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FOR

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OUR AIM.

It is customary, whenever a new journal makes its appearance, for those responsible for its birth to offer some explanation to justify its entry into public affairs, or to make an apology for trespassing upon the public notice. Little explanation, we feel, is necessary to justify the coming of *The Ringing World* into a sphere in which there is a demand for a journal which shall record faithfully and promptly the doings of those engaged in the pursuit of bell-ringing.

If little explanation be necessary, still less is there need for apology. We do not hesitate to say that the legion of bell-ringers throughout the country have long been awaiting a journal which shall be in the truest sense a "newspaper," which shall reflect their opinions, which shall keep them in touch, week by week, with the doings of their colleagues throughout the country, and which shall cater for all grades of the Exercise—for those who are struggling with the early difficulties of Grandsire Doubles as well as for those who have reached the goal of ambition in the achievement of London Surprise or Cambridge Maximus; for those who are only upon the threshold of those intricate mathematical problems in Composition as well as for those who are steeped in the science, and whose delight it is to revel in a maze of figures complicated enough to turn the brain of the uninitiated.

We fully recognise the service which has been done in the past by other journalistic enterprises. Efforts involving self-sacrifice have been made by men devoted to the Art, but there never was a time when ringers generally felt that their requirements were more inadequately met than they are to-day, and yet bell-ringing was never more in the ascendant than at this moment. Great feats are being accomplished, which a few years ago were undreamed of, composers are constantly conquering new worlds, yet the interests of ringers are being, to a large extent, neglected. It will be our endeavour, with the co-operation of the ringers themselves, to remedy this position of affairs, and it is because of the demand that exists, and of which we possess ample evidence, that we feel no apology need be proffered in stepping into the arena to-day and appealing for the support of church bell-ringers throughout the country.

What is to be our aim? We intend to use our columns for the information, the instruction, and, we hope, the elevation of all who take an interest in the Art of Change Ringing and in the business and social side of the organizations which promote that Art. There are two things in the

conduct of a ringing journal which ringers rightly demand, and which it is our determination to carry out; indeed, the two points are essential to the success of any newspaper. One is that the journal shall be punctually in the hands of its readers week by week, and the other that passing events shall be recorded promptly. To accomplish this end we must necessarily rely to a large extent upon the help of the ringers themselves, but we feel sure that those who make themselves responsible for supplying reports will appreciate, just as much as those who have the pleasure of reading them, that there is far more interest in a short paragraph given in the issue immediately following the event than in a long report which appears three or four weeks later, when it has entirely lost its freshness. On our part, chief consideration will be shown to those contributions which arrive promptly after the event, and, while we do not desire to pass over anything of interest in the ringing world, we are convinced that the majority of ringers will be at one with us in seeking to carry out this determination.

No enterprise could have been embarked upon with more generous wishes for success than have been received in connection with *The Ringing World*. From north, south, east and west, since first the proposal to establish this journal was made known, have come messages of encouragement, and to our friends throughout the country we wish to express our gratitude for their kindly wishes. We certainly do not intend to boast as to the future career of *The Ringing World*. We shall be content to leave it to the calm judgment of the ringers themselves, feeling sure that they will appreciate at its proper value any merit that may be shown in extending their interest in what is happening in connection with the bells of our land.

The furtherance of the Art is the first object of this paper, and all that relates to its progress will find in it the warmest support. In addition to giving all news promptly, all matters relating to the Exercise will be dealt with freely and without prejudice, and we invite contributions to our columns of small items as well as of the necessarily longer reports. *The Ringing World* will be open for the fair and impartial discussion of all matters appertaining to the interests of ringers. We feel sure that the space set apart for this purpose will be appreciated, but we shall have to insist that all communications shall be accompanied by the name and address of the sender, although, of course, not necessarily for publication. On our part we intend to spare no pains to keep the pages of *The Ringing World* interesting to beginners as well as to the ringers of riper experience, to make them "newsy" as well as instructive.

In conclusion let us say we do not venture upon this undertaking without the realisation of difficulties to be faced and obstacles to be overcome. With the kindly help of those in whose interest this journal has been established, however, we are prepared to undertake the task, and the promises of support, in number most remarkable and from quarters most unexpected, which have been received, make us sanguine of success. There is unanimity of opinion that a "live" journal for bell-ringers is needed and, from the expressions which have reached us, our humble efforts to supply a distinctly long felt want will, we confidently believe, commend themselves to the approbation of the great majority of ringers throughout the country. At any rate we place the first number of *The Ringing World* before our readers, content to leave it to their judgment and in the hope that the spirit in which the work has been undertaken will perhaps be recognised and appreciated.

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John O. Sager, Solicitor, Todmorden, December 10, 1910.
Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., Bell and Brassfounders, Smethwick.

Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(St. Peter's Amalgamated Society.)

On Saturday, March 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

In the Kent Variation. Tenor 41 cwts.

†Tom O'Hara	*Treble*	*George O. Dixon	7
James Evinson	2	John Thorpe	8
William Lomas	3	R. Wilfred Collier	9
*Clement Glenn	4	†Walter Allwood	10
*Joseph Atkin	5	Sidney F. Palmer	11
*George Lewis	6	William Burgar	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles Henry Hattersley, and Conducted by William Lomas.

* First peal of Treble Bob Maximus. † First Peal on Twelve Bells. This peal was a birthday compliment to W. Burgar, who rang the tenor in excellent style, although he is only 9 stone 4 lbs. and not quite 5 feet in height.

TEN BELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in E.

Thomas W. Radford	*Treble*	Maurice Smither	6
Frederick A. Holden	2	Charles Hazelden	7
James Hunt	3	Septimus Radford	8
Charles Willshire	4	Frank Blondell	9
Charles Willshire, Sen.	5	Alfred H. Pulling	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, and Conducted by A. H. Pulling.

First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Crewe Branch.)

On Saturday, March 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's. Tenor 8 cwts. 2 qrs. 2 lbs.

†Stephen Wilcox	*Treble*	Edward Harper	5
Irwin Massey	2	James Wildblood	6
Harry Washbrook	3	William Rigby	7
Donald Booth	4	*Alex. Booth	*Tenor*

Conducted by James Wildblood.

* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. First peal as Conductor. H. Washbrook was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation of Thurstans' Four Part.

Tenor 19 cwts. in E.

David Tarling	*Treble*	William A. Alps	5
Miss Edith K. Parker	2	James Parker	6
John H. Benstead	3	George A. Card	7
Edward F. Cole	4	Thomas Miles	*Tenor*

Conducted by Miss Edith K. Parker.

WHITFIELD, GLOSSOP.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY AND THE BOROUGH OF GLOSSOP ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6080 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwts.

James Buckley	*Treble*	William Marsden	5
Thomas Jackson	2	Eli Garside	6
Herbert Bradley	3	Richard Newton	7
Frank Garside	4	John Lawton	*Tenor*

Composed by Samuel Wood, of Ashton, and Conducted by James Buckley.

This peal, the third by the newly-formed Borough of Glossop Association, is the longest length on the bells and by all the band. It was arranged for Mr. R. Newton, of Manchester, who was made a member previous to starting for the peal.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, March 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At the Parish Church, Erdington.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

Charles Cottrell	*Treble*	Thomas Russam	5
John Sanders	2	William J. Meers	6
George Garrison	3	Thomas Wells	7
Jonathan Preston	4	John E. Pywell	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter, and Conducted by William J. Meers.

Rung with the bells half muffled to the memory of Thomas Ryland, Esq., J.P., donor of the bells, who died March 1st, 1905.

GUISELEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Oswald,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Joseph Broadley	*Treble*	Thomas B. Kendall	5
Albert C. Fearnley	2	Frederick W. Dixon	6
James Cotterell	3	*Fred Salmons	7
William B. Smith	4	*Charles E. Waite	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick W. Dixon.

* First peal of Stedman.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 5, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*Harry Brewer	*Treble*	Alfred D. Mills	5
*Oliver Sippetts	2	*George W. Stokes	6
*Albert Harman	3	John Rice	7
*Albert E. Mitchell	4	†Frederick W. Rice	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains, and Conducted by Frederick W. Rice.

* First peal of Double Norwich. † First peal of Double Norwich as Conductor.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN CHILTON	*Treble*	JOHN G. HALL	5
WILLIAM PILLAR	2	RALPH M. POUNDER	6
ROBERT STEPHENSON	3	THOMAS METCALFE	7
ERNEST BURNETT	4	SAMPSON T. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

First peal of Stedman by ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22¼ cwt.

*NORMAN FLECK	*Treble*	EDWARD A. HERN	5
*JOHN S. RICHARDSON	2	ALFRED F. HILLIER	6
*JOHN F. BIRD	3	WILLIAM H. BARBER	7
ROBERT W. FALCONER	4	JOHN STUART	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal in the method. This composition, now rung for the first time, contains 318 singles and 118 bobs, and is only the second peal of Triples yet rung in the method.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3. qrs. 10 lbs., in A flat.

HENRY WOODFINE	*Treble*	RICHARD JONES	5
HENRY W. WILDE	2	JAMES MORGAN	6
ROBERT SPERRING	3	EDWARD ALLEN	7
GEORGE PIERCE	4	GEORGE JONES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band, and by the Guild, and in the County.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE PARISH CHURCH COMPANY.)

On Saturday, March 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*LOUIS PRICE	*Treble*	J. CHARLES DICKEN	5
ALBERT COPPOCK	2	*WILLIAM CLIFFORD, Jun.	6
*WILLIAM CLIFFORD	3	*EDWARD J. BOOT	7
FREDERICK S. PRICE	4	*PERCIVAL PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First peal of D. Norwich ever rung in the county of Notts by a band of ringers all attached to one tower.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 11, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, OLD BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH WAGHORN	*Treble*	JOHN H. BENSTEAD	5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER	2	WILBY J. HAZELL	6
GEORGE A. CARD	3	JAMES PARKER	7
EDWAR F. COLE	4	GEORGE PAICE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by MISS EDITH K. PARKER.

ANSTEY, NEAR LEICESTER.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt., in G.

JOHN J. JACKSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM WILLSON	5
ALBERT MASON	2	THOMAS BOTTRILL	6
ALEX BRAMLEY	3	JAMES HARRIS	7
MISS LILIAN WILLSON	4	EDWARD JACKSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD JACKSON.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Conductor before leaving for Saskatchewan, Western Canada.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs., in G sharp.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	5
HENRY W. WILKES	2	EDWIN J. HARDING	6
LIONEL H. PAGE	3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	7
CHARLES J. FRAY	4	OWEN GILES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. GEORGE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. George and Harding, and to Mrs. Williams, mother of Mr. G. Williams, who completed her 92nd year on the 8th inst.

THIRSK.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

BENJAMIN BUDD	*Treble*	JOHN W. NUSAM	5
CHARLES HOWROYD	2	JAMES METCALFE	6
HENRY PARISH	3	DR. H. C. PAULI	7
ROBERT BROWN	4	THOMAS METCALFE	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

First peal in the method by ringers of the treble, 4th, and 5th.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES F. BAILEY	*Treble*	JAMES M. BAILEY	5
*FREDERICK W. BAILEY	2	EDGAR H. BAILEY	6
*FREDERICK YOUNGMAN	3	NORMAN R. BAILEY	7
ERNEST S. BAILEY	4	GEORGE HARDY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method.

DUBLIN, IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt., in F.

GABRIEL LINDOFF	*Treble*	ANDREW J. CORRIGAN	5
WILLIAM E. LYNCH	2	ROBERT S. F. MURPHY	6
ROBERT TAIT	3	THOMAS GRANT	7
CHISTOPHER MURRAY	4	JAMES W. TOWNLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by J. W. TOWNLEY.

This is the first peal on the light octave.

PENDLETON, LANCS.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 13, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt., in E.

FRANK SMITH	*Treble*	SAMUEL GREENHALGH	5
ALFRED CROSS	2	GEORGE E. TURNER	6
JOSEPH TURNER	3	RICHARD RIDYARD	7
ARTHUR RIDYARD	4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. RIDYARD.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 13, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*WALTER PIGOTT	*Treble*	*HORACE HOWELL	5
GEORGE PIGOTT	2	SAMUEL GROVE	6
WILLIAM FISHER	3	JOSEPH PIGOTT	7
†MISS SARAH PIGOTT	4	JAMES DOWLER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH PIGOTT, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

* First peal on 8 bells. † First peal in the method.

POPLAR, E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 13, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. DONALDSON	*Treble*	EDWIN BARNETT, Sen.	5
THOMAS CRANFIELD	2	ALBERT W. COLES	6
HAROLD W. CLARK	3	REUBEN SANDERS	7
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	DALBY HODGSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Sen.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. W. Clark.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR PART. Tenor 13 cwt., in F sharp.

RICHARD DARLOW	*Treble*	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY	5
JOSEPH J. ALLEN	2	FREDERICK EDWARDS	6
FRANCIS A. SMITH	3	ROBERT E. STAVERT	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	JOHN BATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVERT.

This peal was rung by a local company.

STANSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR	*Treble*	JOHN LUCKEY	5
GEORGE P. BURTON	2	THOMAS JORDAN	6
GEORGE JORDAN	3	THOMAS J. WATTS	7
WALTER PRIOR	4	WILLIAM WATTS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

Arranged for Mr. G. P. Burton, of Norwich.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 18, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

ALBERT NASH	*Treble*	WILLIAM BURGAR	5
R. WILFRED COLLIER	2	SAMUEL WESLEY	6
CLEMENT GLENN	3	GEORGE O. DIXON	7
*JOHN H. BROTHWELL	4	SIDNEY F. PALMER	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

SAMLESBURY, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¼ cwt.

ROBERT SANDERSON	*Treble*	*HARRY FRANCE	5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	2	E. ROGER MARTIN	6
ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG	3	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE	7
FREDERICK HARWOOD	4	EDWARD ARMSTRONG	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal.

KEA, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES NO. 1. Tenor 12¾ cwt., in G.

EDGAR HAM	*Treble*	FRANK HALL	5
WILLIAM DAVEY	2	WILLIAM J. SANDERCOCK	6
HEBER HARRIS	3	CHARLES R. LILLEY	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	PETER HARFOOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Rung as a farewell peal to F. Hall, who is going to America, the band wishing him success in his new abode. The peal was also arranged for C. R. Lilley, of Caversham, Oxon.

ASHSTEAD, SURREY.
SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR PART.
Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

ARTHUR DEAN	*Treble*	JOHN HOYLE	5
ALFRED H. WINCH	2	JOHN WHITE	6
JOHN WYATT	3	WILLIAM S. SMITH	7
WILLIAM H. CORBETT	4	WILLIAM LYNCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

DEVONPORT, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 18, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT H.M. DOCKYARD CHAPEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM T. LINNELL	*Treble*	ERNEST W. MARSH	5
WILLIAM FORD	2	WILLIAM J. RUNDLE	6
HAROLD BENNETT	3	JOSEPH WOODLEY	7
FRANK HOCKADAY	4	JOHN HOBBS	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. RUNDLE.

* First peal away from Tenor. Rung as a welcome peal to Chief Petty Officer J. Woodley, on his safe return from Malta.

LONDON.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, STRATFORD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK NEWMAN	*Treble*	ARTHUR J. NEALE	5
WILLIAM DORAN	2	*WILLIAM THEOBALD	6
LEWIS GREEN	3	YORK GREEN	7
REUBEN SANDERS	4	HENRY TORBLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by YORK GREEN.

* First peal in the method.

THE METROPOLIS.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 18, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lbs.

CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES	*Treble*	HENRY S. ELLIS	5
SIDNEY F. GOWLETT	2	EDWIN F. PIKE	6
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	3	FREDERICK J. HARDY	7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	4	THOMAS WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt., in F sharp.

*WILLIAM LATTER	*Treble*	EDWARD F. COLE	5
LNC.-SGT. F. A. HOLDEN	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
ROBERT J. DAWE	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
ISAAC EMERY	4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SN.	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

* First Surprise peal, also first in a surprise method on bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*DANIEL JONES	*Treble*	HARRY PRICE	5
†JOHN C. ADAMS	2	WILLIAM FISHER	6
HERBERT KNIGHT	3	ROBERT MATTHEWS	7
JOHN BASS	4	JOSEPH PIGOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method away from the Treble, also first in the method on the bells.

SPITALFIELDS, LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SPITALFIELDS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 33½ cwt.

JOHN L. LAMB	*Treble*	JAMES GEORGE	5
BERTRAM PREWETT	2	ALBERT W. COLES	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	HARRY FLANDERS	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

WHITBY, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 19, 1911, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE WELBURN	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. KNAGGS	5
WILLIAM BRECKON	2	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER	6
FRANK S. HODGSON	3	RICHARD DUCK	7
ALBERT COATES	4	JOHN W. LOWTHER	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. ALEXANDER.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 20, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

TOM FORD, SEN	*Treble*	JOHN SMITH	5
TOM FORD, JUN.	2	JOHN SOUTER	6
CHARLES MILLS	3	GEORGE ARCHER	7
ALFRED KEEBLE	4	CLEMENT J. MORE	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by CLEMENT J. MORE.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11th, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich, Cambridge, Lincoln, London, Wells, York, and Durham. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE F. MARGETSON	*Treble*	HARRY TORBLE	4
WILLIAM THEOBALD	2	WILLIAM MILLER	5
GEORGE A. BLACK	3	JOHN MOULE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

This is the first peal on this beautiful ring of new bells, recently cast by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALBERT FOURT	*Treble*	WILLIAM B. MEADOWS ...	4
CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	2	HARRY MEADOWS	5
GEORGE LINES	3	ALFRED H. MARTIN... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

Rung as a welcome to the new vicar, the Rev. G. L. Richardson, who entered the ringing chamber before the start for the peal and wished the band success.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR IN 14 METHODS, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London, College, and London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, College Single, Double Court, and Bob Minor. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK SKINNER	*Treble*	FREDERICK SEAGER	4
GEORGE SNELLING	2	JOHN SNELLING	5
ALBERT BROWN	3	FREDERICK MANSER... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDK. MANSER.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER	*Treble*	GEORGE KEMP	4
LEONARD LAST	2	GEORGE CATTERMOLE ...	5
ALPHAEUS BERRY	3	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

First peal in the methods by the ringers of the treble and second.

COGENHAL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDK. ROWLEDGE	*Treble*	ALFRED H. MARTIN... ...	4
THOMAS LAW	2	FRED HOPPER	5
CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	3	FRED WILFORD...	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

ROCKLAND ALL SAINTS.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 6-scores of Stedman, 10 of Plain Bob, and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*FRED. SHINGFIELD	*Treble*	THOS. FITZJOHN	4
*WILFRED ALLEN	2	*HERBERT MASON	*Tenor*
ALFRED MACRO	3		

Conducted br THOMAS FITZJOHN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT 21, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN PART.

*SEPTIMUS RADFORD ...	1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE, Sen.	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	MAURICE SMITHER	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal on an inside pair.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	MAURICE SMITHER	5—6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, Sen.	3—4	HENRY L. GARFATH ...	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire, S. RADFORD.

Rung as a farewell peal to C. Willshire, Jun., who, to the regret of the Holy Trinity Society, has left Guildford to join His Majesty's Navy.

NEW METHODS NAMED.

Three of the Surprise Minor methods, published in the Central Council's *Collection of Legitimate Methods* have recently been rung for the first time, and the bands who have accomplished the first 720's have claimed the provilege of naming them. At West Clandon, Surrey, on February 26th, No. 5 was rung, and, if it has not already been named the Clandon men intend to call it "Winchester," to which Diocesan Association they are affiliated. It was rung by F. Day 1, W. Savage 2, H. Blackman 3, J. Goacher 4, W. Day 5, Fred Bennett (conductor) 6.

The other two were rung at Bourne, Lincolnshire. No. 24, accomplished on February 26th, has been named "Stamford," and No. 31, rung on March 5th, is to be called "Surfleet" by the company who are credited with the first performance. The first was rung by J. Neal 1, J. Osborne 2, J. W. Lake (conductor) 3, A. E. Larkinson 4, F. Blood 5, A. S. Allen 6. The ringers of the second were J. Neal 1, J. Osborn 2, J. W. Lake (conductor) 3, A. E. Larkinson 4, A. J. Holmes 5, R. Richardson 6.

Another Minor method, by the Rev. H. Law James, has been rung at St. Peter's, Netherseale, and named "Netherseale" Surprise. It was rung on March 11th at the first attempt and without previous practice by F. Shepherd 1, W. W. Worthington 2, W. J. Smith 3, J. H. Swinfield 4, A. P. Wakley 5, L. Bullock (conductor) 6. On the same date 720 Single Court, the first on the bells, was rung.

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OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

The Master of the College Youths.

There is no position in the ringing world more honoured than that of Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. At once the oldest and most widespread of all the ringing organisations, the Society has claimed among its members a large proportion of the most famous men who have adorned the Exercise, and it stands to-day in the forefront of the ringing institutions of the land. To be elected to the office of Master is no mean compliment, and there is

Mr. A. B. Peck.

in that post to-day a worthy successor to a long line of eminent men.

Mr. Alfred B. Peck, whose portrait we give on this page, became Master of the College Youths last November, after having served for four years in the office of Steward. He stood three times for election as Master, and was eventually elected unopposed. There is something a little romantic about the ringing career of Mr. Peck—another illustration of the irresistible call of the bells to one in whom the spirit of ringing lies dormant. The son of a call-change ringer, he learnt to pull a bell in his native town at Bedford on the ring of six at St. Mary's, and coming to London in 1900, had advanced no further than round ringing. In May of that year he heard the bells of St. Stephen's, Westminster, and he resolved to find out if there was any chance of taking up ringing in London.

For a youngster, he could have alighted upon no better place for acquiring the art, for the fame of the men at St. Stephen's is known throughout the Exercise. Mr. Peck found a cordial welcome in the tower and was soon put to ringing the tenor behind. He made no further progress for two years, but those men of St. Stephen's do not waste material, and Bob Newton, the friend and tutor of many a good ringer, at length induced him to leave 'the cover' for something far more interesting. He was started straight on to Stedman and after a short while was good enough for a peal.

The rest came easily. As the only learner in that band of experts, Mr. Peck made rapid advance and his sixth peal was a peal of London Surprise on a working bell, after only four months' change ringing. Few ringers probably

St. Stephen's, Rochester Row.

can boast of so great an advance in so short a time, but they seem to have a way with them at St. Stephen's of making good ringers by a short cut. One has only to look at Mr. Peck's record to appreciate the company among whom fortune placed him. Although still a young man, having been born in 1883 at Bedford, where he was educated, Mr. Peck has done most of the things in ringing worth doing and he has now rung 135 peals.

To mention some of the more important peals in which he has taken part, there are the Superlative Surprise Major, at St. Saviours, Southwark, on Feb. 27th, 1904, at that time the heaviest ring turned in to Major (tenor 52 cwt.); the three peals of London Surprise in one day, April 24th, 1905; the first peal of Maximus on the bells of Bow, Cheapside, on Jan. 19th, 1907; the first peal of Stedman on the bells of Sherborne Abbey, Dorset (tenor 46 cwt.), on May 20th, 1907; 6,000 of Treble Bob Maximus, at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Jan. 23rd, 1909; the tenor behind at St.

Paul's Cathedral (62 cwt.), on Feb. 13th, 1909, his 26th birthday; and the first peal on London Surprise Major on the back eight of St. Mary-le-Bow, on Jan. 14th of this year, the heaviest eight bells ever rung to a peal. In addition to these, Mr. Peck looks with pleasure upon the fact that he rang the tenor to the first peal of London Surprise ever rung in his native county—Bedfordshire—accomplished on Feb. 27th, 1909, at St. Mary's, Luton; and took part in the first peal of Stedman Cinques in Bucks, viz., at High Wycombe on Sept. 17th, 1910.

The Master of the College Youths has thus a ringing record of which any man may well be proud. His 135 peals are made up as follows:—

Grandsire Triples	2
Grandsire Caters	2
Stedman Triples	25
Stedman Caters	19
Stedman Cinques	6
Treble Bob Major	1
Treble Bob Royal	9
Treble Bob Maximus	5
Double Norwich Major	11
Double Norwich Royal	3
Superlative Surprise Major	13
Cambridge Surprise Major	1
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1
London Surprise Major	36
London Surprise Royal	1
Total	135

Of this number Mr. Peck has only conducted four, viz., London 2, Stedman 1, Treble Bob Maximus 1.

In addition to being a College Youth, Mr. Peck is also a member of the London County, the Bedfordshire, the Hertfordshire and the Kent County Associations, the Oxford and Salisbury Diocesan Guilds, the St. Stephen's, Westminster, the Waterloo and the St. Margaret's, Westminster, Societies.

The photographs from which this article is illustrated were specially taken for *The Ringing World* by Mr. Francis E. Dawe, of Woking.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

In this corner of *The Ringing World* we shall find room for some of those little items which it would be difficult to classify elsewhere; those stray bits which reach an Editor from time to time from odd quarters, but which are always interesting.

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In ringing journalism the young ringers have been sadly neglected, but it is our intention to give them a helping hand. Starting next week, "The Beginners' Corner" will become a regular feature of the paper.

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We much regret that we have been unable to insert a large number of contributions, particularly of touches, and several peals, which were sent along for the first number. While we fully appreciate the kindness of those who were desirous of sending material for the first number, the sixteen pages of *The Ringing World* would have been a totally inadequate space in which to publish all that was forwarded to us. We have, therefore, had to content ourselves with the latest of the peals and news, feeling sure that we shall readily be forgiven for "the slaughter of the innocents." We have also been obliged to hold over several compositions.

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Such an enormous amount of "copy" was received for the first number of *The Ringing World*—more than enough to fill the paper four times over—that we were bound to draw the line somewhere, and to omit a great deal of matter that was not strictly of recent date, although we are sorry to disappoint so many contributors. It is our intention to give first place to peals, and conductors are urged to lose no time in forwarding the reports.

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Many of our readers will doubtless be ready to remind us that *The Ringing World* is not registered for transmission as a newspaper. It has not been overlooked, but the G.P.O. takes nothing on trust, and the registration could not take place until a copy of the paper had been produced. We hope the formalities will have been completed before the next issue. This note is written to save many well-intentioned friends the trouble of reminding us of something that has not been forgotten.

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An instance of youthful precocity in bell ringing comes from Guiseley, Yorks. On his twelfth birthday, on March 9th, Master W. Dixon rang the treble to 360 Bob Minor, and on Sunday evening, March 12th, rang his first 720, having only started change ringing this year. Here is something for our boys to emulate. The 720 was rung by W. Dixon, A. Hardwick, C. E. Waite, S. Walker, W. B. Smith (conductor) and F. W. Dixon.

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After doing duty for over 30 years as steeple keeper at Tonbridge Parish Church, Mr. George Rabbitt has given up the office, and his services have been recognised by the ringers, who have presented him with a handsome pedestal clock. The presentation was made by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon C. G. Baskerville).

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On Saturday, the Sonning Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held the second meeting of the year for combined practice in Easthampstead tower, 16 members being present, representing Wokingham (All Saints), Hurst, Binfield, Sandhurst, Easthampstead and Wingfield. The following methods were rung: Oxford and Kent, Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles.

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Two new towers, with their ringers, were added to the Sussex Association at the quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division at Hailsham, viz., Chiddingly (11 members) and Aldrington. Six other members were also elected, and there was some good practice in standard methods. Mr. George Penfold, who was thanked for the good work he had done in compiling the peal points for the association, said he would like to see more members taking part in peals, and not leaving it to ten or twelve men to do all the work in this direction.

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At the annual meeting of the Northern Branch, Gainsborough District, of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, held at Gainsborough, Mr. J. C. Tinker was re-elected Ringing Master, and Mr. F. S. W. Butler District Secretary. Mr. F. F. Linley, who presided, read an interesting paper on the Parish Church and town of Gainsborough. Prior to the meeting there was a service in the church, an address being given by the Rev. E. S. Letts.

The work of rehanging the six bells at Appleby Wagner, Leicestershire, has just been commenced by Messrs. Kemp, of Leicester. The treble and fifth were found to be badly cracked, and are to be recast. The new frame is to be of wrought iron throughout, with roller bearings for the gudgeons. A false floor is to be provided to deaden the noise in the ringing chamber. The spire is also to be repointed by Mr. Mitchell, of Leicester. It is hoped that the work will be completed before the end of May.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

A Page of "Timely Topics," by Will Willson.

When the Editor commissioned me to write this page for the opening number, he stipulated that the matter should be in the printer's hands by a given date. Nothing is easier than to fix a date, and a fixed date always arrives. The date on the calendar warns me that it is time this document was in Fleet Street—I mean Woking. The hour has arrived, and the man is reclining in an easy chair, with his bell-buttoms in the "inverted home" position, *i.e.*, on the mantelpiece. In the embraces of my lady Nicotine, your servant is in a most complacent frame of mind, for he has dined wisely and well, having killed and eaten of the fatted calf that lately occupied a hutch in the backyard. But this positively will not do. The clock hands are moving fast, and I must get my nose down. Inspiration ought to be here by now, but he lingers somehow. By the way, what a pity someone does not invent a penny-in-the-slot machine whereby we hare-brained poets could get a refresher when wanted? It sometimes costs me as much as one-and-six to get inspired, that is, since the excise duties of the last Budget put up the price, and I begin to think it would be more economical to get it in by the cask. Selah!

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I suppose my readers have observed from time to time the various footnotes to peals. Some while ago our friend, Harry Withers, of Birmingham—a wizard on the dulcimer and the last word on the Cocoaville carillon—"called" a peal of Superlative by means of pushing an electric bell button in the street below. Then some ounce-and-half champion "called" something by means of kicks on the belfry door, which may be all right for dumb men, but is not to be compared to a stentorian BWOB, and pales into insignificance besides what occurred about a hundred years ago at Shifnal, Shropshire. About that time there lived one Sam Laurence, one who was all wool and a yard wide, warranted not to go baggy at the knees, etc. Samivel thought nothing in those old stage coach days of ringing in Lancashire on a Monday, Shifnal on a Wednesday, and in London with the College Youths on the Friday of the same week. The tit-bit of his ringing seems to me to be a touch of 1008 Bob Major in handbells rung, I think, at the sign of The Eight Bells, which hostelry you can see from the train as you pass through on the Great Western. Facing the church this would be no doubt the ringer's house—within the meaning of the Act—and what occurred is remarkable. Since seeing a copy of Sammy's peal book I have forgotten the other ringers' names, but we will call them Smith, Brown and Jones.

On the date given was rung 1008 Bob Major by
Smith (in the parlour), 1—2;
Brown (in the bakehouse), 3—4;
Jones (down cellar), 5—6;
Samivel (in bed and called), 7—8.

I don't think the gentle reader will want to read of any more button-pushing after that. If anyone wishes to know which pair and position I should have preferred, I may say "what happened to Jones" (possibly) would certainly have happened to me, for I believe it is customary in such places to keep the Stilton down cellar, and where the lively Stilton is there is liquid nourishment also! At least that is what I am told.

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Anyone who follows the Parliamentary news may often marvel at the peculiar questions put to Ministers at the usual hour. I learn that the late member for Bootle received from one of his constituents the following letter requesting Colonel Sandys, M.P., "to ask the President of the Board of Trade whether he is aware that large quantities of machinery have been imported from Germany *for the purpose of taking the wrinkles out of tripe*, and is he prepared to introduce a short Bill during the present session of Parliament to stop such importation, as tripe is one of the staple foods of the people of Lancashire."

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According to the *Daily Chronicle*, Colonel Sandys is reported to have replied saying that while the dumping constituted a real grievance, the moment to put the question was inopportune. This tripe affair is undoubtedly food for reflection. The staple food of Lancashire people! Great Scot! When I was in Manchester a little while ago did I not see a number of ringers chewing something off a skewer? It was in close proximity to a cat's-meat shop, but they seemed to like it. If Colonel Sandys, of Bootle, will communicate with me I will undertake to show him an instance how manual labour can beat the German machinery hollow. There is no necessity to introduce a Bill, but with a Harry and half-a-dozen more, I make bold to say that they would take the wrinkles out of all the tripe the late member for Bootle cares to put before them. Moreover, I would give the gallant Colonel a written guarantee that the aforesaid wrinkles would never, no never, return, and, in conclusion, it goes without saying, dearly beloved brethren, that the operation would be done in record time.

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AN INTERESTING POINT IN COMPOSITION.

There is a touch of romance about the production of Bristol Surprise Royal which may prove of interest; one at least which will always make me pause and think before again pronouncing anything in the world of figures to be impossible unless I have seen a very definite and clear proof of the fact.

I was in Bristol last January, and after ringing we were discussing the merits of the various Surprise methods on ten bells. My Bristol friends had rung so many peals of Cambridge Royal that they wanted something fresh, and one of them asked if Bristol Surprise would expand to Royal. I answered emphatically,—"No,"—and for this reason:—In a Double Surprise method the work of the bells in front and behind must correspond when the treble is in 5, 6. Now a glance at Cambridge Surprise will show a row in which 1sts, 4ths, 7ths, and 10ths are all made in a single row:—

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But in Bristol Surprise the four-bell work is always running in reverse coursing order when the treble passes from the front to the back. I thought that that row with the four places in it was a necessity in all Double Royal methods, hence my opinion that it was impossible.

However, when I got home I began to wonder whether I could not produce some ten-bell method nearly allied to Bristol which might prove of interest, so set to work, and shortly found myself confronted by the figures which I give on this page. The method is undoubtedly Bristol, the third's place made in Bristol Major when the treble enters 5, 6 being delayed until she goes into 7, 8. Your readers may be interested to discover for themselves how the row with four places in it—or to give it a better name, the triple change—is avoided.

RINGING CONTEST AT HAWORTH.

The general meeting and six bell contest at the Halifax and District Association was held at Haworth last Saturday, when the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Storey, kindly placed the bells at the society's disposal. A large number of ringers and friends attended, and nine sets of ringers took part in the contest, each company ringing a test piece of 504 changes, preceded by 72 changes for practice. The judges were Messrs. Broadley and Kendall, of Bradford, and Mr. Preston, of Haworth. The draw for order of ringing took place at 3.15 p.m., the competition being completed soon after 9 p.m.

During the afternoon a splendid tea was served, to which 100 visitors sat down.

At the conclusion of the ringing the general meeting took place in the school, the chair being taken by Mr. Lawson (the president), who was supported by the Vicar and the society's officers.—On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Bolland, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local company; also to the ladies for their assistance at the tables.

The result of the contest was announced by Mr. Broadley as follows: Long 165, Kildwick 202, Carshalton 148, Stainland 217, Brighouse 368, Heptonstall 125. Heptonstall were declared the winners. The Rev. T. W. Storey acknowledged the vote of thanks, and, amid applause, presented the cup to Mr. Ingham, the conductor of the winning team, who proposed a vote of thanks to the judges, for whom Mr. Broadley replied.—A similar compliment to the chairman brought a successful meeting to a close.

A farewell touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung at Worksop on Monday, March 6th, to Mr. G. H. Haigh, son of Mr. H. Haigh, of Worksop, who sailed from Avonmouth Dock for Manitoba on the 8th, with the best wishes of his many ringing friends. It was also the last touch for practice on the bells before they are rehung. G. H. Haigh (conductor) 1, H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, H. Haigh 5, T. Bartholomew 6, T. Wilson 7, F. Hind 8. On the preceding day touches of 210 and 336 were rung with Mr. G. H. Haigh conducting, these being his first touches as conductor.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—Lancashire Association (Furness and Lake District Branch).—On March 12th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (26 singles). J. T. Thompson 1, W. S. Forshaw 2, J. Huddleston 3, T. Suart (conductor) 4, C. J. A. Cushing 5, J. Burrows 6 March 19th, 720 Horsham Bob (18 Bobs and 2 singles): T. R. Jackson (conductor) 1, J. Huddleston 2, T. Metcalfe 3, T. Suart 4, W. S. Forshaw 5, J. Burrows 6.

LONDON.—The London County Association, late the St. James' Society.—On Sunday, March 12th, in 46 mins., at the Church of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: C. H. Hughes treble, S. F. Gowlett 2, H. T. Gowlett 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, W. H. Taffender 5, R. F. Deal 6, F. J. Hardy 7, T. Walker tenor. First quarter-peal of Grandsire by the treble and third.

WESTON FAVELL.—The Central Northamptonshire Association.—On March 17th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes): W. Law 1, G. Luck 2, T. Law 3, C. Haines 4, F. Rollings (conductor) 5. Each six-score was called differently.

LONDON.—On March 18th an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells was lost after ringing 1200 changes: J. D. Matthews 1—2, A J. Perkins (conductor) 3—4, C. N. Leman 5—6, T. Loosemore 7—8. 503 Grandsire Triples: C. N Leman 1—2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3—4, J. D. Matthews 5—6, J. A. Dart 7—8. Also a 518 conducted by J. D. Matthews, and a 504 by A. J. Perkins, and a course each of Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major. All the above are members of the London Society of Compositors. Any other ringing members of that society are invited to communicate with Mr. Matthews, at 130, Clonmore Street, Southfields, S.W.

LUTTTERWORTH.—On Saturday, March 18th, at Wycliffe's Church, 672 Grandsire Triples, being the longest touch by all, excepting the instructor: T. Green 1, P. Rourke 2, S. Poole 3, T. Ross 4, F. W. Herbert 5, W. Williamson 6, W. Willson (conductor) 7, W. Tilcock 8. Rung in honour of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Peterboro'.

LONDON.—The Guild of St. John the Divine, Kennington.—On Sunday, March 19th, for evening service, 1330 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 47 mins.: E. S. Garnett 1, H. J. Walton 2, A. Walton 3, T. W. Wyatt 4, A. T. Miller 5, A. S. Miller 6, G. W. Wild (conductor) 7, K. C. Wightman 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John the Baptist Church, on Sunday, March 19th, for Confirmation Service, 540 of Stedman Triples: W. States 1, E. Miles 2, J. Talbot 3, S. Roper 4, A. Jones 5, W. Groves 6, A. W. Clark (conductor) 7, E. Pope 8.

LAMBERHURST.—Kent Association.—On Sunday, March 19th, a date touch of Minor (1911 changes) in 1 hr. 7 mins., 720 of College Single, 360 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and 111 Plain Bob: J. Bailey 1, E. C. Lambert 2, G. Fuller 3, W. W. Marshall 4, F. J. Lambert 5, A. Marshall (conductor) 6.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—The Sussex County Association.—On Sunday, March 19th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Denman 1, F. Adams 2, R. Bowell 3, G. Lucas 4, J. Bowell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6.

PEAL OF EIGHT FOR MACHEN.

A £350 SCHEME.

The bells of Machen Parish Church, near Newport, Mon., are to be restored and augmented to eight, and the scheme will cost about £350. The present bells have not been rung for some time, and a short while ago were taken down for safety. A public meeting has been held, at which the Rector (the Rev. Canon Griffith) explained that the estimate for the renewal of the whole of the framework and hanging of the six bells was £168, recasting the fourth bell £16, a new chiming apparatus 2 guineas per bell, and a new double floor packed with silicate cotton for £14 15s., making a total of £211 7s. A new treble bell was estimated to cost £38 5s., and a new tenor £97, but as there would not be room to put the eight bells on the same level two of the smaller bells would have to be hung above the others, involving a cost of £15 5s. for extra frame work. However, as the bell in the peal of six would not have to be recast if they had a peal of eight it would counteract this item. The whole cost for the new scheme of eight bells would be £350.

Subscriptions amounting to £86 had been promised, and, together with £30, carried over from last year's fête, made a total of £116. Lord Tredegar had had the proposed renewal and estimates placed before him, and he had expressed himself in favour of the scheme, and had promised to help.

A resolution to the effect that the work should be proceeded with with the least possible delay, and that the peal should be raised from six to eight bells, was carried unanimously, and subscriptions to the amount of £10 were promised in the room.

A NEW TOWER AND BELLS.

DEDICATION AT CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

The new tower and bells added to the Parish Church of Caerphilly (St. Martin's) were dedicated on Tuesday evening, March 14th, by the Bishop of Llandaff, the occasion providing a further proof of the zeal of church workers in the parish of Caerphilly and reflecting additional credit upon the energy of the Rector, the Rev. Cannop L. Price, M.A., who is clerical hon. sec. of the Llandaff Diocesan Association of Change Ringers.

During the last nine years under his direction, church workers have undertaken much extension work, among which has been the extension of the Parish Church at a cost of £4,000, the erection of a mission church at the lower end of the town, and now a new tower at a cost of £1,500 with a handsome peal of bells (the gift of Miss Anthony, The Grove, Caerphilly). The tower has been designed by the diocesan architect, Mr. G. E. Halliday, and the construction has been carried out by Messrs. E. Turner and Sons, Cardiff. The tower is a massive and imposing structure, well suited to its surroundings, standing 75ft 6in. in height and being 23ft. wide. It is built of Pennant stone with hard bed Doulton stone dressings. The extension comprises a vestry, ringing room, clock room and belfry. The style is that of fourteenth century English Gothic.

At the dedication service the Rev. Cannop L. Price officiated and was assisted by the Rector of Gellygaer (the Rev. T. Jesse Jones, R.D.), the Rector of Eglwysilan (the Rev. D. Lloyd Rees), the Rev. C. T. Thomas (Bedwas), the Rev. C. James, the Rev. Gwilym Rees (Senghenydd), the Rev. Harold Thomas (Caerphilly), and others.

Owing to the late arrival of the Bishop of Llandaff the pulpit was filled by the Rector of Gelligaer, who remarked upon the great and phenomenal change that had taken place in the parish. The old St. Martin's Church of a few years ago, so lowly, so humble, utterly inadequate and utterly inappropriate for its purpose, had been changed and they saw in its place a great and splendid building. The Bishop would presently dedicate the beautiful peal of bells, given by a lady who bore a name that had been honoured in the valley for many and many a year.

The Bishop of Llandaff, at the conclusion of the service, apologised for his late arrival, explaining that his taxi-cab had broken down in Cardiff as he was on his way to the station and as a consequence he lost his train. He was grateful to the Rector of the parish for proceeding with the service and the Rector of Gelligaer for taking the sermon. He congratulated them on the accomplishment of the work at St Martin's and on the beautiful peal of bells, and he hoped that those bells would be the means of drawing the thoughts of many to the source of all joy and comfort and the object of their worship.

The bells, a ring of eight (tenor 13 cwt.), are by Messrs. John Taylor & Sons, Loughborough, and are a beautifully sweet toned ring, reflecting the highest credit on the founders. The ringing was carried out by the following members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association:—J. Clutterbuck, S. Dawe, J. Harris (Llandaff Cathedral), W. B. Biss, F. Chamberlain, W. Bolton, W. Heath (St. John's, Cardiff), J. W. Jones, F. E. B. Charles (All Saints', Newport). Before and after the service touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, conducted by J. W. Jones and W. B. Biss respectively.

At the conclusion of the ringing an excellent dinner was served to the ringers at the Rectory. The Rector and Major Anthony (a nephew of Miss Anthony) were present, and at the conclusion of the dinner the "Health of the Donor of the Bells" was heartily drunk, as was also that of Major Anthony and the Rector of the Parish. The Rector took advantage of the occasion to present to Mr. J. W. Jones a pocket wrap and photograph as a token of gratitude for the help and advice he had given in connection with the bells.

SCHOOL CHILDREN GREET A NEW BELL.

The peal of five at Wembden Church, near Bridgwater, have been augmented by the addition of a treble, in memory of the late Mr. J. H. Gould, for many years one of the churchwardens. The bells have also been re-hung in a steel frame, and the interior of the tower put into thorough repair.

When the new bell, which came from the Loughborough foundry, entered the parish, it was decorated with flowers, evergreens and flags. As it proceeded to the church it was met by the school children, and drawn by them with much cheering to the foot of the steeple, and afterwards hoisted into its place among its fellows. The work of re-hanging was satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. T. Doble & Son, of Taunton. The new bell was dedicated on Sunday week. The tenor of the peal is a bell dated 1719.

LANCASHIRE MEETINGS.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.

Ringers of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association gathered in good numbers at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, the 11th, for a district meeting, representatives attending from Liverpool, Ormskirk, Oldham, Loughborough, Stockport, Didsbury, Manchester St. John's and Town Hall, Pendleton, Prestwich, Reddish, Rusholme, Stretford, etc. Ringing commenced with a touch of Minor on the front six, followed on with some Grandsire Caters. Two courses of Kent Royal were rung by J. Turner, R. Lane, A. Barnes, R. Davies, A. Cross, W. Brown, H. Dransfield, S. Stott, R. Newton, H. Chapman (conductor). Owing to the organ recital the ringing had to cease at 7 o'clock with Courses of Stedman Caters and Bob Minor. A short business meeting followed, presided over by P.-c. R. Newton, who, in the name of the other policemen ringers, welcomed the company. Thanks were accorded to P.-s. W. Cartwright for having had everything in readiness, to the Committee for granting permission, and to the chairman for presiding.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the above branch was held at St. Albin's, Rochdale, Saturday, March 11th. Ringers were present from Rochdale Parish Church, Middleton, Milnrow, Newhey, Balderston, Todmorden, and Oldham churches. Mr. S. Brierley, President of the branch, presided at the business meeting, at which one new member was elected. Before and after the meeting touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South Eastern District of this Association was held at Prittlewell on Saturday last. The attendance was affected by the bad weather. After attending Divine service, the ringers adjourned to St. Mary's Parish Room, very kindly lent by the Vicar, for tea, to which 15 sat down. The Rev. H. H. Andrews (curate of St. Mary's) afterwards presided over the business meeting. A letter of apology for his unavoidable absence was read from Mr. H. T. Cooper, the District Secretary. Brentwood was selected for the summer meeting to be held in July.—On the proposition of the District Master (Mr. Edwards), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and the room for the tea and meeting, and to the Rev. H. H. Andrews for presiding, to which the latter replied. The bells were kept going to Standard Methods until 8.30 p.m.

OUTWARD BOUND.

On Saturday, March 11th, as the peal column bears witness, the ringers of Anstey, near Leicester, paid a passing tribute to Mr. Edward Jackson with 5088 Treble Bob Major. The peal, which Mr. Jackson conducted, was rung as a farewell to him before sailing for Saskatchewan, Western Canada. Previous to ringing, the company of ringers and churchworkers were photographed, along with the Rector and Churchwardens, as a momento of the occasion, and, at the close of the peal, the party adjourned to the schoolroom, where Mr. Jackson was the recipient of a brown cowhide Gladstone bag to take with him to the far West. In a felicitous speech the Rector (Rev. J. Kerry Williams, M.A.) made the presentation, and voiced the feelings of those present in wishing their brother ringer a safe voyage and success in his new sphere. He expressed the regret of all, that some of England's better class of workers should be compelled to leave their own land and seek a livelihood at the other end of the earth.—Messrs. Gelsthorpe and Richards also expressed the ringers' good wishes. The company afterwards sat down to tea together, and spent a happy hour in harmony and social intercourse at Mrs. Jacksons'.

"Ted" Jackson will be badly missed in local ringing. He, with the others, are members of the C.E.M.S., and has rung over 30 peals in the few years he has been ringing. His peals include Treble Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich, and he was ready for a peal of Superlative. His longest length was 10192, and if anything will draw him back again to his native place it will be his love of the bells. God-speed.

Mr. G. Roberts, the secretary of the St. Illtyd's ringers, Bridgend, Glamorgan, is also among those who are seeking fortune overseas. He is about to leave for Canada, and on Monday week was presented with a handsome dressing case by the members of the company, as a token of regard and esteem. The Vicar (the Rev. D. Phillips) presided at the function, and the presentation was made by the Master (Mr. R. Evans), both these gentlemen expressing appreciation at the manner in which Mr. Roberts had discharged his duties, regret at his departure, and good wishes for his future success.—Mr. Roberts made a feeling reply.—Mr. A. J. Stanley was afterwards elected secretary.

[The record of the farewell peal has been sent in without date.—ED.].

ST. ANDREW'S, NETHERTON.

The funeral took place on March 11th at St. Andrew's Churchyard, Netherton, of the late Mrs. Robinson, wife of Mr. D. Robinson, formerly of Netherton. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson were the donors of the two trebles in St. Andrew's Church, and, as a tribute of respect to the deceased lady, an attempt was made for a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples. The peal, however, unfortunately came to grief in the fifth part. Mr. A. Greenfield was the conductor. On Sunday, the 12th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1260 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled, under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Prestidge.

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PRESENTATION AT GUILDFORD.

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Mr. Willshire, although not yet out of his teens, has taken part in some 34 peals, including peals of Superlative Cambridge, London, Bristol, and Norfolk Surprise. Owing to services, it was not possible to arrange a farewell peal on the church bells, but a handbell peal was rung by four members of the Holy Trinity Society, and is recorded in another column.

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NOTICES.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly Meeting at Carshalton on Easter Monday. Bells open from 2 to 9 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., which ringers are requested to attend. Tea at 6 p.m. in the Parish Room ; meeting afterwards, at which the Rector will preside.

Will unattached members who intend being present please notify Mr. F. Holden, 1, Palmerston Road, Carshalton, not later than Thursday, April 13th.—Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary.

ALL RINGING will be discontinued at St. John's, South Hackney, until further notice, during the renovation of tower.—A Riley, Steeple Keeper.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—Practice nights in future on Thursdays at 8 p.m., instead of Fridays.

Mr. F. Wilford, honorary secretary of the Central Northamptonshire Association, has removed to 29, Bostock Avenue, Northampton.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Ecclesfield on Easter Monday. Bells available from 12 o'clock, by kind permission of the Rev. F. W. Pawson, Vicar.—T. Riley, Honorary Secretary.

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GRATIFYING RECEPTION.

It was not without some feeling of trepidation that we submitted the first number of *The Ringing World* to the judgment of the Exercise, but the reception accorded to the new journal has surpassed all expectations, and, naturally, has given us cause for extreme gratification. Our effort to provide ringers with a publication which shall be in some measure commensurate with their requirements have met with widespread appreciation, and, judging from the large number of letters which we have received, the Exercise generally realises that a genuine effort is being made on its behalf to fill that gap in ringing journalism which has been so much felt. To many friends throughout the country we return our sincere thanks for their messages of congratulation and their wishes for the success of *The Ringing World.*

Our aim, as we said last week, is to cater for all grades of the Exercise, and to record faithfully and promptly the doings of those engaged in the pursuit of bell-ringing. If we succeed in doing this we believe our claim to the support of bell ringers will need no further justification. Our efforts will be devoted to the interests of the Art and the encouragement of all its branches. Necessarily, however, we must rely to some extent upon the kindly help of the ringers themselves to keep us informed of passing events, and we are sure this appeal will not be made in vain.

Some interesting suggestions have been put forward by a few correspondents, and these will have the most careful consideration. In a letter in another column the suggestion is thrown out that a periodical Art supplement, for which an extra charge should be made, would be appreciated by readers of this journal. If a proposal of this kind were to meet with anything like general approval, it would give us pleasure to fall in with the suggestion, but we know there is often an objection among the reading public to "double numbers" sprung upon them from time to time. The matter, however, is one upon which expressions of opinions are invited, and later on we hope to be able to give a summary of the views expressed. Meantime, we shall continue our weekly illustration—a feature which appeals to so wide a field of readers.

The Ringing World has begun its career under the most promising auspices, and our peal columns last week gave an indication of the area throughout which the paper is already known—from Cornwall to Northumberland, from Dublin to London. Our only regret was that we had not room for all the matter that was sent us for publication. Many friends were probably disappointed that their contributions were omitted or curtailed, but, under the circumstances, it was unavoidable. Now that we are well started we hope that contributors will make a point of

sending their reports to us at the earliest possible moment, and so make sure of publicity before the news has reached the category of history. Encouraged by the congratulations and good wishes we have received, and by the hope that the ringers generally will find in our columns that interest which it will be our endeavour to create, we go forward in the confident belief that *The Ringing World* has a successful career before it.

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Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., Bell and Brassfounders, Smethwick.

Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, March 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAELS AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

HERBERT STANSFIELD	*Treble*	FREDERICK PAGE	7
GEORGE GARNETT	2	SAMUEL WOOD	8
JOSEPH MELLOR	3	BENJAMIN GILL	9
CHARLES BOWER	4	ALBERT ADAMS	10
JAMES WOOD	5	HARRY CHAPMAN	11
WALTER WOLSTENCROFT	6	SAMUEL BOOTH	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

TEN BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, March 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt., in C sharp.

ARTHUR F. ASHMAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	6
GEORGE E. WILLIAMS	2	*FRED HAYES	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	3	RICHARD BUCKLAND	8
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	4	JAMES W. WILKINS	9
RALPH COLES	5	†FRANK W. BOXELL	*Tenor*

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal in the method as conductor. † First peal on ten bells. Ringers of treble, 2, 5, 7, 9 and tenor are members of the local company. Rung after meeting short for Cinques. This was Mr. J. W. Wilkins' 100th peal, a note of which will be found in another column.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BERMONDSEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ISAAC J. SHADE	*Treble*	ALBERT E. SEERS	6
JOHN J. LAMB	2	REUBEN SANDERS	7
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	3	HARRY FLANDERS	8
ERNEST PYE	4	ALBERT W. COLES	9
CHARLES T. COLES	5	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

J. J. Lamb's 300th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere. A. E. Seers hails from Bath.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HARRY M. KEBBY	*Treble*	WILLIAM DUDLEY	5
*CHARLES P. CHALK	2	GEORGE E. WILSON	6
HENRY T. WILSON	3	WILLIAM H. JUDD	7
WILLIAM BEDWELL	4	JOSPEH SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by HENRY T. WILSON.

* First peal.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENRY J. STEFF	*Treble*	THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD	5
*THOMAS FOSTER	2	THOMAS WALLWORK	6
JOSEPH BANKS	3	ROBERT WALLWORK	7
JOSEPH WOODS	4	JAMES H. BANKS	*Tenor*

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

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, and Thomas Wallwork's 50th peal.

UPTON ST. LEONARD'S, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, March 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs., in F.

B. HOWE	*Treble*	W. SMITH	5
W. SIVER	2	T. CLISSOLD	6
G. HOPKINS	3	H. NEWMAN	7
H. JEENS	4	M. JORDAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. SIVER.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, March 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE PART.

FRANK G. BURLEIGH	*Treble*	REUBEN HALL	5
†MISS SARAH PIGOTT	2	FRANK JOHNSON	6
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD	3	JOSEPH PIGOTT	7
HARRY PRICE	4	*WILLIAM FORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

* First peal. † First peal in the method and first lady to ring a peal with the Society.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE	*Treble*	WILLIAM WOODGATE	5
GEORGE BRIGGS	2	HARRY F. DAWKINS	6
WILLIAM MILLER	3	ERNEST PYE	7
ALFRED PYE	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 25, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¼ cwt.

ERNEST BONFIELD	*Treble*	FRANK HAIRS	5
ARTHUR N. HARDY	2	RICHARD BEVAN	6
JOHN D. MATTHEWS	3	ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN	7
EDWARD F. COLE	4	FRANK SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(St. Andrew's Society, Rugby).

On Saturday, March 25, 1911, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Thomas, R.C.,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

Joseph B. Fenton	*Treble*	Sidney C. Small	5
Walter Malins	2	Alfred J. Hessian	6
Harry O. White	3	John W. Chandler	7
Joseph A. Fenton	4	James George	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. B. Fenton.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and is the first peal on the bells by a visiting local band.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Saturday, March 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstan's Four-Part. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qrs. 23 lbs.

Benjamin A. Knights	*Treble*	†Harry France	5
*Ernest Watkinson	2	Sam Watkinson	6
*James Watkinson	3	Edward Bannister	7
Arthur Robinson	4	James H. Harrison	*Tenor*

Conducted by Benjamin A. Knights.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples on the bells. First peal of Stedman by all except the conductor, and by the Preston Branch.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

Frederick Atwell	*Treble*	John Butler	5
Frank Morgan	2	John W. Jones	6
John Bullen	3	Arthur E. Morgan	7
Maurice Selby	4	John Goddard	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter, and Conducted by John W. Jones.

This is the first peal on this beautiful new ring of bells by Taylor and Co., dedicated on the 14th inst. At the conclusion of the peal the Rector and local ringers heartily congratulated the band on the excellence of the striking.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt., in F sharp.

Fredk. W. Edwards	*Treble*	*Percy Letch	5
Arthur Edwards	2	Henry F. Cooper	6
†Alfred Tarbun	3	William Lincoln	7
Fredk. G. Radley	4	Arthur Head	*Tenor*

Composed by H. N. Davis, and Conducted by William Lincoln.

* First peal in the method. † First peal away from the treble.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 27, 1911, in Three Hours,

At Hyde, St. George's Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

A. Barns	*Treble*	T. Wilde	5
H. Devenport	2	S. Bowker	6
A. Haughon	3	S. Wood	7
H. Norgrove	4	B. Thorpe	*Tenor*

Composed by S. Wood, and Conducted by B. Thorpe.

Rung as a birthday compliment to B. Thorpe, Esq.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 11 cwt.

Hubert J. Blackwell	*Treble*	Albert Bates	5
Albert Humphrey	2	Isaac Emery	6
Spencer Marshall	3	George Durling	7
Ernest H. Oxenham	4	William West	*Tenor*

Conducted by Isaac Emery.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

Ernest Poppy	*Treble*	John Smith	5
Tom Ford, Jun.	2	Walter Last	6
Charles Mills	3	George Archer	7
Alfred Keeble	4	John Souter	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven, and Conducted by Ernest Poppy.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Little Munden Society.)

On Thursday, March 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

Henry Carter	*Treble*	*Arthur Phillips	4
*Bert Carter	2	Fred Williams	5
*Albert Carter	3	William H. Lawrence	*Tenor*

Conducted by William H. Lawrence.

* First peal inside. This is W. H. Lawrence's 100th peal.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

On Saturday, March 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10¼ cwt.

THOMAS MACK	...Treble	ARTHUR LINTOTT	4
JAMES MADGWICK	2	LEONARD HEDGER	5
RICHARD HAYES	3	FREDERICK TULLETT	...Tenor

Conducted by F. TULLETT, Junr.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor on the bells. Rung by the local band as a birthday compliment to J. Madgwick and F. Tullett, the ringers wishing them many happy returns.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKSHIRE.

THE BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, March 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, New London Pleasure, Merchants' Return, Kent Treble Bob, Violet, and Oxford.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM LAYCOCK	...Treble	HAROLD CHAPPELL	4
GEORGE CHAPPELL	2	LEWIS WILKINSON	5
WILFRED CHAPPELL	3	GEORGE HILL	...Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HILL.

First peal by all and first on the bells.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

ALBERT E. FOURT	...Treble	GEORGE LINES	4
CHARLES R. BIRD	2	FRANK S. ANDREW	5
GEORGE A. BLAXLEY	3	E. MAURICE ATKINS	...Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

Rung to celebrate the coming of age of the ringer of the fifth.

FEN DITTON, CAMBRIDGE.

On Thursday, March 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In the following methods: London Doubles, Oxford Singles, Chase, Tulip, Canterbury, New Doubles, St. Simon's, Stedman's Slow Course, April Day, Lincolnshire Singles, Bob and Grandsire Doubles.

W. NICHOLLS	...Treble	L. G. MALLION	3
E. G. HIBBINS	2	H. WISBEACH	4
H. NEWMAN	...Tenor		

Conducted by H. NEWMAN.

This is second peal rung on the bells by the same ringers and in the same methods. The first was on April 23, 1910.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, March 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

being seven 720's each called differently.

SIDNEY J. JESSOP	...Treble	STANLEY BRAGG	4
JOHN BRAGG	2	ARTHUR CHAMBERS	5
SAMUEL BRAGG	3	HARRY WITHERS	...Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WITHERS.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, March 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOMS, TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

BASIL C. ROBERTS	1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS	5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	3—4	REGINALD O. STREET	7—8

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

KETTERING, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

J. EDWARD CHAPMAN	1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS	5—6
DAVID J. NICHOLS	3—4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT	7—8

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire, G. FARRAR.

First peal of Major on handbells by all except the Conductor; first in Kettering and second ever accomplished in the county.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING	1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE, Sen.	5—6
MAURICE SMITHER	3—4	FRANK BLONDELL	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

LATE NOTICES.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (ESTABLISHED 1755).—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Aston on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, at which the address will be given by Canon Sutton. Business Meeting in Vicarage Rooms at 6 o'clock prompt.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Bristol on Easter Monday, April 17th, 1911. Dinner at Maxwell's Restaurant, St. Nicholas St, at 12 noon, tickets 1s. each (if purchased before April 12). Short Service at All Saints' (City) at 1 o'clock, with an address by the Vicar, Rev. C. H. Dickinson. Business Meeting at the Church House, adjoining, immediately afterwards. Most of the City Towers open for ringing during the day. C. E. D. Boutflower, Hon. Secretary, 30, Broad Street, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch Meeting will be held at St. Saviours, Bacup, on Saturday, April 8th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Branch Secretary.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE—SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on Easter Monday. Committee meeting at 12 noon. Short service at 4 o'clock. Tea and general meeting at 4.30. Fuller particulars will be given next week.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec, 15, Rugby Street, Woverhampton.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

No paper claiming to cater for all grades of bellringers can be considered to fulfil its purpose if it does not attempt something for the special edification of beginners, and the Editor has entrusted me with the task of filling this corner for the benefit of those who are learners in the Art. For that matter, however, we are all learners, for notwithstanding the ramifications of this remarkable science that have already been explored, change-ringing still has many secrets, which the greatest masters of the cult have yet to discover. So we are all learners, and as far as in my power lies I will do my best to assist in elucidating any difficulties with which ringers may be confronted.

My chief concern, however, will be with beginners. Although many and admirable text books are nowadays available for those who are anxious to study the Art, yet difficulties frequently present themselves which, without assistance, the young ringer finds himself unable to surmount.

Often, of course, the help required can readily be obtained from a ringing friend, and just a little homely explanation and illustration is often of more avail than pages of printed matter can be. But sometimes that friend is not at hand, and in that case I want to be able to put myself in the friend's place, and give hints and advice derived from a somewhat long experience.

What I want my young friends to do is to tell me of the obstacle in their path, and let me help them. Let us make this corner a sort of inquiry agency upon matters concerning the practical side of the Art of Change Ringing. Send along your questions, and I will do my best to answer them. I intend, also, to provide a series of progressive studies, if I may so term them, which will help young ringers along from the simple methods, to more difficult ones, and so put them well on the road for the goal of the ambitious—London Surprise.

This week I have to be content with merely introducing myself, and telling you something of the object of "The Beginners' Corner," leaving the first practical hints until the next number. In the meantime, however, any young ringer who seeks information should send along his inquiry to me, c/o the Editor.

There is one other matter in which I hope to be able to make this column useful. It very frequently happens that a young ringer changes his place of residence, and goes into another town, where he is unknown, and where, though there may be bells and change ringing, he is too bashful, perhaps, or has not sufficient confidence in his own ability in the tower, to make himself known to the ringers. Doubtless much promising material has in this way been lost to the Exercise.

Now, if I can help in any way to alter this, I shall be only too pleased. If ringers, and especially young ringers who do not "know the ropes" so well, who are going into another town to live, will communicate with me, I will, if possible, give them the fullest information of the ringing likely to be obtainable, and put them into touch with a band in the place to which they are going.

"Would-be-Ringer," Huddersfield, writes to know if he, at the age of 22, is too old to learn change-ringing. At his local tower, where they have a peal of eight bells, they have tried to raise a young band, but they will not stick together, and consequently the older ringers will not spend their time with them. On the question of age, "Would-be-Ringer," few words are necessary. In these days it seems almost impossible to be either too young or too old to take up the Art—and herein is one of many advantages which the pursuit has over many others.

Last week we recorded a 720 by a boy of 12, as well as chronicling the first peal of Double Norwich by a gentleman of 64. After reading the paragraph this week in "Odd Changes," about "Mr. Clifford, of Beeston, "Would-be-Ringer" will not think himself too old at 22. As to the other part of the question, that of keeping a band of young ringers together, that presents many difficulties. It largely depends upon the material you get hold of. Unless you get young men determined to progress, and prepared to give some serious study to the Art, they will never make "ringers," and time spent upon them is, more often than not wasted. Get the right material to show the right spirit, and "old hands," if they have any element of keenness about them, will respond. It is essential, however, that young blood should be kept interested and given opportunities to do something besides sit in the tower and watch others ringing the bells to their heart's content.

CONDUCTOR.

A READER'S SUGGESTION.

We should have liked to have quoted from many of the letters of congratulations we received upon the publication of our first number, but the exigences of space will not permit. We give the subjoined communication, however, because it throws out a suggestion upon which the opinion of readers is invited:

DEAR SIR,—Actuated by the novel desire to publish the first letter in this our new ringing paper, I feel it would also be a most appropriate time—especially as a personal friend of your own—to most heartily congratulate you upon your new venture, and I am sure all brother-ringers will join me in wishing you every possible success in the future with this long-felt want amongst the Ringing Exercise. Speaking from 33 years' practical bell ringing, in all its interesting branches, over all parts of Britain—my experiences are probably more varied than any other, and a very large percentage is undoubtedly unique—I venture to say, without hesitation, that you will have an unlimited support. It is my intention to do as I did 30 years ago, and personally take half-a-dozen copies weekly for my own use, in the hope that mentioning this publicly may induce many of my friends in various counties to do the same, with the object of giving a healthy impetus to the circulation for the first year or so.

I feel pleased that the title of *The Ringing World* was one suggested by me. It may also be generally well known that for several years past I have been carefully taking photographs of noteworthy church towers and steeples, giving every consideration that the tower itself should certainly form the principal object of attraction in the picture. Many of these have been taken from positions almost as inaccessible as an eagle's nest, and at considerable cost and personal risk. I certainly possess a splendid collection up to now, of which you, Mr. Editor, shall have free access to for publication at any time you may wish, or find necessary to do so.

Now a word to all whom it may concern. We must recollect that "united we stand, divided we fall," and in attempting to start and keep going a special paper of this description, nothing appears to me to be more mean or despicable than for a company of ringers in one belfry to

take a single copy and pass it round—a custom unfortunately far too frequently met with in days gone by.

Now, sir, your supporters are sufficiently human enough to know that the success of the undertaking depends entirely on a unanimous support all round—or, in other words, "£ s. d." Personally, I should greatly have preferred seeing a weekly paper at the advanced price of twopence, but this I am told in so many quarters would not find favour with the majority. However, I still insist that we should have a paper of our own, fitting in every way, when bound, for the library of the Castle as well as the cottage bookshelf, and I respectfully submit that my views will be shared by most of our friends.

Whilst congratulating you on your first "number," I would like to offer a little friendly criticism, to bring out expressions of opinion on the subject. It mainly relates to the illustration page. What you have produced is highly creditable, but, speaking from experience, I am convinced that it would be best to have a picture, say once a month, executed on "art" paper—a separate sheet devoted entirely to the subject. At present, the finest and clearest work, with every detail produced, cannot receive the justice it deserves, and I am positively certain from conversations with eminent ringers in various parts, that all would hail with delight a monthly double number costing twopence. We are considerably greater in numbers now, and certainly more intellectual and advanced from the days, 40 years ago, when an obscure corner in "Bell's Life" was the only publication we had!

In conclusion, surely all friends of change-ringing will follow that good old maxim, "Many can help one where one cannot always help many," for by doing so in the present instance we certainly create a lasting benefit to ourselves.

With kindest regards to all old friends, and best wishes to all new ones.—Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The method you publish in your last week's issue is a very interesting one, and one well worth ringing; but it is not Bristol Surprise Royal. It is time that the Exercise should recognise that only a very small proportion of methods will extend from one number to another. It is not possible to explain the matter without going into detail, and I should want more space than I dare say you can at present afford, but there is one sure test which anyone can apply; which is: Unless you can ring the extension by the same rules as the original the former is not the same method as the latter, but only a variation. Compare Cambridge Major, Royal and Maximus with the extensions of Superlative or Double Norwich Major and Caters with so-called Double Norwich Royal.—Yours truly, J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT KEYMER.

The new peal of six bells at Keymer, Sussex, cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were dedicated by the Bishop of Chichester on Monday. The bells are the gift of the late Mrs. Kirkham in memory of her sister, Mrs. Taylor. The service was conducted by the Rev. Prebendary Shand and the Rev. W. Thompson, while the lessons were read by the Rev. W. R. Tindal Atkinson and the Rev. E. A. Young. After the dedication the bells were rung and the Bishop gave an address.

St. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.

A dinner and social evening in connection with the above Society, held at the Admiral Duncan Hotel, Nicholas Street, Bristol, was a very enjoyable affair. Twenty-four members and friends sat down to an excellent repast, served in Mrs. Walker's well-known style. The company included a few members of the Bristol Harmonic Society, who, during the evening, provided an excellent programme of songs and recitations, which was much appreciated, while the handbell party rendered good service with a selection of tunes and a touch of Stedman Caters. Mr. Stowel's "Ben and the Butler" was not the least entertaining item in a pleasant evening.

MR. JOHN J. LAMB'S 300 PEALS.

The following is a list of John J. Lamb's 300 peals, which were completed by the Stedman Caters at St. James, Bermondsey, on Saturday:—

Grandsire Triples	13
Grandsire Caters	1
Stedman Triples	62
Stedman Caters	62
Stedman Cinques	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	21
Kent Treble Bob Major	15
Kent Treble Bob Royal	2
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1
Superlative Surprise Major	69
Cambridge Surprise Major	2
New Cambridge Surprise Major	7
London Surprise Major	34
Bristol Surprise Major	9
Total	300

Rung in five counties and 66 church towers.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Burton-on-Trent District was held at Newhall on Saturday, March 18th. Members were present from Ashby, Burton, Etwall, Horninglow, Newhall, etc., including Mr. J. W. Taylor, of Loughborough, and Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Netherseale. The chair was taken at the business meeting by the Rev. A. Graffety-Smith, Vicar of Newhall, and the next meeting was fixed to take place at Barton-under-Needwood, failing that, Ashby, on May 6th. Touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, including Double Stedman, Double Court, and the first 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor on the bells, which was rung at the first attempt.

MR. J. W. WILKINS' 100 PEALS.

The peal of Stedman Caters at High Wycombe was Mr. J. W. Wilkins' one hundredth, the century being made up as follows:

Grandsire Triples	39	Conducted	18
,, Major	1		
,, Caters	5	Conducted	1
Oxford Bob Triples	3	Conducted	3
Plain Bob Minor	1	Conducted	1
,, Major	2		
Treble Bob Major	1		
Double Norwich Major	3		
Stedman Triples	42		
,, Caters	3		
Total	100	Conducted	23

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OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

Miss Edith K. Parker.

The advance of ladies into the domain of change-ringing is one of the most remarkable of the developments of the Exercise in recent years. Since Mrs. George Williams, then of Brighton, rang on handbells the first peal ever taken part in by a lady, and Miss Alice White, of Basingstoke, became the first of the gentle sex to ring in a tower-bell peal, a large number of ladies have allied themselves with the pastime, and are showing that in the art of method ringing they can be every bit as expert as "mere man."

Foremost in the ranks of ringing ladies is Miss Edith K. Parker, whose portrait we give on this page. Born at Crawley, Sussex, in 1891, the daughter of that able ringer and conductor, Mr. James Parker, now of Edmonton, Miss Parker took up ringing at the early age of fourteen. It

Miss Edith K. Parker.

was not, however, until two years later that she entered the Art in earnest, but it was then apparent that nothing would come difficult to her. She began upon Superlative Surprise—a method which many ringers never attain to for years. It is, however, easy to understand the reason. Superlative is her father's favourite method. Under his conductorship the Crawley band made a name for themselves with the method, by ringing the longest length—9,300 odd.

Miss Parker's first peal was at Edmonton on May 1st, 1909, and was the first of Superlative in which a lady had taken part. Her next performance was a peal of London Surprise Major, rung in December of the same year. This is sufficient evidence of her remarkable progress, and, after these performances, other methods, naturally, presented no obstacles. She next turned her attention to conducting, and on June 11th, 1910, was successful in calling a peal of Stedman Triples from a non-observation bell—being the first lady to conduct a peal in the method. At the invitation of the members of the Crawley band she conducted her first peal of Major on their bells on Boxing Day, 1910—again being the first lady in the field.

Her first peal on ten bells was on January 7th last, when she took part in Forward Royal at St. Margaret's, Westminster. Miss Parker has rung 2½ hours for Stedman Cinques, and has rung in the same method for service at St. Paul's Cathedral, which, as all are aware, is no easy task. It is interesting to add that in recognition of her abilities a gentleman has anonymously presented her with a fine set of twelve handbells, while the Edmonton band have also made a presentation to her, recently, of a travelling bag, suitably inscribed. The following is a list of Miss Parker's peals:—

Stedman Triples	6	Conducted ...	4
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	1		
Superlative Surprise Major ...	5	Conducted ...	3
Cambridge Surprise Major ...	1	Conducted ...	1
London Surprise Major	3		
Forward Royal	1		
Total	17	Conducted	8

These peals have been rung in six different counties. Miss Parker is a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the Middlesex County Association, the Hertfordshire Association, the Winchester Diocesan Guild, the Sussex County Association, and the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Guild, and she has rung peals for all except the last-named.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

We hear that some ringers last week were disappointed in not receiving *The Ringing World* until Saturday morning, and even later. There ought to have been no difficulty in getting it early on Friday, for our publishers, Messrs. Dawson and Sons, Ltd., had them ready for the wholesalers in ample time. It may be that newsagents were to blame in some cases in not ordering in time. We shall esteem it a favour if our readers will acquaint us if any trouble arises in the future in obtaining the paper.

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A very large number of ringers are always anxious to see recorded the touches in which they take part. Needless to say, that, as with every other matter in which ringers take an interest, we shall be pleased to give publicity to these items, because we recognise that, particularly in the case of young ringers, the publication of their performances is often a great encouragement to further effort. But our space is valuable, and we would impress upon our friends that unnecessary repetition of names in a sequence of touches should be avoided, and we feel sure they will recognise that only lengths of respectable proportions or special interest should be forwarded.

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There was a point of particular interest to the readers of *The Ringing World* at the recent Johnson celebration dinner at Birmingham and which has not previously been given publicity to. The toast list included "The Ringing Papers." Mr. J. George, of Rugby, in whose hands the toast was placed, called attention to the plural and said he thought that, properly managed, there was room for the two journals.

Provincial ringers, he added, certainly had a grievance in the way their peals had hitherto been published. With all respect to their London friends, their peals were no better and no more important than those rung in the provinces, and it did not seem quite right that they should be published almost immediately they were rung, while the provincial records were often as much as six weeks behind. He hoped this state of things would be remedied.

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It is one of our aims to give equal treatment to all, and if ringers all over the country will only send their peals in by the first post on Tuesday, they can be certain of getting them published in the following Friday's issue.

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The work of re-hanging Wrington bells and adding four trebles to make a peal of ten will be started after Easter. All the money required has been subscribed.

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St. Thomas' Guild, Dudley, has been re-formed under the title of "Dudley and Districts' Guild of Change Ringers." The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brierley Hill.

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Mr. William Clifford, of Beeston, Notts, whose first peal of Double Norwich, at the age of 64, was recorded last week, is a striking example of the adage "It is never too late to learn." He rang his first peal of Kent Treble Bob on his 60th birthday, and has since scored his first of Stedman and Oxford Treble Bob. Now he is studying Superlative with all the keenness and enthusiasm of a youngster. Throughout the peal of Double Norwich he made not one mistake.

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From more than one quarter we have had news of misunderstanding on the part of newsagents. Ringers have asked for their *Ringing World*, and been handed a paper with a somewhat similar sounding title having to do with roller skating. It's funny. The passing craze of rinking is as nothing compared to the science of ringing. Our Art will flourish when roller skating is as dead as the dodo.

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We wonder what is the record number of complete 720's of Minor rung in one tower in a year? During 1910 the St. Andrew's company, Chart, Limpsfield, Surrey, rang 133 such in 15 methods, made up of Plain Bob 21, Canterbury Pleasure 9, Oxford Bob 6, College Single 9, Grandsire 2, Double Oxford 7, Kent Treble Bob 13, Oxford Treble Bob 13, Duke of York 9, Violet 9, New London Pleasure 3, Woodbine 7, College Exercise 4, Cambridge Surprise 10, Superlative Surprise 11. The best scores among the ringers were E. Hoad 130 (conducted 33), A. Jarrett 127 (conducted 90), S. Heath 125, W. Collins 124, P. Tidy 118, L. Tidy 114. Is there any six-bell tower that did better than this last year?

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Ringers generally, and particularly his many friends throughout the Southern Counties, will learn with sincere regret that Mr. William Gifford, of Salisbury, has been prohibited by his doctor's orders from doing any further ringing. For one so devoted to the Art this prohibition must be a hardship, and everyone will hope that the day is not far distant when Mr. Gifford's health will so improve as to enable him to return to his favourite pursuit in the belfry.

Mr. Gifford's genial personality is known far and wide throughout the South of England, and if he has one penchant greater than another it is his insistency upon good striking. A peal of Grandsire Triples well struck is far more valuable in Mr. Gifford's estimation than a peal of London indifferently rung. What a pity all ringers are not like him. Mr. Gifford, here's to your speedy restoration!

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Owing to the small muster the last monthly practice at Romsey Abbey proved a good opportunity for the local men to get a long touch of Kent Treble Bob, 1120 being brought round by: F. Hands 1, J. Elcombe 2, F. Paskins 3, J. S. Rumming 4, J. Walker 5, W. T. Tucker 6, Alfred Mears 7, G. Williams (conductor) 8. Longest touch in this method by Messrs. Hands, Elcombe, Paskins, and Walker, who belong to the local band. This practice is held the third Wednesday in the month at 7 p.m.

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The casting of the new seventh and tenor bells for Edenbridge, Kent, was witnessed by the committee of the Edenbridge Bell Fund, the ringers and other church officials, who accepted Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's invitation to visit the foundry. They were received by Mr. Johnston, senr., and Mr. Cyril Johnston who personally conducted the party round the foundry and explained the many items of interest in their works and the up-to-date machinery which the firm are using in the work of bell casting and tuning. After spending two interesting hours at the foundry, ringing took place at the Parish Church, Croydon, arrangements having been made by Mr. Cyril Johnston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Last Saturday the monthly meeting of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at St. George's, Bolton, the committee holding their meeting on the same occasion. There were 22 members present the following towers being represented: Manchester, Worsley, Walkden, Preston, Tyldesley, Helmshore, Rossendale and Blackpool. The visitors were kindly welcomed by the Rev. H. J. Elsie. Some good touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung during the day.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT HORNCHURCH.

A peal board, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Dale, has been unveiled in the ringing chamber of the Parish Church, Hornchurch, Essex. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Dale), who, in congratulating the ringers, said it gave him great pleasure to be able to do anything that would encourage change-ringing. He referred to the excellent work Mr. Dale had done in connection with the bells of Hornchurch. It was largely due to his efforts that they were increased from six to eight about twelve years ago, while the recent rehanging was the result of his bringing the matter constantly before their notice.—The Vicar was heartily thanked for unveiling the board, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was afterwards rung in 47 mins. by: Caleb Fenn (conductor) 1, Fredk. Russell 2, Chas. Rochester 3, Arthur Chaplin 4, John Dale 5, Wesley Watson 6, Geo. Cottis 7, Dan Phillips 8.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

A Page of "Timely Topics," by Will Willson.

It is a common saying that our fathers would be astonished by the advancement made in all spheres of life since their day, and it is particularly true in the practise of change-ringing. To achieve a peal in the higher methods was then the work and the ambition of a life time, but now there are bands who ring Surprise peals as easy as shelling peas. While such bands are to be congratulated on their perseverance, it will be usually found that their success is mainly owing to some leading spirit who, imbued with the idea that he is a man with a mission, determines to "get there." And he is right.

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Among the chief bands of ringers, both past and present, one may easily discover the captain of the ship whether or not he held or holds that office. It may be that he has had to fight his way to the top against circumstances and opportunity, but sooner or later, those who would bar his way, willing to bark and yet afraid to bite —to paraphrase an old adage—realise that they are up against a man. When such a one ultimately reaches the goal of his ambition all true men are pleased. In this connection I note with pride the strides made by the Winchester men, for Alfred H. Pulling has arrived and deserves the congratulations of the Exercise. To call not *one* but *all* the Surprise peals now rung, stamps him as "18 carat at Goldsmith's Hall."

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There is another kind of conductor of which a little bit goes a long way. I mean the man who thinks all bells were hung for his sole benefit, and bullies other ringers as long as they will stand it. I call to mind an instance. The central figure was a person who didn't care a hang if he could only get "a peal of Bob Minor," and he unearthed belfries with a praiseworthy zeal. His great fault was his violent temper, and he would think nothing of rushing into the middle of the belfry during a peal and threaten to kick a hole or let daylight through an erring ringer who had missed a dodge. And so it came about that few old ringers would take a rope with him, for they said "Let him alone, he will pick up something hot sooner or later." They were right.

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It came about like this. Mr. Bully had fixed up a peal of Bob Minor as usual, and was including several villagers who had never had the pleasure (!) of ringing a peal with him. Among the locals was one with a reputation for something else than ringing, and if the Bob Minor merchant had possessed any foresight he ought to have known by the cut of the local's "chivvy" that he would be an awkward customer in a crowd. They started for the peal, and long before the first 720 was completed the air was warm with dire threatenings. Perhaps the mind of the local Tom Crib wandered a bit. Perhaps he was thinking of another ring where the ropes went round instead of upwards. Anyway, he made a blunder and caused a smash. Mr. Bobcaller was like a wild man. The bells got wrong stroke, and one after another they "set up."

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This brought about the climax. He rushed into the middle again, bestowing the most discourteous "compliments" upon the band in general. Then he let himself go, and, turning to the culprit, was about to wreak vengeance upon him, when there was a bang like a boiler explosion! Mr. Bully clapped his hands to his nose, which had suddenly spread all over his face, for the local reckoned that he had stood enough, and he was a firm believer in the lines:—

"*Thrice* armed is he who hath his quarrel just,
But *four* times he who gets his blow in fust."

Soon afterwards Mr. Robert Minor left those parts for fresh fields and pastures new, but I hear that even now when he enters a belfry he looks carefully around, before commencing operations, to see there is no one present resembling a pug dog with no ears worth mentioning. If there should be anyone with a tendency that way among the company our "hero" is as mild as milk.

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We are reminded on all hands that this is the season of spring, and every poet who can be considered as one of the long-haired brigade is supposed to pour out his soul to the daffodils, baa-lambs and balmy zephyrs. Why the Dickens or Thackeray don't the balmy poets tell the truth about it? Why don't they pour out something to influenza, the harem-scarem hobble-de-hoy, Standard bread; or something up to date? Every year we get the same old spring chickens in the poet's corner, and lest my detractors should think that yours truly is not able to come up to the scratch—although I could never see any sense in it—here goes:—

This is the First of Spring, old Boreas blows his blast.
His Eastly beastly wind and rain
Rattles the pane and spins the vane,
And the sky is overcast.

This is the First of Sprig, cub tude a cheerful node.
With code in head and as heavy as lead
I ab writig this propped up id bed
With a fladdig roud by throad.

Spring bids us hope, they say. Hope what? Ah, there's the rub!
Who cares a rap whate'er mayhap?
With nose arunning like a tap.
With feet in mustard tub.

Is it the First of Spring? 'tis wet, but it might be worse.
So up I leap from slumbers deep
For it strikes me that I fell asleep
When I wrote the other verse.

I am glad the gloom of night has fled at the dawn o'day
So a tankard bring what time I sing
This Ode that's paid to an English Spring
"Ri too Rol loo Rol lay."

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YE LAIE OF YE ANTIENT RYNGER.

I.

Ye Menne of ye Tower of Sainte Ioseph
Of ye village of Sumthyngforde, (See Note I).
Were assembl'd onne daie, in iovial waie,
Adowne ye festal boarde;
And with Pipes, and with Songyes, and with Glasses
They were merrie, with onne accorde.

II.

Then, warm'd with ye festiv spirite,
Their fancyes flyghte tooke wynge,
And they tolde Grete Thynges of their doynges,
And of Menne of Olde, did they synge,
And ye "Famous Pele of Stedman's Cinques,
That ye Colledge Youths did rynge." (See Note II).

III.

Then upp spake an Antient Rynger,
Of hoarie miene was hee,
"Yee talke" quoth hee, "of your doynges,
And what fine fellowes yee bee,
But lysten, and I will tell you,
Of ye Thynges That Have Happen'd to Mee."

IV.

Then a hushe felle over that meetynge,
For they'd heard ye yarne before,
And they knew, when ye olde manne was started,
Hee was goode for an hour or moore;
And those at ye furthest corner
Began to crepe to ye doore.

V.

"Itt was" quoth that Antient Rynger,
"In ye summer of Forty Two,
Wee ascended ye towere of Saint Ioseph,
Eight lustie menne and true,
To rynge of ye Peale of Bobb Maiors
Forty thousand three hundred and two. (See Note III).

VI.

And I was ye Manne at ye Tenor,
And ye bobbes were call'd by Mee,
And ye Ingenious Composition
I had work'd out latterlie;
And ye seven obey'd all ye orderes I gave
With grete fidelite.

VII.

Wee started at six of ye mornynge,
And range through ye rest of ye daie,
And ye folloynge mornynge was breakynge
When ye manne at ye fyfth gave waie;
So I tooke his rope in addition to myne,
Though that's nothynge to me but plaie.

VIII.

Mornyinge was wanynge to evenynge
Ere ye Third and ye Sixth felle oute,
So I tooke onne rope with my elbowe
And wounde ye other aboute
Ye parte that I usually sitt onn;
And continu'd ye bobbes to shoute.

IX.

Then an hour or two laps'd sans excitement
And a peale I'd begun to compose,
When another manne's rope fell vacante,
I really forget now whose,
So I tooke ye taile ende in my mouthe
And call'd ye bobbes through my nose.

X.

Ye dawne of ye fyfth daie was breakynge
When ye peale at length came rounde,
And settynge ye eight bells I was ringynge
I look'd about mee, and found
Seven prostrate, lifeless figures
Scatter'd about ye grounde.

XI.

Saie Ryngers! Telle Mee trulie
Have I not Glorie wonne?"
Hee look'd around, about ye boarde,
But answer came there nonne.
By two's and three's they'd all clear'd oute,
And left him nere a onne.

NOTE I.—The name of this place does not appear in any Atlas, and its position is doubtful. One learned commentator has identified it with Prospero's Island, mainly on the grounds that it "was full of sweet sounds that give delight and hurt not"; but in other quarters this opinion is *bitterly* contested.

NOTE II.—A song written by the late James Dwight, and at one time popular at College Youths' meetings.

NOTE III.—The veracious historian who condescends to prose informs us that the actual number attempted was the extent of the method, 40,320, not 40,302; but the deuce is in it if the poet is not allowed a little license.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

At the Parish Church of Saint Michael's and All Angels, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Easter Monday, April 17th, 1911, a band of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society will start for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 12,240 changes.

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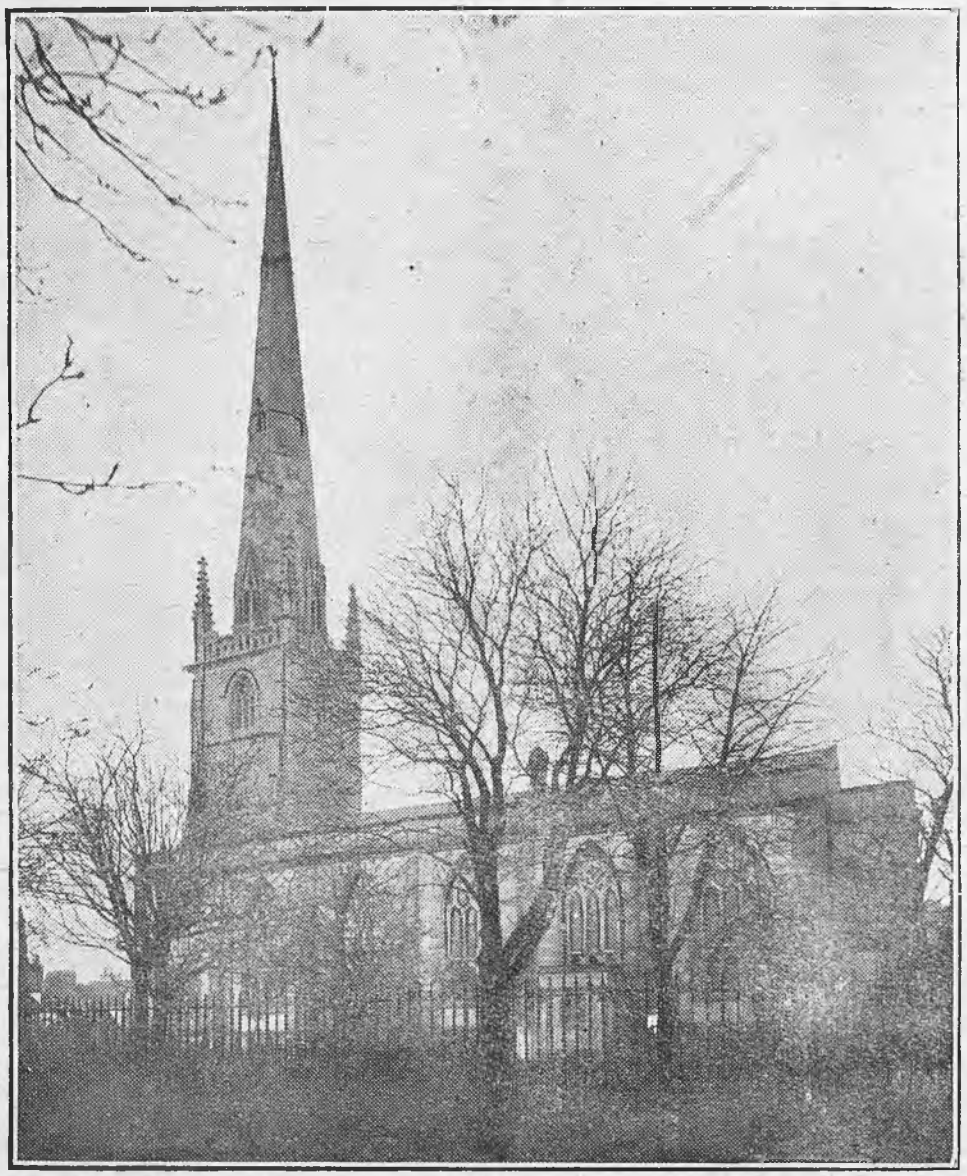
St. Alkmund's Church, Shrewsbury.

