Whole pull first.—Double dodge down.

Whole pull last.—Far, full, straight, full, and near from front.

Work with treble behind.—Far, full, straight, full, and near from behind.

They are connected into the circle, the plain course in the following manner:—

Work with treble in front.

Double dodge up.

Whole pull last.

Far, full, straight, full, and near from front.

Work with treble behind.

Far, full, straight, full, and near from behind.

Whole pull first.

Double dodge down.

Work with treble in front.

It will be noticed that when one piece of work is done, it is followed by its sister piece, thus:—the two Far full, &c., follow each other, likewise the Double dodge down, and Double dodge up.

If a diagram of the plain course is made with treble and one working bell, this will be more easily traced; space not allowing it in these short articles.

AT A BOB.

It will be noticed that a bob in this method is very similar to that of Superlative.

The bell which has last done *Work with treble behind* and is on its way to far places after its 5-6 dodge, hunts down and finishes the last half of *Work with treble in front*.

The bell doing *Work with treble in front* after its first dodge with treble, runs out and does *Work with treble behind* dodging 5-6 up on its way.

The bell making *Near places from front* after its dodge with treble in 3-4, continues making 4th's and 3rd's till treble comes up to it, when it dodges with that bell and completes Far from behind, going on with Full in front, Straight out behind, Full behind, and Near from behind.

The places which are made by this bell are as follows:—

Dodge 3-4 up	}	Near from front.
4th's		
3rd's		
Dodge 3-4 up		
4th's	}	
3rd's		
4th's for Bob—		

3rd's	}	Far from behind.
4th's		
Dodge 3-4 down		
3rd's		
4th's	}	
Dodge 3-4 down		

(To be continued).

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EASTERN DIVISION).

A Meeting of this Division was held at Christ Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea, on Wednesday, 27th January. Ringing commenced soon after 4 o'clock, the members attending Evensong at 5 o'clock, after which an adjournment was made to the School Room adjoining, where a Meat Tea had been provided by the munificence of the local band, under the direction of their Captain, Mr. G. Watson.

Unfortunately ten members only (representing St. Mary's, Battle; St. Clement's, Hastings; Christ Church, Blacklands; and including Mr. C. Tribe from Wittersham), accepted the invitation, but with the addition of the local band, and the lady members of the congregation who had kindly consented to assist at the tables (including Mrs. Cleaver, Mrs. Chesterfield, Miss Goss, and Miss Salwey), a very enjoyable party was made up and presided over by the Rev. W. H. Cleaver, M.A., assisted by the Rev. J. F. Buxton, M.A., and those who were unable to attend missed a treat, there being an abundance of good things provided, and the whole arrangements carried out in the usual excellent manner in which most things are done by the Churchworkers of this Parish.

At the conclusion of the Tea, the District Secretary read a letter from the Rev. Loder Cother, of Arundel (the General Secretary of the Association), expressing regret at his inability to be present in consequence of a bad cold, and followed by proposing a vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness in presiding; to the local band for their hospitality; and to the

ladies who had assisted, remarking that he very much regretted that more members from outside the town had not attended. He thought that one reason of this was the inability of many to leave their employment early on a Wednesday, and another, the short-sightedness of the Railway Company in doing away with the reduced fares, at one time allowed to ringers on such occasions.

The minutes of the last meeting (held at Pevensey) were read and confirmed, and 23 new members were elected, belonging to the following towers, viz:—Christ Church, St. Leonards, 12; Christ Church, Eastbourne, 4; St. Mary's, Battle, 1; and Stone (Kent), 6.

The members then returned to the tower for further ringing, which included Plain Bob Minor and Major, and a 406 of Grandsire Triples, in which S. Watson of the local band, age 14, rang the treble.

PRESTEIGN, RADNORSHIRE.