Singular interest attaches to the church of St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, for last week the millenary of the foundation of the church was celebrated. The present building was erected 116 years ago, and replaced a magnificent old church, built, so tradition states, in 911 by the pious Ethelfreda (daughter of Alfred the Great), whose favourite saint was St. Alkmund. The church passed through many troublous times, and was disendowed, with other Shrewsbury churches, at the time of the Reformation. In 1788 St. Chad's Church tower fell owing to the extraordinary stupidity of some workmen, who cut away one of the piers which supported it, and thought the tower would still stand when deprived of its base. This led to a general belief that the other old churches were unsafe. St. Mary's was saved by only one vote. St. Alkmund's was fated to be destroyed, and was actually pulled down, with the exception of the tower and spire. Those engaged in this work found the walls so strong that they had to blow them up with gunpowder. The beautiful monumental brasses were all sold by weight, and the gravestones were broken up. An Act of Parliament was obtained and passed in 1794 for taking down and rebuilding St. Alkmund's Church. The result of it was that a rate was levied and the present church erected at a cost of £3,000. A special effort is being made in this millenary year to raise £1,000 to complete the church, to make unsafe parts safe, and to render the building more beautiful than it is at present. During the past 15 years the parishioners have spent £3,000 on the church and made the spire, which is generally considered one of the most graceful in the land, absolutely safe. The tower contains a peal of eight bells, and in honour of the commemoration a quarter-peal was rung in 42 mins. on Sunday week by: G. Byolin (conductor) 1, H. Jones 2, W.



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COMPOSITIONS.

5400 BOB ROYAL, BY ERNEST MORRIS (Leicester).

23456	W	M	H
42635	—	—	
63425	—		—
46325			—
32465	—		—
43265			—
42365			s
34265			—
23465			—
24365			s
53246	—	—	—
25346			—
23546			s
52346			—
35246			—
32546			s

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123456789	5	16
162453978*		
263451	—	
362154	—	—
264153	—	
462351	—	—
261354	—	
164352	—	
461253	—	—
463152		—
364251	—	—
361452		—
163254	—	—
164253		s
463251	—	
364152	—	—
462153	—	
264351	—	—
461352	—	
162354	—	
261453	—	—
263154		—
362451	—	—
361254		—
163452	—	—

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431265	—	—
135264	—	
531462	—	—
532164		—
534261		—
435162	—	—
432561		—
234165	—	—
235461		—
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132564	—	—
234561	—	
432165	—	—
235164	—	
532461	—	—
531264		—
534162		—
435261	—	—
431562		—
134265	—	—

Round in 3 changes.

* Bobs at 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 14, 17, starting with quick six.
† Bobs at 2, 4, 5, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.

First rung at Manchester Cathedral on February 25th, 1911. Conducted by Benjamin A. Knights.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR, BY HENRY DAINS.

5024.

23456	M	B	W	R
54326			2	2
25463	2		2	2
52364	2			2
24365	2	—	1	2
23645	1	—	2	2
52436		—	2	2
46325	2	—	2	2
65324	2	—	1	2
26543	2		2	2
53462	2	—	2	2
54632	1	—	2	2
25346	2		1	2
23456	1	—	2	2

This composition contains eleven of the 8—6's, ten 8—6—7's, and the 6th the extent W and R in 5—6.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

STOKE PAGES, BUCKS.—On March 11th, at a meeting for combined practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Garbett 1, H. Batten 2, W. Henley 3, F. Bolton 4, G. Luttridge 5, J. Blackmore (conductor) 6.—A 720 Oxford Bob, in which W. Bateman rang the 5th.—Also a 720 of the same method: J. Blackmore 1, H. Batten 2, W. Henley 3, A. Bateman 4, C. Johnson 5, F. Bolton (conductor) 6. Touches of Grandsire and Bob Minor were rung.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Sunday evening, March 12th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): G. Woods 1, F. Goldstraw 2, J. Woodward 3, H. Page 4, C. Page 5, S. Churton (conductor) 6, F. Page 7, T. Auston 8.—On Tuesday, March 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Bloor 1, F. Goldstraw 2, J. Woodward 3, E. Landon 4, G. Woods 5, S. Churton (conductor) 6, C. Page 7, J. Simester 8. These quarters were arranged for F. Goldstraw, who sailed for Canada on March 23rd.

SHREWSBURY.—The Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—On Sunday morning, March 12th, at St. Chad's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, on the back eight, in 46 mins.: J. Wall 1, G. Scarratt 2, F. W. Taylor (conductor) 3, W. R. Stockdale 4, E. Jones 5, H. Jones 6, A. Fullick 7, A. Teckoe 8. Tenor 43 cwt. The tenor bell has recently been rehung by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham, and goes splendidly.

NORTHAMPTON.—The Central Northants Association.—On March 15th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half muffled, as a token of respect to the daughter of the Rev. E. N. Tom, late Rector of St. Peter's for 33 years, by the following local band, in 46 mins.: J. Wilkins 1, G. T. Handscombe 2, A. P. Hensman 3, W. H. Austin 4, J. T. Hensman 5, W. Sturges 6, A. J. Mawby (conductor) 7, W. Harris 8.

BLEWSBURY, BERKS.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Thursday, March 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by E. Barnett), in 44 minutes: W. Webb 1, J. Napper 2, Miss M. Nightingale 3, C. Gregory 4, R. James 5, G. F. James (conductor) 6, J. Dearlove 7, G. Welch 8.—On Monday, March 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by James George), in 47 mins.: G. Welch 1, F. James (conductor) 2, Miss M. Nightingale 3, C. Gregory 4, R. James 5, W. J. Mawby (conductor) 7, W. Harris 8.

CONDOVER, SALOP.—On Thursday, March 16th, for practice, 210 Grandsire Triples: J. Gurney 1, W. Pasmore 2, G. J. Taylor (conductor) 3, J. Young 4, E. R. T. Corbett 5, W. Ashton 6, R. B. Wood 7, J. Davies 8. Longest touch of Triples by all except the conductor.—Sunday, March 26th, 210 Grandsire Triples: J. Gurney 1, W. Pasmore 2, R. B. Wood 3, J. Young 4, W. Pasmore 5, G. J. Taylor (conductor) 6, T. W. Stedman 7, J. Davies 8.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—Midland Counties Association.—On Saturday, March 18th, at St. Mary's Church, 1295 Grandsire Caters, in 55 mins.: R. Mount 1, L. E. Allen 2, J. Morris 3, A. Pettitt 4, R. H. Bartram 5, F. H. Dexter (composer and conductor) 6, E. Morris 7, W. James 8, A. Martin 9, R. W. Baker 10.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, March 19th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Guess 1, F. Jones 2, R. Loveday 3, J. Guess 4, R. Dunkley 5, J. Nickerson (conductor) 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.—At St. Illtyd's Church, on Sunday, March 19th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Paul 1, A. J. Stanley 2, R. Evans 3, J. Evans 4, D. R. James 5, R. Bunston 6, G. Roberts 7, J. Cox (conductor) 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. G. Roberts, who is leaving for Canada.

BEDFORD.—The Beds. Association.—On Sunday, March 19th, 360 Treble Bob Royal: E. White 1, J. W. Barker 2, B. Finding 3, H. L. Harlow 4, J. Freeborn 5, W. Lightfoot 6, C. Chasty 7, F. Webb 8, H. Sharp 9, H. Tysoe 10. Also 195 Stedman Caters and 224 Cambridge Surprise Major.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Sunday, March 19th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: H Charman 1, A. Charman 2, G. Farnfield 3, H. Tidy 4, R. Whittington 5, J. Knight 6, T. Worsfold 7, W. Charman (conductor) 8.

CARDIFF.—The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, March 19th, 593 Grandsire Caters: S. Williams 1, H. Day 2, B. Biss 3, W. Bolton 4, S. Dawe 5, F. Chamberlain 6, J. Clutterbuck 7, E. Coles 8, A. Rowley (conductor) 9, C. Oram 10.

BUILTH WELLS.—The Hereford Guild.—On Sunday, March 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 38 mins.: W. A. Sparkes 1, R. E. Sparkes 2, F. R. Sparkes 3, J. T. Dixon 4, A. W. Brighton (conductor) 5, E. Hayton 6.

KENWYN, TRURO.—Truro Diocesan Guild.—Sunday, March 19th, 336 Grandsire Triples: F. Crawse 1, F. Mitchell 2, H. M. Smeath 3, B. Knight 4, E. C. Freund 5, M. P. Trestrin 6, C. R. Lilley (Caversham), conductor 7, J. Gulley 8.

BRIGHTON.—The Sussex County Association.—On Sunday, March 19th, 395 Grandsire Caters: R. Hoather 1, H. Rann (conductor) 2, H. Stalham 3, F. Tindall 4, G. Ades 5, F. M. Bacon 6, W. Palmer 7, J. Jay 8, C. Palmer 9, W. Davey 10.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, March 19th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1277 changes): T. Richards 1, A. T. Scrivens 2, W. H. Jones 3, J. Corrigan 4, J. Janes 5, J. Hopkins 6, J. Paulton 7, W. G. Ellis (composer and conductor) 8, F. Bennett 9, C. Allen 10. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Percy O. Laflin, his brother ringers wishing him much happiness.

IRTHLINGBORO', NORTHANTS.—On Monday, March 20th, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Ward 1, C. Keller 2, W. Perkins 3, A. Perkins 4, A. Tyler 5, W. German 6, J. Garratt (conductor) 7, G. Downing 8. Also 576 Bristol Surprise Major: C. Newman 1, A. Perkins 2, J. Ward 3, W. Perkins 4, C. Keller 5, W. German 6, J. Garratt 7, A. Tyler (conductor) 8. This is the first touch of Bristol on the bells, and by all the band except W. Perkins.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Monday, March 20th, at Great St. Mary's Church, 1392 changes of Bob Major by six members of the Cambridge youths, assisted by friends: W. B. Kempton 1, T. W. Dickerson 2, J. Taylor 3, G. Taylor 4, P. Taylor 5, T. R. Dennis 6, W. Eusden 7, F. E. Kempton (conductor) 8. The touch occupied just over an hour, and is the first time for many years that so long a length has been attempted on the back eight. Tenor 31 cwt.

PENDLETON, LANCS.—On Monday, March 20th, at St. Thomas' Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: F. Smith 1, J. Turner 2, G. E. Turner 3, H. Drausfield 4, W. Bullough 5, H. Chapman (conductor) 6. First 720 by W. Bullough, who hails from Prestwich.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—The Lancashire Association.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—On March 21st, for practice, 720 Violet Treble Bob: T. R. Jackson (conductor) 1, J. Huddleston 2, T. Metcalfe 3, T. Suart 4, W. S. Forshaw 5, J. Burrows 6. First in the method on the bells by a local company.—On March 26th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (14 singles and four Bobs): T. R. Jackson (conductor) 1, J. Huddleston 2, W. H. Dennison 3, T. Suart 4, C. J. A. Cushing 5, J. Burrows 6.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Thursday, March 23rd, for practice, three courses Bristol Surprise Major.: W. Palmer 1, C. Dickens 2, F. Withers 3, A. Chambers 4, G. F. Swann 5, S. Grove 6, J. Dewler 7, J. Withers 8. Also a touch in the same method in which H. F. Street and H. Withers took part.

WEST TOFTS, NORFOLK.—Friday, March 24th, 720 of Bob Minor, with 7, 8 covering: Miss M. Ebsworth (first 720 on tower bells) 1, H. Crook 2, A. Macro 3, H. Fisher 4, W. J. Adcock 5, T. Fitzjohn 6, P. Tennant 7, E. Fisher 8.

FULMER, BUCKS.—On March 25th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: R. Bolton 1, J. J. Parker (conductor) 2, F. Bolton 3, W. Henley 4, G. Guttridge 5, J. Blackmore 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all except the conductor.—Also a 720 Oxford Bob: J. Blackmore 1, J. Bailey 2, J. Elderfield 3, E. Harding 4, R. Bolton 5, W. Henley (conductor) 6. Also touches of Kent, Grandsire, and Bob Minor.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Saturday, March 25th, 720 Oxford Bob: W. Mitchell 1, A. Gasson, jun., 2, F. Shuter 3, R. Holder 4, C. Holman 5, A. Gasson, sen. (conductor) 6. R. Holder learnt the method in the tower previous to ringing.

CROYDON.—At St. John the Baptist Church, on Saturday, March 25th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Rumble 1, W. States 2, A. Clark 3, A. Clayton 4, A. Trappitt 5, S. Roper (conductor) 6, F. Holder 7, W. Groves 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss B. Groves, daughter of W. Groves.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Saturday, March 25th, the ringers celebrated Canon Paul's 91st birthday by ringing a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): T. Butlin 1, T. Manning 2, H. Thompkins 3, A. Bindley 4, A. Leonard 5, A. Smeathers 6, J. Main (conductor) 7, F. Warren 8. Great credit is due to the young ringers for the excellent manner in which they rang their bells, and also to J. Main for so ably guiding them through, the striking being excellent throughout. The ringers joined in wishing Canon Paul many happy returns of the day.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.—On Saturday, March 25th, at the Parish Church, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (42 singles): G. Tyers 1, W. Spencer 2, J. Elkington 3, A. Harrison 4, W. Wadsley 5, E. Foster (conductor) 6.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Sunday, at the Parish Church, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Cook 1, A. Collett 2, R. Hudson 3, H. Barrett 4, F. Soden 5, E. Aldridge 6, A. Bishop (conductor) 7, G. Parker 8. For evening service a touch of Grandsire Major (240 changes): C. Cook 1, R. Hudson 2, W. Brunsdon 3, H. Bond 4, F. Soden 5, E. Aldridge 6, A. Bishop 7, T. Bond (conductor) 8.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the local band: G. Martin 1, E. Bishop, jun., 2, T. Hammon 3, E. Russell 4, H. R. Butcher 5, C. Brazier 6, A. Martin 7, E. Bishop, sen., 8. Rung as a farewell touch to E. Russell, who left Rotherfield on Monday to take up his residence in London, to the regret of his brother ringers, who wish him every success.

BRIDGEND.—The Llandaff Association.—On Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins., with the bells half muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. Rose, for 30 years Parish Clerk, who died on the 22nd inst.: A. J. Stanley 1, T. J. Evans 2, J. Evans 3, R. Evans 4, R. James 5, R. Bimstone 6, J. Cox (conductor) 7, J. Cummings 8.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 26th, for Divine Service, in the morning, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor, and a plain course of Oxford. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. R. Green 1, C. Houlden 2, J. S. Holmes 3, H. P. Nash 4, W. Houlden 5, J. H. Clark 6, W. Dickinson (conductor) 7, T. Wright 8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sunday, at St. Nicolas' Church, 504 Stedman Triples: E. Etheridge 1, S. Radford 2, E. Raddon 3, W. Loader 4, T. W. Radford 5, S. G. Steer (first in the method) 6, J. Hunt (conductor) 7, E. Heather 8.

HALIFAX.—The Yorkshire and Halifax and District Associations.—On Sunday, for morning service, 672 of Stedman Caters and three leads Treble Bob Royal: H. C. Buckley 1, J. Hardcastle 2, J. Boddy 3, Geo. Titterington 4, E. Wheater 5, J. W. Cundall 6, J. Wotton (conductor) 7, J. H. Mawson 8, W. Boocock 9, J. Perfect 10; and for evening service a quarter-peal of Bob Royal, by the same ringers, conducted by J. Perfect.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Monday evening last, on the occasion of the first visit by the Master of the Guild, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Payne 1, C. Doe 2, M. Goddard 3, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 4, B. Hawkins 5, J. Moth (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 in the method by all.

FULMER.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At St. James' Church, three 720's of Oxford Bob Minor, and several courses of Grandsire, by J. Bailey, A. Howard, G. Coleman, E. Harding, W. Walden, J. Jolley, J. Walden, F. G. Webb, F. Clarke and G. H. Gutteridge.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, on Friday, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: J. Brackley 1, S. Petter 2, D. Hampton 3, C. J. Hamblin (conductor) 4, T. Strudwick 5, E. J. Hamblin 6. First 720 Treble Bob by ringers of 1, 2 and 5, and also by E. J. Hamblin away from treble.

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NOTICES.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Halstead on Easter Monday. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea, 1/- each, will be provided at the White Horse, at 5.30, for those giving notice by the 14th to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly Meeting at Carshalton on Easter Monday. Bells open from 2 to 9 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., which ringers are requested to attend. Tea at 6 p.m. in the Parish Room ; meeting afterwards, at which the Rector will preside.

Will unattached members who intend being present please notify Mr. F. Holder, 1, Palmerston Road, Carshalton, not later than Thursday, April 13th.—Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Ecclesfield on Easter Monday. Bells available from 12 o'clock, by kind permission of the Rev. F. W. Pawson, Vicar.—T. Riley, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 1st, at St. Philip Hulme ; bells ready at 5 ; meeting at 7 ; when it is hoped that the Rector will preside.—W. H. Shuker, Branch Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION. — The twenty-ninth annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 17th. The bells at St. Luke's and St. Peter's will be available from 10.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's from 11 a.m. to 7.30 p.m., and St. Alkmund's from 11.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. Tea 1s. 3d. each in King's Cafe, St. Peter's Street. Committee and general meeting at the same place. Tea will only be provided for those who notify Mr. B. Mitchell, 68, Douglas Street, Derby, by Thursday, April 13th, of their intention to be present.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary, Cotgrave, Notts.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 17th. The Cathedral, St. Peter's, St. Michael's and St. Stephen's Churches will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Members desiring to ring earlier at the two six-bell towers should communicate direct to the respective conductors.

Choral Service at the Cathedral 5 p.m., with special addresses by the Rev. Dr. Chadwick, Vicar of St. Peter's, St. Albans. Meat tea 5.50 p.m. in the Abbey Institute. Sixpence each to members. To be followed by business meeting for the election of officers, and other matters.—G. W. Cartmel, Honorary Secretary, "Duffield," St. Albans.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Cross Stones Church, Todmorden, on Saturday, April 8th, 1911. Bells available from 3 to 9.—J. H. Bastow, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

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EASTER PROGRAMME.

The Easter programme promises to be a pretty full one. It is the season when church bell ringing takes a new lease of life, as it were. The period of Lent, when many towers remain closed, except for the chiming of the bells for service, and thus subdue to some extent the practice of peal-ringing, lays a moderating hand upon the activities of ringers, although—and let us acknowledge facts as they are—there are many places where the Lenten season makes no difference to the extent to which the bells are rung. Bell-ringing is one of those pursuits, however, in which those who participate in it ought to have regard for the feelings of others, and while there are many churches where those in charge do not think it necessary to place any bar upon ringing in Lent, there are many others where silent bells are regarded as a necessary propriety of the solemnity of the season. Where this spirit prevails, ringers are ever ready to respect it.

But with Easter, the bells once more come into full activity, and as it provides the first public holiday of the year, ringers are always glad to avail themselves of the special facilities which can be obtained for peal-ringing. Indeed, in not a few towers, the bank holidays are about the only days in the year when peals are permitted. Easter, too, brings with it thoughts of Spring—much as it frequently belies the suggestion—and there are inducements to go further afield than the local belfry. So it is that a large number of peals are arranged for the Easter holidays, and among these performances chief interest will centre in the attack which is to be made upon the Maximus and Cambridge records. At Ashton-under-Lyne a peal of 12,240 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, and at Fulney, Lincs., 12,896 Cambridge are to be attempted, and all ringers will wish the bands success.

But in addition to the peals there will be quite a number of Association meetings up and down the country, notices of many of which will be found elsewhere in this issue. These annual meetings are looked forward to with great interest by many ringers, who find it the one occasion of the year when they are able to renew many old acquaintanceships and revive friendships. It often, also, provides the opportunity of that first touch in a new method for which the aspirant in all probability has been quietly preparing for weeks. Apart from the necessary gathering of the members to conduct the business of their association, these meetings do good in many ways, and, of course, appeal to a wider circle than the more frequent but equally pleasant, district meetings. We hope that all the Associations who are holding their "annual" on Easter Monday will have a right good time of it.

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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 1, 1911, in Four Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 6000 CHANGES;

CHARLES BOWER	*Treble*	BENJAMIN THORP	7
GEORGE GARNETT	2	BENJAMIN GILL	8
JOSEPH MELLOR	3	SAMUEL BOOTH	9
SAMUEL WOOD	4	ALBERT ADAMS	10
JAMES WOOD	5	HARRY CHAPMAN	11
WALTER WOLSTENCROFT	6	JAMES GEORGE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

CHARLES DOWNING	*Treble*	NORRIS WAY	6
HENRY HOWELL	2	JAMES RICHMOND	7
ALBERT STOWELL	3	SAMUEL PHILLIPS	8
FREDK. W. WADE	4	ISAAC LONG	9
FRED G. MAY	5	URIAH BRAVEN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. MILEHAM, and
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

The above is the first peal rung in the Method by all and in the city of Bristol, and is believed to be the first rung in the Method south of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

STRAND, LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS	*Treble*	*CHARLES T. COLES	6
GEORGE R. PYE	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	3	*ALBERT W. COLES	8
*WILLIAM J. NUDDS	4	*HARRY FLANDERS	9
WILLIAM HEWETT	5	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the Method; also first in the Method on the bells. This was W. Hewett's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

DUDLEY.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS' GUILD.

On Saturday, April 1st, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, DUDLEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

JOSEPH WEST	*Treble*	WILLIAM GOODMAN	6
CHARLES FAULKS	2	SAMUEL SPITTLE	7
HERBERT SHEPPARD	3	JOHN GOODMAN, Senr.	8
THOMAS WATTON	4	HARRY GOODMAN	9
WILLIAM MILLS	5	JOHN GOODMAN, Jnr.	*Tenor*

Composed by the late WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT, and
Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, Jnr.

This peal was rung for the first time. The peal was rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Alderman W. E. Walker, who was buried on the above date. It was also the quarterly peal and the first peal to be rung for the newly constituted Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT ST. ILLTYD'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

J. PAUL	*Treble*	G. ROBERTS	5
T. J. EVANS	2	R. BUNSTONE	6
J. EVANS	3	J. COX	7
R. EVANS	4	D. R. JAMES	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. COX.

First peal by J. Paul, who was elected a member of the Association before commencing. Rung as a farewell compliment to G. Roberts before leaving for Canada.

THE METROPOLIS.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, March 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL, E.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES SCHOLES	*Treble*	WILLIAM TRUSS	5
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	6
HERBERT LANGDON	3	RICHARD F. DEAL	7
FREDERICK J. HARDY	4	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, March 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKERS. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN RAY	*Treble*	JAMES ADAMS	5
THOMAS GRIFFITHS	2	THOMAS WATTON	6
WILLIAM MILLS	3	JOHN A. BROWN	7
HARRY JEAVONS	4	*RALPH BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. BROWN,

* First peal. This peal was arranged for the ringers of treble, 2, 3, 4 and 6, who belong to Sedgley.

PONTEFRACT]

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK E. MOODY	*Treble*	THOMAS M. BARKER	5
WILLIAM PEARSON	2	JAMES JACKSON	6
WILLIAM P. BROOK	3	ARTHUR GILL	7
HARRY C. WALTERS	4	ARTHUR WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by B. SMITH, and
Conducted by ARTHUR WALKER.

First peal in the Method on the bells, and by all the band, and rung at the first attempt.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(St. Peter's Junior Society.)

On Thursday, March 30, 1911, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten Part. Tenor 27 cwt.

George Cross	*Treble*	William Page	5
Harry Page	2	Thomas Hamlin	6
James Cross	3	George Wines	7
Tom Page	4	*Walter Perrok	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Page.

* First peal. First peal as conductor, to whom the peal was rung as a birthday compliment, all the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

BENHILTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

Joseph A. Lambert	*Treble*	Alfred H. Winch	5
James W. Drewitt	2	Albert Calver	6
Dr. A. B. Carpenter	3	Robert Grimwood	7
Charles Dean	4	William S. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., and Conducted by William S. Smith.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road, S.E.,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

William Weatherstone	*Treble*	Edwin F. Pike	5
Henry S. Ellis	2	Frank Hairs	6
Albert E. Brightman	3	William Hewett	7
Alfred Grimes	4	James E. Davis	*Tenor*

Composed by Fredk. Holden, and Conducted by James E. Davis.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation (No. 1) of Parker's Twelve-Part.

*Charles Bailey	*Treble*	Daniel Jones	5
*George Claybrook	2	†William Lawley	6
*Bernard Smith	3	Alfred Fallon	7
*Andrew Jones	4	*Arthur Everson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alfred Fallon.

* First peal, † First peal with a bob bell. First peal as Conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. D. Jones and A. Fallon.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Wells, Canterbury, Carlisle, Durham, London, Cambridge, and York Surprise.

Tenor 17¼ cwt., in E.

George Monk	*Treble*	Henry Blackman	4
*William Savage	2	†William Day	5
Joseph Goacher	3	Frederick Bennett	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Day.

* First peal of Surprise. † W. Day's first Surprise peal as Conductor.

SOUTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES AND EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, April 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs.

George Pipes	*Treble*	John Flowers	4
Thomas Stimpson	2	Herbert Fretwell	5
Herbert Day	3	Fred Watkinson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Fred Watkinson.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Halesworth District.)

On Saturday, April 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Fredk. Lambert, Jun.	*Treble*	Thomas Crane	4
Fredk. C. Lambert	2	Charles Moss	5
*William Kemp	3	John Mouser	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. C. Lambert.

* First peal. Rung on the 14th birthday of the treble ringer, the band wishing him many happy returns.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

In the Belfry of Holy Trinity Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part.

Alfred H. Pulling	1—2	Charles Willshire, Sen.	5—6
Maurice Smither	3—4	Frank Blondell	7—8

Conducted by A. H. Pulling.
Umpire, W. Loader.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(STOCKPORT AND BORODIN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, March 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

ALLEN G. CLARKE	...Treble	HUGH REYNOLDS	5
WILLIAM GORDON	2	GEORGE WARBURTON	6
JAMES H. MASON	3	ALLEN S. GORDON	7
JOHN HUSTLEY	4	ERNEST EDWARD	...Tenor

Conducted by W. GORDON.

This peal was rung on the 54th anniversary of the first peal, rung on March 29th, 1857, by Mr. W. Gordon, conductor of the above.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differenty. Tenor 20 cwt.

*WALTER FARLEY	...Treble	*GILBERT H. HARDING	4
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	2	†FRANCIS W. NEATE	5
FRANCIS W. CANNINGS	3	THOMAS F. KING	...Tenor

Conducted by F. W. NEATE.

* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal as Conductor. First peal on the bells. The Band tender their best thanks to the Rev. C. Edwards, Vicar, for the hearty welcome accorded to them, and the use of the bells, also to Mr. T. Bevan (Tower Master) for having everything in readiness, and to the local ringers and members of the C.E.M.S. for the excellent tea provided by them at the Parish Room.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—In the report of the peal of Bristol rung at Romford on March 23rd, and published in our last issue, the name of the ringer of the second should read, George Buggs, instead of George Briggs as stated.—The conductor of the peal of Stedman Caters at St. Nicholas, Guildford, on March 9th, was Frederick Holden.

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GORING, OXON.

RE-OPENING THE CHURCH BELLS.

On Saturday, March 25th, the bells at Goring, Oxon, were re-opened after having been rehung in an iron frame by the well-known firm of Messrs. Webb & Bennett, of Kidlington. Service was arranged at 4 o'clock, but unfortunately not many were present to hear a very appropriate sermon by the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, in his address, dwelt on the interesting part the bells took in various ways, and drew attention to the interesting history of the fourth bell in the tower which had been doing its work between 600 and 700 years. Not many residents knew that such an old bell was in their midst, and he hoped that some day it would be taken down and placed where it could be seen by all who were interested in the bells.

The new frame which is now carrying the bells is constructed upon girders, which are built into the walls, thereby strengthening the tower, whereas, before re-hanging, the old wooden frame used to vibrate, and touch the walls in an alarming manner. Only one thing now needed to make Goring bells complete, is to finish the octaves. The new frame has been made to take a treble and tenor.

The bells were rung in rounds at an interval in the service, and after the service 360 of Kent Treble Bob was rung by the following members: A. Mobey (treble), A. E. Reeves 2, J. Bower 3, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 4, J. Wedge 5, G. Wilson (conductor) 6; and a 360 Bob Minor: F. Webb 3. J. Nicholls and Mr. W. Newell, of Reading, also took part in the ringing. The "go" of the bells is everything that can be wished for, and reflects the greatest credit upon the hangers, who are now making the peal of six bells at Hurst into a peal of eight.

COMPOSITIONS.

5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.
BY JOSEPH B. FENTON (Rugby).

	1	4	5	6
23456				
53624	—	—		—
36524				—
25634	—			—
56234				—
62534				—
35264	—			—
52364				—
63254	—			—
32654				—
63425			—	
32465	—			
64235	—			—
42635				—
32546	—	—		—
24536	—			
43526	—			
25346	—			—
54326	—			
42356	—			
53246	—			—
34256	—			
52436	—			—
32456	S			

Repeated.

Rung for first time at Erdington on March 25th. Conducted by the author.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Last week I was obliged to devote nearly all my space to preliminaries. Preliminaries are necessary upon such occasions, but I want now to start straight away upon some practical talks to young ringers, and to give, either in answer to inquiries or otherwise, hints to young conductors, for their difficulties are no less than those of the ordinary ringer, and it is not infrequent that the young aspirant to the higher branches of the Art meets with the greatest obstacles, sometimes deliberately put in his way.

Let us assume that there is a band in a tower capable of ringing rounds and anxious to take up change-ringing. "How are we to begin?" is the question often anxiously debated. In all probability the parent association will be prepared to share the cost of sending them an instructor. Well and good, if it can be afforded, and a competent man is available. But if the young band have perforce to shift for themselves, what then are they to do? In the first place they will be well advised if they each provide themselves with one of the standard text books on the subject, and one which I can well recommend is "Troyte's Change-Ringing" (published by Messrs. Eland Bros., High Street, Exeter). Such a book is invaluable to the young ringer who is anxious to succeed.

Change-ringing upon scientific principles should be the aim of all who go into a tower to ring the bells, and for that reason I have very little patience with the man whose ambition does not rise beyond the height of ringing the tenor behind. But let me give a word of warning to the young ringer—before starting upon method-ringing learn first to "strike" your bell, to have a thorough mastery over it so that it is absolutely at your command, and can be "pulled in" or "held up" with merely the slightest variation in the strength of the pull. Until you can do this, there is no possibility of good striking, and attempts at change-ringing had better be left alone, for you will only annoy the inhabitants round about the church, and add to your own difficulties in acquiring what is known as "rope-sight," or "the faculty of 'reading the ropes' of the other bells and guiding your own bell in its proper path among them, by observing and instinctively counting the order in which they successively rise and fall."

About this rope-sight I shall have more to say later, but there are two matters in which my young ringers can proceed to practice. To get correct striking, the bells, whatever their number, should be rung so that the "back-stroke" rows, *i.e.*, when the bells are pulled by the rope end, should follow without any pause upon the "hand-stroke" rows, *i.e.*, when the bells are pulled by the sally. Between the back and hand stroke rows, however, there should be a slight pause, so that the sequence of the bells in rounds on six, for instance, follows like this :—

123456123456 123456123456 123456123456

It is only by adopting this plan that a "beat," which is the essence of accurate striking, can be obtained and maintained. Now having learnt to strike rounds well, the young band can go a step further as a beginning towards change-ringing. When a bell is being rung in changes, which, briefly put, envolves the moving of each bell one place up or down, the ringer, in order to maintain the "beat," has to know exactly when to "pull in," to come one place nearer the lead, or to "hold up," to get one place further away from the lead. A good way of learning to do this is to practice in this way: Ring a row of rounds at each hand-stroke, and at back-stroke one or other of these rows 132546 or 214365. Begin with several rounds, and then at the hand-stroke following the word "go," you would begin a series of rows :—

H	123456	or	H	123456
B	132546		B	214365
H	123456		H	123456
B	132456		B	214365

It is splendid practice to teach the young ringer to get the "feel" of the bell in changes.

"Doubles," Bedfordshire, has asked me to tell him how many different ways there are of calling 120 Grandsire Doubles. In his tower the conductor "has got three only, consisting of four bobs and two singles each, but arranged in different orders." There is no difficulty in identifying the three 6-scores which "Doubles" refers to, particularly, as he says, the conductor always calls off the 5th. There are seven other 6-scores obtained by the use of ordinary bobs and singles, but for the benefit of those who may be interested I give the whole ten, the figure in the first column being the number of the lead :—

OBSERVATION BELLS.

Lead	5	3	5	3	5	3	5	3	5	3
1		—		—		s		s	—	s
2	—		—		s		s	—	s	
3		—		s		—	—	s		s
4	—		s		—		s		s	—
5		s		—		—		s	—	s
6	s		—		—		s	—	s	
7		—		—		s	—	s		s
8	—		—		s		s		s	—
9		—		s		—		s	—	s
10	—		s		—		s	—	s	
11		s		—		—	—	s		s
12	s		—		—		s		s	—

Other 120's are got by the introduction of a call known as an "Extreme."

A SUGGESTION TO RINGING ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am not aware if this subject has been brought up before, but I suggest that if a bonafide member of any of our Ringing Associations is desirous of ringing a peal under any other association, he be given the option of either becoming a life-member, as at present, or paying a uniform charge of, say, 6d. per peal, according to what his pocket can afford. The revenue to the various associations would not suffer; in fact, I think they would gain under the alternative rule, and it would promote greater freedom and intercourse between the Guilds. The first peal of Stedman ever rung in Nottingham was lost to the Midland Counties' Association through a visitor failing to "fob up," whereas had it only been the "nimble tanner," instead of the usual five shillings, our report would, no doubt, have contained another of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's contributions. I can give other instances where the life membership rule acts adversely, but I presume most of your readers have stumbled across it sometimes. Hoping to hear other opinions on the matter,

Respectfully yours,
ALBERT COPPOCK.

33, Hazelwood Road, Nottingham.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Owing to Good Friday, *The Ringing World* will next week be published on Thursday. Correspondents are requested to note that all communications, to secure insertion, must reach the Editor by Monday.

As there will doubtless be a large number of peals rung on Easter Monday, only the records of those dispatched the same night can be guaranteed publication in the same week's issue.

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OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

The President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

Among the first of the Change Ringers' Associations founded in the country was that formed for the dioceses of Durham and Newcastle, and at its head to-day stands a man who, by his industry, his personal influence and his indomitable energy, assisted in a large measure to place the Association in the forefront among kindred organisations. Charles Linneaus Routledge, president of the Durham and Newcastle Association since September, 1908, is one to whom the honour has come after many years of arduous labour, and although he is not now, through the other demands upon him, able to devote as much time as

MR. CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

in former days to the active pursuit of the Art, his interest is no less keen, and his service no less willing.

Born in 1866, in the parish of Heavitree, Exeter, where his father was then in practice as a dental surgeon, which profession Mr. C. L. Routledge has since most successfully pursued, he removed with his family to Carlisle in 1869, and thence to Newcastle in 1876. He was introduced to ringing and to the belfry of St. John the Baptist, Newcastle, by his late brother, Mr. W. G. Routledge (who was one of the original founders of the famous St. John's Guild of Ringers) at the early age of 15, and joined the Diocesan Association, of which he was later to become so distinguished a member, in October of the same year, 1881. Under the able tuition of the late Francis Lees he proved an apt pupil. The training of the youth was severe, but thorough in those days, and days and weeks were spent tinkering at the bells and cleaning out the bell, clock, and ringing chambers, but it was a good apprenticeship for anyone keen on visiting other towers, where the bells were practically unringable, and 25 or 30 years ago that class of tower was in the majority.

Mr. Routledge assisted to augment the old six to eight at St. John's in 1884, but before that he had so advanced in the Art that he could ring some 14 or 15 Minor methods. From 1886 to 1894 he was Master of the St. John's Guild, and did much to make it celebrated throughout the country. St. John's is one of the few towers where over a century of peals has been rung, and Mr. Routledge has taken part in some 70 per cent. of them. His first peal was accomplished at the age of 17—on January 1st, 1884—when he rang the treble to a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major at North Shields, in the company of such stalwarts as Robert Spencer Story and William Reed, both past presidents of the Diocesan Association; G. J. Clarkson, ex-secretary of the Durham and Newcastle, and later president of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association; and the brothers Johnson and Joel Hern, the ringing "stars" of Reading and North Shields respectively. His first peal of Stedman was rung at Christ Church, Oxford, while on a visit to the Oxford Diocesan Guild with Mr. W. Story. This peal was conducted by that giant of the Exercise, James W. Washbrook, and was taken part in by the late beloved Master of the Oxford Guild, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who rang the 6th. It will be of interest to younger aspirants to a peal in this beautiful method, as well as encouraging them to make their motto "nil desperandum," to know that Mr. Routledge and his confreres at St. John's had over 30 attempts for their first peal of Stedman, but, once accomplished, peals came thick and fast. Mr. Routledge's first peal as conductor was rung in 1892, and since then he has called the first peals by the Association of Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Stedman Caters and Oxford Treble Bob Royal, while he was beaten only by a "short head" in calling the first peal of London Surprise to the credit of the Association, a rival company, conducted by Mr. Tom Gofton, running home at All Saints', Newcastle, just 45 minutes before the St. John's company finished their peal.

Mr. Routledge is one of those ringers who has always exhibited the keenest desire to assist beginners, and to him a great many men owe their belfry education. He is nothing if not thorough, and has spent a great deal of time in teaching the Art to others. At St. George's, Jesmond; Whickham and Wylam, he instructed young bands, and brought them all on as far as 5,000. In 1894 he relinquished the Mastership of the St. John's Guild, on going to Edinburgh to pursue his professional studies. In the Scottish capital he joined St. Mary's Cathedral Society, and was at once appointed instructor and conductor, holding that office until 1896. He looks back with satisfaction on those years, in which change-ringing got a firm footing in Scotland, and the foundation was laid for the master builder (William H. Barber) to finish the structure in later years. Mr. Routledge called the first peal on ten bells in Scotland, a 5040 of Kent Treble Bob Royal at St. Mary's on August 8th, 1895. One of the matters which Mr. Routledge has always made a strong point, is to prove every peal before calling it—how many disappointments would have been saved were all conductors able to do this!

Every office at the disposal of the Diocesan Association has been held by Mr. Routledge, who discharged the

onerous duties of hon. secretary and treasurer from 1899 to 1906, when he relinquished them through pressure of business. He has represented the Association on the Central Council for over twelve years, and succeeded Mr. G. T. Potter in the presidency of the Association in 1908. What leisure he gets from the labours of his profession is taken up with Masonic duties, golf and ringing. Mr. Routledge is one of the world's busy men, yet he finds time to do everything well. The following is the list of his peals :—

Kent Treble Bob Maximus	2		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	6	conducted	2
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	2	,,	1
Stedman Caters	12	,,	3
Kent Treble Bob Major	42	,,	8
Oxford Treble Bob Major	4	,,	2
Double Oxford Major	1	,,	1
Double Norwich Major	18	,,	4
Bob Major	7	,,	2
Woodbine Major	1	,,	1
Duffield Major	1		
Superlative Surprise Major	17	,,	8
Cambridge Surprise Major	3	,,	2
London Surprise Major	6	,,	4
Grandsire Triples	10	,,	3
Stedman Triples	42	,,	16
Bob Triples	7	,,	2
Seven Surprise Minor	1		
Seven Minor Methods	12	,,	5
	194	conducted	64

Of these peals, two (one Kent Treble Bob Major and one Stedman Caters) were rung on handbells. The others have been rung in 44 different towers.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—On Thursday, March 23rd, at the church of St. Peter, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), by the St. Peter's Juniors Society, in 47 mins.: H. Page 1, G. Cross 2, J. Cross 3, W. Page 4, G. Vines 5, T. Hamlin 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, H. Crabbe 8. Also 336 changes of Bob Major, with W. Richards ringing the tenor.

St. Saviour's, Southwark, New Tenor
(See also page 45).

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

One reads of many curious bequests in wills, and the following, taken from "Beerbohm's Evening Corn Trade List," of March 22nd, 1911, is of no little interest :—"Mr. Tuke, baker, of Wath, near Rotherham, by his will dated December, in the year 1810, bequeathed one penny to every child who attended his funeral; one shilling to every poor woman in Wath; ten shillings and sixpence to the ringers to ring one peal of 'Grand Bobs,' which was to strike off while they were putting him into his grave; to seven of the oldest navigators one guinea for puddling him up in the grave; to his natural daughter four guineas per annum; to his old and faithful servant Joseph Pitt twenty-one pounds per annum; to an old woman who had for eleven years tucked him in bed one guinea only. Forty dozen penny loaves to be thrown from the church leads at 12 o'clock on Christmas Day for ever; two handsome chandaliers for the church; and twenty pounds for a set of new chimes." Wath was once a noted place for six-bell ringing, and in this tower, we believe, a very long length was rung years ago.

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Bedford Surprise Major, a new method by Mr. Fred Dench, of the College Youths, is published for the first time in this issue. It is a method that will extend to ten and twelve bells, and will run true to peals of Treble Bob. Bedford Surprise is being rung by the St. Stephen's, Westminster, company.

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Our paragraph of last week as to the record number of 720's rung in one tower in a year has quickly brought a claim to a record. At St. Alkelda's, Middleham, Yorks, 152 720's were rung in the year ending Whitsunside 1910, consisting of Woodbine 27, Oxford 31, Kent 25, Plain Bob 18, Violet 13, Duke of York 24, and New London Pleasure 14. Mr. Chris Clarkson, aged 70, took part in 140 of the above. In addition to this, in the same year the Guild rang seven 5040's in seven Methods and a 7,200 in six Methods.

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An interesting record of changes rung in another tower has also come to hand. At St. Andrew's, Gargrave, Yorks, during 1910, the number of changes in different Methods was : Grandsire Triples 31,166 (including a peal of 5,040); Double Norwich 12,166, Stedman Triples 15,784, Kent Treble Bob Major 8,228, Oxford Treble Bob 720, Bob Major 720, Bob Minor 360.

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The bells of Cheddington, Bucks, have been rehung by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, who has recast the old fifth and added a treble, and the bells were heard again last Friday week. The tone of the two new bells is all that can be desired, and the "go" of the peal is perfect. The first 720 was rung upon them by : J. Marks 1, A. Bowell 2, H. Welland 3, T. Best 4, T. Smith 5, H. Sear (conductor) 6. Mr. Bowell is to be congratulated upon the success of his work.

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There seems to be keen competition for the privilege of naming the Legitimate Methods published in the Central Council's collection. The Clandon ringers, however, will

have to forego their claim to name No. 5 as Winchester, as it had previously been designated Newcastle. The Rev. H. Law James gives the following list of those which have already been named: 3 Canterbury, 5 Newcastle, 6 Chester, 9 Carlisle, 14 London, 15 Wells, 16 Lincoln, 17 Cunecastre, 22 Lancashire, 23 Lightfoot, 25 Wearmouth, 26 Westminster, 27 Annable's, London; 28 Netherseall, 29 Norwich, 32 York, 33 Durham, 35 Beverley, 36 Norfolk, 37 Ipswich, 38 Primrose, 39 Cambridge, 41 Bourne.

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The records of the first 720's of No. 24, which has been named "Stamford," and of No. 31, which has been named "Surfleet," neither of which appears in the Rev. H. L. James list, were published in our first number. No. 8 has now been added by the same band, who have named it Harrington Surprise. It was rung on Thursday week, at Bourne, Lincs., by: J. Neal 1, J. Osborn 2, J. W. Lake (conductor) 3, A. E. Larkinson 4, A. S. Allen 5, F. Blood 6.

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Are we going to have a family ringing of two bells each to a tower-bell peal? Most ringers know of the great performances in this direction of the wonderful J. W. Washbrook, of Arklow, and now comes his son, J. W. W., junr., into the arena this week, ringing, at the age of 18, two tower bells to 120 of Grandsire Doubles and a course of Grandsire Triples! Two other brothers took part in the touch, which was rung at Tunstall, Staffs.

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One sees from time to time some curious records in belfries, but that in one of the Manchester towers will take some beating. In the belfry are many marble tablets, recording past performances in the Art, among them being the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major in the city. In contrast is a board written in chalk recording that:—

On Tuesday, 31st January, 1911,
was rung in this Tower
A PEAL OF SMALL BOB MINOR,
Consisting of 12 changes,
in a few minutes.

Then follow the names of the ringers, the conductor, the Churchwardens and the Rector. The "few minutes" is delightful, but the band probably saw no reason why they should not record their longest length. Or is it a joke on the part of the artist?

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This recalls an incident which happened at a tower in Surrey, although the only record that appeared was in the local newspapers. "Stony" was the Method practised by the local band, who were very jealous in preserving the use of the bells in their tower to themselves. On one occasion a company of visitors, who, we believe, included the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, attempted a peal of Stedman, but lost it from some cause or other which, at this moment, does not matter.

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The locals, knowing that the peal should have occupied about three hours, chuckled at the failure, and to show that they were "better men" than the "scientific cranks" went to the tower a few days later and kept the bells going for three hours in call changes. Then, with a flourish of trumpets, the local paper announced that what the picked men of the Diocesan Association could not accomplish the ringers of the Parish Church had achieved. Where ignorance is bliss.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPTS.

ATTACKS ON THE MAXIMUS AND CAMBRIDGE RECORDS.

We have received notice of two attempts that are to be made on Easter Monday for long peals. As announced last week, there is to be an attempt upon the Kent Treble Bob Maximus record by the Lancashire Association, at Ashton-under-Lyne.

At the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels', a start will be made at 7 a.m. for 12,240 of Treble Twelve, the composition, by Mr. Samuel Wood, being as follows:—

	M	W	H
23456			
62534	2	1	2
26435	2		2
32465		1	
52643	1	2	1
25346	2		2
42356		1	

Twice Repeated

Add the following three courses to

	M	W	H
42356			
53624	1	1	
35426	2		2
23456		1	

bring the bells round at 6000 changes, which was rung at Ashton, on April 1st, as recorded in another column.

Starting at 9.30 a.m. on Easter Monday, eight members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will attempt a long peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, 12,896 changes, at St. Paul's Church, Fulney, near Spalding.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, WEDNESBURY.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, March 29th, on the occasion of the dedication by the Bishop of Stafford of a fine new organ (by Messrs. Brindley and Foster, Leeds) and carved oak screens (by Mr. Bridgman, Lichfield), the gift of Mrs. G. S. Guy, of Malvern, in memory of her father, the late Mr. Ruben Martin, who as a boy sang in the choir of this very ancient church, a quarter-peal of Darlaston Bob Triples (Carter's) 1260 changes, was rung in 45 mins. by: T. Burkitt 1, W. E. Brittan 2, A. Wallater 3, T. Hughes 4, A. E. Blundell 5, G. Hughes 6, H. Belcher 7, T. Myatt 8. During the evening long touches of Stedman Triples, Forward Triples, Oxford Bob Triples, Grandsire Triples, and Bob Major, were rung by the same band, conducted by G. Hughes.

BOXLEY, KENT.—On Thursday, March 30th, for service, 360 Grandsire Doubles: L. Bowley 1, W. Gosling (conductor) 2, W. Hope 3, A. Baker 4, G. Pound 5, W. Kilpartrick 6. After the service a 720 of the same method, with G. Burbridge 1, the rest as before. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Croydon to hold a Confirmation Service.

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IN LIGHTER VEIN.

A Page of "Timely Topics," by Will Willson.

We are a pageant-loving people. Perhaps the trait has been handed down to us from the time when Noah opened the doors of the Ark and the various denizens of the earth came forth "decently and in order" before they lumbered off to their own domains. Anyway, the sound of a tin-whistle and a drum will draw a bigger crowd than the best of preachers. Whenever a Coronation is in view, up rises an army of folk who have a "claim" to perform certain duties at the ceremony. It does not matter how unnecessary or even ridiculous their "services" may appear in the light of twenty centuries of civilization, they are the descendants of those who did similar service, and—there you are

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The Court of Claims has now decided who's who? And what the perquisites are to be—a very arduous and unpleasant task I should think. Unfortunately, some of these aspirants have met with a rebuff. Others will carry out the ancient game in high style. The Duke of Newcastle will carry the English Cup No, no, I mean a glove for the King's right hand. Lord Grey-de-Ruthyn and the Earl of Loudoun have both established their "right" to carry the "great spurs," and if they won't toss halfpennies, who shall do it—perhaps they will divide the stakes and carry one spur each. Someone else will "hold the stirrup" for His Majesty; the Lord High Constable of Scotland (!) is to carry a silver baton tipped with gold, the King's Arms at one end and his own at the other (a new one), and no second-hand trash; but if the Lord High Steward of poor Ould Oireland walks in the procession, he must find the wand himself! The distressful country is not alone. Wales only put in one claim—to carry a silver harp—but alas! the referee ruled it off-side. A Miss Wilsshore asserted her right "to hand His Majesty his first drink with the cup" after the Coronation, but alas again, the memories of the fair sex in matters politic are too recent, and King George can lift the cup himself.

Now we ringers ought to have a say in this business. We shall be compelled to shut ourselves up in the steeples of the land while the fun goes on, in order to provide gladsome music for the populace. Unlike the performers in a band who see all, we shall see nothing but ropes. We won't quarrel what services we shall or shall not perform—they are assured, but I think we could give a decent sort of show ourselves in the way of processions. There is probably no hobby outside our own that provides such a galaxy of names, and as every name has a meaning—if you can only find it—how would this draft do for a ringer's pageant?—

John H. C.—with a Stilton cheese.
William H. B.—with a barber's pole, chanting, "Come back to Erin."
John J. L.—with New Zealand carcase.
Messrs. C. T. and A. W. C.—carrying sacks of coals.
Edwin F. P.—with fishing line and a pike.
The Brothers P.—with something to eat.
A.S.B.—with two hand-bells filled with something to drink.

This is only a small section, and space forbids a complete programme, but with the Earl Marshal (Armiger J. T.——) in Court dress at the head, and Harry C.——with his wand of office (a skewer) at the tail, the pageant would be both picturesque and useful.

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You will have noticed, I dare say, the curious places sometimes where peals are rung. In bakehouses, schoolrooms, and on board ship, while a German Baloonatic recently took up a party of handbell ringers, but has anybody tried ringing in a motor-car? There will be a prize given to the band that accomplishes a peal, while running of course. Different folk view the motor with mixed feelings, but why? Nothing is nicer, when cycling home at night, than to be lifted into the hedge by a passing grunter what time you gather up the fragments of your buckled-up bike and give thanks. Or have you noticed how pleasant a thing it is on a fine day when the motor-car rushes by and changes the landscape in a twinkling? How vividly it brings to mind the old, old song, "Wait till the clouds roll by." And yet, the "Auto," which is a thing of beauty and a joy for ever, is villified by those who have the audacity to urge that the common pedestrian is of more importance than the "shover" in the car! Pooh, bah! and likewise Tush! Does not the motorist own the road? Since no one will sing his praises, hand me my harp and stand from under. In quires and places where they sing here followeth the siren's

SONG OF THE CAR.

Honk! Honk! Honk! We fly on the wings of the wind,
Scattering people right and left, and the laggards we leave behind—
We leave behind for the ambulance—let the public rave and shout.
What right has anyone else abroad when the motor-car's about?

Honk! Honk! Honk! Flee when you hear the horn.
Clear the way, for if you stay, you'll wish you'd ne'er been born.
We are all protected in the car, so laugh at you we must
As we poison you with petrol and smother you o'er with dust.

Honk! Honk! Honk! Ho! for the life we lead,
Death and destruction is in our wake we only live for speed.
It cuts us up to cut you down; come, rub your smarting eyes,
When crushed to bits (if time permits) we always sympathise!

Honk! Honk! Honk! just leave the car alone,
And never suggest that motor men should build a track of their own.
We've got the public neath our (W)HEEL, and t'will never come to pass,
For don't you know? In things like these the public is an ASS.

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The question of Sunday amusements will soon have to be dealt with, and with a firm hand. The cinematograph theatre is in itself a harmless amusement, and may be a real means of education—in its proper place. The tendency to-day is to open these places on Sunday and give the proceeds—less the "expenses" (?) to charitable institutions. Upon the surface this looks like doing good, but once establish the custom of Sunday opening, and the public appetite is not likely to be satisfied long with the "milk" of picture palaces. Unfortunately there are those in the so-called "advanced" church who hold that Sunday

is vitually over at noon, and having attended Matins—nothing else matters!

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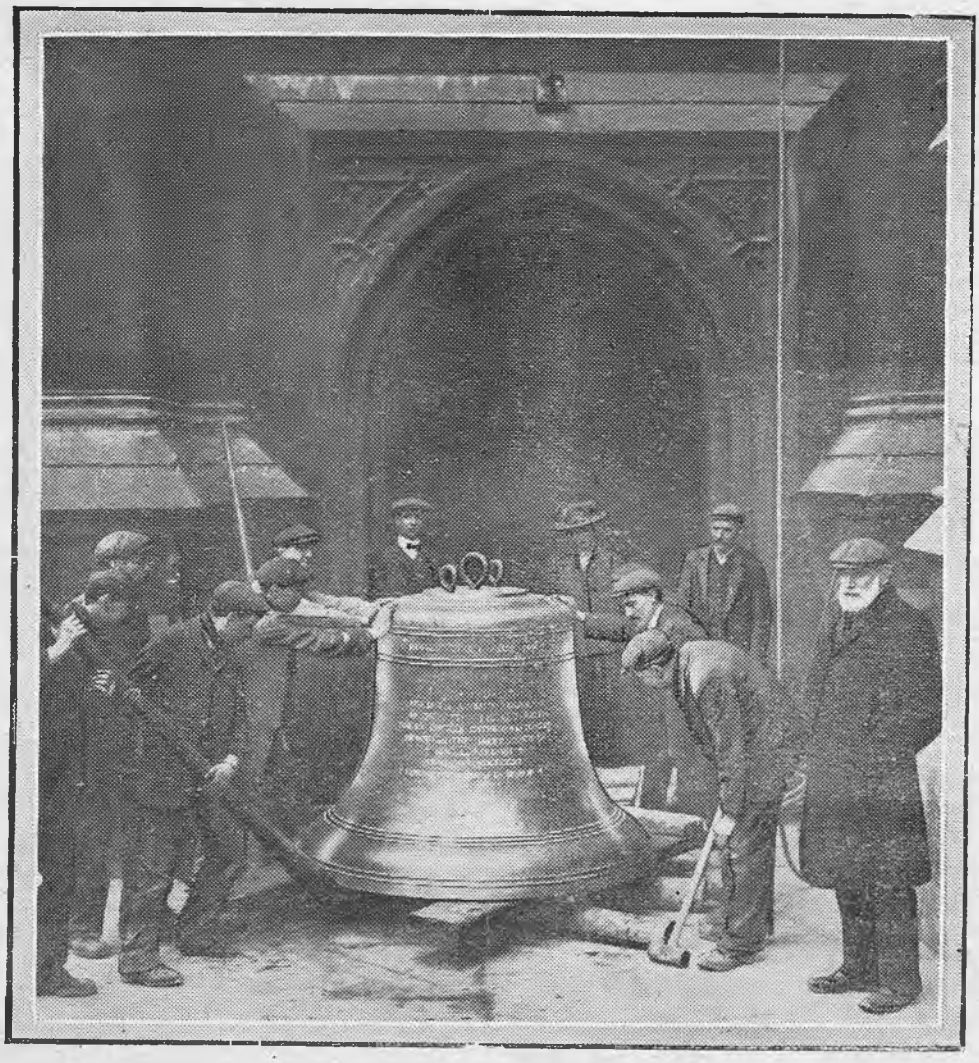
From every point of view, six days per week is enough for work or sport. One day's rest in seven is a cardinal principle, even in the secular programme. What opportunity then for those who are to cater for the amusements of the Sunday sportsmen? Liberty is precious. Excessive liberty becomes tyranny. Let the thin end of the wedge be permitted, and there is no argument that can be used to prevent it being driven further in. All men who wish to preserve Sunday as a day of rest should watch vigilantly any attempt in whatever guise, to level that day down to the working week, and should endeavour to restrain by all means in their power any encroachment upon it, except inasmuch as is necessary for the public welfare. "The Sabbath was made for man," true. Let it remain a Sabbath. The suggestion often made that no other opportunity for recreation offers, is mere cant and bunkum.

St. Saviour's, Southwark, New Tenor.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the famous Whitechapel Foundry, who have the renovation of the bells at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, in hand, have cast a magnificent new tenor for the peal. The bell, of which we give an illustration this week, has a diameter of 5ft. 7in. and the weight is 50 cwts. 0 qrs. 21lbs. The note is B flat. The original bell was cast at the same foundry by Samuel Knight in 1734, and this is recorded under the shoulder of the new bell, which is also inscribed: "Mears and Stainbank remade me as the gift of Richard White for Southwark Cathedral, to commemorate the happy reign of King Edward VII. Anno Dom. MDCCCCXI. Edward Talbot, D.D., Bishop." The bell was taken to the Cathedral on Wednesday week, and our interesting illustration shows the operation of getting the bell into the building. The dedication took place in the evening in the presence of a large congregation, the service being conducted by Archdeacon Taylor. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are quarter turning the other eleven bells and rehanging them in entirely new fittings. We are again indebted to *The Daily Graphic* for the use of the block of the large picture



Arrival of the Bell at the Cathedral.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON BRANCH.

A well-attended meeting was held at St. Mary's, Penwortham, on Saturday last. The bells were kept going to various Minor methods until 5.30 p.m., when in the schoolroom a bountiful tea was served to the visitors, through the hospitality of Mrs. Burton, the Vicar's wife. Subsequently the business meeting was held, the Vicar being voted to the chair. In a short speech, he welcomed the ringers to Penwortham, and hoped he would have the pleasure of meeting them again on some future date.—Whittle-le-Woods was selected as the next meeting place. —A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Burton for her hospitality, and also to the Vicar for presiding at the meeting.—Ringing was afterwards kept up till about 8.30.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of this branch was held at St. Philip's (Birley's), on Saturday, but was poorly attended, only some ten members putting in an appearance from Town Hall, Pendleton, Eccles, Worsley, Reddish, Didsbury, Rusholme, and one of the local company. An attempt at Grandsire Triples and Stedman was spoiled by the bad go of the 2nd, but at an interview with the Rector afterwards, he promised to get an expert in to advise, so the meeting, it is hoped, may result in good. A 360 of Bob Minor was rung, and the meeting closed with 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor by W. H. Shuker 1, R. Newton 2, J. Barratt 3, A. Cross 4, R. Ridyard (conductor) 5, and R. Davies 6.

MR. W. HEWITT'S 100 PEALS.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Clement Danes, was Mr. W. Hewitt's one hundredth peal. His century is made up as follows :—

Bob Major	1
Double Oxford Bob Major	1
Grandsire Caters	1
Stedman Triples	5
Stedman Caters	10
Stedman Cinques	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	2
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1
Forward Royal	2
Duffield Royal	1
Double Norwich Major	28
Double Norwich Royal	1
Superlative Surprise Major	20
Cambridge Surprise Major	16
Cambridge Surprise Royal	2
New Cumberland Surprise Major	4
London Surprise Major	3
Total ...	100

Rung in 46 different towers. Of the 100 peals 99 have been rung in the last four years.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—The London County Association.—On Tuesday, March 14th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. Rickwood 1, T. Langdon 2, L. Porter (conductor) 3, G. Chalkley 4, R. Kilby 5 H. Kilby 6. On March 21st 720 Double Oxford (40 Bobs and two Singles): W. Berry 1, T. Langdon 2, L. Porter 3, G. Chalkley 4, H. Kilby (conductor) 5, G. M. Kilby 6.—On February 21st, 720 College Single (60 calls), conducted by T. Langdon.—Sunday morning, February 26th, 720 "Old Oxford Modernised" Treble Bob, conducted by T. Langdon, In the evening 720 "College Bob IV.," Treble Bob, conducted by H. Kilby, and on February 28th 720 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by G. Chalkley.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Wednesday, March 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: G. Belton 1, C. Stephenson 2, R. Holder 3, A. Tomsett 4, H. Tomsett 5, G. Tomsett (conductor) 6, F. Willie 7, H. Attree 8.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.—On Thursday, March 23rd, an attempt for the first half of Holt's Ten Part peal of Grandsire Triples was made, but came to grief near the end: G. Warinton 1, J. B. Hessey (conductor) 2, E. J. Hamblin, sen., 3, E. Hamblin 4, W. Franks 5, H. Stevens 6, A. E. Gray 7, C. Hemms and P. J. Percy 8. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Wood, of Abbey Cottage, Chertsey, who was 100 years old that day.

HARLOW, ESSEX.—Essex Association.—On March 23rd, at St. Mary Magdalen's Church, Harlow Common, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Wheeler 1, W. Morris (longest touch) 2, G. Dent 3, H. Smale 4, B. Copping 5, J. Smith 6, F. Cordell 7 H. Bottrill (conductor) 8.—On Sunday, March 26th, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, in which W. Wheeler took part, and for evening service 640 in the same method, and two courses of Bob Major, the band standing as in the first touch.

WINKFIELD.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild (Sonning Deanery Branch).—On Saturday, March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation, at St. Mary's Church, a peal of Bob Minor came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 12 mins.: J. Rance 1, H. Bungay 2, J. White 3, J. Brants 4, J. North 5, W. J. Paice (conductor) 6. Afterwards five six-scores of Stedman Doubles were rung.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, March 26th, 576 London Surprise Major: J. Mawby 1. A. Perkins 2, A. Tyler 3, C. Keller 4, J. Ward 5, W. German (conductor) 6, W. Perkins 7, J. Garratt 8.—On Sunday last 576 Bristol Surprise Major: A. Perkins 1, W. Perkins 2, C. Keller 3, H. Horn 4, J. Ward 5, W. German (conductor) 6, J. Garratt 7, A. Tyler 8.

WOKINGHAM.—On Monday, March 27th, for practice, at All Saints' Church, 168 Grandsire Triples and a course of Bob Major. Also 168 Stedman Triples: F. Lush 1, H. Bungay 2, J. White 3, J. Rance 4, A. Price 5, J. F. Mattingley 6, W. J. Paice (conductor) 7, J. French 8. —On Tuesday, March 28th, for practice, at St. Paul's Church, 224 Grandsire Triples: L. Bunce 1, S. Lush 2, H. Thatcher 3, H. Butler 4, W. J. Paice (conductor) 5, J. White 6, S. Adams 7, W. Rhodes 8.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Tuesday, March 28th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1911 changes), in 1 hr. and 6 mins.: Fred Colclough 1, George Morgan 2, Horace Belcher 3, John Harper 4, James Adams 5, John A. Brown (conductor) 6, William Smith 7, Thomas Justice 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. Colclough on his 29th birthday, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

NUTTALL, NOTTS.—At St. Patrick's Church, on Tuesday, March 28th, for practice, a touch of Doubles (1440 changes), in 40 mins., viz., one 6-score of Stedman's Principle, two 6-scores each of St. Simons, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, and Chase, and three 6-scores of Grandsire: L. Beardsmore 1, A. Harrison (conductor) 2, P. Beardsmore 3, J. E. Hobbs 4, E. Wilcox 5.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Wednesday, March 29th, at Emmanuel Church, eight members of the Devon Guild met to ring a farewell peal of Grandsire Triples with C. Eales, who is leaving for America. After ringing 2 hrs. 40 mins., owing to a shift course, the bells ran round at 4326 changes: W. Hobbs 1, H. Bennett 2, W. Ford 3, W. J. Rundle 4, C. Eales 5, G. H. Myers (conductor) 6, J. Woodley 7, E. Linedsay tenor.—On Thursday, at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, 575 Grandsire Caters: L. Osborne 1, H. Bennett 2, J. Hobbs 3, J. Woodley 4, G. Parr 5, F. Dunaway 6, C. Eales 7, W. Shears 8, E. W. Marsh (conductor) 9, W. T. Linnell tenor. This was C. Eales' last ring, before leaving the country, with members of his own parochial band.—On Saturday, April 1st, at H.M. Dockyard Chapel, Devonport, 720 Plain Bob Minor: W. T. Linnell (first 720) 1, F. Hockaday 2, W. J. Rundle 3, H. Bennett 4, W. Ford 5, E. W. Marsh (conductor) 6.

EASTON-IN-GORDANS, SOMERSETSHIRE. — On Wednesday, March 29th, for practice, a 360 Bob Minor, in 13½ mins.: L. Moore, jun., 1, A. T. Atherton 2, J. Atherton 3, J. Caple 4, L. Moore 5, G. H. Gale (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 28½ mins.: A. C. Rumble 1, T. Atherton 2, J. Atherton 3, J. Thomas 4, J. Caple 5, G. H. Gale (conductor) 6. After service a 720 Oxford Bob Minor: H. England 1, T. Atherton 2, J. Thomas (conductor) 3, J. Caple 4, Lewis Moore 5, G. H. Gale 6, Tenor 21 cwt.

LUTTERWORTH.—On Saturday, April 1st, at Wycliffe's Church, a quarter-peal (1260) Grandsire Triples in 46 mins., being the first by all except the instructor, and first by any local band on the bells: T. Green 1, P. Rourke 2, S. Poole 3, A. J. Ross 4, F. J. Herbert 5, W. Williams 6, W. Willson (conductor) 7, W. Tilcock 8. Also 336, with T. A. Rogers ringing the 7th.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, April 2nd, for evening service at the Parish Church, 532 Grandsire Triples: G. Piper 1, C. J. Morling 2, H. Clark 3, F. Fears 4, E. V. Beadle (Isleworth) 5, A. Simmons 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, A. Banks 8.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday morning, April 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: C. Bird 1, H. Cowley 2, A. R. Macdonald 3, C. Edwards 4, G. Gladman 5, E. R. Gladman (conductor) 6, S. Carter 7, H. C. Chandler 8.

HILLINGDON WEST.—On April 2nd, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 41 mins.: J. J. Pratt (conductor) 1, C. Rollings 2, E. Wild 3, P. Jones 4, H. Gosden 5, H. H. Chandler 6, A. R. Macdonald 7, W. Footer 8. Rung for the Bishop of London's Men's Special Service.

BADWELL ASH.—Norwich Diocesan Association.—On Sunday evening, at St. Mary's Church, for Divine service, in 25 mins. (720 changes), in four methods of Doubles, Grandsire, St. Dunstan's, Dream and Fortune: G. Baker (conductor) 1, G. Morley, jun., 2, G. Kinsey 3, H. Morley, sen., 4, H. Davey 5. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 9 lbs. in F. Another 720 was rung after service by the same band.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX. — The St. Mary's Society and Branch of the Ancient Society of College Youths. — On Sunday last, after the evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: W. B. Manning 1, F. Rumens 2, H. Rumens 3, J. C. Adams 4, H. J. Maynard 5, R. Maynard, jun. (conductor) 6, F. C. Maynard 7, R. Maynard, sen., 8. Rung on the 76th birthday of Mr. J. Wilkins, sen., who has been the honorary secretary of the above society for 35 years.

SCARBOROUGH.—The Yorkshire Association.—On Sunday, for Divine service, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Fryers 1, H. Gibson 2, H. Millner 3, A. Coates 4, J. R. Barton 5, H. Ferguson 6, J. Dixie (conductor) 7, F. Davison 8.—At 8, St. Thomas' Street, on Sunday morning also, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells in 38½ mins.: J. R. Barton 1-2, A. Coates 3-4, H. Ferguson 5-6, J. Dixie (conductor) 7-8. Arranged for A. Coates, who was paying a visit to his native town.—On Wednesday, March 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Fryers 1, H. Millner 2, J. R. Barton 3, H. Gibson 4, H. Ferguson 5, J. Dixie 6, F. Cole tenor covering.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday last, for Divine service in the evening, 672 Superlative Surprise Major: H. Trickle 1, G. Ward 2, A. H. Ward 3, C. E. Hart 4, S. Maskrey 5, B. Mitchell 6, E. Willis 7, W. Wallace (conductor) 8.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday last, for evening service, 1260 Stedman Triples: J. R. Sandover 1, R. Hamilton 2, W. Youlden 3, F. Richards 4, T. Laver 5, W. S. Lethbridge 6, Geo. W. Challice (conductor) 7, A. Mitchell tenor.

TUNSTALL, STAFFS.—At Christ Church, recently, for Divine service and practice, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich, 756 Stedman and two courses of Superlative Surprise: G. A. Smith, J. Darlington, A. Clay, J. Johnson, William Thompson, J. E. Sykes, J. W. Washbrook, jun., W. R. Washbrook, Harry Washbrook. Also course of Grandsire Triples and 120 Grandsire Doubles; J. W. Washbrook, jun. (age 18), ringing two bells. First Surprise ringing on the bells.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Halstead on Easter Monday. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea, 1/- each, will be provided at the White Horse, at 5.30, for those giving notice by the 14th to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly Meeting at Carshalton on Easter Monday. Bells open from 2 to 9 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., which ringers are requested to attend. Tea at 6 p.m. in the Parish Room; meeting afterwards, at which the Rector will preside.

Will unattached members who intend being present please notify Mr. F. Holder, 1, Palmerston Road, Carshalton, not later than Thursday, April 13th.—Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Ecclesfield on Easter Monday. Bells available from 12 o'clock, by kind permission of the Rev. F. W. Pawson, Vicar.—T. Riley, Honorary Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION. — The twenty-ninth annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 17th. The bells at St. Luke's and St. Peter's will be available from 10.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's from 11 a.m. to 7.30 p.m., and St. Alkmund's from 11.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. Committee meeting 3.45. Tea, 4.30, 1s. 3d each, in King's Cafe, St. Peter's Street. Committee and general meeting at the same place. Tea will only be provided for those who notify Mr. B. Mitchell, 68, Douglas Street, Derby, by Thursday, April 13th, of their intention to be present.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary, Cotgrave, Notts.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 17th. The Cathedral, St. Peter's, St. Michael's and St. Stephen's Churches will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Members desiring to ring earlier at the two six-bell towers should communicate direct to the respective conductors.

Choral Service at the Cathedral 5 p.m., with special addresses by the Rev. Dr. Chadwick, Vicar of St. Peter's, St. Albans. Meat tea 5.50 p.m. in the Abbey Institute. Sixpence each to members. To be followed by business meeting for the election of officers, and other matters.—G. W. Cartmel, Honorary Secretary, "Duffield," St. Albans.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Cross Stones Church, Todmorden, on Saturday next, April 8th, 1911. Bells available from 3 to 9. — J. H. Bastow, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD, Established 1883. — The annual meeting will take place at Sheffield, on Easter Tuesday, April 18th. The bells of the Parish Church (12) will be available from 5.0 p.m. Business meeting at 8.0 p.m., to elect officers for the ensuing year, etc., etc.—Sidney F. Palmer, Hon. Secretary.

NOTICES (continued).

GARDENER, middle-aged, seeks situation; Change Ringer and instructor, 8, 10 or 12 bells.—Apply to Zero, care of the Editor.

ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (ESTABLISHED 1755).—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Aston on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, at which the address will be given by Canon Sutton. Business Meeting in Vicarage Rooms at 6 o'clock prompt.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Bristol on Easter Monday, April 17th, 1911. Dinner at Maxwell's Restaurant, St. Nicholas St , at 12 noon, tickets 1s. each (if purchased before April 12). Short Service at All Saints' (City) at 1 o'clock, with an address by the Vicar, Rev. C. H. Dickinson. Business Meeting at the Church House, adjoining, immediately afterwards. Most of the City Towers open for ringing during the day. C. E. D. Boutflower, Hon. Secretary, 30, Broad Street, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Rossendale Branch. —The next Branch Meeting will be held at St. Saviours, Bacup, on Saturday next, April 8th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Branch Secretary.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.— The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on Easter Monday. Committee meeting at 12 noon. Short service at 4 o'clock. Tea and general meeting at 4.30. Fuller particulars will be given next week.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Woverhampton.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Radyr, near Cardiff, on Easter Monday, April 17th, 1911, at 4 p.m.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and J. W. Jones, Hon. Secs.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Masham, West Tanfield, and Kirby Mabgeard, on Easter Monday, April 17th, 1911. Bells available all day. Dinner at the King's Head Hotel, Masham, at 12.30 prompt. Members 1s., non-members 2s. each. Those intending to be present must notify the Secretary not later than Tuesday first post, April 11th, 1911.—Thos. Metcalfe, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesborough, Hon. Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on Easter Monday. Short service, with address, at 4.0. Tea and general meeting in the Masonic Hall, Edward Street, at 4.30. Bells available: Christ Church (12), 10.0 to 12.0; 2.0 to 4.0; 6.15 to 8.0. All Saints' (8), 12.0 to 3.30; 8.0 to 9.0. Oldbury (8), 10.0 to 3.30; 6.30 to 9.0. Smethwick (8), 10.0 to 12.0; 1.0 to 3.0; 6.30 to 9.0. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid in belfry at Christ Church, between 2 and 4 o'clock. Tea, 6d., to fully paid members; to others, 1s. Please notify intention of attending not later than 11th inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Shipley on Saturday, May 20th. Circulars in due course.—Clement Glenn, Hon. Sec., 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

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THE YOUNG RINGER.

A remark made in the Beginners' Corner in this journal a fortnight ago, with regard to the opportunities given to young ringers and young conductors, has called forth quite a number of letters from those who seem to have suffered from the indifference with which they have been treated by "old hands." These beginners, anxious to progress in the Art, have been deliberately kept back when they were, so to speak, "straining at the leash." We hope and believe that these cases are comparatively rare. It is the most short-sighted policy for any band to put obstacles in the way of its young ringers. If the real strength of the company, both numerically and as a change-ringing unit, is to be improved, every encouragement ought to be given to these promising recruits, and we are confident that in the majority of cases this is so. At the same time it seems quite obvious that there are places, even in these enlightened days, where young ringers are taken into a band, utilised to ring the bells when the old hands desire to take a holiday, and who yet have to look on when there is any change-ringing on hand. One correspondent complains that he knows of several men who would have made useful ringers, but have given up in disgust, owing to the fact that they were far more advanced in the study of Methods than they were given chances to practise on the ropes. The sooner this state of things is ended, even in the obscure instances where we have evidence that it exists, the better for the Exercise. We believe, however, that the case of the aspiring young conductor is even a harder one, and the instances in which he meets with discouragement are far more numerous. They arise because the conductor of the tower will not tolerate a possible rival with bob calling. Once having got himself firmly elevated upon his pedestal, he gives no one else a chance, and many a band has been broken up by a revolt against this position of affairs. Young aspirations ought to be encouraged, and while we are unable to secure for those who are striving against the opposition to which we have referred the opportunities for practice, we intend to do what we can to increase that theoretical knowledge which is essential to successful ringing and conducting. This week we publish the first of a series of articles, which will appear from time to time from the pens of eminent composers, dealing with the broad principles of composition in different Methods, a knowledge of which is important to those who would be masters in conducting, as well as being of real instructional value to that large section of ringers who desire a knowledge of that fascinating side of the Art—composing.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

Arthur D. Burgess	*Treble*	Benjamin Thorpe	5
John Pownall	2	Samuel Hill	6
Arthur Jackson	3	John Harrison	7
Wilfred Hinchliffe	4	Samuel Wood	*Tenor*

Composed by T. Heron, and
Conducted by Benjamin Thorpe.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstan's Four-Part. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr., in G.

Francis E. Dawe	*Treble*	Frank Blondell	5
*Charles N. Burdock	2	Charles Willshire, Sen.	6
Alfred H. Pulling	3	Charles Edwards	7
Maurice Smither	4	Thomas N. Mack	*Tenor*

Conducted by Francis Edward Dawe.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt., in F.

Joseph Waghorn	*Treble*	George A. Card	5
Miss Edith K. Parker	2	Wilby J. Hazell	6
Edward F. Cole	3	James Parker	7
John H. Benstead	4	George Paice	*Tenor*

Composed by James Parker, and
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

John Joyce	*Treble*	William B. Smith	5
Charles Jackson	2	Firth Hopwood	6
Arthur Gill	3	Bernal E. Howe	7
James Cotterell	4	Joseph Broadley	*Tenor*

Composed by W. H. Thompson, M.A., and
Conducted by Charles Jackson.

This composition is now rung for the first time and appears in Snowdon's "Grandsire," page 221.

DEANE, BOLTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

Fredk. Abbott	*Treble*	Benjamin A. Knights	5
Robert Duckworth	2	Alfred Potter	6
Robert Wallwork	3	Titus Barlow	7
Thomas Wallwork	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights, and
Conducted by Benjamin A. Knights.

THE METROPOLIS.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

Thomas Groombridge, Jn.	*Treble*	Frank Bennett	5
Edwin Barnett, Jn.	2	Edwin Barnett, Sn.	6
William Hewett	3	James E. Davis	7
Isaac Emery	4	Thomas Groombridge, Sn.	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton, and
Conducted by Frank Bennett.

First peal in the Method on the bells. F. Bennett's 300th peal as as conductor. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Right Reverend Dr. Ridgway, Bishop of Kensington, for the use of the bells.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

Fred Williams	*Treble*	*Henry Wallace	5
*Ernest Bonnett	2	Robert G. King	6
Henry Bottrill	3	Barnard Patmore	7
George H. Barker	4	William H. Lawrence	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Lockwood, and
Conducted by William H. Lawrence.

* First peal of Major.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

WATTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Little Munden Society.)

On Thursday, April 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Bert Carter	*Treble*	Arthur Phillips	4
Fred Williams	2	Arthur Woolston	5
Albert Carter	3	William H. Lawrence	*Tenor*

Conducted by William H. Lawrence.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary's,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

James Slarke	*Treble*	Fred Hopper	3
J. W. Sharp	2	*J. May	4
G. Basford	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Fred Hopper.

* First peal; also the first peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Basford, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Canon Brittain.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(St. Peter's Amalgamated Society.)

On Saturday, April 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

At 31, Burgess Street,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5399 CHANGES;

John Thorpe	1—2	Clement Glenn	5—6
George Lewis	3—4	Sidney F. Palmer	7—8
R. Wilfred Collier	9—10		

Composed by Arthur Knights, and
Conducted by Clement Glenn.
Umpire, James Evinson.

Longest length in the Method by the Association. Rung as birthday compliment to R. W. Collier, with the good wishes of the rest of the band.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At King Edward VII. Grammar School,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5004 CHANGES;

*Francis E. Dawe	1—2	†Maurice Smither ...	7—8
†Alfred H. Pulling ...	3—4	James Hunt	9—10
Charles Willshire, Sen.	5—6	†Henry L. Garfath ...	11—12

Composed by W. J. Smith, and
Conducted by A. H. Pulling.
Umpire, S. Radford.

* First peal. † First peal of Cinques. First peal of Cinques in hand by all. The first peal of Cinques by the above Guild. It is also the first conducted from a pair of non-observation bells by a conductor as his first peal of Cinques. C. Willshire 200th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere, and J. Hunt's 100th peal of Stedman.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

At 228, St. John's Road, Walthamstow, E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Bertram Prewett	1—2	William Shepherd ...	7—8
William Pye	3—4	Ernest Pye	9—10
George R. Pye	5—6	*William A. Woodrow, Jr.	11—12

Composed by G. Lindoff, and
Conducted by W. Pye.
Umpire, Charles T. Coles.

* First peal of Stedman.

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NEW MIDLAND COUNTIES' DISTRICT.

The first quarterly meeting of the newly-formed Chesterfield District of the Midland Counties' Association was held on Saturday last, at North Wingfield. The bells were kept ringing from 3.30 till 5.30, when an adjournment was made to the schoolroom for tea, kindly provided by the Rector, Rev. C. J. Boden, with his usual generosity. After tea, the meeting was held, Mr. J. P. Tarlton presiding.—The minutes of the preliminary meeting forming the new district were read by the secretary and confirmed.—It was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting at Ashover, the date of which will be advertised in due course.—Two new members were elected, and on the motion of Mr. F. Watkinson, seconded by Mr. E. C. Gobey, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his kindness in providing tea, and giving permission to use the bells.—Afterwards the tower was again visited, and the bells were rung in various standard methods.

PRESENTATION AT GUILDFORD.

On Friday evening last, for a second time within a few weeks, the members of the Holy Trinity Society met in their belfrey, to shake hands, in farewell, with another of their promising young ringers, Mr. H. Burdock, who, to the great regret of all, is leaving the town for Nottingham.

Advantage was taken of the occasion to present him with a small token of their esteem and regard, and the Rector, the Rev. E. C. Kirwan, in handing him a silver cigarette case, suitably inscribed, expressed the hope that it would always serve to remind him of his old friends, and the happy hours he had spent ringing at Holy Trinity, Guildford. He also hoped that he would still persevere in the Art in his new surroundings.—Mr. Burdock feelingly thanked his colleagues for their kindness.

On Sunday evening, April 2nd, a quarter-peal of British Surprise Major, consisting of 1152 changes, was rung as a farewell touch, the ringers being: H. Burdock 1, C. Willshire 2, H. Hutton 3, H. L. Garfath 4, M. Smither 5, A. H. Winch 6, C. Hazeldene 7, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 8.

The Thetford St. Peter's ringers were very kindly entertained by their conductor (Mr. T. Fitzjohn), on Thursday, the 6th inst., when they sat down to a meat tea, which was splendidly served by Mr. A. Cash, at the "Green Dragon." Afterward the company adjourned to the belfry and rang 1008 changes of Bob Major, standing as follows: E. Carter 1, Louis Dickerson 2, Alfred Macro 3, Horace Hawes 4, Alfred Newson 5, Thos. Fitzjohn (conductor) 6, William Everett 7, Charles Carter 8. After this performance short touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman were rung on the hand-bells.

ALFRED BOWELL,

CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,

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EASTER PROGRAMME.

The following are among the most important ringing engagements for Easter Monday :—

Attempt for 12,240 Kent Treble Box Maximus, at Ashton-under-Lyne.

Attempt for 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major, at Fulney, Lincs.

Annual Meeting of the Midland Counties' Association, at Derby.

Annual Meeting of the Hertford County Association, at St. Albans.

Annual Meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, at Bristol.

Annual Meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, at West Bromwich.

Quarterly Meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, at Radyr, near Cardiff.

Meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, at Masham, West Tanfield and Kirby Malzeard.

Meeting of the North Eastern District of the Essex Association, at Halstead.

Quarterly Meeting of the Surrey Association, at Carshalton.

Meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society, at Ecclesfield.

On Easter Tuesday, the Annual Meeting of the St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield.

QUEENBOROUGH BELLS.

ROMANCE OF AN ANCIENT PEAL.

The five bells of the ancient church of Queenborough, Isle of Sheppey, are at present in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank; the tenor bell is to be re-cast, and the other four quarter-turned. The four smaller bells were originally cast at the famous Whitechapel foundry, and bear the inscription—"Anthony Bartlet made mee, 1667." The tenor bell, added in 1722, was made by R. Phelps, well known as the maker of the hour bell of St. Paul's Cathedral.

A curious and little-known romance attaches to these old bells. Queenborough had, in olden times, two fairs, granted as a mark of royal favour by Edward III. One of these was held on "The Eve of our Ladye," and the other on the Feast of St. James, August 5th, as it then was, When this feast was altered to July 25th the fair was still held on the original day, August 5th. In the year 1804, while the fair was in progress, a terrible thunderstorm broke over the borough, and the merry-making was brought to a hasty conclusion. During the evening the storm increased in violence, and, as darkness came on, a small boat was dashed on to the beach and its two helpless occupants were cast ashore. They managed to crawl through the serf to a place of safety, and, when they had somewhat recovered, they heard the sound of church-bells not far distant. Guided by the sounds, they staggered on through the black night, and eventually reached the parish church just as evensong was about to begin. Still in their sodden garments, they entered and returned thanks to God for their wonderful deliverance. They were sheltered for the night by the hospitable parson, and in the morning, left the island, without, so far as is known, revealing either their identity or destination. Shortly afterwards they sent to the Mayor the sum of £40 in bank-notes, to make provision that a sermon should be preached annually in memory of their wonderful escape, "and for behoof of the poor." For preaching this sermon, in memory of the "shipwrecked gentlemen," the vicar receives one guinea, the rest of the interest, according to the donors' wishes, being given to the poor of the borough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of this branch was held at Cross Stone's Church, Todmorden, on Saturday, and was well attended, members being present from Middleton, Milnrow, Newhey, Rochdale, Oldham Shore, Walsden, and from the towers in Todmorden. Two new members were elected. The place selected for the next meeting was Heywood, on May 8th. The bells were kept going until 9 o'clock in Grandsire Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman Triples.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

A branch meeting was held last Saturday, at St. Saviour's, Bacup, 19 members attending from Helmshore, Rawtenstall, Waterfoot, Christ Church, and the local tower. Various touches of Kent and Oxford Minor were rung before the meeting. The meeting was presided over by the G.O.M. of this branch, Mr. Zeb Lond.—Helmshore was the place fixed for the next meeting—Mr. W. Ashworth reported upon the committee meeting held at Bolton, and some little discussion took place upon it.—The meeting was brought to a close with thanks to the Vicar and wardens for use of bells, to the ringers for having all in order, and to the chairman for presiding. — Subsequently the bells were kept merrily going till about 8.45, with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Woodbine.

BELL RESTORATIONS.

Considerable interest is being taken in several of the six and five-bell towers in the neighbourhood of Ashby-de-la-Zouch. At Appleby Magna the six bells are being re-hung in a wrought iron frame by Messrs. Kemp, of Leicester. The treble and fifth, which are badly cracked, will be re-cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The tower and spire is being re-pointed, and various improvements made to the floors and belfry ladders.

At Sheepy Magna the old five are being re-tuned and provided with new fittings, and a new treble added, as the gift of two ladies living in the parish. One of the bells here is a fine example of a pre-reformation bell, and care is being taken to preserve it intact. Messrs. Barwell have been entrusted with the work, and hope to complete early in June.

At Austrey, the Vicar, the Rev I. J. Rosser, has collected sufficient funds to have the spire and tower re-pointed and the old five bells re-hung, but is not able at the present time to have the sixth added. Messrs. Barwell will do the re-hanging and re-fitting of the bells.

There is also a rumour that the bells at the fine church of Breedon-on-the-Hill are to be re-hung, but no definite information has reached us at present.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

In the last issue of *The Ringing World*, I gave my young readers some hints upon how to practice, so that they may get accurate striking and gain a perfect command over a bell in changes. The actual operation of change-ringing is but an extension of the method I set out last week. Change-ringing is the art of ringing bells "so that a different 'change' is produced at each pull of the bell ropes; no greater shift in the order of striking being allowed to any bell than an exchange of place with the bell next to it, and no repetition of any 'change' as a whole."

Now those rows which I set out were but the basis upon which methods are built up. The object on the lower number of bells is to get the whole of the possible changes without any repetition until the bells automatically work themselves back into the original row of rounds from which they started. Last week I provided two illustrations of the order in which the bells can be changed, viz. :—

123456 or 123456
214365 132546

It will be seen that, in the first case, each of the three pairs of bells change and, in the second, that only the two middle pairs change. If in each instance the same way of changing be adopted for the next row, we get back at once to where we started from. But let us begin to use the two methods alternately, and see where it carries us. Let us first change all three pairs, and we get :—

123456
214365

Now adopt the second method, which changes the two middle pairs, and we have

123456
214365
241635

Continuing these operations alternately we get the following :—

123456
214365
241635
426153
462513
645231
654321
563412
536142
351624
315264
132546
123456

Here we are back again into rounds, at the end of twelve changes, which is only a tiny portion of the extent on six bells, but we have progressed an important stage.

If you practised my last week's examples you would have learnt to pull your bell in a little bit at one change and hold it up slightly at the next, or vice-versa. If you will examine the figures given above you will notice, taking the treble as the example, that you begin by holding up not merely for one row, but for a series of rows, until, in fact, you find yourself striking last instead of first. When you have reached this last place, you strike another blow in the same position, and then follow the reverse order of things, that is "pull in" a place each time until you reach your original position at lead. That is the work of the treble, and if you look at any of the other bells you will find that they do precisely the same thing, except that they start in different places; the 6th, for example, coming down a place each time till the lead is reached, and then reversing the work and going up again—"holding up" at each pull until it gets back to 6th place again. This kind of work is called plain hunting, but space will not permit me going further into it this week. In the next number I will explain to the young ringer the way in which this hunting can be mastered, and in the meantime I would recommend him to carefully study on paper the "path" of each of the bells as it pursues its course up and down among the rest.

"Ringer" says he is in uncertainty with regard to the counting of the places as a bell hunts up or down. Taking Minor as the example, he says, some good ringers say there are not six places, but only five, the reason given being that in hunting up, you lead full; then count 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; lie; and go back. "I have not seen this teaching," he adds, "in any of the instruction books, but I have seen 'lead full, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, lie.,' etc. In some towers, also, there seems to be no counting of places, the terms used being 'one and treble,' 'two and treble,' or 'treble one,' 'treble two,' and so on. This to me is bewildering."

"Ringer" is not the only bewildered one. The way of counting places, as well as of memorising Methods, varies greatly in different districts. I well remember going once into a strange tower and taking part in a touch of Grandsire Triples. There was a trip, and when I told the hesitating ringer to dodge in 6-7 down, he failed totally to comprehend, and the touch came to a premature end. Afterwards I learned that the ringers in this tower knew nothing about 6-7 down or 6-7 up, but that they knew the dodging places merely by such terms as "first out," "first home," "last home," and so on, which was so much Greek to me. I relate this incident just to show "Ringer" that despite efforts that have been made to "standardise" terms, if we can apply the word to ringing, there are still widely different expressions in more or less general use.

This applies also to the counting of places, as "Ringer" has found out. In counting a lead of Treble Bob, as "Ringer" asks me to do, I should, taking the treble, do it in the following way: Seconds (in this case, of course, it does not mean making second's place, which is a whole pull, but striking just the one blow in the position in which the second bell strikes in rounds), snap (which is one blow at lead as compared with leading a whole pull), seconds, thirds, fourths, thirds, fourths, fifths, sixths, fifths, lie a whole pull in sixths, fifths, sixths, fifths, fourths, thirds, fourths, thirds, seconds, snap, seconds, lead a whole pull.

Mr. C. Pearson, Whitstone, Exeter, writes: "It is, perhaps, due to a prejudice against false peals that many ringers are not aware that five bells will come round at 120 changes, in four courses of 30 changes with a Plain Lead, Bob, and Single, in that order, but beginning with any of the three.

"For practice there seems to be an advantage in this false six-score, because every bell, excepting the treble, does every possible variety of work, and there is no observation bell. Of course, the changes repeat somewhere at hand-stroke, and the young ringers are apt to be puzzled, and break up."

The six-score of Grandsire to which Mr. Pearson refers is made up as follows :

23456			
2534	5423	4352	3245
— 3425	— 2354	— 5243	— 4532
s 5234	s 4523	s 3452	s 2345

Out of the 24 changes, with the treble at lead, eight of them are missing with this composition.

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ON TOWER BELLS.

Seven Minor Methods	1		
Union Triples	5	conducted	4
Grandsire Triples	54	,,	36
Grandsire Caters	8	,,	1
Stedman Triples	36	,,	2
Stedman Caters	12		
Stedman Cinques	2		
Bob Major	7	,,	1
Bob Royal	2		
Treble Bob Major	9	,,	2
Treble Royal	2		
Double Norwich Major	13	,,	1
Superlative Surprise	11		
Cambridge Surprise	1		
Norfolk Surprise	1		
Bristol Surprise	4		
London Surprise	4		
Total	172	conducted	47

ON HAND BELLS.

Bob Major	1		
Grandsire Triples	12	conducted	6
Grandsire Caters	3		
Stedman Triples	8		
Stedman Caters	3		
Stedman Cinques	1		
Total	28	conducted	6
On Tower Bells	172	conducted	47
On Hand Bells	28	,,	6
Total	200	conducted	53

SURPRISE MINOR.

The Gofton family, ringing at St. Paul's Church, Whitley, Northumberland, have been busy among the Surprise Minor Methods, published in the Central Council collection. Last Sunday they rang 720 of No. 26 (Westminster), but since November 6th they have rung 23 others, as follows: Nov. 6th, No. 6 (Chester), and No. 9 (Carlisle); Nov. 13th, No. 1; Nov. 27th, No. 2 and No. 4; December 4th, No. 3 (Canterbury), and No. 5 (Newcastle); Dec. 11th, No. 22 (Lancashire); Dec. 18th, No. 32 (York), and No. 14 (London); Dec. 25th, No. 15 (Wells); Jan. 15th, No. 24, and No. 7 (Whitley); Jan. 22nd, No. 38 (Primrose), No. 8 (Northumberland); Jan. 29th, No. 23 (Lightfoot), and No. 25 (Wearmouth); Feb. 5th, No. 35; Feb. 12th, No. 31; Feb. 19th, No. 34; Feb. 26th, No. 33 (Durham), and No. 30; Mar. 26th, No. 37 (Ipswich). The ringers have been S. W. Stratford, J. E. Gofton, J. A. Gofton, R. Gofton, R. A. Gofton, and T. T. Gofton.

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OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

The Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild, whose archives contain the records of many performances that will live in the history of the Exercise, sustained a heavy loss when death removed, in the fulness of years, their late beloved master, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, but the mantel of the "Grand Old Man" of the Art could have descended upon no more fitting shoulders than those of the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, at any rate so far as the duties appertaining to the Mastership of the Guild are concerned. Mr. Jenkyn is no ornamental head of the organisation. He is an active participant in the affairs of the Guild, and his interest in the towers is manifested in many ways.

Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn.

From his earliest memory bells have been a source of fascination to Mr. Jenkyn, which, perhaps, is not surprising, for his father had an intense love for the bells, and took a great interest in the peal at East Garston, where he was Vicar for many years, and where the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was born in the year 1874. The subject of this sketch began his ringing at the age of 13, under the tuition of the East Garston ringers, the foreman of whom was Mr. William Wordly, who still holds that position. Raising and falling in peal, a "cross peal," as it was called, or a section of Grandsire Doubles from figures chalked on the floor, was the order of the day, and though the bells then went heavily, the ringers had to strike true or they heard about it. Although they were not a half-full band there had been such a band in the village in bygone years, one of whom, known as "Shoemaker," was still a ringer in Mr. Jenkyn's time, and they had inscribed 120 Grandsire Doubles on the wall of the ringing chamber with their six names above. "Shoemaker" Alexander always spoke of the single at halfway, and end as "the extreme."

The first time Mr. Jenkyn met with scientific change-ringing was in the year 1892, at Lambourn, when an Oxford Diocesan Guild Band rang a good peal of Stedman Triples, on the occasion of the re-hanging of that fine ring of eight. The band contained such notables as Messrs. Robinson, Washbrook, Coleridge and Hounslow, and so good was the ringing that although the belfry door was open to visitors all the time, and although the Vicar took advantage of this to come in their midst and issue, in cheery tones, a kindly invitation to tea, the peal went on to safe conclusion. But it was all a mystery to Mr. Jenkyn until he went to Cambridge in the autumn of 1892 and met the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, president of the Cambridge University Guild. It was he who gave him that insight into the Art, without which books are of little use.

In 1894 he took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples, at Sauston, Cambs. It was his first peal, and also the first on tower-bells by the Cambridge University Guild. He did little more in the way of peal-ringing after that, until he became Assistant Curate of Witney, his second curacy, in 1899. Here he found himself with a nice ring of eight, and a budding Grandsire band, which eventually blossomed into a good Stedman company, presided over by that great enthusiast, for what he is pleased to call "The Musical Method" (alias Grandsire), Mr. J. Monk. Some good peals of Grandsire followed, and later in the same year he rang his first peal of Stedman Triples on All Saints' Day, at Bicester. This peal was conducted by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, with whom he henceforward became very closely associated, and of whom Mr. Jenkyn remarks, he owes more than he can possibly say. Although anxious to ring Surprise Methods, he had no opportunity of practising them until he came to reside in Caversham last September, since when he has had the pleasure of ringing peals of both Superlative and Cambridge, with the Caversham band. Mr. Jenkyn is Chaplain of Queen Anne's School for Girls.

Among the 184 peals which he has rung, the most noteworthy are the first peal of Kent Royal in county of Devon, at Charles' Church, Plymouth, October 10th, 1903; the Clerical peal of Double Norwich Major with the Cambridge University Guild, at Drayton, September 1st, 1909; the Clerical Stedman Caters, at Warwick, October 11th, 1910; Kent Treble Bob Major, at Southwell Cathedral, August 31st, 1906, with the Cambridge University Guild, tenor 28 cwt—not the easiest place in the world to ring in, and on the hottest day in a hot summer. In all these he was ringing at the heavy end, where he always prefers to be when he has once mastered a Method. Appended is his list of peals :—

Stedman Cinques	2	
Kent Treble Bob Royal ...	1	
Plain Bob Royal	1	
Stedman Caters	11	
Grandsire Caters	8	
Cambridge Surprise Major	3	
Superlative Surprise Major	5	
Double Norwich Major ...	4	
Kent Treble Bob Major	6	
Plain Bob Major	6	one on hand-bells.
Grandsire Major	1	
Stedman Triples	102	conducted 10
Grandsire Triples... ...	32	
Grandsire Minor	1	
Plain Bob Minor	1	
	184	conducted 10

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

The composition of the long peal of Cambridge Major, which is to be attempted by the Lincoln Diocesan Association on Easter Monday, is by Mr. Hims, of Oxford. Mr. J. W. Washbrook's peal of the same length is given in another column. It was composed in 1901.

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The progress of youth in the Art is really astonishing. Many of our boys are making rapid strides, and bid well to develop into giants of the Exercise in quite their early years. Mr. A. W. Osborne, of Reading, may well be proud of his two sons. One, aged 13½, has rung a peal of Grandsire Triples on the treble and touches of 1008 and 1260 on the 2nd.

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His younger brother, who is only 12 years of age, and has been ringing just over 12 months, has also succeeded in ringing the treble to a 5040 Grandsire Triples and a 700 on both the treble and 2nd bells. In addition, he has called 350 Grandsire Triples and 120 Grandsire Doubles on tower-bells, and several six-scores, ringing 1-2, on hand-bells, as well as being able to ring 3-4 in hand for 168 Grandsire Triples. Both these boys are now well on with Stedman Triples, having rung 420 in the Method, and both can ring the treble to Bob Major on tower-bells.

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Thus a writer in a daily paper: One of the abominations of bell-ringing is the passing bell rung as soon after a person's death as the sexton can scurry to the bell-rope. It was originally supposed that this dolorous performance kept clear of devils the enigmatic course of the departed spirit. But since we no longer believe that, why should the living nerves be thus afflicted, particularly those of the living who are sick? The custom still survives in many English villages, and this writer has known an invalid to be very seriously affected by the sound of the passing-bell at a critical time. With the poorer folk it is a kind of sign of respectability to have it rung. But as the whole thing nowadays merely resolves itself into a matter of fees, it might well be abolished. No one should have the right to annoy his neighbours by the payment of five shillings or half-a-crown.

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The writer is apparently one of those who objects to the ringing of church bells under any circumstances and is not worthy of a great deal of attention, but he raises an interesting point as to the uses and customs of bells. The statement that the practise of the passing bell was originally performed to keep devils clear of the "enigmatic course of the departed spirit" is not wholly correct. In countries where superstition reigned, this may, perhaps, have been the belief of ignorant people, but the original idea of the passing bell was that it should be a summons to the faithful to pray for a soul just passing out of the world.

It appears to be one of the oldest of all the uses of bells and is said to have been rung for St. Hilda, of Whitby, in 680. Unlike most other customs it received the strong approval of the most ardent reformers, and in the churchwardens' accounts of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries there are often long lists given every year of money received from parishioners "for the knell." The sum paid was usually fourpence.

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Peals of Stedman Cinques in hand are not as plentiful as blackberries in autumn, and it is somewhat remarkable that we should be able to chronicle this week two peals rung last Sunday. While congratulating both bands, we feel that a special word of praise is due to the Guildford company upon their performance. The peal was rung at the first attempt, and brings additional laurels to that brilliant young conductor, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Congratulations, also, to Mr. Frank Bennett, the hon. secretary of the Royal Cumberland Youths, upon ringing his 300th peal as conductor. We doubt if half a score of ringers can claim this distinction.

COMPOSITIONS.

5004 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By Ernest Morris (Leicester).

23456789		
43256978	1,3,4,6,7s,8	43257968
35246	8 in 3	8 in 3
54236	8 in 3	8 in 3
25436	9 in 3	9 in 3
53426	8 in 3	8 in 3
32456	8 in 3	8 in 3
24356	7-8	6-8
45326	8 in 3	8 in 3
52346	8 in 3	8 in 3
23546	7-8	6-8
34526	8 in 3	8 in 3
42536	8 in 3	8 in 3
63245	8 in 2	8 in 2
34265	8 in 3	8 in 3
23465	9 in 3	9 in 3
42365	9 in 3	9 in 3
32564	8-9	8-9
52463	8-9	8-9
45263	9 in 3	9 in 3
24563	9 in 3	9 in 3
54362	8-9	8-9
35462	9 in 3	9 in 3
43562	9 in 3	9 in 3
53264	8-9	8-9
25364978	9 in 3	9 in 3
53724968	1s, 3s, 4	Round lead
73452	1s, 8-9	previous.
43257	8-9	

Front bells are in the same position in each half, 6,7 only being shifted.

TIMELY TOPICS.

In Light and Shade, by Will Willson.

There is money in many things, but the most profitable thing in these days appears to be the picture thirty inches by forty, or thereabouts, which my friend the "Markis Hands-down" is on the point of selling either to the Yankees or the nation. A mere bagatelle—only one hundred thousand pounds is the price—and if the nation—that is the public, I suppose—decides to take it off his hands, the Markis has no objection to giving a tip of five thousand, always provided the odd ninety-five thousand is promptly forked out. Our Amurrican cousins appear to be going the hole hog in art-treasures. If the next picture is put up for two hundred thousands against a New Yorker, the British public will doubtless agree that its price is its true value once more, and gather the filthy lucre together again. How many people in these islands knew such a picture as "The Mill" ever existed until recently is a question. It is worth while considering whether such a sum of money would not do incalculable good in other ways. That picture poster asking, "Will you help?" to stamp out consumption, seems to me to call louder than any Rembrandt.

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Since writing the above, "The Mill" has been sold to Mr. Widener, of U.S.A., who has already seven pictures by Rembrandt. Be it known by these presents, that I also have a "picter." There is no doubt it is a *remnant*—the only one of its kind. Like many other old pictures found in out-of-the-way places, this "picter" of mine has also seen better days, and is, therefore, worth more. This is the correct way of reasoning. For years it kept guard over the draughthole in the wash-house, and now alas! the priceless remnant must part company with me. Mine Uncle of Lombardy (whose crest is the sign of "Ye three brass balls") tearfully declines to rob the nation of its opportunity, declaring it would be sacrilege. Therefore, Mr. P. A. B. Widener, of Pensylvania, is hereby invited to hurry up and send his best bid to this paper before this rare art-treasure is snapped up by some Corporation official—with a vehicle.

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This is the month of April (if my readers are not aware of it)—a month of great events. It was in April, 1853, the longest peal of Stedman Cinques at that time was rung, 8580. In 1887 the Cheltenham band rang 15,227 Grandsire Caters. In April, 1847, the first peal of Kent Maximus was rung on the bells of St. Giles', Cripplegate, and the long peal of Treble Bob Major at "the Green," 15,384 also occurred on the 27th April. George Newson died April 7th, 1896. A peal of 15,072 Double Norwich was rung at Erith, Kent, April 3rd, 1899. James Pettitt born 1838, and William Wakley, of Burton-on-Trent, one of the best men who ever pulled a rope, died April, 1906. The College youths rang "three Surprise peals in three counties in one day," in April, and the 18,027 Stedman Caters rung at Loughboro' was also in this month.

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If Oxford cannot do much just now with the ropes, they can justly claim ascendency over the Light Blues with the oars, for they walloped Cambridge all over the course, and won by three lengths. The colours of the rival University teams are now known and recognised by their names, but time was when neither wore colours. It is said that previously to the race in 1836, just as Cambridge was ready to start, some onlooker asked aloud why the boat had no bunting? On hearing it, R. Philips, of Christ Church, hastened to a haberdasher's shop, and came back with an Eton blue silk sash, which he tied in the bow of the boat. Cambridge took the hint, and did the same the next boat race day, when Oxford *deepened* their colours to differentiate. If the Cantabs' rowing is on the wane, their ringing is on the rise, for I see that Maurice Atkins, of Catherine's College, is now Master of the University Guild, and has a hand-bell peal-band round him, according to the peal columns recently.

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There has been quite a revival of ringing in the Rugby neighbourhood of late. I hear that owing to the position of the Church in the main street, few facilities offer for peal-ringing, but a band of about a dozen or more have stuck together for some time, and now after going over six years without a solitary peal, they are blossoming out very well indeed, ringing Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative peals straight off! This shows what can be done with unity. With J. B. Fenton as master, and "J. G." organising secretary, the Rugby band ought to send the Warwickshire Guild along in fine style. By-the-way "J. G." is to ring the tenor at Ashton-under-Lyne on Monday next in the attempt for the twelve thousand of Treble Twelve, for which he has my best wishes. It is to be hoped no interference will stop the peal, for the public are getting rather demonstrative about peal-ringing, and it is well to be reasonable. In cases of illness, no ringer, I think would wish to inflict misery by continuing to ring when asked to desist, but it is sometimes rather galling to be stopped when the bells are coming home. It is not a matter of common knowledge, but I may say that at the end of the Loughboro' long peal, we were informed that doctors' certificates were going around as thick as bills on Lady-day! Canon Pitts had stalled them off manfully all day, and—if we had not finished just when we did, perhaps the Mayor might have came and read the Riot Act!

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Perhaps if one subject more than another has obsessed us of late, it has been the efforts put forth in all denominations and in the Parliaments of the world towards the ideal of peace. As Churchmen and ringers, we are no more oblivious to the calls of humanity than those who make it a study. On the contrary, we, of all men, must conscientiously assert that the universal brotherhood of men, and Christianity, are synonymous terms. Months ago, the Archbishop of Canterbury, in connection with ministers of other denominations, met in conclave and pressed the questions of peace and the limitations of armaments, as most vital to all thinking men. Further, the council provided for exchange of visits and opinions with the united pastors of Germany. We are glad that the Churches are alive to the stituation, and realise what a tremendous power lies in their hands. This country is being driven fast in the race of armaments by our neighbour across the North Sea, a race in which it might be suicidal for us to desist, except upon mutual grounds, although it costs wealth untold, which is only poured over the bottomless abyss of militarism. Ringers, who are members of the C.E.M.S., would do well to debate such questions at their meetings, for not by the madding crowd are such national and international problems solved.

What profit now that we have bound
The whole world round with nets of gold,
If hidden in our heart is found
The fear that never groweth old?

What profit that our galleys ride
Pine forest-like on every main?
If ruin and want are at our side
Grim warders of the House of Pain.

Where are the brave, the strong, the fleet?
Where is our English chivalry?
Wild grasses are their burial-sheet,
And sobbing waves their threnody.

O loved ones lying far away,
What word of love can dead lips send?
O wasted dust! O senseless clay!
Is this the end? Is this the end?

Peace, peace! we wrong the noble dead
To vex their solemn slumber so;
To Destiny with thorn-crowned head,
Up the steep road must England go.

And when the fiery web is spun
Her watchmen shall descry from far,
The Angel Wisdom, like a sun,
Rise from the crimson seas of War.

A LONG PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE.

12,896 by J. W. Washbrook.

In view of the long peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, which is to be attempted at Fulney, Lincs., on Easter Monday, the following composition by Mr. J. W. Washbrook, of Arklow, which, although dated 1901, has not before been published, is of interest, and by a singular coincidence is of precisely the same length as that which is to be attempted by the Lincoln Diocesan Association, viz., 12,896.

234567	5ths	B	I	M	W	4ths	H
647532					—	—	
672534	—	—	—		—	—	—
246537	—	—	—		—	—	
267534	—	—	—		—	—	—
274536	—	—	—		—	—	—
462537	—	—	—		—	—	
437562				—	—	—	
374562	—	—	—	—	—	—	
743562	—	—	—	—	—	—	

Repeat the last 3 courses three times produces

637524							
624537				—	—	—	
476532	—	—	—		—	—	
764532	—	—	—	—	—	—	
742536	—	—	—		—	—	—
726534	—	—	—		—	—	—
364527					—	—	
643527	—	—	—	—	—	—	
436527	—	—	—	—	—	—	
674523	—	—	—		—	—	
746523	—	—	—	—	—	—	
467523	—	—	—	—	—	—	
734526	—	—	—		—	—	
347526	—	—	—	—	—	—	
473526	—	—	—	—	—	—	

Repeat the last 9 courses three times.

ELEMENTARY COMPOSITION.

Rudiments of the Art for Beginners.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The opinion is held in some quarters that scientific articles are out of place in a ringing paper. "What we want," they say, "is something that everyone can understand, not stuff that appeals only to a select few. If people must wrangle about knotty points of Composition let them wrangle privately among themselves. No one will be much the better and no one much the worse." Or, as a worthy ringer put it, referring to a discussion then raging, "What good would it do me to know where the two halves of Holt's Ten Part start from, when a rope breaks in the last course of a peal?" What good, indeed? What good would it do *me* to know of parliamentary debate and political upheaval when I am late in the morning and can't find my collar stud? Give me my stud though kings die and empires totter!

But, just as having recovered my stud I can still find something worthy of notice in affairs political, so my mind being for the time free from anxieties about breaking ropes I can find points of interest in composition. Chacun à son goût. The charms of change ringing are varied enough to appeal to men of very different tastes and there is a respectable minority who do take an interest in scientific problems. Peal ringing is not the whole of ringing nor are peal records the only things that are fit for a place in a ringing paper. You may like to read the accounts of dinners and outings; they leave me cold; and I candidly confess I never read the sermons preached for the especial benefit of ringers. Let us give and take a little in this matter.

SIMPLE RUDIMENTS.

After so portentious a prelude it may be thought that I am going to inflict on my readers a more than usually abstruse article. 'Tis not so. What follows is not deep at all; rather it is in the nature of spoon meal for babes. I propose to explain the very simplest rudiments of composition and I take my illustrations from Bob Major, but all I have to say applies directly or indirectly to every method.

In Bob Major with 7-8 together and without singles there are sixty course-ends. These sixty course-ends consist of the different orders (in-course) into which you can arrange the bells 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. Of them rounds, 2 3 4 5 6, is one. Starting from 2 3 4 5 6,—and you must remember that the course-end is the first and not the last change of a course,—you can produce by the method 112 rows. These 112 rows, we call the Plain Course. In like manner, starting from each of the sixty course-ends you can produce a course of 112 rows. You will then have sixty courses of 112 rows that is 6,720 rows, each course being separate and a round block. As in a course 1, 7, 8, never fall twice into the same relative position and as every course begins with a different course-end and is produced alike, the whole of these 6,720 rows must be different and consequently unless you use a course or a part of a course twice you cannot have falseness. This does not apply to methods which have "false" course-ends. In them the same row can appear in two distinct courses. But an explanation of false course-ends wants a separate article and is out of place here. Now since each course and all the rows in it belong solely to their proper course-end we use the course-end not only for the actual row (*i.e.* with 1-7-8 at home) but also for the whole of the course. For instance, we

might say that such and such calling brings up the course 52634 at the wrong and leaves it at the middle. Actually the row 15263478 is not rung at all. What we mean is that between the wrong and middle is rung a part of that course which belongs to 52634 as the plain course does to 23456.

THE ART OF COMPOSITION.

Well, then, we have sixty separate courses consisting of 6,720 rows, and it is well, before attempting any composition, to have them written down in convenient order. The art of composition is to link up into one peal or touch a given number of these courses, either in whole courses or in parts of courses. For the present I am going to trouble only about whole courses. First, because it simplifies my explanation, and secondly because all "extents" must be in full courses or they are not extents, and because the greater part of every peal usually must consist of whole courses.

The means we use to connect up separate courses into touches and peals are bobs and singles. I am going to ignore singles and deal with bobs only. First we must see what is the effect of a bob.

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H  2345678
W  3527486
   5738264
   7856342
   8674523
   6482735
M  4263857
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Here are the lead ends of a plain course of Bob Major. You will see that there are three places where bobs may be called which will not affect 7—8. All the other rows are produced automatically by the method. The composer has no influence whatever in them, and may ignore them altogether. Suppose you call a bob at the wrong. You find that instead of the row 3527486 coming up the row 2357486 will come up. If you have the lead ends of the sixty courses written out, and you search among them for 2357486, you will find that it is the W lead end of the course whose course end is 52436, or, in other words, a bob at W in the plain course puts you into the course 52436. You can now ring the whole of the 112 rows of that course and come back to the hand-stroke of the W. You must now have another bob, or, of course, you would begin to ring the course over again. This bob will bring up 5237486, *i.e.*, the W of the course 35426. Again you can ring 112 rows and come to the hand-stroke of the W; again a bob must be called. This time the row produced will be 3527486. This is the W of the plain course, the row that would have come up had we called no bobs at all. We may now go on with the plain course and at the end we shall come round.

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   2345678
—  2357486
   3728564
   7836245
   8674352
   6485723
   4562837
   5243678
—  5237486
   2758364
   7826543
   8674235
   6483752
   4365827
   3542678
—  3527486
   5738264
   7856342
   8674523
   6482735
   4263857
   2345678
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A GENERAL RULE.

Now see what we have done. We started with the plain course, we called three bobs and at the last came back to the place where we left the plain course; and in so doing we added two complete courses to the course 23456. This gives us a general rule. When composing in whole courses, if you call one bob you must call two others at distances of 112 rows; and every time you do this you add two new courses.

This branch of the art of composing consists of first setting down the courses you wish to link up and then joining them together, two fresh ones at a time, till you have absorbed the lot. You will need no proving. All your courses are true to start with and you will take care you do not add the same course twice. To give an example. Suppose you want to make one block of the following courses, either as a touch or as part of a peal you are composing:—

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23456
54632
35426
63254
52436
42356
43652
34256
35642
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LINKING UP THE COURSES.

You can start with 23456, but it does not matter where you start; 23456 is only just such a course as any other. But suppose we start with 23456. There are three places we may call bobs. Try the middle first. That would give us 43652 and 63254. Each of these we want. Cross them out of the list above and write down the touch as far as we have got, thus:—

	W	M	R
23456			
43652		—	
63254		—	
23456		—	

We have now got six places where we may call bobs; *i.e.*, at W. or R. in each of these three courses. Try the first R. That gives 64352 and 36452. We want neither. Try the first W. Now you must remember that the first course up to the M. is the plain course so that the course 23456 must be transposed for the W. We get 52436—35426. Both of these we want. Cross them out of the first list and write our composition thus:—

	W	M	R
3456			
52436	—		
35426	—		
43652	—	—	
63254		—	
23456		—	

In similar way each of the nine courses may be linked up or if you cannot get them into one block the impossibility stands revealed. The result would be:—

23456	W	M	R
52436	—		
35426	—		
43652	—	—	
54632	—		
35642	—		
63254	—	—	
42356		—	—
34256			—
23456			—

All these bobs are made in threes and to shew this and which courses they join together I give them separately thus:—

W	W
23456	43652
52436	54632
35426	35642
M	**R**
43652	42356
63254	34256
23456	23456

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Thursday, March 23rd, for the Confirmation Service, 800 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. F. Thompson 1, J. G. Rumsey 2, J. M. Bailey 3, H. C. Gillingham 4, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 5, E. S. Bailey 6, E. H. Bailey 7, N. R. Bailey 8. On Tuesday, March 28th, 672 Cambridge: F. Youngman 1, N. R. Bailey 2, J. M. Bailey 3, C. F. Bailey 4, G. F. Bailey 5, E. H. Bailey 6, J. G. Rumsey 7, E. S. Bailey 8. On Tuesday, April 4th, for practice, on the front six, 720 Bob Minor: Allen F. Bailey (first 720, age 14) 1, C. F. Bailey 2, F. J. Smith 3, F. W. Bailey 4, F. Youngman 5, G. Greenacre 6.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—Devon Guild of Ringers.—On Wednesday, March 29th, at St. Peter's Church, Tiverton, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 47 mins.: B. Grater 1, S. Grater 2, E. Munday 3, R. Grater 4, J. Babbage 5, J. Ridler 6, J. Elsworthy (conductor) 7, J. Hart 8. Mr. Ridler, who hails from Thorverton, was heartily congratulated on this, his longest length in this tower.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Friday last, 720 Plain Bob Minor: J. Walker (first 720) 1, Rev. E. V. Cox (conductor) 2, H. Pickett 3, E. Smith 4, A. H. Harber 5, W. D. James 6.

NORTON CANES, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Saturday last, 720 Grandsire Minor: W. Round 1, W. Gibbs 2, R. Gibbs 3, Rev. E. V. Cox 4, J. Rock (conductor) 5, W. D. James 6. Also 720 Bob Minor: J. Walker 1, Rev. E. V. Cox (conductor) 2, C. A. Wakelin 3, E. J. Stafford 4, A. H. Harber 5, W. D. James 6.

KIBWORTH.—On Saturday last, at St. Wilfred's Church, 1120 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. by: J. Buckby 1, J. Waterfield 2, J. T. Taylor 3, J. Bolton 4, W. N. Adkinson 5, T. Smith 6, F. Staniforth (conductor) 7, E. Leach 8. The bells were muffled as a mark of respect to the late Canon Cruttwell, who was Rector of Kibworth for 10 years.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.—Midland Counties' Association.—On Saturday, April 1st, 720 each of Double Court, Duke of York, and Woodbine was rung by: E. Tansley 1, W. Halford 2, J. Hall 3, A. Freeman 4, E. C. Gobey (conductor) 5, C. Wilkinson 6.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Sunday, April 2nd, for Men's Special Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Bridger 1, G. J. Nichols 2, E. Raddon 3, Ralph Woods (first 720) 4, A. J. Boniface 5, H. Stovell (conductor) 6.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 2nd, for morning service, 770 Grandsire Triples, for afternoon service 312 Stedman Triples, for evening service 252 of Stedman Triples by: A. T. Baker 1, A. Nicholson 2, J. Hufton 3, S. Burgoyne 4, H. Harrison 5, J. H. Iliffe 6, E. C. Gobey (conductor) 7, F. J. George 8, E. Poxon taking the sixth for afternoon service. These touches were rung with the bells half muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Ald. S. Robinson.

NORTHFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 2nd, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. Hobbis 1, J. Withers 2, H. Wilson 3, J. Vaughan 4, A. Chambers 5, F. Withers (conductor) 6.—Monday, April 3rd, 720 Surprise Minor (240 Cambridge, 120 each of Durham, York, Beverley and London) by the same band. The company rang their first 720 Durham on March 6th.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—The Yorkshire Association.—On Sunday, April 2nd, for evening service, 608 Superlative Surprise Major, and for practice on the following Monday night 420 Stedman Triples and 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major, the following ringers taking part: C. Pollard, W. Pollard, C. Laverick, F. Laverick, Rev. R. P. B. Oliver, Barker, Jones, Rudd, Passman, Lancaster and J. H. Blakiston. Messrs. Oliver and Barker hail from Saltburn-by-the-Sea.

RIPLEY, DERBY. — Midland Counties' Association, Ripley Branch.—On Monday, April 3rd, at All Saints' Church, a peal of Double Norwich Major came to grief after three hours ringing: G. H. Genny 1, H. Day 2, A. Bowmer 3, F. W. Hill 4, J. Flower 5, G. A. Haslam 6, A. Hutchison 7, H. George (conductor) 8.

NORWICH.—Norwich Diocesan Association.—At St. Peter, Mancroft, on Tuesday, April 4th, for practice, 660 Grandsire Cinques: C. E. Borrett (conductor) 1, E. Beckett 2, G. Cross 3, B. Thompson 4, F. J. Cross 5, F. H. Phillips 6, J. Freeman 7, H. J. Borrett 8, G. P. Burton 9, R. E. Chichester 10, G. Mayers 11, C. W. Bullen 12. Tenor 43 cwt.

OLDHAM.—Lancashire Association, Rochdale Branch.—At St. Mary's Church, on Wednesday, April 5th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes) in 51 mins.: S. Elson 1, S. Stott (conductor) 2, M. Newton 3, H. Hampson 4, J. H. Bastow 5, A. Whaites 6, S. Butterworth 7, H. E. Fielding 8, I. Schofield 9, J. Garlick 10. First quarter peal of Caters by Messrs. Bastow, Fielding, Hampson and Garlick.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—The Essex Association.—On Sunday last, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Freestone 1, R. Miles 2, A. Playle 3, E. Butler 4, G. Playle (conductor) 5, E. Hawkins, 6. This is the first Surprise Method on the bells, and by a local company, who have had no instruction in the same. For evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise, with R. Blake on the fourth instead of E. Butler, the rest as before.

BEDFORD. — The Bedfordshire Association.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday evening, 720 of Huddlesfield Surprise by St. Peter's company: J. Bates 1, P. J. Cake 2, C. W. Clarke 3, C. Stapleton, 4, W. Stapleton (conductor) 5, C. A. Robinson 6. This is the first 720 of Huddlesfield rung on the bells and also in the county.

EAST WITTON, YORKS.—At the Parish Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, being the first in the Method by the ringers of 1, 3 and 4: John Hall 1, Robert Peacock 2, Jos. Hammill 3, Mason 4, Croft 5, Jos. Jaques 6.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, at the Parish Church, a series of Grandsire Doubles was rung for morning service by the following ringers: J. Slarke 1, J. May 2, G. Basford 3, C. Faulkner 4, J. W. Sharp 5, T. Denny 6.

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NOTICES.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Halstead on Easter Monday. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea, 1/- each, will be provided at the White Horse, at 5.30, for those giving notice by the 14th to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly Meeting at Carshalton on Easter Monday. Bells open from 2 to 9 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., which ringers are requested to attend. Tea at 6 p.m. in the Parish Room; meeting afterwards, at which the Rector will preside. Photo of members will be taken outside the Church at 3 p.m.—Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Ecclesfield on Easter Monday. Bells available from 12 o'clock, by kind permission of the Rev. F. W. Pawson, Vicar.—T. Riley, Honorary Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION. — The twenty-ninth annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 17th. The bells at St. Luke's and St. Peter's will be available from 10.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's from 11 a.m. to 7.30 p.m., and St. Alkmund's from 11.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. Committee meeting 3.45. Tea, 4.30, 1s. 3d each, in King's Cafe, St. Peter's Street. Committee and general meeting at the same place. — W. E. White, Honorary Secretary, Cotgrave, Notts.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 17th. The Cathedral, St. Peter's, St. Michael's and St. Stephen's Churches will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Members desiring to ring earlier at the two six-bell towers should communicate direct to the respective conductors.

Choral Service at the Cathedral 5 p.m., with special addresses by the Rev. Dr. Chadwick, Vicar of St. Peter's, St. Albans. Meat tea 5.50 p.m. in the Abbey Institute. Sixpence each to members. To be followed by business meeting for the election of officers, and other matters.—G. W. Cartmel, Honorary Secretary, "Duffield," St. Albans.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD, Established 1883. — The annual meeting will take place at Sheffield, on Easter Tuesday, April 18th. The bells of the Parish Church (12) will be available from 5.0 p.m. Business meeting at 8.0 p.m., to elect officers for the ensuing year, etc., etc.—Sidney F. Palmer, Hon. Secretary.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (ESTABLISHED 1755).—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Aston on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, at which the address will be given by Canon Sutton. Business Meeting in Vicarage Rooms at 6 o'clock prompt.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Beaumaris on Easter Monday, April 17th. Bells will be available from 11 a.m. for the rest of the day. Business Meeting in the new church rooms adjoining the Church, at 3 p.m.

CARDIFF.—St. John's bells, Cardiff, will be available on Easter Monday from 10 a.m. to visitors.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the South and West District will be held at Chiswick, on Saturday, April 29th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. F. W. Isaacs). Bells available from 3.15. Short service, 5.30. Tea, 6d. each at 6.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

NOTICES (continued).

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Bristol on Easter Monday, April 17th, 1911. Dinner at Maxwell's Restaurant, St. Nicholas St., at 12 noon. Short Service at All Saints' (City) at 1 o'clock, with an address by the Vicar, Rev. C. H. Dickinson. Business Meeting at the Church House, adjoining, immediately afterwards. Most of the City Towers open for ringing during the day.—C. E. D. Boutflower, Hon. Secretary, 30, Broad Street, Bristol.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Radyr, near Cardiff, on Easter Monday, April 17th, 1911, at 4 p.m.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and J. W. Jones, Hon. Secs.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Masham, West Tanfield, and Kirby Malzeard, on Easter Monday, April 17th, 1911. Bells available all day. Dinner at the King's Head Hotel, Masham, at 12.30 prompt. Members 1s., non-members 2s. each.—Thos. Metcalfe, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesborough, Hon. Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on Easter Monday. Short service, with address, at 4.0. Tea and general meeting in the Masonic Hall, Edward Street, at 4.30. Bells available: Christ Church (12), 10.0 to 12.0; 2.0 to 4.0; 6.15 to 8.0. All Saints' (8), 12.0 to 3.30; 8.0 to 9.0. Oldbury (8), 10.0 to 3.30; 6.30 to 9.0. Smethwick (8), 10.0 to 12.0; 1.0 to 3.0; 6.30 to 9.0. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid in belfry at Christ Church, between 2 and 4 o'clock. Tea, 6d., to fully paid members; to others, 1s.—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.—Thursday, 4th May, 1911, Annual Festival. Preacher, the Rev. Canon Farrer, S. Mary's, Bridport. Luncheon and meeting at the Town Hall. Chairman: The Worshipful the Mayor of Bridport. Ringing at many neighbouring towers by the kindness of the incumbents. Travelling facilities by road and rail.—W. Percy Schuster, Hon. Sec.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, late St. James' Society.—Established 1824. Members are requested to note that the Association meets for united practice at St. Clement Dane's, Strand, every alternate Monday, at 8 p.m. Also on the second Sunday in each month, at 10 a.m. A special general meeting will be held on Saturday, May 6th.—T. H. Taffender, Hon. Sec. pro tem, 35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells ready at 4. Business at 7.—W. H. Shuker, Branch Sec.

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THE LONG PEALS.

Ringers throughout the country will congratulate the band who, at Ashton-under-Lyne Church, on Monday, established a new record for Kent Treble Bob Maximus. The peal of 12,240 changes was brought to a successful conclusion after 8 hrs. 39 mins. ringing, and magnificent ringing at that. Greater lengths and longer times have been rung in other methods, but 12,000 with twelve in is a performance that will ever rank high in the annals of the Exercise, and is a record that is not likely to be surpassed for some time to come.

A great deal of the success of the feat is due to the genius of Mr. Sam Wood. He not only composed and conducted the peal with masterly ability, but in that tactful management that is required in connection with such undertakings he has all along proved himself to be the right man for the task. These record peals are not merely the caprice of a moment. If they are to be carried to a successful issue they need something in the way of careful preparation, and the Ashton-under-Lyne Society have set the hall mark upon their skill as twelve-bell ringers by this magnificent achievement.

The previous Maximus record, which has now been demolished, was established as long ago as 1833 by the Painswick Youths. It was a peal of 10,224 changes, rung in 6 hrs. 50 mins. We give the details in another column, and it is certainly remarkable that these figures should have stood for nearly 78 years. Will the present record hold the field for anything like that length of time? In these days, when ambitions run high, we doubt it, but the Ashton-under-Lyne record will certainly not be lowered in a hurry.

The long peal of Cambridge, which was also to have been started for on Monday, was not attempted. The company were disappointed that one of their number was unable to take part, and, as it was found impossible to fill the place at so short notice, the peal was not started for. On another occasion, however, we shall doubtless see the attempt made and ringers will wish the effort success.

In addition to the Maximus, another long peal was accomplished on Monday, fourteen 720's of Minor, making 10,080 changes in all, being rung at Ratby, Leicestershire, by six members of the Midland Counties Association. Mr. Ernest Morris was the conductor, and, on six bells, it is a record for the association, which, of course, also holds the world's record, with that wonderful feat at Loughborough, when 18,027 of Stedman Caters was rung in 12 hrs. 18 mins. on April 12th, 1909.

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The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

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On Easter Monday, April 17, 1911, in Eight Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 12,240 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

CHARLES BOWER	*Treble*	BENJAMIN THORP	7
GEORGE GARNETT	2	BENJAMIN GILL	8
JOSEPH MELLOR	3	SAMUEL BOOTH	9
SAMUEL WOOD	4	ALBERT ADAMS	10
JAMES WOOD	5	HARRY CHAPMAN	11
WALTER WOLSTENCROFT	6	JAMES GEORGE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

TEN BELL PEALS.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Easter Sunday, April 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

SAMUEL ELSON	*Treble*	*ALFRED WAITES	6
SAMUEL STOTT	2	SAMUEL BUTTERWORTH	7
*MILLS NEWTON	3	*HERBERT E. FIELDING	8
†HARRY HAMPSON	4	ISAAC SCHOFIELD	9
JAMES HENRY BASTOW	5	*JAMES GARLICK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. NEWTON, and
Conducted by S. STOTT.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal of Caters by all except ringers of treble and 2nd. All except H. Hampsom and I. Schofield are ringers at the Parish Church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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On Thursday, March 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

ALLEN G. CLARKE	*Treble*	HUGH REYNOLDS	5
WILLIAM GORDON	2	GEORGE WARBURTON	6
JAMES H. MASON	3	ALLEN S. GORDON	7
JOHN HARTLEY	4	ERNEST EDMONDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. GORDON.

This peal was rung on the 54th anniversary of the first peal, rung on March 29th, 1857, by Mr. W. Gordon, conductor of the above. This is a correction of the report previously published.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, April 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICKERS' COMPOSITION.

AMOS COOPER	*Treble*	FRANK H. PERRENS	5
THOMAS HILL	2	BERT HORTON	6
THOMAS DAY	3	ALFRED J. WALLATTER	7
THOMAS BROOKS	4	*EDWARD HORTIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERT HORTON.

* First peal.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 10, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt., in F sharp.

JOHN DYSON	*Treble*	JAMES T. SHAW	5
REGGIE DYSON	2	DAVID BREARLEY	6
ARCHIE BREARLEY	3	*HARRY SAMPSON	7
LEONARD JACKSON	4	†JOHN R. BREARLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED H. DEXTER, and
Conducted by JOHN R. BREARLEY.

* First peal away from the treble. † First peal as Conductor. Rung after Confirmation Service by the Bishop of Sheffield.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Sunday, April 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

SIDNEY MACEY	*Treble*	A. F. MARTIN STEWART	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS	2	ROBERT P. KNIGHT	6
FREDERICK PRECEY	3	CHARLES GOODENOUGH	7
LEONARD HARRIS	4	ALFRED OSMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

JOSEPH ATKIN	*Treble*	R. WILFRED COLLIER	5
*GEORGE LEWIS	2	*CLEMENT GLENN	6
*JOHN H. BROTHWELL	3	WALTER ALLWOOD	7
*JOHN THORPE	4	*ALBERT NASH	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

First peal in the method on the bells. * First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS WILLIAMS	*Treble*	FREDERICK C. HYNER	5
WILLIAM MANSELL	2	JAMES DANCE	6
ROBERT W. HYNER	3	THOMAS DANCE	7
THOMAS DAVIS	4	GEORGE MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT W. HYNER.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST PYE	*Treble*	HARRY F. DAWKINS	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	JOHN FLINT	6
WALTER PERKINS	3	*ALFRED W. BRIGHTON	7
*JOHN HOLMAN	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. J. Flint hails from Bolsover, J. Holman from Sheffield, and W. Perkins from Irthlingboro'.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*WM. WELHAM	*Treble*	GEORGE ARCHER	5
WILLIAM E. TYDEMAN	2	*WILLIAM SOUTER	6
CHAS. MILLS	3	*EDWARD E. DIAPER	7
*FREDERICK ALLARD	4	JOHN SOUTER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Messrs. Mills, Archer and Souter belong to Diss.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.
CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 13¼ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON	*Treble*	JOHN M. DAVENPORT	5
WILLIAM WALMSLEY	2	JOHN W. HARTLEY	6
JAMES FERNLEY	3	GEORGE D. WARBURTON	7
*JOHN BANCROFT	4	THOMAS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

*First peal of Major. Rung as a farewell peal to the 4th ringer who is shortly leaving for Canada.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
(ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY).

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

ALFRED J. HESSIAN	*Treble*	SIDNEY C. SMALL	5
WALTER MALINS	2	*CHARLES W. WHEELER	6
HARRY O. WHITE	3	JOSEPH B. FENTON	7
†JOSEPH A. FENTON	4	J. W. CHANDLER	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by JOSEPH B. FENTON.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. First peal in the method on the bells and also quickest peal of major on the bells. Rung as a farewell peal to S. C. Small, who is shortly leaving the country for South Africa.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION & SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Easter Monday, April 17th, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

ARTHUR CRAVEN	*Treble*	JONATHAN THOMPSON	5
*LEWIS GEORGE PALMER	2	*WILLIAM PALMER	6
*JOSEPH MORTON	3	*JOHN ROBERT BROOKES	7
*HENRY MOTTERSHALL	4	*WILLIAM DAFFIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

*First peal. First peal on the bells since they were re-hung by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Court Bob, College Single, Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt., in A flat.

CHARLES PRESTON	*Treble*	JOHN E. WHEELDON	4
JOSEPH PRESTON	2	DANIEL PRESTON	5
CLEMENT POINTON	3	WILLIAM WHEELDON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WHEELDON.

Rung in honour of the 12th anniversary of J. E. Wheeldon's wedding. C. Pointon's first peal with a bob bell.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Five Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 10,080 CHANCES;

Being four 720's Kent Treble Bob, three of Grandsire, four of Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

*FRED BALL	*Treble*	GEORGE H. GEARY	4
ARTHUR MEASEY	2	EDWARD GEARY	5
VICTOR GEARY	3	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. Longest length by all and by the Association on six bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

JAMES HUNT	1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE, Sen.	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3—4	MAURICE SMITHER	7—8

*SEPTIMUS RADFORD 9—10

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman Caters on Handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING	1—2	JAMES HUNT	5—6
MAURICE SMITHER	3—4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

NEWPORT PAGNELL BELLS.

TO BE RE-CAST AS CORONATION MEMORIAL.

The restoration of the bells and belfry of Newport Pagnell Parish Church has been decided on in commemoration of the Coronation of the King and Queen. This resolve was come to at a meeting of the churchpeople, over whom the Vicar (the Rev. F. B. Gunnery) presided. The Vicar said that a resolution had been passed by the Church Board and a Vestry meeting that certain work was necessary to be done to the bells, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, were asked to examine the bells and to report on their condition. Ultimately the firm were invited to tender for certain work, and a faculty had been obtained for the carrying out of that work. The original cost was £213 18s. 9d., and towards that amount Mr. F. J. Taylor most generously offered to give £100 (applause)—he was sure they appreciated the generosity of that gift—and that left £115 to be raised by the parish. In addition to certain improvements which were voluntarily undertaken and paid for anonymously other things had arisen which involved further expenditure. One of the bells, when it was taken down, was found to be seriously cracked, and to re-cast that one would entail a further expense of £24 7s. 6d. It was also necessary to put a new floor in the belfry. This would cost another £9 7s. The matter he wanted them to discuss was the proposal by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston that three of the bells should be re-cast at a cost of £33 15s. Several times the question of re-casting had arisen, and it was found that the sentiment of the town was distinctly opposed to such a proposal. With regard to the cracked bell it was obvious that it should be re-cast. Mr. Johnston, jun., was present to answer any questions, and to give explanations as to why it was necessary that three of the bells, in which he had found holes, should be re-cast. The Vicar added that new iron headstocks were required.

The cost of the new headstocks were guaranteed by Mr. F. J. Taylor, and Mr. Johnston, jun., replying to questions, pointed out that a cracked bell could not be satisfactorily repaired, but must be re-cast. He also suggested the advisability of having the whole peal re-cast, and, on the question of sentimentality, said in re-casting they would use the old metal and replace the inscriptions at present on the bells.

Mr. F. J. Taylor thought they would be taking a wise step in spending £82 in re-casting the whole of the bells. They had a fine old church, with a splendid organ, and he should like to see the work on the bells carried out in a first class manner. He was convinced the re-casting would improve them considerably, and with regard to the extra £82 they need not be troubled about that, as he would see that the money was provided. He proposed that the whole peal be re-cast.

Mr. Taylor's generous offer was greeted with loud applause, and the Vicar voiced the appreciation that was felt.

Mr. W. Smith, one of the ringers, seconded Mr. Taylor's resolution.

Mr. F. Allfrey moved an amendment that they replace the bells as before with wooden stocks. It was necessary possibly to have the cracked bell re-cast, he said, but from a sentimental point of view he did object to the re-casting of the whole peal. They would be doing away with their old bells and putting in a peal of which they knew nothing except from promises.—Mr. C. Sayle seconded the amendment.

There was some further discussion, and, on voting, Mr. Allfrey's amendment was lost, and Mr. F. J. Taylor's original proposition was carried by an overwhelming majority.

Peals Received too Late for Classification.

BUCKINGHAM.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(St. Peter's Society, Caversham.)

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt., in C sharp.

Harry Simmonds ...	...*Treble*	Joseph Hands	5
Albert D. Cullum	2	Ernest W. Menday ...	6
George Irvine	3	Rev. Cyril Jenkyn ...	7
George Essex	4	Richard T. Hibbert ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains, and
Conducted by Richard T. Hibbert.

First peal of Major on the bells. The Band wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. Goldenham) for his kind hospitality, and the steeple-keeper (Mr. Robinson) for having the bells ready.

BENHILTON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstan's One-Part. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

Christopher H. Hughes...	*Treble*	Thomas Faulkner	5
Sidney F. Gowlett ...	2	Richard F. Deal	6
Thomas H. Taffender ...	3	Herbert Langdon	7
Henry T. Gowlett	4	Frederick J. Hardy ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas H. Taffender.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Stockport and Bowdon Branch.)

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of Dunedin, Tanner's Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Burton, Rochester, Sandal Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Coventry, Killamarsh, Islington, London Scholars, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 9 cwt.

John Bancroft	...*Treble*	John W. Hartley	4
Herbert Williamson ...	2	James Fernley	5
Rev. A. T. Beeston ...	3	Allen S. Gordon	*Tenor*

Conducted by James Fernley.

First peal of 14 Treble Bob methods by the band and by the Chester Guild. Rung as a farewell compliment to John Bancroft, who is leaving for Vancouver, B.C. The figures of Dunedin are by Mr. J. S. Wilde, of Dunedin, New Zealand, a former instructor to the tower, and were first rung July 1st, 1910, at Norbury. They will also be found in the C.C. Collection, No. 34, page 29.

LATE NOTICE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Special ringing meetings will be held at Cransley on May 6th, Rounds on May 13th and Northampton on May 20th.—F. Wilford, General Secretary.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Let me commence this week with just a word upon the importance of home study in connection with change ringing. No one yet made a success of ringing who took no trouble to learn except when in the belfry. True, to apply the Art, we must have the bells, but the best grounding is to be obtained by paper work. At first a clear understanding of the principles will, perhaps, be elusive, but presently, with perseverance, a grip of the hitherto unintelligible will come, and, like the lifting of a veil, the hidden mysteries will stand revealed. But this realisation only comes after patient study out of the belfry as well as in it, and beginners, if they exercise ordinary intelligence in trying to grasp how the rows of changes are formed, will find that plenty of "figuring" will help them the more rapidly to success.

Last week I began an explanation of the "plain hunt," and showed how it was built up upon the simple basis of alternately changing (on six bells) all the pairs 1—2, 3—4, 5—6, and then the middle pairs 2—3 and 4—5. By this operation we get a block of 12 changes before coming back to rounds, which was our starting point. Let us look at the figures again, because the "plain hunt," or a combination of six plain hunts, of which they consist, must be thoroughly mastered before the next step is made which will enable the actual ringing of methods to be undertaken, and for the purpose of further explanation let us look closely at what the treble does :—

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

In this plain hunt, as illustrated by the work of the treble, there is "hunting up" and "hunting down," and the former is easier to the beginner than the latter. The rule by which hunting up is done is this: When striking in a place, look out for the bell that is following you, and in the next change strike your bell after that one. Thus, in the example given above, we have the treble followed in rounds by the 2nd, so that in the first change the treble goes after the 2nd. In this change the treble is followed by the 4th, and in the second change, therefore, the treble goes after the 4th, and is followed by the 6th. Consequently in the third change the treble follows the 6th. This time it is the 5th that follows the treble, and in the fourth change the treble strikes after the fifth. Here the 3rd follows the treble, and in the fifth change the treble follows the 3rd, and it can then go no higher as it has got behind all the rest. It is as well that the beginner should notice this, that, having once struck over a bell in his hunting up, he does not strike over the same bell again while going in the same direction. In each change he eliminates one bell from those among whom he has to look for the next bell to follow, and, of course, with such elimination, he reduces the number about whom he has got to trouble. The ability to pick out the bell following, in order that *it* may be followed in the next change, is the "rope sight" to which I have previously referred.

Hunting down is not quite so easy, because while one may lay down as a simple rule the reverse of that for hunting up, viz., strike, in the next change, in front of the bell going before you in this change, this cannot be applied so easily in practice, because to get good striking you must know the bell you have to strike *after*. Therefore, in hunting down you have got to find these bells just as you did in hunting up. Different writers give different ways as being the easier for the beginner. Let the young ringer try the following: Having hunted up, he must "lie" two blows behind—that, he will notice from the figures, is necessary to keep the bells running in symmetrical paths—and, remembering that these blows were in 6th's place, he knows that his next will be in 5th's. The rule in regard to hunting up, by which when a bell is once passed it need not be looked for again, until your own direction of hunting is changed, applies also to hunting down, and having struck after a bell in your last blow in 6th's place, he passes over you and need not be troubled about again until you have led. Therefore, in striking into 5th's one bell has been disposed of, and you need only look for the other four, after the last of which you have to pull. Again, having eliminated the one after which you struck in 5th's place you look for the last of the other three, and pull after it for your blow in 4th's place. A similar elimination goes on until you find yourself with only one bell left, and, after striking in 2nd's place over that bell, you are left with nothing to do but lead a whole pull at hand and back strokes.

Let me again remind my readers that if at any time they need information upon any point they are invited to communicate with me c/o the Editor, and I will do my best to help them.

If, also, I can be of service to them in putting them into touch with the ringers of any town to which they may be removing, or even intending to visit, I shall be glad to help them. CONDUCTOR.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

We learn that the bells of the Parish Church of Netherseale are shortly to be made into a ring of eight by the addition of a new treble and tenor. The old fourth will be re-cast a semitone flatter, and all the old fittings will be renewed with the exception of the frame, which is sound. The weight of the new tenor will be 11 cwts. 1 qr. The expense is being generously borne by Mr. W. W. Worthington, of the Old Hall, and the work will be carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The additions will necessitate slightly moving the clock case, and improvements will also be made upon the present circle of ropes. The work will be commenced shortly, and finished early in June. This church is also close to Ashby-de-la-Zouch, and is in addition to those mentioned in our last week's number.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

A Page of "Timely Topics," by Will Willson.

In an age when people want change, and ask for it until they get it, nothing is so popular as sensationalism. Journalists know this better than most folk, and so, whenever an opportunity presents itself to give one the "creeps," that is the time for a newspaper "scoop." Just now, the head of Oliver Cromwell is the tit-bit, and our contemporary, *The Express*, has been on the job. Some people shudder at corpses and old bones. Others love to poke their noses and fingers into mummies, and are never happy except at a funeral. Others have claimed to have held in their possession the head of the Protector, but this is undoubtedly the real and genuine article, with the mummied flesh and hair still sticking to the bones, and a pike sticking through it all. It was a horrible and ghoulish act of the Royalists to disinter the body of Cromwell at the Restoration, and teaches us what civil and religious (?) intolerance will do. What object has been achieved by keeping the head as a private family heirloom, is hard to see, but by quickly photographing the ghastly relic, *The Express* was true to name. The Protector is now shown up by the protectionist organ to some tune, and it will enable the latter to ring the changes on the meaning of its policy. We shall rub our eyes some morning and read "Tariff Reform means no more Protector" (sic).

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Of course these things have a very great historical value. What would the Yankees give for the British Museum? Not being able to get it, they are doing the next best thing by exploring and excavating in the Holy Land. This and kindred work is most interesting. I spent a day some time ago in the Egyptian Room of the British Museum, and I must admit I was quite at home among the Pharoahs. I was in hopes of finding among the contents of the various sarcophœgi some instrument like unto a handbell, but saw nothing which could be reasonably construed into its likeness further than cymbals. One thing struck me forcibly—figuratively I mean—the fact that our sisters of Old Nile were as particular about their appearance in death as they are tidy in life in European countries. In one sarcophœgus was an unwrapped mummy princess of Pharoah's line—Ramses II., and in one hand was a mirror of polished tin, in the other a comb! The body was falling to pieces after 3,000 years, and the appearance of the bones pricking through the skin was so suggestive that I almost became a vegetarian.

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Apropos of long peal ringing, some time ago it was suggested that in order to prevent hostile criticism after the event, that the phonograph should be brought into use to "take off" the ringing for future evidence if necessary. I don't know what sort of "record" would be required, but it savours somewhat of a larger order than originally contemplated. It would require some hundreds of "records" to "bottle" the peal, and what about the time wasted while the operator is changing and recharging his machine? No, I don't think the phonograph will do. There is another way by which any ringer in the kingdom can hear a peal even if a hundred miles away. I mean by the use and adaptation of the telephone. Some time ago a new ring of bells was opened in Rutland, and a gentleman interested in them, but living at Doncaster, Yorkshire, conceived the idea of listening to the bells by telephone. A large phonograph trumpet was affixed in the call office close to the church, and the result was astonishing! At the other end of the wire every bell was heard distinctly, so distinct in fact that the vibration of the clappers could be heard, and such changes as "Queen's" Tittums, Whittingtons, and the 6—7's were picked up perfectly. If this arrangement could be made in advance with someone living in the neighbourhood of a church where a long peal was pending anyone on the 'phone could "call up" the umpires and listen to the striking as long as it suited them.

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The ignorance of writers generally concerning bells and ringing is often apparent, but one does expect some of the elementary knowledge usually connected with an encyclopædia. Turning to "The National Encyclopædia," which, if the price is any criterion, must be considered as top of its class, I find this explanation (?) of change ringing:—"The mode of ringing church bells which consists in continually changing their order although all are used in each change. It does not perhaps enjoy so much favour now as formerly, owing to the increasing use of chiming machines, which take away from the necessity of hand ringers; but it still numbers many devotees and is a most engrossing pastime. Bunyan mentions it as one of his favourite sins in his unregenerate days. The simplest peal gives ten changes with five bells, every bell moving one place at each change, hunting up and down as it is called. More elaborate peals are the Grandsire, the Treble Bobs, etc., arranged, some of them, on a most intricate plan."

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If the simple author of the above piffle had only shown an example of the simplest peal, how *each of five bells* move *one place at each change* he would have evolved a most intricate plan indeed. As for the Bunyan business, well, we owe him one for besmirching the ringing world, but it is doubtful whether we shall ever get even with him. His bitter reproaches at his evil habits of "playing tipcat and ringing the church bells" look very tame in the light of to-day, and it would be interesting, if it were possible by psychic means, to obtain the opinion of the author of *The Pilgrim's Progress* regarding the bell ringing now in vogue, especially at S. Paul's, Bedford.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the remarks that fell from the lips of Mr. Godden at the Johnson anniversary dinner concerning the position of ringers in Birmingham, where every tower has members in several associations, the city embracing the St. Martin's Guild, Midland Counties, Warwickshire Guild, Staffordshire, and Worcestershire. The eight ringers at our tower are from seven different counties. The letter from Mr. Coppock makes a useful suggestion, but I would go still further and suggest that the Central Council be made an executive, and that every association should subscribe thereto, so that a member of any association subscribing would be eligible to ring in a peal under the subscribing association.—Yours truly,

W. H. CARROD.

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OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

The Master of the Worcestershire Association.

One of the first members of the Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts' Association, which was founded in 1882, few men have done more to build up this bell ringers' organisation than Mr. Thomas J. Salter, of Kidderminster, whose portrait, taken specially for *The Ringing World*, appears on this page. Ever ready to give young ringers a helping hand, genial, yet unassuming, Mr. Tom Salter has earned the respect and confidence of his confreres in the association, and the honourable position of Master, to which he was elevated in 1905, and to which he has been annually re-elected, despite a wish to retire, came as a

Mr. Thomas J. Salter.

fitting reward of services ungrudgingly rendered. Mr. Salter is something more than Master in name. He has rung more peals for the association than any other member, having scored 200 to its credit as long ago as October 6th, 1906—a total which no other member has even yet reached.

Born at Kinver, Staffs., in 1866, Mr. Salter spent the greater portion of his early years at Wolverley, in Worcestershire, whither he went to live at the age of twelve months. It was here that he learnt his ringing. Starting as one of a young band, in 1881, his first 720 (of Grandsire Minor) was the first 720 on the bells. That company was a band with aspirations, and they ran through the whole Minor gamut to London Surprise, the first 720 in that method by the Worcester Association being conducted by Mr. Salter. While still a member of the Wolverley company, Mr. Salter used frequently to visit St. Mary's, Kidderminster, which was 2½ miles away, and just a quarter of a century ago—in March, 1866—he joined the Kidderminster company. He rang his first peal there—the treble to Grandsire Triples—in January of the next year, and in the same week rang the second to Holt's Original, at Bridgnorth, both these peals being conducted by J. W. Washbrook. On October 10th, 1888, he rang the sixth in the first peal by a local band since 1825, and from that time the company went ahead until they reached the top rung of the ladder, a peal of London Surprise on January 6th, 1897.

Among the noteworthy peals in which Mr. Salter has taken part may be mentioned the first peals of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Duffield, and Shipway Major, Cambridge, Superlative, New Cambridge and London Surprise, and Canterbury Pleasure Royal, rung by the Worcester Association. He also took part in the first peals of

St. Mary and All Saints', Kidderminster.

Cambridge and Superlative rung in Shropshire, and the first Surprise peal in Birmingham. He rang in the first peals of Stedman Caters and Bob Royal in Ireland, or, as the footnote to the peal said at the time, the first out of Great Britain. It was on February 19th, 1898, that Mr. Salter rang his 100th peal for the Worcester Association, and his 200th, as above mentioned, was rung on October 6th, 1906. On November 10th of the same year he scored his 100th peal on Kidderminster bells, the century being made up of Grandsire Triples 13 (conducted 6), Bob Triples 1 (1), Bob Major 4 (1), Kent Treble Bob Major 4, Canterbury Triples 1 (1), Stedman Triples 35 (1), Duffield Major 1, Shipway Major 1, Double Oxford 1, Double Norwich 15, Superlative 15 (2), Cambridge 7 (1), London 5 (1).

In 1905 Mr. Salter was elected master of the Worcester Association, and representative on the Central Council, and

these offices he continues to hold, although for the last two years he has expressed a wish to retire. He has, however, been pressed to remain in office to help forward a scheme for the formation of branches, which should be the means of furthering the interests of the association. In addition to the Worcester Association he is a member of the Dudley Guild, the Evesham Guild, the St. Martin's, Birmingham, Guild, the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, the Midland Counties, the London, Sussex, Hertford and Kent County Associations and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Mr. Salter has rung altogether 247 peals in 67 towers and 12 counties. His list is as follows :—

On six bells	26	conducted	2
Bob Triples	2	,,	1
Bob Major	8	,,	2
Bob Royal	1		
Canterbury Pleasure Triples ...	2	,,	2
Canterbury Royal	1		
Grandsire Triples (one on handbells)	20	,,	7
Oxford Bob Triples	1		
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1		
Kent Treble Bob Major	7	,,	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	2		
Double Oxford Major	3		
Duffield Major	1		
Shipway Major	1		
Stedman Triples	63	,,	1
Stedman Caters	4		
Stedman Cinques	1		
Double Norwich Major	38	,,	3
Superlative Surprise Major	35	,,	2
Cambridge Surprise Major	19	,,	1
New Cambridge Major	1		
London Surprise Major	10	,,	1
Total	247	conducted	23

ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS', KIDDERMINSTER.

Standing as it does on its elevated site above the banks of the Stour, a tributary of the river Severn, the Church of St. Mary and All Saints', the scene of so many of Mr. Salter's ringing successes, forms a most imposing object in any view of the town, and it is provable that some such structure stood on this spot even from the most remote period. The earliest record is a charter, dated 736 A.D., of Ethelbald, King of the Mercians, to Earl Cynebert, granting ten cassats of land (about 120 acres) to found a monastery. It is believed that the monastery built by Earl Cynebert was upon the site of the present church. A church dedicated to St. Mary is supposed to have been built on the same site by John Niger about 1100 A.D. The present church is dedicated to St. Mary and All Saints, and is a massive and imposing structure. To describe in detail all the beauties of this church—its splendid windows, sculptures and organ would require a separate article—they must be seen to be appreciated. The tower dates from the middle of the 15th century, and was originally detached from the rest of the building. It must have been very beautiful when first erected, with its decorated niches in front, and its effigies, and enrichments. Whether a spire was on the top, or whether it was intended to be added afterwards is not known, but the beginnings of a spire now exist on the top at the back of the weather-beaten battlements. The registers are in very good condition and date back to 1539. Besides the entries of births, deaths and marriages, they contain records of many interesting events concerning the town and parish. The tower contains a good ring of eight, tenor 25 cwt. in D; the first six by Rudhall, 1754, the 7th by Taylor, 1867, and the tenor by Mears, 1857.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

The long peal of Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne, setting up a new record for twelve bells, naturally revives interest in the previous record which was set up over 77 years ago. This peal was rung at Painswick, Gloucestershire, and is recorded in the following words :—

On Monday, December 9th, 1833, starting at eight o'clock in the morning, the Painswick Youths, at the Parish Church, Painswick, rang a peal of Treble Bob Maximus, consisting of 10,224 changes. Rung in 6 hrs. and 50 mins. (single handed). Composed and conducted by Mr. William Estcourt. John Morris treble, James Savory, jun., 2, Joseph White 3, Samuel Cooke 4, James Chandler 5, Charles Holder 6, James Savory, sen., 7, Thomas Clissold 8, William Holder 9, Thomas Bettrell 10, William Estcourt 11, William Savory tenor. Umpire, Mr. Daniel Wood, Norwich, the celebrated change ringer.

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May we emphasise the need for correspondents to write clearly when sending in their reports. Nothing gives greater annoyance than the appearance of wrongly spelt names, but the poor printer cannot be blamed when the writing is illegible. And just one "Don't." Do not send communications intended for the paper to the publishers. All correspondence should be sent direct to the Editorial Office.

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The latest use for church bells has been to call together the rioters in the champagne districts of France. When acts of devastation were to be performed the ringing of the bells was the signal for calling together the mob.

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A curios error last week crept into our report of the peal of Stedman Cinques in hand at Guildford. Mr. F. E. Dawe was starred as "first peal." When it is recollected that F. E. D. called a peal of Stedman Cinques on his 21st birthday—more years ago, perhaps, than he cares to think about—the obviousness of the slip is apparent. The note should have read "first peal on handbells," but, even so, it is somewhat remarkable that he should have waited so long to accomplish such a performance.

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There can be no question that the Guildford men are masters of Stedman in hand. Since the Stedman Cinques on April 9th they have rung Stedman Caters and Stedman Triples on handbells, the three peals being rung within a week. The three inside men in the Triples were in all the performances, and it is believed to be the first time that this has been accomplished within seven days.

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Our note upon the amusing peal board in one of the Manchester towers, brings to light another, equally curious. At Radcliffe Church, four miles from Nottingham, there is a peal board for 24 Bob Singles, rung, our correspondent believes, when there were only four bells in the tower.

The Record Peal of Maximus.

The Company who Rang the Peal at Ashton-under-Lyne on Monday.

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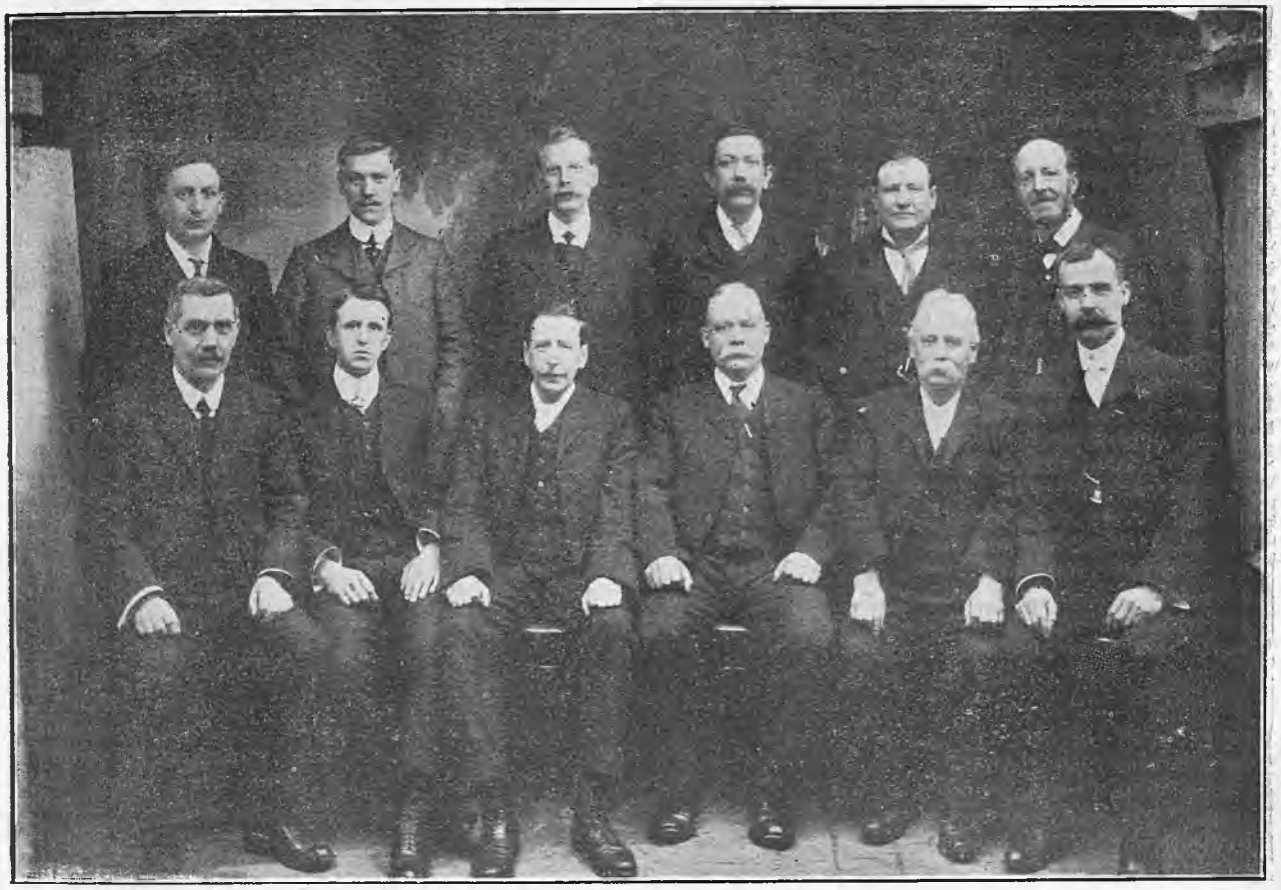

B. Thorp, 7. B. Gill, 8. S. Booth, 9. A. Adams, 10. H. Chapman, 11. J. George, 12.
C. Bower, 1. G. Garnett, 2. J. Mellor, 3. S. Wood, 4 (Composer and Conductor). J. Wood, 5. W. Wolstencroft, 6.

WITH THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A DERBY DAY.

"THE RINGING WORLD" SPECIAL REPORT.

Once upon a time there was no "M.C.A." A little band of ringing enthusiasts got together and formed "The Derby and District Association," but little thinking what an edifice was destined to arise from so modest a foundation. In those days ringers were atoms, with little or no cohesion, but the movement spread, and within a year it was necessary to alter its title for obvious reasons. Derby continued to be the headquarters for many years, and thus, when once now in four, the annual meeting falls at its birthplace, the gathering is one of "home-comers." Apart from its ringing connections, Derby, both town and county, is remarkable for its history and environment. There is no county in England that can compare with it for scenery. It is a miniature Switzerland, intersected with its rivers, while towering above you runs the Pennine chain of hills, which separate the waters flowing towards the seas on the right-hand or on the left. Are you an antiquarian? Here you can revel, for remains of the elephant, rhinoceros, elk, bison, lion and leopard have all been found here! In the Stone Age, pre-historic man—according to the weapons and tools found—hunted over a stretch of land unbroken from the Peak to the Pyrenees!

DERBY AND ITS BELLS.

Derby, pronounced DARBY for some occult reason, originated from the ruins of the Roman station "Derwentis." The Danes called the place DEORABY, and the present name seems the natural abbreviation; situated as the town is, on the west bank of the Derwent. In its history the place has seen stirring times. At the commencement of the Civil War, Charles I. set up his standard at Derby in 1642. The county at first declared for the King, but quickly went over to the Parliamentarians. In December, 1745, the Young Pretender entered the town, but after staying two days showed a clean pair of heels to the advancing Duke of Cumberland. The streets are narrow and winding in the older parts, but the Irongate is a fine thoroughfare. The churches are numerous, and many of them possess rings of bells. All Saints' tower, a fine edifice, 174 feet in height, contains ten bells, tenor about 29 cwts., but running left-handed—or wrong way — from tenor backwards; and are a lumbering peal to ring. In days gone by, the late Jaspar Snowden, in company with the Burton band, essayed to ring 7200 Double Norwich here, but failed, and afterwards rang a peal of Treble Bob. St. Alkmund's has a ring of eight; St. Luke's also, and a heavy ring to boot, the tenor being about 32 cwts. St. Peter's is a later arrival, with a rather light ring, and it may safely be said that the ne plus ultra of belfries in Derby is that of St. Andrew's.

Here on Monday last the great majority of ringers made themselves at home as quickly as they could get from the adjoining railway station. A glance round the walls tells the visitor all he wants to know. No more will be seen in the magic circle the kindly face of John Howe, or the sturdy form of Harry Woodward, but the men of Derby have got grit behind them, and make this citadel their stronghold. From 11 a.m. the belfry was packed with ringers from the neighbouring towns, while the ringing ranged from the humble Grandsire Triples to London Surprise, the Burton band as usual being in evidence, while the genial John Carter also put in a welcome appearance.

THE BUSINESS OF THE DAY.

The committee meeting took place in the ante room of King's Cafe, when the usual routine was followed, and at its conclusion we

emerged into the larger hall, where the tea was laid for 74 members and friends. As is the case when ringers go out for a day and are minus a dinner, the room was soon busy with knife and fork; and it may not be out of place to suggest here that the M.C.A. having grown to manhood's estate might reasonably consider the advisability of substituting a dinner for the tea at the "annual." One thing is certain: it would enable the business meeting to be got through with ample time for ringing afterwards, before train time puts an end to pleasure.

The business meeting immediately followed the tea. The president, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., was supported by the Rev. J. P. Hales, Rector of Cotgrave, Notts; the Rev. R. H. Hey, M.A., Vicar of St. Andrew's; and Mr. Chambers (churchwarden). After the passing of the accounts, the President, in reviewing the past year, said he desired to emphasise the necessity of setting up a high ideal in all sections. One feature for congratulation was the great number of bands now ringing peals, as against the few in the old days. During the past year, 136 peals had been rung, which placed the Association third in the year's analysis, viz.: Norwich 138 (thus far recorded), Middlesex 79, and the M.C.A. 136 as stated. The present year also looked healthy, as no less than 28 peals had been rung during the first quarter.

Nottingham, coming on the rota for the next annual meeting, Melbourne, Darleydale, and Hinckley, were selected for the three quarterly meetings. Nineteen ringing members were elected, and one honorary, viz., Rev. R. H. Hey, M.A., Vicar of St. Andrew's, who gave a racy reply to a vote of thanks to the clergy, which was proposed by Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by Mr. W. Willson. The officers for the past year were unanimously re-elected, viz.: Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., president; Mr. John Taylor, vice-president: Mr. W. E. White, secretary; and Mr. W. E. Wakley, treasurer.—A vote of thanks to the president brought a most successful meeting to a close.—During the evening the bells of St. Alkmund's, St. Luke's, St. Andrew's, St. Peter's, and the ten bells of All Saints' were merrily going to various methods, until the last handshakes temporarily severed the many friendships, to be renewed, we hope, at the next year's gathering.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT ST. ALBANS.

"The Ringing World" Special Report.

The historic town of St. Albans was again the venue of the annual gathering of the Hertfordshire Association on Easter Monday, and favoured with charming weather, the event drew together nearly a hundred members from all parts of the county, although the attendance was not quite so large as in the previous year. Admirable arrangements for the entertainment of visitors had been made by the energetic and popular hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Cartmel, and, in addition to the Cathedral peal, high up in that massive tower which dominates the landscape, the ten bells of St. Peter's and the sixes at St. Michael's and St. Stephen's were available. Among the branches that sent representatives were: Aldenham, Baldock, Bushey, Edmonton, Hatfield, Harpenden, Hitchin, Little Munden, Oxhey, Royston, St. Albans and Great Wymondley. The ringing at St. Peter's consisted chiefly of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Treble Bob Royal, and at the Cathedral, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major were rung.

The ringers attended choral evensong at the Cathedral, the service being taken part in by the Dean of St. Albans, and the Rev. Canon Papillon, formerly secretary of the Essex Association. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Chadwick, Vicar of St. Peter's, who took his text from St. Luke xxiv., 25—27. Concerning the duties of the ringers, he said, it was their work to call the people together to listen to the reading and exposition of God's Holy Word. It was a very honourable work; it was a very important function that they performed for the Church of Christ. It was a function of great usefulness for which, on behalf of God's people and the Clergy, he would thank them most heartily. He did not know how it might be in Hertfordshire, for he had not yet a wide acquaintance with the county, but he did know that it was true in other counties that not every man who rang the people to church descended the belfry steps and entered the church himself. He did not say that was so with all, but some were content to call others, and forgot that the same bells which called others ought to call themselves. He would just offer this one word of exhortation, that they should remember that the very bell they rang should call them as it called others.

After the service, high tea was partaken of at the Abbey Institute, and the business meeting followed, the Dean of St. Albans temporarily taking the chair, supported by the Rev. Canon Papillon, Mr. H. L. Waddington, Mr. H. Lewis (a former president), Mr. G. W. Cartmel (hon. sec.), etc.

A NEW PRESIDENT.

Mr. Lewis, in a facetious speech, proposed the election of Mr. H. L. Waddington as president of the Association, and the motion having been seconded by Mr. Prewett, was unanimously carried, Mr. Waddington taking the chair, amid applause. Acknowledging the honour paid him, Mr. Waddington said he hesitated about accepting the office, but yielded to the persuasive eloquence of Mr. Cartmel. He did not know why he should be asked to fill the office, for he had not done very much to further the Association. He was, however, one of those who attended the first meeting held to form the Association, a project which emanated from their friend Mr. Hill, who, he was sorry to say, had left the ringing world altogether. That was the commencement of the Association, and it prospered very slowly for a time, and almost died a natural death. But, happily, their friend Mr. Percy Debenham, assisted by Mr. Cartmel, managed to put new life into it, and it had grown to what it was to-day. A great deal of that was due to the members themselves, and he was pleased to think that their numbers now exceeded 300. Referring to the fact that this was Coronation year, the President suggested that where there were bands capable of ringing a peal, an attempt for a peal should be made in honour of the occasion instead of spending the day in ringing touches. By this means they might ring a record number of peals that day (applause).

The Hon. Secretary read letters of apology from the Bishop of St. Albans, the Member for the Division (Col. Carlisle), the late president of the Association (Mr. E. E. Huntley), and the hon. treasurer (Mr. E. P. Debenham).—Canon Papillon was elected an hon. member of the Association. One non-resident life member, and the following ringing members were also elected: Cheshunt three, Watton six, Hertford three, and Little Munden one.

The balance sheet, audited by Mr. B. Prewett, was adopted, on the motion of Mr. G. H. Rowe, seconded by Mr. R. Hammond. It showed that the year was begun with a balance in hand of £7 2s. 11d., and that the receipts, which amounted to £25 14s. 5d., included £13 6s. from members' subscriptions, and £5 5s. from hon. members. Among the items of expenditure was a donation of £1 1s. to the Rev. F. E. Robinson Memorial Fund. £3 was carried to the reserve, and after meeting other expenses £2 19s. 1d. remained in hand. The amount carried to reserve, together with 6s. 2d. interest for 1910, brought the amount in that fund up to £13 11s. 11d.

THE REPORT.

In his annual report, the Hon. Secretary said it was always a pleasurable duty to analyse the doings of the year, and to note the steady advance not only numerically, but from a point of general progress. He was glad to say that the clergy and, in some cases, even the churchwardens, were taking a deeper interest in the work, and were often to be found presiding at the district meetings, and in many instances providing the tea. Owing to outstanding subscriptions, the balance sheet did not appear so favourable as last year. They stood, however, in a good position, for whilst the cash balance in hand was £5 13s. 10d. less than last year, they had added £3 to the reserve fund. He suggested that in future all bands should consider the advisability of providing the payment of each members' subscription from the local society's fund every year. This would be a great advantage to the Association, besides saving a lot of clerical work, and the lapsing of members.

After recounting the various performances rung with muffled bells to the memory of the late King Edward, and recalling the losses sustained by the Association, through death, the report went on to state that 30 peals were rung during the year in 17 towers, the methods comprising Stedman Triples 8, Double Norwich 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 3, Bob Major 2, Superlative 1, Grandsire Triples 2, on 6 bells 10, on 5 bells 1. Among the conductors was Miss Edith Parker, who called a peal of Stedman, and the Association tendered her hearty congratulation upon being the first lady member of the Association to conduct a peal. The report appealed to members to send in their portraits for the Association's album, and concluded with a resume of the reports from the district secretaries, to whom the Association owed a deep debt of gratitude for their untiring labours, for to them in a great measure, the success of the Association was due.

THE VALUE OF A GOOD BAND.

The Dean of St. Albans, who proposed the adoption of the report, said that while there had been nothing remarkably brilliant, he thought there had been during the year substantial progress all round. Good work had been done in all parts, and fresh belfries had joined the Association. He thought they might congratulate themselves on the continued life and prosperity of their most useful society. Of course, he was interested in it himself. Not that he was a ringer, but the start of the society took place in his own house in 1884, and, while he would not call it one of his own children, he had, at all events, taken a deep interest in it, because he knew from practical observation and experience in that and other parishes when he was Archdeacon, what a capital thing it was to have a thoroughly good and godly band of ringers in a parish. He was glad to see so many of them attending the Easter Monday service when they came to St. Albans. It made him feel what an important part they took in Church work, and it was from that aspect that he took particular interest in the work. The Dean added that they were much indebted

to Mr. Cartmel for the immense trouble he took with the report, and he (the Dean) would like to emphasise the appeal made to members to put aside for once their natural shyness, and forward their photographs for insertion in the Association's album. He intended to do the same, and give Mr. Cartmel his portrait for the album.—The report was seconded by Canon Papillon, and unanimously adopted.

ELECTIONS AND THANKS.

Mr. P. Debenham was re-elected hon. treasurer of the Association, and the re-election of Mr. Cartmel as hon. secretary was carried by acclamation.—Mr. Cartmel briefly acknowledged the confidence again placed in him, and said he was quite willing to carry on the secretaryship as long as they liked to allow him to do so (applause). Mr. B. Prewett was re-appointed hon. auditor; and the election of Mr. H. Eden, of Oxhey, as Western District secretary; Mr. W. H. Lawrence, of Little Munden, as Eastern District secretary; and the Rev. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, of Hitchen, as Northern District secretary, was then agreed to.

The President, in moving a vote of thanks to the Rev. Chadwick for his address, alluded to the preacher's reference to the attendance of ringers at church services. He said it was unfortunately true that in some places the ringers would disperse after calling others to church, but he thought it was often the fault of the clergy, who left the bellringers out in the cold. They worshipped the choir, but they did not worship the bellringers. He thought if the clergy generally took more interest in the bellringers and in the bell chamber, they would have more frequent attendances at church by the bellringers (hear, hear); bellringers would be better churchmen, and things all round would be better (applause).—The motion was carried by acclamation, as was a similar vote to the Dean and the incumbents of the other churches in the town for placing the bells at the disposal of the ringers.

The Hon. Secretary mentioned that he had received a letter from the Archdeacon, calling attention to a great gathering of Churchworkers, on Saturday, July 15th, and asking whether the Association could undertake to ring touches during the day. Mr. Cartmel said he had replied that the Association would certainly do as requested, and he suggested that a district meeting might be arranged for Hatfield on that occasion.

Both the Hon. Secretary and the President brought to the notice of the meeting the entry of "The Ringing World" in the field of bellringing journalism, and urged the members to send their reports to the new paper for publication. They urged that it was the duty of the ringers to support the enterprise which had been launched in their interests.

In the evening further ringing was indulged in.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Association was held at Radyr, near Cardiff, on Easter Monday. Previous to the meeting the bells were raised, and several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. The bells are a new ring of eight, by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, tenor, 11 cwt. The meeting was presided over by the Vicar of the Parish, the Rev. D. Phillips.—Arising out of the minutes was the question of the proposed amalgamation of the West Wales Association with the Llandaff Association, but no action was taken, the matter being deferred to the annual meeting.

The next Glamorganshire meeting was arranged to be held at Aberdare. It was decided to carry out the rule as regards the meeting of the committee, that such meeting be held a month previous to the quarterly meeting. Several new members were elected.—An excellent tea was afterwards served in the schoolroom, kindly provided by the Vicar, to whom the best thanks were accorded.—The members subsequently returned to the tower, and the bells were kept going during the remainder of the evening.

SURREY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.

PRESENTATION TO THE SECRETARY.

"THE RINGING WORLD'S" SPECIAL REPORT.

One of the most successful meetings which the writer, in his membership extending over 21 years can call to mind, was held at Carshalton on Easter Monday, the Rector (the Rev. G. B. Vaux) being in the chair. Of course, the beautiful weather was undoubtedly responsible for some of the feelings which animated those present, but the pleasure of meeting old friends whom one had not seen for years, and who were assembled with the intention of paying honour to their late secretary, was very evident. The bells were ringing from about 2 p.m., and kept going in various methods until 5.15, when a call was made that the photographer was ready. This resulted in between 70 and 80 members grouping themselves to face the ordeal. Afterwards a service was held in the Parish Church which, by the way, is a blending of the very ancient with the very modern, but the acoustics are some of the best in the experience of those present.

In the course of his welcoming address to the members, the Rector remarked that he intended apologising for the absence of the choir, who were away on holidays, but in the volume of sound they had heard in the grand old Easter hymn they had just sung, he felt quite sure his choir would have been lost. He proceeded to draw some practical every-day lessons from their work in the ringing chamber.

Tea was afterwards served in the Church Room, the gathering being presided over by the Rector, who was supported by Dr. Carpenter, and other well-known members. After the routine business, the Chairman called upon Dr. Arthur B. Carpenter to make an interesting announcement.—Dr. Carpenter, who was received with applause, said it was no secret what he was about to say. He could only remark that he fully appreciated the work that Mr. Charles Dean had done, as he (the speaker) had held the position previous to Mr. Dean's taking it. He could thoroughly congratulate him and the Association upon the strides which had been made during Mr. Dean's secretaryship, and it was with very great regret that he knew it had been severed. After reviewing Mr. Dean's connection with the Association, he said he had the pleasure of handing him, on behalf of the Association, a canteen of silver, containing over 100 pieces.