On Tuesday, January 26th, the Knighton Ringers, with the Guild Instructor, paid a visit to the above Town with the intention of stirring up the interest of Change Ringing at that place. Permission was readily granted for the use of the bells by the genial Vicar, the Rev. G. Cuthbert, but upon examining the bells, the ringers could at once see they had something to do. The Knighton Ringers never having rung in a strange tower before, found not only twice the weight of metal, but also a long draught large wheels, made by a local man, and also that the bells were hung left-handed.

An attempt was made to raise in peal, but the dancing of the ropes proved most amusing to the lookers on, but not very pleasant to those under them. The bells being raised and all the clappers turned, a start was made for 120's of Doubles which was not far advanced when over goes the treble. This put right several other starts were made, each of which seemed to get nearer the beginning, but with perseverance and hard work the first 120 of Grandsire Doubles ever heard in Presteign was an accomplished fact. Rev. H. F. Bagshaw, 1; R. Burge, 2; R. Thomas, 3; J. E. Groves, (conductor), 4; F. Pewtress, 5; J. Perks, 6. Afterwards another 120 in the same method, J. E. Groves, 3; E. Griffiths, 4; and the rest as before. The bells were then lowered and the party with two of the local ringers adjourned to the Bull Hotel where they sat down to a well earned tea, after which, steps were retraced for the 6½ miles to Knighton. The bells are a fine ring of six by Rudhall—Cast 1717. Tenor about 16 cwt. in E.

BRECON, SOUTH WALES.

The Ringers of the above Town have just joined the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and have just received their first instruction in Change Ringing from the Guild Instructor, Mr. J. E. Groves. The bells of the Old Church are a fine ring of 8 by Rudhall, cast 1756. Tenor about 18 cwt. in E. flat, and was re-hung about two years ago by Messrs. Taylor. The bells are in first class order. The Ringers will form another addition to the very few Change Ringing Companies in Wales.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

At the annual meeting of the above Society on Wednesday, January 27th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Master, Mr. W. C. Hasted; Secretary, Mr. V. W. West; Steward, Mr. A. Hardy; Treasurer, Mr. C. E. Malin (re-elected).

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30th, a District Meeting of the Essex Association was held at Brentwood, when four members from Stansted, with Swords Bros. of Johannesburg, walked over from there to South Weald, and rang on the bells of St. Peter's a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, standing thus:—G. Jordan, 1; R. S. Swords, 2; F. Swords, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6.

ST. PAUL'S BELLS, BEDFORD.

The Committee, not being satisfied with the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th bells, have made an effort to replace them by five new ones. The Dedication service will take place on Wednesday, February 10th, at 3 o'clock, it being the 97th birthday of George Hurst, Esq., J.P., an honorary member of the Association, and the giver of the seventh bell. After the service, Mr. Hurst will unveil three peal tablets, one presented by his Worship the Mayor, recording the first peal of Caters rung upon the bells, and two others, given by the ringers, recording three peals on each. The bells will be dedicated by Archdeacon Bathurst, and the address will be given by the Rev. R. E. R. Watts, a former vicar of St. Paul's. Members and ringing friends will be heartily welcome.

J. HILLS, Local Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. G. J. Smith has removed to 14, Gillespie Road, Finsbury Park, N.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23rd, a meeting of this Association was held at Worksope, and turned out to be successful in every way. The tower of the Priory Church, by the kind permission of the Rev. H. T. Slodden, Vicar, was at the disposal of the ringers during the afternoon and evening, and there was an excellent attendance of members present, in spite of the inclement weather, the ringing chamber at times being taxed to the utmost to provide accommodation.

The bells, which are a musical ring of eight, were swinging early in the afternoon to the tune of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and, later in the day, the Retford ringers manipulated the full octave to a well-struck 672 Grandsire Triples, containing twelve 6-7's. This company being one short for ringing Major; otherwise, Kent Treble Bob Major was the method on the programme.

At 5 o'clock, the ringers, numbering about 30, adjourned to the Abbey Schoolroom, to partake of a splendid knife-and-fork tea, accompanied by an assortment of other dainties too numerous to mention, catered for by Host and Hostess Schofield in their well-known style. At the subsequent business meeting, the Rev. H. T. Slodden occupied the chair, and, in a brief speech, spoke of the pleasure it afforded him to give the Association members a hearty welcome to Worksope, nothing pleased him better than good change-ringing, and the knowledge that bell-ringers generally were united in one bond of brotherhood, he hoped they would make good use of the bells during the remainder of the evening.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and one new member (from East Markham) was duly enrolled. After which the Rev. B. Darley, Secretary, kindly requested the leaders of all towers connected with the Association to send in performances for 1896 eligible for the Peal Book, in order that the same may be entered in readiness for inspection at the Annual Meeting at Retford, on Easter Monday. This concluded the business, after which, Mr. H. Haigh rose, and proposed votes of thanks to the Rev. H. T. Slodden, for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and also for presiding, to the Rev. B. Darley (who had walked seven miles), for his presence as Secretary, and also to the Host and Hostess for providing such an excellent tea, Mr. J. Nuttall seconded, and the votes were carried unanimously. Subsequently the ringers adjourned to the tower, where ringing was continued until 9 p.m., and some well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples, and 720's of Treble Bob, were brought to a successful finish, particulars of which will be found in the Touch columns.

His Grace, the Duke of Portland has ordered, through Mr. T. Warner Turner, a new set of lower octave bells, at a cost of £13, for the Worksope handbell ringers. About three years ago his Grace presented the same ringers with a treble octave set of bells, which cost £8.

CROYDON, SURREY.

The annual dinner of the members of the Croydon Church Bellringers, took place at the Rose and Crown, Church Street, Croydon, on Thursday evening, January 21st, under the genial presidency of the Vicar (the Rev. H. H. Pereira, M.A.) The company, which included Mr. Howard Houlder, one of the churchwardens, numbered between 30 and 40 members and friends. Mr. J. W. Ellis, the popular landlord, surpassed himself in his excellent catering.

The loyal toasts having been given, on the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Houlder proposed "Success to the Ancient Society of Croydon Church Bellringers." He said the ringing of the Croydon bells was really a very important function in the Borough. It interested a large number of people far and wide, and gave them great pleasure to hear their merry peals.

Mr. States, in responding, expressed the pleasure it gave the ringers to see the Vicar amongst them, that, he believed, being the first occasion on which he had been present at their annual dinner. Alluding to the principal events in the belfry calendar during the past year, he mentioned the peal of 5040 Oxford Bob Triples rang on the occasion of the Royal visit last summer, and the muffled peal containing 5040 Grandsire Triples on the day of the late Archbishop's funeral, the first muffled peal he and several other ringers had ever rung. He expressed regret that they were unable to have Sir Frederick Edridge amongst them that evening, and delicately hinted that his long purse might be appealed to for the purpose of starting a fund to provide the belfry with ten bells instead of eight.

Mr. Ellis proposed "The Health of the Chairman, and Mr. Howard Houlder, his Churchwarden." It needed no words of his, he was sure, to convince them that, as bellringers, they had the utmost appreciation of the Vicar in providing them with the very best they could in the way of bell ringing for Croydon. He could only wish that they had ten bells. He thought that they would agree with him that the Vicar and his churchwarden, Mr. Houlder, had done their very best for the ringers, and their presence there that night was proof of their heartiest sympathy with them in all that they undertook.

The Vicar, in reply, said that with bell-ringing generally he was in exceeding sympathy, and he had been struck with wonder in watching the bell-ringing up in the tower. Somebody was responsible for having nipped his efforts in the bud as a bellringer. When he came to Croydon, the very first thing he did in the church was to try to ring a bell, and he had not

quite got over it yet. As to the proposed provision of ten bells, the fact of the matter was that they rang so well at the present time that he feared nobody would give them the extra two.