A GIFT TO THE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Dean, in returning thanks, said although not taken by surprise, he could hardly find words to express his thanks for the magnificent present they had made him. He would like, however, as some slight evidence of his feelings in return, to make them a gift of the volumes of a ringing newspaper from the commencement, and as an earnest he had pleasure in handing one bound volume over to his successor, Mr. Cyril F. Johnston and he had no doubt that a tower would be found in a central position, which would be at the disposal of the members. In connection with that, he would like to remark on the letter which had appeared from Mr. Beams, suggesting that all ringing records should be handed over to the Central Council to be preserved by them in an accessible position in London. He (Mr. Dean) observed that no reply had been made to that letter, and he ventured to hope that the suggestion would not be adopted, as he considered that the provincial records were best kept in the provinces. He would suggest that the Surrey Association's records and peal books should be kept in one tower available to all the members. It would, no doubt, require some tact to arrange this, but he did not think it was beyond solving, and he was sure it would be better for the vast majority of the members.

By permission of the Chairman, Mr. Drewett, of Mitcham, brought forward a rather unusual suggestion in a ringing meeting, which was that the members should interest themselves in obtaining votes for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, on behalf of Reginald Postle Jackson. The boy, who is eight years old, is one of three orphans, having lost his father, Bro. J. C. Jackson, by a cycle accident in February, 1905, and his mother by drowning in August, 1910. His father was an architect, and the only means available for the support and education of the two younger children is about £60 per annum, interest on some trust securities. Bro. J. C. Jackson was initiated into "Prosperity Lodge" in 1897, and was a subscriber until his death. He served as steward, was a life governor of the R.M.I.B., and was also a member of Salisbury Lodge. Mr. Drewett appealed to the members to use their influence in their respective districts.

Several new members were elected, and the meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks.

It may be news to some of those members who saw the little iron circular railings just outside the church that they surround what is reputed to be the well of Anne Boleyn. According to the legend, she was riding with Henry VIII. when her horse reared and, coming to the ground, struck his fore feet, and immediately a spring of water gushed up and drenched both he and the horse. It was looked upon as a warning, and the fate of the unfortunate lady is a matter of history. The spring undoubtedly ran for a number of years, and is now dried up, probably as the result of modern drainage operations.

THOMAS DOBLE & SON, Church Bell-Hangers, TAUNTON.—Bells Hung on the most approved principles, Old Bells Re-cast, New Bells supplied, Ropes of the best make. Ellacombe's Chiming Apparatus fixed, Handbells in sets, Chromatic or Diatonic.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

HARROLD, BEDS.—On Sunday, April 2nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (42 singles): H. Robinson 1, H. W. Gayton (conductor) 2, F. G. Crouch 3, W. Stock 4, H. Robinson 5, G. Thew 6.

CROYDON, SURREY. — On April 3rd, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. Larbey 1, W. Ives 2, H. Brooker, jun., 3, E. Miles 4, A. Clark 5, C. Kitching 6, H. Brooker (conductor) 7, J. Calcutt 8.

BLETCHLEY.—On April 5th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor: F. Stanton 1, J. Marks 2, J. Mead 3, S. Smith 4, H. Scar (conductor) 5, T. Best 6.

READING.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At St. Giles' Church, on Wednesday, April 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: A. J. Harding 1, A. T. Reeves (first quarter-peal) 2, A. Bailey 3, R. Bishop 4, G. Goodship 5, W. Dormer 6, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 7, A. H. Burgess 8. Rung for Confirmation service by the Bishop of Oxford. After service, 168 in same method.

BATH.—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—On April 6th, at St. Saviour's Church, 350 Grandsire Triples: T. King 1, C. R. Lilley 2, J. Alexander 3, A. E. Alexander 4, J. Taylor 5, C. Goodenough 6, C. M. Bell (conductor) 7, L. Smith 8.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday evening, April 9th, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: G. Baker 1, C. Beech 2, H. Ward 3, R. Baker 4, J. Adams 5, F. W. Perrens (conductor) 6, T. Day 7, C. Fox 8.

NOTTINGHAM.—Midland Counties' Association.—On Sunday, April 9th, at St. Mary's Church, Bulwell, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor: G. Tyers 1, G. Pilot 2, T. Jennison 3, W. Spencer 4, E. Foster 5, W. Wadsley (conductor) 6.—For afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor: G. Tyers 1, W. Spencer 2, J. Elkington 3, T. Jennison 4, E. Foster 5, W. Wadsley (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Elkington 1, T. Hind 2, W. Spencer 3, E. Foster 4, T. Jennison 5, W. Wadsley (conductor) 6.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.—Midland Counties' Association.—On Sunday evening, April 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: J. Parnham 1, J. T. Pollard 2, E. Manners 3, A. Wyld 4, A. Parker 5, F. Rowley 6, P. Pollard (conductor) 7, J. Wyles 8. Quickest quarter-peal on the bells (tenor 19½ cwt.).

NOTTINGHAM.—Midland Counties' Association.—On Sunday, April 9th, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major (composed by A. Knights): W. Bellamy (conductor) 1, R. T. Flint 2, T. Burnham 3, A. Barratt 4, J. H. Clarke 5, H. R. Cobbin 6, F. Tite 7, E. J. Oliver (tenor).

WATFORD.—The Hertfordshire Association.—On April 9th, for morning service, 1056 Bristol Surprise: C. W. Smith 1, T. L. Simmons 2, A. W. Dix 3, W. Ward 4, G. N. Price (conductor) 5, H. Eden 6, H. Hodgetts 7, F. White 8.

SELSTON, NOTTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, April 9th, for evening service, 720 changes of Bob Minor (42 singles), in 25 mins.: T. Wharmby 1, C. H. Cottam 2, H. C. Harrison 3, W. Wharmby (conductor) 4, A. Elliott 5, W. Dobbs 6.—Also 240 New London Pleasure: T. H. C. Hand 1, H. C. Harrison 2, J. E. Anness 3, W. Dobbs 4, W. Wharmby (conductor) 5, A. Elliott 6.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, April 9th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Uridge 1, Miss W. Carden 2, C. H. Barton 3, D. Beer 4, E. A. Collins 5, L. H. Page (conductor) 6. First 720 in a Surprise Method by all the band.

HARWICH. — The Essex Association. — On Sunday, April 9th, for evening service, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by H. Parker, Barking): T. Bernard 1, C. Ramplin 2, T. Taylor 3, G. Taylor 4, A. T. Morris 5, S. Taylor, R.N. 6, G. Thompson (conductor) 7, J. Alderton 8.—On Easter Sunday, 392 of the same method by the following band: G. Cook 1, T. Bernard 2, A. T. Morris 3, G. Taylor 4, G. Thompson 5, E. Todd (Great Yarmouth) 6, C. Ramplin (conductor) 7, F. Borrett 8.

ILKLEY. — On Sunday morning, April 9th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to initiate a new member: T. W. Crawshaw 1, A. Smith 2, H. Verity 3, C. Stephenson 4, W. Cook 5, J. R. Feather 6, J. W. Birkin (conductor) 7, C. Spencer 8.

CHADWELL HEATH, ESSEX. — On Tuesday, April 11th, at 24, Heath Road, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. H. Jaye 1—2, G. R. Pye 3—4, E. Pye (conductor) 5—6, W. Woodgate 7—8.

EASTHAMPSTEAD.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild. — On Thursday, April 13th, for practice, 360 Double Oxford: A. Gough 1, H. Carder 2, J. Rance 3, W. Newton 4, H. Bungay 5, J. North (conductor) 6. Longest touch by all.—On Easter Day, for early morning service, 720 Oxford Single Bob: A. Herrington 1, H. Carder 2, R. Hawkins 3, W. Newton 4, A. Gough 5, J. North (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. North 1, H. Carder 2, R. Hawkins 3, W. Newton 4, A. Gough 5 J. Rance (conductor) 6. First 720 as conductor.

NORTHAMPTON.—Central Northamptonshire Association. — On Easter Day, at St. Edmond's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Tebbutt 1, J. Jones 2, C. Tebbutt 3, J. Mackay 4, J. Motherell 5, T. Haynes 6, B. Soden (conductor) 7, W. Gammage 8.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Easter Day, for the early Celebration (6.0 a.m.), 168 Grandsire Triples: W. Jeavons 1, A. Baker 2, L. Barnett 3, R. Dunn 4, W. Greensil 5, A. Barnett 6, B. Gough 7, W. Fisher 8.—For the mid-day Celebration two courses of Bob Major: B. Gough 1, L. Barnett 2, W. Greensil 3, A. Baker 4, W. Fisher 5, S. Potts 6, R. Dunn 7, S. Baker 8.—For the evening service, 1280 Bob Major, taken from Shipway's, standing as above; also after service, 464 Bob Major: W. Jeavons 1, A. Baker 2, W. Greensil 3, L. Barnett 4, B. Gough 5, W. Fisher 6, R. Dunn 7, S. Baker 8. The touches were conducted by W. Fisher.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild. — On Easter Sunday, for early Celebration, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Pitts 1, H. Watts 2, M. Goddard 3, A. Payne 4, C. Doe (conductor) 5, J. Moth 6.—For the morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: Conductor, J. Moth.—For evening service, 360 Bob Minor: A. Collins 1, J. Pitts 2, M. Goddard 3, H. Watts 4, A. Payne 5, J. Moth (conductor) 6.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Easter Sunday, the following touches of Grandsire Triples were rung: At 5.15 a.m., a 504; for Matins, 11.15, a 504; and for evening service a quarter-peal. The first touch was conducted by C. Cleave, and the others by W. Cook. The quarter-peal was in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. W. Wicks, and a son to Mr. C. Prior, two of the ringers. These olive branches were born but a few hours apart, the son at 2 a.m. on Easter Sunday.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 52 mins.: J. Jennings 1, C. Waithman 2, B. Claydon 3, W. D. James, 4, T. Bloode 5, W. Allsop 6, G. Roberts 7, B. Leedham (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal as conductor, and first quarter-peal of Major ever rung on the bells by a band all resident in Sutton Coldfield.

GLASBURY.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Easter Sunday, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: J. Vizor 1, A. G. Arnold 2, L. Lewis (conductor) 3, E. Jones 4, J. P. Hyett 5, T. Turner (tenor). First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor, and first, as conductor, by L. Lewis. It was also the first quarter-peal on the bells by an entirely local band, and was rung on the back six at the first attempt. After service, 120 each of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, and College Single Doubles, conducted by the four inside ringers.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—The Lancashire Association, Furness and Lake District Branch.—On Easter Day, for early service, 720 Bob Minor (26 singles): W. Jackson 1, T. Metcalfe 2, W. H. Dennison 3, T. Suart (conductor) 4, J. Huddleston 5, J. Burrows 6.—For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. T. Thompson 1, J. Huddleston 2, W. H. Dennison 3, T. Suart (conductor) 4, J. Watson 5, J. Burrows 6. J. Watson hails from Blackburn.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, for early service, 504 Stedman Triples, for 11 o'clock service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples; for evening service, 560 Double Norwich, 448 Plain Bob Major; and after evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by the following: R. Stone, C. Boreham, A. J. Lewis, G. B. Selby, A. V. Selby, H. J. Selby, J. Heath, M. Whatley, G. Steer, W. Fright, and D. Wright.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, 720 Carlisle Surprise: W. Denman, jun., 1, T. Adams 2, R. H. Bowell 3, G. Lucas 4, J. F. Bowell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Easter Sunday, for Communion service, 360 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Cooper 1, G. W. Cooper 2, G. B. Lucas, sen. (conductor) 3, E. D. Lillywhite 4, H. Rumens 5, W. J. E. Jones 6. Also 720 in same method, for evening service, H. Rumens conductor.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Sunday morning, at St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: J. Ross 1, W. Stevens 2, H. Stevens 3, F. Symonds 4, R. Mackrill 5, J. Kent 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, W. Combes 8.

BARNES, SURREY.—On Sunday afternoon, for children's service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, J. Kent 3, H. Cook 4, F. Skevington 5, H. Stevens 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday evening, for Divine service, at St. Mark's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1344 changes), in 45 mins.: J. H. Ridyard 1, Rev. C. B. Hulton (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, J. Lowe 3, A. Ridyard 4, F. Derbyshire 5, P. H. Derbyshire 6, R. Ridyard 7, Jos. Ridyard (conductor) 8.

PENDLETON.—Lancashire Association. — On Sunday, for evening service, at St. Thomas' Church, 1120 Superlative Surprise Major: F. Smith 1, J. Smith 2, J. Turner (conductor) 3, J. Winterbottom 4, A. Cross 5, G. E. Turner 6, S. Greenhalgh 7, H. Dransfield 8.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On Sunday, for Divine service, 1280 Double Norwich: G. Oldham 1, A. Coppock (composer and conductor) 2, W. Clifford, jun., 3, W. Clifford 4, F. S. Price 5, J. C. Dicken 6, E. J. Boot 7, F. Price 8.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.—On Monday, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Blackwell 1, T. Tidy 2, A. Jarrett 3, F. S. Macey 4, S. Marshall (first 720 in the method) 5, I. Emery 6.

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ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (ESTABLISHED 1755).—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Aston on Saturday next, April 22nd. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, at which the address will be given by Canon Sutton. Business Meeting in Vicarage Rooms at 6 o'clock prompt.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the South and West District will be held at Chiswick, on Saturday, April 29th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. F. W. Isaacs). Bells available from 3.15. Short service, 5.30. Tea, 6d. each at 6.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.—Thursday, 4th May, 1911, Annual Festival. Preacher, the Rev. Canon Farrer, S. Mary's, Bridport. Luncheon and meeting at the Town Hall. Chairman: The Worshipful the Mayor of Bridport. Ringing at many neighbouring towers by the kindness of the incumbents. Travelling facilities by road and rail.—W. Percy Schuster, Hon. Sec.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, late St. James' Society (Established 1824). Members are re-requested to note that the Association meets for united practice at St. Clement Dane's, Strand, every alternate Monday, at 8 p.m. Also on the second Sunday in each month, at 10 a.m. A special general meeting will be held on Saturday, May 6th.—T. H. Taffender, Hon. Sec. pro tem, 35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch, and Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The annual meeting of the above society, and the monthly meeting of the Manchester branch will be held at Ashton Parish Church (12) on Saturday, April 29th. Bells ready at 4. Business meeting at 7.—W. H. Shuker, C. Bower, Secretaries.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, April 29th, at 6 p.m. Meeting at 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

NEW ADDRESS.—F. A. Holden, Ship's Corporal, R.N., Royal Naval Barracks, Chatham.

W. J. Paice would esteem it a great favour if all applications for use of the bells of St. Paul's, Wokingham, would in future be made either to the Rector, the Rev. H. M. Walter, St. Paul's Rectory, or to the foreman of the ringers, Mr. T. Houlton, Folly Farm, Wokingham.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 29th, 1911. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m.—Arthur Coleman, Honorary Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

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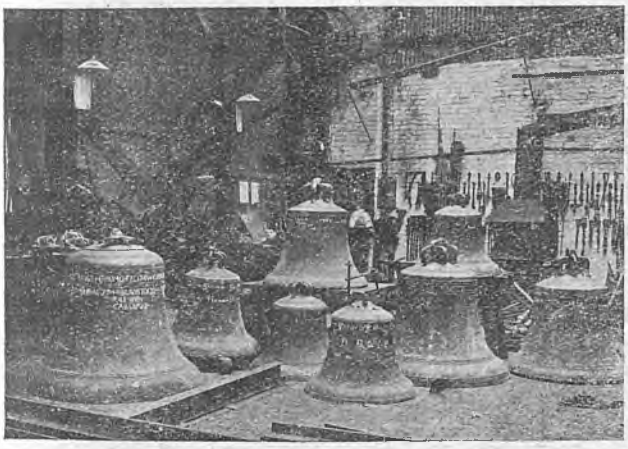

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Whittlesea,	Cambridgeshire.
Sturminster Marshall,	Dorset.
Mountsorrel,	Leicestershire.
Belton,	Rutland.

A LOSS TO THE EXERCISE.

The hand of death has removed another master mind from the ringing world, and the Exercise is all the poorer to-day by the loss of Robert Spencer Story, who was gathered to his fathers on Thursday week. Cut off at an age when man can hardly be considered to have passed the prime of life—he was only in his 53rd year—Mr. Story has gone to his grave deeply lamented by a host of friends, whose hearts go out in sympathy with the bereaved ones.

To his boundless enthusiasm, to his business acumen, to his keen foresight, ringing in the north of England owes a debt which it is difficult to estimate. It is such men as Robert Spencer Story who have lifted bell ringing from the disrepute in which it once was held, into the high position in which it is now regarded, for he and others like minded have shaped the destinies of our associations—whose chief aim, in addition to the encouragement of change ringing, has been the cultivation among ringers of a due regard for the belfry as a part of the church—and have helped to bring the clergy into touch with bell ringing in a way which has had such vastly beneficial results in placing ringing on a higher plane, in adding dignity to the office of ringers as church workers, and, in a large measure, being responsible for the rapid extension of the Art by improving the condition of bells and belfries, and encouraging a better class of men to join the Exercise.

Succeeding Mr. William Reed, of North Shields, as President of the Durham and Newcastle Association, in the year 1884, Mr. Story was the guiding spirit of this successful society for upwards of 22 years, filling the office with tact and dignity, and earning the respect of all with whom he came in contact. Ardent in the extension of the Art, he gave unstinting labour in the instruction of others, and more than one skilled band in the Newcastle Diocese remains to-day the result of his friendly labours. At the Central Council Mr. Story's opinions always carried weight, for he spoke from an inside knowledge of the practical politics of church bell ringing. Although ill-health necessitated his retirement from active participation in his favourite hobby, some two years ago, Mr. Story did not lose touch with the Exercise which he had so long adored. He will be sadly missed, as he is deeply mourned among ringers in the north, but, in the words of a correspondent quoted elsewhere, "the personality of Robert Spencer Story will live in their memory for many years to come."

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5326 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JARROLD HAYWARD	*Treble*	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS	6
WILLIAM E. GARRARD	2	ERNEST G. STIBBONS	7
*CLARENCE J. DOBBIE	3	†RUPERT RICHARDSON	8
WILLIAM A. GARRARD	4	JAMES R. MACKMAN	9
EDWARD P. O'MEARA	5	SEDLEY J. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT	*Treble*	REUBEN SANDERS	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
*HENRY RANZETTA	3	WILLIAM PYE	8
WILLIAM J. KEMP	4	JAMES GEORGE	9
ALBERT W. COLES	5	HARRY FLANDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal on ten bells.

WALTHAMSTOW.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(WALTHAMSTOW BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*ALFRED CHAPMAN	*Treble*	JAMES C. ADAMS	6
WILLIAM B. MANNING	2	†ALBERT A. HUGHES	7
HENRY RUMENS	3	HENRY J. MAYNARD	8
JOHN H. WILKINS	4	‡FRED C. MAYNARD	9
LEWIS GREEN	5	ROBERT MAYNARD, Sen	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. MILES, and
Conducted by F. C. MAYNARD.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal of Caters. ‡ First peal as Conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANCES;

Tenor 16¾ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE	*Treble*	WILLIAM HART	6
ERNEST GOWER	2	WILLIAM PALMER	7
HERBERT RANN	3	KEITH HART	8
CHARLES PALMER	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS	9
GEORGE ADES	5	HENRY STALHAM	*Tenor*

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, April 3, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	*Treble*	JAMES SCHOLES	5
FREDERICK J. HARDY	2	HENRY SPRINGALL	6
WILLIAM TRUSS	3	HERBERT LANGDON	7
ALFRED W. GRIMES	4	EMMANUEL HALL	*Tenor*

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

*GAIUS WELCH	*Treble*	*RICHARD JAMES	5
ERNEST ALDRIDGE	2	WILLIAM GRACE	6
FREDERICK JAMES	3	CHARLES GREENOUGH	7
*CHARLES GREGORY	4	*THOMAS BUSBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK JAMES.

* First peal. First peal as Conductor. Rung with the bells half muffled.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

FRANK CLAYDON	*Treble*	ERNEST RIDGWELL	5
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM	2	WILLIAM ROOT	6
HORACE H. COOPER	3	WILLIAM GRIMWADE	7
LEWIS WISEMAN	4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES, and
Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt.

ROBERT EDWARDS	*Treble*	ERNEST J. DOBBIE	5
CHARLES N. LEMAN	2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	6
FREDERICK G. BURDEN	3	CHARLES W. PLAYER	7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN	4	CHARLES TRIBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

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On Easter Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Treble*	ROBERT P. KNIGHT	5
FREDERICK PRECEY	2	*REV. LL. EDWARDS	6
JOHN S. RUMMING	3	WALTER INGHAM	7
A. F. MARTIN STEWART	4	LEONARD HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lbs.

E. MAURICE ATKINS	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. PAYNE	5
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	2	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN	6
MATTHIAS HOBBES	3	ALBERT V. INNES	7
CHARLES W. BIRD	4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 26¾ cwt., in D.

GEORGE HARDY	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. SMITH	5
EDGAR H. BAILEY	2	NORMAN R. BAILEY	6
ERNEST S. BAILEY	3	CHARLES F. BAILEY	7
JAMES M. BAILEY	4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt., in E.

ALBERT STAFF	*Treble*	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	5
GEORGE WIGHTMAN	2	WILLIAM LAST	6
ERNEST E. LANHAM	3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	7
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN	4	PETER LAFLIN	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHARLES GILES	*Treble*	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	5
*WILLIAM J. PAICE	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
WALTER A. WEBB	3	ALFRED WALMORE	7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	4	CHARLES R. LILLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. The Conductor's 100th of Double Norwich.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*RICHARD B. LAMBERT	*Treble*	FRED BUTCHERS	5
ERNEST C. LAMBERT	2	PHILLIP HODGKIN	6
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT	3	EDWIN LAMBERT	7
ANDREW MARSHALL	4	FRED J. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, and
Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Major.

DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 48. Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER	*Treble*	JOHN WITHERS	5
FRANK WITHERS	2	ARTHUR CHAMBERS	6
WILLIAM SHILVOCK	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
*WILLIAM SHORT	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

First peal in the method on the bells and the first peal on the bells since 1835.

* W. Short's 200th peal for the above Association.

SALISBURY.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt., in D flat.

SIDNEY MACEY	*Treble*	A. F. MARTIN STEWART	5
ROBERT P. KNIGHT	2	CHARLES GOODENOUGH	6
FREDERICK PRECEY	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
LEONARD HARRIS	4	CHARLES GAISFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. The previous peal (one of Treble Bob) was rung here over twenty years ago, conducted by J. W. Washbrook.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	*Treble*	ISAAC G. SHADE	5
JOSEPH LAW	2	GEORGE H. DAYNES	6
THOMAS H. HAWKINS	3	GEORGE E. RAWLINGS	7
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	4	*ARTHUR PAPWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

* First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Rawlings, age 16, and G. Rawlings, age 25, their brother ringers extending to them the usual compliments.

NOTTINGHAM.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

†WILLIAM BELLAMY	*Treble*	JAMES H. CLARKE	5
THOMAS R. FLINT	2	ERNEST J. OLIVER	6
TOM A. BURNHAM	3	FREDK. J. TITE	7
WALTER ROBINSON	4	HARRY R. COBBIN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by W. BELLAMY.

† First peal of Treble Bob as Conductor. This peal was arranged for Walter Robinson, of Bolsover.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, April 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

J. T. TAYLOR	*Treble*	*J. BOLTON	5
*J. WATERFIELD	2	J. MORRIS	6
†D. ILIFFE	3	F. STANIFORTH	7
E. MORRIS	4	T. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. STANIFORTH.

* First peal in the method, and first in the method on the bells.
† First peal with a Bob bell. J. Morris' 80th peal.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, April 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN PERRY	*Treble*	REV. E. V. COX	5
*W. D. JAMES	2	WILLIAM FISHER	6
HERBERT KNIGHT	3	GEORGE PIGOTT	7
JOHN C. ADAMS	4	JOSEPH PIGOTT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

* First peal in the method.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EMMANUEL WICKHAM	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. WALAND	5
ERNEST A. MURGATROYD	2	JOSEPH BROADLEY	6
JOB A. ROSS	3	THOMAS B. KENDALL	7
JAMES COTTERELL	4	GEORGE A. NETTLETON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

First peal in the method by all the Company.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 19, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*J. HERBERT BENFIELD	*Treble*	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD	5
GEORGE PIGOTT	2	JOHN WITHERS	6
†HORACE HOWELL	3	JOSEPH PIGOTT	7
†WALTER PIGOTT	4	†RICHARD LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss E. A. Lincoln and Mr. W. J. Moulder. * First peal. † First peal in the method.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 20, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*THOMAS VALLANCE	*Treble*	*HARRY STONELEY	5
HARRY ARGYLE	2	*JAMES CLARKE	6
*HAROLD ARGYLE	3	JAMES CLARKE, Sen.	7
*THOMAS DICKENS	4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in E.

*REGINALD BLAKE	*Treble*	THOMAS W. RADFORD	5
FRANK BLONDELL	2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD	6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, Sen.	3	JAMES HUNT	7
MAURICE SMITHER	4	ALFRED H. PULLING	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

First peal of Superlative on the bells. * First peal with a Treble Bob bell.

THE METROPOLIS.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD BURTON	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
EDWARD F. COLE	2	JOHN D. MATTHEWS	6
ARTHUR N. HARDY	3	FRANK SMITH	7
FRANK HAIRS	4	WILLIAM J. NUDDS	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES HUNT, and
Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

CONDOVER, SALOP.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

†E. R. TREVOR CORBETT	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE	5
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR	2	FRED W. TAYLOR	6
GEORGE J. TAYLOR	3	ALFRED FULLICK	7
HERBERT JONES	4	*HERBERT JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Also first peal of Triples as Conductor.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM GILBERT	*Treble*	EDMUND H. LINDUP	5
HARRY EVANS	2	ARTHUR ARNELL	6
JOHN H. PAICE	3	ALFRED W. GROVES	7
WILLIAM HILLMAN	4	FREDERICK LINDUP	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED W. GROVES.

SKIPTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18¾ cwt.

JOSEPH LANGSTRETH	*Treble*	W. BILLOWS	5
WM. H. BIDWHISTLE	2	CHRIS. LANGSTRETH	6
JAS. G. B. GARLICK	3	JOHN MCKELL	7
FRED. METCALFE	4	W. D. HILLARY	*Tenor*

Composed by the late W. L. MASON, and
Conducted by JOHN MCKELL.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY RICHELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM LINCOLN	5
*FREDERICK W. EDWARDS	2	ARTHUR EDWARDS	6
*HARRY SMALE	3	ARTHUR HEAD	7
*PERCY LETCH	4	†HENRY F. COOPER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. MULLINS, and Conducted by HENRY F. COOPER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as Conductor.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY PRICE	*Treble*	*WILLIAM SHORT	5
JOSEPH PIGOTT	2	SAMUEL GROVE	6
GEORGE PIGOTT	3	JAMES DOWLER	7
JOHN BASS	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method. Also first in the method in the county, and first Surprise peal on the bells.

CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN CHILTON	*Treble*	THOMAS METCALFE	5
ROBERT STEPHENSON	2	WILLIAM H. PORTER	6
*ARTHUR TEMPLE	3	SAMPSON T. WRIGHT	7
JAMES BAXTER	4	JOHN GEORGE HALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. PORTER.

* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.

EDMONTON.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt., in F.

THOMAS MILES	*Treble*	JOHN H. BENSTEAD	5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER	2	WILBY J. HAZELL	6
GEORGE A. CARD	3	JAMES PARKER	7
WILLIAM WARD	4	GEORGE PAICE	*Tenor*

Composed by the Late Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

SAWSTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

†E. MAURICE ATKINS	*Treble*	*PERCY TAYLOR	5
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	2	*B. D. BUTTRESS	6
T. R. DENNIS	3	GEORGE TAYLOR	7
WILLIAM B. KEMPTON	4	*FRANK KEMPTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. NICHOLL, and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as Conductor.

BROMLEY, KENT.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BROMLEY COMMON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ARTHUR BYGRAVE	*Treble*	ISAAC EMERY	5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Sen.	2	GEORGE DURLING	6
†WILLIAM HEWETT	3	ALFRED JAMES	7
ALBERT HUMPHREY	4	GEORGE HUXLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE DURLING.

First peal on the bells. This new peal of bells, by Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, were hung last October and rung for the first time on Saturday, April 15th, by the newly formed band. The Vicar (the Rev. C. C. Gosselin), Mr. J. W. Wheeler Bennett, the donor of the tower, clock and bells, and Mrs. Wheeler Bennett were present to see the start for the peal and wished the band successs.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal in the method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JOHN M. BUTTON	*Treble*	JAMES M. BAILEY	5
NORMAN R. BAILEY	2	EDGAR H. BAILEY	6
CHARLES F. BAILEY	3	CHARLES SAMSON	7
FREDK. J. SMITH	4	ERNEST S. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung a compliment to J. M. Button, on his 73rd birthday, the band wishing him many happy returns. It was the Conductor's 100th peal.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BALDERSTONE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lbs.

WILLIAM TOMLINSON	*Treble*	JAMES H. KERSHAW	5
FRED STANSFIELD	2	†JAMES H. LEES	6
*FRANK NUTTALL	3	†JOSEPH ORMEROD	7
*TOM CLEGG	4	JOHN GRIFFITHS	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. STANSFIELD.

This peal was rung as a welcome to Rev. C. R. Thomas, who was inducted as Vicar of the above Church on Easter Monday. * First peal with a Bob bell. † First peal. First peal as Conductor.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt., in G.

*HUBERT J. BLACKWELL	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
*J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	2	ISAAC EMERY	6
WILLIAM HEWETT	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Jnr.	4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Sr.	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First attempt in the method. Mr. Groombridge Senior's 300th peal.

HUNSDEN, HERTS.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE A. BLACK ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE R. PYE 5
GEORGE RADLEY... 2	GEORGE CARTER 6
GEORGE F. MARGETSON ... 3	GEORGE FAULKNER 7
GEORGE DENT 4	GEORGE B. LUCAS, Sen....*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ONSLOW J. FOREMAN... ...*Treble*	THOMAS JULL 4
WILLIAM SPICE, Sen. ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
ALBERT J. DAY 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS *Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. T. J. Philo, a prominent member of the above Association, the band wishing him health and happiness.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

ONSLOW J. FOREMAN ...*Treble*	THOMAS JULL 4
*GEORGE H. SPICE 2	WILLIAM SPICE, Senr. ... 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 3	ALBERT J. DAY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

* First peal of Minor with a Bob bell. The Conductor's 100th peal.

NORTHFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER HOBBIS... ... ...*Treble*	JAMES VAUGHAN 4
JOHN WITHERS 2	ARTHUR CHAMBERS 5
HARRY WILSON 3	FRANK WITHERS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WITHERS.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all the band, first peal as Conductor, also first peal of Treble Bob Minor on the bells. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Withers, parents of the conductor and ringer of the second.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, New London, Oxford, Kent, and Double Court. Tenor 16¾ cwt., in F.

*EDWARD TANSLEY ... ...*Treble*	ARTHUR FREEMAN 4
WILLIAM HALFORD 2	ROBERT COX 5
JOSEPH HALL 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

* First peal.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH READ, Sen. ... ...*Treble*	WALTER W. BONHAM ... 4
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 2	EDWIN YATES 5
ALBERT J. GREEN 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Read, Sen., and A. J. Green, their brother ringers wishing them many happy returns.

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17th, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Canterbury Pleasure and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 25 lbs., in F.

PERCY TAYLOR ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM SCOTCHER... ... 4
PERCY WEBB 2	JOSEPH PAGE 5
JOHN STALLEY 3	*BASIL D. BUTTRESS ...*Tenor*

Conducted by B. D. BUTTRESS.

* First peal as Conductor. First peal in five methods by all. First peal of Minor on the bells. Also first 720's of Oxford, Double Court and Canterbury on the bells.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. R. Letts) for the use of the bells, also the the local captain for having everything in readiness.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THR CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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DEATH OF MR. R. S. STORY,

Late President of the Durham and Newcastle Association.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Robert Spencer Story, who for over twenty-two years guided the interests of bell ringers in the two Northern Counties as President of the Durham and Newcastle Division Association. He had been in very poor health for over two years, and quietly passed away at his residence in Whitley Bay, on Thursday week, at the age of 52 years.

The interment took place on Saturday last at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, the deceased gentleman being buried close

THE LATE MR. ROBERT SPENCER STORY.

to the tower he loved so well, and in which he had rung so many Surprise peals with his pupils, the Gofton family. The funeral arrangements were excellently carried out by Mr. Thomas Gafton. The other ringers acted as under-bearers. The Vicar (the Rev. E. Smith) met the cortege at the lychgate, and read the opening sentences of the burial service as the mournful procession passed up the centre aisle of the church. The Curate read the lesson, and the choir sang the hymn, "Now the labourer's task is o'er." At the graveside the Vicar read the Committal and gave the Benediction, and the choir sang "On the resurrection morning." Then the following ringers rang a plain course of Stedman Triples (Mr. Story's favourite method) over the open grave: J. A. Gofton 1—2; T. T. Gofton 3—4; R. A. Gofton 5—6; J. E. Gofton 7—8. A large number of beautiful wreaths and crosses of flowers were sent (one from the Association and one from St. Paul's ringers amongst others), and around the grave stood ringers from all parts of the two dioceses. The Tynemouth Priory Lodge of Freemasons, of which Mr. Story was a Past Master, was also represented, as well as many other public bodies. Mr. Story had held office as sidesman and churchwarden for many years at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, and the bells were rung both before and after the funeral by members of the Association.

Mr. Story came of an old and much respected Novocastrian family, both he and his brother (Mr. Wm. Story) being Freemen of the Borough and County of Newcastle-on-Tyne. Born September 18th, 1858, he was educated for the mercantile profession, and succeeded to a prosperous business on the Quayside, but retired, owing to ill-health, some two years ago. His interest in ringing was very deep, and he was the moving spirit in the restoration of St. John's belfry, Newcastle, in 1879. He rung his first peal at All Saints, Newcastle, on May 12th, 1883, a peal of Grandsire Triples, which he recorded by erecting a peal board at his own expense. He married, in 1883, Miss Gertrude Ingledene Welford, and went to reside at Whitley Bay. He conducted his first peal on St. John's bells at the close of '84, a 5008 Bob Major, the first on the augmented peal and the first in the method by the Association. In October of the same year he was elected President of the Association, on the resignation of Mr. William Reed, of South Shields, and up to the time of his resignation in 1905 was the guiding spirit through its vicissitudes and its prosperity. He filled the post with tact and dignity and was universally beloved and respected. He was a thoroughly active president and taught young bands at Shotley Bridge, Bishopwearmouth, Whitley Bay, Gosforth, Cramlington, and Morpeth Watch-Tower, nearly all of which towers are still strongly adherent to the Association.

Mr. Story represented the Association in the Central Council for over 18 years. He was a member of the College Youths, Yorkshire, Norwich Diocesan, and Midland Counties' Association, and had rung peals with all these bodies. He had rung over two hundred peals in a great many towers and a great variety of methods, including London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Treble Twelve, Royal and Major, Stedman Cinques, Caters and Triples, Double Norwich and Double Oxford Major, Duffield, Woodbine, and many peals of Surprise Minor. He had conducted but few of these, about six or eight in all, but had made a close study of theory proof and composition. He was equally at home at either end of a peal from treble to tenor, and his excellence as a striker was well-known throughout the country. His influence and untiring energy did much to elevate the "locus standi" of ringers in the north and the personality of Robert Spencer Story will live in their memory and hearts for many years to come.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Hon. Secretaries of Associations affiliated to the Central Council, who have not yet sent in their affiliation fees, will, I trust, forgive me for reminding them that time is fast passing, and that the meeting of the Council will soon be upon us. The subscriptions have been due for close upon four months, and if payment is deferred till the last, the delay causes much wholly unnecessary trouble in making up the Council's accounts. There are thirteen associations, whose contributions still remain unpaid, and I sincerely

trust that I may have the pleasure of receiving them speedily.

The period for receiving notices of motion and reports of committees is also drawing to a close, May 6th being the date named in the preliminary notice of the Council meeting issued last January, and I earnestly hope to receive them in good time.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,
Hon. Secretary.

Fretherne, Stonehouse.
Gloucestershire.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS—continued.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle, Ebor, Morning Exercise, Cambridge, Killamarsh, Duke of York and Kent.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*FREDERICK PARR	...Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM	4
HARRY GREAVES	2	WILLIAM H. TURTON	5
*THOMAS A. HOWES-SMITH	3	CHARLES SEVERN	...Tenor

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Turton, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor about 10 cwt.

DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE	...Treble	THOMAS H. VALLANCE	4
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	2	E. HARRY STONELEY	5
EDGAR VALLANCE	3	HARRY ARGYLE	...Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

First peal in seven methods by all except the ringers of the second and tenor. Also the first in seven methods on the bells.

ROYSTON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE ROYSTON SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Violet, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*ALBERT GILBERT	...Treble	ROBERT WILKERSON	4
*WILLIAM L. DARLOW	2	SAMUEL E. ROBERTS	5
*ERNEST BONNETT	3	ROBERT G. KING	...Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KING.

This peal was rung to celebrate the recovery of the Vicar (Rev. J. Harriason) from a serious illness and also in honour of the wedding of R. Wilkerson, the ringer of the 4th, who was married the previous Saturday.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. This is the first time that London Surprise Minor has been rung in a peal by an Hertfordshire band. First peal of Treble Bob upon the bells.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES H. BIRD	...Treble	JOHN W. SEAMER	4
CHARLES JACKSON	2	ALFRED NAYLOR	5
ALONZA W. LONG	3	*WALTER AYRE	...Tenor

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

* First peal.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Woodbine, two of Oxford, and two of Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*CHARLES ARBON	...Treble	JOSEPH HALL	4
†ALBERT CHURCHILL	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY	5
EDWARD C. GOBEY	3	†FREDERICK A. LANSLEY	...Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 in each of the following methods: Chester, Carlisle, London, Wells, Durham, York, and Cambridge.

Tenor 16 cwt., in E flat.

WILLIAM SAVAGE	...Treble	REGINALD BLAKE	4
JOSEPH GOACHER	2	WILLIAM DAY	5
HENRY BLACKMAN	3	FREDERICK BENNETT	...Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK BENNETT.

This is believed to be the first peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 13, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. E. CHAPMAN, 7, THE BROADWAY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

*ALBERT V. INNES	1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS	5—6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN	3—4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT	7—8

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
Umpire, W. MACE.

* First handbell peal. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenors

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING	1—2	JAMES HUNT	5—6
MAURICE SMITHER	3—4	FRANK BLONDELL	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire, C. WILLSHIRE.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Owing to the great pressure on our space this week we are obliged to hold over several reports and miscellaneous touches, and also "The Beginner's Corner."

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The Hertford Association have inaugurated a very interesting record. A handsome album has been presented to the Association by Mr. H. Lewis and the members are invited to send in their photographs, which must be of cabinet size. It is proposed to put the name of each person in white letters under the portrait, and it is therefore requested that when photographs are sent in, the name of the ringer and the locality to which he belongs should be written only on the back.

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The group which we published last week of the band who rang the long peal of Maximus, was reproduced from an excellent picture taken by Mr. Connard, artist and photographer, of 121, Oldham Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, to whom we are indebted for the despatch with which he executed the work, thus enabling us to print the picture the same week that the peal was rung.

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Since the publication of the photograph we have seen another extremely interesting group. It is in the possession of Mr. F. E. Dawe, and is a photograph of the band who rang the record peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Michael's, Mottram-in-Longdendale, just 28 years ago. Chief interest in the picture lies in the fact that Messrs. Sam Wood, James Wood, and Joseph Mellor, who were in the record peal of Maximus, were also in the Treble Eight. Twenty-eight years makes a difference to a man's appearance, but the enthusiasm of these ringers has not diminished with the passage of time. For the information of the younger generation to whom the performance of the peal of Major may not be known, we would add that it consisted of 16,608 changes and was rung in 9 hrs. 48 mins., Mr. Sam Wood conducting it from the 4th.

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In addition to the long peals rung on Easter Monday and recorded in our last issue, there was an unsuccessful attempt for 13,440 Bob Major made at Guiseley, Yorks. Unfortunately, during the progress of the ringing, one of the band became indisposed, and "stand" was called at the end of 3 hrs. 35 mins., when 6,272 changes had been rung. The ringers were: W. B. Smith 1, S. Walker 2, J. Broadley 3, A. Jagger 4, C. E. Waite 5, S. Bateman 6, A. Gill 7, F. W. Dixon (conductor) 8. No doubt the peal will be rung before many months are past, as the bells go splendidly and the band are keen.

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Mr. George Edser, the popular hon. sec. of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild, has joined the ranks of the Benedicts and ringers will wish him and his bride long life and happiness. In honour of the event, which took place on Easter Day, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was made at Hersham, Surrey, on Saturday, but unfortunately came to grief just after the half-way single.

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Two hundred peals for one Association tells of good service. Last week in our sketch of the career of the Master of the Worcestershire Association we said that at the moment he was the only member who had rung 200 peals for that society. The statement had hardly been put into type--it had not been published—when Mr. William Short, at Droitwich, brought his total up to the double century, as the record in another column will testify. Mr. Short is one of the giants of the Exercise, and incidentally, it is worth recalling that he conducted the only peal ever rung upon the sea, the Stedman Caters in hand on the *SS. Cambria*, while crossing from Dublin to Holyhead in May, 1901.

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"Which," asks a daily paper, "is the largest weathercock in London? Surely an opportune question for fickle April. Apparently the honour is held by the vane which crowns the little leaden cupola over the city church of St. Peter-upon-Cornhill, and is now being repaired. It is a big key, the symbol of St. Peter, and measures more than nine feet, being a few inches longer than the dragon that surmounts Bow Church, Cheapside. St. Peter's, Cornhill, has a right to a conspicuous weathercock, for it claims to have been the first metropolitan church in England, and to have been originally founded by the British King, Lucius, about four centuries before the arrival of St. Augustine."

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held on Easter Monday at the Parish Church, Barnet, and in spite of various counter-attractions, such as football, cricket, peal ringing, etc., was very well attended. Ringing commenced shortly after 2.30, and was at first confined to the easier methods, but as the day wore on, and the gathering increased, some capital touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative, London, and Cambridge Surprise were brought round, the ringing of the Surprise methods being much appreciated. Tea was served at 5 o'clock, followed by the business meeting. A number of new members were elected, including the ringers at Northaw, some of whom, with their leader, the Rev. F. R. Bonsey, joined in the ringing during the afternoon. After the meeting there was some capital ringing, lasting until late in the evening. The bells at Hadley were available for the use of the members both before and after tea, and some excellent Doubles and Minor were rung there. Some 36 ringers attended the gathering and all were well satisfied, especially those who were able to ring their first touches in new methods. The thanks of the members are due to the Rev. W. Manning (Barnet), and the Rev. R. H. O. Stubbs (Hadley), for the use of the bells, also to the Churchwardens, to Mr. W. P. Ford, and to the local ringers, for the excellent arrangements made.

IN "THE FAITHFUL CITY."

A Successful Meeting at Worcester.

The annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association was held at Worcester on Easter Monday, and by 11 o'clock a great many members had reached "the Faithful City" to take part in the day's proceedings. The bells at the churches of All Saints' (10), St. Helen's (8), St. Nicholas' (6), St. Swithin (6), St. John's (6), and the Cathedral (12) were open for ringing at periods throughout the day, and touches of Superlative Surprise, Bristol Surprise, Kent Treble Bob Maximus, Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, etc., were rung. At one o'clock a service took place at All Saints' Church. The Rev.

J. E. MacRae and the Rev. H. J. Mercer (Minor Canon) officiated, and the Rev. Canon Phillips (Clerical Secretary of the Association) gave an address, in which he dwelt upon the ringing of the bells as being a part of the work of the church.

After the service, the members adjourned to the Chapter House, at the Cathedral, for the business meeting, and about 100 attended, the Dean (Dr. W. Moore Ede) presiding. Others present were: Canons T. L. Claughton and J. M. Wilson, Hon. Canon S. Phillips, the Revs. J. E. MacRae, J. F. Hastings and H. J. Mercer (Warden to the Cathedral Guild), Messrs. T. J. Salter (Master of the Association), E. J. Dowler (Secretary and Treasurer to the Northern Branch), O. James (Bromsgrove), J. Piper (Brierley Hill), W. Shilvock (Clent), J. Goodman (Dudley), A. Hackett (Halesowen), H. Oldnall (Hartlebury), N. Davies (Kidderminster), J. Pritchett (King's Norton), A. Greenfield (Netherton), F. Withers and H. Withers (Northfield), A. Parsons (Old Hill), J. Oxford (Oldswinford), B. Fullwood (Sedgley), J. Pigott (Smethwick), W. J. Bretherton (Woolaston), G. H. Head (Wolverley), W. Page (Master Western Branch), H. T. Knowles (secretary and treasurer), J. Sparkes (Dodderhill), G. W. Checketts (Hallow), A. Moore (Hanbury), J. Norman (Leigh), R. G. Knowles (Madresfield), A. Atkins (Ombersley), J. L. Everitt (Powick), S. Spittle (Dudley), E. H. Spalding (Stoke Prior), W. Ranford (Suckley), C. Camm (Upton-on-Severn), H. Wilkes (Worcester), B. S. Hill (St. John's), J. Clements (St. Nicholas'), H. Middleton (Master), and J. Hemming (secretary and treasurer of the Southern Branch), J. Addis (Badsey), C. R. Meakins (Cropthorn), H. Colley (Great Comberton), R. Young (Hampton), T. Sheppard (Pershore), J. R. Newman (lay secretary of the Association), and W. H. Johnson (treasurer). Apologies were received from the Rev. G. F. Kershaw (Hallow), Mr. R. N. Lane (Suckley) and Mr. H. Mason.

THE REORGANISATION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

In their annual report, the committee stated that an alteration in the management had been decided upon during the past year, and it was hoped that more help would be given in the art of change ringing, and the membership considerably increased. A poll of the members was taken, when it was found that 256 to 36 were in favour of the three branches being formed and nine quarterly branch meetings held instead of three as formerly. At a special meeting held at Hartlebury on October 1st, arrangements were made to carry this into effect at the New Year. The boundaries were drawn up, and branch Masters and Secretaries appointed. Donations from the members to the fund to place in Drayton Church a memorial to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, who did a great amount of work during his life to advance the art of change ringing, were sent in by the Rev. J. H. Hastings, in the name of the Association. The balance sheet showed a slightly increased balance which, considering the extra expenditure incurred by several committee meetings, etc., was fairly satisfactory. The quarterly peals were attempted at Halesowen, Worcester, Evesham and Hartlebury, that at Evesham being the only one not rung. While neither the peals rung during the year nor the value in points was as great as last year, there had been some very creditable performances, especially that at Clent, on December 26th, when the record length of Superlative Surprise Major (9728 changes) was added to the achievements of the Association, the peal being rung in 5 hours and 52 minutes, and conducted by R. Matthews. The same conductor was successful in scoring the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major by the Association, at Brierley Hill on December 10th. The first in 10 minor methods was accomplished at Leigh on May 16th, conducted by J. R. Newman.

It was agreed to hold the next annual meeting at Evesham. A suggestion was put forward that the limit be brought down to the county boundary, and the Dean laughingly inquired what was the boundary of Worcester county now.

Messrs. W. C. Jones and G. Checketts were re-elected as auditors; Mr. J. R. Newman as lay secretary; and Mr. W. H. Johnson as treasurer.—A proposition that the peals of the Association be credited to the branches in which they were rung was agreed to.

Mr. A. E. Parsons moved a vote of thanks to the Dean for presiding, to the Rev. J. E. MacRae for allowing the Association to hold the service in his church, to the Rectors of churches where bell ringing had taken place, and to Canon Phillips for his address at the service. He congratulated the Rev. H. J. Mercer upon his appointment as Vicar of Carnforth, Lancashire.—The Rev. J. F. Hastings seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Dean, in replying, said they were always pleased to welcome the Association to the Chapter House whenever the members desired to hold their meetings there. They recognised that the work of the Association was not an unimportant branch of the work of the church, and that it was a very great thing for the members connected with the various belfries, not only to improve bell ringing, but to maintain a high standard of character in the belfries. He was glad to see that the promises of disruption, to which they were so freely treated last year, were entirely mistaken, and he trusted that when the new system of management had been in operation a longer time they would have even more favourable results than they had had already.

The members then adjourned to the west end of the Cathedral, where they were photographed. Subsequently they partook of tea at the Angel Hotel, about 110 members and friends sitting down to a substantial repast, provided by Host and Hostess Smith. Afterwards the members adjourned to the different churches, and rang further touches in various methods, thus bringing a very pleasant day's outing to a close.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION'S "DOUBLE FIRST."

A quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Fakenham on Easter Monday, and was attended by representatives from Norwich, Aylsham, Thetford, Pulham, Saxlingham, North Elmham, Wells, and the local company. By kind permission of the Rector, the fine ring of eight at the parish church were available for ringing throughout the day, and the six at Ryburgh were also rung.

Dinner was served at the Bell Hotel. The Rector of Fakenham (the Rev. W. Irwin) occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. E. C. J. and Mrs. Bowen, Messrs. G. Moy, W. J. Howson, W. Flaxman and T. Fitzjohn (district secretaries) and C. E. Borrett (secretary).—The Chairman, after proposing the loyal toasts, gave a very warm welcome to the visitors, and expressed his pleasure at the holding of an Association meeting in the town.

The Secretary, having apologised for the absence of the hon. secretary and treasurer (the Rev. C. L. Kennaway), who was detained at home by parish business, dealt briefly with matters of interest to the members. He was glad and proud to be able to tell them that in the Central Council's analysis of peals rung during the year 1910, their Association headed the list for both the number of peals rung and for their total point value. This was the second time they had scored a "double first," and it was something upon which they could well congratulate themselves. The Secretary also gave notice (in accordance with Rule XIII.) that he should move at the next annual meeting that a charge of sixpence each be made for certificates of membership. The present rule respecting the granting of certificates was unsatisfactory, and had proved unworkable, and he thought the suggested small charge would be better in every way.

Over fifty new members were proposed for election, and the meeting closed with a cordial vote of thanks to the chairman for his presence and for the use of the bells.

A most successful district meeting was held at Southwold on Easter Monday, when ringers attended from the following places: Beccles, Bungay, Chediston, Henham, Halesworth, Huntingfield, Kelsale, Southwold, Wrentham, Wissett, Wenhaston and Westhall. Various touches were rung in Minor, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, and Kent Treble Bob. A splendid meat tea was provided in the Parish Room for the visitors by the Mayor and Vicar, about 40 sitting down.

After tea, the Mayor, before leaving to attend another meeting, welcomed the ringers to Southwold, and expressed the hope that they would come again to the town.—The Vicar gave a splendid address, saying that he was pleased to meet so many ringers, as he recognised them all as church workers. He gave them all a hearty invitation to come again next Easter. The Vicar then invited the visitors into the Vicarage grounds, where several touches were rung and tunes played on handbells, all present much enjoying themselves.

RINGERS' FIRST MEETING IN MASHAMSHIRE DISTRICT.

The Easter Monday meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Masham, West Tanfield, and Kirby Malzeard, and was well attended by ringers from Darlington, East Witton, Hemingbrough, Middleham, Masham, Ormesby, Pateley Bridge, Ripon, Skelton-in-Cleveland, Stockton, West Tanfield, and Wath. Dinner was provided at the King's Head Hotel, Masham, where upwards of 40 members sat down to a splendid repast, presided over by the President, the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Hemingbrough, who was supported by the Rev. H. Hedley (Vicar of Masham), Dr. Bishop (West Tanfield), Dr. Pauli (vice-president), and Mr. T. Metcalfe (hon. secretary). After dinner the President proposed the toasts of "The King," which was loyally honoured.

Twenty-one new members were elected, including two honorary members. The President proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Vicars of Masham and Kirby Malzeard, and the Rector of West Tanfield for allowing the Association the use of their bells on that occasion, and the Rev. H. Hedley, in responding, welcomed the Association to their district, and hoped that the Association would be able to give them another visit at some future date. If at any time any of the members wished for the use of the bells at Masham, he would only be too pleased to give them permission (applause).

Letters of apology for absence were read from the Rector of West Tanfield, and the Vicar of Kirby Malzeard.

This concluded the business, and the ringers adjourned to the different towers, several going by brake to Kirby Malzeard to try the new ring of six bells with tenor about 17 cwt., which have been hung in this tower within the last twelve months, replacing a peal of six that had done duty for a great number of years, and was demolished by fire in the early morning of February 8th, 1908. The fire was not observed till 3 a.m., when it had obtained a strong hold upon the building. Such a sweeping disaster was beyond all common anticipation. The church was founded in the early part of the 12th century, and was the mother church of a huge parish stretching from Great Whernside to the River Yore, covering some 90,000 acres, and including the present parishes of

Dallowgill, Grewelthorpe, Hartwith Healy, Kirby Malzeard, Masham, Michley, Middlesmoor, and Ramsgill. The church was restored as recently as the years 1878-80, at a total cost of £4,000, and now has been again thoroughly restored to its original state, with oak roof with flat pitch, and furnished with oak seats, at a cost of over £5,000. The new bells were supplied by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, Surrey, and are a great credit to the firm, in both tone and workmanship. The "go" is all that can be desired. A good deal of ringing was done during the day in various methods at all the towers. This was the first meeting of any Association of church bell ringers ever held in the Mashamshire district, and proved extremely successful.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The annual general meeting of the above society was held at headquarters, Leeds Parish Church, on Easter Monday. The bells were available from 9.0 a.m. to 9.0 p.m., by the kind arrangement of the local band, to whom the best thanks of the society were offered.

The business was transacted at the Royal Oak Hotel, the president taking the chair. The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. P. J. Johnson; vice-presidents, Mr. J. W. T. Holgate and Mr. G. B. Bolland; secretary, Mr. A. S. Mitchell; treasurer, Mr. J. Peacock. There was a little alteration in the committee, which now stands thus: The Rev. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. C. Pratt, F. Dixon, J. Whitaker, F. Woodhead, Ernest Hoyle and Benjamin Shaw.—It was unanimously resolved that the representative on the Central Council should receive £1 towards his expenses. The new rota of meetings for the coming year, recommended by the committee, was adopted. The balance sheet was presented, and adopted, on the motion of Mr. W. E. H. Ash (one of the auditors), seconded by Mr. H. Smith.—Mr. J. Broadley proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the officers for their past year's work, and this was seconded by Mr. H. Smith, and unanimously carried. The following were elected members: Mr. A. Rackham, of Barnsley, and Q.-M.-Sergt. Hibbert, of Leeds.

The attendance was not very large, due to some unknown reason, but the members present showed plenty of enthusiasm, which helped the business on, and it can be said, without fear of contradiction, that the meeting, though small, was not a failure.

MEETING AT SHEFFIELD.

The annual meeting of the St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield, was held at Sheffield on Easter Tuesday. The peal of twelve at the Parish Church was open from 5.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m., a good representative attendance being present. The following officers were re-elected: Mr. C. H. Hattersley, president; Mr. Frank Willey, vice-president; Mr. William Lomas, hon. treasurer; Mr. Sidney F. Palmer, hon. secretary. Messrs. J. F. Rew, T. Chown, J. Evinson and C. Glenn were elected to serve on the committee. Messrs. C. Glenn and J. Thorpe were re-elected ringing master and deputy ringing master respectively. The minutes of the previous meeting and the balance sheet were passed. The latter showed a credit of 16s., which was considered very satisfactory, after a somewhat heavy expenditure following the reorganisation. Eleven peals were rung during the period June to December, seven being handbell peals and four on tower bells.—The Hon. Secretary gave a resume of the year's work, and specially commented on the commemoration dinner, which was a pronounced success. — Considerable discussion took place respecting Rule 4, but the matter was eventually left over, pending a notice of motion re alteration.—The business terminated with a vote of thanks to the past officers.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Easter Monday meeting of the North Eastern District, held at Halstead, was attended by a moderate number of members from 16 different towers. The bells were kept going at intervals throughout the afternoon and evening, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major being rung.—Tea was provided at the White Horse, and was followed by the meeting, over which the Master of the Association presided. Five ringing members were elected, and the place selected for the August meeting was Ardleigh. A bye-meeting will be arranged, to be held at Great Bardfield, about Whitsuntide, for the opening of a peal tablet, recording the first peal rung on the bells.—The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Halstead for the use of the bells.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on Easter Monday, when a good number of members put in an appearance. The bells of Christ Church and All Saints', West Bromwich, also those of Oldbury and Smethwick were at the disposal of the visitors during the day, and touches in various methods were tapped off.

At four o'clock a short service was held at Christ Church, followed by tea and the general meeting, Mr. R. Cartwright being elected to the chair.—The Secretary read the report for the past year, which stated that the number of peals rung was 31, including Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Oxford Bob Triples, Stedman Triples and Caters, Minor (seven methods), Plain Bob Minor and Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge, and Bristol Surprise Major. The balance sheet was very satisfactory, inasmuch as there was a balance of £21 on the right side. The officers were re-elected, and the name of Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Netherseale, was substituted for that of the Rev. F. Tennison (resigned) on the list of committee.

The following places were proposed for the next quarterly meetings: Lichfield, Penkridge and Bilston, as well as a special meeting at Tipton and the annual at Wolverhampton. During last summer several cycling runs were made to outlying districts, apparently with great success, and it is proposed to open up fresh fields during the coming season, due notice of which will be given. In all probability also a drive by brake will take place in the latter part of August, for the same purpose.

Expressions of sympathy with regard to the illness of the Ven. Archdeacon Hodgson (President of the Society) were made, and will be forwarded to his distressed relatives.—A vote of thanks to the various Incumbents and churchwardens, also to the officers and chairman, concluded the business.

Immediately before the tea a photograph was taken of the band, who rang Holt's Original (unconducted), at Christ Church, on November 20th, 1909, the base of the tower forming a back-ground.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting of the North Wales Association, at Beaumaris, Anglesey, on Easter Monday, there was an attendance of about 50. After lunch a short service was held in the church, and the business meeting followed in the new Church Rooms. The President (the Rev. T. Lewis Jones) presided, supported by the Master (Mr. W. T. Pegler), the hon. treasurer (Mr. M. J. Morris), and Mr. A. J. Hughes, who deputised for the hon. secretary, who was unfortunately unable to attend. All the officers were re-elected, and it was decided by a majority of four votes not to change the day of the annual meeting from Easter Monday to Whit Monday.—A proposal was unanimously carried that application should be made for admission of the President of the Association, as the representative of a public body to Carnarvon Castle on the occasion of the investiture of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. —There were the usual votes of thanks, and a good deal of ringing was indulged in during the day.

DEDICATION OF MERE CHURCH BELLS.

Peal Augmented to Eight.

A new peal of bells was dedicated at the Parish Church of Mere, Dorset, by the Bishop of Salisbury (Dr. Wordsworth) on Easter Eve. The renovation of the peal was for a long time in view, and the work has been carried out by the well-known firm of Messrs. Llewellins & James, of Bristol. Originally there was a ring of six, but they have now been increased to eight and re-hung in an iron frame, supported by strong iron girders, and with new fittings. The cost of the work has been £421, of which only £60 remained to be subscribed prior to the dedication service, when the offertory realised £7 10s.

The act of dedication was performed as a preliminary to the usual evening service, the clergy participating being the Bishop of Salisbury, the Rev. F. E. Trotman (Vicar of Mere), Rev. A. Goodman (Curate of Mere), Rev. C. W. Woods (Milton), Rev. J. C. Sparrow (Rector of Bourton), and Rev. A. J. Wilcox, (Vicar of Maiden Bradley). The Church was crowded in every part. The formal presentation to the Bishop of the keys of the interior door of the belfry was performed by the churchwardens (Dr. Farnfield and Mr. Duncan Walton).

The Bishop addressed the congregation upon the words: "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord," and "Into thy hand I commend my spirit (or, my breath)."

After the service, 300 parishioners, including many Nonconformists, assembled at the school as guests of the Vicar and Churchwardens at an "At home." The late Vicar of Mere (the Rev. J. A. Lloyd) telegraphed his hearty congratulations.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

A Page of "Timely Topics," by Will Willson.

The Annual Meeting was over. One by one the towers were closed as the bells were rung down, and ringers made their way to the meeting house for the social wind-up. The smoke room was packed by cosmopolitan brother-strings, and the strains of music broke upon the ear. If the piano was asthmatical and wheezy, the pianist made up for all that. His features were of a distinguished, clean-chiselled mould, and with a shock of Paderewski hair to crown them. One realised at once that we were in the presence of a fallen star or a sculptor's model. He didn't mean you to forget it either. The supercillious glances of scorn that he threw at his audience raised your dander at first, then sunk you to zero and made you feel like grovelling worms of earth. Afterwards we learned that the cold stare of contempt came from his glass eye, but he felt like it too, there was no doubt of that. The way he thumped the piano, while disdaining to look at any music score, said pretty plainly that he considered Handel or Rubenstein simply "back numbers," and it was lucky for them that they had shuffled off their mortal coils, and thus avoided being shown up.

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Somehow, neither his singing in ultra-operatic style, nor the accompaniment, seemed to catch on, for we were ringers and very soon the handbells were brought out. Would the pianist accompany us to tune-ringing? He smiled loftily at our ignorance in humming to him the tune, and waved us away, exclaiming: "Go on! I follow the band." We got through after a struggle, although the piano continued to bang! crash! bang! long after the tune (?) was finished, and it was necessary to touch him on the shoulder and break the news. After that, a course of Cinques, and Apollo could only look on. Then another tune, but as he moved towards the instrument I told him plainly that we were not taking any. He muttered, but only looked on. Then a course of Stedman Caters, and Apollo began to think like Othello, that his occupation was gone. We allowed him to let off a little steam to a song, and then someone suggested more handbell ringing. This was the last straw. His withers were wrung, and he gasped, "six times to-night with those tin things!" and dropping upon his stool, he rattled his box of dominoes with a mighty rattle, finishing up with a crashing eleven-note chord! How did he strike it? With his ten fingers on the keys, in his ecstasy he banged his nose on the eleventh note, and Eureka! he had found the lost chord.

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If in your wanderings you should, perchance, come across a town y'clept Derby, seek out James Pagett, Albert H. Ward, or one Bart Mitchel, and they may lead you to where this musical genius presides nightly, but mention not "those dashed tin things," or, peradventure, Apollo will have an apopleptic fit. *Verb. sap.*

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We ringers will shortly be compelled, I fear, to take our signboards in, for this is the day of the inventor. You have studied possibly the working of a Cash Register. You may have seen, maybe, the Automatic Accountant, and you must have been interested in many kinds of ingenious mechanism, from the Pianola upwards; but all these things pale into insignificance beside what will be regarded in ages to come as the acme of scientific invention and a marvel of musical mechanism. I refer to a machine which Mr. John Carter has been experimenting upon for about twenty years.

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SERVICE FORMS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, issue to Secretaries of ringers' guilds or associations, and to the clergy generally, a request for specimen copies of Forms of Service or Prayers only, which have been used or are in general use in their jurisdiction on the occasions either of dedication of bells or ringers' gatherings.

Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,
Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Broadlands, Caversham, Oxon.

THE BELLS OF TIPTON, STAFFS.

The peal of eight at the Parish Church of St. Martin, Tipton, Staffs, have been quarter turned and re-hung with new stocks, wheels, stays, sliders, bearings, etc., by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham, who has also thoroughly strengthened the frame. A new floor has been put in. The re-dedication of the bells took place on the 13th inst., the service being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Wilson T. de Vine, M.A., R.D. At the ceremony a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung and at the close of the service touches of Stedman and Bob Major were brought round, ringers, in addition to the local band, being present from Wolverhampton, West Bromwich and Dudley. On Easter Day the bells were rung for the 6 a.m. Celebration by the St. Martin's band, who are all members of the C.E.M.S., and attended the service. The bells were also rung at 7.30 a.m. and before the morning and evening services. The bells were originally a peal of six and were hung in the tower in the year 1798. In 1848 they were made into a ring of eight by re-casting the four largest bells into six. The tenor is 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 25 lbs., and the whole peal came from the Whitechapel Foundry.

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COLCHESTER.—On Saturday, April 22nd, at St. Peter's Church, in commemoration of St. George's Day, various touches in the following methods were rung during the day: Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major (including two 640's and a 768), and Double Norwich, those taking part being: A. Burch, G. Burch, W. Button, F. L. Bumpstead, G. W. Dixon, W. Chalk, H. Evers, W. J. Nevard, H. T. Pye, A. G. Rivers, R. W. Stannard, and W. J. Schofield, the last three named conducting.—On Sunday, for Divine service, 640 Kent Treble Bob: G. W. Dixon 1, F. L. Bumpstead 2, H. T. Pye 3, G. Burch 4, R. W. Stannard 5, H. Evers 6, W. Chalk 7, W. J. Schofield 8; and 288 with A. G. Rivers and S. Hull taking part. For evening service, a touch of Grandsire Triples and of Double Norwich, with Wm. Burch, the rest as before.

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THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday next, April 29th, 1911. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m.—Arthur Coleman, Honorary Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Special ringing meetings will be held at Cransley on May 6th, Rounds on May 13th and Northampton on May 20th.—F. Wilford, General Secretary.

NOTICES (continued).

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, late St. James' Society (Established 1824). Members are re-requested to note that the Association meets for united practice at St. Clement Danes, Strand, every alternate Monday, at 8 p.m. Also on the second Sunday in each month, at 10 a.m. A special general meeting will be held on Saturday, May 6th.—T. H. Taffender, Hon. Sec. pro tem, 35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the South and West District will be held at Chiswick, on Saturday next, April 29th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. F. W. Isaacs). Bells available from 3.15. Short service, 5.30. Tea, 6d. each at 6.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.—Thursday, 4th May, 1911, Annual Festival. Preacher, the Rev. Canon Farrer, S. Mary's, Bridport. Luncheon and meeting at the Town Hall. Chairman: The Worshipful the Mayor of Bridport. Ringing at many neighbouring towers by the kindness of the incumbents. Travelling facilities by road and rail.—W. Percy Schuster, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch, and Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The annual meeting of the above society, and the monthly meeting of the Manchester branch will be held at Ashton Parish Church (12) on Saturday next, April 29th. Bells ready at 4. Business meeting at 7.—W. H. Shunker, C. Bower, Secretaries.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday next, April 29th, at 6 p.m. Meeting at 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will take place to-morrow (Saturday), April 29th, 1911, at the Co-operative Hall, Lincoln. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Service and address at Cathedral, 4 p.m. Business meeting directly after tea.—J. W. Seamer, Hon. Secretary.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, May 13th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at the Bull Inn, 5.30, at 9d. per head.—F. Bennett, Hon. Secretary, 3, Margaret Terrace, Hart's Lane, New Cross, S.E.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Prestwich and Whitefield on Saturday, May 13th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secretaries.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the above society will take place at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, May 6th. I hope all members will try and attend. Bells available from 3.30. Committee meeting, 5.30. General meeting, 6.30.—T. Riley, Hon. Secretary.

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BELL RINGING AND THE PUBLIC.

In another column we quote an editorial from the *Nottingham Guardian*, and would commend it to the notice, not only of ringers, but of the public generally, if we could only reach them, as a most reasonable and sensible view to take upon the subject of church bell ringing. The fact cannot be disregarded that there is a proportion of people who have a great distaste for the sound of bells, and who would, if they could, silence for ever the bells of our churches. These folk, as a rule, are those selfish individuals, sometimes with supersensitive nerves, who would put an end to everything that did not quite suit their own tastes. A few people can make a great deal of fuss, and the malcontents usually succeed in making the greatest noise even when they are in a minority. We believe that the number of those who have a rooted objection to bell ringing forms but a small percentage of the public, but we hear a good deal of them because they never lose an opportunity of ventilating their grievance, real or imagined, through the Press. To the vast majority of the population of these isles, the sound of church bells, well rung, has a great charm, and certainly the English Sabbath would lose materially—and we say it in all seriousness—if from the steeples of the land the bells no more rang out, not only to call worshippers to the House of Prayer, but to carry a message, which is well understood, to those who are earnest but who cannot attend.

But, as the *Nottingham Guardian* remarks, bell ringing is a matter upon which there must be mutual forbearance, and in which there must be give and take. If we expect to be allowed to ring peals for our own pleasure—and it is these longer lengths which usually form the subject of complaint—we must also show sweet reasonableness. When a case of illness arises near a church, ringers, without exception, are only too anxious to show their consideration by refraining from ringing. This is only as it should be, and ringers, we believe, readily appreciate, also, that those people living, particularly in business houses, immediately under a noisy tower do suffer some annoyance from long spells of ringing. It is in cases such as this that ringers can exhibit the true spirit of forbearance, as we believe in many instances they do. There are, too, hundreds of towers where much might be done at little cost to save annoyance to the neighbours, where the sound of bells rattles down in the street with deafening din. The close shuttering of the louvres, with felt-covered boards if necessary, is an inexpensive matter, and those who have not tried it can scarcely appreciate the marvellous difference it makes in deadening the sound in the street below. Very often ringers would gain much by the adoption of an expedient of this sort.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

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

On Tuesday, April 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

THOMAS RUSSAM	...Treble	*WILLIAM D. JAMES	7
FREDERICK DICKENS	2	ALBERT WALKER	8
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON	3	ALF PADDON SMITH	9
JAMES H. SHEPHERD	4	SAMUEL GROVE	10
WILLIAM SHORT	5	JAMES E. GROVES	11
JOHN NEAL	6	SIDNEY J. JESSOP	...Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal on twelve bells. This peal has the full extent with the 6th at home in the tittums, and all the 5, 6, 7, 8's at home in the last eleven courses with the treble as 2nd place bell throughout.

THE METROPOLIS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS	...Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
ISAAC G. SHADE	2	ROBERT E. STAVERT	8
BERTRAM PREWETT	3	*ALFRED W. GRIMES	9
CHARLES T. COLES	4	ALBERT W. COLES	10
WILLIAM J. NUDDS	5	ERNEST PYE	11
HARRY FLANDERS	6	WILLIAM PYE	...Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WM. PYE.

* First attempt on twelve bells. This peal has the 6th fourteen courses behind the 7th in the tittums, and twenty-four behind the 8th in the hand-stroke home position.

TEN BELL PEALS.

THE METROPOLIS.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5014 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL	...Treble	ALFRED W. GRIMES	6
WILLIAM TRUSS	2	SAMUEL E. JOYCE	7
HERBERT LANGDON	3	EMANUAL HALL	8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	4	ALFRED B. PECK	9
JAMES SCHOLES	5	GEORGE BARRELL	...Tenor

Composed by J. B. BRADLEY, and Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Scholes.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 512 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

ARTHUR CRAVEN	...Treble	*JONATHAN THOMPSON	5
*LEWIS GEORGE PALMER	2	*WILLIAM PALMER	6
*JOSEPH MORTON	3	*JOHN ROBERT BROOKES	7
HENRY MOTTERSHALL	4	WILLIAM DAFFIN	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

* First peal. Joseph Morton belongs to Eckington. First peal on the bells since they were re-hung by Messrs. Taylor & Co.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN ALDIS	...Treble	ALFRED FUNNELL	5
JOHN WILSON	2	JOHN ALDIS, Junr.	6
RICHARD BALDRY	3	GEORGE POYNTZ	7
FREDERICK WHITHAM	4	WILLIAM STEELE	...Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

First peal in the method by all the band, except the conductor. It is also believed to be the first in the method on the bells. After the peal the ringers, all of whom hail from Saxlingham, were entertained, with the local men, to tea at the Town Hall, by the Vicar, the Rev. G. M. Davies, M.A.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

ERNEST E. FERRY	...Treble	ROBERT RICHARDS	5
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE	2	ALFRED F. HILLIER	6
GEORGE T. POTTER	3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	7
JOSEPH W. PARKER	4	JOHN STUART	...Tenor

Conducted by C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

A muffled peal in memory of the late Mr. R. S. Story.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWARD I. STONE	...Treble	†HERBERT HURDMAN	5
WILLIAM J. SMITH	2	JOHN H. SWINFIELD	6
*WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON	3	GEORGE ROBINSON	7
ALBERT P. WAKLEY	4	LEONARD BULLOCK	...Tenor

Composed by JOHN JAGGAR, and Conducted by LEONARD BULLOCK.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The composition is No. 189 in the Central Council's collection.

SAXLINGHAM, NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

*WILLIAM ALDIS	...Treble	ALFRED FUNNELL	5
JOHN WILSON	2	JOHN ALDIS, Junr.	6
RICHARD BALDRY	3	GEORGE POYNTZ	7
FREDERICK WHITHAM	4	WILLIAM STEELE	...Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WM. STEELE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method on the bells, and rung in honour of the wedding of Campbell Stewart, Esq., and Miss Feiling, which took place at Christ Church, Southgate, on the above date.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt., in G.

*HARRY BOTTRILL	...Treble	HARRY SMALE	5
BENJAMIN COFFING	2	JOHN SMITH	6
GEORGE DENT	3	JOHN CORDELL	7
WALTER HOBBS	4	ISAAC CAVILL	...Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by H. BOTTRILL.

* First peal as conductor, and rung as a birthday compliment to him.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS.)

On Thursday, April 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CRYPT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S PEAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES H. AUSTIN	...Treble	THOMAS BALDWYN	5
JESSE GILLETT	2	THOMAS NEWMAN	6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES	3	ERNEST E. DAVIS	7
FRANCIS E. HART	4	REV. H. LAW JAMES	...Tenor

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Rung for the institution and induction of the new Rector.

STRANTON, WEST HARTLEPOOL.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt., in F.

FRED. P. HOWCROFT	...Treble	G. JAMES LUNGLEY	5
ARTHUR TEMPLE	2	ALBERT SIMPSON	6
JOHN G. HALL	3	THOMAS METCALFE	7
JAMES BAXTER	4	*JOHN LOWREY	...Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT SIMPSON.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells, and first in the method as conductor. Rung as a token of respect to the late R. S. Story, late president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK	...Treble	JAMES PARKER	5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER	2	JOHN ARMSTRONG	6
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON	3	JOHN E. MILLER	7
JOHN H. BENSTEAD	4	SIDNEY WADE	...Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

This is the first Surprise peal on the bells, and was rung as a birthday compliment to J. H. Benstead. It is the 1000th peal by this Association, being finished about half-an-hour after the peal of Stedman Cinques at Cornhill on the same date. The ringers of the 5th, 7th, and tenor took part in the first peal of Superlative rung by the Association at Southgate on November 26th, 1897.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT H. HARBER	...Treble	ALFRED J. WALLATER	5
‡REV. E. V. COX	2	EDWARD J. STAFFORD	6
*EDGAR T. SMITH	3	WILLIAM GRIFFIN	7
†THOMAS HUGHES	4	JOSIAH ELTON	...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by the REV. E. V. COX.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method as conductor.

BLACKBURN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ESAU WALMSLEY	...Treble	WILLIAM E. WILSON	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	EMMANUEL DUTESON	6
FRED HINDLE	3	WILLIAM MALLINSON	7
J. P. FOULDS	4	JOHN WATSON	...Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM MALLINSON.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major by all except the ringers of 4th and 7th.

CHESTERFIELD.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Sixteen-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt., in E flat.

*THOMAS W. GORE	...Treble	DAVID BREARLEY	5
GEORGE W. MOSS	2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	6
JESSE J. MOSS	3	GEORGE A. THOMPSON	7
*EDWARD C. GOBEY	4	JOHN FLINT	...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD	...Treble	RICHARD DRAGE	5
*JOHN HALL	2	BART. MITCHELL	6
JOHN C. DICKEN	3	†JOSEPH DAVIES	7
NEVIL WIDDOWSON	4	*ARTHUR BENTLEY	...Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH DAVIES.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman as conductor.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN J. MAWBY	...Treble	ALFRED H. MARTIN	5
ANDERSON Y. TYLER	2	WALTER J. GERMAN	6
FREDERICK WILFORD	3	JAMES WARD	7
J. HUBERT HORN	4	WALTER PERKINS	...Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

THE METROPOLIS.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ...	...*Treble*	HARRY MANCE	5
JARROLD HAYWARD	2	ARTHUR HARDING	6
WALTER G. MATTHEWS ...	3	ERNEST BRETT	7
FRANK I. HAIRS	4	JOHN H. B. HESSE...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Ten met for Caters, which had to be abandoned owing to the wheel of the 2nd being broken.

WOOLWICH, KENT.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK C. NEWMAN ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK J. HARDY ...	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	2	JAMES SCHOLES	6
AUGUSTUS A. SCAMBLER ...	3	WILLIAM TRUSS	7
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ...	4	ARTHUR J. NEALE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

†JOSEPH A. LAMBERT...	...*Treble*	ALBERT CALVER	5
JAMES D. DREWETT... ...	2	THOMAS STEERS	6
CHARLES DEAN...	3	ROBERT GRIMWOOD	7
*BENJAMIN MORRIS	4	WILLIAM S. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Dr. A. B. CARPENTER, and
Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

WHITCHURCH, NEAR CARDIFF.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

FRANK JOSEPH BAILEY	...*Treble*	†DAVID BOLDERSON	4
WILLIAM B. BISS	2	WALTER PORTER	5
*LEWIS WRIGHT	3	THOMAS MIDDLETON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. B. BISS.

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

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(HALESWORTH SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, and four 720's of Kent.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM PIERCE... ...	...*Treble*	JOHN O'NEILL	4
FREDK. C. LAMBERT	2	JAMES HOWARD...	5
CHARLES MOSS	3	ARTHUR H. TOOK ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*HENRY BREALEY ...	...*Treble*	*JOSEPH T. DYKE	4
JOHN HOUGH	2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY... ...	5
HERBERT HURDMAN... ...	3	DAVID COTTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

* First peal in seven methods.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five 720's of Plain Bob and two of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*RAYMOND YOUNG ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT JORDAN	4
†JOSIAH HARRIS	2	THOMAS EDWIN...	5
JAMES HEMMING	3	FREDERICK JORDAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. This peal was arranged for J. Harris, who hails from Portsmouth, and was elected a member previous to starting.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, April 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*Miss R. C. STANFORD	...*Treble*	CHARLES MOSS...	4
FREDK. C. LAMBERT ...	2	ALBERT LEE	5
WILLIAM PIERCE	3	HARRY BARTON... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Minor.

PILLATON, CORNWALL.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ODULPH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 24 cwt.

REV. EVERARD S. POWELL	*Treble*	HAROLD BENNETT	4
WALTER H. MARSH... ...	2	ERNEST W. MARSH... ...	5
FRANK HOCKADAY	3	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

First peal on the bells. First peal of Minor in Cornwall.

MALDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

EBENEZER W. FINCH	...*Treble*	ALFRED GOZZETT	4
*ALFRED SOUTH	2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ...	5
*HAROLD FINCH	3	FRED CHALK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

* First peal in seven methods.

SHROPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 Six-scores of Grandsires and 21 Six-scores of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*RALPH ALLEN ... ...*Treble*		THOS. FITZJOHN	3
*HORACE ALLEN	2	WILFRED ALLEN	4

HERBERT MASON ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by T. FITZJOHN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

THE METROPOLIS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(YORKTOWN DISTRICT.)

On Friday, April 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF G. B. EDSER, 52, SHIRLAND ROAD, PADDINGTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART REVERSED.

ARTHUR T. SHEPHERD ...	1—2	GEORGE B. EDSER ...	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD... ...	3—4	WILLIAM A. WOODROW	7—8

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Umpire, FREDK. G. WOODISS.

This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of the ringer of 5—6.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. E. CHAPMAN, 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ALBERT V. INNS	1—2	DAVID J. NICHOLS... ...	5—6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ...	3—4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT	7—8

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.
Umpire, GEORGE FARROW.

First peal in the method by all on Handbells. Also the first peal in the method in the county and by the Association on Handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT 21, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

JAMES HUNT	1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	MAURICE SMITHER	7—8

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... ... 9—10

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

The weight of the tenor at St. Thomas', Salisbury, is 28 cwt., and not 20 cwt., as published last week.

The peal rung at Kibworth on April 18th and recorded last week, should be credited to the Midland Counties Association.

LATE PEALS.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (SOUTHERN BRANCH),

AND THE ALL SAINTS AND ST. LAWRENCE GUILD, EVESHAM.

On Sunday, April 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

†RAYMOND YOUNG ... ...*Treble*		†FREDERICK JORDAN	5
JAMES HEMMING	2	GORDON CHECKETTS ...	6
‡HERBERT JORDAN	3	FRANK COOK	7
THOMAS EDWIN	4	*HENRY J. PHIPPS ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by GORDON CHECKETTS.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal on eight away from the treble. This is the first peal by the above Guild.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 1, 1911, in Four Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN MINOR, 7200 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Frodsham Bob, Stedman's Slow Course Bob, St. Lawrence Bob, Stepney Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Hereward Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM BIBBY ... ...*Treble*		GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	4
REV. A. T. BEESTON ...	2	EDWIN H. LEWIS	5
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	3	HENRY W. WILDE ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

The beginners' next stage of progression, after having studied and practiced the plain hunt, is to learn the way to "dodge." "Dodging," in bell ringing, is merely taking one step backward in the course which a bell is pursuing, whether hunting up or hunting down, and it is an essential evolution if the number of changes is to be extended beyond just a single hunting course such as illustrated in the last article, from which we saw how, if all the six bells do the plain hunt, they come back into rounds at the twelfth change. Now, the extent of the changes obtainable on six bells, as you probably well know, is 720, and it is this "dodging," introduced at regular intervals, which enables the bells to continue in changes without repetition to the end of the 720. Let us see in figures what a dodge really is. Assume that we have started upon that plain hunt which I illustrated in the previous example, and which produces 12 changes. In the fifth change before reaching rounds we get the row 5 3 6 1 4 2, and so we may go on in this way:—

536142
351624
315264
132546
135264
312546
321456
234165

Now just look at the 2nd. Hunting down from behind it gets as far as 3rd's place, and here it is actually checked by a bell in front of it, which, in the plain hunt, would have changed places with it, but which, by the rules of the method, does not at this point do so. The result is, the

2nd has to go back a step into 4th's place before it can go forward again, and then it pursues its straight course to the lead. A dodge thus delays a bell for two blows, and in examining the figures you will notice that when the 2nd takes a step back into 4th's, it causes the 5th, which it has just passed, to take a step back from 4th's into 3rd's place, before hunting out to 6th's place. From this you will see that two bells are concerned in a dodge. As the 2nd was hunting down when it received this temporary check in its path, this dodging work is called "dodging down." So with the 5th, that bell was hunting up and therefore, when it dodged, it was "dodging up."

Another point to observe is this, that the dodge between the 2nd and the 5th caused the 4th and the 6th which were in the places above, to dodge also, and if you examine the example, you will find here a great aid in helping you to dodge correctly. Notice that the 4th, which is "dodging down," because it has started upon its path from the back to the front, strikes its last blow behind over the 6th, and its blow in 5's over the 5th. The next two blows which form the "dodge" are over the same pair of bells. The backward step into 6's is over the 6th, and the next blow in 5's is again over the 5th. These little points, remembered from the beginning, are often of great assistance in mastering what might otherwise be difficult, because you have, in this case, already found the first two bells to look for in continuing your hunting path.

As to the places in which dodging is done, it varies with the method and the number of bells. For our purpose I will just explain that, in this example, the 2nd and 5th are dodging in 3—4, because they are striking in the places where 3 and 4 would strike if the bells were in rounds. Likewise the 4th and 6th are dodging in 5—6, because they are in the places where 5 and 6 would be in rounds. I have pointed out that the 2nd is dodging down, and being in 3—4, then it is said to be dodging in "3—4 down." Correspondingly the 5th is dodging in "3—4 up." So with the 4th, it is dodging in "5—6 down" while the 6th is dodging in "5—6 up."

F.A. (Sussex).—Yes, Troyte's is an excellent book for beginners, because it deals in simple language with several methods and is not confined to one only.

MEMORIAL BELLS FOR OAKE.

GIFT TO A SOMERSETSHIRE PARISH.

The dedication of the two treble bells which have been presented to Oake parish church by Miss Lillie L. Broughton in memory of her mother took place on Saturday evening. The service was conducted by the Rural Dean, the Rev. W. F. Eustace, M.A., Vicar of Bishop's Lydeard, whilst the Rector (the Rev. J. R. Broughton) was also present. Previous to the restoration of the church the tower only contained three bells, one of which, the tenor, was badly cracked. Whilst the work was in progress the bells were sent to Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, Cripplegate Foundry, London, where the tenor was re-cast, and the three were sent back with entire new fittings. The new cage put in by the builders to the design of the architect was, unfortunately, only erected for three bells, and considerable alterations with some difficulty had to be made before the additional cages for the two new bells could be fixed into the tower. As the old bells had been renovated by Messrs. Warner it was thought desirable that the same firm should supply the two new bells, which they have done, with the result that Oake church now possesses a musical little ring of five bells, the tenor being 9 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb., in G. The whole of the work was entrusted to Messrs. T. Doble and Son, bell hangers, of Taunton, who have carried it out in a very satisfactory manner.

The inscriptions on the new bells are as follow :—

"These two bells are given by Lillie L. Broughton in memory of her mother, Louisa Broughton, died January 20th, 1911. R.I.P.

"Those evening bells, those evening bells,
How many a tale their music tells
Of youth and home and that sweet time
When first I heard their soothing chime."

"And so it will be when I am gone,
Those evening bells will still ring on,
When love and joy and life are fled,
But hope lies buried with the dead."

"Henry T. Broughton, died August 7th, 1908."

In the course of the service the Rural Dean, with the Rector, the churchwarden (Mr. J. Clapp) and the ringers proceeded to the tower, where the dedicatory prayers were recited, and the bells were rung by Messrs. F. Sharland, W. Langford, W. Winter, L. Mitchell, T. Bowden, T. Fry and J. Broom. Afterwards the Rural Dean delivered particularly appropriate address.

A WANSTEAD RINGER'S DEATH.

A sad fatality has overtaken one of the Wanstead bellringers, Frederick Squires, for six years steeplekeeper at Christ Church, meeting his death by accident while employed in the Great Eastern Railway Works at Stratford. Engaged with others in cutting up a fire box, he was in the act of removing the wedges supporting it, when one of the plates fell on the back of his head, killing him almost instantly. The funeral, which took place at Wanstead Parish Church, was attended by about 30 of his fellow-workmen, and 20 bellringers, representing his own tower, and Leytonstone, West Ham, Woodford, Chigwell Row and Bow. A deep impression was made upon the assembled gathering by the ringing of a course of Grandsire Triples over the open grave by Messrs. W. Doran, H. Torble, W. Smith and J. B. Marks.

Among the floral tributes sent, in addition to those from immediate relatives and friends, were a large floral bell, with a ragged line of Parma violets down it, representing a crack, from brother ringers of Wanstead; a cushion, with wreath depending from one of the corners, on which was worked in violets "Ringers Ever," from the St. John's, Leytonstone, Society; a wreath from the C.E.M. Society, and one from Mr. F. C. Hill, churchwarden, of Wanstead. Owing to illness close to the church the Wanstead bells could not be rung, but the St. John's, Leytonstone, Society rang with the bells half muffled, the whole pull and stand representing deceased's age (43), and also 720 London Surprise. Deceased, who leaves a widow and four children, for whom much sympathy is felt, was a member of the Essex, Middlesex and Royal Cumberland Societies of Change Ringers.

CARSHALTON.—The Surrey Association.—On Sunday, April 23rd, being St. George's Day, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes, taken from Holt's Original), in 43 mins.: W. Buck 1, G. W. Heather 2, G. Rayner 3, A. Clayton 4, A. Bundle 5, J. Wignell 6, F. Holder (conductor) 7, F. Boulter 8. All the above ringers are members of the Surrey Association. The quarter-peal was also rung as a compliment to G. W. Heather upon his birthday, the ringers wishing him "Many happy returns of the day."

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OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

The New President of the Hertfordshire Association.

There can be no question as to the popularity of the selection of Mr. H. Lee Waddington, of St. Albans, as the new president of the Hertfordshire Association. Although he has never achieved great fame as a ringer, he has been one of those quiet workers to which the Exercise owes so much of its progress. His association with ringing began in the days when change ringing was but little indulged in, in comparison with the practice of the present day, and when the belfry was the most neglected part of the church.

Mr. H. Lee Waddington.

It was in 1879 that Mr. Waddington joined the ringers at St. Albans' Abbey, at a time when only call changes were rung. He was put on the 6th, and never allowed to ring any other bell. This sort of thing, however, did not appeal to Mr. Waddington, and after a short time he, with one or two others, resigned. A subsequent disagreement between the churchwardens and the ringers, in connection with the dedication of the pulpit, presented by the Masons of England, brought about the return of Mr. Waddington to the belfry, he being asked to get a band to ring for the occasion. He did so, and the Abbey ringers sent in their resignation. Mr. Waddington and Mr. N. N. Hills then set about forming a band of change ringers, and after an immense amount of trouble established the St. Albans' Cathedral Society of Change Ringers in 1884. Their first peal, the result of indomitable perseverance, for failures were many, was Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original), conducted by Mr. Hills, who called the composition for the first time in the county.