Mr. Houlder, who also responded, said it was a matter of great regret to him that his brother churchwarden, Sir Frederick T. Edridge, was unable to be present that evening, and in drinking his health as they had done he took it that they desired to include him also. As a churchwarden it was necessary to find some points of contact between churchwardens and bellringers. He need hardly say to them that the principal point of contact in the official connection between churchwardens and bellringers was that the churchwardens held the purse and had to disburse the necessary payments with regard to carrying on the services of the Church. Consequently they had to provide the funds for carrying on the bell-ringing. It was quite possible that there were certain things that churchwardens had to pay for which might be made grudgingly, but he most unhesitatingly—and Sir Frederick would agree with him—that there were few payments made for the carrying on of the acts of worship, whether bell-ringing or otherwise, which they as churchwardens made with greater pleasure than the necessary expenses incurred for the bell-ringing of the Old Parish Church of Croydon.

Mr. States, proposed, "The Visitors," and Mr. C. C. Bance, (Beddington) and Mr. Joseph Fayers, (Mitcham), responded, both of whom commented on the desirability of providing a peal of ten bells.

The Vicar, submitted, "The Host and Hostess," warmly complimenting Mr. Ellis upon his admirable catering.

Mr. Ellis made a felicitous reply.

Mr. Russell made a few remarks in favour of a peal of ten bells, and reminded the company of the words of the Psalmist, "Praise Him on an instrument of ten strings."

Before leaving, the Vicar said the arguments in favour of ten bells, had put the matter before him in a new light that night. He had always looked upon the desire for ten as an extra luxury. He quite saw the force of what their friends had said.

Mr. Ellis said he should be happy to start the subscription list with a couple of guineas.

In the course of the evening, songs were given by Messrs. Bray, Arnold, Rumble, Hill, and others, Mr. Arnold also giving a selection on the bells. Mr. W. Lacey ably presided at the piano.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of *Campanology*.

THE RECENT PEALS OF STEDMAN CATERS AT READING.

SIR,—I was greatly surprised, on receiving my last week's *Campanology*, to find the conductor of the above peals has failed to mention to the exercise, that the peal rang at Reading, on December 2nd, has been proved, beyond doubt, to be false. It has always been the usual thing, that when such unfortunate circumstances happen, for the conductor or composer to send an apology to the ringing papers, and seeing that another peal has been recorded without anything being mentioned of the above fact, I trust that the band will pardon me for bringing these facts before the exercise at large.

HAROLD N. DAVIS.

To the Editor of *Campanology*.

SIR,—The 5024 peal of London Surprise Major published on page 216, under my name, in your issue for January 13th ult., was in the next issue characterised by a correspondent as a "Simple Variation" of another composition.

I think I am correct in saying that only two 5024 peals in this method had ever been published; one by the late Mr Sottenstall, the other by Mr. A. P. Heywood in the year 1895; and as the peal first mentioned was composed and circulated about the country amongst, Bob Callers, years before the Appendix was thought of, it becomes a question not so easily dismissed as to who really is the author of the original.

HENRY DAINS, Royal Cumberland Youths.

INFORMATION WANTED.

A correspondent writes:—"Having seen it stated in one of our local papers 'That the staple industry of Wigan in the mediæval times was bellcasting, and that in several old churches at the present time are bells which were cast at Wigan.' Will any of your numerous readers, who know of any such bells that are in existence at the present time, let me know, through your paper, or otherwise, the particulars of same at his earliest convenience?"

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Notices.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at South Petherton, on Saturday, February 6th. Brake from Martock Station after arrival of 1.49 p.m. train. Towers open:—South Petherton (8 bells), Crewkerne (8 bells), Shepton Beauchamp (6 bells), and Norton-sub-Hamdon (6 bells). Short service in Parish Church at 3 p.m. Tea at the Crown Hotel, to be followed by the usual business meeting. Will all members who intend to be present, kindly inform the Hon. Secretary at once.

Hv. W. TOMKINS, Hon. Sec. & Treas., The Cottage, Old Cleeve, Washford.

THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX GUILD.

The next monthly meeting will be held at Heston, St. Leonard's, on Saturday, February 6th. Ringing at 5.30. It is earnestly requested that members will make an effort to be present, there being important business to transact, concerning the proposed amalgamation with the Middlesex Association.

Hv. F. G. LUCK, Hon. Secretary, 7, Warwick Place, Ealing.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting will be held at Halesworth, on Thursday, February 11th. Dinner, 1.30, "Swan" Hotel—Hon. Members, 2/3; Company Members, 1/3. Please notify Hon. Sec. before Saturday, February 6th, as to numbers for dinner tickets, railway fares, and Station of departure.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec., Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH).

The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. Phillips' Church, Hulme, on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting to be held in the British Workman's Club-room, at 7 p.m. Free invitation to ringers.

WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec., 54, Wenlock St., Hulme, Manchester.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 20th, the Twenty-ninth Anniversary of this Society, will be celebrated by a dinner at the York Hotel, Waterloo Road. Dinner Tickets 3/6 each, may be had of the following Committee:—Mr. H. N. Davis, 419, Old Kent Road, S.E.; Mr. V. West, 71, Langton Road, Brixton, S.W.; Mr. H. Barton, 36, Havel Street, Camberwell, S.E.; Mr. A. Hardy, 51, Kay Road, Stockwell, S.W.; Mr. F. G. Perrin, 42, Aylesbury Street, Walworth, S.E.; Mr. F. J. Pitts, 128, Leathwaite Road, Clapham, S.W.; or of the Secretary,

WALTER C. HASTED, 37, Rita Road, Vauxhall Park, S.W.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.—PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

Representatives who have been elected to the Central Council, are respectfully reminded that in accordance with the decision of the Council at its last meeting, the next meeting will be in held London, at Whitsuntide instead of Easter. The latest date for forwarding to the Hon. Secretary, Notices of Motions, &c. (which must be in writing, and signed by two representatives), will be therefore Saturday, May 8th. Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that the subscription to the Council of 2s. 6d. for each Representative is now due, and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer *without delay*, together with the names and addresses of the Representatives elected.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec., Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

MEETINGS FOR PRACTICE.

St. Luke's, Chelsea	- - - -	Every Wednesday	7.45 p.m.
St. John's, Waterloo Road	- - -	Every Wednesday	8 "
St. Mary's, Woolwich	- - -	Every Thursday	8 "
St. Margaret's, Lee	- - -	Every Thursday	8 "
St. Mary's, Finchley	- - -	Every Thursday	7.30 "
All Saints' Fulham	- - -	Every Thursday	8 "
St. Stephen's Westminster	- - -	Every Friday	8 "
St. Alfege, Greenwich	- - -	Every Friday	8 "
St. Margaret, Westminster	- - -	Every Monday	8 "
St. John the Baptist, Chip. Barnet	- - -	Every Monday	7.30 "
All Saints', Isleworth	- - -	Every Monday	8 "
St. Saviour's, Walthamstow	- - -	Every Monday	8.30 "
All Hallows, Tottenham	- - -	Every Tuesday	8.30 "
S.S. Peter & Paul, Bromley, Kent	- - -	Every Tuesday	8 "
St. Mary Abbots, Kensington	- - -	Every Tuesday	8 "
St. John's, Vassall Road, Brixton	- - -	Tuesday, Feb. 12th	8 "
St. Martin's-in-the-Fields	- - -	Friday, Feb. 5th	8 "
St. Magnus, London Bridge	- - -	Thursday, Feb. 4th	8 "

[The Editor will be pleased to receive from the Secretaries and custodians of the various towers any addition to this list.]

THE METROPOLIS.