Mr. Waddington was among the little band of enthusiasts, who, in 1884, met at the Rectory, under the presidency of Archdeacon (now Dean) Lawrence, and formed the present Hertfordshire County Association, with the Bishop of St. Albans' as patron, the Archdeacon as president, the Rev. Canon Wigram, hon. secretary, and Mr. Waddington hon. treasurer. Mr. Waddington has been a member since that date, and has now, in his advancing years, been installed in the presidential chair. He was appointed hon. secretary of the Cathedral Society on its formation, and held the post until 1907, when he left St. Albans' for Cornwall. In the latter county he found change-ringing at a low ebb, but succeeded in introducing method ringing on handbells at Fowey. It was impossible on the tower bells, owing to their condition, but eventually the vicar and churchwardens were persuaded to have the bells re-hung, and they are now in good going order. Before the work was completed, however, ill-health compelled Mr. Waddington to leave Cornwall, and he took up his residence at Paignton, Devon, where he succeeded in getting a band to ring Stedman Doubles on handbells, although, like most of the ringers in that part of the country, they were very shy of taking up scientific ringing, preferring rounds, raising and falling.

Mr. Waddington has rung only about 25 peals, principally on the treble and tenor. He came back to St. Albans' to reside in June last, but owing to the lamented death of his wife has taken no part in ringing matters since, until, on Easter Monday, he responded to the Committee's invitation to allow himself to be nominated for the office of President of the Hertfordshire Association, a post to which he was elected by the members with unanimity and acclamation. Mr. Waddington still takes a great interest in ringing, and has many pleasant recollections of well-known ringers, notably the late Squire Procter, of Bennington, whose band was the best in the country at that time, the late Mr. Haworth, Mr. Matt. Wood, Mr. C. F. Winney, the Rev. F. C. Helmore, Mr. H. Lewis, and Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham, Mr. J. C. Mitchell and Mr. G. W. Cartmel. The three last-named graduated in the Abbey Belfry, and were associated with Mr. N. N. Hills, Mr. E. P. Debenham and others.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

On Monday, April 24th, a muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. John's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, in memory of the ex-president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, whose death we recorded last week. At this church Mr. Story was for some years a sidesman, and there, also, he learnt to handle his bell in changes. The band was a representative one of the association, Mr. W. Story (brother of the deceased) being present at the start, but gave way to Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland.

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The half-muffled peal rung at Blewbury, Berks, on Good Friday was the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

The Clandon, Surrey, ringers, who made a claim to name as "Winchester" No. 5 method in the Central Council collection, are anxious to know at what date it was rung and named "Newcastle." The Clandon company first rang the method as long ago as January 6th, 1910. They named it Winchester at the time, and as such sent the record to the secretary of the Winchester Guild. Perhaps those who designated it "Newcastle" will settle the question by informing us the date at which they first rang the method.

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The Waldron, Sussex, band had their annual outing on Easter Monday, when, joined by two friends from Rotherfield, they visited Eastbourne. At the Parish Church touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round, a few of the local ringers joining in. A company of 19 sat down to dinner, under the chairmanship of Mr. E. Jennings, at the Victoria Hotel, and afterwards Christ Church was visited and a touch of 854 Grandsire Triples rung by H. Jenner 1, W. Jenner 2, E. Russell 3, A. Gower 4, H. R. Butcher (conductor) 5, A. Hobden 6, C. Brasier 7, T. Deadman 8. After tea a stroll by the sea was much enjoyed, and the return made after an enjoyable day.

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"The Ringers' Bishop" is the title by which the president of the North Wales Association (the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, of Bangor) was described at the annual meeting of the association at Beaumaris. It is to be hoped that the members will take the hint of their president, and not leave peal ringing to the comparative few.

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They are bringing on a young band at Ossett, in Yorkshire. On Easter morning 720 Bob Minor was rung by F. Sykes 1, H. English (aged 16) 2, N. Gee (aged 15) 3, G. Bennett (aged 15) 4, H. Gee 5, F. Cole 6. It was the first 720 by those whose ages are given. And what about this for promising youth, 1316 Grandsire Triples on handbells: S. Vickers (aged 16) 1-2, A. Braine (aged 16) 3-4, A. H. Ward (conductor) 5-6, J. Vickers (aged 15) 7-8. This touch was rung in 31 mins. last Friday at 81, Nottingham Road, Derby. These young men deserve congratulation.

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At Holbeck, near Leeds, the practice was being held, and the learner (in the true sense) was ringing the 6th. He was striking his bell rather too close, and the fifth man said to him, "So-and-so" (mentioning him by name), "keep a bit further off me." The learner, not fully versed in technical terms, stepped six inches nearer the seventh man. The striking continued as before.

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Fifty years ago, on April 27th, the long peal of Stedman Cinques was rung by the College Youths at St. Michael's upon Cornhill. The story of that famous performance has been handed down in the song written by the late Mr. J. Dwight, who rang the tenor. The peals, rung in 6 hrs. 41 mins., consisted of 8580 changes, and the only surviving member of the band is Mr. Matthew Wood, of Bethnal Green, who, despite his 85 years, is still hale and hearty.

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April 27th was also the anniversary of the 15,840 of Treble Bob Major rung in 9 hrs. 12 mins. at Bethnal Green in 1869. Three members of that band are still with us, Messrs. J. Pettitt, E. Horrex and M. Wood. Both the peals were called by the late Mr. Henry Haley.

It was quite a near thing that Stedman Cinques at Cornhill was not the one thousandth peal by the Middlesex Association. The honour, however, fell to a band at Enfield, who completed a peal of Superlative on Saturday half an hour after the Cinques came round.

THE PUBLIC AND THE BELLS.

A COMMENT BY THE PRESS.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on Easter Monday, and published in our last issue, caused a resident in the neighbourhood of the church to declaim in the *Nottingham Guardian* against bell ringing as a source of annoyance to the public. He assumed the *nom de plume* of "Decampanologist," but his letter fell flat and entirely failed to reveal any feeling of indignation or annoyance among the good folk who live round St. Peter's tower. Mr. H. R. Cobbin took the matter up, but his attempt to draw "Decampanologist" from his cover of anonymity failed.

Commenting upon the subject, the *Nottingham Guardian*, which is one of the most influential daily papers in the Midlands, said :—

The difficulty of pleasing everybody is forcibly illustrated by the subject of bell ringing. Some people like the ringing of bells; other people do not. What, therefore, are the people who control the bells to do? We have printed letters again and again, complaining that the beautiful bells of St. Peter's Church, in this city, were not heard more frequently. On Easter Day, and again, we believe, on Easter Monday, they were rung, and the consequence was that we received another letter from a gentleman who had apparently been driven to distraction by the din. Some years ago the same difficulty arose in connection with the bells of All Saints' Church. Some people liked to hear these bells ringing; other people did not. It is clear, therefore, that there must be people who will either have too much bell ringing, or there will be other people who will get none at all. The real fact is, of course, that in a highly complex state of society we can none of us get exactly what we want. We must all be prepared to make concessions to the rights and wishes of our neighbours. There is a great charm in bell ringing if only the bells are good and the ringers skilful. But we cannot have skilful ringers unless they are given opportunities for practice, and if they are given these opportunities someone must put up with the noise. It is all a question of give and take, and of mutual forbearance. It is not desirable that bells should be rung in business hours, when people have to concentrate all their attention upon what they are doing. But to many, bell ringing in the evening, when the day's work is over, is not only pleasant, but restful, while on Sunday the charm of fine bells, well handled, is great. It would be a pity for the art of bell ringing to die out. There seems to be some risk of this in large towns where so many people are troubled with nerves. And, in consequence of the dwindling of the population in country parishes, it is now often difficult, we believe, to find good ringers. But this is not as it should be.

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TIMELY TOPICS.

By Will Wilson.

Our friend, Sam Wood, no doubt feels on good terms with himself, for although by no means in the heyday of youth, he has managed to place both the longest lengths of Grandsire Cinques and Treble Twelve to his credit. It is a good many years since he called the first 16,608 of Kent Major, at Mottram-in-Longdendale. On that occasion the late John Thorpe rang the tenor, while Sam called the peal from the fourth. In the long peal of Grandsire Cinques, 10,075, he rang the eleventh. That was on May 29th, 1896. Perhaps no one has rung more Grandsire on eleven bells than he. It is interesting to note the two bands. Five of the Maximus band rang in the Cinques peal also, viz.: Joseph Mellor, James Wood (5), Samuel Wood, Samuel Booth (9), and Albert Adams (10). Those in brackets rang the same bell in both peals. In looking up the history of Ashton-under-Lyne bells, I notice that the individual I mentioned recently, he who rang handbells and conducted quarter-peals in bed—Sam Laurance, of Shifnal, took part in the opening peal, when they were a ring of ten. In this connection history is repeating itself in the person of another peregrine—Mr. James George.

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In that opening peal occurs the name of another ringer, Woodhead, of Wakefield, one who made history in his day. Indeed, Wakefield has always had some son of whom the town could be proud. Some years ago, when Superlative and Cambridge Royal were first thought about, as far as *this* age was concerned, the Gloucester and Bristol Association, I believe, accomplished a peal of Superlative Royal, and claimed it as the first ever rung. Up came Wakefield with a record of a previous peal rung a hundred years before! Then came Cambridge Royal, and up came Wakefield again!

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They had ambitions in the early days of ringing as the following record from an old peal book in my keeping shows:—"On Wednesday last, May 21st, 1788, was rung at Wakefield by ringers of that place, a new composed peal of triple bob Tripples called Wakefield Delight of 5040 changes in eight courses compleat. The same set of ringers, without changing a man or setting a bell, began another peal of 5040 Wakefield Surprise. Both peals, 10,080, were performed, including the raising and settling the bells, in seven hours and one minute, with the greatest exactness and nicest distinction, an instance never before done in this kingdom. What adds to the singularity of the performance there were two fathers, five sons, five brothers, four cousins, one uncle and one nephew, yet only eight persons and with only two names." When my readers have nothing else to do, they might try and unravel this family tangle. I confess I am unable to do it.

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Professor Albert Robin, of the French Academy of Medicine, claims to have found a new cure for obesity. The average medicine man would head his advertisement TOO FAT, and then ask you to forward your cheque as a guarantee of good faith, but the Parisian professor has nothing to sell. His cure is to reverse the ordinary process of a spartan-like diet, and says: "Eat and drink plentifully, stout persons cannot hope to get thin unless they eat at least five hearty meals a day, while liquids should be partaken of freely. A person of twenty stones weight would thus decrease by 1½lbs. daily." I *don't* think so. If the professor's formula is correct, then the reverse of it ought to produce the opposite effect, and a man ought to get stout by fasting! Yet all the professional fasting men reckon to run as near to death by starvation as is possible by dining off a cigarette and a teaspoonful of cold water. I am afraid Doctor Robin's cure won't catch on. Another savant declares that all the nourishment of a banquet can be contained in a pill! I am not going to argue the point, but I also declare that the first association that adopts this *multum in parvo* menu, will not only miss my nimble shilling, but cause me to be scratched out of all engagements. I have said.

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A year has gone—May 6th—since Edward VII. passed to his rest. Those cantankerous individuals who hate church bells—and everything else belonging to the church—would do well to ponder over the fact that at no time in English history has there ever been such an offering of sympathy and spontaneous loyalty as on the occasion of the funeral of "Edward the Peacemaker," when all the steeples of the land poured out their grief in muffled tones. At such times the utility of bells ought to be apparent, and to the thinking portion of the community it obviously is so.

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Many happy returns to Mr. George Williams, May 7th. Our friend was ringing peals when some of us were learning how to handle a rope, and it is refreshing to see his name again in the peal columns with three more to his credit in the last issue of this paper. Twenty years ago George thought nothing of two peals a day for a week's ringing, and once he rang three at the same church on the same day! There are not many places where the people or the parson are willing to give such permission nowadays, although in the olden times at the opening of a new ring it was quite the correct thing for the various visiting bands to ring a touch (?) Having got possession of the ropes, these "touches" rarely came round until a peal of 5000 had been scored! I believe it is on record that, when Chesterfield bells were opened, they were going for two days and nights, while five different bands got their peals home. Those were indeed the "good old days."

A MIDLANDER'S COMPLAINT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It was my happy privilege to attend my first annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association on Easter Monday. As one aspiring to make progress in the Art, I did not find that encouragement which I expected to be given to those who are not experts. I would like, on behalf of such, to enter a mild protest against the monopolising of a peal for a solid hour by the same ringers in an attempt or rather eight vain attempts for a course of London Surprise. I venture to think that if eight youngsters had taken the ropes for a try at Grandsire some of those concerned in the above would have interfered long before that time had elapsed. However anxious a conductor may be to bring the undertaking to a successful issue, I think it savours somewhat of selfishness to keep others spectators for so long a time.

ASPIRANT.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AN UNVEILING AND PRESENTATIONS.

There were some interesting features about the annual gathering of the Bedfordshire Association on Easter Monday, at Bedford. Throughout the day, the bells at St. Paul's (10) and St. Peter's (6) were kept going to an endless variety of methods. From 11 a.m. to 12 noon, handbell ringing was enjoyed; a course of Grandsire Cinques by two members of the Woburn, and four of the St. Paul's Companies was well received. Previous to the luncheon, the members of the Association assembled in St. Paul's belfry, where the Vicar, Canon Lambert Woodard, unveiled a tablet recording two peals of Superlative Surprise Major, the first in the method in Bedfordshire. One was rung on April 12th, 1904, in 3 hrs. 34 mins., and the other on August 22nd, 1904, in 3 hrs. 32 mins.

In performing the ceremony, the Rev. Canon Woodard said the tablet would be a pleasant addition to the belfry. They were gradually filling the walls with memorials of various kinds, and they trusted that this year another would be added, which would commemorate the Coronation of King George V. That tablet which he had just unveiled recorded a method which was extremely difficult; therefore, the memorial was to the credit of those who took part and were successful in ringing those peals. They knew that their ringers were an exceedingly scientific body of men, and they were most ambitious. Their only regret was that there was only ten bells instead of twelve. The only difficulty in getting two new bells was the cost, and he was sure that he wished it more than the ringers that there could be twelve bells in that belfry. One of the great advantages of having twelve bells was the fact that it gave the ringers further scope. When men were keen on anything, it was necessary that they should be encouraged. He knew that ringers were men of keenness, and he was sure that the ringers of St. Paul's were deserving of that title. Bell ringing was a great Art, and he greatly envied the ringers for being able to ring in such a scientific manner. In conclusion, he said he hoped that the next tablet to be unveiled would be one for the Coronation peal.

The Rev. A. Rust (the hon. sec.), on behalf of the Association, thanked Canon Woodard for unveiling the tablet, which contained the name of their dear old friend Isaac Hills, a name that was ever dear to all. The members sat down to dinner at St. Paul's Schoolroom, and the business meeting was afterwards held. The Chairman (Mr. E. Ransom) alluded to the absence of Mr. Chas. Herbert, whom he (the speaker) had the honour many years ago of proposing as vice-president of the association. Mr. Herbert had done a long day's work, and a very interesting part of his work was his association with the formation and work of the Beds Association.

The Rev. Rust, in presenting the accounts, said he was very glad to inform the members that the financial position during the past year had greatly improved; for the first time for many years, the expenses had been paid, and there was a substantial balance over of £2 5s. 3d. The receipts amounted to £29 4s. 1½d., the expenses to £26 18s. 10½d., leaving a balance of £2 5s. 3d., the balance in bank being £18 3s. 11d. The committee recorded with deep regret the loss of Archdeacon Bathurst, for many years president of the Association, and also the death of Mr. Thomas Bull, J.P., who held the office of treasurer for a long time. They also regretted the fact that the Rev. C. B. Hulton had left the county. The meetings during the year had been very successful, and the general work of the Association had made great progress in every way.

The report and accounts were adopted, on the motion of Mr. Ransom, seconded by Mr. J. W. Barker.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker was unanimously elected president, and the Rev. A. Rust was appointed to the combined offices of hon. secretary and treasurer. The committee were re-elected, with the exception of Messrs. Bonner (Luton) and Davidson (Biddenham), Messrs. A. King (Luton) and C. W. Clark (St. Peter's, Bedford), taking their places. Mr. G. C. Walker was re-appointed hon. auditor, with thanks for his past services. The committee's suggestion that the summer festival should take place at Leighton Buzzard on July 8th, the autumn meeting at Woburn on October 7th, and the winter meeting at Dunstable, on January 6th was agreed to after discussion.

The Rev. A. Rust then said he had been asked to present that afternoon, three records of peals, which had been rung in the county many years ago. The first was to St. Paul's ringers, Bedford, for a peal of Bob Major Single, rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths on May 11th, 1761; the second to the Dunstable ringers for a peal of Bob Major, rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths, on "the new bells," in August, 1776, but although rung on the new bells, he noted that two men rang the tenor; the third was to Leighton Buzzard ringers for a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung by the College Youths in 1801. The records had been written in a splendid manner by Mr. Chas. Herbert, and he (the speaker) proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Herbert for the trouble that he had been put to in writing the records. He was sure they felt a deep sense of gratitude.

Mr. J. Nichols voiced the thanks of his own company, and thanks were also returned for the St. Paul's company, the speaker saying that Mr. Herbert had always been pleased to help young enthusiasts. When meeting Mr. Herbert, they had always received the most cordial welcome. They might surpass him in ringing, but never in the enthusiasm that had been displayed in planting change ringing in Bedfordshire.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Rugby on Saturday last. By kind permission of the Rector and churchwardens, the fine ring of eight at the Parish Church were available in the afternoon and evening. The ringing commenced by a plain course of London Surprise Major by the St. Andrew's, Rugby, company, it being their first in that method, and the bells were kept going by the members of the Guild at intervals with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Court Bob and Superlative Surprise Major. Tea was provided at the Cafe Lounge, and was followed by the meeting of the Guild in the Belfry. Mr. W. G. Dickins presided, in the absence of the ringing master, supported by the following officers of the Guild: Messrs. J. George, A. Roberts, G. C. Small, R. Watson, and the hon. secretary (Mr. Arthur Coleman). The date of the annual general meeting at Warwick, on Saturday, July 29th, 1911, as arranged by the Rev. C. C. Cox and the hon. secretary to suit the Lord Bishop of Worcester, was confirmed, and the next monthly meeting was fixed to be held at Kenilworth on Saturday, May 27th, 1911

The Hon. Secretary gave formal notice that he should move at the annual general meeting a new rule for non-resident ringing members: "That any ringing member who has paid 3s. in annual subscriptions and becomes a non-resident in the county shall remain a member of the Guild without further subscription, but shall not receive the annual report except on payment of sixpence." The suggestion was unanimously agreed to. Nine new members were elected.—The Hon. Secretary reported that since May 10th, 1910, the Guild had rung 17 peals, in which 60 different members had taken part—a very satisfactory percentage of the total ringing members in the Guild.—The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector and the churchwardens for the use of the bells. The attendance of members and representatives of different towers was moderate.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at the Cathedral City on Saturday, Mr. F. F. Linley, the president of the Northern Branch, presiding, supported by the Rev. R. Bond (hon. secretary of the Guild), the Rev. H. Law James (master), the Rev. A. Hunt, and Mr. J. W. Scamer (hon secretary, Northern Branch). All the officers were re-elected, and in reply to a question, the Master gave an explanation of the view expressed at the last Central Council meeting, that it was as easy to ring Cambridge Maximus as to ring call changes. He, however, scarcely succeeded in convincing his hearers.

A meeting of the Northern Branch followed, 186 members and friends sitting down to a substantial tea, with the president in the chair. The report and balance sheet, the latter showing a satisfactory sum in hand, were adopted, and the officers were re-elected, with the one exception that Mr. F. W. Stokes was elected representative on the Guild Committee in place of Mr. J. Cragg. Twenty-one new members were elected, bringing the total in union with the branch to 341.—Votes of thanks to the president for presiding, and to the various incumbents for the use of the bells, concluded the meeting. Ringing was afterwards indulged in at the Cathedral, the methods including Bristol Surprise, Double Norwich, Stedman, etc.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Mr. C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER'S RESIGNATION.

After twelve years' service, as secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower has resigned the office, and Mr. William Cave has been appointed to the post. This change was the only one made among the officers at the annual meeting on Easter Monday, at Bristol. The meeting was attended by about 50 members, from Gloucester, Fretherne, Wotton-under-Edge, Thornbury, Stone, Westerleigh, Dursley, and Cirencester and Stedman Caters and Grandsire Triples were rung in the morning, at St. Stephen's and St. Nicholas' Churches. After dinner, at Maxwell's Restaurant, service was held at All Saints', where an admirable sermon was preached by the Rev. C. H. Dickinson (the Vicar), himself an old ringer, who recalled the time when, as a young curate at Cricklade, in Wilts, he used to take part in the ringing. He spoke of the message of bells, and pointed out how, if bell ringing were carried out in the right spirit, it brought blessing upon the ringers.

The annual meeting was afterwards held in the Church Room, when the Rev. C. D. P. Davies was re-elected Master; the Rev. H. A. Cockey, treasurer; and the other offices filled.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring secretary, and sympathetic reference was made to the loss, by death, of one of the vice-presidents, Sir John Dorington, it being decided to send a letter of condolence to the widow.

St. Mary Redcliffe Church was visited after the meeting, and Stedman Cinques rung in the famous tower.

AT THE LONG PEAL TOWER.

The Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association held their meeting at Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday. After waiting for the rain to abate, writes a visitor, I wended my way to the tower, to find some had braved the storm and got the twelve bells going in the standard methods. Among those who were present were the long peal men, looking fit for more of the same sort. Moltram, Pendleton, Whitfield, Stoke, Worsley, Manchester, Prestwich, Reddish, and Rusholme, had also sent representatives, about 40 all told. The bells were kept going till nearly eight o'clock, when, owing to the old parish church being in the business part of the town, we had to desist. We adjourned to the Church Inn Clubroom for business and handbell ringing. The accounts were passed as correct, and the officers re-elected. The members present congratulated the Ashton-under-Lyne company upon their long peal; and Mr. S. Wood, in reply, said they had been working for this record since 1889, but the bells would not go that great length until Messrs. Gillett and Johnston took the job in hand, and re-hung the tenor in a new frame, and overhauled the rest. The result had been most satisfactory to the ringers, and the bells were in good going order for some years to come. After some local business had been transacted, the meeting closed with further touches on the handbells. During the evening the Ashton peal book (which is a credit to the writers) and the loving cup, dated 1784, were on view, and freely examined by the members present.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the South and West District of the above Association, was held on Saturday last, at Chiswick, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Lucas). Owing to the inclemency of the weather, and to the fact that a goodly number of members were engaged in peal ringing, the gathering was not so numerous as might have been expected. Members were present from the home tower, Isleworth, Heston, Hillingdon West, Barnes, Earl's Court, Hammersmith, Wandsworth, Fulham, Willesden and Ealing.

After ringing, a service was held, at which an address was given by the Rev. W. H. Dawe (senior curate). Tea was served in the Parish Hall. The Rev. W. H. Dawe presided, and welcomed the members to Chiswick, on behalf of the Vicar, who was unavoidably absent. Afterwards, the ladies present, with the assistance of Mr. J. W. Kelley, rang a well struck course of Grandsire on handbells, for which they were heartily applauded. Handbell ringing was also indulged in by the members. Several candidates, including the chairman, were duly elected members of the Association. The next meeting was fixed to take place at Staines on Saturday, May 27th.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the ladies for their services, and to the chairman for presiding, were carried unanimously. —The members then repaired to the tower, and the bells were rung to Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday last a branch meeting was held at St. James' Church, Gawsworth, and was well attended. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. E. Polehampton), who also presided at the business meeting, and extended a hearty welcome to the ringers. Tea was partaken of at the Harrington Arms, and afterwards, at the invitation of the ringers, Mrs. Polehampton visited the belfry and unveiled a peal tablet, recording the first peal on the eight bells. Mrs. Polehampton eulogised the ringers who took part in the peal.—Mr. A. B. Lomas proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Polehampton and to the Vicar for the hospitable manner in which he had received the visitors, and for the use of the bells.—The Rev. H. E. Polehampton briefly replied, and ringing was afterwards indulged in.

OTHER MEETINGS.

The Guildford District of the Winchester Guild had a very successful meeting on Saturday week, at Blackmoor, Hants, to which the Association paid a visit for the first time. The bells are an excellent ring of six by Warner, with the tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat. The attendance numbered about 30, and during the day, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were rung. A service was held, at which an address was given by the Rev. F. G. Eyres, to whom, at the subsequent meeting, a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. F. E. Dawe. It was reported that since the last quarterly meeting, 15 peals had been rung in the district, Grandsire and Stedman Caters in hand, and Stedman Caters and Bristol Surprise on tower bells by mixed bands; Surprise Minor and Stedman Triples on tower bells; and Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples (4) and Stedman Caters and Cinques in hand, by members of the Guildford district.

The Rotherfield (Sussex) Guild of Ringers held their 3rd annual meeting and anniversary of the re-hanging of the bells on Saturday week. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and tea at the George Hotel followed at 5 o'clock, presided over by the Rector (the Rev. F. W. Champneys). The election of officers subsequently took place, Mr. G. Burt, J.P., of Castle Hill, being elected president. The bells were afterwards kept going to Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Minor, till 8.30 p.m.

At the monthly combined practice of the Sonning branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, at St. Paul's, Wokingham, there were 16 members present, representing Wokingham (All Saints'), Binfield, Easthampstead, Finchampstead, Sandhurst, Sonning, Hurst, and Caversham. The following methods were rung during the evening: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

A very successful district meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, when 16 members were present, and three new members were elected. Some good touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung.

EDENBRIDGE BELLS.

NEW PEAL DEDICATED BY THE BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

After a period of nearly three years, during which they have been silent, the bells of their parish church were heard by the parishioners of Edenbridge, Kent, for the first time on Sunday week with that characteristic welcome and delight which usually obtain in country districts at the sound of the church bells. The restoration has been carried out by the parishioners to commemorate the Coronation of His Majesty King George V. A committee was formed, including the Vicar, the Rev. Somers-Cocks, the Hon. Bowes Lyon (chairman), Dr. Hubbard, Mr. R. V. Smith, Mr. T. Wallis, and Mr. J. W. Steddy, for the purpose of carrying out the scheme, and, a large proportion of the necessary funds being soon forthcoming, the work was put in hand, the stipulation being that the bells should be ready for ringing by Sunday, April 23rd. This was duly accomplished, and advantage was taken of the evening service to dedicate the bells.

The Bishop of Rochester offered the dedicatory prayers, and subsequently delivered an impressive address on the message of the bells to church people. His lordship preceded his address by an appeal for liberal contributions to the offertory, the proceeds of which were to be devoted to the Bell Restoration Fund. The Bishop pointed out that the original peal of eight bells had been re-cast, harmonically tuned on the new scientific principle, and so that they could be heard at a much greater distance than previously, and that the bells had been hung, with entirely new and up-to-date fittings, in an iron frame set upon massive girders, which latter also had the effect of considerably adding to the strength of the tower. The clock had also been repaired and put in going order, and the comfort of the ringers had also been borne in mind.

The bells, the tenor weighing 14½ cwt., in the key of F sharp, were rung both before and after the service in Triples and Major by the local ringers, under Mr. Steddy, assisted by other Kent county members, including Mr. Latter, of Tunbridge Wells; Mr. Dean, of Croydon; Mr. A. A. Johnston and Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, whose firm, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, had executed both the bell and clock work, and who were heartily congratulated upon the perfect "go" and musical quality of the peal and the manner in which the ropes fell in a natural circle on the ringing floor.

LYDNEY.—The Gloucester and Bristol Association.—On Sunday, April 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): H. Payne 1, J. W. Davies 2, J. Austin 3, J. Thomas 4, W. Fisher 5, J. Blakemore 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, F. N. Sandford 8.

NETHERTON.—Worcester Association.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday last, several touches of Erin Triples and a 504: H. Hill 1, H. Price 2, J. Faulkner 3, W. Prestidge 4, A. Greenfield 5, A. Prestidge 6, A. Davies 7, J. Massey 8.

ONE OF THE OLD BRIGADE.

The death has occurred at Holly Hall, near Dudley, of an old ringer, known to many as David Beard, who, a correspondent informs us, rang the 9th at Painswick in the then record peal of Stedman Cinques on February 16th, 1858. This peal of 8448 changes was rung in 5 hrs. 52 mins. The deceased learnt to ring at Liverpool, where, at St. Luke's Church, he was one of a band that started so many times for a peal of Stedman Triples, and got so near the end, but without success, that the tradespeople in the neighbourhood complained, and had the bells silenced. Stedman was the only method that the deceased knew, and he once took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, which has since been declared to be false, although the old gentleman always believed it to be true. Although he had lost all interest in ringing for years, he often used to talk of the old days, and he used to tell the story of making a journey on one occasion, with three others, from Liverpool to Painswick to assist in the ringing for the wedding of the squire's daughter. They rang a peal of Stedman Caters, but the band, being dissatisfied with receiving only £10 for their trouble and expenses, got up early next morning and rang another peal for their own amusement. The deceased rang in several peals of Triples at Painswick, but could remember no dates, except that of the long peal. Born in Gloucestershire 74 years ago, he migrated to Liverpool, London and other places, working at his trade as a painter and decorator. He eventually settled at Dudley, where he lived for many years. He married three times, and leaves a widow and a large family.

RINGER'S DEATH AT PORTMADOC.

The St. John's Guild of Bell Ringers, Portmadoc, N.W., have lost, through the death of Mr. Daniel Evans, Penamser Cottage, one of the most faithful ringers, and also a very capable caretaker. He passed away on Saturday, April 22nd, in his 27th year. The bell ringers attended the funeral, which took place on Wednesday week at Penymorfa Churchyard, and each carried a handbell, draped. They also acted as bearers.

After the service, which was conducted by the Rev. J. E. Williams, M.A., Vicar, assisted by the Rev. J. James, Penymorfa, the ringers rang a touch of Grandsire Doubles at the graveside, and afterwards touches of Grandsire on the St. John's Church bells, which were fully muffled.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS. — It is particularly requested that reports of touches for insertion under this heading should be forwarded immediately they are rung. Owing to the large quantity of miscellaneous performances sent in, the Editor cannot promise publication unless this rule is strictly adhered to.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Day, 108 Bob Minor, 240 and 360 Double Court, and 240 Oxford Bob, in which A. J. Green, J. Read, senr., C. Tyrrell, F. Cashmore, D. Hurst and J. E. Read took part.

CRANSLEY, NORTHANTS. — The Central Northamptonshire Association.—On Tuesday evening, April 18th, a touch of Minor (2880 changes), in 1 hr. 41 mins., being 720 each of Grandsire and Oxford Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently: E. W. Lenton 1, F. C. Woolley 2, P. J. Lenton 3, G. Holland 4, A. E. Wykes 5, H. W. Sharman (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half muffled, as a last token of respect to the memory of the late Rev. H. James, Vicar of the parish for 42 years.—Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: H. W. Sharman 1, G. Holland 2, A. E. Wykes 3, P. J. Lenton 4, F. C. Woolley 5, E. W. Lenton 6. This was also rung with the bells half muffled, as a token of respect to the son of the late Rev. H. James, who died the day after his father's funeral.

BROMLEY, KENT. — On Wednesday, April 19th, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Gladys Pain, of Bromley, and Mr. Lawrence E. Slade, of Chislehurst, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: G. Durling 1, I. Emery 2, A. James 3, S. Marshall 4, A. Humphrey 5, A. Bygrave 6, G. Huxley (conductor) 7, F. Seal (first quarter-peal) 8.

MINCHINHAMPTON.—Gloucester and Bristol Association.—On April 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: E. Harris 1, H. Cleverly 2, G. Packer (conductor) 3, F. Ponting 4, J. Roberts 5, R. Burrows 6. Also several six-scores of Stedman and Plain Bob, with E. Jeffries standing in. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Captain G. Watt and Miss Ricardo, daughter of Major H. Ricardo, J.P., C.C., of Gatcombe Park, lord of the manor.

SCUNTHORPE. — Lincoln Diocesan Guild. — On Thursday, April 20th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1911 changes), in 1 hr. 15 mins.: *T. H. Parkin 1, N. Short (conductor) 2, C. H. Bird 3, *T. P. Hocknell 4, ‡W. Ayre 5, A. B. Moss 6, W. J. Thynge 7, *H. Strickland 8. * Longest touch. ‡ Longest touch of Grandsire.

DEVONPORT, DEVON.—On April 22nd, at H.M. Dockyard Chapel, 720 Bob Minor: W. T. Linnel 1, H. Bennett 2, J. Woodley 3, W. J. Rundle 4, W. Ford 5, E. W. Marsh (conductor) 6.—On Monday, April 24th, at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, 630 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half muffled, for the late Lieut. Warren, one of the churchwardens: L. Osborne 1, E. W. Marsh 2, G. H. Myers 3, J. Woodley 4, W. J. Rundle (conductor) 5, W. Shears 6, F. Dunaway 7, T. G. Kerswill 8.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 23rd, 720 Bob Minor: A. W. Fiddes (first 720) 1, W. Theobald 2, G. Hayden 3, J. Moule 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, H. Torble 6.

BATH.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, April 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1259 changes), from Holt's ten-part, in 42 mins.: J. Odey 1, F. Hogsflesh 2, W. Alexander 3, A. Alexander 4, C. Denshey 5, N. E. Lewis 6, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, H. Davis 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.—At St. Illtyd's Church, on April 23rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Paul 1, A. J. Stanley 2, F. J. Evans 3, R. Evans 4, J. Evans 5, D. R. James 6, J. Cox (conductor) 7, R. Bunstone 8. For 7 a.m. service, 504 Grandsire Triples; for afternoon service, 1008 Bob Major; and for evening service, 910 Grandsire Triples by the same ringers.

EASTON IN GORDANO, SOMERSETSHIRE. — Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—On Sunday evening, April 23rd, at St. George's Church, 720 Bob Minor, by the local ringers: H. England 1, A. T. Atherton 2, J. Atherton 3, J. Caple 4, Lewis Moore 5, G. H. Gale (conductor) 6. After service, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, in 28 mins., the first by a local band on the bells. These touches were rung to celebrate St. George's Day.

WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS.—On Sunday, April 23rd, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 960 changes of Doubles were rung in four methods (Fortune, Dream, Grandsire and St. Dunstans): G. Baker, conductor (Westhorpe) 1, G. Smith (Badwell Ash) 2, G. Kinsey (Westhorpe) 3, H. Morley, sen. (Badwell Ash) 4, G. Morley, jun. (Badwell Ash) 5, H. Davey (Westhorpe) 6. After evening service a date touch (1911 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 3 mins., by the same ringers.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (composed by J. Pagett), in 50 mins.: H. G. Genney 1, H. Day 2, A. Bowmer 3, J. Bown 4, A. Haslam 5, F. Hill 6, A. Hutchinson 7, H. George (conductor) 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—Lancashire Association.—On April 23rd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: T. R. Jackson (conductor) 1, W. Jackson 2, W. S. Forshaw 3, T. Suart 4, C. J. A. Cushing 5, J. Burrows 6.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Single Bob: W. Jackson 1, J. T. Thompson 2, W. H. Dennison 3, J. Huddleston 4, W. S. Forshaw 5, J. Burrows (conductor) 6.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—The Hertfordshire Association. — On Sunday, April 23rd, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Mansfield 1, W. J. Simpson 2, T. E. Mead 3, W. S. Inwood (conductor) 4, G. Layzell 5, A. W. Mansfield 6, W. Hewitt 7, T. Mead 8.

NOTTINGHAM.—Midland Counties' Association.—On Sunday, April 23rd, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 47 mins.: W. Bellamy (composer and conductor) 1, R. T. Flint 2, T. Burnham 3, A. Barratt 4, J. H. Clarke 5, H. R. Cobbin 6, F. Tite 7, E. J. Oliver 8.

DERBY.—The Midland Counties' Association. — On Sunday, April 23rd, St. George's Day, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: J. Haynes 1, W. Poyser 2, J. Davies (conductor) 3, G. Tomlinson 4, G. Basson 5, W. Holbrook 6, J. Glew 7, F. Foster 8.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, April 23rd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: W. Davis (first quarter-peal) 1, W. H. Jones 2, F. Jones 3, J. Hopkins 4, J. Paulton 5, W. G. Ellis 6, F. Bennett 7, C. Allen 8.

BARNET.—Middlesex County Association.—On Sunday, April 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: P. Chandler 1, W. Baldwin 2, R. Roffey 3, W. Childs 4, W. Soer 5, J. Sumpter 6, C. Tricker (conductor) 7, A. New 8.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday afternoon, April 23rd (St. George's Day), 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Denman, jun., 1, T. Adams 2, H. Pierce 3, R. Bowles 4, J. Bowles 5, H. Farrell (conductor) 6; and for evening service, 720 Violet Treble Bob: W. Denman, jun., 1, F. Adams 2, H. Turrell 3, G. Lucas 4, J. Bowles 5, R. Bowles (conductor) 6.

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WELLS, SOMERSET.—Bath and Well Diocesan Association.—On Sunday, April 23rd (St. George's Day), 504 Grandsire Triples, at St. Cuthbert's Church: G. Radford 1, F. Loxton 2, E. Lush 3, W. Mills 4, A. Mills 5, J. Holloway (conductor) 6, W. Farley 7, H. Nutty 8.

SOUTHGATE. — The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—On Wednesday, April 26th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Campbell Stewart, of Norwich, to Miss Elise Fieling, of Southgate House, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: G. Bester 1, J. E. Miller 2, H. Armstrong 3, N. A. Tomlinson 4, H. Miller 5, F. G. Tegg 6, J. Armstrong (conductor) 7, R. W. Young 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples, 336 and 462 Grandsire, and 224 Bob Major, A. R. Glasscock and A. Dodson taking part.——On Sunday, April 23rd, for morning service, 448 London Surprise Major: G. Bester 1, N. A. Tomlinson 2, W. Pickworth 3, J. Armstrong 4, F. G. Tegg 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, S. Wade (conductor) 8. Also 304 Double Norwich, conducted by J. Armstrong.

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NOTICES.

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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Special ringing meetings will be held at Cransley to-morrow, May 6th, Rounds on May 13th and Northampton on May 20th.—F. Wilford, General Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, late St. James' Society (Established 1824). Members are re-requested to note that the Association meets for united practice at St. Clement Danes, Strand, every alternate Monday, at 8 p.m. Also on the second Sunday in each month, at 10 a.m. A special general meeting will be held on Saturday, May 6th.—T. H. Taffender, Hon. Sec. pro tem, 35, Crawford Street, Denmark Hill, S.E.

NOTICES (continued).

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, May 13th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at the Bull Inn, 5.30, at 9d. per head.—F. Bennett, Hon. Secretary, 3, Margaret Terrace, Hart's Lane, New Cross, S.E.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Prestwich and Whitefield on Saturday, May 13th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secretaries.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the above society will take place at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday next, May 6th. I hope all members will try and attend. Bells available from 3.30. Committee meeting, 5.30. General meeting, 6.30.—T. Riley, Hon. Secretary.

SALOP GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Church Stretton on Saturday, May 13th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at 4 p.m.—P. H. Green, honorary secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Saturday, May 20th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. W. Bickford). Bells available at 3.30. Meeting in the Parish House at 5.30 to consider proposed alteration of date of annual meeting to the Saturday after Easter. All members are urgently requested to attend.—C. T. Coles, H. C. Chandler, honorary secretaries.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, May 20th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—J. H. Bastow, branch secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, May 13th, 1911. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, branch secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place on Saturday, May 20th. 3 p.m., Longdon (5); 4 p.m., Abbots Bromley (5); 4.45 p.m., Blithfield (5); 5.45 p.m., Ingestre (6).—E. V. Cox, Hon Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Winchester District).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cheriton on Saturday, May 13th. Tichborne and Cheriton bells available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the H.H. Inn at 5.15. A special meeting will be held on Saturday, the 22nd of July, to accept the kind hospitality of the Bishop of Southampton. Further notice of this meeting will be given.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Secretary.

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Mountsorrel,	Leicestershire.
Belton,	Rutland.

ANOTHER "INJUSTICE" REMEDIED.

Ringers and others interested in bell-lore, who have access in public libraries to the new (11th) edition of the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, will be glad to find that, under the article "Bell," the subject of change ringing receives more respectful and more adequate treatment than in the corresponding article of the 9th edition. The writer of that article, the late Rev. H. R. Haweis, was never tired of proclaiming the superiority of the Belgian "Carillon" to any other system of ringing bells, and the only information that his article gives about English change ringing is a single sentence:—"Of these changes there is a great variety, spoken of technically as hunting, dodging, snapping, place-making, plain-bob, bob-triple, bob-major, bob-major-reversed, double-bob-major, grandsire-bob-cater, &c."

When about ten years ago *The Times* reprinted the 9th edition, with supplementary volumes to bring it up-to-date as a 10th edition, it was represented to the Editors that Mr. Haweis' article, which they were reprinting as it stood, was, to say the least of it, not quite adequate; and a new article headed "Campanology" supplied some of its deficiencies. In the present (11th) edition, these two articles have been recast and combined under one heading "Bell," in which the best features of Mr. Haweis' original article have been preserved, and the whole subject treated in a more up-to-date fashion, more worthy of so authoritative a publication as this great Encyclopædia. Not as many people as we could wish are anxious for information about bells and bell ringing; but those who do want it should find it reliable.

The information which is appearing in the great work of reference has been compiled by the Rev. Canon Papillon, who, as is well known, is foremost among the authorities upon bells. If memory does not fail us he was the author of that extremely interesting and practical series of articles upon church bells and bell ringing which appeared some years ago in *The Guardian*, and which were reprinted in book form, and have since been largely circulated among ringers and church authorities. Ringers know him, also, as the editor of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's book "Among the bells," and in many other ways Canon Papillon has rendered service to the Exercise, not merely in the literary side alone, but in the extension of the Art in other ways.

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John O. Sager, Solicitor, Todmorden, December 10, 1910.

Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., Bell and Brassfounders, Smethwick.

Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE R. FARDON ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM KNIGHT	6
JESSE B. TYLER	2	WILLIAM A. CAVE	7
CHARLES H. GORDON ...	3	JOHN THOMAS	8
RAYMOND J. WILKINS ...	4	JOHN A. BURFORD	9
HENRY PORCH	5	RICHARD CHAMMINGS	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM J. SMITH, and Conducted by GEORGE R. FARDON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DEPTFORD.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM JOHN RAWLINGS	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON	5
THOMAS HENRY HAWKINS...	2	ALBERT JAMES FORD ...	6
GEORGE EDWARD RAWLINGS	3	GEORGE HENRY DAYNES	7
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	4	ARTHUR PAPWORTH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Albert J. Ford, who was 21 years of age, April 26th; his brother ringers congratulating him at the end of the peal. It was his first peal with a Bob bell.

THE METROPOLIS.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES	*Treble*	GEORGE W. FAULKNER ...	5
SIDNEY F. GOWLETT ...	2	ALAN R. MACDONALD ...	6
HENRY T. GOWLETT ...	3	†ALBERT TURNER	7
HENRY S. ELLIS	4	RICHARD F. DEAL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 1, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES IN THE FIELDS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS ...	...*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	5
WILLIAM PYE	2	*ALBERT W. COLES	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	†ROBERT E. STAVART ...	7
†WILLIAM MILLER	4	ERNEST PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

† First peal in the method. * First peal of Major in the method.

CANTERBURY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT	...*Treble*	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ...	5
WILLIAM D. JAMES	2	REV. E. V. COX	6
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE ...	3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ...	7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN	4	*REV. C. CAREW COX	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

* First peal in the method, and fiftieth peal.

HYTHE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 2, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM E. PITMAN ...	...*Treble*	REV. C. CAREW COX ...	5
REV. W. S. WILLETT	2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ...	6
WILLIAM D. JAMES	3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ...	7
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE ...	4	REV. E. V. COX ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by the REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

REDDISH, STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON	...*Treble*	WILLIAM JACKSON	5
HAROLD JACKSON	2	ROBERT DAVIES	6
WILLIAM LOWERY	3	GEORGE D. WARBURTON	7
*HARRY LANGLEY	4	ALLEN S. GORDON ...	...*Tenor*

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

* First peal of Major.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 3, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qrs.

GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	...*Treble*	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE...	5
ROBERT E. STAVERT... ...	2	ALLAN R. MACDONALD ...	6
BERTRAM PREWETT	3	*ROBERT H. YOUNG	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	4	RICHARD BUCKLAND ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method with an inside bell.

BIRCHINGTON-ON-SEA, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM SPICE	...*Treble*	WILLIAM D. JAMES	5
REV. W. S. WILLETT	2	REV. C. CAREW COX ...	6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES ...	3	REV. E. V. COX	7
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE ...	4	EDWARD E. FOREMAN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

BLACKBURN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 4, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY (PARISH CHURCH),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	EMMANUEL DUTESON	5
WILLIAM BRIGGS	2	JOHN WATSON	6
FRED HINDLE	3	WILLIAM E. WILSON	7
ESAU WALMSLEY	4	JAMES ASHTON	*Tenor*

First peal of Stedman by all the band. First in the method on the bells; also the first in the method in the Blackburn Branch.

KENWYN, TRURO.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Two-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENWYN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' IRREGULAR FIVE-PART, No. 1.
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lbs., in F.

ERNEST CONRAD FRUEND	*Treble*	CHARLES RICHARD LILLEY	5
DR. JOHN F. SYMONS	2	WM. PHILLIPS TRESTAIN	6
HARRY MILLER SMEATH	3	WILLIAM HENRY SLEEMAN	7
ALBERT FRED KNIGHT	4	CHARLES HENRY SLEEMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES RICHARD LILLEY.

Dr. Symons hails from Penzance, C. R. Lilley from Caversham. The rest belong to the local company.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE BUGGS	*Treble*	*WILLIAM WOODGATE	5
*ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN	2	HARRY F. DAWKINS	6
GEORGE H. JAYE	3	WESLEY WATSON	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

WORSLEY.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

HEBER DERBYSHIRE	*Treble*	JOHN WELSBY	5
JAMES H. RIDYARD	2	FRED DERBYSHIRE	6
JOSEPH LOWE	3	PERCY DERBYSHIRE	7
*ARTHUR RIDYARD	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

EDMONTON.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt., in F.

WILBY J. HAZELL	*Treble*	GEORGE RADLEY	5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER	2	GEORGE A. CARD	6
HENRY DAINS	3	JAMES PARKER	7
JOHN H. BENSTEAD	4	GEORGE PAICE	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

Rung in honour of the Accession of King George V.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 22 lbs, in E flat.

GEORGE H. TOWELL	*Treble*	W. EDGAR HIGGS	5
SIDNEY HUDDLESTONE	2	RICHARD MOUNT	6
MISS LILLIAN A. WILLSON	3	RICHARD HENRY BARTRAM	7
WALTER JAMES	4	SIDNEY B. HIGGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

First peal on the new peal of bells which were cast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston; dedicated February 24. Rung on the first anniversary of the Accession of King George V.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*MISS MAY THOMPSON	*Treble*	FRED STANIFORTH	5
DICK ILIFFE	2	†HARRY P. SMITH	6
†ARTHUR PETTITT	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
†LOUIS E. ALLEN	4	*HARRY J. CUTLER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE (Wakefield), and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire with a Bob bell. This is the youngest band yet to ring a 5000 in the Midlands, the ages being respectively, 15, 21, 20, 21, 21, 21, 21, 19—average, 19 years 10½ months.

ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

SAMUEL WESLEY	*Treble*	CLEMENT GLENN	5
FRED COATES	2	THOMAS LEE	6
ALBERT NASH	3	GEORGE HALKSWORTH	7
TOM O'HARA	4	GEORGE LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung with the best wishes of the rest of the band to celebrate the 70th birthday of Thomas Lee on May 1st; an attempt on that date having to be abandoned owing to the gas going out.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY, CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD, AND LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL'S,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6368 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs., in F.

ISSAC SIDEBOTHAM	*Treble*	ISSAC SCHOFIELD	5
SAMUEL WOOD	2	SAMUEL BOOTH	6
JOSEPH GODDARD	3	CHARLES H. MARSLAND	7
SAMUEL STOTT	4	BENJAMIN THORPE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

The 6th ringer was proposed a member of the Chester Guild, and the treble and 3rd ringers were proposed members of the Lancashire Association before starting. The peal is a part of the 17,120.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM PYE	*Treble*	*EDWIN F. PIKE	5
JOHN J. LAMB	2	CHARLES T. COLES	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	REUBEN SANDERS	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	ALBERT W. COLES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. SEDGLEY, and Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal of Surprise.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN BLACKWELL MARTIN	*Treble*	ALFRED HENRY MARTIN	5
ALFRED EVERITT	2	HUBERT HORN	6
JAMES WARD	3	ANDERSON YORK TYLER	7
CHARLES WILLIAM CLARKE	4	HARRY PETTIT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

Alfred H. Martin's 100th peal for the above Association. It was also a birthday peal for C. W. Clarke.

STONEY-STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt., in F sharp.

DANIEL RICHARDS	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT	5
WILLIAM WILLSON, Junr.	2	THOMAS BOTTRILL	6
ALBERT MASON	3	JAMES HARRIS	7
ARTHUR R. ALDHAM	4	WILLIAM WILLSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Rung in honour of the first anniversary of the Accession of Geo. V.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN'S,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*JAMES L. WRIGHT	*Treble*	JOHN H. PAULSON	5
†THOMAS WHITE	2	†EDWIN BLACKWALL	6
HENRY GREGORY	3	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE	7
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON	4	WILLIAM TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by A. T. KING, Esq., I.S.O., and Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON (of London).

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S PEAL. Tenor 26 cwt.

*PERCIVAL J. STOKES	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. STOKES	5
REV. H. LAW JAMES	2	JOHN W. WOOD	6
*ARCHIE C. STOKES	3	*ARTHUR MACKEARS	7
JAMES OSBORN	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

* First Surprise peal. This is the first peal of Major on these bells, and it was rung on the anniversary of the King's Accession.

LOUTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 31 cwt. 7 lbs.

HAROLD RUSHBY	*Treble*	PERCY C. LONG	5
ALONZO W. LONG	2	JOHN W. SEAMER	6
W. ERNEST MEFFEN	3	JOHN E. KENNINGTON	7
CHARLES KENNINGTON	4	ARTHUR B. SHEPHERD	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

First peal on the bells. The tenor of this peal is nearly 16 cwt. heavier than the 7th.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

BEN REED	*Treble*	LIONEL SHOOBRIDGE	5
GEORGE WILLSHIRE	2	ERNEST WILSON	6
RICHARD SUTTON	3	JAMES LARKIN	7
JONATHON DOORNE	4	ALBERT GOLDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLSHIRE.

This peal was rung as a farewell to Lionel Shoobridge, who is shortly leaving for Western Australia.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two 720's of New London, two of Oxford, and three of Kent.

Tenor 18 cwt.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	*Treble*	W. R. JOHN POULSON	4
CHARLES VARO	2	ARTHUR KEEBLE	5
ARTHUR SYMONDS	3	WILLIAM STIFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. First Peal of Treble Bob Minor by all except the ringer of the third.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ONSLOW J. FOREMAN	*Treble*	GEORGE H. SPICE	4
*WILLIAM SPICE, Junr.	2	WILLIAM SPICE, Senr.	5
THOMAS JULL	3	ALBERT J. DAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

* First peal of Minor with a Bob bell. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. O. J. Foreman, who is leaving for Canada, the band wishing him prosperity.

CLENCHWARTON, NORFOLK.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 5, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-scores of Grandsires.

*WILLIAM PAINTER	*Treble*	JOHN B. HALLIFAX	3
*JOHN WELTON	2	*REV. J. P. S. HARRIS ...	4

*SAMUEL VINCENT ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN B. HALLIFAX.

* First peal. Mr. Painter was elected a member previous to starting.

SELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN DOBBS	*Treble*	ARTHUR ELLIOTT	4
THOMAS STIMPSON	2	WILSON DOBBS	5
WILLIAMSON WHARMBY ...	3	FRED WATKINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

This peal was rung on the sixth anniversary of the re-opening of the church and bells after restoration. After the peal the band was entertained to tea by the Vicar, the Rev. C. Harrison.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT C. EDWARDS ...	*Treble*	WALTER W. BONHAM ...	4
ALBERT J. GREEN	2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ...	5
EDWIN YATES	3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all. The ringers wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. R. F. Rumsey, for allowing the use of the bells for practices and to attempt the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 5, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. E. CHAPMAN, 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ALBERT V. INNS	1—2	DAVID J. NICHOLS	5—6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ...	3—4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT	7—8

Composed by F. BENNETT, and
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.
Umpire, CHARLES W. BIRD.

First peal of Bob Major rung on handbells by a local band in the county.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

My space is somewhat limited this week, and I must content myself with giving you an example of how you may practice the dodging which I explained somewhat fully in the last issue. Having studied the thing at home, you can go into the belfry and each bell can practise on the following principle, which is useful if unorthodox. Taking the treble as an example, let that bell dodge in 1—2 up, pass on to dodge in 3—4 up and then in 5—6 up. Next complete the whole pull behind and dodge successively in 5—6, 3—4 and 1—2 down and finish the whole pull at lead. Let every other bell do the same, starting of course at a different point, the 3rd in 3—4 up, the 5th in 5—6 up, the 6th in 5—6 down, the 4th in 3—4 down and the 2nd in 1—2 down. You will, of course, get repetitions in the changes, but that, for this purpose, does not matter a scrap. It will only help you to see more clearly to begin with how, after the dodge, you hunt through the bells which you had previously struck over. To enable you to understand what I mean I give you the following figures:

123456	654321
214365	563412
123456	654321
214365	563412
241635	536142
426153	351624
241635	536142
426153	351624
462513	315246
645231	132546
462513	315264
645231	132546
654321	123456

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, April 30th, at St. Mary's Church, 1316 Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: B. Ridgway 1, A. Moore 2, J. Tansey 3, W. Sharp 4, S. White 5, F. Cotton (conductor) 6, G. Thompson 7, W. Watkin 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild. — On Monday, May 1st, for practice, a plain course of Double Norwich Court Bob Caters: B. Page 1, R. Biggs 2, G. F. Williams 3, F. Hayes 4, F. Biggs 5, S. Goodchild 6, F. G. Biggs 7, R. Buckland 8, J. W. Wilkins 9, F. Gransby 10. First in the method in the diocese. Also another course: F. Biggs 2, R. Coles 4, R. Biggs 5. Also plain courses Double Norwich Major, the first in the method by A. F. Ashman and R. Coles.

MARKET HARBORO'. — On Tuesday, May 2nd, at the Parish Church, 1204 Grandsire Triples, from Parker's one-part, in 43 mins.: E. Cotton 1, J. Waterfield 2, D. Iliffe 3, J. Taylor 4, W. N. Adkinson 5, T. Smith 6, F. Staniforth (conductor) 7, W. Hector 8. Ringers of 1, 6 and 8 belong to Market Harboro', the rest to Kibworth.

BARLEY, HERTS.—The Hertfordshire Association.—On Wednesday, May 3rd, 3000 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hour 45 mins.: D. Hailes 1, H. Howard 2, R. Howard 3, A. Dillow 4, W. Mansfield (conductor) 5.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Thursday, the 4th inst., at St. Michael's Church, for practice, 504 Oxford Bob Triples: W. Rickett 1, F. Bird 2, P. Springham, jun., 3, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 4, F. Mumby 5, H. M. White 6, P. Springham, sen., 7, C. Ridgwell 8. Also a 630, in the same method, by W. Rickett 1, F. Bird 2, T. Newman 3, H. M. White 4, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 5, W. W. Tucker 6, P. Springham, sen., 7, C. Ridgwell 8.—On Sunday last, for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples, by: W. Rickett 1, F. Bird 2, P. Springham, jun., 3, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 4, F. Mumby 5, H. M. White 6, P. Springham, sen., 7, T. Newman 8.

LEWES SUSSEX. — On Sunday evening, for Divine service, at Southover Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Richardson 1, F. Sturt 2, A. Wheale 3, G. Sturt 4, A. S. Langridge 5, J. S. Goldsmith (conductor) 6, A. J. Turner 7, C. Erey 8.

LEEDS CHURCH BELLS, KENT.

FAMOUS PEAL BEING RE-HUNG.

The historical bells of Leeds are being re-hung in new steel headstocks, and the 7th and 9th re-cast, by Mr. Alfred Bowell, bell founder, of Ipswich. They consist of a ring of ten with a tenor weighing about a ton. It was on the back eight of these that the Leeds Youths, early last century, rang the full extent of Bob Major, 40,320 changes, in 27 hours.

The same firm have also the following restorations in hand :—

The four bells at East Langdon, near Dover, are to be re-hung in a steel frame and the 3rd re-cast.

At Hardwicke, Bucks, the five bells are being re-hung in a steel frame, the old treble recast and a 6th added.

At Kingsthorpe, Northampton, the five bells are being re-hung in a steel frame and a new treble added.

At Chediston, Suffolk, the peal is being augmented to six by the addition of a new treble.

At Barking, Suffolk, the old cracked ring of five are to be replaced by a new ring of six, with a tenor of 10½ cwts., hung in a steel frame.

At Silchester, Hampshire, the ring of five are to be re-hung in the newly restored wooden tower.

FALSE PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The peal of Bob Major rung at Galleywood, Essex, on April 22nd, composed by E. Mullens, and conducted by me, published in your issue of April 28th, is false. The figures of this peal appeared in July 3rd, 1909, and I do not remember them being struck out as false, but my friend, Mr. J. E. Groves, writes and sends the figures showing where it is false. I now give up all claim to the peal, apologising to the members who took part, and also to the Exercise at large in having called a false peal,—Yours truly,

HENRY F. COOPER.

Chelmsford, May 7th, 1911.

THE GOOD FRIDAY PEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Doubtless many readers were surprised to see in your peal columns the account of a peal rung at Blewbury on Good Friday. Surely, I should think, for the sake of our own good name as church bellringers we might all forego peal attempts (whether with bells muffled or not) on that one day in the year. At the present day people are only too ready to find fault with peal ringing, and it should be every ringer's aim not to give occasion for anyone to speak against us by overdoing a good thing,—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE.

Iver Heath, near Uxbridge.

CANTER TO CANTERBURY.

A little party of six, all parsons except one, set themselves down in the old cathedral town of Canterbury on Monday, May 1st, anxious to test some of the bells of East Kent after the manner of change ringers. The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore had drawn up an attractive programme, and a start was made the same evening at St. Stephen's, Hackington, a good peal of Double Norwich Major coming round in just over three hours. Tuesday morning was labelled for Hythe, and here again the bells ran home to a grand peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by the Master of the Oxford Guild. There was no time to spare for a pull at Folkestone, as practice at the cathedral was down for the evening. A tour round the building beforehand, under the learned guidance of Miss Helmore, was greatly appreciated. Ospringe on Wednesday morning brought the first disappointment, Double Norwich coming to grief close on the finish. Then on to Faversham in the afternoon, where Grandsire Triples was started for at a great speed, but this also proved a failure, so the rest of the time was devoted to practicing Superlative and Double Norwich, two plain courses of the former and a short touch of the latter being brought round. The "heavy bell man" was at this point compelled to retrace his steps from Faversham homewards to Caversham, whilst the remainder of the party returned to headquarters and spent the evening happy in the possession of handbells. The existence of a performing cat as a diversion at meal times must not be forgotten. Thursday morning began with a rush for the train, but Birchington was reached safely, and Stedman Triples came round here in fine style, well under the three hours. Quex Park, the rendezvous for the afternoon, and the last item on the programme, was marked out for a peal of Stedman Caters. A knowledge of the railway company's time table, however, blighted somewhat the work in hand, and two hours' ringing was the utmost that could be achieved. Three peals out of six attempts; nevertheless plenty of enjoyment, and a great deal that was new and interesting to occupy the time during the four days. The thanks of the visitors are recorded to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore for all his excellent arrangements, and to those "men of Kent" who took part in the ringing at the various places.—C. C. C.

THIRSK.—On Sunday last, at St. Mary's Church, with the bells muffled, in memory of Bishop Camidge, 490 Grandsire Triples: H. Brown, jun., 1, H. Brown, sen., 2, J. Stott 3, J. W. Neesam 4, J. Watson 5, G. Neesam 6, R. B. Brown (conduotor) 7, R. E. Neesam 8. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, conducted by J. W. Neesam.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday last, at St. Matthew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: A. Adams 1, W. Hawkswood 2, E. T. Smith 3, G. Peate 4, W. R. Hughes 5, G. Smith 6, T. J. Elton (conductor) 7, H. W. Cattell 8.

TENTERDEN.—The Kent County Association. — On Sunday, for evening service, 1008 Stedman Triples: W. Spice 1, J. W. Unwin 2, F. G. Burden 3, C. Tribe 4, W. H. Lambert 5, E. C. Lambert 6, R. Edwards (conductor) 7, A. R. Snelling 8.

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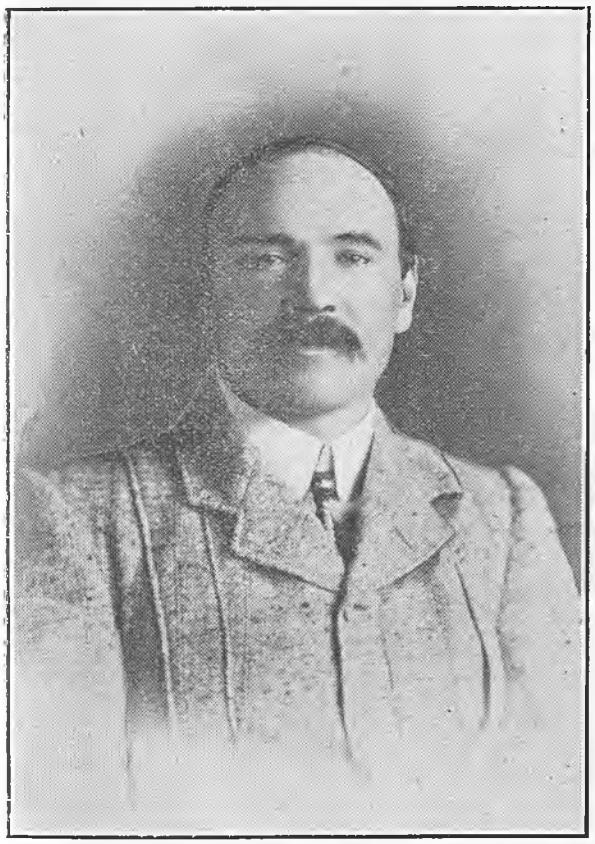
OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

The Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Among the provincial ringing societies the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, operating in, probably, the most rural of all the English counties, cannot claim to have made the progress which some other associations, more fortunately placed in some respects, particularly in regard to facilities for intercommunication, have been able to make. Established in 1882, it is, however, steadily extending the Art in the district which it covers, and at its head it has a gentleman who has done and is doing much to promote its interests throughout the large diocese.



Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart.

Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, who is Master of the guild, began his association with bell ringing when a chorister at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Torquay, in 1887, when he used to toll the bell for the afternoon service. Later he learnt to ring a bell at his own parish church, at Hampreston, and later, on going to reside at Bournemouth, came in touch with the St. Peter's Society in that town. With their kindly aid he mastered the mysteries of Grandsire Triples, eventually scoring his first peal in this method in 1894 at Christchurch Priory, under the conductorship of Mr. George Preston. He proceeded to learn Stedman with the Christchurch band, but it was not until 1902 that he rang his first peal in this method. That was on the occasion of a visit of Messrs. G. Williams and F. Bennett (then associated with the famous Brighton band) and the peal, in which five of the ringers scored their first peal of Stedman, was rung at Ringwood. In 1904 and again later Mr. Stewart entertained the late lamented master of the Oxford Guild (the Rev. F. E. Robinson), who conducted peals of Stedman at Christ Church, Swanage, Dorchester, Lymington and Bournemouth. In 1909, in co-operation with Mr. George Williams, he organised a successful tour in Dorset, when nine peals were scored in eight days' ringing, including the first of London, Cambridge, Superlative and Double Norwich in the county, and the first of Superlative in Somersetshire. But among his performances Mr. Stewart cherishes most the peal of Grandsire Triples at Sherborne Abbey, the first on the bells, and a peal of Superlative at Lewisham.

Mr. Stewart, who was for some time hon. secretary of the East Dorset branch of the guild, succeeded Captain Ackland, first as a member of the Central Council, and then, twelve months ago, as Master of the guild. He was recently engaged with Mr. W. W. Gifford and the authorities in having the peal at Wimborne Minster thoroughly overhauled, and he is assisting with other work of a similar character at Sturminster Marshall, and Holwell (near Sherborne). Mr. Stewart has not got a big record of peals. He met with exceptional difficulties, owing to isolation and indifferent tuition, in the early stages—more than enough to completely discourage any but the most enthusiastic. But the Master of the Salisbury Guild is not one who make troubles of trifles, and indomitable perseverance has enabled him to rise to the ranks of a Surprise Method ringer. With all his enthusiasm, however, Mr. Stewart is one of those who is opposed to peal ringing in the ordinary way. He holds the opinion that 5000's are too lengthy, except in special cases, and believes that the practice of peal ringing creates much ill-will towards the Art from many people residing at close quarters. His ambition is to see the Salisbury Diocesan Guild permanently established among the leading ringing Associations. With such able officers as the Guild has at the present time the realisation of this desire, one may readily believe, may with some amount of confidence be anticipated. Mr. Stewart is looking forward to this achievement, and he has a deep appreciation of the work which is being done throughout the country by the ringing clergy, to whom the great advance of change ringing generally is very largely due.

In addition to his love for the bells Mr. Stewart is a man of diversified hobbies. In his younger days he was a keen footballer, having had the honour of representing Hampshire on the field on several occasions. He is also a devotee of lawn tennis, yachting and motor cycling, and a run up to London from Wimborne (over 100 miles) before breakfast is a trip which he thinks little of. A member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the Winchester and Devonshire Guilds, the Gloucester and Bristol, the Middlesex County and the Norwich Diocesan Associations, for all of whom he has rung peals, Mr. Stewart has scored 65 peals in 31 different towers in nine counties. All have been rung on working bells in the following methods:—

Grandsire Triples	10
Grandsire Caters	1
Stedman Triples	32
Stedman Caters	2
Bob Major	2
Bob Minor	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	6
Double Norwich Major	9
Superlative Surprise Major	2
Total	65

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

It is proposed to rehang and add to the number of the bells of Slymbridge Church, Gloucestershire, as a memorial to William Tyndale, one of the first translators into English of the New Testament, who was born in the parish in 1484.

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Mr. A. Symonds, of Lavenham, Suffolk, would be glad if Mr. P. O. Laflin would send him his address.

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The peal of 7200 of Minor at Frodsham, recorded last week, consisted of the extent of the "legitimate" plain Minor "bob" methods, excluding the two possible reverses (Reverse Hereward and Reverse Plain). The methods are numbered 10, 9, 8, 11, 7, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 in the C.C. collection. Nos. 10 and 8 were rung at Frodsham on October 1st, 1910, by the same band, and were called Frodsham and St. Lawrence, in case they had not already been named. Stepney is so called in Annable's note book. No. 5 has already been named Hereward. No. 6 is the reverse of No. 5, although in the preface it is stated that the reverses are omitted. The methods, as named in the peal, were: Frodsham Bob, Stedman's Slow Course Bob, St. Lawrence Bob, Stepney Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Hereward Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

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Would any members of the Exercise kindly express their opinion as to the advisability or otherwise of fixing angle brackets from the top of an H frame to the tower walls? An enquirer would be grateful for any information on this matter, and communications sent to the editor will be forwarded to the proper quarter.

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The Rev. H. Law James writes complaining of the inaccuracy of the statement contained in the report of the Lincoln Association meeting with reference to a statement he made on the subject of Cambridge Maximus. He says: "At the Central Council meeting at Manchester last year I made a statement about twelve bell ringing. When the report of the meeting appeared in print it was apparent that either the reporter or I had made a slip, as the statement printed was not only not what I intended, but obviously so absurd that it was not worth correcting. However, some people seem to have believed that I made the statement, and last Saturday week at Lincoln I was asked for an explanation, which I gave, and now I write to express my astonishment that in the report of the meeting in this week's *Ringing World* I am actually represented to have said that ringing Cambridge Maximus is as easy as call changes, and to have tried to prove this absurdity to the ringers present."

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We are, of course, sorry that Mr. James should have been misreported, but we had perforce to rely upon the kindness of a correspondent to supply us with the report, and, as it came from a reliable source, we not unnaturally accepted it as authentic.

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Many and often curious are the ways in which peals are lost. A smash up, a shift course or a broken rope are occurrences with which every peal ringer meets. At Rotherham the other day the band met with an equally effective quietus when attempting a peal of Stedman. The gas went out and—well, there was the end of it. But the peal has since been rung, and we congratulate Mr. Lee upon scoring Stedman Triples for his 70th birthday.

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Not a hundred miles from Brighton there was a "gas" incident last Sunday evening. After ringing for service the steeplekeeper absent-mindedly turned off the gas at the meter, and extinguished all the lights in the church.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

THRAPSTONE, NORTHANTS.—Central Northants Association.—On Thursday, April 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: J. Nickerson 1, D. Redhead 2, L. Wyman 3, F. Arnold 4, T. Jervis 5, J. Coleman 6, R. Loveday (longest length with a Bob bell) 7, A. Arnold 8. Also 1008 and 546 in the same method. These touches were rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Nora Gainer, of Thrapstone, and Mr. Joseph George Turner, of London, which took place at Thrapstone on that day.—On Sunday afternoon, previous to an organ recital, 546 and 168 Grandsire Triples, by the same ringers. All the touches were conducted by J. Nickerson.

CALVERTON, BUCKS. — On Saturday, April 22nd, at the Parish Church, for practice, 960 of Treble Bob Minor, being 240 each of College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Violet: H. C. Edwards 1, A. J. Green 2, E. Yates 3, W. W. Bonham 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, C. A. Valentine (conductor) 6. Also 720 of Woodbine, conducted by E. Yates.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.: S. Grove 1, G. W. Tilley 2, E. Grier 3, H. Grosvenor (conductor) 4, T. Gibbs 5, G. Hitchman 6, G. Hyland 7, W. H. Grosvenor 8.

LONDON.—The London County Association.—On Sunday, April 23rd, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks' Variation), in 47 mins.: H. W. Hibbert 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, C. H. Hughes 3, J. Milner 4, H. T. Gowlett 5, F. J. Hardy 6, W. H. Taffender 7, A. Hines 8. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Tuesday, April 25th, for practice, at Christ Church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor: A Broadbridge 1, R. Grimwood 2, R. Rapson 3, B. Morris 4, A. Miller 5, J. A. Lambert (conductor) 6. Also 306 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by W. Passmore.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Tuesday, April 25th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: L. Porter 1, G. Kilby 2, G. Chalkley 3, T. Langdon 4, A. Hill 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, April 30th, 720 College Bob IV. and 720 Old Oxford Modernised, conducted by T. Langdon. Also 720 Double Oxford, with E. Dane 1, conducted by H. Kilby.

DAGENHAM.—The Essex Association.—On Sunday last, for Divine service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: E. Butler 1, E. Hawkins 2, A. Playle 3, R. Miles 4, G. Playle (conductor) 5, F. Freestone 6. F. Freestone's first 720 of Surprise away from the treble.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday last, for Divine service, at St. Bartholomew's Church, 1036 Grandsire Triples, with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. John Midgley, who for nearly 40 years was secretary of the Sunday School: R. Foulds (conductor) 1, E. P. Foulds 2, E. Mallinson 3, A. Brooks 4, H. Foulds 5, W. H. Harrison 6, W. Mallinson 7, W. Heaton 8.

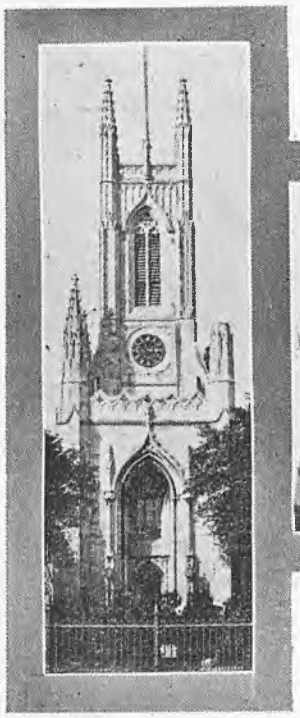
WOLVERHAMPTON. — On Sunday evening last, at St. Luke's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: C. Bailey 1, B. V. Smith 2, D. Jones 3, A. Jones 4, C. Claybrook 5, W. Lawley 6, A. Fallon (conductor) 7, A. Everson 8.

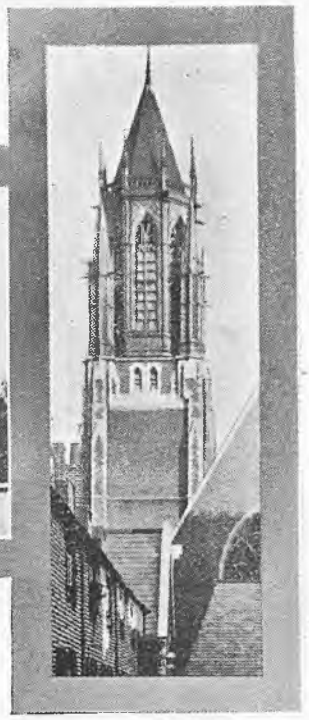
WALTHAMSTOW.—On Sunday last, at St. Saviour's Church, for Divine service, and as a welcome home to F. J. Rumens, of Chicago, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: W. J. Cooper 1, F. W. Butler 2, E. D. Lillywhite 3, H. Rumens 4, G. W. Cooper 5, F. J. Rumens 6, W. J. E. Jones (conductor) 7, O. L. Twist 8.

BOLTON, LANCS.—On Sunday last, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. Ince 1, G. Pincott 2, W. Thornley 3, T. Bleakley 4, J. Makin 5, P. Nuttall 6, W. Pennington (conductor) 7, P. Crook 8.

BATH.—The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—On Thursday, May 4th, at St. Saviour's Church, Larkhall, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: F. C. Rich 1, E. Alexander 2, T. Hogsflesh 3, A. Alexander 4, J. Taylor 5, W. J. Prescott 6, C. W. Bell (conductor) 7, L. Smith 8. Rung as a farewell compliment to Mr. S. Fussell, a member of the company, who is sailing on Saturday for Canada, the ringers wishing him success in his new home.

BRIGHTON'S BELFRIES.





ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH.
Ten Bells. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.
Eight Bells. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.
Eight Bells. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting at Brighton.

"THE RINGING WORLD" SPECIAL REPORT

Brighton, known to the general public by various designations, "The Queen of Watering Places," "London by the Sea," and such like titles, but more particularly to ringers as the home of much original Surprise method ringing, was the venue this year of the annual meeting of the Sussex Association. Once upon a time these gatherings were always held at Brighton, but in late years it has become a "movable feast," although, from the geographical nature of the county, the change of meeting place has not resulted in unalloyed success. But in 1911 it was Brighton's turn, and the gathering was unquestionably a representative one. Saturday was a perfect spring day, and the attractions of the great seaside resort were divided between ringing and the finish of a great aeroplane race. Even to ringers, the unfamiliar sport of aviation has an unquestionable attraction, and those who came to transact the business of the Association joined the throng who gazed skyward for the coming of the airmen.

THE HOME OF SURPRISE RINGING IN SUSSEX.

St. Peter's, the Parish Church, was the rendezvous of the ringing visitors in the morning. That well-appointed belfry, whose walls bear records of scores of performances, has been the cradle of Surprise ringing in the county, and the pioneers of methods, outside the standardised systems, practised here. The first peals ever rung of Champion, Oxford, Norfolk and Westminster Surprise were accomplished on these bells, as well as the first peals of Superlative, Cambridge and London, in the county of Sussex. The pity is that the bells, with a tenor of 10½ cwts., are so poor, and by no means an adequate complement to the parish church of such an important county borough. But the bells were the attraction on Saturday morning, and occupied the visitors until the annual dinner at the Unicorn Inn. At this function, the Bishop of Chichester, who is president of the Association, occupied the chair, and was supported by the Mayor of Brighton (Ald. Stanford), the Rev. H. Hordern (Vicar of St. Nicholas'), the Rev. S. F. Borrow (Christ Church, St. Leonard's), Mr. F. B. Tompkins (the master), Mr. G. Watson (hon. sec.), etc. Representatives were present from St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and St. Paul's, Brighton; Rotherfield; St. Leonard's and Blacklands, Hastings; Christ Church and All Saints', Eastbourne; Rotherfield, Hurstpierpoint, Aldrington, Horley, West Tarring, Crawley, Steyning, Shipley, Cuckfield, Heene, Angmering, Warnham, Lingfield, Seaford, Lewes, East Grinstead, Slinfold, Shoreham, etc. Altogether there were about 90 members present, and after dinner the loyal toast was honoured.

The Mayor of Brighton proposed the toast of "The Church," and said that ringers served both the Church and the State. They were officers of the church, and at the same time were maintaining in the ancient parishes the old custom of bell ringing. As Mayor of Brighton, he was pleased to welcome the visitors to the town.

The Bishop of Chichester replied to the toast in a speech appreciative of the ringers' work in the churches, and said that as long as they chose to elect him as president, he hoped to be a useful as well as an ornamental occupant of the office. In felicitous terms he then proposed the health of the Mayor, who briefly responded.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

After this, the business of the meeting was proceeded with, a number of new members, including the Rev. H. Hordern, the Rev. Armstrong (Blacklands), and the Rev. W. C. Streatfeild (hon. members), and the whole of the Rodmell band (12) were elected.

The Master proposed the re-election of the Bishop as president, and thanked him for the interest he had shown in the Association. By his example, he had set before the officers an extremely high ideal, which they had to do their level best to keep up with.—The Hon. Secretary seconded, and the motion was carried by acclamation; the Bishop, in responding, saying that the welcome he received from the bells in the parishes he visited was the pleasantest sound he knew.—The vice-presidents were re-elected, with the addition of the Vicar of Eastbourne and the Vicar of Blacklands, and the Master was also re-elected. In acknowledging the compliment, Mr. Tompkins congratulated the Association upon a successful year, both financially and campanologically, but he would like to see more members taking part in the peals.

Mr. R. C. Ford was re-elected treasurer; Mr. G. Watson, hon secretary; and the following were re-appointed divisional hon. secs.: Messrs. G. Howse, Eastern; R. J. Dawe, Central; H. Evans, Western. There were several changes in the committee, some of the old members, in response to an appeal by Mr. K. Hart, retiring to make room for new blood. The appointments were as follows: Eastern, Messrs. F. Locke, G. Penfold and W. Franks; Central, A. D. Stone, A. Gravett and O. Sippetts; Western, H. Hills, Bristow and B. Bassett. The Committee of Advice was re-elected.

By only 33 votes to 32, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Brighton instead of Eastbourne.

THE REPORT.

The annual report, which was adopted, congratulated the members upon the improved financial position of the Association—the receipts

being slightly in excess of those of the previous year, and the amount expended considerably less. This economy was partly effected by diminishing the number of divisional meetings—a course of action which it was hoped it might not again be necessary to adopt. Seven of these meetings had been held this year, and again the thanks of all the members were due to those clergy who so readily welcomed the visiting ringers to their towers, and especially to those who entertained them so hospitably. Not only had the number of peals rung increased (90 having been rung), but the average number of points per peal was also greater. To a very limited number of members, however, the credit of ringing peals in the more advanced methods was due, so that until more of the bands practised these higher methods and were able to ring them for the Sunday services, it could scarcely be said that the art of change ringing was making satisfactory progress among them. St. Peter's, Brighton, band again headed the list of towers competing for the challenge bell. To Mr. Penfold, for his painstaking work in preparing the list of peals rung, and allotting the points to the various towers, the other members of the committee had already passed a vote of thanks, feeling sure that their action would be endorsed by all the members of the Association. Mr. Franks had given instruction to the Iden and Bexhill branches. Two new towers, Aldrington and Chiddingly had joined the Association during the year. The Beckley bells have been re-hung (two having been re-cast) by Mr. Bowell, of Ipswich, and to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank was entrusted the work of providing a ring of six bells at Keymer. In addition, the tenor bell at Christ Church, St. Leonard's, had been re-hung (with a new iron headstock, etc.), by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. In conclusion, the members of the committee desired to express their great appreciation of the fact that in the president—the Lord Bishop of the Diocese—they had not a mere ornamental figure-head, but one who, notwithstanding the many calls upon his time, was pleased to come among the members at their annual gatherings, and take the keenest interest in the welfare of the Association.

The financial statement showed an increased balance in hand, £33 5s. 5d., compared with £16 15s. 8d.

It was decided that in future all notices of the Association should be inserted in "The Ringing World," and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Bishop for presiding.

Afterwards a choral service was held in St. Nicholas' Church, conducted by the Rev. H. Hordern, the Bishop of Lewes preaching the sermon from the words on the great bell at St. Paul's Cathedral: "Woe unto me if I preach not the Gospel." He drew some practical lessons from the words for the ringers.

In the evening St. Nicholas' ten bells were also open to the visitors, various methods up to Stedman Caters and Superlative Major being rung. St. Nicholas' bells are an excellent peal, the back eight (tenor 16¾ cwts.) being by Thomas Rudhall, and dated 1777. St. Paul's, a picture of which is also given on page 123, is the other tower in the town, containing eight bells, but these were not open on Saturday.

THE SALISBURY GUILD.

FESTIVAL AT BRIDPORT.

Church bell ringing in Dorset, where there is an awakening interest, received additional impetus on Thursday week, when the annual festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Bridport. There was a service in the grand old Parish Church, at which the Rector (the Rev. Canon Farrer) gave an address from the words: "Use them for the calling of the Assembly," Numbers x., 2. Luncheon at the Town Hall followed, the visitors being the guests of the local branches, which, under the energetic guidance of Mr. T. H. Beams, have now become an important part of the Guild. Mr. Beams acted as local secretary for the festival, and carried out the main part of the work of organisation, and raised the fund for the entertainment of the visitors. The Mayor of Bridport presided, and amongst the company present were the Rev. Canon Farrer, the Revs. J. Pulliblank, C. F. Langford (Bradpole), C. A. Phillips (Bournemouth), F. Llewellyn Edwards (Kington Magna), J. L. Jenkins (Leigh), C. Wood (Coombe Bissett), W. P. Schuster, hon. secretary of the Guild (West Lulworth), F. H. Noon (Netherbury), and E. T. Butler (Okeford Fitzpaine), Mr. Martin Stewart (Master of the Guild), Mr. A. M. Broadley, Mr. A. Whetham, Mr. T. H. Beams, etc. The towers represented by the 107 members present, were Sturminster, Newton, Netherbury, Shillingstone, Dorchester, Lulworth, Coombe Bissett, Bradpole, Bridport, Donhead St. Mary, Mere, Templecombe, Beaminster, Okeford Fitzpaine, Wyke Regis, Wool, Kington Magna, Bournemouth, Shipton George, Litton Cheney, Salisbury, Leigh, etc.

A BOLD FRONT DESIRED.

The Mayor, in proposing "The King," said it did one's heart good to see so many churchworkers drawn together in these days of peril, when the Government hardly knew what they were going to do to bring about what they so desired, the disestablishment and disendowment of the church in Wales, to be followed, if they could have their way, with disestablishment and disendowment of the church here. He was glad to see present so many young men who were really good churchmen, and he hoped all the different guilds would join together and show a bold front to the foe, determined to maintain the rights of their church (applause).

The toast was enthusiastically honoured, and Mr. A. Whetham then proposed "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese."

Canon Farrer, who was received with applause, said it was a very great pleasure to him to welcome the ringers of the diocese to that part of Dorset, and especially to the parish of Bridport. He believed it was quite unique in the history of the town to be allowed to welcome the diocesan guild as they were doing that day, and they were proud of it (hear, hear). He always felt there was no work deserving a greater praise than the work of the bellringers. It was unselfish work and work that was unseen. Most people were ready to work when they appeared in public, but the work of the bellringers was done to the honour and glory of God, and no one saw it (hear, hear).

WESSEX AND CHURCH BELLS.

Mr. A. M. Broadley next proposed "Prosperity to the Diocesan Guild of Ringers." He ventured to think there must be something very invigorating in bell ringing, for the Diocesan Guild of the Salisbury Diocese had at its head no less a person than Earl Nelson, a descendant and representative of the great hero of Trafalgar (applause). He was not aware whether he (the Earl) was a practical bellringer, but no man ever raised so much bell ringing as did his distinguished ancestor (applause). A good many bells were cracked on the occasion of the victory of the Nile, and one remained cracked for nearly 20 years until repaired to ring for the victory of Waterloo. The interest in bell ringing was great all over the country, but there were certain circumstances which rendered it especially great in that Wonderful Wessex to which they all belonged. Was it not in Bristol that Queen Elizabeth chartered the first society or association of bell ringers, now the Society of St. Stephens, flourishing at the present day, though older than the London Society of College Youths founded in the 17th century? Was it not in Wessex that ten long centuries ago St. Dunstan of Glastonbury propagated the love of bells and erected them at Canterbury, Abingdon, and elsewhere? Was it not in the West that they had a mighty peal at Exeter, the heaviest rung? Was it not in Wessex that they had the great bell of Sherborne and various other bells of which they were justly proud? (applause). They would all agree with him that there was nothing in any part of the church or church services that had entered during the course of ten centuries so much into the public life, the parochial life, the municipal life, and the ecclesiastical life of this country as the bell ringing which they all propagated for the love of their country, and the love of God (applause). They could not, therefore, over-estimate the great good that was being done by this Diocesan Guild in encouraging bell ringing. Bands in separate towers were weak, but consolidated into a Diocesan Guild they were strong and powerful for good (applause). Bridport was proud to welcome the members of the Diocesan Guild, and although they regretted the absence of Earl Nelson they were glad to have with them Mr. Martin Stewart, the Master of the Diocesan Guild.

LEEWAY TO MAKE UP.

The Master said he could not adequately express their gratitude to all for the way in which they had been received. When it was first mooted that Bridport should be the place for their annual meeting he had some misgivings, situated as it was at a distant corner of the diocese, and he thought, therefore, it might not be the most attractive centre. Of course, he knew they were sure of a warm welcome, and when Mr. Beams got on the war path it was at once clear that they would meet with success. They were now all overjoyed in thinking the meeting had been such a great success, due entirely to the very hearty and cordial way in which their Bridport friends had received them (applause). They as a Guild had set out for the advancement of ringing generally, and they were being fairly successful for things in this and in other Guilds were in a much different condition to what they were a few years ago, and ringers must keep the position they were entitled to. Still, they had a great deal of leeway to make up in their Guild to get on a level with leading Guilds. One of their difficulties was of a territorial nature, and they had not the number of towers giving access one to the other which they would like to see. Still, they were making headway, and with their excellent officers there was reason for encouragement as to the future (applause).

The Rev. W. P. Schuster said it was with the very greatest pleasure that he added words of thanks to those of the Master and others. He had no report to bring before them, so that he would not trouble them with any business statement. It had done him good to come to Bridport, and see 107 members out of the 436 in the Guild (applause).

Mr. T. H. Beams then said he wished to thank all who had in any way contributed to the success of the meeting that day. First of all, he wished to thank the Mayor for lending them the Town Hall. Then he wanted to thank the Rector for the hearty and appropriate service in the parish church, and with Canon Farrer he wished to associate the other clergy who took part, together with Mr. Albert Stone, who presided at the organ. He also desired to thank all who had so liberally subscribed to meet the expenses of that day, by which means he had been able to arrange for the free luncheon they had just enjoyed (loud applause).

The Rev. C. F. Langford responded, and the Rev. F. Le Edwards then proposed "The Chairman," thanking the Mayor for presiding.

The toast was received with musical honours, and the Mayor suitably replied.

The Rev. C. A. Phillips proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Beams for all the work he had done, not only in arranging for that festival, but for ringing in the district (applause).—Mr. Beams replied.

After lunch, the peals of eight at Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport and Dorchester, the peals of six at Broadwindsor, Litton Cheney, Loders, Maiden Newton and Netherby, and the five at Symondsbury were available for ringing, and were utilised for the rest of the day.

THE DEVIZES BRANCH.

The Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers held their usual monthly meeting at Upavon, Wilts, on Saturday afternoon, when no less than 35 ringers assembled, among whom were the Rev. J. H. Burn, Rector of Great Cheverell (chairman), and Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes (secretary of the branch), together with the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, of Beechingstoke, and ringers from St. John's and S. Mary's, Devizes; St. James', Southbroom: Potterne; Upavon, Beechingstoke, Chirton, and Great Cheverell.—Through the courtesy of the Vicars of Enford and Fittleton, the party visited those churches also, and some good change ringing was indulged in at the three towers. The whole party were most generously supplied with a substantial tea by the Vicar of Upavon, in the schoolroom, and his kindness was thoroughly appreciated by all, hearty thanks being accorded to the Vicar at the close of the meeting. The bells were kept going from 3 o'clock to 8 p.m., and an enjoyable time was spent. The Devizes party made the journey of 14 miles in a pair-horse brake, supplied from the Bear Hotel, and many from the various villages rode their bicycles.

CHESTER-LE-STREET GUILD'S SUPPER.

On Tuesday evening of last week, the members of the Chester-le-Street Guild of the Durham and Newcastle Association held their tenth annual supper (kindly provided by church friends). Meeting at the belfry of the old Parish Church, at 6 p.m., ringing was indulged in freely, several touches of Major being conducted by Mr. E. Ferry, of Newcastle. After an hour with the bells, an adjournment was made to the Bridge End Hotel, where ample justice was done to the good things provided by that genial hostess, Mrs. Oliver, who knows how to cater for bellringers. The Rector (the Rev. A. B. De Moleyns) presided over a good muster of ringers, and was supported by the President of the Association (Mr. C. L. Routledge) and Mr. E. Ferry.—After the loyal toast, Mr. G. Siddle proposed the toast of "The Bishops and Clergy," and this was replied to by the chairman.

Mr. W. Sheraton submitted "Our Visitors," and in doing so recalled the time, some 26 years ago, when their friend Mr. C. L. Routledge and the late Mr. Lees used to walk from Newcastle (eight miles) and sometimes back again, to lend a helping hand to the Chester-le-Street band.—Messrs. Routledge and Ferry replying to the toast, dwelt at some length on the work of the Association and the help which was readily given by the clergy.

Songs were rendered by the following: Messrs. C. L. Routledge, J. Robinson, G. Siddle, E. Ferry, T. Edmondson, F. Watson, J. Anderson, J. Crawford, N. Ward; and duets by Messrs. W. Brown and G. Siddle. Mr. J. Young, organist of the Parish Church, played the accompaniments in his usual able manner. With the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" a most pleasant evening was brought to a close.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Retford on Saturday. The chair was taken by the Rev. Canon Gray, who was supported by the Rev. B. Darley (hon. secretary), the Rev. R. D. Foster, and the Rev. C. Leeper. The report and balance sheet for 1910 were read and passed. The next quarterly meeting was fixed for July 8th, at Blyth. Seven new resident members were elected, and two non-resident life members, including Miss Steel, of Bedfordshire, the first lady to join the Association.—Votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

Divine service was held at West Retford Church, the sermon being preached by the Rev. G. J. D'Arcy, Vicar of Worksop. Members and friends to the number of about 50 then adjourned to Howard's Restaurant, where an excellent tea was provided. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at East Retford (10), West Retford (6), and Ordsall (6), the methods rung including Stedman Caters and Triples, Grandsire Caters and Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Violet, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob Minor. Miss Steel rang the treble to 270 Grandsire Caters in a very capable manner, this being her first attempt on ten bells. Ringers were present from Auston, Harthill, Worksop, Blyth, East and West Retford, Ordsall, East Markham, Gainsborough, Doncaster, West Stockwith, Laughterton, Wolverhampton, Rotherham, etc., and a very successful and enjoyable meeting was held.

THE FOUR SHIRES' GUILD.

The first annual meeting of the Four Shires' Guild was held at Todenham, near Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire. In the afternoon there were competitions for raising and sinking the bells, round ringing, call changes and method ringing, in which four teams took part, viz., Blockley, Campden, Longborough and Shipston, the Todenham team being debarred from entering the competitions on their own bells. Shipston were the winners.

A short service was held in the church, at which 46 members were present, and Canon Houghton gave an appropriate address. Tea was afterwards partaken of at the Farriers' Arms, and subsequently the business was transacted, those present including the Revs. Spencer Jones (Moreton), Drew (Todenham), Stoneman (Longborough), and Lloyd (Shipston). All the officers were unanimously re-elected: Canon Houghton, president; Mr. W. Large, secretary; and Mr. A. Case, treasurer. The certificates to the winning teams at the last meeting were presented, and at the kind invitation of the Vicar, Shipston was fixed as the place for the next meeting on October 26th. After the meeting there was further ringing, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor being brought round.

A MEETING AT RANMOOR.

The annual meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held on Saturday last, at Ranmoor, 50 ringers attending from Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Barnsley, Killamarsh, North Wingfield, Slaveby, Penistone, Hoyland Swane, Sheffield Parish Church, Norton, Dore and Gainsborough, together with the local company. Ringing commenced at 3.30, and the bells were kept merrily going until 8.15, to the tune of London Surprise, Superlative, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, College Single, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, and Bob Major. A free tea was generously provided, at which 50 sat down. Following the committee meeting the general meeting was held, the President (Mr. J. Flint) being in the chair, supported by the vice-president (Mr. J. Taulton). The balance sheet was passed as satisfactory.

Mr. J. Flint was again elected president, with Mr. J. P. Taulton and G. Halksworth, vice-presidents; Mr. D. Brearley was re-elected treasurer; Mr. J. E. L. Cockey was elected secretary, with Mr. T. Riley, assistant secretary. Notice was given of addition of rules for next year.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to the local company and the ladies who had so generously catered for the meeting. Afterwards the tower was again visited, and all expressed the opinion that this was one of the most enjoyable meetings the society has held.

Doncaster were the winners of the Sunday Service Competition Cup, with 95.3 per cent., Ranmoor being second.

MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED AT ERDINGTON.

An interesting ceremony took place on Saturday week, at Erdington Parish Church, when, in the presence of the clergy, churchwardens, sidesmen and bell ringers, Mr. Newdigate, the M.P. for the Division, unveiled a memorial tablet, which has been erected in the belfry to commemorate the ringing of two peals of Grandsire Triples, in memory of Miss Mary Proctor Ryland, and of Mr. Thomas Ryland, of the Redlands, Erdington, the latter of whom gave the bells in memory of his daughter. The proceedings began with a touch of Stedman on the bells, and the Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Swindell) welcomed Mr. Newdigate to the belfry. When he (the Vicar) came to the parish they had one solitary bell, and in 1890 he was the means of introducing a peal of tribular bells, which served them well for 14 years. In 1904 Mr. Ryland asked him if he would like a peal of bells for the Parish Church in memory of Miss Ryland, and he at once said "yes." The order for the bells was promptly given, and with several others he went to Loughborough to see the bell cast. In that parish they recognised that consecrated bells were instruments of God's praise, and helped to turn people's thoughts to higher and better things, and to raise their hearts to God and heaven.

Mr. J. Preston (secretary of the ringers) explained the object of the gathering, and Mr. Newdigate unveiled the tablet, which recorded a peal of Grandsire Triples on November 6th, 1909, to the memory of Miss Ryland, and the other rung on March 4th, 1911, to the memory of Mr. Ryland, who died on March 1st, 1905. The two peals are in the central panel of the board, which extends the whole width of the tower, and the six other panels are reserved for future records.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Newdigate was carried, on the motion of Mr. G. H. Mashin, seconded by Mr. E. J. Houlston (the churchwardens), who afterwards entertained the company to tea at the Acorn Hotel, and were cordially thanked for their generous hospitality.

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TIMELY TOPICS.

By Will Willson.

The gambling at "Lloyds" is taking a novel shape. Insuring against the "risks" of His Majesty not being crowned upon the day appointed is, of course, a familiar procedure, but premiums and prices against the Chancellor of the Exchequer becoming Prime Minister within a year is somewhat peculiar, to say the least. A certain weekly journal is also commencing an "insurance" scheme for enabling you (or themselves) to win money during the holiday season. You plank down your premium, and you are insured against wet weather while you stay at the seaside. For instance, if it rains while you are asleep, but is fine all day, you win your "insurance money" and your stake—or "premium." It sounds much nicer to say "insurance," but we all know what it means.

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In this connection we may reasonably ask: "What is the matter with our own particular prophet?" This is a business in which William J. Sevier ought to prosper, for if he has studied the stars of late he is sure to know something. Old Moore has to be taken with a handful of salt, but not so W.J.S. The bells he has longed for, and which he means to get by his prophecies, can now be put in hand, for when you run up against an astrologer it's a case of "heads he wins and tails you lose." William J. has the chance of a lifetime. Go for the bookies—I mean the "insurance" schemers—and pick 'em clean. It's no good being an astrologer and a composer to boot, unless you make use of your talent. Moreover, it's all for a good cause, and you cannot be too sevier.

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There have been "ructions" in the "House" lately, because certain members cannot catch the Speaker's eye. They complain that opportunity is not offered fair and square to enable them to "rise" to the occasion. Possibly my ringing readers may have experienced something of a similar kind, but as this journal has neither fear nor favour, perhaps it will be the better plan to wipe off some arrears :—

On the seas of life's ambition, many a weary brother man
Sinks for want of recognition. Let us help them when we can.
Many a ringer has deserted from the ranks, and this is why;
He had failed, it is asserted, to attract the Speaker's eye.

In our ringing ranks are many whose bold deeds for honour call.
Justice now for each and any "even tho' the heavens fall."
To men who long were far too modest (just like me) your scribe will try
And apportion praise and merit. They shall catch the Speaker's eye.

Note the Guildford band of Stedman famous feats of handbell zeal.
Willshire, *Smithers*, and the headman *Pulling Garfarth* through the peal.
William Watts of Stansted, Essex, *Samuel Grove* who hails from Brum,
Charles F. Bailey always gaily; here are men who make things hum.
William Wheeldon, Bucknall, Stafford, he can *Twigg* the *Minor's* hopes.
While a *Laurence* follows Washbrook double-handed on the ropes.
Harry Flanders, *Reuben Sanders*, *James E. Davis*, staunch and true.
Strange, *a German*, *French*, and *English*; all have rung at *Waterloo*.

Northern lights were lately gleaming, better ringers ne'er were seen.
Brothers *Gofton* very often flash like *Barber's* razor *Keen*.
And these satellites resplendent hail their fellow from afar.
Robert Matthews now ascendant; Worcester county's rising star!

These are but a few my masters, watch this page, for by-the-bye.
It enhances all your chances; you may catch the Speaker's eye.

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May 11th brings another anniversary of the long peal of London Surprise, 14,112 rung at King's Norton, Worcestershire, eight years ago. What a performance! The more you think of it the more stupendous it appears, for this was rung by a mixed band, if we except the London contingent. It would be interesting if the various long peal tablets about the country were reproduced in picture form. I have before me the first two volumes of *Church Bells* (1870-1871). That journal has now ceased to exist, but it gave in the issues of forty years ago a complete list of London peal boards, ancient and modern. To peruse the story of men now gone to dust revives the feeling of emulation now quiescent, but which all ringers feel at some period of their career. Looking backward often brings a glow of pride.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

NEW CROSS, LONDON.—The Kent County Association.—On Sunday, April 9th, on handbells, at 3, Margaret Terrace, 720 Bob Minor: Miss E. L. Bennett 1—2, F. A. Holden 3—4, F. Bennett (conductor) 5—6.—On Sunday, April 30th, 720 Grandsire Minor: Miss E. L. Bennett 1—2, F. A. Holden 3—4, F. Bennett (conductor) 5—6. Also 420 Grandsire Triples, with W. Howett 7—8, and a 420 and 518, with W. Berry 7—8, the rest as before.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.—Midland Counties' Association.—On Tuesday, April 18th, for practice, by six members of the local band, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, in 21 mins.: G. Stoneley 1, E. Vallance 2, R. Clifford 3, T. Vallance 4, W. Horton 5, E. H. Stoneley (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all and on the bells. Also several courses of Superlative Minor by same band, the youngest of whom has only recently turned 17 years of age, while the oldest is 22. They have now had their bells twelve months, and have scored one peal in three methods. A few weeks ago they lost a peal in five methods, ten minutes from the end

BASINGSTOKE.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Thursday, April 20th, in honour of the marriage of Mr. Tom Perry, of Jayes Farm, Basingstoke, and Miss Nellie Bowerman, of Vyne Villa, Basingstoke, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: W. Leavey 1, Miss Alice White 2, J. E. Ballard 3, C. F. Hansford 4, J. Ward 5, A. Burgess 6, H. White (conductor) 7, L. Jennings 8. — On Sunday (St. George's Day), a quarter-peal, in the same method, in 39 mins.: W. Leavey 1, Alice White 2, F. Wilson 3, C. F. Hansford 4 J. Ward 5, J. E. Ballard 6, H. White (conductor) 7, A. Burgess 8.—On Good Friday, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells: W. Shepherd 1—2, A. F. Shepherd 3—4, H. White (conductor) 5—6.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Shepherd 1, Miss Alice White 2, A. F. Shepherd 3, C. F. Hansford 4, F. Bennett 5, A. Burgess 6, H. White (conductor) 7, J. E. Ballard 8.—On Easter Monday, 504 Grandsire Triples on handbells: H. White (conductor) 1—2, Miss Elsie Bennett 3—4, W. Shepherd 5—6, Miss Alice White 7—8. Longest length of Triples by Miss Bennett.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.—On Tuesday, April 25th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: W. Court 1, G. Fletcher 2, H. Rendell 3, H. Chaffey (conductor) 4, E. Day 5, W. Dedman 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Combe and Mr. F. Needham. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles, on handbells: G. Harris 1, A. Chuter 2, H. Chaffey 3—4, G. Fletcher (conductor) 5—6. Rung on the fourth practice with handbells.

PENGE.—The Kent County Association.—At St. John the Evangelist's Church, on Tuesday April 25th, for practice, 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: G. W. Conn, jun., 1, E. Pobgee 2, G. W. Conn, sen., 3, S. Hopkins 4, G. Wickens 5, E. Wigg (conductor) 6.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Wednesday, April 26th, for practice, 672 Bob Major: Mrs. R. Whittington (first touch in the method) 1, H. Tidy 2, G. Farnfield 3, R. Whittington 4, W. Streeter 5, J. Knight 6, I. Worsfold 7, W. Charman (conductor) 8.—On Saturday, April 29th, a half-peal Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1½ hours: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, H. Charman 2, R. Whittington 3, H. Tidy 4, C. Charman 5, A. Charman 6, W. Charman (conductor) 7, H. Ledger 8.—On Sunday, April 30th, for the evening service, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Charman 1, W. Streeter 2, A. Charman 3, H. Tidy 4, R. Whittington 5, J. Knight 6, I. Worsfold 7, W. Charman (conductor) 8.

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE. — On Thursday, April 27th, 720 Bob Minor: T. Copeland 1, J. Welton 2, G. W. Cross 3, W. H. Hilliam 4, S. Vincent 5, J. B. Hallifax (conductor) 6. Also another 720, in the same method: F. Beaumont 1, G. W. Cross 2, J. Welton 3, G. R. Truss 4, S. Vincent 5, J. B. Hallifax (conductor) 6. First 720 by F. Beaumont and S. Vincent.

CLAPTON.—The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—On Thursday, April 27th, in 51 mins., at St. Matthew's Church, Clapton, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes): F. C. Maynard 1, *J. C. Adams 2, W. J. Kemp 3, *P. R. Hislop 4, C. T. Coles (conductor) 5, F. J. Rumens 6, H. Rumens 7, A. W. Coles 8. *First quarter-peal in the method. The ringer of the 6th is on a visit from Chicago, and this was his first touch on eight bells since leaving this country three years ago.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.—Midland Counties Association.—On Friday, April 28th, a 504 and 1260 of Grandsire Triples, rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Wright Lissett, town clerk for 24 years, who was interred on the above date. The ringers taking part were: A. T. Baker, J. H. Iliffe, I. Hufton, S. Burgoyne, E. Poxon, A. Nicholson, E. C. Gobey (conductor), J. F. George, H. Harrison. This was the first quarter-peal rung on this magnificent ring of bells cast by Taylor and Co., Loughborough; tenor, 17 cwt. 9 lbs. Also a 756 of Stedman Triples, by H. Harrison 1, J. H. Iliffe 2, I. Hufton 3, S. Burgoyne 4, E. Poxon 5, A. Nicholson 6, E. C. Gobey (conductor) 7, J. F. George 8.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On April 28th, to the memory of Mrs. Greville Phillimore (widow of the late Rev. Greville Phillimore, M.A., Vicar of Henley-on-Thames from 1868 to 1883), who passed away on April 24th, and was interred at Shiplake Churchyard, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, with the bells half muffled, immediately after the burial service. Conductor, G. Cleave.—On Sunday, April 30th, for matins, 504, conducted by W. Cook; and for evensong, a 546, conducted by O. Porter, and J. White, of Hurst, ringing the 6th.

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FOR SALE.—Mr. C. L. Routledge, 62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle, has the following books for sale. Offers will oblige: Clavis Campanologia (original, good condition), Ellacombe's Belfries and Ringers, Hubbard, Shipway (reprint), Steadman's Tintinnalogia (reprint).

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Royston, on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea 9d. a piece, at the Dairy, to those who inform me by May 18th.—B. H. T. Drake, Sec. for Northern District, 12, Grove Rd., Hitchin.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Special ringing meetings will be held at Raunds to-morrow (May 13th) and Northampton on May 20th.—F. Wilford, General Secretary.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday next (May 13th). Tower open at 3.30. Tea at the Bull Inn, 5.30, at 9d. per head.—F. Bennett, Hon. Secretary, 3, Margaret Terrace, Hart's Lane, New Cross, S.E.

NOTICES (continued).

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Prestwich and Whitefield on Saturday next (May 13th). Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secretaries.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday next, May 13th, 1911. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, branch secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Winchester District).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cheriton on Saturday, May 13th. Tichborne and Cheriton bells available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the H.H. Inn at 5.15. A special meeting will be held on Saturday, the 22nd of July, to accept the kind hospitality of the Bishop of Southampton. Further notice of this meeting will be given.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Saturday, May 20th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. W. Bickford). Bells available at 3.30. Meeting in the Parish House at 5.30 to consider proposed alteration of date of annual meeting to the Saturday after Easter. All members are urgently requested to attend.—C. T. Coles, H. C. Chandler, honorary secretaries.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, May 20th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—J. H. Bastow, branch secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place on Saturday, May 20th. 3 p.m., Longdon (5); 4 p.m., Abbots Bromley (5); 4.45 p.m., Blithfield (5); 5.45 p.m., Ingestre (6).—E. V. Cox, Hon Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday. Divine service at St. Mary's at 11.30. Preacher, Rev. W. A. Errington, Rector of Hunsdon, Herts. Business meeting to follow. Notice of intention to dine must be sent to the honorary secretary not later than June 1st.—Henry T. W. Eyre, honorary secretary, Great Totham, Witham.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a small charge at the Beehive Hotel at 5.30.—H. C. Chandler, honorary secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

SALOP GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Condover next Saturday, the 13th, and not at Church Stretton, as announced last week. Business meeting at 5 p.m.—P. H. Green, honorary secretary.

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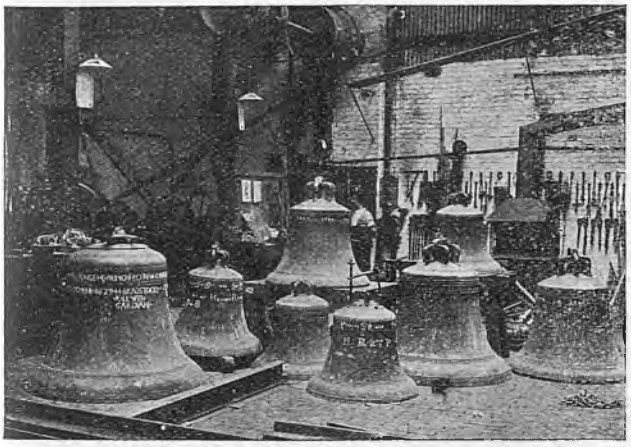

BELL CONTRACTS IN HAND—May, 1911,

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BELFRY NEGLECT.

The care of the bells was at one time the last thing to which church authorities used to devote their attention. The change that has been brought about in this respect, principally through the influence of the various associations, is one of the most gratifying features in connection with the advance of the Art in the last three or four decades. But there are still some places where neglect and decay are allowed to go hand in hand unchecked, and one of the most valuable of church possessions permitted to go to rack and ruin. Happily, with the greater recognition of the belfry as a part of the church, with the raising of the ringers to a recognised status as church officers, and the spread of scientific ringing, there never was a time when the bells of our churches received greater attention than now.

Nevertheless, there still are towers where the old order of things prevails, and where lack of interest on the part of the church authorities permits neglect to run riot in the belfry. These towers are usually those where change ringing is not practised, and it is in these belfries, as a rule, that the ringers are most content to keep themselves to themselves. It is not always easy to introduce alterations and many clergy, while recognising that a change would be for the better do not like to interfere with the existing state of things.

Not so, however, with the Vicar of Aysgarth, North Yorkshire. To this wide and scattered parish has come the Rev. D. H. Moore, and one of the difficulties with which he is confronted is the condition of his bells and belfry. Years of neglect have resulted in a condition of affairs which will require £120 to put right. In his "Parish Magazine" this month the Vicar frankly says "it is impossible to exonerate some of the ringers from blame," and reading between the lines, one can see that Mr. Moore has taken the bull by the horns and intends to have a fresh start. He declines to go into debt for the work, and says that if they cannot get the whole of the money at once they must do part of the work at a time. He intends to take personal charge of the belfry, and become a ringer himself, while he has already got together a young band, who are communicants, to take up the study of change ringing. Needless, perhaps, to say, the Vicar is meeting with some opposition, partly from those rejected bell-men who have hauled the bells not regularly, but after their own will. The condition of Aysgarth belfry is said to be the state of many a belfry in the Yorkshire Dales. If that be so, what a pity it is there are not more clergy there like the Vicar of Aysgarth.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 13, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW, N.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY	*Treble*	JAMES C. ADAMS	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	FREDERICK MAYNARD	7
HENRY SPRINGALL	3	*ALBERT A. HUGHES	8
RICHARD F. DEAL	4	JOHN H. B. HESSE	9
HENRY J. RUMENS	5	†JAMES BULLOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON, and
Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First attempt on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

JAMES MUGGRIDGE	*Treble*	*HUBERT JARVIS	5
JOEL SMITH	2	WILLIAM LATTER	6
STEPHEN FAITHFULL	3	STEPHEN PERKINS	7
*ARTHUR T. VERRELLS	4	*HARRY CUTTERIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the first anniversary of the accession of His Majesty King George V., and also as a birthday compliment to James Muggridge, who attained his 70th birthday on Tuesday, April 25th, his brother "strings" hoping that he may be spared to ring with them for some years to come.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Three Hours

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

LEONARD FIELDING	*Treble*	JOHN H. C. MASSEY	5
ROBERT BUCKLEY	2	JOSEPH GREENWOOD	6
STANLEY FIELDING	3	SAMUEL BRIERLEY	7
ARTHUR FIELDING	4	*JOHN J. HARTLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH GREENWOOD.

* First peal. The above peal was rung as a compliment to the Churchwardens, who have generously promised a peal board to commemorate the event.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK G. GODDARD	*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	5
ALAN R. MACDONALD	2	*THOMAS BEADLE	6
*WILLIAM J. NEW	3	JOHN H. B. HESSE	7
GEORGE SPENCER	4	ROBERT E. STAVERT	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Beadle, the respected Master of the S. & W. District of the Association, who has been connected with the tower 25 years.

GARSTON, LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, GARSTON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD CAUNCE	*Treble*	JAMES MARTIN	5
GEORGE R. NEWTON	2	JOHN ALLEN	6
THOMAS JENNIONS	3	WALTER HUGHES	7
HENRY FYLES	4	WILLIAM DAVIES	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by WALTER HUGHES.

PORTMADOC.
NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 9, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN MCMILLAN	*Treble*	HENRY WAKEFIELD	5
JOHN OWEN	2	*EVAN RICHARD JONES	6
*HARRY MCMILLAN	3	WILLIAM HENRY EVANS	7
*JOHN PARSONS	4	*IDRIS P. THOMAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN OWEN.

Rung with 6, 7, 8 covering. * First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells deeply muffled of a last tribute of respect to the late Mrs. F. S. Percival, wife of the donor of the tower and bells, who died on the 4th May, 1911, and was buried at Llanbedrog on the above date.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 9, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN SHERRATT	*Treble*	ARTHUR ALLMAN	5
JOHN MATTHEWS	2	JAMES HENRY RIDING	6
JOHN BRASSINGTON	3	RICHARD T. HOLDING	7
*RICHARD SHERRATT	4	*FREDERICK J. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, Senr.

* First peal.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 10, 1911, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*HAROLD G. JENNEY	*Treble*	JOHN FLOWER	5
HERBERT DAY	2	*G. ARTHUR HASLAM	6
*G. ARTHUR BOWMER	3	ALEX. HUTCHISON	7
*FRED W. HILL	4	HENRY GEORGE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES PAGETT, and Conducted by HENRY GEORGE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

ORMESBY.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 10, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lbs., in E.

*WILLIAM LETTY	*Treble*	HENRY WOOD	5
GEORGE ATKINSON	2	JOHN G. HALL	6
JAMES W. NEWTON	3	WILLIAM JACKSON	7
GEORGE WINDSOR	4	THOMAS METCALFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN G. HALL.

*First peal and first attempt.

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

On Thursday, May 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt., in F.

*ALGERNON P. G. STONE	*Treble*	*GEORGE BULL	5
*JOHN H. SWINFIELD	2	*ALBERT P. WAKLEY	6
EDWARD ISAAC STONE	3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN	7
*WILLIAM CHARLES WAKLEY	4	GEORGE ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

* First peal in the method.

ORMESBY.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lbs., in E.

*ARTHUR TEMPLE	*Treble*	JAMES BAXTER	5
JOHN G. HALL	2	JAMES G. LUNGLEY	6
JAMES W. NEWTON	3	WILLIAM H. PORTER	7
ALBERT SIMPSON	4	THOMAS METCALFE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PAGETT, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. PORTER.

* First peal in the method.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 13, 1911, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

FRANK JACOBS	*Treble*	JOHN FLINT	5
JESSE J. MOSS	2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	6
WILLIAM LAMBERT	3	GEORGE W. BEMROSE	7
JOHN HOLMAN	4	SAM THOMAS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

This was the first peal of Bristol by the above Societies, the first on the bells, and by all the band except the ringers of the 4th and 5th.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

SIDNEY DAWE	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. MILLER	5
CADWALADR WILLIAMS	2	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK	6
WILLIAM B. BISS	3	FRED. CHAMBERLAIN	7
WILLIAM BOLTON	4	ALLEN ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by A. ROWLEY.

First peal of Major as conductor; first in the method on the bells, and the 100th peal rung by the above Association.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK G. BRETT	*Treble*	ALFRED ROBSON	5
EDWIN G. BUESDEN	2	ERNEST J. DOBBIE	6
EDWARD E. FOREMAN	3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	7
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE	4	WILLIAM J. WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by E. G. BUESDEN.

COLESTON BASSETT, NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*WM. WAGSTAFFE	*Treble*	JOS. WOOLLEY	5
*ALF. BARRATT	2	WM. BELLAMY	6
T. A. D. BURNHAM	3	HARRY R. COBBIN	7
†JAMES H. CLARKE	4	E. J. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by VALENTINE GOSLING, and Conducted by JAMES H. CLARKE.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal in the method as conductor. The composition by Mr. V. Gosling, of New York, is now rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. M. Bellamy, father of ringer of 6th, on his 70th birthday.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 13, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN MORRIS	*Treble*	JAMES R. NEWMAN	5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES	2	*CHARLES CAMM	6
*ERNEST WILKSHIRE	3	HERBERT T. KNOWLES	7
JOSEPH BROWN	4	GORDON CHECKETTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

* First peal and members of the local band. First peal in the method on the bells, and first peal on the bells in which a local ringer has taken part.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Wells, Cambridge, and Killamarsh Surprise, College Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN FARRALL	*Treble*	EDWARD TIGWELL	4
WILLIAM WHEELDON	2	DANIEL PRESTON	5
JOHN E. WHEELDON	3	CHARLES PRESTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. E. WHEELDON.

This is the first peal ever rung on these bells, which have been in the tower since 1818.

BRETFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
AND THE ALL SAINTS AND ST. LAURENCE GUILD, EVESHAM,

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

(QUARTERLY PEAL)

*JOHN C. PERKINS	*Treble*	FREDERICK JORDAN	4
HERBERT JORDAN	2	FREDERICK JOHNSON	5
†RAYMOND YOUNG	3	FRANK COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble.

STOKE MANDERVILLE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINS ...	...*Treble*	JAMES E. GROVES	4
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	2	ALBERT E. REEVES	5
JOHN EVANS	3	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES W. WILKINS.

Rung on the occasion of the dedication of the bells by the Bishop of Oxford. J. E. Groves was elected a member of the Guild before starting for the peal.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ANTHONY A. FENNEMORE	*Treble*	LEONARD A. SMITH	4
*ALBERT J. GREEN	2	J. WILFRED SHARP	5
GEORGE BASFORD	3	HERBERT CARTER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. GREEN.

* First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Bob, Grandsire, and Plain Bob, and two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDGAR VALLANCE ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ...	4
ROBERT C. CLIFFORD ...	2	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ...	5
WALTER J. HORTON	3	E. HARRY STONELEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

The ages of the band are respectively, 17, 22, 19, 20, 14, 22—average 19 years. This is the second peal rung on these bells with a band averaging just 19 years each.

HANDBELL PEALS.

FULHAM, LONDON.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Monday, May 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES 5007 CHANGES;

*LOUIS ATTWATER	1—2	*GEORGE B. EDSER ...	7—8
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ...	3—4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	9—10
*JAMES W. DRIVER	5—6	WILLIAM A. WOODROW	11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Umpires, F. G. WOODISS and W. J. TROUGHTON.

* First peal on 12 bells. First peal as conductor on 12 bells. This is the first 12-bell peal by the above Society.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 10, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT 21, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES;

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ...	1—2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	MAURICE SMITHER	7—8

WILLIAM A. WOODROW ... 9—10

Composed by J. CARTER, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire, C. WILLSHIRE.

THE METROPOLIS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(YORKTOWN DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, May 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF G. B. EDSER, 52, SHIRLAND ROAD, PADDINGTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM SHEPHERD	1—2	GEORGE B. EDSER	5—6
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ...	3—4	*FREDK. G. WOODISS ...	7—8

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

* First peal of Bob Major in hand.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5211 CHANGES;

JAMES HUNT	1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE, Sen.	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	MAURICE SMITHER	7—8

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... ... 9—10

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire, F. BLONDELL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 13, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. NICOLAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;

JAMES HUNT	1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE, Sen.	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	MAURICE SMITHER	7—8

FRANK BLONDELL ... ... 9—10

Composed by J. GEORGE, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire, S. RADFORD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT 21, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

JAMES HUNT	1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE, Senr.	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	*JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ...	7—8

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 9—10.

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire, M. SMITHER.

* First peal on handbells.

The peal at Blackburn, rung on May 4th, and published in the last issue, was conducted by W. E. WILSON.

LATE PEALS.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

HARRY WALTER	*Treble*	JOHN J. PRATT	5
JOHN H. B. HESSE	2	ALAN R. MACDONALD ...	6
BERTRAM PREWETT	3	ROBERT E. STAVERT ...	7
ARTHUR HARDING	4	WILLIAM WARNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVERT.

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 15, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

THOMAS COPELAND	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. HILLIAM ...	4
REV. C. J. STURTON	2	GEORGE R. TRUSS	5
HARRY V. FLETCHER... ...	3	JOHN B. HALLIFAX	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN B. HALLIFAX.

DERBY.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 15, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER'S, DERBY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD	*Treble*	†JOHN W. GLEW	5
†WILLIAM H. POYSER ...	2	†ERNEST H. CLARKE ...	6
†GEORGE TOMLINSON ...	3	BART MITCHELL	7
†ROBERT G. BASSON	4	*JOHN HAYNES	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. This is also the first peal in the method on the bells by an entirely local band. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect for the late Alderman Sir H. H. Bemrose.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING AT PRESTWICH.

Prestwich and Whitefield, in the Manchester District, were chosen for the half-yearly meeting, which was held last Saturday. About 40 members attended, in spite of a heavy thunderstorm, from Bolton, Deane, Helmshore, Manchester, Milnrow, Pendleton, Pendlebury, Oldham, Reddish, Rusholme, Walkden, Worsley, and Whitefield, together with the local company. Ringing commenced with Bob Minor, followed by Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Stedman, Grandsire, and Superlative Surprise. The meeting was held in the Church Institute, presided over by the Rev. F. W. Cooper, Vicar of Prestwich, supported by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, president of the Association. A discussion on the peal records resulted in the president asking conductors to send a postcard to the ringing secretary informing him of peals rung, with the names of towers attached to the ringers' names.

The Chairman welcomed the Association to Prestwich, and the President in reply, explained that there was little business at this meeting, but it was more of a picnic and an interchange of friendship. For that reason a place in the country was chosen.—The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the various authorities for the use of the bells. Tea was provided at Prestwich Clough, a sort of natural park, the meal being enjoyed to the music of the bells. Whitefield was coupled for the meeting, and some ringers called as they passed, but the funeral of one of the choir boys made ringing out of the question at that time, and later there was no opportunity to go back to the tower.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.

A very successful meeting was held at St. Mary Magdalen, Clitheroe last Saturday. The bells were kept merrily going in short touches till 5.30, when an adjournment was made for tea. At the meeting which followed, the veteran from Colne, Mr. W. Heaton, presided.—It was decided that the next meeting be held at Rishton, on June 10th.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also to the local ringers, who turned up in full number. The following methods were rung during the evening: Plain Bob Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

There is still one thing left to be explained before we enter upon method ringing, and that is "place-making." Put simply, all that this envolves is making two blows in one place. That is to say, a bell lies a whole pull (either "right," which is handstroke and backstroke, or "wrong," which is backstroke and handstroke) in a position instead of passing through it with one blow, as it does in hunting. An example will illustrate my meaning:

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

Here, it will be seen, the 4th, in hunting up, stops in fourth's place for a whole pull, and, incidentally, hunts back to lead again. That whole pull is "place making," and it is called "fourth's place." Similarly you may have second's place, as in this example:

3 1 5 2 6 4
1 3 2 5 4 6
1 3 5 2 6 4
3 1 2 5 4 9

Or it might be third's place or fifth's place. The only occasions when a bell stops for a whole pull in one position, and is not said to make a place is when it goes first or last in two consecutive changes. These positions are termed "leading" and "lying" respectively. In the following case we get an example of this:

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

The treble "leads" and the 6th "lies" a whole pull. Place-making is, perhaps, the simplest of the various operations in change ringing, but is the means by which methods are built up from the plain hunt. The more places there are in a method, and the more irregularly they are placed, the more difficult the method. It should also be recollected that place-making necessitates dodging on the part of the other bells.

"Surprise" writes that he is just beginning Superlative, and frequently trips in the long dodging, because he cannot quite be sure whether he has dodged four or five times. He asks if there is any guide which will help him. "Surprise," of course, ought to be able to count five dodges, but if he needs extra help here is a tip for him. In the long dodging on the front, either up or down, he continues as long as the treble is in 7-8. As soon as the treble comes into 5-6 he finishes. In the long dodge behind the same thing applies by looking for the treble to go away from the front to 3-4, but an easier way still in 7-8 is to remember that the blows in 7ths are twice over each of three bells. If it is the long dodge up, the last of the three bells is the bell you made the long dodge with in front. If it is the long dodge down the first of the three is the bell you will do the long dodge with when you reach the front.

CONDUCTOR.

ERIN TRIPLES.

A MUSICAL BUT LITTLE PRACTISED METHOD.

The peals of Erin Triples and Caters rung a short while ago at Gosforth and Bristol respectively, bring again to notice this little known but very musical method, to which attention was drawn at the Central Council meeting in 1909, by the Rev. H. Law James' motion, that the plain course is pure Stedman. At that time no peals of real Erin (with bobs and singles behind) had been composed, although the method had been known for a considerable time. This fact set Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, to work, with the result that he discovered three distinct plans of composition, and, it may be pretty safely said, the only possible plans. From a musical point of view the method is absolutely perfect, although it is greatly marred on seven bells by the number of singles necessary to obtain the extent. In Caters this objection disappears, and grand music is produced, the big bells coming home every 54 changes.

For the benefit of those who do not know the method, a division is here given, together with a peal by Mr. J. W. Parker on each of the three plans.

A DIVISION

1234567
2143657
1246375
1423657
4126375
4213657
2416375

Stedman Bob and Single.

THREE PEALS BY JOSEPH W. PARKER, SUNDERLAND.

5040.

	123456	1	3	4	5	6
	532416		—	—		
A	413652	s	—	—	—	—
	231645	s	—	—		
3A	635124					
	123465	s	—	—	—	—
	452613		—	—	—	—
	325641	s	—	—		
3B	621534					
	312564		—	—		
2A	615342					
	341265	s	—	—	—	—
	254631		—	—	—	—
	145623	s	—	—		
	624315	s	—	—	—	—
	352164		—	—	—	—
	425136	s	—	—		
4B	624351					
	542361		—	—		
3A	341256					
	514236		—	—		
A	413625					
	621543	s	—	—	—	—
	532461		—	—	—	—
	123456	s	—	—		

This was the first peal composed in the method and was rung for the first time at the Church of St. Mary, Gateshead, June 5th, 1909, conducted by William H. Barber.

5040

	1234567	2	3	4	6	8	9	10	12	13	14
	3652147	—		s	s	—	—	—			—
A	5712346	—		s	s	—	—	—		s	
	2531647	—	—	—	s	s		—	—	s	—
3A	5163247										
	6723541	—		s	s	—	—	—		s	
	3754162	—	—	—	s	s		—	—		
	4315267	—	—	—	s	s		—	—	s	—

Four times repeated. Fourteen sixes in each course.

5040

	123456	1	3	4	5	6
	463152				s	s
A	156243	s	s	—	—	s
	235416		s	—	—	s
	415263	s			s	s
	261345	s	s	—	—	s
	346521	s	—	—	s	s
	514236		—	—	s	s
	634251	s	s			s
	213564		s	—	—	s
B	643521		s			s
	523614	s			s	s
	413652	s	s			s
	653421	s			s	s
	425163	s	s	—	—	s
3B	154362					
	624315		s			s
	314652	s			s	s
	254631	s	s			s
	634215	s			s	s
	254613				s	s
	314625	s	s			s
	624351	s			s	s
	352164	s	s	—	—	s
4B	514263					
	264531	s			s	s
	536124	s	s	—	—	s
	143256		s	—	—	s
	253164	s			s	s
	143265				s	s
	264513	s	s	—	—	s
	516324	s	—	—	s	s
	341256		—	—	s	s
4A	425136					
	165432				s	s
	436215	s	s	—	—	s
	253146		s	—	—	s
	165423		s	—	—	s
	426315	s	—	—	s	s
	352146		—	—	s	s
3A	123456					

First rung at the Church of All Saints, Gosforth, March 9th, 1911, conducted by William H. Barber. It was only the second peal in the method, and was recorded in our first number.

ELEMENTARY COMPOSITION.

The In-and-out-of Course of Changes.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

NOTE.—In the following article "even" as applied to rows means in-course, and "odd" out-of-course.

If a man wants to know something about Composition, it is essential that he should understand the in-and-out-of-course of the changes. In olden times the subject was considered to be very complex and mysterious, and in nothing did the old writers fail so utterly as when they attempted to explain it. You have only to read Hubbard and Sottanstall and the rest to see that this is so. And yet the subject is neither complex nor mysterious, but very simple and elementary. Perhaps it is simplicity that made it so difficult to describe. Let me give a parallel case. Every one of my readers understands what is meant by odd and even numbers. You do not need to be told that seven is odd and eight even; you *know* it. But take a sheet a note paper, sit down, and try and write an explanation of it so that another could understand what you mean. I think you would find your task a difficult one.

Well, the in-and-out-of-course of the changes is simply odd and even numbers applied to rows. First you must notice the following facts as regards odd and even numbers:—An *even* number added to an *even* number gives an *even* number: 2 (even) + 6 (even) = 8 (even). An *odd* number added to an *odd* number gives an *even* number: 3 (odd) + 7 (odd) = 10 (even). An *even* number added to an *odd* number gives an *odd* number: 4 (even) + 3 (odd) = 7 (odd). An *odd* number added to an *even* number gives an *odd* number: 9 (odd) + 2 (even) = 11 (odd).

Now turn to changes. All rows are produced from one another by a certain number of pairs of bells changing places. For instance—

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123456
 — — —
214365
 —   —
124356
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214365 is produced from 123456 by 2 and 1, 3 and 4, 5 and 6 changing places. Again 124356 is produced from 214365 by 2 and 1 and 6 and 5 changing places. And so it is throughout all change ringing. Every row is produced from the preceding row by one or more pairs of bells changing places. On the manner in which these pairs change depend all the differences between one method and another; and on the *number* of the pairs changing depends the nature (odd or even) of the row produced. I give two examples, the first is from the Plain Course of Bob Major, the second from the first lead of London Surprise. You will see how regularly the pairs change in the one, and how much less regularly in the other.

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87654321        52713846
 — — — —         — — —
78563412        52178364
 — — —          — — — —
75836142        25713846
 — — — —        —   — —
57381624        52731486
 — — —          —   — —
53718264        57234168
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The nature (odd or even) depends on the *number* of these pairs of bells changing places, in the following manner:—If in an *even* row an *even* number of pairs change places the row produced is *even*. If in an *odd* row an *odd* number of pairs change places the row produced is *even*. If in an *even* row an *odd* number of pairs change places the row produced is *odd*. If in an *odd* row an *even* number of pairs change places the row produced is *odd*. Rounds, 12345678 is the starting row and is even. Any row produced from rounds by an even number of pairs of bells changing places is even, and any row produced by an odd number of pairs of bells changing places is odd.

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123456                    Even
 —  —
213465   Two pairs change ; even
  — —
231645   Two  ,,      ,,   even
 — — —
326154   Three ,,      ,,   odd
   —
321654   One  ,,      ,,   even
 — — —
236145   Three ,,      ,,   odd
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Now, just as by adding one at a time you can produce any number, and the numbers will be alternately odd and even (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, etc.), so by changing one pair of bells at a time you can produce the full extent of the rows on any number of bells, and these rows would be alternately in and out of course.

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1234  even
2134  odd
2314  even
3214  odd
3124  even
1324  odd
1342  even
3142  odd
3412  even
4312  odd
4132  even
   etc.
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Then when you have got your four-and-twenty rows, exactly half will be in-course and half out-of-course. It is so in all numbers, half are odd and half are even. A row may be produced direct from rounds or it may come up with a hundred other between. It makes no difference whatever. If, when produced from rounds, an even number of pairs of bells change places, it will still be an even number of pairs changing from rounds that will produce it at the hundredth row. Thus:

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123456
 — —
214356   Two change = even

123456
214365   3 change
241356   2   ,,
421536   2   ,,
241356   2   ,,
214356   1   ,,
         —
         10  ,,   from rounds = even.
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The simplest way to find the nature of a row is to see how many pairs of bells you must change to produce either rounds or another row whose nature you know.

Suppose you want to know the nature of 87561234, and you know that 87654321 is even.

8 7 5 6 1 2 3 4		
8 7 6 5 2 1 4 3	3	changes
8 7 6 5 2 4 1 3	1	,,
8 7 6 5 4 2 3 1	2	,,
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	1	,,
	7	,,

It took 7 pairs of bells changing to get 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 from 8 7 5 6 1 2 3 4. Therefore, since 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 is even, 8 7 5 6 1 2 3 4 must be odd. The value of the knowledge of in-and-out-of course of the changes will be apparent from the articles that different composers are going to contribute to this series, but it has also a great value in practical ringing. If anywhere in your peal you know that the lead ends should be in-course and such a row as this comes up—1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8—you know that as this change is odd a mistake has been made. Either you have called a single too many or too few, or else a couple of bells must have shifted.

OFF TO CANADA.

PRESENTATIONS TO CENTRAL NORTHANTS' DISTRICT SECRETARY.

A special meeting of the Thrapston District of the Central Northamptonshire Association was held at Raunds on Saturday last, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. K. Fry).

Touches of Bristol, London and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung by various companies on the fine peal of eight bells, and subsequently an admirable tea, served in the Parish Room by the ladies of the parish, was thoroughly enjoyed. About 50 members were present from Thrapston, Woodford Lowick, Keystone, Islip, Northampton, Wellingborough, Higham, Rushden, Irthlingborough, Kettering, Cranford, and the local ringers.

After tea, a short business meeting was held, presided over by the president (the Rev. E. C. Channer), others present including the Rev. H. K. Fry, Mr. F. Wilford, Northampton (general secretary), Mr. F. Gilbert, Raunds (district secretary), Mr. Shepard, Birmingham, etc.—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Lowick.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the local ringers for their kindly welcome, and also to the ladies for the excellent tea.—The Vicar suitably replied.—Mr. F. Stubbs, of Raunds, was appointed district secretary, in the place of Mr. F. Gilbert, who is leaving this country for Canada.—The President remarked how sorry they were to lose their friend Mr. Gilbert. He wished him prosperity in the country to which he was going, and on behalf of the association he presented him with a gold medal, in the shape of a church bell, as a small token of the good work he had done for the Association.

Mr. Wilford said he would like to add a few words to those already spoken by the President. He thought, perhaps, no one was more able than he to testify to the very valuable work done for the Association in that district by Mr. Gilbert. On behalf of the Thrapston and Raunds District he had been asked to present Mr. Gilbert with a silver watch, as a memento of his valuable services in that district.

The Vicar, on behalf of the Church Council and Sunday School teachers, presented Mr. Gilbert with a silver medal and chain, and expressed the sorrow they all felt at losing such a valuable worker as Mr. Gilbert.

Mr. Gilbert, in acknowledging the gifts, said it was very difficult for him to find words to express his thanks to all for the very valuable presents that had been given to him. They would always remind him of the many happy hours he had spent amongst them.

ROYAL CUMBERLANDS MEET AT HORNCHURCH.

Quite an old-world village is Hornchurch, although looking at its proximity to London on the map you would hardly expect to find it so. And it is prettily situated, too, while for ringers it has the additional attraction of a church with a capital peal of eight bells—the tenor being about a ton—all in first-rate going order. There were only six at Hornchurch until 1901, when two trebles, cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were put in, "to commemorate the twentieth century." The back six found their way into the tower in 1779, and it is not uninteresting to recall that they were provided out of the rates. An old record, dated June 3rd, 1779, says: "We, the churchwardens, overseers of the poor and parishioners of the parish of Hornchurch in the Liberty of Havering-atte-Bower in the county of Essex, whose names are subscribed, do hereby rate and tax all and every of the inhabitants and landowners of the aforesaid as are herein mentioned at one shilling in the pound for and towards recasting the five old bells into six, and a new frame, agreeable to the estimate delivered in by Mr. William Mears, founder, and a new floor to the bell loft. Amount of rate: South Ward, £113 17s.; North Ward, £81 11s.; total, £195 8s." Hornchurch village boasted of change ringers over 80 years ago, for boards in the belfry record "peals" in various minor methods, although they apparently relate merely to 720's.

It was at St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, on Saturday, that the Royal Cumberland Youths held one of their quarterly meetings. These gatherings are a modern departure on the part of this historic society, and are largely the result of the initiative of Mr. F. Bennett, who since he has held the office of secretary, has done a good deal to instil new life into the organisation. The meeting was favoured with a perfect spring day, and the event drew an attendance of about five and twenty, a number that would undoubtedly have been larger, but for a counter attraction at the neighbouring tower of Barking, where the bells were being reopened. The gathering, however, was composed of members from many quarters, and there was some capital ringing, the methods ranging from homely Grandsire to the lofty level of Superlative. Tea was partaken of at the Bull Hotel, the genial master (Mr. J. D. Matthews) presiding. There was little business to be transacted—there seldom is on these occasions, but the meetings serve the admirable purpose of reunion of old friends. Isleworth, Middlesex, is to be the place of the next district meeting. Before returning to the tower, the Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Dale, the steeple keeper, for having them in readiness. When ringing was concluded in the tower, recourse was had to the handbells, and touches were rung, in which Miss Elsie Bennett took part.

It is interesting to note that Hornchurch takes its name, so it is said, from the curiously carved animal's head, surmounted by horns, which projects from the eastern gable of the chancel.

MEETING AT CRANSLEY.

A special meeting of the Kettering District of the Central Northamptonshire Association was held at Cransley on Saturday week, and was well attended. There was an attendance of about 40 members from Kettering, Rothwell, Thorpe Malsor, Barton Seagrave, Geddington, Northampton, Broughton, Wellingborough, Olney and Cransley. There was ringing during the afternoon and evening, and tea was kindly provided for the visitors in the schoolroom by the ladies of the parish. At the business meeting, which followed, the President (the Rev. E. C. Channer) occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rector of Cransley (the Rev. H. Piggott), the Rev. J. A. M. Morley (Rothwell), Mr. F. Wilford (general secretary), Mr. J. Shatford (district secretary), etc. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Geddington, in August. Three new members were elected, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the local ringers for their welcome, and to the ladies for the excellent tea.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of Lewisham District was held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, April 29th. Various touches were rung in the afternoon, and subsequently between 50 and 60 members attended service in the church, and listened to a very interesting address from the Rev. C. C. Gosselin (Vicar).

After the service, tea was served in St. Luke's Institute, and at the business meeting which followed the Vicar presided.—Dr. Yolland (churchwarden), on behalf of the Vicar, himself and co-warden, extended to the Association a very hearty welcome to St. Luke's. He told the members of the growth of the parish and church, which he had seen in the past twenty years, but the crowning act had been the finishing of the spire, the clock, and a peal of bells (the latter being one of the best peals in the district), all the gift of Mr. J. Wheeler Bennett. He hoped they would take away happy recollections of St. Luke's, and that he should have the pleasure of meeting them on some future occasion.—Twelve new members were elected, and Shoreham was selected for the next meeting, on Saturday, 22nd July.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for presiding, and to all those who had assisted, brought the meeting to a close. The tower was again visited till 9 p.m.

SALOPIANS AT CONDOVER.

The members of the Salop Archidiaconal Guild held their quarterly meeting last Saturday, at St. Andrew's Church, Condover, and the gathering proved a very enjoyable and successful one. The company numbered about thirty, members being present from Shrewsbury, Shifnal, Malins Lee, Dawley and Coalbrookdale. Unfortunately the hon. secretary (the Rev P. H. Green) was unable to be present. On arrival at the church, the Rev. P. L. Underhill, Vicar of the parish, and Mr. E. R. Trevor Corbett, gave the Guild a hearty welcome. The ringing was preceded by the customary short devotional service in the ringing chamber. Several touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman were rung, while handbells and bowls engaged some of the members on the Vicarage bowling green. Then there was an interval for tea, which was generously provided by Mr. Corbett, in the Parish Room. Afterwards the business meeting was held, the Vicar of Condover occupying the chair. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Shrewsbury, the first Saturday in September.—A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Corbett for his kindnses in providing tea, and to the Rev. P. H. Underhill for presiding, and for the use of the bells, on the motion of Mr. J. Bradney, of Shifnal.

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OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

The Master of Royal Cumberland Youths.

In Mr. John D. Matthews the Royal Cumberland Youths have a man of the right kind—a ringer who has done much to encourage and instruct beginners. He has had a varied experience, and although his occupation, that of a linotype operator on a London morning newspaper, gives him but limited opportunity for his favourite pursuit, he can look back with satisfaction upon the service which he has rendered to young ringers, and now, despite the demands of business, he is one of the most active Masters which Cumberlands have had for some years.

Mr. John D. Matthews.

Born at Fenny Stratford, North Bucks, Mr. Matthews learnt to ring a bell at his parish church whilst a choir boy of about twelve years of age. He rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at Barnet parish church on May 14th, 1894. Removing to Kettering at the end of that year, he took part in the first peal by the Central Northamptonshire Association, under its present title, on Whit-Tuesday, 1895, and in 1896 called the first peal rung by a local band at Kettering for over half a century. Migrating to Bristol in the early part of 1898, Mr. Matthews joined the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's Youths, and took a rope in the first peal of Double Norwich by this historic society. He was one of the first in Bristol to practice Surprise methods, and he took part in the first peal of Maximus at St. Mary Redcliffe—probably the quickest peal of Maximus yet rung. This was 5016 of Plain Bob in 3 hrs. 23 mins. on January 1st, 1901, and was the first peal of "twelve-in" by all the band. Going to Bath in 1899 he became conductor to the St. Mary's Guild, and called the first peal on St. Mary's bells, and the first peal of Triples and Major by the Guild. At St. Michael's, Bath, a fine-toned eight by Rudhall, the seventh and tenor had been regarded as unpealable for some time, but Mr. Matthews called Holt's Original from the 7th, with two men on the tenor. This was in November, 1901, and was the first peal on the bells for over 50 years, and the last rung there up to the present.

On leaving Bath for Leamington in 1902 Mr. Matthews was presented with a handsome travelling bag by the St. Mary's Guild. Leamington, at that time, was without bells, and he joined the Warwick men, who were just being woke up by Mr. E. H. Adams, who had come from Fulham to take over the vergership of St. Mary's. Mr. Matthews rung in the first peal (Stedman Caters) on this grand peal after rehanging and restoration, and later called the first peal of Grandsire at All Saints, and also the first peal of Major in Warwick. In November, 1903, Mr. Matthews came to London, and his new position upon a morning paper curtailed his ringing opportunities to Saturdays only. In September, 1904, he was one of the party taking part in the Irish tour, which resulted in the ringing of the first peals of Surprise in the counties of Louth, Armagh, Down and Antrim, the first peal of Stedman in County Down, and the first peal of Surprise on the beautiful bells of Arklow. During the last three years Mr. Matthews has been upon the staff of the *Daily Telegraph*, and it was somewhat against his wish that last January he was elected to the Mastership of the Cumberlands, as he feared his business would not allow him to get round among the youngsters as much as a Master should. As morning paper hands start about 5 p.m. every evening except Saturdays, to attend practices involves the loss of a day's (or night's) work. Consequently, with the exception of the St. Martin's practices, most of which he attends, his efforts are confined to Saturdays and Sunday mornings. Nevertheless, even with these limited opportunities, Mr. Matthews is doing valuable service for the Cumberlands. In addition to his membership of this society, he is also member of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, the Irish, the Gloucester and Bristol, the Central Northamptonshire, the Middlesex, Kent, London and Bedfordshire County Associations.

Although still six short of his hundred peals, Mr. Matthews has scored a remarkable achievement in that his 94 peals have been spread over 54 towers in 16 counties. His list is as follows:—

Grandsire Triples	9	Conducted	7
Grandsire Caters	1		
Stedman Triples	6		
Stedman Caters	25	Conducted	1
Stedman Cinques	4		
Bob Major	7	Conducted	3
Bob Major on Handbells ...	1	Conducted	1
Bob Maximus	1		
Treble Bob Major	1	Conducted	1
Treble Bob Royal	2		
Forward Royal	1		
Double Norwich Major ...	7	Conducted	1
Superlative Surprise ...	20		
Cambridge Surprise ...	1		
London Surprise	8		
Total ...	94	Conducted	14

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Our readers will notice that this week's *Ringing World* consists of 20 pages. This extension has been necessary on account of the large demands upon our space, and we believe that our efforts to meet this state of affairs by enlarging this issue will be appreciated as an earnest of our intention to keep our news columns as up-to-date as possible. We shall make a similar enlargement from time to time as requirements necessitate it.

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Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., bell founders to His Majesty, of the Crescent Foundry, London, have a stand at the Festival of Empire Exhibition at the Crystal Palace, where, among other things, they are showing two bells of four and seven cwts. respectively, one hung for ringing and the other fixed. They have also supplied the peal of eight, tenor 12 cwts. in G, which are used in the great pageant. These bells are only hung for chiming.

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A good deal of concern is again being manifested for the safety of some of London's historic buildings, particularly such churches as St. Clement Danes in the Strand, on account of the timber structures which are being erected round them to accommodate spectators of the Coronation procession. There is, of course, a risk from fire, but the desire for a golden harvest, whether for private gain or church purposes, dwarfs such considerations when an opportunity occurs such as is offered by a Coronation.

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The corner stone of the new south transept of Selby Abbey, which is being generously erected by Mr. William Liversidge, of Millgate House, Selby, was laid on Tuesday week. The ceremony was performed by Mrs. Liversidge, the wife of the donor, the dedicatory prayers being said by the Bishop of Beverley. Before the service 882 Grandsire Triples were rung on the Abbey bells by P. James 1, S. Morgan 2, A. Cryer 3, J. Jackson 4, F. Cryer 5, A. Hall 6, H. Fairlam (conductor) 7, T. Strudwick 8. After the ceremony touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, conducted by A. Hall and F. Cryer.

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The footnote to a peal at South Wigston in the last issue, claiming to be the youngest band to ring a 5000, the average age being over 19 years (while some were over 21) meets with a rebuff. In Cranford Church, Central Northamptonshire, a peal of Bob Minor was rung on February 13th, 1909, in 2 hrs. and 56 mins. by Oscar Judd treble, Ben Saddington 2, Thomas Nichols 3, Frank Lewin 4, E. Maurice Atkins (conductor) 5, Bernard J. Saddington tenor, the average age of the ringers being 16 2-3rds years.

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An interesting ceremony took place on Sunday at the Parish Church, Billingshurst, when, in the presence of a number of ringers, a handsome peal card, framed in oak (the gift of Mr. E. Dewey, of Redhill), recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in that tower, was unveiled. Mr. P. H. Doick, on behalf of the band, thanked Mr. Dewey for his kindness. Afterwards an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but it was unfortunately lost after fifty minutes' good ringing through a shift course. A touch of 1386 was rung for the evening service, the following taking part: R. Woods 1, J. Burdfield 2, J. Rice 3, E. Dewey 4, A. Fiest 5, P. H. Doick 6, A. Greenfield (conductor) 7, J. Netley 8.

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Burslem bells, in Staffordshire, were hung in the year 1818. It was left to a band in the year of grace, 1911, to ring the first peal upon them. There can be few towers in England in which the bells have had to wait nearly a century for the first five thousand to be recorded upon them.

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There is a point of special interest about the peal at Colston Bassett, Notts. The composition, now rung for the first time, is by Mr. V. Gosling, late of Nottingham, and now of New York. Prior to his departure he himself attempted the peal, but it came to grief through a rope breaking, and it was his wish that his old band should be the first to ring the peal. This they did at the first attempt on Saturday last, and they wish to tender their thanks to the Rev. M. H. and Mrs. Pimm for their kind hospitality after the peal.

THE NAMING OF METHODS.

"NEWCASTLE" OR "WINCHESTER?"

The claim to name No. 5 of the Central Council's collection of legitimate methods as "Newcastle" or "Winchester" ought definitely to be settled by the following correspondence:—

Mr. T. H. Surtees writes from Shotley Bridge: On behalf of the ringers of St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, I claim the honour of naming No. 5 as "Newcastle," as it was first rung by them on February 9th, 1909, by the following: John Marshall 1, J. W. Forster 2, R. Dixon 3, T. H. Surtees 4, A. Charlton 5, F. Barron (conductor) 6. Then on February 14th the same band rang 1080 in the same method for service. When the first 720 was published the secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association (of which we are members) was notified of the performance, with our claim to the privilege to name No. 5 "Newcastle." The committee of the association allotted to it 35 points per 1000 changes for Sunday service ringing in what they term "Ferry's List." Seeing that the Clandon ringers, even now that they claim to have rung it as far back as January 6th, 1910, are at least twelve months behind, I think the Benfieldside band hold first honours, and Clandon are out of it. I hope you will publish this fact, and so prevent any further trouble.

Mr. F. Blood, of Bourne, Lincs., also sends the same information, and adds: I also wish to ask the Gofton family, of Whitley St. Paul's, the names of the following numbers they have rung and published in the *Ringing World* of April 14th: No. 1, "Munden" Surprise; Nos. 2, 4, and 24 (rung at Bourne, Lincs., and named "Stamford"); No. 35 ("Beverley"), No. 31 (rung at Bourne, Lincs., and named "Surfleet"), No. 34, 30, 8, "Northumberland (rung at Bourne, Lincs., and named "Harrington"). The three methods rung at Bourne were published in the *Ringing World* on April 7th, 1911. I might mention that the band that rings these methods first has the privilege of naming them, and I think that it would be the right thing to do to send the names of these peals for publication in your valuable paper so as to prevent anyone ringing them a second time, and giving them another name.

A LETTER FROM BOSTON, U.S.A.

Interesting Extracts from a Quaint Volume.

[We have received the following letter from Dr. A. H. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A., and it will be read, we are certain, with particular interest by ringers throughout the old country].

Dear Sir,—Considering that the ringing world is virtually limited to Great Britain and Ireland, one would hardly look to the New World for matters of interest to the Exercise. Our Boston Athenæum, a private library, has, however, recently acquired by purchase in London, a demy-quarto volume two inches thick, the character of which is indicated by its title page, the handiwork of an expert scrivener, which reads as follows:

BELLS AND BELL RINGING, OR ALL THE CAMPANOLOGICAL SCRIP WHICH HAS COME WITHIN THE REACH OF JOHN BELL, LANDSURVEYOR, GATESHEAD, MDCCCXLI.

The book is made up of old newspaper clippings, letters, memoranda, woodcuts, steel engravings, pen and ink drawings, and is illustrated with reduced rubbings, or copies, of bell inscriptions. There are many records of peals achieved with names of performers, accounts of old rings, the installation of new rings, accidents to ringers and bells, and biographical, or obituary, notices of famous ringers. The lettering of much of the manuscript portion is artistically executed in bold Roman, or Arabic, script, in enviable contrast to the slovenly handwriting with which nowadays one has so frequently to wrestle.

Mr. Bell was a land surveyor living at 104, High Street, Gateshead, near Newcastle. The source of his lifelong interest in bells he explains in a letter written in 1841: "When I was a boy I met with a scarce little book, entitled 'Campanologia Improved, or the Art of Ringing Made Easy,' which amused me much; and although I unfortunately lost it, after having it many years, I have gone on clipping out from newspapers, etc., every paragraph relating to bells and bell ringing, and have got no small number."

In a letter dated, 18th May, 1852, Mr. Bell writes: "I have made above six hundred foolscap folio and demy-quarto volumes, besides smaller [books] which has cost me no little money, without even thinking of the time spent. By getting up between 4 and 5 o'clock, I drove my hobby without entrenching on business hours. As I say, they have cost me a vast [sum], which, added to verging on seventy years, makes it that I should like to meet with a younger and as keen a collector when many of my hobbies and I would part."

Incidentally it may be mentioned that Mr. Bell was also interested in tracings of monuments and brasses, and was one of the founders of the Antiquarian Society at Newcastle.

In another letter, written in 1851, he says: "I spent much above twenty pounds in collecting and writing an account of St. Nicholas, the mother church of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, a medium folio above four inches thick with very many illustrations for which I would like fifteen guineas."

It appears that one at least of Mr. Bell's volumes was sold in 1852 to the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, who doubtless utilized its contents in composing his voluminous work on "Bells of the Church." Among his correspondents was John L'Estrange, author of the "Church Bells of Norfolk." I find no evidence that he was a change ringer.

If permitted to draw further upon your valuable space I will append a few items, selected at random, which will furnish an idea of some of the incidents referred to, occurring for the most part during the first half of the nineteenth century:—

Accidents to Bells: St. Sepulchre.—Yesterday afternoon while the grand peal of the bells in the tower of St. Sepulchre Church were ringing on the occasion of the Lord Mayor's procession, the tenor, or great bell, fell out of its hangings with a most tremendous crash into the pit beneath to the great alarm of the ringers who were three floors under, and who were shook as if by an earthquake. The accident was caused by the gudgeons, by which the bell was sustained, giving way, owing to their having worn down by constant friction for nearly two centuries. The most singular part of the accident was that the crown and upper part of the bell was completely severed from the remaining part, as if cut with a knife, notwithstanding its great thickness. The weight of the bell was 3,300 pounds, and it was remarkable for its fine, sonorous tone, and for its having formerly for many years been tolled on the mornings of the execution of the criminals at the Old Bailey, a practice only lately discontinued. It is now of course rendered quite useless and a new tenor must be cast for the peal. No blame whatever attaches to the ringers who were ringing at the time in the most skilful manner the celebrated Whittington changes in honour of the Lord Mayor.—9 November, 1829.

Bow Bells.—While the celebrated Bow Bells were augmenting the merry clamour in honour of the young Prince of Wales, the gudgeon which supports the huge tenor (weighing nearly four tons) gave way with a tremendous crash, and the bell dropped, resting on its hedge *(sic)* against a beam. The ringers of course made a speedy exit. Had the immense mass fallen to the floor it would have made its way to the bottom of the steeple.—November, 1841.

Smithfield, August 26, 1776.—A bell is erected in the centre of Smithfield on a high pyramid. It is to be rung at twelve o'clock on Sunday night for cattle to be brought in; and at three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday and Friday for the market to cease: and in failure of obedience to this signal the cattle will be sent to the Green Yard.

Hexham Old Bells.—These six bells, being all cracked but one, were taken down in 1742 and re-cast. The largest of the old ones weighed 70 cwt., and was broken in ringing for Sir William Blackett's wedding in 17—. There is a tradition that they could be heard at Benwell, near Newcastle, a distance of more than 17 miles. Three of these bells were dated 1404; the other three were probably more ancient. Their inscriptions are given in Wright's History, 1823. The new bells, replacing the above, are eight in number, cast by Lester, and are said to be as fine a peal as any in England. The tenor bell is 21 cwt.

Change Ringing.—On Friday, the 23rd ult. (1849) the Society of College Youths ascended the noble tower of St. Saviour's, Southwark, and achieved an excellent peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, comprising 5,184 changes, in four hours and ten minutes. Performers, J. Cox, treble, Wm. Cooter, 2d., G. Menday, 3d., W. Bannister (of Woolwich), 4th., J. Stickbury, 5th., R. Jameson, 6th., R. Haworth, 7th., J. Bradford, 8th., E. Lambert, 9th., H. Little-

field, 10th., J. Dwight, 11th., E. Sawyer, tenor. Weight of tenor, 52 cwt. Composed and conducted by John Cox.

WHITEHAVEN; SINGULAR OCCURRENCE.—Sunday week whilst Towerson Maclean, sexton at St. Nicholas Church, was tolling the bell for afternoon service, by some unexplained means the coil of rope got firmly entangled around his thigh, and he was suddenly pulled up to the roof of the sacred edifice, a height of from twenty to twenty-two feet. On the return of the wheel the rope became slack and the poor man was swiftly dashed to the floor with frightful velocity: another turn of the wheel and the unfortunate ringer was again jerked to the ceiling, and again he descended with terrific violence. Here some persons happily came to the assistance of the sufferer and relieved him from his perilous predicament. He was in a state of insensibility at the time, and it was found that he had received very severe injuries about the neck and shoulders, but his head providentially escaped being much hurt. He still continues to suffer from the effects of the singular and untoward accident, though we are glad to learn that he is now in a state of convalescence.—Sept. 12, 1819.

A QUEER SPLICE.—The minster belfry at Beverly rang a merry peal on Monday last to welcome home Mr. Councillor Issot from a matrimonial tour, who had brought with him his bride. The happy bridegroom is in his eighty-second year, and the lady in her seventeenth.—September 7, 1850.

Mr. Bell describes himself as a martyr in his latter days to some intestinal disorder. From a letter written by his nephew, John Gray Bell, of Manchester, it appears that he died toward the end of the year 1864. A brother, Thomas Bell, of Manchester, left one of the largest libraries ever collected in England, which was disposed of by an auction lasting eighteen days.

A. H. NICHOLS, M.D.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

MR. S. C. SMALL'S DEPARTURE FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

The members of the above society met at the Crown Hotel, on Thursday evening of last week, to bid farewell to Mr. S. C. Small, who has secured a position in South Africa, and who for some time has carried out the duties of hon. secretary and treasurer of the society. The Master (Mr. J. B. Fenton) presided, and the proceedings commenced with a course of Grandsire Cinques on the handbells. Songs were rendered by Messrs. C. and F. Wheeler, Small and Hughes, and courses of Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples were rung. Mr. J. A. Fenton, son of the master, tapped a course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells, a performance for which he was greatly applauded. During an interval in the programme a presentation was made to Mr. Small, in the shape of a dressing case, suitably inscribed. In making the presentation, the Master remarked upon the good work Mr. Small had done in connection with the society, and said the company were losing a good ringer, and an efficient officer. On behalf of the members he wished him every success in his new sphere.

Mr. Small, in reply, thanked the members for their kindness, and said their handsome present would serve to remind him of the happy times he had spent among them. The proceedings terminated at 11 o'clock by the company joining hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Mr. Small left Rugby by the 6.25 a.m. train on Saturday morning, and four members met at the station, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the carriage door by Messrs. W. Malins 1—2, J. W. Chandler 3—4, A. J. Hessian 5—6, J. George 7—8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Burton-on-Trent District was held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on Saturday, May 6th, when ringers were present from Burton, Ashby, Newhall, Netherseale, Hugglescote, Etwall, Derby, Bardon Hill, Long Eaton, etc. The eight bells of the Parish Church were kept going during the afternoon and evening, touches being rung of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Duffield, Double Norwich and Bob Major.

The business meeting was held in the Vicarage, the Rev. H. E. Sawyer, Vicar of Ashby, presiding. Mr. W. C. Wakley undertook the duties of secretary, in the absence, through illness, of the local hon. secretary, Mr. H. Wakley. The next meeting was fixed to take place at Hanbury-on-the-Hill, on June 10th, when it is hoped a good muster will be present to ring the handy peal of eight.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, etc., was carried with applause, the Vicar, in reply, stating he was only too pleased to do anything he could for the welfare of the ringers.

The visitors were afterwards very kindly entertained to tea by the Vicar, whose hospitality, needless to say, was much appreciated.

DEATH OF MR. J. R. PRITCHARD.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. John Rae Pritchard, who passed away in Salford Royal Hospital at the age of 57 years. He was well known all over the country as a composer, as the peal records testify, and although he had not done much ringing of recent years, he had formerly been very active in the pursuit of the Art. He was one of the founders of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers in 1876, and was made a member of the College Youths as long ago as 1875.

The mortal remains of the deceased were laid to rest in Eccles Churchyard, on Monday week, in a grave in which

THE LATE MR. J. R. PRITCHARD.

his wife was buried barely twelve months ago. Ringers from Pendleton, Eccles and Didsbury acted as bearers, and the funeral was attended by members from Worsley, Ashton, Manchester Cathedral and St. John's. After the service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung over the grave by H. Chapman, S. Wood, A. Cross, R. Ridyard, and J. Barratt. The tower bells, deeply muffled, were also rung, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major being brought round by J. Eachus, S. Wood, J. Barratt, R. Davies, W. H. Cooper, W. H. Shuker, J. Ridyard and H. Chapman. Afterwards a peal was attempted by the same company, with A. Cross instead of J. Eachus on the treble.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

A Page of "Timely Topics," by Will Willson.

The little hint to correspondents a week or so ago anent their curious caligraphy was well-timed. In fact the line might as well be kept set up for occasional use, seeing that scarcely two persons write alike. I receive a considerable amount of correspondence, and it very often happens that a letter has to go the round of the household before it can be deciphered. It is not always found among the penmanship of those who have little education and lesser time for writing, but very frequently letters from men, who bear the hall mark of an University training, resemble Egyptian hieroplyphics perpetrated with a poker rather than with a pen. One very great luminary in the ringing world writes in a series of zigzag strokes. On one occasion I cut off the heading of his notepaper, and asked him if he could make the letter out. He turned it upside down, sideways, and finally gave it up, remarking that it was probably a doctor's prescription! *It was his own writing*, mark that. I showed it to a physician, who went through the same gymnastics in trying to interpret it. Ultimately he handed it back, saying it was no doubt a good thing for indigestion!

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There is another ringer whose name often appears as a bob caller for Holt's Ten-part. Just now he resides Devon way. Our friend has the idea that a letter or a postcard is all the more intelligible by the addition of a few score of commas. He scatters commas all among the writing anywhere and everywhere. He fails to realise that punctuation makes all the difference between sense and nonsense. He is like the comp who once upon a time in a Berlin newspaper set up the following paragraph:—"Prince Bismarck walked in on his head, the well known cap on his feet, large brightly polished top boots on his forehead, a dark cloud in his hand, the inevitable walking stick in his eye, a menacing glance." However ridiculous this may appear, it is quite a pen picture of the Iron Chancellor if the commas are only taken from where I have placed them purposely, and put in three words earlier in each case. Will Charles —— for that is our friend's "handle," please copy?

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The calm and judicious critique in the *Nottingham Guardian* on peal ringing is the best I have ever read on the subject. It is fair, temperate, and points out the evils of extremists on both sides. There is no gainsaying the fact that sooner or later peal ringing in busy towns will have to be regulated, and relegated to the most convenient season. The action of the Nottingham letter writer in complaining of a peal being rung on Easter Monday is obviously vindictive. There are those who would silence church bells at all times in or out of season. Argument on these cranky individuals is wasted. At a church to which I belong the custom is to practice fortnightly and ring peals at holiday times. This is done out of consideration for the number of medical men who live around the church which is just off the main road. At one time whenever the bells rang, an anonymous letter would appear signed "Peaceable" or "Anti-Nuisance." These were written to influence the powers that be, but a different complexion was put upon the grievance (?) when each letter was answered by half-a-dozen folk who loved the bells! It should be borne in mind that if two or three letters appear against the ringing, they are as nothing among the thousands of people in every parish, and most churches can count upon their own congregation to support the bell ringers. Thus by simple means the objectors can be swamped. *Verb. Sap.* This remark does not apply in cases of illness. Sickness calls for humanity, peace, and rest—and ringers are not barbarians.

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It is encouraging to see the peal ringing parsons coming to the front. In addition to the Revs. A. T. Beeston, C. Carew Cox (the C.C.C. who canters to Canterbury), Cyril Jenkins, who is following the grand old man, the late F. E. Robinson, and H. L. James among the "bob-callers," there were about half-a-dozen others clerks in holy orders who figured among the peal records in last week's *Ringing World*. This is as it should be. The public which thinks that bell ringing is only pulling ropes will begin to realise that there is something more than that in it. Another parson for whom I have a great regard is the incumbent of the parish church of Worsley, Lancashire. Rev. C. B. Hulton can ring, and he is an ideal ringers' preacher. When he was located at Turvey, Bedfordshire, I heard him address a ringers' gathering, and his discourse was one I will not forget. I see that he has just rung his first quarter-peal of Double Norwich in company with the Manchester men. The Vicar of Worsley has rung many peals in other methods—and rang Stedman Triples upon his own bells at Turvey when the late Rev. F. E. Robinson conducted—and it won't be long before he gets his 5000 of D.N.C.B.M.

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The sad eyed "composer" entered the Editor's sanctum for the fourth time that day. "Is he in?" he asked the boy. "Why?" said the knowing lad. "What about my date touch, why does it not appear?" "Dunno, watchermean?" said the office demon. "Oh, it *must* appear, it contains all the 6-7's, 7-6's, 4-6's, 6-4's and all the —" "Stow it," said the lad, "he ain't in, and we've got tons of that stuff. The W.P.B. is my perkisit so I know." Leaning forward the weary one whispered, "When will he be in? I *must* get hold of him." "That settles it," said the lad, "you *can't* get hold of him, cos why? he's bald headed in the fust place, his boots are greased in the second place, and he wears skin-tight clothes as well, so you see you *can't get hold on him anywhere*. Good-day."

PEAL RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I read with pleasure "Our Weekly Illustration," and I, in common with many other ringers, no doubt, endorse the views of Mr. Stewart as to continuous peal ringing, and also your observations a few weeks ago *re* the man on the pedestal—the indispensable (?) Would it not be to the advantage of scores of ringers, especially young ones, to obtain an all-round knowledge in every branch, both practical and theoretical, rather than stumping all over the country ringing peals in two or three methods, called frequently from observation bells, and, as a rule, for the bob-caller's own personal aggrandisement?

"CUMBERLAND."

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, 720 Double Court: T. Copeland 1, Rev. C. J. Sturton 2, H. V. Fletcher 3, W. H. Hilliam 4, G. R. Truss 5, J. B. Hallifax (conductor) 6. After service 720 Bob Minor.

BRAINTREE.—The Essex Association.—On Easter Day, for the early Celebration, at 6 a.m., 640 Kent Treble Bob: H. J. Collins 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, W. Hammond 3, H. E. Hammond 4, P. Holmes 5, F. Eley 6, H. Coote 7, E. F. Slade 8.

YATELEY, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Easter morning, 504 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Stilwell 1, A. Hearmon 2, W. G. Bunch 3, G. Butler 4, H. Tice (conductor) 5, J. R. Bunch 6, S. Riddell 7, C. Bunch 8. For service in the evening, 518 Grandsire Triples by the same band, conducted by G. Butler.—On Sunday, April 23rd, 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by S. Riddell; also 518 Grandsire Triples, conducted by G. Butler.

HALESWORTH.—The Norwich Diocesan Association.—On Easter Sunday morning, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Pierce 1, J. Spalding 2, C. Moss 3, A. H. Took 4, J. O'Neill 5, J. Howard 6, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 7, A. Lee 8.

DITCHLING, SUSSEX.—The Sussex County Association.—On Easter Day, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, by M. Killick, G. Killick, E. E. Bish, W. H. Horney, J. Feist, J. Parsons (conductor). For evening service, 720 in the same method, with S. Wells 1, and conducted by J. Feist.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK. — On Easter Sunday, for 7 a.m. service, 420 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. P. Bailey 1, F. W. Bailey 2, J. M. Bailey 3, E. S. Bailey 4, N. C. R. Bailey (conductor) 5, C. Samson 6, J. M. Button 7, E. H. Bailey 8.—For morning service, 1024 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Hardy 1, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 2, F. J. Smith 3, J. M. Bailey 4, E. H. Bailey 5, N. C. R. Bailey 6, C. Samson 7, E. S. Bailey 8.—For evening service, 960 Oxford Treble Bob Major: L. P. Bailey 1, F. W. Bailey 2, W. Button (Colchester) 3, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 4, J. M. Bailey 5, E. H. Bailey 6, C. Samson 7, N. C. R. Bailey 8.

BATHEASTON.—The Bath and Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—On Easter Day, for evening service, in 44 min., a quarter-peal of Doubles, consisting of two 6-scores of Bob Doubles and eight 6-scores of Grandsire: F. C. Rich 1, J. Taylor (conductor) 2, H. Taylor 3, H. Beckett 4, J. Hallett 5, W. Hayward 6.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.—On Easter Day, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, with 8, 7 and 9 covering, in 25 mins., by the following: Thomas Haines 1, Horace Banham 2, Stephen Goakes 3, George Piggins 4, Arthur Goakes 5, Charles Goakes (conductor) 6, Fred Hotson 7, Horace Cheesewright 8, and George Duffield 9. This was the first 720 by ringers of the Treble, 2nd, 4th and 9th.

EVESHAM.—At the Bell Tower, on Easter Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. (tenor, 32 cwt.): H. J. Phipps 1, R. G. Young 2, J. M. Turner 3, F. Cook 4, F. Jordan 5, F. Johnson 6, H. Middleton (conductor) 7, F. Jinks 8.

SOUTHWOLD.—The Norwich Diocesan Association.—On Monday, April 17th, on the occasion of the district meeting, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Lincoln 1, C. May 2, J. Spalding 3, T. King 4, F. Thompson 5, J. Larter 6, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 7, H. Barton 8.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—Stoke-on-Trent Association.—On Easter Sunday, April 16th, for Holy Eucharist, 240 Wells' Surprise; for Matins, 240 each of Violet, Woodbine and Oxford; and for evensong, 720 Wells' Surprise.—On Sunday, April 23rd, for evensong, 720 Killamarsh Surprise. The following ringers took part: G. E. Lawrence, W. C. Taylor, W. C. Lawrence, W. P. Deane, J. F. Ryles, F. T. Dawson, B. Pegg, E. Tigwell, J. T. Taylor and J. E. Wheeldon.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—Bath and Wells Association, Dunster Deanery. — On Monday, April 17th, at St. John the Baptist's Church, a Date Touch of Bob Minor (1911 changes), in 1 hr. 12 mins. (tenor 17 cwt.): John Gratton 1, James Watts 2, John Farmer 3, Ernest Parker 4, Bert Stevens 5, Harry Moore (conductor) 6.

WORCESTER.—The Worcester Cathedral Guild.—On Monday, May 1st, for practice, 503 Grandsire Caters: G. Hinton 1, J. Hill 2, J. Morris 3, B. Hills 4, W. Banks (longest touch) 5, A. Hill (conductor) 6, H. Wilkes 7, W. Edgington 8, R. Knowles 9, E. Watkins 10.—On Sunday, May 7th, 593 Grandsire Cinques: B. S. Hill 1, G. Hinton 2, J. Hill 3, B. Hill 4, W. Powell 5, J. Morris 6, A. Hill 7, T. Lane 8, J. R. Newman (conductor) 9, W. Edgington 10, E. Watkins 11, W. H. Johnson 12.

GARGRAVE.—Yorkshire Association.—At St. Andrew's Church, on May 2nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Hogg 1, W. H. Birtwhistle 2, J. Langstroth 3, W. Bradley 4, C. Langstroth 5, A. R. Jones 6, J. McKell (conductor) 7, H. Birtwhistle 8.—On Sunday, May 7th, for morning service, 1088 Double Norwich Major: W. H. Birtwhistle 1, J. Hogg (longest length away from treble in the method) 2, J. Lofthouse 3, H. Birtwhistle 4, J. Langstroth 5, C. Langstroth 6, J. Wane 7, J. McKell (conductor) 8. For evening service, 1008 Grandsire Triples, conducted by J. Lofthouse.

NUTTALL.—At St. Patrick's Church, on Tuesday, May 2nd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1320 changes), in 40 mins., three six-scores of Grandsire and two six-scores each of Chase, Old Doubles, St. Simon's, and Plain Bob: W. Beardsmore 1, A. Harrison 2, P. Beardsmore 3, L. Beardsmore 4, E. Wilcox (conductor) 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

CHERTSEY.—Winchester Guild, Yorktown District.—On Wednesday, May 3rd, two six-scores each of Canterbury Plain Bob, and Grandsire Doubles: J. Terry 1, J. B. Hessey 2, G. Warinton 3, H. Stevens 4, A. E. Gray 5, P. J. Percy 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—The Cambridge University Guild.—On Friday, May 5th, upon handbells, in the President's rooms, Trinity College, 2700 of Bob Royal: B. C. Roberts 1—2, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey 3—4, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (conductor) 5—6, E. M. Atkins 7—8, R. O. Street 9—10. Also 168 Stedman Triples and 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. M. Atkins 1—2, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey 3—4, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (conductor) 5—6, R. O. Street 7—8.—On Sunday, May 7th, 288 Kent Major and 720 Kent Minor, in the Master's rooms St. Catharine's College. These touches were rung on the occasion of the visit of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson to Cambridge.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—The St. Peter's Society.—On Saturday, May 6th, the anniversary of the accession of King George V., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins., at St. Peter's Church: A. Hull 1, E. P. Debenham 2, F. C. Rice 3, R. A. Kirby (conductor) 4, J. Porter 5, H. G. Lightfoot 6, H. J. Fewell 7, T. Seymour 8.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday evening, May 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Bloor 1, G. Woods 2, H. Page 3, E. Landon 4, C. Page 5, S. Churton 6, F. Page (conductor) 7, H. Austin 8.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, May 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: S. Stilwell 1, K. E. Harwood 2, A. Blake 3, T. Gosling 4, W. Welling 5, L. Stilwell (conductor) 6, A. R. Macdonald 7, F. Guttridge 8.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Sunday, May 7th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: S. Stilwell 1, A. C. Fussell 2, A. Leader 3, R. Flaxman 4, T. Leader 5, E. Hooper 6, W. Welling (conductor) 7, L. Stilwell 8.

BREDENBURG, HEREFORDSHIRE. — On Sunday, May 7th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: *J. Baldwin 1, H. Lambert 2, W. Watkins 3, A. Tomkins (conductor) 4, T. Bridgwater 5, *R. Bethel 6. * First quarter-peal.

LOUGHBORO', LEICESTERSHIRE.—Midland Counties Association.—On Sunday, May 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1277 changes), in 50 mins.: J. Oldham 1, W. Smith 2, E. Cartwright 3, Geo. Freebrey (first quarter-peal on ten bells) 4, H. Abbott 5, J. Smith 6, C. Harriman 7, J. Hutchby (conductor) 8, E. Reader 9, J. Powell 10.

EARL'S COLNE.—The Essex Association.—On Sunday, May 7th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1248 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Fleuty 1, W. Burst 2, W. Scillitoe 3, E. Newman 4, F. Claydon 5, W. Root 6, J. French 7, E. Ridgwell (conductor) 8.

WARNHAM.—Sussex County Association.—On May 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for evening service: W. Hollman 1, P. H. Doick 2, W. Pettifer 3, J. Burdfield 4, W. Denyer 5, W. Stanford 6, A. Greenfield (conductor) 7, John Cook 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, May 7th, for evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples: W. V. Webb 1, E. G. Aldridge 2, W. J. Grace 3, C. E. Gregory 4, R. G. James 5, G. F. James (conductor) 6, C. Greenough 7, A. T. Busby 8. Also 168 in the same method.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—The Lancashire Association.—On May 7th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Jackson 1, J. Huddleston 2, W. H. Dennison 3, W. S. Forshaw 4, C. J. A. Cushing 5, J. Burrus (conductor) 6.—On Sunday last, for evening service, 720 Oxford Single Bob: T. R. Jackson (conductor) 1, J. Huddleston 2, T. Metcalfe 3, T. Suart 4, W. S. Forshaw 5, J. Burrus 6.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, May 7th, at the Church of St. Mary's, Balderstone, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Clegg 1, A. Beresford 2, F. Nuttall 3, W. Tomlinson 4, J. Berry 5, J. H. Lees 6, J. Griffiths (conductor) 7, E. Chadwick 8. Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. A. C. MacIntyre, who is leaving the parish for Preston.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE. — The Midland Counties Association.—On Sunday, May 7th, for evening service, at St. Margaret's Church, in 21 mins., six members of the local band rang 720 of Superlative Surprise Minor, being the first 720 in the method by all and on the bells: E. Quinney 1, G. Stoneley 2, R. Clifford 3, W. Horton 4, T. Vallance 5, E. Stoneley (conductor) 6.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, May 7th, 1232 Bob Major: H. Burdock 1, T. R. Flint 2, A. Barratt 3, J. H. Clarke (conductor) 4, E. J. Oliver 5, H. R. Cobbin 6, F. Tite 7, W. Bellamy 8.—On Sunday, May 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): J. Hickman 1, S. Wesley 2, T. A. Burnham 3, F. Johnson 4, F. Tite 5, H. R. Cobbin 6, E. J. Oliver (conductor) 7, W. Bellamy 8.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 7th, for evening service, 720 London Surprise: J. Neal 1, J. Osborn 2, J. W. Lake (conductor) 3, F. Blood 4, A. S. Allen 5, A. E. Larkinson 6.—On May 8th, 720 Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise: J. Neal 1, J. Osborn 2, J. W. Lake (conductor) 3, A. E. Larkinson 4, A. S. Allen 5, F. Blood 6.—On Sunday last, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Neal 1, J. T. Woolley 2, J. Osborn (conductor) 3, A. E. Larkinson 4, A. S. Allen 5, F. Blood 6.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—On Tuesday, May 9th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: G. Boucher 1, A. Lewis 2, C. King 3, A. Pippin 4, F. Viles 5, C. Greedy (conductor) 6, W. Margetts 7, E. Rowe 8.

GARGRAVE.—Yorkshire Association.—At St. Andrew's Church, for practice, on May 9th, 1260 Stedman Triples: J. Hogg 1, W. H. Birtwhistle 2, J. Lofthouse 3, W. Bradley 4, W. Townson 5, C. Langstroth 6, J. McKell (conductor) 7, H. Birtwhistle 8.

HORNDEN, YORKSHIRE.—On Tuesday, May 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 53 mins.: J. T. Moore 1, C. W. King 2, J. Clarke 3, F. Hodgson 4, T. Smith 5, F. Tate 6, H. Ludkin (conductor) 7, J. A. Sherburn 8.