The Bells are rung for Divine Service at the following Churches on Sunday next, February 7th, 1897:—

St. Paul's Cathedral—9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
 St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, E.—10 a.m.
 St. Stephen's, Westminster—10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
 All Saints', Fulham, S.W.—10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
 St. Luke's, Chelsea, 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
 St. Stephen's, Hampstead—10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
 St. Alfege, Greenwich, S.E.—10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.
 St. Mary's, Lewisham, S.E.—10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.
 S.S. Peter & Paul, Bromley, Kent—10 a.m.
 St. Mary's, Woolwich—10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.
 St. John the Baptist, Chipping Barnet—10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
 St. Mary's Finchley—10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
 All Hallows, Tottenham—10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.
 St. Mary Abbots, Kensington—6.15 p.m.

ST. MARY'S, ROSS.

CHOIR AND BELL-RINGERS' DINNER.

On Tuesday, January 19th, the members of the Choir, and Ringers, were entertained by the Rector, Churchwardens, and Sidesmen, at the "King's Head" Hotel to dinner. After the signal "Go" was pronounced by the Rector, for one hour and a quarter, the course-ends continued to turn up in good style. After partaking of a splendid repast, the Rector proposed the "Queen and Royal Family," which was received in the usual style by all loyal Churchmen. The next toast submitted from the chair was "Prosperity to the Church and its workers." The Rector then gave the toast of the evening, viz:—Choir and Bell-ringers. Mr. W. Trotman, Organist, responded on behalf of the Choir, and Mr. J. Clark, responding on behalf of the Ringers, said, that in January, 1896, when the old company resigned, he was asked by several of the present company if he would endeavour to teach them: at that time only a few could manage a bell properly, and since then they have rung several quarter peals, and also over 1800 changes of a date touch "Grandsire Triples." He thought the company had not done so bad considering from Easter to Whitsuntide they were not able to ring at all on account of illness amongst the members, but he was glad to say that they had made good progress from Whitsuntide to Christmas, and he hoped that before long he should have the pleasure of recording a peal. He thanked them for the kind manner in which they had entertained them that evening, and hoped that it was the first of a series of annual gatherings of the kind.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH).

The Annual Branch Meeting was held at High Wycombe, on Saturday, January 30th, when there were a large number of ringers present, including the Master of the Guild (Rev. F. E. Robinson), Chairman of the Branch (Rev. A. H. Drummond), Branch Secretary (Rev. R. P. Newhouse), Branch Treasurer (A. H. Cocks, Esq.), Secretary and Treasurer of Guild (Rev. R. H. Hart Davis). Among the Towers represented were High Wycombe, Hughenden, Marlow, Wooburn, Beaconsfield, Boyn Hill, Lane End, Bray, Burnham, and Farnham Royal. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and touches of Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples, and Grandsire Triples were rung; also a touch of Bob Major immediately before service, which was held at 5 o'clock, when most of the ringers were present. The service (a shortened form of evening prayer) was attended by a full Choir. The lesson was read by the Master of the Guild, and the sermon was preached by the Vicar of the Parish (Rev. E. D. Shaw). Tea was served in the National Schools, after service, to which about 100 sat down. After tea the Business Meeting was held, and officers elected for the ensuing year (no change being made). The Master of the Guild then spoke of the work done by the Guild in the past year, the most notable being the peal of London Surprise Major (11,328 chnrges), rung at Drayton, Berks, on September 17th. The ringers then returned to the tower, and touches of different methods were rung till 9 o'clock. In the course of the evening the Mayor of Wycombe (P. J. Rutland, Esq.) visited the Tower, and a touch of London Surprise Major was rung in his presence, the ringers standing as follows:—A. W. Tubb, 1; F. K. Biggs, 2; R. Biggs, 3; H. Stratford, 4; F. G. Biggs, 5; F. Boreham, 6; E. Yates, 7; J. Evans, 8. The Mayor (who formerly captained a band of ringers in Dorsetshire), complimented the ringers on their performances throughout the day. Altogether the meeting was a great success.

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