READING.—On Tuesday, May 9th, at St. Lawrence's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins., at a farewell to Mr. E. Barnes, who left for Canada on Wednesday: F. Longshaw 1, W. Newell 2, E. Bailey 3, F. Newman 4, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 5, E. Barnes 6, E. Denham 7, S. Bristow 8. First quarter-peal by Messrs. Longshaw, Barnes and Bristow, who have only taken up change ringing for about a year, under the tuition of Mr. W. Newell, who congratulated the lads upon their striking. Before leaving the tower, Mr. Barnes received many good wishes for his future success.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—Kent County Association.—On Tuesday evening, May 9th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Kent Treble Bob, as a birthday compliment to J. Burles, who attained the age of 18: C. Constant (first 720) 1, J. Burles (first as conductor) 2, G. A. Jones 3, F. Hayes 4, F. M. Mitchell 5, R. Constant 6.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX. — On Tuesday, May 9th, at St. Mary's Church, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Major: H. Kibby 1, P. Chalk 2, W. Bedwell 3, E. Bendix 4, H. T. Wilson 5, G. E. Wilson 6, J. Sykes 7, W. H. Judd (conductor) 8.

EDGBASTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On seven recent Sunday mornings, 720's were rung in each of the following methods: Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire Minor, St. Clement's, College Single Reverse, and Canterbury: J. Johnson 1, T. Collinson 2, W. Bryant 3, J. Eaton 4, A. Gardener 5, H. Withers 6. E. Allaway took part in Plain Bob and Grandsire. Conducted by H. Withers and T. Collinson.

WHITBY, YORKS. — At the weekly practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: T. Steel 1, W. Breckon 2, F. Hodgson 3, A. Coates 4, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 5, J. Waters 6, W. Harland 7, M. Stapley 8.—On Sunday, May 7th, 1050 Grandsire Triples, being the first part of a five part peal: T. Steel 1, W. Breckon (conductor) 2, F. Hodgson 3, A. Coates 4, W. Knaggs 5, J. Waters 6, W. Harland 7, G. F. Alexander 8.—On handbells, 1008 Bob Major: W. Breckon 1—2, A. Coates 3—4, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 5—6, W. Harland 7—8. Also a course of Grandsire Cinques. F. Hodgson 1—2, A. Coates 3—4, W. Breckon 5—6, G. F. Alexander 7—8, J. Waters 9—10, W. Harland 11—12.

CARDIFF.—On May 11th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: *C. O. Hobbs 1, H. Day 2, W. Biss 3, W. Bolton 4, S. Dawe 5, *W. Heath 6, W. Millar 7, F. Chamberlain 8, A. Rowley (conductor) 9, S. Barker 10. This quarter peal was rung as a farewell compliment to Mr. Clark, who is leaving for Australia. * First quarter peal.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Saturday, May 13th, for practice, 720 of College Pleasure (first in the method by all the band, and the first in the district): W. E. Tansley 1, W. Halford 2, J. Hall 3, A. Freeman 4, R. Cox 5, E. C. Gobey (conductor) 6.

NORTHFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday last, 720 London Surprise Minor: J. Vaughan 1, F. Hobbis 2, H. Wilson 3, J. Withers 4, A. Chambers (conductor) 5, F. Withers 6.—Also a 120 of Grandsire Doubles. Rung as a farewell to H. Wilson, who has removed to Manchester, much to the regret of his brother ringers.

ECHINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.—The Yorkshire Association and Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Association.—On Sunday last, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 50 mins.: A. Craven 1, L. Palmer 2, J. Morton 3, J. Thompson 4, W. Daffin 5, W. Palmer 6, S. Robinson, jun., 7, S. Robinson, sen. (conductor) 8. Rung in honour of J. Morton's birthday.—On Sunday, May 7th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Hancock 1, W. Price 2, L. Palmer 3, J. Morton 4, J. Thompson 5, W. Palmer 6, A. Craven (conductor) 7, S. Robinson, sen., 8.

ILKESTON.—On Sunday, for evening service, 840 Stedman Triples: A. T. Baker 1, J. R. Iliffe 2, A. Nicholson 3, S. Burgoyne 4, A. Ward (conductor) 5, E. C. Gobey 6, H. Harrison 7, J. F. George 8.

BELL RESTORATIONS.

COWDEN, KENT.

For many years the peal of five bells of Cowden Church had been unringable, and at a meeting of the parishioners it was decided to invite tenders for their restoration. The work was entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., Crescent Foundry, Spelman Street, N.E., bell founders to His Majesty King George V. The treble and tenor were recast, the old bells retuned, and a new treble bell added, to serve as a memorial to his late Most Gracious Majesty, King Edward VII. The bells are fitted with cast iron headstocks, and are hung in an iron and steel girder frame. The tone and "go" of the peal now leave nothing to be desired, and the bells have been dedicated by the Bishop of Rochester.

STOKE MANDERVILLE, BUCKS.

Last Friday the bells of Stoke Manderville were dedicated by the Bishop of Oxford, and a peal of Minor rung upon them to celebrate the event. The dedication took place in the presence of a large congregation, the Bishop being attended by the Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Winterton) and other clergy. Through the efforts of the Vicar the peal has been augmented from five to six—the old treble having been recast and a new bell added—and rehung in an iron frame. The work has been successfully carried out by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham, under the direction of Mr. J. E. Groves, who took part in the peal. The Vicar generously entertained the ringers to dinner and tea, and the Master of the Guild, in voicing their thanks, expressed the hope that the local band would join the guild and progress in change ringing. It is interesting to note that the six ringers of the peal came from six different towers: J. W. Wilkins, High Wycombe; W. H. Fussell, Slough; J. Evans, Hughenden; J. E. Groves, Birmingham; A. E. Reeves, Reading; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Caversham.

HOLY TRINITY, DARTFORD.

The bells of the parish church of Holy Trinity, Dartford (where the present Archbishop of Canterbury held his first and only curacy under Dr. Bowlby, afterwards Bishop of Coventry) have long been silent owing to certain defects, but they have now been repaired, and will be rung on Coronation Day. Dartford Church is conspicuously placed on the high road from London to Canterbury and Dover, and its tower is as familiar now to motorists as it must have been to Chaucer's pilgrims more than five centuries ago.

MACHEN, SOUTH WALES.

After being silent for many years, the bells of Machen Church, near Newport, Mon., are to be taken in hand for restoration. There is a peal of six in the tower, and several months ago it was decided to rehang them. Just as the work was about to be commenced the honorary secretary of the Llandaff Diocesan Association (Mr. J. W. Jones) intervened and suggested that it should be deferred so that a special effort might be made to complete the octave. This, as reported in a previous issue, it has now been decided, shall be done, and a treble and tenor are to be added, the contract having been secured by Messrs. Llewellins and James, of Bristol. The sum required for the work is £350 11s., and of this £306 14s. has been subscribed. Lord Tredegar has given a

donation of £25, and in his letter suggested that the order should be given to the founders to proceed with the work. The collecting books are still open, so that the deficiency of £47 17s. may be reduced as much as possible before the completion of the work.

NOTICES.

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FOR SALE.—Mr. C. L. Routledge, 62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle, has the following books for sale. Offers will oblige: Clavis Campanologia (original, good condition), Ellacombe's Belfries and Ringers, Hubbard, Shipway (reprint), Stedman's Tintinnalogia (reprint).

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Royston, on Saturday next, May 20th. Bells (6) available from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea at the Dairy.—B. H. T. Drake, Sec. for Northern District, 12, Grove Road, Hitchin.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Northampton to-morrow (May 20th).—F. Wilford, General Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes, Strand, to-morrow (Saturday), May 20th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. W. Bickford). Bells available at 3.30. Meeting in the Parish House at 5.30 to consider proposed alteration of date of annual meeting to the Saturday after Easter. All members are urgently requested to attend.—C. T. Coles, H. C. Chandler, honorary secretaries.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday next (May 20th). Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—J. H. Bastow, branch secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place on Saturday, next (May 20th). 3 p.m., Longden (5); 4 p.m., Abbots Bomley (5); 4.45 p.m., Blithfield (5); 5.45 p.m., Ingestre (6).—E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday. Divine service at St. Mary's at 11.30. Preacher, Rev. W. A. Errington, Rector of Hunsdon, Herts. Business meeting to follow. Notice of intention to dine must be sent to the honorary secretary not later than June 1st.—Henry T. W. Eyre, honorary secretary, Great Totham, Witham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, May 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Folkestone on Whitsun Monday, June 5th. Committee meeting (in Woodward Institute 11 a.m. Service at 12 (address by Rev. A. F. Rutty, Rector of Lyminge). Dinner at 1 p.m. Towers open for ringing: Folkestone (8), Hythe (8), Lyminge (8), Cheriton (6), Newington (6). For dinner tickets apply before Thursday, June 1st, to Fred. J. O. Helmore, Honorary Secretary, Canterbury.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a small charge at the Beehive Hotel at 5.30.—H. C. Chandler, honorary secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Helmshore on Saturday, May 27th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Branch Secretary.

Mr. A. Knights, of Chesterfield, has removed to 32, Higher Albert Street.

F. A. Holden's address is now Ship's Corporal, H.M.S. "Blonde," c/o G.P.O.

Mr. B. Harwan, School Road, Swallfield, near Horley, Surrey, will be staying in North Devon between June 3rd and 11th, and would like to arrange peals or touches of Grandsire or Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob or Double Norwich Major.—Communications should be sent to above address.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tong on the 27th inst. Peal attempt at 2.30 to 3; the business meeting at the Greyhound Inn at 7.30.—A. S. Mitchell, secretary, 2, Granville Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds.

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Our peal columns this week again demonstrate the activity of the Guildford handbell band. Mr. A. H. Pulling has conducted four peals of Stedman Caters in hand in five days. Phew! It gives one furiously to think, as the Frenchman said. There can be no doubt that these Guildfordians are bright particular stars in the ringing firmament at this moment, and Stedman Caters with them seems to be as easy as shelling peas.

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But not quite. They do lose a peal sometimes. A fortnight ago Stedman Caters went wrong close to the end of the peal, but if it were not for these risks peals would not be worth ringing. At the same time, Stedman Caters on handbells, with A. H. Pulling as conductor, is about as safe as any peal can reasonably be.

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There are ringers who can ring and call peals blindfolded, but when are we to record the first peal rung by the whole band in absolute darkness? Here, at any rate, is still one world left to conquer, but we hope we may not be held responsible for inciting any, otherwise sane, company to suicide. This suggestion is made as the result of the paragraph last week upon the peal lost at Rotherham through the gas going out.

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ASSOCIATION REPORTS.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE.

The thirty-third annual report of the Durham and Newcastle Association has just been published, and is again replete with information of the doings of the association and all the other details that go to make up the perfect report. Having had some experience of association reports during the last few months, we can congratulate the compilers of this volume upon the exhaustive information, conveniently arranged for ready reference, which it contains. The style might be copied by many other associations with advantage.

The report deals with the position of the society for the year ending October 31st, 1910, and records 41 peals rung in nine methods in that period, as against 36 in the previous year. In spite, however, of a slight improvement both in Sunday service and peal ringing, the honorary secretary (Mr. C. Todd) says he feels the association is not progressing in the way many members would like to see it. Ten years ago, he remarks, the number of towers affiliated was the same as it is to-day—certainly during that period they had had years with as many as 37, but when they considered that after 33 years there were only a little over 50 per cent. of the belfries in the two counties in union with the association, it must be admitted that it

was time steps were taken to increase the interest of the outside towers both in the association and the art of change ringing. It is true that the association, as a whole, could often inspire a new band with the enthusiasm necessary for good ringing, but it was only the individual members who could get into sympathetic touch with those members who are not affiliated, and gain their confidence and interest. There were members who were working quietly in this direction at the present time, but he feared they were too few. Could it be that at every opportunity all the ringing members had done their utmost to assist what Mr. Field had aptly called "missionary work?"

LINCOLN DIOCESAN.

The report of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild for the year 1910 is also to hand, and here again is another admirable compilation, although, if we may be allowed to make a suggestion, we would recommend that future reports should include for the Southern and Eastern counties branches the names and addresses of the local correspondent, as is done in the Northern, and, to a partial extent, in the Eastern branches lists. This information is quite as useful, for instance, as the weight of the tenor at each of the churches.

The master's report is characteristic of the Rev. H. Law James in its outspokenness, and it is refreshing to find something more than the stereotyped common-places in a report such as this, for criticism is more essential to success than empty flattery. After referring to the fact that the peals for the year again exceeded all previous records, and that the quality of the methods rung was steadily improving, the master says: "The striking in the southern portion of the county is improving owing to wider leading, and I hope that North Lincolnshire will follow suit, as ringing without open leads is not fit to listen to, no matter how perfect the striking may be otherwise. It has come to my ears that some parishes with good bands of ringers have no ringing for Sunday morning service. This is a disgrace not only to the ringers of the parishes concerned, but also to the whole Diocesan Guild, a disgrace which surely only needs mentioning in order that it may disappear along with other abuses of by-gone days.

"I am very pleased to be able to say that several clergy in the diocese are learning to ring, which is very encouraging, and I would take this opportunity of asking many more clergy to do the same. Ringing is not only good, steady exercise, which will last a man well into his old age, when cricket and other forms of exercise must cease, but it is also a splendid mental training for the young men of the parish, and a means of promoting a spirit of brotherly love one towards another, a spirit which exists among the ringers far more than among most other Churchmen."

There are just two or three ringers who can manage to ring two church bells at the same time, and we have marvelled at their dexterity. But what about a one-armed ringer! The record of a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples has just come to hand, rung at St. Mary's, Barnsley, stating, in most matter of fact terms, to be "the longest length in any method by the ringer of the second since the loss of his left hand." The ringer of the second was Arthur Rackham, of Barnsley, and he deserves every credit for persevering with ringing when suffering from a disability which would effectually have ended the ringing career of most people.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

With the approach of Whitsuntide those who have an interest in the politics of change ringing turn their thoughts to the meeting of the Central Council. The annual assembly takes place on Whit-Tuesday, and the meeting will be held this year at Leicester. These gatherings, which bring together much of the best talent in the ringing world, are regarded with varying opinions by the rank and file, many of whom seem to look upon them as pleasant outings for a favoured few. No one we think will deny that the meetings have their pleasurable side—it is always a source of happiness to meet old friends—but, with all the criticism which has been levelled at it from time to time, the Central Council is the keystone in the ringing organisation. Without it the various associations would be so many disjointed units, and in bringing them together in affiliation with one central body the "Ringers' Parliament," as it may be not inaptly termed, has done far more service to the Exercise than a great many ringers realise. It has raised the standard of the Art, and brought the associations in touch with one another in a way that would not otherwise have been possible. There are ways, perhaps, by which the Council might do something still further in the way of practical legislation, but with one short meeting a year the Council cannot be expected to move very fast.

On another page will be found the business which is to come before the meeting at Leicester, and it will be noticed that the Council are to be asked to consider a motion giving *The Ringing World* official recognition. At present, of course, we have no official status with this central body, but, by the courtesy of the honorary secretary, we have been favoured with the official information published for the benefit of the members. As *The Ringing World* has come to stay, and is already being officially recognised by practically all the individual associations throughout the country as a medium for the publication of notices, we feel there is not much likelihood of the Central Council declining to accept the motion which is to be brought forward. We do not view this matter in a personal light, but from that of our thousands of readers. The Council, we are sure, will recognise, as their honorary secretary has already done, that that large body of ringers who prefer to support *The Ringing World* are just as interested in, and, being, through their associations, affiliated to the Council, just as much entitled to information of the doings and rulings of the central body, as other members of the Exercise. This fact alone, we think, is sufficient to ensure the passing of the resolution.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ASHTON-UNDER LYNE SOCIETY.

On Thursday, May 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

HERBERT STANSFIELD	*Treble*	WALTER WOLSTENCROFT	7
THOMAS JAKEMAN	2	BENJAMIN GILL	8
CHAS. BOWER	3	SAMUEL BOOTH	9
WILLIAM JAKEMAN	4	ALBERT ADAMS	10
JAMES WOOD	5	BENJAMIN THORP	11
JOSEPH MELLOR	6	HARRY CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

First peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Wm. Jakeman, who has been on a visit from America, and returned on Tuesday.

TEN BELL PEALS.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

ALBERT G. WARNES	*Treble*	EDWARD FRANCIS	6
FREDERICK PESTELL	2	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS	7
DENISON HAYWARD	3	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	8
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	4	FREDERICK KNIGHTS	9
CHARLES E. BORRETT	5	GEORGE H. HAMMOND	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

Messrs. Pestell, Hayward, and Hammond are local men, the rest hail from Norwich.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 15, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER CLAYDON	*Treble*	ARTHUR HOLMAN	6
HENRY REEVES	2	HENRY EWINS	7
HENRY BENNETT	3	HENRY A. HOAD	8
GEORGE F. HOAD	4	GEORGE CROUCHER	9
ALBERT HARMAN	5	HENRY EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by HENRY REEVES.

DUDLEY.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

RALPH MEEK	*Treble*	WILLIAM GOODMAN	6
THOMAS WATTON	2	SAMUEL SPITTLE	7
HERBERT SHEPPARD	3	JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.	8
WILLIAM R. SMALL	4	HARRY GOODMAN	9
WILLIAM MILLS	5	CHARLES FAULKS	*Tenor*

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Dudley (the Rev. A. Gray Maitland) and Mrs. Maitland, on the anniversary of their wedding day.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qrs. 20 lbs.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	*Treble*	WILLIAM PALMER	6
ALBERT D. STONE	2	ROBERT J. DAWE	7
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	3	ALFRED J. TURNER	8
ERNEST GOWER	4	KEITH HART	9
CHARLES PALMER	5	RICHARD STREDWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt., in F.

HARRY BARTON	*Treble*	FENTON THOMPSON	5
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	2	JAMES HOWARD	6
FREDK. C. LAMBERT	3	JOHN LARTER	7
ERNEST LINCOLN	4	THOMAS KING	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 13, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM SHILVOCK	*Treble*	JOHN BASS	5
*HORACE F. STREET	2	SAMUEL GROVE	6
WILLIAM SHORT	3	JAMES DOWLER	7
*CHARLES DICKENS	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method; also first peal in the method on the bells.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 15, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

*PHILIP CHAPMAN	*Treble*	JAMES MAYNARD	5
JAMES BAKER	2	WILLIAM LATTER	6
†ARTHUR MAYNARD	3	CHARLES CHAPMAN	7
*GEORGE FUGGLE	4	GEORGE TURLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

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

Rung as a compliment to James Baker on his 68th birthday, and to celebrate his having been a ringer at the above church for 53 years.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24¼ cwt.

G. W. MARTIN	*Treble*	H. M. SMITH	5
H. R. BUTCHER	2	C. BRASIER	6
F. HAMMOND	3	A. MARTIN	7
E. BISHOP	4	E. BISHOP, Senr.	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. R. BUTCHER.

First peal of Grandsire by the band.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES HICKLIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. SMITH	5
HARRY KENDRICK	2	†CECIL A. BEELS	6
*JOSEPH BRITTIAN	3	LEONARD BULLOCK	7
THOMAS DICKEN	4	FRANK SHEPHERD	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD BULLOCK.

* First peal. † First peal on inside bell. W. J. Smith's 100th peal.

WIDNES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 17, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

JOHN A. CALLAND	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. HANCOCK	5
RICHARD DAGNALL	2	GEORGE CLEWS	6
ROBERT LEATHER	3	GEORGE SANT	7
HERBERT ASHTON	4	ALBERT HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. J. HANCOCK.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect for the late Mrs. Morton.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 18, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt.

ALBERT G. WARNES	*Treble*	†GEORGE H. CROSS	5
GEORGE S. SOAMES	2	EDWARD H. KING	6
*WILLIAM A. HEMPEL	3	ERNEST G. SUFFLING	7
GEORGE MOY	4	FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WILLIAM PALMER	*Treble*	*GEORGE F. SWANN	5
CHARLES DICKENS	2	†SAMUEL GROVE	6
GEORGE PIGOTT	3	JAMES DOWLER	7
*ARTHUR CHAMBERS	4	*JOHN WITHERS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal as conductor in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. James Dowler's 150th peal.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*ALFRED T. REEVES	*Treble*	JOHN SWAIN	5
HENRY TUCKER	2	CHARLES GILES	6
WALTER A. WEBB	3	ALBERT E. REEVES	7
CHARLES COX	4	WILLIAM H. BUCKLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. REEVES.

* First peal.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qrs. 4 lbs., in F.

FREDK. R. BORRETT	*Treble*	ERNEST LINCOLN	5
CLAYTON PARNELL	2	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	6
CHARLES BAKER	3	JOHN LARTER	7
GEORGE BAXTER	4	THOMAS KING	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by FREDK. R. BORRETT.

This peal was rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Packer. It was also E. Lincoln's ninth peal on these bells, all of which he has now rung to a peal.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Five Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 9056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs., in F.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM	*Treble*	ISAAC SCHOFIELD	5
SAMUEL WOOD	2	SAMUEL BOOTH	6
JOSEPH GODDARD	3	CHARLES H. MARSLAND	7
SAMUEL STOTT	4	BENJAMIN THORPE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

This peal is a part of the 17,120.

BROXBORNE, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN J. LAMB	*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	5
GEORGE RADLEY	2	ISAAC CAVILL	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
*PERCY R. HISLOP	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 47. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER	*Treble*	WILLIAM SHORT	5
HARRY DICKENS	2	JAMES DOWLER	6
WILLIAM SHILVOCK	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
CHARLES DICKENS	4	OLIVER JAMES	*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15¾ cwt.

ERNEST A. REEVE	*Treble*	ALFRED W. GRIMES	5
WILLIAM J. DEAN	2	HAROLD BURTON	6
*ARTHUR N. HARDY	3	FRANK I. HAIRS	7
HENRY S. ELLIS	4	HARRY MANCE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by HARRY MANCE.

First peal in the method by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 6th, 7th and tenor.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

PERCIVAL I. STOKES	*Treble*	JOHN W. WOOD	5
REV. H. LAW JAMES	2	JAMES OSBORN	6
ARTHUR MACKEARS	3	FREDERICK W. STOKES	7
ARCHIE C. STOKES	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

The first Surprise peal on the bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM ALDIS	*Treble*	RICHARD BALDRY	5
JOHN F. WILSON	2	JOHN ALDIS, Junr.	6
ALFRED FUNNELL	3	GEORGE POYNTZ	7
FREDK. WHITHAM	4	WILLIAM STEELE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT, and Conducted by WM. STEELE.

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 11 cwt., in G.

*C. C. HUGHES D'AETH	*Treble*	REV. LL. EDWARDS	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	ERNEST B. CROWDER	6
*W. W. HUGHES D'AETH	3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN	7
JESSE B. TYLER	4	†WALTER SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

First peal on the bells. † First peal. * First peal of Triples. The ringers of the treble and 5th were proposed members before starting.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY	*Treble*	JAMES M. BAILEY	5
NORMAN R. BAILEY	2	ERNEST S. BAILEY	6
*FREDERICK W. BAILEY	3	CHARLES F. BAILEY	7
EDGAR H. BAILEY	4	GEORGE HARDY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

BARROW-UPON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

being seven different 720's. Tenor 18½ cwt.

THE REV. H. LAW JAMES	*Treble*	*ARTHUR HOODLESS	4
JOSEPH BARRICK	2	HARRY ASHTON	5
HARRY EBBATSON	3	JOHN W. CROWDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal with a bob bell. This is the first peal on the bells, and the conductor's 200th peal.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BY THE LOCAL BAND.)

On Thursday, May 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 6-scores of Grandsire and thirty-two 6-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 21½ cwt.

RUFUS T. LADE	*Treble*	*JOHN THURLOW	4
WILLIAM G. PAINE	2	ARTHUR R. MILES	5
WILLIAM BAGLEY	3	ARTHUR GROOMBRIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR R. MILES.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the return of the Vicar (the Rev. John H. R. Kirby, M.A.) from a convalescent rest at Ventnor, Isle of Wight.

HORSELL, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(YORKTOWN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM A. WOODROW	*Treble*	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD	4
†JAMES BRACKLEY	2	ERNEST J. HAMBLIN	5
FREDERICK G. WOODISS	3	WILLIAM SHEPHERD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING	1—2	MAURICE SMITHER	5—6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE, Senr.	3—4	FRANK BLONDELL	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

LATE PEALS.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM BURGESS ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ...	5
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ...	2	JAMES G. RUMSEY... ...	6
WILLIAM J. GROOM	3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ...	7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ...	4	PETER LAFLIN	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN..	...*Treble*	*WALTER WHITING	5
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ...	2	WILLIAM LAST	6
ERNEST E. LANHAM	3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ...	7
GEORGE WHITING	4	†JOHN C. CREASEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

LATE NOTICES.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Hanbury-on-the-Hill on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available at 3.30. By the kindness of the Vicar a tea will be provided free to all ringers attending, who send their names to H. Wakley, 160, Horninglow Road N., Burton-on-Trent, not later than June 8th.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shenley, Bucks, on Saturday, June 3rd. Service at 3.30.—F. W. Booth, Hon. Secretary.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday evening, May 14th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: A. W. Davis 1, J. Hazell 2, G. Davis 3, W. Wigmore 4, G. Wigmore 5, S. Waters (conductor) 6.

GRANTHAM.—The Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Southern Branch).—At the Church of St. Wulfram's, for evening service, on Sunday, May 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 51 mins.: E. Nidd 1, H. Thorpe (first quarter-peal) 2, D. Oveston 3, T. J. Whetstone 4, A. C. Darnell (composer and conductor) 5, W. G. Thorpe 6, S. Proctor 7, S. Hall 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.—At St. Illtyd's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, May 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: J. Paul 1, A. J. Stanley 2, F. J. Evans 3, J. Evans 4, R. Evans 5, R. James 6, J. Cox (conductor) 7, D. Powell 8.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.—The Lancashire Association.—On Tuesday, May 16th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, 720 Bob Minor: J. Gratrix 1, *H. Eckersall 2, H. Chapman 3, *F. Rogers 4, *W. Ford (conductor) 5, *R. H. Bent 6. * First 720.

GREAT FINSBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.—Norwich Diocesan Association.—On Wednesday, May 17th, 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: H. Copeland 1, A. Grimwood 2, E. Welham 3, S. Scarffe 4, W. Fishbourne 5, E. Diaper (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 rung with five of the local company together, as they only started ringing when the bells were hung on February 3rd, 1910. The bells are a very musical peal of six, by Messrs. Day and Son, of Eye. They go splendidly, and are much admired all round the district for their musical qualities.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE. — On Thursday, May 18th, for practice, at the Church of All Saints', a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: J. W. Jones 1, F. Morgan 2, J. Bullen 3, F. Atwell 4, J. Butler 5, J. Pippin 6, A. E. Morgan (conductor) 7, G. Goddard 8.

MIDDLEHAM CHURCH TOWER.

During the alterations which are going on in the tower of the parish church at Middleham, Yorks, pending the erection of the new peal of bells by Messrs. Taylor and Co, one or two things of interest have come to light. The old bell frame on removal was in places found to be very decayed and the joints on the weather side of the tower quite perished. The floor beneath was fairly good, but when this was removed a very unsafe state of things was revealed, and, to say the least of it, the ringers are lucky to have got off without a serious accident happening to them.

The two huge base beams were found to have been in position when the old six bells were hung in 1824, and at that time must have been decayed at their ends, because they were spliced and heavily bolted so as to make them capable of carrying the increased weight. The three older bells of the seventeenth century would have been supported on these beams also, which now were in imminent danger of giving way. The masonry of the tower is as good and hard as the neighbouring castle of the king maker.

Another point of interest is the discovery of a chimney in the thickness of the wall running up on the east side of the north window from the chamber below, where the trace of the fireplace yet remains. The exit of the chimney has been obliterated in the rebuilding of the parapet years ago. There are only two other church towers in the neighbourhood which have this relic of their use as places of refuge, that is, the churches of Bedale and Thornton-Watlass.

The dedication of the new peal will take place about June 15th by, it is hoped, the Bishop of Ripon.

Mr. W. J. SMITH'S 100 PEALS.

The "century" was reached by Mr. W. J. Smith at St. Modwen's Church, Burton-on-Trent. His peals are as follow:—Stedman Caters, 1; Grandsire Caters, 2; London Surprise Major, 7; Superlative Surprise Major, 5; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; New Cumberland Surprise Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 7; Duffield Major, 4; Double Oxford Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Plain Bob Major, 1; Stedman Triples, 33; Grandsire Triples, 28, on handbells, 4; Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 1; Minor in three methods, 1; Bob Minor, 2; total, 100.

Mr. J. DOWLER'S 150 PEALS.

The peal of Bristol at King's Norton was Mr. James Dowler's 150th peal. His total is made up as follows:—Grandsire Doubles, 1; Grandsire Triples, 12, conducted, 2; Grandsire Caters, 3; Stedman Triples, 42; Stedman Caters, 1; Stedman Cinques, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 19, conducted, 3; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 1; Forward Major, 1; Forward Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 15; Double Oxford Major, 1; Duffield Major, 1; Bob Major, 6; Superlative Surprise Major, 16; Cambridge Surprise Major, 7; Bristol Surprise Major, 4; London Surprise Major, 15; total, 150; conducted, 5.

HULL.—Yorkshire Association. — At All Saints' Church, on May 19th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1911 changes), in 1 hr. 9 mins.: T. Harrison 1, M. Hedges 2, A. Naylor 3, T. Whitfield 4, C. Jackson (composer and conductor) 5, A. B. Cook 6, H. Jenkins 7, G. Hedges 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Maude Gaunt, hon. member, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE TOWCESTER ASSOCIATION.

FESTIVAL AT HELMDON.

Helmdon was the scene of the eighteenth annual festival of the Towcester and District Association, which was held on Thursday of last week. Ringers, to the number of about 150, assembled from Lois Weedon, Courteenhall, Milton, Helmdon, Gayton, Blisworth, Easton Neston, Bradden, Paulerspury, Towcester, Preston Capes, Leckhampstead, Middleton Cheney, Wicken, Passenham, Greensnorton, Pattishall, Eydon and Blakesley.

The day's proceedings commenced with Divine service in the beautiful old church, which was well filled. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. N. Eales (Rector), the lessons being read by the Rev. H. Gore-Browne (Leckhampstead), and the Rev. W. H. Barry (President of the Association), Blisworth; the sermon being preached by the Rev. J. H. Speck (Vicar of St. Martin's, Bedford), who took for his text, "Ye should earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the Saints."

The business meeting was afterwards held in the Reading Room, at which the following officers were unanimously re-elected: President, the Rev. W. H. Barry; vice-presidents, the Rev. A. Wake and the Rev. R. M. Gore-Browne; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Causebrook.

Subsequently the party adjourned to a large marquee erected in a field near the Rectory, where an excellent cold luncheon was served by Mr. and Mrs. Leadbeater, of Weston. The President gave "The King," which was loyally received, and Mr. G. E. Groom then proposed "The health of the Preacher." The toast was cordially received, and the Rev. J. H. Speck replied.

The Rev. R. M. Gore-Browne proposed the toast of "The Towcester and District Bellringers' Association," and remarked that the Association was in a very healthy condition. The ringers themselves took a very great interest in their work, and the belfries showed many improvements, and he hoped this satisfactory state of affairs would long continue.

THE ASSOCIATION'S PROGRESS.

Mr. J. Slarke (Towcester), who was the founder of the Association, in responding, said when he looked at that gathering he could hardly believe that the Association had grown to such dimensions in so short a time. He pleaded for a better attendance and for more interest to be shown in the quarterly meetings, and for more practice and attention to method which was so essential to good ringing. There had, he said, been a good increase in the number of peals rung by the Association during the past year, and he noticed that during the last three years there had been an increase in the number of ringers throughout the country by some 30,000.

Mr. J. Read (Wicken) also responded, saying that the bells of the Churches were deserving of much more care than was bestowed upon them by church people generally, seeing that they were the most public symbols for the worship of God.

Mr. Frost (Paulerspury), in eulogistic terms, proposed "The President" and "Secretary," paying tribute to the good work done by both these gentlemen on behalf of the Association.

The Rev. W. H. Barry said it was a very great pleasure to him to do what he could for the Association. He referred to the loss they had sustained since their last festival in the removal by death of the late Rev. J. B. Harrison and in Canon Hulbert, who had gone to another sphere of work. He asked the members to deal more kindly with the Secretary in the matter of replying more promptly to his communications, and backed up Mr. Slarke's appeal for more interest in the quarterly meetings, which, he said, were excellent schools for educating the members in matters connected with ringing. The Association, he said, was doing a great deal of good work in connection with the belfries, but there was yet much more to be done.

Mr. Causebrook also replied, thanking the members for the confidence bestowed in him, and said he should always do the best he could for them. He, too, pleaded for more help from the members, and paid tribute to the excellent work done by them in the services of the Church.

GIFT OF BELLS.

The Rev. A. Wake proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. N. Eales for having the Association at Helmdon, and Mr. Eales suitably replied, at the same time inviting the visitors to tea, which was served during the afternoon in the marquee. He also remarked that the Vicarage lawn and gardens were at their disposal.

During the speeches, Mr. Storer (Easton Neston) announced that Mr. Slarke had very kindly given two new bells to Easton Neston belfry—one in memory of his brother, the late Mr. Eli Slarke, and the other to commemorate his own long connection with the bells there.

It was decided that the Festival next year should be held at Passenham, and the following year, if possible, at Greensnorton. During the past year peals had been rung at Easton, Leckhampstead, Blakesley, Whittlebury, and Wicken.

The bells of Helmdon Church were kept merrily going during the day, the various companies taking turns at the ropes.

SIX-BELL RINGERS AT DENTON.

A party of six-bell ringers from the Leeds district spent a very enjoyable time at Denton, near Manchester, on Saturday week, when they visited the town at the kind invitation of Mr. J. Heckingbottom, who is the postmaster. The visitors were met by their genial host, at whose residence they received a further cordial welcome from Mrs. Heckingbottom and family, and were entertained to tea, many pleasant reminiscences being indulged in during the progress of the meal, Mr. Heckingbottom having previously resided at Armley, and been attached to the Christ Church, Upper Armley, company. After tea, a visit was paid to St. Anne's Church, where there is a peal of six bells in excellent ringing order, and with a tenor of 15 cwt. Touches of Tulip, Primrose, College Trebles, College Exercise, London Scholars', City Delight, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, Woodbine and Oxford, were rung, the visitors being joined by members of the local band in some of the methods. Ringing had to terminate at 7.30, owing to service, and the time passed all too quickly. The return journey was commenced at nine o'clock, and Leeds was reached an hour and a half afterwards, after a most enjoyable outing. The thanks of the visitors were accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Heckingbottom for their generous hospitality, to the local ringers for their hearty welcome, and to the Vicar of St. Anne's for the use of the bells.

MEETING AT HEYWOOD.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday. Between 50 and 60 ringers attended from Rochdale, Todmorden, Walsden, Milnrow, Moorside, Newhey, Middleton, Oldham, Pendleton, Reddish, Bolton, Worsley, and Shore, in addition to the local ringers. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and was kept going till 8.30 p.m., Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major being rung. The bells have been re-cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and are giving the utmost satisfaction, all the ringers present speaking well of the manner in which they "go." The business meeting was presided over by the President of the Association, the Rev. H. J. Elsee.

A FAREWELL DINNER.

The members of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society and friends, met on Friday evening at their headquarters, the Old Church Inn, where a farewell dinner was given to Mr. Wm. Jakeman, one of the St. Michael's company, who, after nine years' absence in America, has been on a visit to his native land, and returned to America on Tuesday.

On Thursday week, as recorded elsewhere, Mr. Jakeman took part in a peal of Maximus, at the Parish Church, Ashton, the tower in which he has shown his skill as a ringer and conductor. The dinner on the following evening was presided over by Mr. Daniel Heap, who, after an excellent repast, proposed the loyal toasts. The company then gave an overture on the handbells, and a course of Grandsire Cinques, after which the toast of the evening was honoured, "Mr. Wm. Jakeman, and our absent friends, Mr. Thomas Moss, Mr. Fred Jakeman in America, and Mr. James Adams in Australia." In the course of the evening songs were given by Messrs Sam Wood, James Wood and Alfred Wood; a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on the handbells, and Mr. Sam Wood rendered a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Major on the piano.—A vote of thanks was given to the host and hostess for the splendid dinner prepared for the occasion.

MEETING AT WESTERLEIGH.

The Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held a meeting at Westerleigh on Saturday week, about 24 members attending. After ringing in the afternoon, there was service in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. B. Stevens), who is an hon. member of the Association, while Miss H. Beesley (also an hon. member) presided at the organ, and at the close played Batiste's "Andante," which was very much enjoyed. The ringers were invited to the Vicarage for tea, and greatly appreciated the Rev. R. Stevens' hospitality. At the meeting, which followed, four new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Henbury on June 10th.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar was proposed by Mr. B. J. Wilkins, and afterwards a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells on the lawn. Subsequently in the tower Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung.

A RINGERS' OUTING.

The Bolney, Sussex, ringers had a most pleasurable outing on Saturday at Eastbourne. They made the Victoria Hotel their headquarters for the day, and enjoyed the beauties of the sea front and a drive to Beachy Head. The bells of St. Saviour's Church were placed at their disposal for an hour in the afternoon, and the visitors were welcomed by Mr. W. Ware, the captain, Mr. L. Faulkner, Mr. T. Willoughby, and other Eastbourne ringers. Touches of Grandsire were brought round, and the fine tone of this grand peal was much admired. Mr. Faulkner joined the party at tea, and Mr. G. Walder, jun., proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Saviour's for the use of the bells, and to the Eastbourne ringers for the cordial welcome extended to them.—Mr. Faulkner briefly replied, and the attractions of the Electric Theatre then filled up the rest of the spare time before the return journey was commenced.

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OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

The Master of the North Wales Association.

Although among the youngest of the ringing organisations, the North Wales Association can point to a record of good work, in a district where there are many difficulties. The success which has attended the operations of the association can be traced to the splendid individual efforts of several of the members, among whom, most conspicuously, stands Mr. William T. Pegler, who has filled the office of Master since the foundation of the association, and has, by his energy and perseverance, fully justified the action of the members in placing him in the position of honour.

Born at Hempstead, Gloucestershire, in 1868, Mr. Pegler learned to ring in 1886 when the bells of his parish church were restored and increased to a peal of six by the addition of a new treble. Mr. W. T. Pegler, and his brother Arthur, were among the first to join the new band,

MR. W. T. PEGLER.

and the following year the first peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung, conducted by W. T. Several 720's of Minor came soon after, but in 1888 Mr. Pegler left his native parish for Miverdine, on the Cotswold Hills, with the result that he did practically no ringing until 1894, when he returned to Hempstead. In 1895 he joined the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester, and soon made rapid strides, taking part in nearly all the peals rung by the society about that time. In 1900 and 1901 he held the office of Master. Among the peals in which he took part were Cambridge Surprise Royal at Cheltenham, the first peals of Plain Bob and Treble Bob Maximus by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association at Cirencester; the first peal of Gloucester Surprise Major, at St. Michael's, Gloucester; and the first peal on the bells—Treble Ten—at Hereford Cathedral.

In 1902 Mr. Pegler went to Bangor, North Wales, and was appointed conductor of St. David's, Glanadda, where the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, now the president of the North Wales Association, is Vicar. At this church they have a band for standard methods, and have also rung peals of Double Norwich and Superlative, the first by a local band in North Wales, and they now are ringing Cambridge. When, on February 14th, 1903, at a meeting at Rhyl, the North Wales Association was formed by representatives of towers in six counties, Mr. Pegler was elected Master, a position to which he has been re-elected annually ever since. He has never missed a meeting of the association, and is always ready to give assistance to any band. His ambition is to see the North Wales Association holding its own with the other societies in the country, and so far as individual effort can do so Mr. Pegler is making practical endeavour to see the realisation of that ambition. Although only eight years old the association had rung 62 peals up to the end of last year. Mr. Pegler has visited most of the churches with bells in North Wales, and rung 41 peals (conducting 24) for the association. He is a member of the North Wales, the Gloucester and Bristol, the Oxford, the Chester Associations, the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester, the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and the Oxford Society and Cheltenham and District Guild. His 191 peals have been rung in 46 different towers in 12 counties, and are made up as follows:—

Doubles	4	Conducted	4
Minor	5	Conducted	4
Grandsire Triples	24	Conducted	16
Grandsire Caters	11		
Grandsire Cinques	3		
Stedman Triples	19	Conducted	8
Stedman Caters	14	Conducted	1
Stedman Cinques	1		
Bob Major	18	Conducted	10
Bob Triples	1		
Bob Royal	8	Conducted	4
Bob Maximus	1		
Kent Treble Bob Major ...	14	Conducted	10
Kent Treble Bob Royal ...	10	Conducted	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus...	1		
Oxford Treble Bob Major...	1		
Darlaston Bob Triples ...	1		
Canterbury Pleasure Triples	1		
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1		
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	24	Conducted	3
Gloucester Surprise Major	3		
Superlative Surprise Major	10		
Cambridge Surprise Major	14		
Cambridge Surprise Royal	2		
Total ...	191	Conducted	61

DEATH OF MR. A. J. SAXBY.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Arthur J. Saxby, of Wortley, near Sheffield, who died on May 14th, of consumption, at the age of 33 years.

Deceased was one of the original band of ringers formed on the dedication of the Wortley bells in 1893, and learned his first lessons in the Art, under the tuition of the late Mr. Thomas Hattersley, of Sheffield. He was a member of the Yorkshire Association, and was secretary for his band. In the report he is credited with 24 peals, in various methods. He was also a member of the choir; a good cricketer and footballer; and was greatly beloved and respected by all who knew him. He leaves a widow and five children to mourn their loss. May he rest in peace.

The funeral was attended by his brother ringers, and afterwards a muffled touch of 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung: J. Dyson 1, J. Dronfield 2, A. Brearley 3, D. Brearley (conductor) 4, J. Parkin 5, J. R. Brearley 6, C. Dronfield 7, W. Harrison 8.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Owing to pressure on our space this week, "The Beginners' Corner" is unavoidably held over.

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The one-armed ringer of Barnsley is not unique. We hardly expected he would be, for the publication of matters of this kind generally brings to light other cases equally striking. Information now comes to hand of Mr. George Hughes, of Wednesbury, Staffs. He is another one-armed ringer, and has rung about 70 peals for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. He is a splendid striker, and an able ringer of Surprise methods. Altogether Mr. Hughes has rung 91 peals. Another one-armed ringer is Mr. Samuel Jones, of Eccleston, Cheshire, who has also rung peals of Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob.

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Our reference to the bells of Burslem, which have been hung nearly a century before the first peal has been rung upon them, brings a letter from a correspondent informing us that his experience of Devon and a part of Dorset leads him to believe that there are several rings of six which have been in existence a very great number of years, some over a century, and upon which no attempt for a 5000 has ever been made. He adds that he hopes to make an attempt for a peal of Minor at one of these churches next month in Devon, where the six date from 1780, and have never had a 720 rung on them.

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An anonymous donor has promised a peal of bells, costing £1,600, to the church of St. Mary's, Nelson, which town is at present without a peal.

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Mr. G. B. Edser, the popular hon. sec. of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild, has been presented by the members with a handsome marble clock on the occasion of his marriage. The presentation took place at the district meeting at Farnborough on Saturday week, and was made by the Rev. F. Smith, the gift being suitably acknowledged by the recipient.

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Let us bestow our praise with an even hand. We have congratulated the Guildford band upon their handbell successes. There are other members of the Winchester Guild who have come to the front, notably the brothers William and Arthur Shepherd. The three first handbell peals recorded last week were Stedman Cinques, Stedman Caters and Bob Major, rung in a period of four days, and in different places. The brothers Shepherd were in all these peals, and the Cinques contained three "first peals on twelve bells," besides being the conductor's first on twelve bells as conductor. Such performances excite the admiration of all ringers.

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Mr. E. W. Menday writes to say that he has found, much to his regret, that the peal of Double Norwich rung at Buckingham, on Easter Monday, was a false composition.

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In the peal of Bob Minor, at Horsell, on Saturday, the ringer of the treble, W. A. Woodrow, scored his first peal on tower bells. But what of his previous record! He has rung the following on handbells: Grandsire Triples 3, Grandsire Caters 3, Bob Major 2, Stedman Caters 1, Stedman Cinques 2.

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Coming events cast their shadows before. Six thousand of Treble Bob Maximus presaged the record length at Ashton-under-Lyne. Last Saturday at Mottram-in-Longdendale, where 28 years ago the record of 16,608 of Kent Treble Bob was put up, there was a peal of 9056 of Treble Bob rung, also by the members of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society, and a footnote to the peal in another column adds: "This peal is a part of the 17,120." Are the glories of Mottram, as a tower with a "record" to be revived?

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The peal at West Coker, Somerset, on Saturday, was the first on the bells, which have just been augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles by Messrs. Llewellins and James, of Bristol, who have also re-cast the tenor and re-hung the bells on a new iron frame. The bells are a very pretty peal of eight and "go" grandly.

A CORONATION MEMORIAL.

At Chediston, Suffolk, a new treble has just been added to complete the peal to six, as a Coronation memorial to King George V. The work has been most efficiently carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, bell founder, of Ipswich, and the bells now make a very musical peal, with tenor 14½ cwt. in F. On Monday evening, the 15th inst., the first 720 of Bob Minor was rung on the bells by L. Hammond 1, Fd. Lambert (aged 14) 2, F. O. Lambert (conductor) 3, H. Pratt 4, T. Crane 5, A. Lee 6. Also 360 Grandsire Doubles by L. Kemp (aged 13) 1, F. Peck 2, E. Cook (conductor) 3, H. Pratt 4, T. Crane 5, L. Hammond 6. The Lord Bishop of Norwich has promised to conduct the dedication service during the month of July, the date of which will be announced later. The cost of the new bell has been met by subscriptions from parishioners, friends, and the ringers of the neighbourhood.

MEMORIAL PEAL TABLET UNVEILED.

The belfry of Ranmoor Church, Sheffield, was well filled with ringers and friends on Saturday afternoon, when, on the anniversary of the funeral of the late King Edward, a peal tablet, recording a muffled peal rung for his death, was unveiled. After a short touch on the bells, the proceedings were formally opened with suitable prayers offered by the Vicar (the Rev. James G. Williams, V.D.). Mr. Sam Thomas, the conductor of the peal, then briefly explained the object of the gathering, and spoke of the close connection between the bells and national feeling, whether of joy or sorrow, as, for instance, on the occasion of the King's death. That the King was mourned by the ringers of the whole country was proved by the fact that the unprecedented number of 181 muffled peals were rung to his memory.

Mr. John Mawhood, the people's churchwarden, unveiled the tablet, which is of solid mahogany, grounded black with gold leaf lettering, and of simple and neat design, headed "the Yorkshire Association and Sheffield District Society of Change Ringers," and recording that, "At the close of a solemn memorial service, held in this church at the same hour that the funeral of his late Majesty King Edward VII. was being solemnised at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, there was rung on these bells a full muffled peal, consisting of 5024 changes of Bob Major, in three hours and fifteen minutes." Then follow the ringers' names, and those of the Vicar and churchwardens.

The Vicar mentioned a very interesting discovery, made during the excavations some few years ago of the lost city of Nineveh, of bells, the composition of which was practically identical with ours of the present day. He traced the history of the use of bells in religious worship from Biblical times to the present day, and added that the old clerical "saw" about ringers not attending church was, he thought, no longer justified. His ringers were generally found on Sunday evenings in their customary places in church.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Mawhood was accorded, on the motion of Mr. G. Addy, seconded by Mr. J. E. L. Cockey.—A similar compliment to the Vicar was passed.—The proceedings were then brought to a close with the Benediction, and it was felt that such gatherings as this go a long way in bringing about that real brotherly feeling of which so much is heard, but so little seen.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Arrangements for Annual Meeting, etc.

THE DAY'S BUSINESS.

The third session of the Seventh Council (21st annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 6th, in the "Old Guildhall," of the Old Town Hall, at Leicester, at 11 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30 p.m., from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

AGENDA, 1911.

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Statement of accounts and of sale of publications.
3. Election of honorary members.
4. Introduction of new members to the President.
5. To receive and discuss the reports of the following Committees:—
   (a) Peal Collection.
   (b) Church Press.
   (c) Legitimate Methods.
   (d) Peal Values.
   (e) Peals' Analysis.

To discuss the following:—

6. That nothing shall be recognised as a Peal of Minor, unless it consists of at least seven true and complete seven hundred and twenties; but that the 5040 may be extended by the addition of one touch of less than 720 changes, with or without extra 720's.
7. That for the purpose of representation on the Central Council only such members of any Territorial Association as are resident within the area covered by that Association shall be considered in fixing the number of representatives which such Association is entitled to elect.
8. That the Central Council give to the "Ringing World" recognition equal to that accorded to the "Bell News" for the publication of official reports and communications, and that any peals published exclusively in the "Ringing World" shall be counted in the Central Council's analysis.
9. Other business, if any.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,
Hon. Secretary.

There will be a social gathering of members and ringing friends in the evening, the place of which will be notified in the next issue.

HISTORIC LEICESTER.

The Old Town Hall in which the Council meeting takes place is one of the most interesting and historic buildings, among many other such, in the ancient and famous town of Leicester, and is situate within twenty yards of St. Martin's Church, with its ring of ten bells. Besides the Guildhall, the Council's meeting room, which has witnessed many a stirring scene, and in which Shakespeare himself is said to have acted, the building contains the "Mayor's parlour," a lovely old oak panelled room, with a glorious mantelpiece, and is the room in which Prince Rupert held a Council of War. The whole building occupies the site held by the ancient religious fraternity known as the "Guild of Corpus Christi," and is replete with archæological interest. For those who have time to spare there are innumerable antique buildings of all sorts to be seen; the grand church of St. Mary, originally two churches side by side, next door to the castle; the Saxon Church of St. Nicholas, and the splendid bit of Roman masonry called "Old Jewry Wall," and sometimes "Old Bones," just outside the churchyard, and a splendid piece of Roman pavement under a shop on the opposite side of the road. We can only just mention one or two other buildings and sites, such as Holy Cross Priory, Old Trinity Hospital, St. Margaret's Church, the Chantry House of the Guild of St. George, and the "Newarke" (New Work), a district contiguous to the castle, constructed by John of Gaunt during his tenure of the lordship of Leicester. Unless our friends have plenty of time, and to spare, there is just one place to which we would advise them *not* to go, viz., to the remains of the abbey, where Wolsey died. It is a long way out of the town, with practically nothing left to see when one gets there.

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Peals Analysis Committee.

INTERESTING STATISTICS.

The following report of the Peals Analysis Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1910, is to be presented:

We, the undersigned, being members of the Peals Analysis Committee appointed in 1908, desire to present to the Council the result of our labours for 1910.

We desire at the outset once more to call attention to the want of care on the part of senders of peals for publication. No fewer than eight peals have been repeated in the columns of the *Bell News* in 1910, as compared with two in 1909. One of these, at least, is a corrected peal, and ought not, in our opinion, to have been sent without a reference to the previous publication.

We have also noticed several peals in Minor methods which are really peals of Treble Bob Minor, and yet are not so stated. We have given the enhanced value of these in our analysis on the present occasion; but, in future, after having called attention to the matter, we shall make no endeavour to rectify the omissions of those who are responsible for sending their peals for publication. We take this opportunity of asking that any peals rung with "Broken Leads" may be earmarked by those who communicate them, as your committee are bound to confess that they are not sufficiently familiar with such methods to be able to appraise them at their proper value.

We note that, in two cases, six methods only are enumerated out of seven methods rung, and we have looked in vain for the omissions to be rectified. We have ourselves investigated several cases of incomplete entries, and in some of them we are informed that the fault does not rest with the senders of the peals.

It may not be uninteresting to give a sample of the difficulties with which we have to contend. On page 173 (Vol. xxix.) the Rev. T. Buswell is stated to have rung his first peal on the treble, and to be 15 years of age! Again, on page 620, a peal at Lyminster, Sussex, is said to have been conducted by C. Golding; while the ringer

of the 5th is said to be C. Goldsing, and we shrewdly suspect that the name, after all, should be Goldring. Once more, as an example of a slovenly report, on page 441, there is a note "First peal as conductor," in spite of the same person having conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in the same tower on the 20th June. See page 295. It is clear that the words "in the method" have been omitted. A great deal more might be said about similar inaccuracies, but the above sample will suffice to serve our purpose in calling attention to them, which is to inform people who are at fault to be a little more careful.

We pass on to a few matters of interest, which have been revealed by a somewhat closer scrutiny of the pages of *Bell News* then we have usually given. The number of first peals total to 629, of which 121 were on a covering bell. The first peals away from the tenor are 17 in number. These figures are only approximate, as some peals are published with a "star" or "dagger" against a footnote without any corresponding mark against any of the ringers. A case in point is that of Hornchurch on page 596.

Those who rang their first peals as conductors in 1910 were 80 in number; in other words, the old conductors on the active list for 1910 were recruited to the extent of some 16 per cent. by new comers.

The first peal on the bells (new or added) was rung in 71 cases; on restored bells, in 11 cases, and by an entirely local band, in 22 cases. These figures are not, however, readily ascertained; because in some cases the words "first on the bells" are clearly taken to mean "the first in the method on the bells.

The number of birthday peals rung was 134; of wedding peals 50 (including one "diamond" and five "golden" weddings); of muffled peals 55. These last include three for the old year, but exclude those rung on the death of his late Majesty, King Edward VII., and on the death of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, which are enumerated in our general scheme of analysis. The peals of "welcome" and "farewell" are 24 in number; peals rung on public occasions 59; and "quarterly peals" five.

The ages of ringers are not uninteresting. On the younger side we find two of 12, five of 13, two of 14, two of 15, and a young lady of 16. At the older end we find persons aged 70, 71, 74, 75 and 83 still on the active list, and ringing peals.

GEO. P. BURTON,
E. W. CARPENTER,
JOSEPH GRIFFIN,
ARTHUR T. KING.

Peal Values' Committee.

PROPOSED REVISED SCALE OF POINTS.

The Peal Values' Committee report states: Your committee, having been instructed, at the meeting at Manchester last year, to take the question of a general scheme for allotting points to peals into their further consideration, beg leave to report as follows:—They have given very careful attention to the whole subject, and have endeavoured to embody in the schedule, which they now propose for your adoption, the chief features that were recommended in the discussion that was held at the meeting, principal among them being the allotment of comparatively more points to peals on the higher numbers of bells. The chief difficulty that has confronted them has been that of securing this feature without the employment of any complicated formulæ in the calculation of the points, their only regret being that the formula which they have felt compelled to adopt—the simplest that would meet the case—is more complicated than they really like.

SCHEDULES.

A.—For peals on seven bells and upwards:—

CLASS	VALUE	TRIPLES	MAJOR	CATERS	ROYAL	CINQUES	MAXIMUS
I.	8	6	8	10	12	15	18
II.	10	8	10	13	16	19	22
III.	11	—	11	—	17	—	25
IV.	14	11	14	18	22	26	31
V.	20	—	20	—	31	—	45
VI.	24	18	24	30	38	45	54
VII.	32	—	32	—	50	—	72
VIII.	40	—	40	—	62	—	90
IX.	50	—	50	—	78	—	112

The foregoing schedule is calculated by the formula $\frac{VN^2}{64}$, *i.e.*, multiply the number found in the column headed "Value" by the number of bells, and the product by the number of bells once more, and divide the last product by 64.

B.—For peals on six bells:—

NUMBER OF METHODS RUNG	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Plain methods	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Treble Bob methods	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
Methods with "broken leads" ...	5	8	11	14	17	20	23
Surprise methods	6	10	14	18	22	26	30

Thus a peal consisting of two 720's in Treble Bob Methods, two in "broken lead" methods, and three in Surprise Methods would count $6+8+14=28$.

For 42 six scores of Doubles your committee recommend three points.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER,
JOHN CARTER,
HENRY DAINS,
CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Notice has been received to the effect that the following schedule will be proposed as an amendment to schedule A given above:—

TABLE CONSTRUCTED FROM THE FORMULA $\frac{VN^{3\cdot2}}{8^{3\cdot2}}$

DESCRIPTION	TRIPLES	MAJOR	CATERS	ROYAL	CINQUES	MAXIMUS
Plain methods	7	8	10	11	13	15
Alliance, etc.	8	10	12	14	16	18
Treble Bob, etc.	—	11	—	15	—	20
Erin, Forward, etc.	12	14	17	20	23	26
Double Norwich, etc. ...	—	20	*24	28	—	37
Stedman, Duffield, etc. ...	20	24	29	34	39	45
Superlative, etc.	—	32	—	45	—	60
Cambridge, etc.	—	40	—	56	—	75
London, etc.	—	50	—	70	—	95

* Double Norwich Caters.

To delegates: Will all those who are going to Leicester before Whit-Tuesday notify me by postcard? as, if the numbers justify, some provision of entertainment for the Monday night can be made. Also any strangers who require accommodation can rely on our services to provide it for them, if they will enclose a reply card with their address.—Will Willson, 4, Keythorpe Street, Leicester.

TIMELY TOPICS.

By Will Willson.

The ringing of the first peal in the town of Oakham, recorded in last week's issue, calls to mind the peculiar privileges enjoyed by that locality. One of them, granted by a Royal Charter, is the right to demand a horse shoe from every titled personage who drives through the town. Should the request be refused, the horse can be seized and unshod by force, although this was done only on one occasion. In the court house the visitor imagines that he is between a museum and a chamber of horrors. On one side is an old gallows complete, while the walls are literally covered with horse shoes of all descriptions. Each one bears a date and a coronet, while not a few carry the Royal Arms. Many are gilded and ornamented. Some are out of all proportion to a horse's hoof, and are as big as a pie dish. Lords, spiritual and temporal, kings, queens, and princes have contributed to the collection, and carry back through many ages of English history.

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On May 25th Mr. George Howchin, of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, can claim to be "50 not out." As one of the Norwich heavy bell men George Howchin has been "at the wickets" for a long time, and will experience a feeling of pride at celebrating his jubilee. Your scribe has not reached the magic number of 50 yet (and may I whisper it? he is not anxious to), but when the children put their arms around one's neck and say "Poor old dada," it is enough to cause you to examine yourself before a mirror. I think we men ought to follow the example of our sisters, and keep within the margin of the units, disdaining the tens. Thirty-nine, forty-nine, but not fifty. No woman ever admits it, and why should we?

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The advent of King George into what is known as the "sport of kings" brings to mind the fact that the first equine race ever contested had connection with bells. It is recorded that "in 1609 William Lester, Mayor of Chester (a perfect poem) did cause three silver bells to be made of good value, to be run for upon the Roode Dee." This is the first instance of its kind, and our ancestors were obviously easier to satisfy than their descendants, for the above race was the only event of the day. The biggest and best silver bell ultimately became a cup, and is nowadays worth about £2,500. In addition, the landed gentry gave to each of the animals first, second and third, one of their famous Cheshire cheeses, weighing 5 cwts. each! As horses don't usually feed on cheese the toothsome morsel comes in handy for their owners.

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Mr. Sam Thomas, whose address is anywhere from Chesterfield to Sheffield, has reason to be proud, for the peal of Bristol Surprise he has just called, at the first place, is the first by any local band in the Midland counties. There has been a great upheaval in ringing in the Chesterfield district during the last few years, chiefly owing to young and new blood being infused among the old. In the peal referred to there were six first pealers in the method, including our friend, Arthur Knights, who can justly be regarded now as a veteran. His son, Benjamin, of whom he is no doubt proud, is also making his presence felt in Lancashire, where he is now located; for according to the peal columns, he recently got a whole team through their first peal of Stedman Triples. He is possessed of rare ability and, with health, has undoubtedly a great future before him.

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A good many veterans in the metropolis seem to be "resting" just now. When one has seen the names in the peal columns for more years than he can remember, the absence makes them more conspicuous. Where are the boys of the old brigade? It is a long time since the name of our friend, Joseph Waghorn, sen., appeared, and yet Tottenham is famous for wags. Was it not a Tottenham tailor who, finding his thirteen and sixpenny nether garments did not sell, altered his advertisement thusly:—"Trousers at six and ninepence a leg, all seats free?"

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern district was held at Royston, on Saturday, May 20th. Unfortunately Royston is not an easy place to get to and from by train, so that the meeting could only be attended by such as are able to cycle: also being on the very edge of the county, there was a smaller number of towers within easy distance. However, ringers were present from Baldock, Barley, Hitchin, and Great Wymondley, and, of course, the Royston band. The lack of numbers was more than made up for by the welcome received and the ringing which the visitors were able to take part in. The bells, six—tenor 11¼ cwt.—were kept busy from 3.30 to 8 o'clock, to the tune of Plain Bob, Kent, and Violet Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise, and Stedman Doubles. An excellent tea was followed by a short meeting, with the Vicar (the Rev. J. Harrison) in the chair. All seemed to enjoy themselves, and the visitors went home pleased at having been able to practice some new method. This last is the great advantage of a meeting at a six-bell tower when the local band can ring any method you may happen to ask for. The next meeting will be at Hatfield, on July 15th.

HADLEIGH BELLS, SUFFOLK.

The fine peal of eight bells at St. Mary's Church, Hadleigh, have just been re-hung, tuned, and set in thorough going order by Messrs. Day and Son, of Eye, Suffolk. On Saturday last, the bells were rung again, after their restoration, by the Lavenham company of ringers. There was a short service in church at 3.30, at which Dean Carter, Rector of Hadleigh, gave an address on the use of bells, and on the history of the Hadleigh Church bells. Tea was provided by Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Grimwade for the ringers, and after the Rector had welcomed the ringers, Mr. Grimwade (churchwarden) thanked Messrs. Day and Son for their excellent work; Mr. Wilson (churchwarden) thanked the Rev. E. J. Teesdale, hon. secretary for the Archdeaconry of Sudbury of the Ely Diocesan Association of Bell Ringers, for his help; and the ringers thanked the ladies for kindly providing them with tea. Ringers were present from Felsham, Hadleigh and Lavenham, and touches of Oxford Treble Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, and Plain Bob Major, were rung.

Now that the bells are in order, we hope it will be no long time before Hadleigh will have a full company of good change ringers.

Hadleigh bells are an ancient peal. The tenor, treble, second, and third bells were made by Miles Graye the younger in 1678 and the two following years. The seventh bell was recast in 1788 by Thomas Osbourn, of Downham Market, whose grandson, William Dobson, recast the fifth bell in 1806. This Wm. Dobson died at the Charterhouse in 1842. The sixth was recast in 1856 by Mears, of Whitechapel, London. The fourth and oldest bell was made by Henry Jorden between 1410 and 1450, and bears a Latin inscription, "Sit Nomen Domini Benedictus."

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday morning, for Divine service, 720 Plain Bob: D. Chaplin 1, R. Miles 2, E. Hawkins 3, E. Butler 4, G. Playle (conductor) 5, F. Freestone 6.—For evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: F. Freestone 1, G. Playle 2, A. Playle 3, E. Butler 4, E. Hawkins 5, R. Miles (conductor) 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—For men's afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob on the back six: C. Rochester 1, A. Playle 2, E. Butler 3, J. Dale 4, G. Playle 5, R. Miles (conductor) 6. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th hail from Dagenham.

NORTH CRAWLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, before service, 510 Grandsire Doubles; after service, 680: W. Inwood 1, E. Lathall 2, W. Smith 3, F. Tompkins (conductor) 4, W. Brown 5, A. Hopkins 6.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, for morning service, 504 of Grandsire Triples: R. Drage 1, A. Hickton 2, J. Harrison 3, N. Widdowson 4, J. Bailey 5, T. Hutchinson 6, J. Ward (conductor) 7, T. Edinborough 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WESTON FAVELL.—The Central Northamptonshire Association.—On Wednesday, April 19th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: F. Rowledge 1, G. Luck 2, T. Law 3, C. Haines 4, F. Rollings (conductor) 5, each six-score called differently. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. G. R. Terry, on being inducted as Rector of Weston Favell.—On Sunday evening, May 14th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260), in 43 mins.: W. Law 1, T. Law 2, H. Clarke 3, C. Haines 4, G. Parker (conductor) 5, each six-score called differently. First quarter-peal as conductor.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Tuesday, May 2nd, for practice, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples: M. Pink, F. Chaffey, E. Squibb, W. Cooper, W. Pain, C. Price, H. Jennings (conductor), A. Pain. All the above are members of the Brading band.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—The Essex Association.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, on May 7th, 360 Stedman Triples.—On Wednesday, May 10th, for practice, 416 London Surprise Major: A. Jordan 1, T. Jordan 2, G. Jordan 3, W. Prior 4, J. Luckey 5, T. J. Watts 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Watts (conductor) 8.—On Sunday, May 14th, for morning service, 288 Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. Gray 1, H. Little 2, G. Jordan 3, J. Luckey 4, T. J. Watts 5, A. Jordan 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, T. Jordan 8.—On Sunday, May 21st, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, W. Prior 2, T. Jordan 3, G. H. Barker 4, J. Luckey 5, T. J. Watts 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, A. Jordan 8.

THIRSK.—On Wednesday, May 10th, at St. Mary's Church, with the bells muffled for the memorial service to the late Bishop Camidge, 966 Grandsire Triples: H. Brown, jun., 1, H. Brown, sen., 2, G. Stott 3, J. W. Neesam (conductor) 4, J. Walson 5, G. Neesam 6, R. B. Brown 7, R. E. Neesam 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild. — On Wednesday, May 10th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques was abandoned after 19 courses: Geo. F. Williams 1, J. C. Truss 2, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 3, J. A. Trollope 4, F. Biggs 5, W. H. Fussell 6, R. Coles 7, A. F. Ashman 8, F. Hayes 9, R. Buckland 10, J. W. Wilkins 11, W. Boxell 12.—520 Treble Bob Royal: *R. Coles 1, G. F. Williams 2, F. Biggs 3, J. A. Trollope 4, W. H. Fussell 5, J. W. Wilkins 6, *F. Hayes 7, R. Buckland 8, J. C. Truss 9, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 10. * First touch in the method. Longest touch of Royal on the bells.—On Sunday, May 14th, for morning service, 376 Stedman Caters: J. Gransby 1, R. Coles 2, G. F. Williams 3, F. Biggs 4, W. Neighbour 5, W. Phipps 6, F. Hayes (conductor) 7, A. F. Ashman 8, B. Page 9, W. Hoing 10.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On May 11th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: C. Honeywood 1, T. Bernard (Harwich) 2, J. Souter 3, S. Taylor (Harwich) 4, W. Honeywood (conductor) 5, C. Ellis (Harwich) 6. Also 210: H. Saunders 1, C. Ellis, conductor.

EYNSFORD, KENT.—On Friday, May 12th, 1064 Grandsire Triples: W. West 1, A. Bates 2, F. Gates 3, J. Couchman 4, T. Booker 5, S. Mason 6, R. Baldwin (conductor) 7, A. Gates 8. Also 210 in the same method, conducted by A. Bates.

RICHMOND, YORKS.—Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—On Friday, May 12th, a date touch (1911 changes), Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 6 mins.: G. Holmes 1, S. Thorpe 2, J. J. Peake 3, J. J. Kinchin 4, J. T. Frencham 5, J. G. Woddy 6, R. Todd 7, A. Morton (conductor) 8.

WALTHAM-ON-THE-WOLDS, LEICESTERSHIRE. — On May 13th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: J. Clarke 1, W. Clarke 2, R. H. Bartram 3, Jos. Lord 4, Thos. Musson 5, R. Mount (conductor) 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles and 120 Bob Minor, in which Ernest Bartram, aged 15, took part, it being his first attempt. Mr. Lord hails from Grantham, and Messrs. Bartram from Melton, the rest being local men.

SKILLINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE. — The Lincoln Diocesan Guild, (Southern Branch).—On Saturday, May 13th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, in five methods, viz.: 240 Canterbury Pleasure, 300 Grandsire, 240 Plain Bob, 120 Stedman, 360 St. Dunstan's: H. Thorpe 1, D. B. Overton 2, W. G. Thorpe 3, A. C. Darnell 4, J. Lord (conductor) 5. Rung to mark the hanging of a board for a peal rung November 19th, 1910, by the same band.

STURMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET.—Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—On Saturday, May 13th, 720 Bob Minor: E. Ridout 1, A. Burn 2, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards 3, W. W. H. D'Aeth 4, A. Hussey 5, R. G. Lewis (conductor) 6. First 720 on the bells. Tenor, 20 cwt.

HOUNSLOW.—The Middlesex County Association. — On Saturday, May 13th, at St. Paul's Church, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Spencer 1, G. A. Ransom 2, F. C. Goddard 3, J. Chave 4, T. Beadle 5, A. Harding 6, W. J. New (conductor) 7, A. Bechensale 8.

OLNEY, BUCKS.—On May 14th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, for evening service, 336 Stedman Triples, conducted by W. Jacques. After service at Clifton Church, 720 Bob Minor: T. Wright 1, B. Fisher 2, W. Freeman 3, G. Cook 4, W. Jacques (conductor) 5, J. Court 6. Also 216 Bob Minor, with W. Clare 1.

WEST WYCOMBE.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, May 14th, 1080 Bob Minor: A. Ashman 1, F. Hayes 2, C. Coles 3, W. Goodchild 4, G. F. Williams 5, J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 6. Owing to the bad going, an attempt for peal was abandoned. It is hoped this fine peal may receive the attention of the authorities, and be rehung.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, May 14th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Payne 1, C. Doe 2, M. Goddard 3, H. Watts 4, Rev. A. E. Cousins 5, J. Moth (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 in the same method: A. Collins 1, A. Payne 4, the others as before. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 5th, who is on a visit from Canada, after being there nine years. He was a member of the local band before going abroad, and this was his first ring since his departure, nine years ago.

PIMLICO, LONDON.—On Sunday, May 14th, for evensong, at St. John the Evangelist, Wilton Road, as a farewell to Mr. W. D. Farrow, who is leaving London, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), taken from Holt's original one-part peal, in 45 mins.: W. D. Farrow (first quarter-peal) 1, G. F. Harder 2, G. R. Channer (first quarter peal as conductor) 3, E. Jones 4, J. Thimblethorpe 5, E. C. Phillips 6, F. T. Gover 7, E. Weaver 8.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sunday evening, May 14th, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. E. Headey 1, C. Cooke 2, H. C. Corke 3, G. H. Stonestreet (conductor) 4, W. J. Wolfe 5, W. Steed 6, A. Laurence 7, S. Corke 8.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, May 14th, for Divine service, 1008 Grandsire Triples, containing the 24 6—7's, at back stroke: E. Bryant 1, S. Rayner 2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3, J. Webb 4, W. Wood 5, J. Warwick 6, L. C. Ferrige 7, F. Ford 8.

CHATHAM.—Kent County Association.—At St. Mary the Virgin's Church, on Sunday morning, May 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): E. Sills 1, J. Hunt 2, F. Riordan 3, G. Riordan 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, S. Shellock 6, C. Norris 7, G. Lawrence 8. The service was attended by the Mayor and Corporation, Territorials and Yeomanry, and Board of Guardians, it being Hospital Sunday.—Also 504 Stedman Triples for the afternoon service: F. Riordan 1, J. Hunt 2, F. A. Holden 3, G. Riordan 4, F. Belsey 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6, S. Shellock 7, G. Lawrence 8. — For evening service, 420 Grandsire Triples: H. Springate 1, F. Belsey 2, G. Riordan 3, F. Riordan 4, S. Shellock (conductor) 5, E. Sills 6, J. Hunt 7, G. Lawrence 8.

GRAVESEND.—On Sunday, May 14th, for morning service, at St. George's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: W. R. Gates 1, J. Burles 2, F. Mitchell 3, A. Constant 4, R. Constant (conductor) 5, J. Constant 6, R. Tall 7, A. Lott 8.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, May 14th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Clark (longest length) 1, F. Fears 2, W. Clayton 3, G. Piper 4, H. Clark 5, W. Green 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, A. Banks 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 14th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, N., 1400 of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: H. Flanders 1, J. Cornford 2, H. Brookes 3, A. Hart 4, H. J. Ranzetta 5, W. Pateman 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, L. Perry (longest length) 8.

GOOD FRIDAY PEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—My attention has been called to a letter in your paper in which some strange things are said in connection with a peal rung at Blewbury on Good Friday. As this peal was rung, naturally, with my consent, I should like to point out that it was a muffled one, seemly to the day, that surely church bells are appropriate to sound the messages of the Church's seasons, that a muffled peal on Good Friday is quite as meet as a joyous peal on Easter Day, and that the ringing of such a peal distinctly serves as a reminder to the outside world of the Crucifixion and Death of our Blessed Lord. The people who would "speak against us" for our action are certainly not those who feel the solemnity of Good Friday.—Yours faithfully,

VICTOR L. WHITECHURCH,
Rector of Blewbury.

May 18th, 1911.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild was held at Great Crosby on Saturday week, about 100 members being present. There was a service, at which the Lord Bishop of Liverpool preached, and afterwards the visitors were entertained to tea by the Rev. F. A. Bartlett. Archdeacon Spooner, the president of the Guild, presided at the subsequent business meeting, at which the Master (the Rev. W. T. Bulpit) congratulated the members upon celebrating the 21st anniversary of the formation of the Guild, and the good work that had been accomplished.—Thanks were accorded the Bishop for his address, and to the retiring officers of the Guild, all of whom were re-elected.—The Rev. F. A. Bartlett was thanked for his hospitality, and a similar compliment was passed to Archdeacon Spooner for presiding.

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FOR SALE.—Mr. C. L. Routledge, 62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle, has the following books for sale. Offers will oblige: Clavis Campanologia (original, good condition), Ellacombe's Belfries and Ringers, Hubbard, Shipway (reprint), Stedman's Tintinnalogia (reprint).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday. Divine service at St. Mary's at 11.30. Preacher, Rev. W. A. Errington, Rector of Hunsdon, Herts. Business meeting to follow. Notice of intention to dine must be sent to the honorary secretary not later than June 1st.—Henry T. W. Eyre, honorary secretary, Great Totham, Witham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday next, May 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Folkestone on Whitsun Monday, June 5th. Committee meeting (in Woodward Institute 11 a.m. Service at 12 (address by Rev. A. F. Rutty, Rector of Lyminge). Dinner at 1 p.m. Towers open for ringing: Folkestone (8), Hythe (8), Lyminge (8), Cheriton (6), Newington (6). For dinner tickets apply before Thursday, June 1st, to Fred. J. O. Helmore, Honorary Secretary, Canterbury.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday next, May 27th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a small charge at the Beehive Hotel at 5.30 o'clock.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Helmshore on Saturday next, May 27th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Branch Secretary.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tong on the 27th inst. Peal attempt at 2.30 to 3; the business meeting at the Greyhound Inn at 7.30.—A. S. Mitchell, secretary, 2, Granville Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds.

Mr. A. J. Turner, 24, St. John's Street, Lewes, is now the Hon. Sec. of the Southover, Lewes, tower.

NOTICES (continued).

Mr. B. Harman, School Road, Smallfield, near Horley, Surrey, will be staying in North Devon between June 3rd and 11th, and would like to arrange peals or touches of Grandsire or Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob or Double Norwich Major.—Communications should be sent to above address.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT.—A meeting will be held at Massey on Whit-Monday, June 5th. Bells available all day. Hearty invitation to all ringers. Tea will be provided, 6d. each, 5.30, at the Blue Bell to those who let the secretary know by Monday, May 29th.—J. Jutson, Secretary, pro tem., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The first monthly ringing meeting of the season will be held at Belper on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (six) available from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Bert Mitchell, Hon. District Secretary, 68, Douglas Street, Derby.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting will take place at Norton on Whit-Monday, June 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Sidney F. Palmer, Honorary Secretary, 87, Bradley Street, Sheffield.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—T. Riley, Assistant Hon. Secretary.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Thirsk on Whit-Monday, June 5th, 1911. Committee Meeting at 11.45; Divine service at the Parish Church 12.30; dinner at the Golden Lion Hotel 1.30. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. each. Those intending to be present must notify the secretary not later than the 31st day of May, 1911.—T. Metcalfe, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Honorary Secretary.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at Whitley Bay and North Shields. Bells of St. Paul's and Christ Church available all day. Committee meeting at the Station Hotel, Whitley Bay, at 1 o'clock. Dinner same place at 1.30 p.m. Members intending to be present please notify.—Chas. Todd, Honorary Secretary, 26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The May monthly meeting will be held at Kenilworth on Saturday, May 27th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m.—Arthur Coleman, Honorary Secretary.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Whit-Monday, June 5th. The bells of Higham and Irthlingborough also will be ready at 10 a.m. Service in the church at 12 noon. Luncheon and business meeting at the Green Dragon at 1 o'clock. Luncheon—members, 1s.; visitors and friends, 2s. All those intending to be at the luncheon must let me know not later than May 31st.—F. Wilford, Honorary Secretary, 29, Bostock Avenue, Northampton.

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At St. Michael's Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne,

The Record Long Peal of Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 Changes) was rung on Easter Monday, 1911, by the Ashton-under-Lyne Society in 8 HOURS and 39 MINUTES.

In November, 1910, all the 12 bells were repaired and the Tenor (27 cwt.) completely rehung by:—

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James George,
April 18th, 1911.

TERRITORIAL REPRESENTATION.

One of the matters upon which the Central Council intend to legislate at their meeting at Leicester next Tuesday is the question of the representation of the various Territorial Associations upon the central body. At present each association sends a number of delegates based upon its total membership, 75 members entitling a society to one representative, over 150 to two, more than 300 to three and over 450 to four, which is the limit of representation allowed to any one society. In the past the total roll of membership has been the figure upon which the associations have returned their delegates, but this roll, in the case of all the societies, is made up partly of members non-resident in the area covered by their respective spheres of operation. To the extent to which an association is swelled by non-resident members, it has inflated qualifications in regard to representation, and it would certainly put all the societies upon an equitable basis if the resolution to be discussed by the Council should be passed. The motion, given in another column, has been very judiciously worded, and excludes from its scope such organisations as the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Royal Cumberland Youths and The Waterloo Society. Obviously these associations cannot be dealt with upon any territorial basis, for their members are scattered throughout the country, although their headquarters are in London. Generally speaking, of course, the Territorial divisions are well defined, and no difficulties are likely to arise, but it is not every case in which a simple settlement can be arrived at. Where there is overlapping there is bound to be some trouble, and if the Central Council agree in principle to the resolution, and the principle is one upon which the majority of the members will probably be agreed, they will doubtless be called upon to define certain of the territorial areas. Take, for instance, the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, or the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Association. If these be affiliated societies they may be adversely affected, as would any association operating in the area of other organisations, to which the members may also be affiliated. Another example is to be found in the south-west corner of Surrey, which is within the Winchester Diocese, and is covered by both the Surrey Association and the Winchester Guild. An equitable arrangement, such as that suggested by the resolution, could not be carried out with justice if, in such cases as this, the members are to have representation on the Central Council through both societies, while others are to be limited in representation through one only. This is a side of the question with which the Council must deal if it decides to adopt the resolution.

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TESTIMONIAL.

John O. Sager, Solicitor, Todmorden. December 10, 1910.
Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., Bell and Brassfounders, Smethwick.

Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

HIGH WYCOMBE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 24, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt., in C sharp.

*GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	...*Treble*	*RALPH COLES	7
*SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD ...	2	*ARTHUR F. ASHMAN ...	8
JOHN EVANS	3	*FRED HAYES	9
*J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	4	*RICHARD BUCKLAND... ...	10
*FREDERICK G. BIGGS ...	5	*JAMES W. WILKINS... ...	11
JOHN C. TRUSS...	6	BENJAMIN PAGE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN NELMS, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. The Mayor of High Wycombe (H. J. Cox, Esq.) has kindly promised to present a peal board to the tower to commemorate the above performance. Rung on the occasion of Empire Day.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

ARTHUR H. WHITE ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK WHITE	6
ALBERT E. LOCK...	2	F. STEDMAN WHITE ...	7
HARRY HOLIFIELD	3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD... ...	8
EDGAR HUMFREY	4	RICHARD WHITE	9
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr.	5	FREDERICK WHITE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. The ringer of the 6th hails from Watford.

ABINGDON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR H. WHITE ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK WHITE	6
ALBERT E. LOCK	2	F. STEDMAN WHITE ...	7
EDGAR HUMFREY	3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD... ...	8
HARRY HOLIFIELD	4	RICHARD WHITE	9
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr.	5	FREDERICK WHITE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by the late J. COX, and
Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT CHARLES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

Tenor 23½ cwt., in D.

ERNEST W. MARSH ...	...*Treble*	†WILLIAM RUNDLE	6
*ALFRED H. NEWCOMB ...	2	HAROLD BENNETT	7
‡WALTER H. MARSH... ...	3	†FRANK HOCKADAY	8
WILLIAM G. HISCOTT ...	4	‡GEORGE HARRY MYERS ...	9
REGINALD A. H. DOBSON	5	FRANCIS PURSE... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and
Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Caters. ‡ First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Caters in the Three Towns by residents. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SAXLINGHAM, NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS	...*Treble*	JOHN ALDIS, Junr.	5
ALFRED FUNNELL	2	WILLIAM STEELE	6
FREDERICK WHITHAM ...	3	GEORGE POYNTZ	7
JOHN F. WILSON	4	*GEORGE H. CROSS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method as conductor.

THE METROPOLIS.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 24, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ACTON, W.,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JARROLD HAYWARD ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. DEAN	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	2	FRANK SKEVINGTON	6
*WILLIAM A. GARRARD ...	3	ARTHUR HARDING	7
HENRY S. ELLIS	4	FREDERICK J. HARDY	...*Tenor*

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

* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 10 cwt.

MAJOR C. HUGHES D'AETH	*Treble*	JESSE B. TYLER	5
R. G. LEWIS	2	JOHN THOMAS	6
W. W. HUGHES D'AETH ...	3	T. HERVEY BEAMS	7
HARRY J. PARSONS	4	W. G. B. NORTHOVER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung in honour of Empire Day. First peal on the bells, which one of few peals of eight by Billris, recently restored by Messrs. Llewellins & James, Bristol, with all new fittings. The go and striking is perfect.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Empire Day (Wednesday, May 24), 1911, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22¼ cwt., in E flat.

*W. A. CARR	...*Treble*	ROBERT W. FALCONER ...	5
W. H. BARBER...	2	JOS. W. PARKER	6
†B. C. DIXON	3	A. H. HILLIER...	7
NORMAN FLECK...	4	J. S. RICHARDSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal in any method, and first attempt. † First peal of Stedman. Messrs. Carr and Parker belong to Sunderland, Dixon to Benwell.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs.

*JOHN J. PRATT	*Treble*	GEORGE H. GUTTRIDGE	5
HENRY C. CHANDLER	2	EDGAR HANCOX	6
ALAN R. MACDONALD	3	ROBERT E. STAVERT	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	HENRY H. CHANDLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN J. PRATT.

* First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the occasion of Empire Day.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HORNEY	*Treble*	JAMES PARSONS	5
ERNEST E. BISH	2	JOHN FEIST	6
THOMAS STRINGER	3	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	7
HENRY J. GRAVETT	4	WILLIAM STENNING	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR W. GRAVETT.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY	*Treble*	CHARLES F. BAILEY	5
CHARLES SAMSON	2	NORMAN R. BAILEY	6
JAMES M. BAILEY	3	JAMES G. RUMSEY	7
ERNEST S. BAILEY	4	EDGAR H. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung in honour of Empire Day.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, May 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM A. JEAVONS	*Treble*	BENJAMIN GOUGH	5
ARTHUR BAKER	2	SAMUEL BAKER	6
WALTER GRINSELL	3	WILLIAM FISHER	7
SAMUEL PEARCE	4	ALBERT E. LAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday. All the above are members of the local company.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

JOHN H. B. HESSE	*Treble*	GEORGE SPENCER	5
SYDNEY CARTER	2	ALAN R. MACDONALD	6
BERTRAM PREWETT	3	ROBERT E. STAVERT	7
CHARLES S. BIRD	4	*ERNEST R. GLADMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and
Conducted by ERNEST R. GLADMAN.

* First peal as conductor and of Major away from the treble. Rung on the Queen's birthday, also as a birthday compliment to the Vicar of Heston.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HAROLD G. JENNEY	*Treble*	J. CHARLES DICKEN	5
ALBERT COPPOCK	2	EDWARD C. GOBEY	6
HERBERT DAY	3	PERCIVAL PRICE	7
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, Junr.	4	BART MITCHELL	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY	*Treble*	ERNEST S. BAILEY	5
NORMAN R. BAILEY	2	THOMAS KING	6
EDGAR H. BAILEY	3	CHARLES F. BAILEY	7
JAMES M. BAILEY	4	FREDERICK J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE HAYES	*Treble*	EDWIN F. PIKE	5
ISAAC G. SHADE	2	REUBEN SANDERS	6
EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	3	WILLIAM PYE	7
JAMES GEORGE	4	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE ALLEN	*Treble*	SIDNEY SMITH	5
HENRY W. GAYTON	2	REGINALD BAILEY	6
WILLIAM JACQUES	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE	7
BERNARD FISHER	4	FRANK BOSWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Rev. G. W. F. Munby, formerly Rector of the parish, and for many years an hon. member of this Association.

WARE, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs.

WALTER S. INWOOD	*Treble*	GEORGE H. BARKER	5
HUBERT EDEN	2	FREDERICK WHITE	6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	3	EDWARD WHITBREAD	7
GEORGE N. PRICE	4	ALFRED B. PECK	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

EDMONTON, N.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt., in F.

JOSEPH WAGHORN, Senr.	*Treble*	*EDWARD F. COLE	5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER	2	GEORGE A. CARD	6
*JOHN T. KENTISH	3	JAMES PARKER	7
JOHN H. BENSTEAD	4	GEORGE PAICE	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by MISS EDITH K. PARKER.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

CHILVERS COTON.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE	*Treble*	*DOUGLAS HAROLD ARGYLE	5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	2	*HERBERT CURE	6
*THOMAS DICKINS	3	JAMES F. CLARKE, Senr.	7
*JAMES F. CLARKE, Junr.	4	*ALFRED HANCOX	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES F. CLARKE, Senr.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor, and also the first peal in the method by entirely local ringers. The ringer of the 5th is 14 years of age. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT	*Treble*	REUBEN SANDERS	5
ARTHUR J. NEALE	2	HARRY FLANDERS	6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	3	CHARLES CASTLE	7
HENRY RANZETTA	4	ALBERT J. BAYNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT E. CHICHESTER, Esq.	*Treble*	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	5
FREDERICK KNIGHTS	2	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON	6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	3	ALBERT G. WARNES	7
GEORGE H. CROSS	4	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

*DAVID HALES	*Treble*	ROBERT HOWARD	3
HARRY HOWARD	2	*ALBERT DELLOW	4

WALTER MANSFIELD ... *Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER MANSFIELD.

* First peal. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

RUMBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Friday, May 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, April Day, Morning Star, Old Doubles, and Plain Bob, and two 720's of Canterbury Doubles.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*AUSTIN HEAD	*Treble*	CHARLES MOSS	3
FREDK. C. LAMBERT	2	JOHN O'NEILL	4

ALBERT LEE ... *Tenor*

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's birthday.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT 7, MARKETT ROAD, HOLLOWAY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

BERTRAM PREWETT	1—2	GEORGE R. PYE	5—6
ERNEST PYE	3—4	WILLIAM PYE	7—8

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Umpire, A. W. COLES.

This was the conductor's 100th peal on handbells. It had been arranged to ring Cinques, but, meeting short, the above was rung instead.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 7023 CHANGES;

JAMES HUNT	1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE, Senr.	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3—4	MAURICE SMITHER	7—8

FRANK BLONDELL ... 9—10

Composed by J. CARTER, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING,
Umpire, S. RADFORD.

Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty, King George V.; also as a compliment to F. Blondell and J. Hunt. Longest peal on handbells by all.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE "ANTONEYS,"

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

FRANK MARTIN	1—2	CHARLES N. LEMAN	5—6
GEORGE SHIPP	3—4	JOHN E. ROOTES	7—8

Conducted by FRANK MARTIN.
Umpire, ALBERT GEORGE.

This is the first peal rung by F. Martin and J. E. Rootes; the first peal on handbells and first peal of Triples by G. Shipp; and first peal on handbells by C. N. Leman.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob at Leesfield, Oldham, has been forwarded without the date.

The time of the peal rung at Great Yarmouth and recorded in our last issue should have been 3 hrs. 22 mins., and not 3 hrs. 32 mins. as stated.

LATE PEAL.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 29¾ cwt.

BERNARD WITCHELL ...	...*Treble*	REV. E. V. COX	5
JAMES PRATT	2	JOHN H. SWINFIELD ...	6
J. D. JAMES	3	FREDERICK J. COPE ...	7
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY ...	4	JAMES H. GALLIMORE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

Rung to mark the occasion of Mr. Gallimore (father of the ringer of the tenor, and captain of the local band), completing 55 years as a ringer at the Cathedral. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT ON HANDBELLS.

We have received a notice that four members of the Pudsey Parish Church Society intend to attempt 13,440 Bob Major on handbells in Richardshaw Lane Girls' Council School, commencing at 6.30 a.m. Unfortunately, however, our correspondent has omitted to mention the date.

DOUBLE NORWICH AT WORSLEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to draw Mr. W. Willson's attention to the few remarks he makes about the Double Norwich quarter-peal rung at Worsley, in which the Rev. C. B. Hulton took part. I wish to say that all the band who rang in the touch are Worsley men, who have learned all their ringing at Worsley, and are now all living within the sound of Worsley bells, and not Manchester men, as he states. I may also state that at our practice last night one of our curates, the Rev. H. B. W. Dennison, rang his first touch on tower bells, ringing the tenor to a short touch of Stedman Triples, and also a short touch of Grandsire Triples. Wishing you and your paper every success.—Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Worsley.

MIDDLESEX RINGERS AT STAINES.

A South and West District meeting of the Middlesex Association was held at Staines on Saturday, an attendance of about 25 being attracted to this beautiful riverside resort. Ringing took place in the afternoon at the old Parish Church of St. Mary, the tower of which was built in 1631. Tea was partaken of at The Beehive Hotel, Mr. T. Beadle, the District Master, presiding over the subsequent business meeting, at which representatives were also present from Isleworth, Teddington, Feltham, Wokingham, Shepperton, Staines, Sunbury, Ealing, Earl's Court, Wandsworth, Southall and Heston. The next meeting was fixed for Harlington, in the strawberry season, the actual date being left to the hon. secretary to fix, on account of the vagaries of the English climate, which is the important factor in the ripening of the luscious fruit. The subsequent meeting will be held at Sunbury. Thanks were accorded to the incumbents of St. Mary's and St. Peter's for the use of the bells, and a similar compliment was passed to the Master for presiding. The evening was spent at St. Peter's, the picturesque church built by Sir Edward Clarke, which overlooks one of the prettiest reaches of the Thames in that district. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were rung.

BURY ST. EDMUND'S, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday last, for evening service, in 52 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1277 changes), composed by J. Carter: A. E. Moore (conductor) 1, J. Levitt 2, F. Dewell 3, H. F. Moore 4, F. Levitt 5, W. Radley 6, C. Woodcock 7, H. R. Moore 8, H. A. Turner 9, R. Moore 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Moore, Woodcock and Turner.—On handbells, 448 Superlative Surprise: R. Moore 1, H. F. Moore 2, J. Levitt 3, F. Dewell 4, A. E. Moore 5, W. Radley 6, H. R. Moore 7, H. A. Turner (conductor) 8.—Also 288 Kent Major: F. Dewell 1—2, J. Levitt 3—4, F. Dewell 5—6, A. E. Moore (conductor) 7—8.

COMPOSITIONS.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008.
By A. J. TITE (Seven Kings).

23456	1	4	5	6	25346	1	4	5	6
42635			—		32654			—	
26435				—	26354				—
64235				—	63254				—
45236	—	—	—		34256	—	—	—	
25634	—		—		24653	—		—	
56234				—	46253				—
62534				—	62453				—
52436	—		—		42356	—		—	
54236				s	43256				s
24635	—		—		23654	—		—	
46235				—	36254				—
62435				—	62354				—
42536	—		—		26453		—		—
52634	—		—		64253				—
26534				—	23456	—	s	—	
65234				—					
25436	—		—						
24536				s					

Repeated produces 25346.

The 2nd is never in 5th's or 6th's place at a course end throughout the peal, which has the 3rd, 4th and 5th in consecutive order in 5th's place. Repeat first part twice for 5280 changes This has the 3rd, 4th and 5th each eighteen times in 5th's place at course ends in consecutive order.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056.
By J. W. WASHBROOK.

23456	B	M	W	H
52436			—	
43526			—	—
25634		—	—	
32654			—	
65324			—	—
26354			—	
52364			—	
36524			—	—
23564			—	
62534			—	
53624			—	—
46325		—		—
34625				—
56423		—		—
45623				—
64523				—
42635	—			
63425			—	—
54326		—		—
35426				—
42356			—	—
34256				—
23456				—

In this peal the 2nd is never in 4th's or 6th's place till the last course, and is the first peal with these qualities.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

The next step in our study of change ringing brings us to the actual performance of ringing by method, as it is called. It merely means the adoption of a system by which, without memorising the figures—that, in a long length, would be impossible—we can ring, in mathematical sequence, the changes that can be obtained upon any given number of bells. The principle upon which these changes are obtained I have already shown in various examples. We have seen, for instance, how, in the case of six bells, by changing first all the three pairs, and then each of the two middle pairs, and so on alternately, twelve changes can be got. These twelve changes are the extent to which we can go by this simple method, which provides for each bell what we now know as the plain hunt. But six bells will give us 720 changes, so it is obvious that we must do something besides plain hunting. That varying duty has also been explained in the "dodging" and "place making," and what we now have to do to acquire method ringing is to piece together this hunting, dodging and place making so that the whole 720 may be achieved.

In order not to get too involved to begin with, however, let us look at the principle as applied to four bells. The extent on four bells is 24 changes, and even these cannot be obtained by plain hunting solely. We must have place making and dodging to get them.

1 2 3 4	1 3 4 2	1 4 2 3
2 1 4 3	3 1 2 4	4 1 3 2
2 4 1 3	3 2 1 4	4 3 1 2
4 2 3 1	2 3 4 1	3 4 2 1
4 3 2 1	2 4 3 1	3 2 4 1
3 4 1 2	4 2 1 3	2 3 1 4
3 1 4 2	4 1 2 3	2 1 3 4
1 3 2 4	1 4 3 2	1 2 4 3
1 3 4 2	1 4 2 3	1 2 3 4

Here we have the 24 changes divided into the three leads of which they are composed, a "lead" being the changes between one whole pull of the treble in front and the next whole pull of the treble in that place, the treble having meanwhile hunted up and down. If you examine the figures you will notice that the treble does the plain hunt throughout. In all methods that are known as plain methods the treble adheres to this principle, and thus forms a guiding bell upon which all the others can base their operations, as it were. All the bells do the plain hunt until the treble leads, and then, to prevent repetition of changes, one bell makes 2nd's place, and this act causes all the bells above it to dodge in pairs. In our example, of course, there is only one pair of bells, and one of these bells takes the necessary step backward after lying its whole pull behind, and the other does it before lying behind.

The various phases of the work follow in regular order, and it is therefore possible to lay down certain rules, by which the changes can be rung, based upon the different positions in which each bell passes or crosses the treble. On four bells the table would be: Pass the treble in 3-4 (in this case turning the treble from behind) dodge in 3-4 down, *i.e.*, after lying the whole pull behind; pass the treble in 2-3, dodge in 3-4 up, *i.e.*, before lying the whole pull; pass the treble in 1-2, make 2nd's place (in this case it is one whole pull over the treble) and lead again. Now this table is given exactly in the order in which the work is done by the 2nd bell. In the case of the 3 or 4 it is precisely the same, except that each starts in a different place. All the bells go off into the plain hunt; the first time the 2nd passes the treble in hunting up is in 3-4, therefore the 2nd dodges in 3-4 down; the first time the 4th passes the treble in hunting up is in 2-3, therefore it dodges in 3-4 up; and the first time the third passes the treble is in 1-2, therefore it makes 2nds. Here I must leave the matter for this week, with this suggestion that my young friends should learn to write, or "prick" out these changes for themselves, noticing as they proceed the various steps in which the bells are involved.

"Stedman."—The usual place at which to call the bobs in Stedman is at the beginning of the fifth change of the six. Some conductors leave it later, but it is not altogether a good plan, for if you do not get the bob until the backstroke has been practically begun, the warning is hardly long enough in order to adjust your pull for the extra dodging.

CONDUCTOR.

RINGERS' CYCLE RUN.

TOWERS WHERE BELL-HANGERS ARE NEEDED.

The first cycle run of the season, organised in connection with the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, took place on Saturday week. Ringers from Walsall, Wolverhampton and Four Oaks, met at Longdon, at 3.15. After admiring the magnificent Norman south doorway and chancel arch, and the excellent state in which everything visible is kept in the church, writes a correspondent, we ascended the tower, where there are five bells by Robert Newcombe. Unfortunately for us, they very much need rehanging—a fact which made it quite impossible to "strike" a six-score. Having mentioned the names and addresses of a few bell-hangers to the Vicar, we were off to Abbots Bromley, where we found ringers from Uttoxeter and Haughton, awaiting our arrival. Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Singles were soon tapped off on a good ring of five, which are only spoiled by the flatness of the fourth bell. The Vicar entertained us to tea, and showed us photographs of the famous "Horn Dance," which takes place in the village annually at the "wakes" on the first Monday after September 4th, and to which visitors come from all parts of England. This year the event will be held on September 11th. The horns are the property of the Vicar of the parish for the time being, and are kept in the tower. This dance is a pageant of immemorial antiquity. The performers are twelve in number: the six with the reindeer horns; one (now called Robin Hood) with a hobby-horse; a boy with a cross-bow and arrow; a man representing Maid Marian; another in the guise of a fool; and two musicians. All wear special and very quaint costumes of red and green, with flowered breeches. The most plausible suggestion as to the origin of the dance is that it was a demonstration to prove that the townspeople possessed the right of hunting deer in the adjoining Needwood Forest.

Our next tower on the programme was Blithfield (6), where five minutes, owing to a service, were quite sufficient on bells which sorely need rehanging. The six miles between us and Ingestre were soon covered. We were here joined by a ringer from Bloxwich, who had been patiently waiting our belated arrival. We had indeed fallen on a sorry selection of towers (except Abbots Bromley) that afternoon, for here again the bell-hanger needs to be employed, while the second bell is very sharp, not only in tone, but in "going-over," as one of our party found out. Three courses of Bob Minor were brought round, in addition to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. Although a ride of over twenty miles lay before most of us, we left Ingestre at 8.30, having thoroughly enjoyed the outing, if not all the bells.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION REPORT.

The annual report of the Essex Association is to hand, and records steady progress during the past year. The membership has risen from 715 to 737, but the increase of 22 does not represent in any way the number of joining members, non-compliance with the last clause of rule III. being responsible for a large number of names being struck off the list in each division. There is a balance in hand of £13 18s. 4d. on the general account, against £14 8s. 9d. in the previous year, and the reserve fund stands at £84 18s. 9d., an increase of £2 1s. Sixty-eight peals were rung in 1910, in 36 towers, an increase of 11 on the year, which, although not a record, shows more activity in this direction. The report itself is admirably arranged and full of valuable information to the members, while an appendix gives instructions in Grandsire and Plain Bob, and contains general hints for beginners and those who instruct them.

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OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

The Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

A conspicuous figure in the Exercise to-day is the Rev. Henry Law James, the Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. The services which he has rendered and is rendering to the association of which he is the head would be sufficient to justify the assertion that he is among the foremost of those who are successfully extending the Art, but Mr. James' influence extends far beyond the boundaries of the Diocese of Lincoln. It is not flattery, it is a mere appreciation of hard fact, when we say that the Rev. H. Law James is one of the strong men—intellectually—who at present adorn the ringing world. Both as a ringer and as a composer he stands in the front rank. On

THE REV. HENRY LAW JAMES.

some technical matters he, perhaps, holds views which are not generally accepted, but Mr. James is a gentleman who has the courage of his convictions, and is as outspoken as he is gifted. His opinions carry great weight, and his arguments are made with the authority of knowledge. Upon theoretical questions he has very few equals; certainly there are none who excel him.

Born at Cathedral Gardens, Gloucester, on November 18th, 1868, just beneath the Cathedral tower, in which are nine bells, upon which the chimes play at one, five and eight o'clock, Mr. James early had a love for the bells, a love which he attributed to these chimes. For years he went up into the Cathedral tower when ringing was in progress, and he was taught to handle a bell by Mr. G. Wanklyn, then Master of the company which rang Grandsire Triples with very wide leads and splendid striking. St. Michael's bells were increased from six to eight in 1887, and Mr. James founded St. Michael's Juniors on September 6th of that year. He rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples with the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Guild at Upton St. Leonards in 1888.

In 1887 he had joined the Cambridge University Guild, and called the Guild's first peal, Bob Triples in hand, in 1890, followed shortly after by Bob Major and Double Norwich Major, the latter being the first peal in the method on handbells.

Wherever he has gone the Rev. H. L. James has organised the forces of ringing. In 1891 he settled in Stamford, and started St. Martin's Scholars, ringing various peals of Minor with them. In 1898 he became Vicar of Surfleet, and in 1899 he founded the Lincoln Diocesan Guild by getting the four societies in the diocese to amalgamate. Mr. James was elected Master, and has filled the office, to the benefit of the Guild, ever since. He called the Guild's first peal, Bob Major, at Heckington, in the year of its formation, and in 1902 got Surfleet bells increased to six, two 720's of Bob Minor being rung on them the very day that the treble arrived.

The Rev. H. Law James is the representative of the Guild upon the Central Council, of which body he is one of the most distinguished members. He is a member of the Standing Committee and the Legitimate Methods Committee. He is the author of "Stedman Theory," and he stills holds strongly to the conclusions arrived at in that work that the first peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques have not yet been rung. As a composer, Mr. James is equally well-known, and peals of Grandsire Triples, London, Superlative and Cambridge Royal; the first seven-part peal of Stedman Triples ("Norwich Variation"), Double Norwich and a seven-part peal of Kent Major stand to his credit. It is characteristic of Mr. James' precision in definition that in the list of his peals, which he has sent us for publication, he should indicate that the Stedman Triples and Caters were in the Norwich variation and that Plain Bob Triples and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Triples are only "so-called." Mr. James has conducted considerably more than half the peals he has rung, and his most notable performances include, in addition to the first peal of Double Norwich in hand, and the first peal by the Cambridge University Guild, mentioned above, the first peal of Stedman in Wales, the first peal of Double Norwich Caters, the first two peals of Cambridge Royal, the first peal of London in Gloucestershire, and the first Surprise peal in Northamptonshire. His peals of Minor include the first peals of seven 720's in 8, 9 and 14 methods.

Mr. James is a member of no fewer than 19 societies, including the following:—The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan; St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester; the Ancient Society of College Youths; Cambridge University Guild; the Society of Painswick Youths; London County Association; the Society of Cambridge Youths; Oxford Diocesan Guild; Essex County, Norwich Diocesan, Midland Counties, Bedfordshire, Central Northamptonshire, North Wales and Lancashire Associations; St. Martin's Scholars, Stamford; and the Lincoln, Winchester and Salisbury Diocesan Guilds.

His 201 peals are made up as under:—

	Rung.	Conducted.	In Hand
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1		
Plain Bob Maximus	1		1
Grandsire Cinques	1		
Cambridge Surprise Royal	3	2	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	4	3	

Plain Bob Royal	3	1	
Double Norwich Court Bob Caters	1		
Stedman Caters (Norwich)	6	2	
Grandsire Caters	4	1	
London Surprise Major	2	2	
Gloucester Surprise Major	1	1	
Cambridge Surprise Major	9	8	
Superlative Surprise Major	6	3	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	30	25	1
Double Oxford Bob Major	2	2	
Kent Treble Bob Major	18	12	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	3	2	
Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Major	1	1	
Plain Bob Major	16	10	1
Stedman Triples (Norwich)	40	11	
Grandsire Triples	13	4	1
Plain Bob Triples (so-called)	3	2	2
Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Triples (so-called)	1		
Minor	30	26	
Doubles	2	2	
	201	120	6

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Owing to the large number of peals which we may confidently expect to be rung on Whit-Monday, only those reports which reach us on Tuesday can be guaranteed insertion in next week's issue.

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On the subject of the peal at South Wigston by a band whose average age is 19 years 10½ months, Mr. E. Morris writes that he did not claim the peal to be by the youngest band that has scored a 5,000, but the youngest in the Midlands, meaning the Midland Counties. The band in the Stoke Golding peal of Minor beat the South Wigston peal by ten months, but Mr. Morris still claims the South Wigston peal to be by the youngest band to ring a peal on eight bells by the M.C.A.

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It is astonishing what can be done with enthusiasm and a little perseverance. Just a year ago Mr. J. Vickers, of Derby, bought a peal of handbells, and set to work to initiate some boys into the mysteries of the change ringing Art. They have made rapid strides, and have rung several quarter-peals, with the valuable assistance of Mr. A. Ward as conductor. But on May 21st a quarter-peal was rung conducted by Mr. Vickers' eldest son, who is just 17 years of age. It occupied 36 mins., and was rung by T. Vickers (conductor) 1-2, J. Vickers, senr., 3-4, A. Braines 5-6, J. Vickers, junr., 7-8.

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Those attending the Central Council meeting on Whit-Tuesday will find that the Great Central Railway is the most convenient route from many places between London and Lancashire and Yorkshire. This go-ahead line provides the last word in comfortable travelling.

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As briefly mentioned in this column last week St. Mary's Church, Nelson, Lancs., is to have a peal of bells, the gift of an anonymous donor. The peal is to be worthy of the noble building in which they are to be placed, the cost being estimated at £1,600. There are to be thirteen bells altogether, with a tenor of about 40 cwts.

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The work upon Wrington bells, which are to be augmented from six to ten by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, has been commenced. The magnificent old six are now at the Whitechapel foundry, and the tenor has been found to scale 37 cwt. 0 qrs. 13 lbs. The treble is 11 cwt. 0 qrs. 1 lb. They will be returned to the tower with new headstocks and fittings. The opening is to take place on November 1st.

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Ewhurst, in Surrey, where the Guildford district of the Winchester Guild held a successful meeting on Saturday week, has two bells over 400 years old. In 1671 two more were added, and in 1835 the tower collapsed, and the four bells fell into the churchyard. In the Coronation year of Queen Victoria the tower was restored, and two more bells added, making a peal of six, and now the suggestion is made that the Coronation of King George might be very fittingly commemorated by completing the octave.

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A monthly combined practice of the Sonning Branch of the Oxford Guild was held on Saturday week at Wargrave. A good number of members were present, representing the towers of Wokingham (All Saints), Hurst, Binfield, Sandhurst, Easthampstead, Wargrave and Waltham. During the evening touches in the following methods were rung: Cambridge, Double Oxford, Kent, Plain Bob and Grandsire Minor and Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

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Ill-fortune seems to have attended the attempts of the Plymouth men to score a peal at Bodmin. On Easter Monday and again on Saturday week a peal of Grandsire came to grief, the first time through illness outside the church, the second through the indisposition of one of the ringers. On each of the excursions other towers in the neighbourhood were visited, including St. Breock and Egloshayle. The latter peal seem to have been neglected, as the tenor is not pealable, although only rehung as recently as 1906. At Lanhydrock on Saturday week several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by J. Glnyas, E. W. Marsh, R. Dobson, H. Bennett, W. Rundle, F. Hockaway, W. Ford, J. Woodley.

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One hundred peals on handbells! This is Mr. William Pye's latest achievement. A wonderful performance, even for a wonderful man.

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A printer's little error crept into the very able and lucid paper upon the in-and-out-of-course of changes, by Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, which appeared in our issue a fortnight ago. In the last paragraph there was a transposition of figures, making it appear that 12345678 is out-of-course. Rounds, obviously, is in-course, and the figures should have been 12435678.

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The Middlesex Association have decided to alter the date of their annual meeting from September to the Saturday after Easter. This has been done so that the financial year may be completed before instead of after the annual meeting.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

NEXT TUESDAY'S MEETING.

The third session of the Seventh Council (21st annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 6th, in the "Old Guildhall," of the Old Town Hall, at Leicester, at 11 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30 p.m., from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

AGENDA, 1911.

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Statement of accounts and of sale of publications.
3. Election of honorary members.
4. Introduction of new members to the President.
5. To receive and discuss the reports of the following Committees:—
   (a) Peal Collection.
   (b) Church Press.
   (c) Legitimate Methods.
   (d) Peal Values.
   (e) Peals' Analysis.

To discuss the following:—

6. That nothing shall be recognised as a Peal of Minor, unless it consists of at least seven true and complete seven hundred and twenties; but that the 5040 may be extended by the addition of one touch of less than 720 changes, with or without extra 720's.
7. That for the purpose of representation on the Central Council only such members of any Territorial Association as are resident within the area covered by that Association shall be considered in fixing the number of representatives which such Association is entitled to elect.
8. That the Central Council give to the "Ringing World" recognition equal to that accorded to the "Bell News" for the publication of official reports and communications, and that any peals published exclusively in the "Ringing World" shall be counted in the Central Council's analysis.
9. Other business, if any.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,
Hon. Secretary.

There will be a social gathering of members and ringing friends in the evening at the Grand Hotel.

HOW TO GET TO THE OLD TOWN HALL.

The custodian of the Old Town Hall has kindly furnished the following directions for reaching the building from the various railway stations:—

Great Central.—Three minutes' walk. Turn to the right on leaving the station, then second on the left, St. Nicholas Street, first on the right, High Cross Street, and first on the left, Town Hall Lane.

M.R. and L. and N.W.R.—Cross the road and take Marlborough Road car, 1d., and alight at High Cross Street. Turn to the left, and first on left again.

Great Northern.—Take car marked "East Park Road," 1d., and alight at the Clock Tower. Thence walk up Silver Street, the continuation of which is Town Hall Lane, the building being towards the further end, on the left hand side, immediately past St. Martin's Church.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, when about 34 members were present. Ringing commenced in the afternoon, with some good touches of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Stedman. Subsequently a tea was provided in the school by the local ringers, and much enjoyed. The Rev. H. J. Elsee, president of the Association, occupied the chair at the business meeting, and was supported by the Vicar of Newchurch, who was made an honorary member. Eight new members were also elected, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the ringers for their kind hospitality, and to the ladies who so kindly waited on the visitors at tea.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. William Snowdon Retires from the Presidency.

"THE RINGING WORLD" SPECIAL REPORT.

By kind invitation of the local branch, the May meeting was held on Saturday week, at Shipley, in lovely weather. As showing the magnitude of these periodical Yorkshire gatherings, it is on record that 230 ringers sat down to tea, drawn from some forty towers in all parts of the shire of Broad Acres. The bells of the Parish Church (8) were available all day, and were kept swinging in various methods. Touches at these meetings are limited to about twenty minutes' duration, in order that as many as possible may have a pull. The ring of eight at Bolton and the six at the Congregational Church, Saltaire, were also kindly placed at the members' disposal. At the general meeting, following the tea, the resignation of Mr. Snowdon, who has so worthily filled the office of president for 25 years, was announced, and expressions of the greatest regret were universal on receipt of the news. The preliminary announcement was made on the circulars sent out beforehand, and we cannot do better than quote the paragraph, which is as follows: "The committee have to announce with the greatest regret that our esteemed president, Mr. Wm. Snowdon, has resigned the office. Mr. Snowdon states that he feels it his duty to the memory of his brother Jasper, our first president, to complete some of his unfinished writings, for the benefit, he hopes, of the whole Exercise, and that he finds it impossible to do so and also retain office. Mr. Snowdon has been strongly urged to reconsider his resignation, but for the above reason, coupled with other pressing duties, regrets that he cannot do so, nor can he accept a seat on the committee. At a special committee meeting held on March 25th, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, Vicar of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, was unanimously elected president for the unexpired term of office; and the vacancy thus caused on the committee was filled by the election of Mr. J. H. Blakiston, of Middlesbro'."

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. A. W. Cribb, Vicar, for the use of the bells and schools, and in his unavoidable absence, was suitably replied to by the Curate, the Rev. W. Bowker.

Votes of thanks were also passed to the Rev. C. H. King for the use of Bolton bells: also to the Rev. M. Pringle and deacons for the use of the bells at Saltaire Congregational Church. To the Shipley branch for their generous arrangements, and to the ladies assisting at the tea tables, was accorded a most hearty vote of thanks, one and all being agreed that everything had been done to ensure a pleasant meeting for all. A kind invitation put forward from Skipton, to hold the September meeting there, was accepted. The new president, the Rev. C. C. Marshall ably discharged the duties of chairman, and his reply to an appreciative vote of thanks brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

BELL RINGERS' OUTINGS.

On Saturday the bell ringers of St. Mary's Parish Church, Scarborough, held their annual excursion, Ripon and Thirsk being visited. Leaving Scarborough by the 6.33 a.m. train, Ripon was reached just before ten o'clock, when a substantial breakfast was partaken of at the Black Swan Hotel. Afterwards the party drove to Fountains Abbey, where they admired the beauties of the ancient ruin and the surrounding scenery. Returning to Ripon, the Cathedral was visited, and, permission having been obtained beforehand for a ring on these grand bells, which go excellently, the excursionists were met by the Cathedral band—among the best of good fellows—who joined in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. The journey was then resumed, and Thirsk was reached about four o'clock. After the cravings of the inner man had been satisfied by tea at the cafe, the Parish Church was visited, and the visitors were joined by Mr. H. Brown, the foreman ringer, and Mr. R. Brown, junr.—The Vicar of Thirsk (the Rev. Austin) having kindly given permission for a ring, a short touch of Plain Bob Minor was brought round before evensong. After the service, 120 Grandsire Doubles was first tapped off, and then 540 and 350 Grandsire Triples rung in good style, the band standing as follows, viz.: T. Cole 1, H. Brown (Thirsk) 2, H. Milner 3, R. Brown (Thirsk) 4, H. Ferguson 5, J. R. Barton (conductor) 6, H. Gibson 7, F. Davison 8. This brought to a close the ringing for the day, and the return journey was commenced at 8.58 p.m., Scarborough being reached at 11.45 p.m., everyone having enjoyed the outing, which is one of the best the band have had, to the utmost. They take this opportunity of thanking the Bishop of Knaresborough for the use of the Cathedral bells; the Rev. Austen for the bells of the Parish Church, Thirsk; and the local men at Ripon and Thirsk for kindly making arrangements, which contributed so largely to the success of the outing.

The Henfield (Sussex) ringers had their annual outing on May 9th, when, in delightful weather, a party of fifteen visited Seaford. The morning was spent on the famous Seven Sisters cliffs, where some tunes and a few courses of Stedman Triples were rung on handbells. Luncheon was partaken of at the Old Tree Hotel, and in the afternoon the party visited various places of interest in the neighbourhood, afterwards returning to the Seaford tower and ringing two 504's of Stedman Triples. On the return journey a call was made at Brighton, and Caters rung at St. Nicholas' Church.

TIMELY TOPICS.

By Will Willson.

It is quite a common thing nowadays to read footnotes to first peals after bell restorations as "rehung by Messrs. So and So, and the go is splendid." This kind of thing brings satisfaction to all concerned, but it was not always thus. In an old journal before me, I read that "a band of good ringers came with the intention of ringing a 5040, but, after ringing five hundred changes, they stopped. The authorities said it was because the bells and ropes, with other fittings, were too new, but the captain of the ringers told his men to put their coats on again, and they all came away in high dudgeon, declaring that no band that ever lived could ring a peal on the bells." The sequel I find in a record of the ultimate first peal rung some three years later, when the bearings had worn themselves smoother; but it took two men to ring the tenor through, although the bell was only 24 cwts.

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On that occasion it was necessary to take the best men for the job. One of them was by name Thomas Langham, a regular "hard nut," and the sixth bell being false-struck, in addition to its reputation for settling all those who tried to ring her through a peal, Tommy was deputed to "put her through." The locals, who knew something, said "He'll never do it," and one bolder than the rest came up to him and offered to wager a sovereign against the feat. Now, even in those days, I suppose, ringers knew very well that there was always more than an even chance against any peal at any time, so Tommy was not anxious to take it until the local gentleman extended the odds by allowing the wager to stand "that even if they got the peal, Tommy would have a wet shirt." "Done," said Tommy; and the money was staked.

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Now it was a hot day, and as the peal went on those outside could tell that the man at the sixth was undergoing a "gruelling," by the way the bell rolled about and dropped among the others from time to time. The local punter was on good terms with himself—better terms than he would have been had he known that "the man at the sixth" was wagging his ear, a feat Tommy could do just as a dog wags its tail when it is pleased. In three hours and twenty minutes the bells came home, and the locals rushed up into the belfry to test Tommy's shirt wet with sweat. They opened the door, and saw him *nude to the waist*! "I knew I'd won that sovereign before we started if we got through," he said afterwards; "because I didn't mean to wear a shirt a day like this"—and he wagged his ear again.

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According to the peal columns, the Mottram-in-Longdendale men have their eyes on Timbrell's 17,120 of Treble Bob Major, Mr. I. Sidebottom having called part of it for a practice peal. This recalls the fact that June 6th is the anniversary of the Debenham long peal of Oxford 16,608 rung nineteen years ago. On that occasion Arthur R. Aldham, who had gone down to his native county for the attempt, rang the fourth and sent me the result "rang the 16,608 Oxford Bob Major in fine style. Time, ten hours and thirty-two minutes. Jemmy Motts conducted off treble." June 6th, 1892, was Whit-Monday, and hot weather. Should the Mottram men go for the 17,120 on the new bells, let us hope there will be no argument afterwards, or cause for it. When they rang the 16,800 it was disputed, and the striking condemned. Perhaps the lesson will be gained from that occasion, that it is unwise for anyone to enter the ringing room while a long peal is in progress, and it courts disaster to permit any well-intentioned but foolish friend to go around and push lolly-pops and brandy balls into the ringers mouths. Moreover, it discounts a performance.

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A paragraph has gone the round of the press headed "The Vicar's Voice," and says that a Sunderland choir has threatened to resign if the incumbent persists in singing with them! Shocking! The account does not give the choristers' reasons, nor does it say whether the reverend gentleman sings through his ear or his nasal organ. It will be interesting to watch for the sequel. We Churchmen know full well that there exists a species of choir-worship, or rather a monopoly of the service by the organist and choir. A musical programme well rendered is one thing, and congregational worship is another. With very few exceptions everyone can appreciate a beautiful anthem or the setting of the "Magnificat" to such as that by "Hattersley in E flat"—an exquisite musical gem, but the tendency is to crowd the whole service in some churches with such ornate music in which the choir only participate, that one is bound to ask where do the congregation come in? Such places may fill with millinery, but the *men* are absent. When the sterner sex want a sacred concert they prefer to go to where they can sit down to it. This criticism is by one from within, who knows that the elimination of congregationalism from our churches means a dwindling membership. If the Sunderland instance is a case in point let us hope that the Vicar will assert his rights.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Central Northamptonshire Association was held at Northampton on Saturday week. Members were present from All Saints', St. Giles', St. Edmund's, St. Sepulchre's, Northampton; St. Peter's, Wellingborough, Burton Latimer, Kettering, Cogenhoe, Harlestone, Kingsthorpe, Boughton, and Weston Favell. The members spent a pleasant time in St. Giles', St. Edmund's, and St. Sepulchre's belfries, where touches in various methods were rung. Afterwards about 50 sat down to tea in St. Giles' Church Buildings, among those present being the Vicar (the Rev. T. A. Gurney), the Rev. J. A. Jukes (Curate), the Rev. E. C. Channer (Ravensthorpe), the Rev. J. R. Friend (Collingtree), Alderman W. Tomes, Mr. D. A. Berry, Mr. F. Wilford (hon. secretary), etc. An excellent tea was done full justice to, the ladies presiding at the tables being Mrs. Gurney, Mrs. Sharman, Mrs. Wilford, Mrs. Prigmore, and Miss Wills. After tea, the Rev. E. C. Channer proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Giles', the churchwardens, and all those who had lent bells for their entertainment that afternoon. They were also very grateful to those who had arranged the meeting, and he had great pleasure in coupling the Vicar and the churchwardens with the toast.—The Rev. T. A. Gurney responded, mentioning that was the third belfry he had been associated with—Swanage (Dorset), Clifton, and St. Giles'. Referring humorously to the people whom he expected to hear a grumble from owing to the bells ringing, he said there were some people, who, no matter how rich a feast was placed before them, had not the appetite to take it.—Mr. D. A. Berry (St. Giles') and Alderman Tomes (St. Edmund's) also responded, paying a high tribute to bell ringing and the character of the ringers.

ST. ILLTYD'S CHURCH, BRIDGEND.

The annual meeting of the bell ringers was held in the Parish Room on Saturday, the Rev. D. Phillips, Vicar, being in the chair.—Mr. R. Evans was re-elected Master for the 23rd year in succession.—The Vicar congratulated him on his re-election; also complimented him upon his faithfulness in the tower.—Mr. A. J. Stanley was re-elected secretary.—The Vicar complimented Mr. T. J. Evans upon his regular attendance, he having made a "possible." As an appreciation, the Vicar said he would present Mr. Evans with a Bible.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT HADLOW.

A quarterly meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Hadlow on Saturday week, and was well attended, members being present from Chiddingstone, Horsmonden, East Peckham, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Maidstone, together with the local ringers. There was ringing during the afternoon, and the members attended a special service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. H. Monypenny). Mr. C. Groves, of the local band, presided at the organ. The members joined heartily in the singing of the well-known hymns, "All people that on earth do dwell," and "O Jesus, I have promised."—The Vicar then gave, as he termed it, a short talk as from man to man, taking as his text, Daniel iii., 24—25. The reverend gentleman, at the outset, extended a hearty welcome to the members, whom he was glad to see in such numbers. At the conclusion of the address, the hymn, "O happy band of pilgrims," was sung.

Service over, the members adjourned to the Parish Hall, where an excellent tea was kindly provided by the Vicar, who presided, supported by Mr. J. Burgess (people's warden), and Mr. H. S. Ward. After tea, the business meeting was held.—The District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter) read a letter of regret for non-attendance from Mr. J. P. S. Hervey (Vicar's warden). One new member was elected, and the election of another was confirmed. It was decided to attempt the next quarterly peal at Tunbridge Wells on June 4th, the method to be Bob Major, and the conductor, Mr. E. C. Lambert, of Horsmonden.—The Secretary reported that the bells at Edenbridge had been recast, and rehung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. He visited Edenbridge on April 23rd (when the bells were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Rochester), and the tone and the "go" of the bells were everything that could be desired. A new treble had been added at Cowden, making a ring of six.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, for his excellent address, and for generously providing the tea.—The motion was carried unanimously, and the Vicar, in replying, said that he could only repeat what he said in his address, that it gave him the greatest pleasure to welcome them to Hadlow. He recognised the enormous amount of good their's and other Associations had done, and he hoped the time would not be far distant when they would pay Hadlow another visit. He added that he thought their service that day was unique, as it was conducted entirely by members—himself, the organist and organ blower, all being members of the Association.

The Secretary, in proposing votes of thanks to Messrs. J. Burgess and H. S. Ward for their attendance, recalled what they done at the time when the bell frame was condemned as unsafe for ringing, and they were faced with a heavy expenditure to do the necessary repairs. Although they had not been able to have done all that was desirable, yet the members were very pleased at the manner in which they took steps at once to raise the funds for the work.—Mr. Burgess, in reply, expressed his pleasure at being present at their meeting, and said that what he had done as hon. secretary of the Bell Restoration Fund had been a pleasure. They had raised and spent about £150 on the bells, and he was very glad that their efforts had been successful.—Mr. H. S. Ward disclaimed that he had done anything in connection with the work, beyond having a certain amount of impudence in trying to persuade people that it was their business to help to restore the bells, when they thought otherwise. However, he was glad they had done what they could, and although all had not been done that was desirable, yet he could assure them it was not lost sight of, and he hoped at some future time the trebles would be recast, and an entirely new frame put in. Mr. Ward concluded by paying a compliment to Mr. Latter for the way in which he conducted the business of the district.

Votes of thanks to Mr. C. Groves for presiding at the organ, and to the ladies who so kindly waited upon the visitors at tea, concluded the meeting, and the members adjourned to the tower, where touches in various methods were rung until 9.30.

The captain of the local band (Mr. A. H. Reader) very kindly arranged for the tower at Hadlow Castle to be open to members, and a good many availed themselves of the opportunity of climbing to the top, from whence a good view of the surrounding country was obtained.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held at Brierley Hill on Saturday. The bells were set going at 4 o'clock, and at 4.30 the Guild service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. H. Dibben), who gave an address upon the words: "I was glad when they said unto me we will go into the house of the Lord," Psalm cxxii. After the service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where tea was provided by the kind thought and generosity of the Rector. The business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the esteemed Master of the Guild (Mr. S. Spittle), through the unavoidable absence of the Rector, who was obliged to leave at the end of the service.—Mr. Spittle, on behalf of the president, the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley, presented to the Brierley Hill band the book prize entitled "The Bells of England," by the Rev. Dr. Raven (the book is the gift of the president), and Mr. Whatmore, in accepting it, on behalf of the Brierley Hill company, expressed his thanks as well as those of his band to the president for his gift. Routine business having been transacted, it was decided that the next quarterly meeting be held at the pretty village of Wombourne. The best thanks of the meeting was given to the Rector for the service in church, for the use of the schoolroom, the tower and bells, and for kindly providing tea for those present; also to the organist and choir for the part they took in the service.—A special vote of thanks was given to Mrs. D. Jones for kindly presiding at the tea-table and attending to the wants of the visitors.—Mr. D. Jones, St. Luke's, Blakenhall, replied on behalf of his wife, and a pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Monday, May 8th, for practice, 540 Bob Royal: E. Dewey 1, H. Reeves 2, H. Bennett 3, H. Ewins 4, T. Brown 5, W. Claydon 6, A. Holman 7, W. Smith 8, G. F. Hoad (conductor) 9, H. A. Hoad 10.—Also 672 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Ewins 1, F. T. Hoad, senr. (conductor) 2, W. Claydon 3, H. Reeves 4, A. Holman 5, G. Croucher 6, H. A. Hoad 7, G. F. Hoad 8.

RICHMOND, YORKS. — Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—On Friday, May 12th, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1911 changes), in 1 hr. 6 mins., to commemorate the Coronation year of His Majesty King George V.: G. Holmes 1, S. Thorpe 2, J. J. Peake 3, J. G. Kinchin 4, J. T. Frenchum 5, J. G. Woddy 6, R. J. Todd 7, A. Morton (conductor) 8.

BLETCHINGLY, SURREY.—On Saturday, May 13th, after an unsuccessful attempt for peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Streeter 1, H. Reeves (conductor) 2, H. Ewins 3, G. Croucher 4, A. Harman 5, J. Sherlock 6, H. A. Hoad 7, H. Edwards 8.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—On Saturday, May 13th, for practice, 360 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Scillitoe 1, H. Cooper 2, S. Fleuty 3, L. Wiseman 4, J. French 5, F. Claydon 6.—Also a 720 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. Claydon 1, F. N. Burst 2, J. Fleuty 3, H. Cooper 4, S. Fleuty 5, L. Wiseman 6, J. French 7, E. Ridgwell (conductor) 8.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE. — The Midland Counties Association.—On Tuesday, May 16th, at St. Margaret's Church, by six members of the Stoke band, 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob, in 22 mins., being the first 720 in the method by all and on the bells: E. Vallance 1, W Horton 2, G. Stoneley 3, R. Clifford 4, T. Vallance 5, E. H. Stoneley (conductor) 6.

GARGRAVE.—Yorkshire Association.—At St. Andrew's Church, on May 16th, for practice, 1137 of Stedman Triples: W. Townson 1, W. H. Birtwhistle 2, J. Langstroth 3, W. Bradley 4, C. Langstroth 5, A. R. Jones 6, J. McKell (conductor) 7, H. Birtwhistle 8.—On Sunday, May 21st, for morning service, 1260 of Stedman Triples: J. Hogg 1, J. Langstroth 2, J. Lofthouse 3. Others as above.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On May 17th, 518 Grandsire Triples: H. Kimber 1, G. Upshall 2, A. Smith 3, W. Lowman 4, A. Baigent (conductor) 5, E. Clapshaw 6, T. Upshall 7, W. Sherfield 8.—On May 7th, 504 Stedman Triples, conducted by T. Upshall.—On May 2nd, 532 Oxford Bob Triples, conducted by C. Edwards.

GREENSTEAD GREEN, ESSEX. — On Thursday, May 18th, for practice, 720 of New London Pleasure, and 720 of Kent Treble Bob: W. Wiffen 1, O. Laver 2, G. Arnold 3, F. Claydon 4, J. French 5, E. Ridgwell (conductor) 6.

SOUTHFIELDS, SURREY.—On Saturday, May 20th, five members of the London Society of Compositors met for a handbell peal of Grandsire, which was lost at about 2,000 changes: J. D. Matthews 1—2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3—4, C. N. Leman 5—6, T. Loosemore 7—8. This is the second attempt the band have made, but, living so far apart, they have very few opportunities of meeting. Afterwards the following methods were rung: Two courses of Stedman Triples (conducted by A. J. Perkins); 504 Grandsire by J. Dark; 160 Bob Major by J. Boughton; Grandsire Caters and Cinques; and Treble Bob Major, and Royal.—Also a short touch of Grandsire Triples: J. Boughton 1—2, A. J. Perkins 3—4—5—6, C. N. Leman 7—8. This touch was called by J. D. Matthews.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE. — Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—On Saturday, 576 London Surprise Major: J. C. Adams 1, G. Pigott 2, H. Knight 3, G. Hughes 4, J. Bass 5, W. Fisher 6, C. F. White 7, R. Matthews (conductor) 8. First touch of London on the bells.

SELSTON, NOTTS.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, 240 New London Pleasure. — For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: T. Wharmley 1, C. H. Cottam 2, A. Elliott 3, W. N. Clowes 4, W. Dobbs 5, W. Wharmley (conductor) 6.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—The Towcester and District Association.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, for morning service, 480 Grandsire Doubles: A. A. Fennemore 1, C. Faulkner 2, G. Basford 3, L. A. Smith 4, J. W. Sharp (conductor) 5, W. Hammond 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: E. Webb 1, G. A. Ransom (conductor) 2, T. Beadle 3, C. A. Hughes 4, G. Spencer 5, H. W. Lidbetter 6, J. Edwards 7, H. Beadle 8. Arranged for C. A. Hughes, who hails from Lymington, Hants.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.—At No. 1, Nightingale Villas, 720 Grandsire Doubles, on handbells: Geo. T. Harris 1, A. Chuter 2, H. Chaffey 3—4, G. Fletcher (conductor) 5—6. First 720 by G. Fletcher as conductor. G. Harrison only commenced ringing on Easter Day.—On Sunday, May 14th, for Divine service, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: H. Rendell 1, C. Edwards (conductor) 2, G. Fletcher 3, H. Chaffey 4, C. Leman (Wealdstone) 5, W. Horne 6. First 720 on the bells for a Sunday service.

REIGATE, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, recently, for practice, 450 Grandsire Caters: W. Claydon 1, H. Reeves (conductor) 2, A. Holman 3, F. T. Hoad, sen., 4, T. Brown 5, H. Jordan 6, G. Croucher 7, H. Ewins 8, H. A. Hoad 9, G. F. Hoad 10.—Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Ewins 1, F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor) 2, W. Claydon 3, A. Holman 4, G. Croucher 5, H. Reeves 6, H. A. Hoad 7, G. F. Hoad 8.

THE CHART, LIMPSFIELD.—For practice, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob: E. Hoad 1, S. Heath 2, P. Tidy 3, G. Tooth (first 720) 4, L. Tidy 5, A. Jarrett (conductor) 6.—720 each of College Exercise and Superlative Surprise: W. Collins 1, P. Tidy 2, S. Heath 3, E. Hoad 4, L. Tidy 5, A. Jarrett (conductor) 6. 720 each of College Exercise and Superlative Surprise: W. Collins 1, P. Tidy 2, S. Heath 3, E. Hoad 4, L. Tidy 5, A. Jarrett (conductor) 6.

SWAINSWICK, SOMERSET.—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, May 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 40 minutes: H. Bond 1, Miss G. Grant (aged 14) 2, T. Grant (conductor) 3, S. White 4, W. Starr 5, J. Burston 6.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—Kent County Association.—On Sunday afternoon, May 21st, for a meeting of the Church of England Men's Society, the band all being members, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Allen 1, J. Burles 2, G. Jones 3, R. Tall 4, R. Constant 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6. The Milton ringers thank Messrs. Constant and Tall, of Gravesend, for completing the band.

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE. — On Sunday, May 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: C. Greening 1, *W. Webley 2, R. Thomas 3, C. Webley (conductor) 4, W. Greening 5, *F. R. Price 6. * First quarter-peal. Rung with the bells half muffled, as a last token of respect to the memory of Mrs. Martindale Vale, wife of Major Martindale Vale, of Coddington Court.

GREAT BARDFIELD.—The Essex Association.—On Sunday, May 21st, for morning service, 240 Kent Treble Bob, 120 Oxford Treble Bob, 120 College Single, 120 Oxford Bob, 120 Bob Minor.—For evening service, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 360 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Hills 1, W. Piper 2, H. Bowers 3, A. Piper 4, E. Townsend 5, F. Suckling (conductor) 6.

DRIGHLINGTON.—The Yorkshire Association.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, May 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Ward 1, H. Brown 2, D. Thornton 3, S. Collinson 4, S. Barron 5, G. Barron 6, F. Barker (conductor) 7, G. Steel 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON, N.—On Sunday, May 21st, at St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: H. Flanders 1, G. Thurlow 2, H. Brookes 3, H. J. Ranzetta (composer and conductor) 4, G. Charge 5, J. Cornford 6, A. Turner 7, G. Gomer (first quarter-peal) 8.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: F. Colclough 1, J. Harper 2, T. Griffiths 3, F. Evans 4, J. A. Brown (conductor) 5, T. Watton 6, W. Mills 7, H. Priest 8.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 21st, 630 Darlaston Bob Triples: J. Mark 1, G. Morgan 2, H. Belcher 3, W. Smith 4, T. Lowe 5, E. Unitt 6, J. A. Brown (conductor) 7, J. Lowe 8.

EDENBRIDGE.—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, May 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: E. Leigh, junr. (first in method) 1, G. Edwards 2, E. Seal 3, W. Leigh 4, A. Belton 5, —. Markwell 6, J. Heasman (first in method as conductor) 7, J. Steddy 8. First quarter on the new bells.

NORTHAMPTON.—Central Northamptonshire Association. — On Sunday, May 21st, for morning service, at St. Edmund's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: B. O. Soden 1, R. Turner 2, C. Tebbutt 3, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 4, J. Mackay 5, A. Deacon 6, J. W. Metherell 7, W. Gammage 8. Arranged for R. Turner, of Kettering.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, May 21st, for evening service, at St. John the Baptist Church, Tuebrook, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Twist 1, H. Fyles (conductor) 2, J. Hammerslay 3, E. Caunce 4, P. M. Hayes 5, W. F. Twist 6, S. Stewart 7, W. Mansell 8.—On Wednesday, May 24th, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Hammond, senr., 1, G. R. Newton (conductor) 2, T. Hammond, junr., 3, H. Fyles 4, P. M. Hayes 5, W. F. Twist 6, E. Caunce 7, W Mansell 8.

ROYSTON, HERTS.—On Sunday, May 21st, 720 London Surprise Minor: H. G. Wilkerson 1, W. L. Darlow (conductor) 2, E. Bonnett 3, R. Wilkerson 4, S. E. Roberts (composer) 5, R. G. King 6. This 720, rung for the first time, is obtained by bobs at the first, second, fifth, sixth, seventh, ninth and tenth lead ends, twice repeated.

PRESTWICH.—The Lancashire Association. — On Tuesday, May 23rd, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, 720 Bob Minor: J. Gratrix 1, W. Eckersall 2, W. Bullough 3, F. Rogers 4, W. Ford (conductor) 5, R. Bent 6.

NUEATON.—On Wednesday, May 24th, at the residence of Mr. T. W. Chapman, 19, Glebe Road, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.: Douglas H. Argyle 1—2, Thos. W. Chapman (conductor) 3—4, Harry Argyle 5—6, Roland Pollard 7—8. This is the first quarter-peal on handbells by the ringers of 1—2 and 7—8.

RUGBY.—St. Andrew's Society.—On May 24th, in honour of Empire Day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: H. C. White 1, R. Watson 2, E. Hughes 3, J. A. Fenton 4, J. George 5, W. Malins 6, J. B. Fenton (composer and conductor) 7, A. J. Hessian 8.

RICHMOND, YORKS.—On Empire Day (May 24th), at mid-day, a half-peal of Kent Treble Bob, with 7—8 covering: G. Holmes 1, J. J. Peake 2, J. G. Kinchin 3, J. T. Frenchum 4, A. Morton 5, J. G. Woddy (conductor) 6, R. J. Todd 7, G. Brand 8.—In the evening, 1120 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 39 mins.: G. Holmes 1, T. Thorpe 2, J. J. Peake 3, J. G. Kinchin 4, J. T. Frenchum 5, J. G. Woddy 6, R. J. Todd 7, A. Morton (conductor) 8.—On Ascension Day (May 25th), at 7 a.m., a half-peal of Kent Treble Bob, with the 7th covering: H. Thorpe 1, G. Holmes 2, J. T. Frenchum 3, A. Morton 4, J. J. Peake 5, J. G. Woddy (conductor) 6, G. Brand 7.

LIVERPOOL.—The Lancashire Association.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, Tuebrook, on May 24th (Empire Day), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by J. H. Barrett): T. Hammond, senr., 1, G. R. Newton (conductor) 2, T. Hammond, junr., 3, H. Fyles 4, W. Heyes 5, W. Twist 6, E. Caunce 7, W. Mansell 8.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.—On Wednesday, May 24th, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: —. Sturgeon 1, —. Sturgeon 2, E. Bishop 3, A. E. Moore (conductor) 4, W. Foulger 5, H. A. Turner 6. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Horace Foulger, conductor of the local company, his brother ringers wishing him much happiness. Messrs. Moore and Turner belong to St. James' Society, Bury St. Edmund's.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On Empire Day (May 24th), after meeting too late for a peal, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. J. Selby 1, R. Holder (Hayward's Heath) 2, G. B. Selby 3, E. Hoad (first-quarter in the method) 4, A. J. Lewis 5, A. A. Jarrett 6, D. Wright 7, J. Heath 8.

BECKENHAM, KENT. — On Thursday, May 25th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 43 mins.: C. Terry 1, J. Town 2, G. Clarke 3, F. King 4, F. Terry 5, J. Lovell 6, W. Smith (composer and conductor) 7, W. Meek 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Friday, May 26th, in honour of the Queen's birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: A. Smith 1, F. A. Barnett 2, W. Horne 3, C. Edwards (conductor) 4, G. Upshall 5, W. H. Lowman 6, T. Upshall 7, W. Sherfield 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells by an entirely local band.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—Society for Archdeaconry of Stafford. — On May 27th, at St. Luke's Church, 1344 London Surprise Major: Rev. E. V. Cox 1, G Hughes 2, H. Knight 3, G. Pigott 4, J. Bass 5, W. Fisher 6, C. F. White 7, R. Matthews (conductor) 8. Longest length by the society.

WORCESTERSHIRE.—Worcester and District Association.—On Sunday, at St. Helen's Church, 840 Stedman Triples: G. Hinton 1, J. Morris 2, G. Brettell 3, W. H. Johnson 4, T. Bullock 5, A. Hill (conductor) 6, E. Watkins 7, J. Pardoe 8.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: H. Raynor 1, L. C. Ferrige 2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3, P. Coard 4, W. Wood 5, J. Webb 6, J. Warwick 7, F. Ford 8. This quarter contains the 24 6—7's at back stroke, with the least possible number of calls.

DUDLEY RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

Ten members of the Dudley Guild of change ringers rang a peal of Grandsire Caters on Saturday, May 20th, as recorded in our last issue, to commemorate the wedding day of the president of the Guild, the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley, who, with Mrs. A. Gray Maitland, invited the ringers to supper in the vicarage on the evening of Ascension Day. A sumptuous repast was provided for a company numbering 14, and the Vicar and Mrs. Maitland personally superintended the wants of their guests. After supper an adjournment was made to the beautiful lawn, which was decorated with fairy lamps and lanterns, and where the company was augmented by about 30 invited guests to meet the bell ringers. Tunes and courses of changes on the handbells were rendered by the ringers, and bowling and other games took place. A smoking concert followed, at which songs were rendered by Miss Madge Lewis, Messrs. Joseph Lewis, S. Spittle, C. Faulks, H. Sheppard, T. Watton; and a pianoforte solo by Miss Ruby Maitland. Mr. T. W. North kindly accompanied the songs.—The Vicar, in a feeling speech, thanked the ringers on behalf of himself and wife for the peal they accomplished. He had listened to the ringing, and was pleased with the way the bells were being rung, not knowing at the time the purpose for which they were ringing. He also thanked the ringers for their steady and punctual attendance to duty on Sundays and other occasions, when called upon in the interest of the services of the church.—Messrs. Nayler and Nicolls (churchwardens) endorsed the remarks of the Vicar, and promised to do all they could to encourage and support the bell ringers.—Mr. Spittle suitably responded on behalf of the band, and a verse of the National Anthem then brought a very happy meeting to a close.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday. Divine service at St. Mary's at 11.30. Preacher, Rev. W. A. Errington, Rector of Hunsdon, Herts. Business meeting to follow.— Henry T. W. Eyre, Honorary Secretary, Great Totham, Witham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Folkestone on Whitsun Monday, June 5th. Committee meeting (in Woodward Institute), 11 a.m. Service at 12 (address by Rev. A. F. Rutty, Rector of Lyminge). Dinner at 1 p.m. Towers open for ringing: Folkestone (8), Hythe (8), Lyminge (8), Cheriton (6), Newington (6).— Fred. J. O. Helmore, Honorary Secretary, Canterbury.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT.—A meeting will be held at Massey on Whit-Monday, June 5th. Bells available all day. Hearty invitation to all ringers. Tea will be provided, 6d. each, 5.30, at the Blue Bell.— J. Jutson, Secretary, pro tem., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The first monthly ringing meeting of the season will be held at Belper on Saturday next, June 3rd. Bells (six) available from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Bart Mitchell, Hon. District Secretary, 68, Douglas Street, Derby.

NOTICES (continued).

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at Whitley Bay and North Shields. Bells of St. Paul's and Christ Church available all day. Committee meeting at the Station Hotel, Whitley Bay, at 1 o'clock. Dinner same place at 1.30 p.m. Members intending to be present please notify.—Chas. Todd, Honorary Secretary, 26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Whit-Monday, June 5th. The bells of Higham and Irthlingborough also will be ready at 10 a.m. Service in the church at 12 noon. Luncheon and business meeting at the Green Dragon at 1 o'clock. Luncheon—members, 1s.; visitors and friends, 2s. — F. Wilford, Honorary Secretary, 29, Bostock Avenue, Northampton.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shenley, Bucks, on Saturday, June 3rd. Service at 3.30.—F. W. Booth, Hon. Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, June 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A special meeting will be held at Tipton on Saturday, June 17th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5, with an address by the Vicar. Unveiling of peal tablet at 5.30. Tea in schools at 6. Intending visitors must send word not later than Tuesday, June 13th. —H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Stretford on Saturday, June 17th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.—W. H. Shuker, Branch Secretary.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF BELL RINGERS.—Festival, Thursday, June 8th, at Ledbury, by kind permission of Rector and churchwardens. 11 a.m., Divine service, preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Hereford, with offertory for the Guild; 12 noon, business meeting in the Baptistry; 1 p.m., dinner (2s.) at the Royal Oak Hotel. Ringing by arrangement at Ledbury, Eastnor, Colwall, Coddington, and other towers. The Herefordshire and Worcestershire Agricultural Society's show, second day. All bookings to Ledbury this day at 1¼ fares, irrespective of number of each party.—Augustus C. Lee, Honorary Secretary, Lugwardine Vicarage, Hereford.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Tarring on Saturday, June 10th. Tower open from 3.30 till 9 p.m. Tea at 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector, for those who let me know by Thursday, June 8th. Service at 6.30.—H. Evans, Honorary Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

Mr. B. Harman, School Road, Smallfield, near Horley, Surrey, will be staying in North Devon between June 3rd and 11th, and would like to arrange peals or touches of Grandsire or Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob or Double Norwich Major.—Communications should be sent to above address.

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RINGERS AND THE CORONATION.

Church bells, although their primary use is in connection with our religious services, have ever been associated with our national life. In days of national mourning or in days of national rejoicing the bells of the land resound in sympathy with the public feeling. Little more than a year ago their muffled notes, from almost every steeple, told in impressive tones of the passing of a great monarch. A fortnight hence the bells will peal forth to acclaim the crowning of a new Sovereign. Joyously, o'er town and countryside, they will lift up their voices in honour of our King, for his Majesty has no more loyal body of subjects than the church bell ringers, and we can rest assured that wherever there are bells in anything like ringable condition ringers will be found anxious to take their part in celebrating the Coronation.

Flags may fly, drums may beat, trumpets sound and people cheer, but without the pealing of the bells—that traditional and eminently English practice—festivities commemorating the crowning of a king could scarcely be called complete. Ringers throughout the land will need no rallying call to be up and doing on June 22nd. There are some occasions—no one will deny the fact—which are merely made the pretext for obtaining the use of bells for a peal, but something more than personal gratification will underlie the ringing of our church bells for the Coronation. Whether in touches or in peals, ringers will feel they have something in the nature of a duty cast upon them to proclaim from the steeples the historic and joyous event, which, so solemn, so impressive and so symbolical, will be performed that day in Westminster Abbey.

The recording of what will be done upon that occasion in the belfries will be a stupendous task, and is receiving our serious consideration. Not only will those who are successful in ringing peals desire to have their performances placed upon permanent record, but those, also, who are less ambitious and content themselves with touches, will naturally desire to see recorded their contribution to the day's celebrations. Unfortunately there are limits to the space available for the purpose, and, in regard to touches, there will probably have to be some curtailment of details. Next week we shall be able to make an announcement upon this subject. We are naturally anxious to meet the demands that will be made upon us, but we feel sure our readers will agree that some steps will have to be taken to ensure that there is no undue delay in the publication of the ringing records of Coronation Day.

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*ALEXANDER POTTER	2	GEORGE P. BURTON	7
CHARLES E. BORRETT	3	JOHN E. BURTON	8
*FRANK H. PHILLIPS	4	GEORGE MAYERS	9
HARRY J. BORRETT	5	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

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BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¾ cwt.

*ALBERT D. STONE	*Treble*	GEORGE ADES	6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	2	WILLIAM PALMER	7
CHARLES T. COLES	3	ALFRED J. TURNER	8
HERBERT RANN	4	KEITH HART	9
CHARLES PALMER	5	WILLIAM C. HART	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

* 150th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE	*Treble*	FRANK HAIRS	5
EDWIN F. PIKE	2	WILLIAM HEWETT	6
ARTHUR N. HARDY	3	ERNEST BRETT	7
ALFRED GRIMES	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 30½ cwt.

CHARLES PIDGEON	*Treble*	ROBERT CHRISTIAN	5
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL	2	FREDERICK PESTELL	6
EDWIN R. TODD	3	DENISON HAYWARD	7
GEORGE H. CROSS	4	GEORGE H. HAMMONDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. HAYWARD.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, LEESFIELD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK WILD	*Treble*	ALBERT CLEGG	5
HARRY HAMPSON	2	JAMES PRIESTLEY	6
ELIJAH GEARY	3	JOSEPH OGDEN	7
JAMES LEES	4	CHARLES PLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by HARRY HAMPSON.

Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of James Priestley, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Sunday, May 28, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.

HERBERT BAILEY	*Treble*	JAMES YORK	5
JOHN CARTER	2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS	6
WILLIAM HENRY GODDEN	3	WALTER LAGO	7
FRANK S. DOWNING	4	HAROLD ASTON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lbs.

*HAROLD LAWTON	*Treble*	†FRANK LAWTON	5
FRANK CHAPMAN	2	JOSEPH OGDEN	6
HARRY HAMPSON	3	LUKE HAMPSON	7
†FRANK WILD	4	CHARLES E. PLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by HARRY HAMPSON.

* First peal. † First peal with a Bob bell. First peal on the bells since being re-hung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, the "go" of the bells being splendid.

WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 31, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM NORMAN	*Treble*	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON	5
JOSEPH S. MAWSON	2	THOMAS BIRKETT	6
JAMES WILSON	3	ALFRED J. SANDERSON	7
JAMES PEEL	4	WILLIAM J. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by A. W. BRIGHTON (of London).

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

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

*REGINALD WILLIAMS	*Treble*	†MISS MARY JUKES	5
ERNEST GOLDSTONE	2	JAMES NISBET	6
MISS NELLIE GILLINGHAM	3	WILLIAM GILLINGHAM	7
FRANK W. MAY	4	ALBERT LUKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MISS M. JUKES.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. Rung on the 21st Anniversary of the Association.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS	*Treble*	GEORGE MAYERS	5
*FREDERICK J. CROSS	2	*WILLIAM MAYERS	6
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL	3	JOHN ALDIS	7
ALFRED FUNNELL	4	WILLIAM STEELE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

*First peal in the method, and the first in method on the bells. The ringers of the 4th, 7th and tenor hail from Saxlingham.

IPSWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)
On Thursday, June 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 32 cwt., in C sharp.

Edgar Pemberton	*Treble*	Arthur S. Boar	5
Charles J. Sedgley	2	William P. Garrett	6
Edward Evans	3	James Motts	7
William J. Nevard	4	Charles Crapnell	*Tenor*

Conducted by James Motts.

The peal was specially arranged and rung to oblige Mr. William J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, Essex, on the first day of the Suffolk Agricultural Show held at Ipswich.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 3, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part.

Walter S. Inwood	*Treble*	Harry Hollick	5
Frederick Brinklow	2	Frederick White	6
George N. Price	3	Edward Whitbread	7
Hubert Eden	4	Frederick Jeffs	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. Whitbread.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)
On Saturday, June 3, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt., in G.

Albert V. Moore	*Treble*	William Lambert	5
George Hollis	2	George W. Moss	6
Frank Jacobs	3	George W. Bemrose	7
Edward Robbins	4	John Flint	*Tenor*

Composed by Edwin Barnett, Senr., and Conducted by John Flint.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Crewe Branch.)
On Saturday, June 3, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

William T. Holding	*Treble*	William Rigby	5
Edward Harper	2	William Cartwright	6
Irwin Massey	3	*Harry Furber Holding	7
James Henry Riding	4	Richard T. Holding, Sen.	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Johnson, Sen., and
Conducted by Richard T. Holding, Sen.

* First peal of Major away from the Treble. Rung in honour of His Majesty King George's birthday.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 3, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*Arthur T. Verrells	*Treble*	*Thomas Smithers	5
*Tom Saunders	2	Walter Marshall	6
Andrew Marshall	3	William Latter	7
Ernest C. Lambert	4	Edwin Lambert	*Tenor*

Composed by Fred A. Holden, and
Conducted by Ernest C. Lambert.

For calling see K.C.A. Report for 1906, peal No. 1064.

* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of H.M. the King's birthday, and it was also the quarterly peal of the Tonbridge District.

LEE.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 3, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret's, Lee, S.E.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 14 cwt.

John Crowder	*Treble*	Thos. H. Hawkins	5
Wm. Weatherstone	2	Edward E. Richards	6
*George R. Simmonds	3	William J. Jeffries	7
Fredk. Wm. Richardson	4	†Augustus George Fisher	*Tenor*

Conducted by William John Jeffries.

† First peal. * First peal with a Bob bell. Rung in honour of the birthday of King George V.; also as a birthday peal to John Crowder, and to commemorate the 36th anniversary of his being a ringer at this church. It is also the first peal rung during the rectorship of the Rev. R. Meddings, M.A., whom the ringers wish to thank for allowing ringing through the service.

CRAWLEY.
SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, June 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt., in F.

Harry Brewer	*Treble*	John Rice	5
Oliver Sippetts	2	Richard Buckland	6
George F. Williams	3	Frederick Dench	7
Alfred D. Mills	4	Frederick W. Rice	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench, and
Conducted by F. W. Rice.

Messrs. G. F. Williams and R. Buckland were elected members of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.
On Whit-Monday, June 5, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt., in F sharp.

*Archie Brearley	*Treble*	David Brearley	5
John Flint	2	John Holman	6
William Lambert	3	*John R. Brearley	7
Thomas Bettison	4	Sam Thomas	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights, and
Conducted by Sam Thomas.

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

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 5th, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 14 cwt.

Albert D. Stone	*Treble*	Alfred J. Turner	5
Arthur W. Gravett	2	Charles T. Coles	6
Charles Palmer	3	Keith Hart	7
George Gatland	4	William Stenning	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles T. Coles.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the band wishing him the usual compliments.

ASHBY DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN'S,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16¾ cwt.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER	*Treble*	JOHN H. BENSTEAD	5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	2	JOSEPH GRIFFIN	6
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY	3	JAMES PARKER	7
ALBERT P. WAKLEY	4	GEORGE BULL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MISS EDITH K. PARKER.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 5, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES M. BAILEY	*Treble*	EDGAR H. BAILEY	5
WILLIAM J. GROOM	2	PETER LAFLIN	6
CHARLES F. BAILEY	3	NORMAN R. BAILEY	7
ERNEST S. BAILEY	4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	*Tenor*

Composed by the late CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, June 5, 1911, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt., in E flat.

*FREDERICK E. SMITH	*Treble*	GEORGE HOLLIS	5
HERBERT DAY	2	*THOMAS W. GORE	6
WILLIAM T. PEGLAR	3	SAMUEL WESLEY	7
FRANK JACOBS	4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PEAL, SOUTHWELL.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 5, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt., in D.

Rev. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. PARKER	5
Rev. H. LAW JAMES	2	JOSEPH GRIFFIN	6
Rev. A. T. BEESTON	3	WILLIAM STORY	7
EDWIN H. LEWIS	4	Rev. C. W. O. JENKYN	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD, Bart., and
Conducted by the Rev. H LAW JAMES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 5, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

*WALTER BECK	*Treble*	GEO. BASSON	5
JOHN VICKERS	2	HENRY W. WILDE	6
ALBERT H. WARD	3	JOSEPH DAVIES	7
GEO. FREEBREY	4	HERBERT WARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. W. WILDE.

* First peal.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 5, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK JEFFS	*Treble*	GEORGE N. PRICE	5
THOMAS L. SIMMONS	2	*GEORGE E. HOWCHIN	6
*WALTER S. INWOOD	3	FREDERICK WHITE	7
HUBERT EDEN	4	EDWARD WHITBREAD	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

* First peal in the method.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Whit-Monday, June 5, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOHN LLOYD	*Treble*	WALTER PRESTIDGE	5
VICTOR WHITE	2	ALFRED HACKETT	6
HARRY HILL	3	†ABRAHAM GREENFIELD	7
ARTHUR E. WHATMORE	4	JOSEPH FAULKNER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

CRANSLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Grandsire and Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST W. LENTON	*Treble*	GEORGE HOLLAND	4
FREDERICK C. WOOLLEY	2	ALBERT E. WYKES	5
PERCY J. LENTON	3	HORACE W. SHARMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. W. SHARMAN.

First peal in three methods by all, and on the bells. Also the first peal on the bells by a resident band.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, May 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7¼ cwt.

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

GEORGE H. NEVILLE	*Treble*	HORACE MANSFIELD	4
HAROLD FINCH	2	ALFRED SOUTH	5
FREDERICK WHITE	3	JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. D. BUCKINGHAM.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (SOUTHERN BRANCH).

On Monday, June 5, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN W. LAKE	*Treble*	ALBERT C. DARNELL ...	4
*WILLIAM G. THORPE ...	2	JAMES OSBORN	5
*SIDNEY PROCTOR	3	FRED BLOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal in seven methods. It was also the first 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and College Single by the ringers of the 2nd and 4th, and the first 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and College Single by the ringer of the 3rd, who hail from Grantham.

HANDBELL PEALS.

RECORD PEAL ON HANDBELLS.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Whit-Monday, June 5, 1911, in Seven Hours and Seven Minutes,

IN RICHARDSHAW LANE COUNCIL SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 13,440 CHANGES;

WILLIAM FREDK. THORPE	1—2	ERNEST MANN	5—6
FREDK. WILLIAM JONES	3—4	ERNEST HOYLE	7—8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE; and
Conducted by ERNEST MANN.
Umpires, PRATT CORDINGLEY and RONALD C. MATHERS.

This is the longest length rung by the Yorkshire Association and was rung at the first attempt.

Average rate of striking, 31·4 changes per minute.

GUILDFORD, SURREY

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MAURICE SMITHER ...	1—2	JAMES HUNT	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ...	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire, HERBERT J. ELLIS.

The ringer of the 3rd in the peal at Lichfield, recorded in the last issue, was William D. James, and not J. D. James, as published.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

If my readers have been able to follow my previous explanations upon the way in which changes are obtained and have grasped the principle upon four bells, there ought to be little difficulty in applying it to five and six bells. There are, however, just two or three points to be borne in mind, in order to understand the extension of a method to higher numbers. In the first place, the number of leads in a plain course is equal to the number of working bells, a working bell being one that takes part in the place making and dodging as distinct from merely plain hunting, such as is done by the treble in the example which I gave last week. Next, every additional bell adds another lead to the length of the plain course, so that while the 24 changes on four bells, with the treble doing the plain hunt, are divided into three leads, there being three working bells, changes on five bells provide four leads in the plain course, there being four working bells, and changes on six, five leads in the plain course, because there are five working bells.

The system upon which the 24 changes were worked out is known as the Bob or Plain Bob method, and those three leads are what are generally termed Bob Singles, although singles, strictly speaking, should be applied only to the changes on three bells, in which only one pair of bells change place in each row, hence the designation of single changes or singles. When we come on to five bells the changes are known as doubles, because in each row there is a double change caused by two pairs of bells changing places. If my young friends will work this out for themselves on the same principle as applied to four bells they will find they get the following :—

12345	13524	15432	14253
21435	31254	51342	41523
24153	32145	53124	45132
42513	23415	35214	54312
45231	24351	32541	53421
54321	42531	23451	35241
53412	45213	24315	32514
35142	54123	42135	23154
31524	51432	41253	21345
13245	15342	14523	12435
13524	15432	14253	12345

Now, what you have learnt with regard to four bells, applies equally to five, when we come to make up the table from which these changes are rung. You must look for the position in which each bell crosses the path of the treble as the treble hunts down, and from that you can decide which is the next dodging place for any particular bell. Last week we took the second as the example, and if you will compare the table there given you will see what little difference there is in extending the work. The table for five bells is : Turn the treble from behind (in this case passing the treble in 4—5), dodge in 3—4 down ; *pass the treble in* 3—4, *lie four blows* (or two whole pulls) *behind* ; pass the treble in 2—3, dodge in 3—4 up ; pass the treble in 1—2, make 2nds place and lead again. All this, with the exception of the part in italics, is exactly the same as on four bells, except, of course, that in going up and down you have one more place (5th's) to strike in, and that the whole pull behind is made in 5th's and not in 4th's. After dodging in 3—4 up you go one more step into 5th's before hunting down, and similarly before dodging in 3—4 down you must hunt up into 5th's to lie your whole pull behind. The only matter left to explain is that part which I have italicised, and it is easily done. The bell that is in 5th's place when the treble leads, finds the two bells below engaged in a dodge. There being no other bell with whom the one in 5th's can engage in a similar evolution, this bell has, as it were, to mark time until the dodging is finished, and it can again proceed upon its hunting course to lead.

I have been asked by "Young Conductor" to give some hints for calling bells into rounds, and while I had intended doing this as we came to the different methods, perhaps it may be of advantage if I occasionally intersperse this with other more elementary matters. I propose, next week, therefore, to give some general hints upon Grandsire.

CONDUCTOR.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TUESDAY'S MEETING AT LEICESTER.

A SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

By "The Ringing World" Special Representative.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers met at Leicester on Tuesday. The gathering might almost be termed a coming of age celebration, for, being the third session of the seventh Council, the assembly was the 21st annual meeting. During the week-end and on Whit-Monday the representatives began to reach the district from various parts of the country, and many had the opportunity of ringing in fresh towers, while some of the more enthusiastic had peal programmes to get through. Those who took advantage of the occasion to make a more extended visit than the one day devoted to the meeting were favoured with magnificent weather, the only disadvantage being that it was, if anything, too warm for long spells in the belfries.

The meeting took place at the Old Town Hall, one of the most interesting and historic buildings in the ancient town of Leicester. The Old Guildhall, in which the Central Council transacted their business, has witnessed many a stirring scene, strikingly in contrast with the decorous assembly of the gentlemen, who, on Tuesday, discussed the merits of legitimate methods, peal values and such like problems undreamt of by former generations.

Before eleven o'clock, the time for which the meeting was summoned, ringers began to reach their temporary "Parliament House." The Standing Committee had already met, and the time until the president (Sir Arthur Heywood) took the chair was filled by that happy occupation of greeting old friends, and making new acquaintances. It was a pleasant quarter of an hour before the serious business of the day commenced.

THE ATTENDANCE.

Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., presided over an attendance that was larger than usual, and the Associations represented were :—

Ancient Society of College Youths: F. Dench.
Bedfordshire: Rev. W. W. C. Baker.
Birmingham Diocesan: W. H. Godden.
Cambridge University: E. H. Lewis.
Chester Diocesan: Rev. A. T. Beeston and Joseph Norbury.
Devonshire: Rev. M. Kelly and A. W. Searle.
Durham and Newcastle: W. Story.
Ely Diocesan: Rev. J. M. Clarkson.
Essex: W. J. Nevard.
Gloucester and Bristol: Rev. H. A. Cockey, J. Austin and W. A. Cave.
Hereford Diocesan: J. Clark.
Hertfordshire: B. Prewett.
Kent County: Rev. F. J. O. Helmore and E. Barnett.
Lancashire: Rev. H. J. Elsee and H. Chapman.
Leeds and District: J. Broadley.
Lincoln Diocesan: Rev. H. Law James, G. Chester, R. Richardson, J. W. Seamer.
Llandaff Diocesan: J. W. Jones.
Middlesex: A. T. King.
Midland Counties: J. Griffin, J. W. Taylor, W. E. White
Northants (Central): F. Wilford.
Norwich: G. P. Burton.
Oxford Diocesan: Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, W. P. Routh.
Stafford Archideaconal: S. Reeves.
Sussex County: F. B. Tompkins, R. J. Dawe, G. H. Howse, G. Watson.
Warwickshire: A. L. Coleman.
Winchester Diocesan: Rev. C. E. Matthews, H. White.
Worcestershire: T. J. Salter, J. R. Newman.
Yorkshire: G. Bolland, C. H. Hattersley and W. Snowdon.
Hon Members: Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rev. A. F. H. Boughey, J. Carter, J. W. Parker, J. S. Pritchett, J. A. Trollope, G. Williams, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, hon. sec.

The Royal Cumberland Youths, the Bath and Wells Diocesan, the Cleveland and North Yorkshire, the Irish, the Liverpool Diocesan, the London County, the North Notts, the North Wales, the Salisbury, the Salop Archidiaconal and the Truro Diocesan Associations were unrepresented. There were 51 representative members present and 45 absent, and nine honorary members present and four absent.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn reported that up to the present only £185 out of the £300 required to erect the proposed memorial screen to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson had been subscribed, and moved: "That in the event of the required amount of £300 not being in the hands of the Robinson Memorial Committee by the end of August, 1911, the Council sees no objection to the committee reconsidering the form the memorial shall take."—Carried.

A resolution expressing regret at the loss the Exercise has sustained by the death of Mr. R. S. Story, of Newcastle, was carried, the members rising in their places.

The Council's accounts, which were adopted, showed that the balance in hand had increased from £52 18s. 1d. to £67 4s. 2d.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter was re-elected, and Mr. H. W. Wilde was elected an hon. member.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, for the Peal Collection Committee, reported that progress was being made with the next section of the report.

The Church Press Committee (appointed in 1903), in the absence of Mr. R. A. Daniell, had nothing to report.

The Legitimate Methods Committee's report was made by the Rev. H. Law James; and a long discussion took place on the report of the Peal Values Committee (already published in *The Ringing World*). Eventually the schedule, which it had been announced would be moved as an amendment, was accepted by the Council, and referred to the committee for their consideration, by 25 votes to 12. The schedule for Minor Methods was referred back for consideration with certain modifications.

The Peals Analysis Committee's report (published in our issue of a fortnight ago) was adopted.

The Rev. H. Law James moved:

> That nothing shall be recognised as a Peal of Minor, unless it consists of at least seven true and complete seven hundred and twenties; but that the 5040 may be extended by the addition of one touch of less than 720 changes, with or without extra 720's.

On the motion of Mr. J. W. Parker, an amendment was agreed to altering the first part of the motion to read "that the Council recommend that peals of Minor shall consist of at least seven true and complete 720's," etc.

It was proposed by Mr. W. Story, seconded by Mr. W. Cave:

> That for the purpose of representation on the Central Council only such members of any Territorial Association as are resident within the area covered by that Association shall be considered in fixing the number of representatives which such Association is entitled to elect.

The motion was defeated.

In the absence of Mr. J. Parker (Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. Trollope moved, and Mr. Dawe seconded:

> That the Central Council give to the "Ringing World" recognition equal to that accorded to the "Bell News" for the publication of official reports and communications, and that any peals published exclusively in the "Ringing World" shall be counted in the Central Council's analysis.

After a lengthy discussion, in the course of which opposition was actively led by the President, the "previous question" was carried by about 12 votes to six, in the meeting of 60 representatives, and the matter was therefore shelved.

A vote of thanks to the President concluded the business.

In the evening there was a social gathering at the Grand Hotel.

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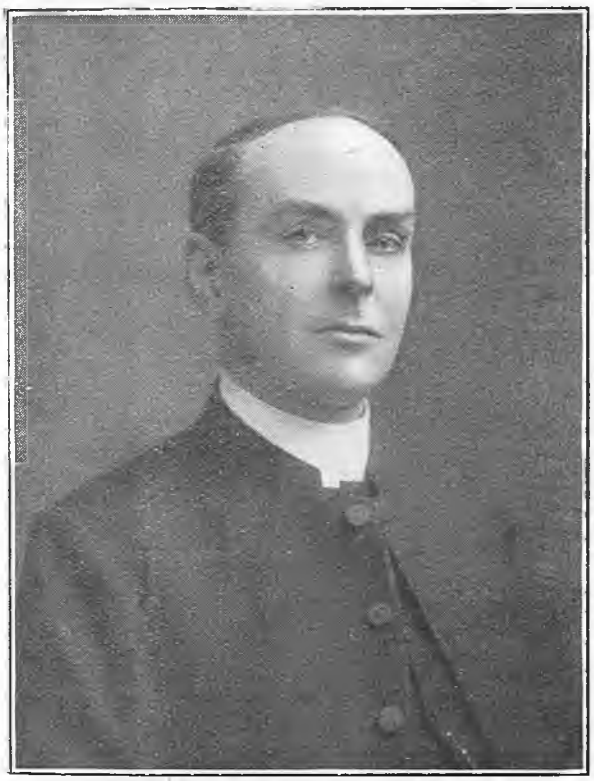
OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

The President of the Lancashire Association.

One of the most healthy and progressive of all the associations in the country is that of the county Palatine. Lancashire can boast of a ringing organisation second to none, and at the head of the association is the Rev. H. J. Elsee, the Vicar of St. George's, Bolton, who, by the active interest which he displays, certainly sets an example to many presidents, who are content to remain figure heads only. Despite the enormous demands made upon his time by the duties which the care of a large parish in a great industrial centre necessarily casts upon him, Mr. Elsee participates in no inconsiderable degree in the management of the Lancashire Association's affairs, and his enthusiasm and influence, during the 21 years he has filled the office of president, can be seen in the successful growth of the association.



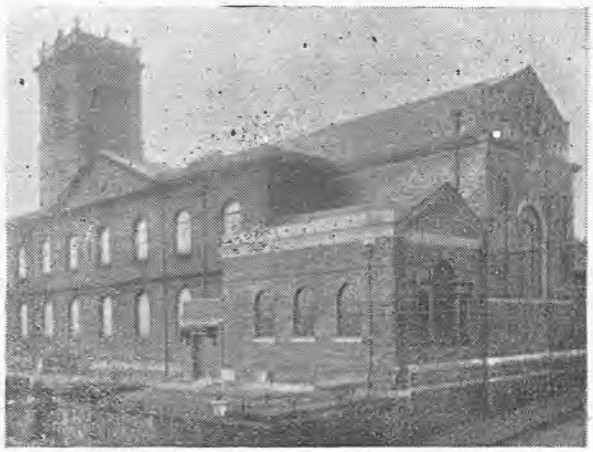
THE REV. H. J. ELSEE.

Born at Rugby in 1863, the Rev. H. J. Elsee learned to ring a bell when he was but nine or ten years of age. It was Benjamin Voos, the old sexton, who taught him, the ancient custom of ringing the Curfew providing him with the opportunity. Afterwards Mr. Elsee got on to Grandsire Doubles on the old five bells which still hang in the western tower of the church. He was at Rugby School from 1876 to 1882, when he went up to Cambridge (St. John's College). There he became a member of the University Guild, and learned more of the science of ringing, for, up to that time, he had never had the opportunity of change ringing on more than five bells. The Guild was not so distinguished then as it has since become, and most of its resident members were beginners. They used to meet for handbell practice—of a very elementary kind—in St. Michael's Schoolroom, and for tower practice on Seage's apparatus in Great St. Mary's, while sometimes the members used to get practice on St. Mary's bells with the Cambridge ringers.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee was ordained in 1886, and for a year was curate of Horningsey, four miles out of Cambridge, where there were five bells. In 1887 he went to Manchester, and for nearly nine years was curate of St. Andrew's, Ancoats, under Canon Woodhouse as Rector. St. Andrew's had only one bell, but Mr. Elsee used frequently to get practice at the Cathedral, where he rang his first peal—Grandsire Caters in 1888.

In 1896 he was appointed to his present parish, St. George's, Bolton. Here there is a ring of eight bells by Rudhall, the tenor being 19 cwt., but the church is in the middle of a busy part of the town, and is not well placed for much peal ringing. There are, however, no fewer than seven rings of eight in the borough, and some of the other towers are more convenient for peal purposes.

In 1889 Mr. Elsee was elected vice-president of the Lancashire Association, and in 1890 was made president. The Vicar of a town parish in Lancashire does not get a great deal of leisure, and the number of peals Mr. Elsee has rung is only 40 or 50 in all. This total may appear small, but peals are not always the guide to a man's interest in his association, and this is the case with the president of the Lancashire Association. Unfortunately Mr. Elsee has not kept a complete list of his peals, which include Grandsire Triples, Caters, and Cinques, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Plain Bob Major and Royal, Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, and Double Norwich Royal.



ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, BOLTON.

BATTERSEA.—On Sunday, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Hairs 1, G. Watkin 2, H. Burton 3, A. Newman 4, A. Reeve 5, W. Essery 6, H. Mance (conductor) 7, W. Ambrose 8.

GREAT LINFORD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, for evening service, 680 Grandsire Doubles: W. Inwood 1, F. Tompkins (conductor) 2, W. Smith 3, E. Lathall 4, W. Brown 5, A. Hopkins 6.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS. — On Saturday, June 3rd, for King George's birthday, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: A. Bateman 1, E. Harding 2, J. Clark 3, E. Garbett 4, J. Bateman 5, W. Henley (conductor) 6.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.—For morning service, at St. Lawrence Church, 360 Bob Minor: T. Edinborough 1, J. Andrews 2, J. R. Ward 3, A. Hickton 4, T. Hutchinson 5, N. Widdowson (conductor) 6. —For evening service, a 672 of Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Drage 1, A. Hickton 2, R. Hickton 3, J. R. Ward 4, J. Bailey 5, J. Andrews 6, N. Widdowson 7, H. Wiles (conductor) 8.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Our competition for a peal of handbells, to be given to the ringer who has obtained for us the greatest number of new subscribers, will close with our issue of June 30th, and we shall allow a further ten days for the return of the coupons to this office. Just hurry up, now, and get those extra subscribers who will make the peal of handbells yours, but do not send any coupons until after June 30th, and then send them altogether.

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Messrs. Warner and Sons, of the Crescent Foundry, Spelman Street, London, N.E., have a unique record in regard to the great exhibitions. They had a stand in the exhibition in Hyde Park in 1851; they were again represented in the 1862 exhibition and in that of 1885. At the Crystal Palace this year they are once more prominent, and are the only exhibitors in the show who hold three royal warrants.

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Among the appliances which they are showing is an electrical apparatus for ringing turret bells where the position of the bell would make it awkward to use a rope. The clapper is struck against the inside of the bell by simply pressing a button.

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The principle has not yet been applied to peals of bells, but when it is we shall perhaps be having some great exponent of our Art tackling a peal on his own. The capacity of some of our present day ringers is only limited by the number of bells they can hold in their hands, but when Messrs. Warner come to their assistance with electrical buttons, who can say that we may not see, at Ashton-under-Lyne, for instance, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, Samuel Wood (composer and conductor) 1—2—3—4—5—6—7—8—9—10—11—12.

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We like the racy writer, he relieves the stereotyped order of things, and for that reason, had space permitted, we should like to have published fully the report sent us of the events following upon the dedication of a peal tablet at Coalbrookdale. Among the distinguished visitors were Messrs. John Carter (who had presented the tablet) and W. H. Godden, of Birmingham.

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Owing to a late start with a Sunday afternoon peal they apparently had to race for a train almost as if they were training for a race. To quote the words of our correspondent they were "doing half an hour in twenty minutes," and "it was a treat of a life time to see them." We suppose it was a case of putting the best foot "Forward."

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Then, we are told, they had a good time (we are requested not to ask them if they had a quiet time, and we therefore refrain from doing so). "We only wanted Friend Bradney, from Shifnal, to make up the Triple Alliance," adds our informant. But Alliance will not go to Triples.

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A. J. P. writes in reference to the London Surprise Minor at Royston, Herts:—A 720 in this method (with 21 Bobs) is not new to the Exercise. I have on several occasions taken part in such a touch, wherein this number has been called. If our friends will call bobs at the first, second, third, sixth, seventh, eighth and tenth leads they will obviate the tenors coming up the wrong way three times in the 720, and of course will get 5—6 at home each part end in their natural order. This applies (as far as the calling goes) to Superlative Minor. Also you can introduce the same number to its reverse—Cambridge—but, of course, not at the same leads.

THE FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE.

PROPOSED "RINGERS' DAY" AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

The Festival of Empire, together with the Pageant of London, at the Crystal Palace, is one of the historic events of the Coronation year, and among the ringers of the country, as among the public generally, there will doubtless be a great desire to visit this unique exhibition. Hundreds of ringers are probably thinking of coming in ones and twos or small parties, and some, perhaps, have already decided to make it the occasion of their summer outing.

Why, however, should there not be a great "Ringers' Day" at this Festival of Empire—a day upon which ringers from all over the country will visit the Crystal Palace, inspect the engrossing exhibition and charming grounds, witness the unique pageant, and meet old friends?

If the suggestion is one which meets with approval *The Ringing World* will undertake the organisation of a "Ringers' Day" at the Palace. Although the exhibition will be open until October, the Pageant of London will be continued only until the end of July, so that if the event is to be arranged it must take place before the close of next month.

Our idea is to fix upon some suitable date—a Saturday would be the most convenient for the majority—upon which ringers could foregather at the Festival of Empire; to arrange with the railway companies for special travelling facilities, which shall include admission to the Palace; to secure a hall, where, in the most homely and informal way, ringers could meet and spend a pleasant hour together, and to render the visit as interesting and comfortable as possible by supplying beforehand all the necessary information as to where to go and what to see. In addition, it may be possible to arrange for ringing at some of the London towers for ringers visiting the Metropolis.

Whether this "Ringers' Day" shall be arranged, however, depends upon the ringers themselves. Further details of the proposal will be announced next week, but in the meantime we invite those who would care to join in such an event to communicate with us at once. By joint action it will be possible to get the maximum of pleasure at the minimum of expense, and apart from that side of the question, there are no doubt many who would prefer to pay a visit to the Crystal Palace on a day when they may be sure of meeting many friends. It will provide an occasion for a very pleasant reunion, as well as enable ringers to witness one of the greatest spectacular performances in history.

The pageant is being produced upon a scale never attempted before in this country. The scenes are set upon the vast natural stage provided by the beautiful grounds of the Palace, and no fewer than 15,000 performers are taking part in the pageant.

Next week we shall be able to say something more about the proposal, and we shall be glad to hear from all those to whom the suggestion for a "Ringers' Day" at the Palace appeals.

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RINGERS AS CHURCH WORKERS.

BY THE REV. C. E. MATTHEWS, MASTER OF THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

It must be evident to many who can review the past quarter of a century that there has not only been a complete revival in the noble art of change ringing, but also a wonderful improvement in the position and general tone of ringers. Our Ringing Guilds and Associations have been largely responsible for these things. Thirty years ago and more the ringers were frequently the roughest set of men in many a parish. In most cases they were not to blame, for little or no interest was taken in their welfare by the ecclesiastical authorities, the bells went badly, the belfry was so untidy that it almost ceased to be regarded as part of God's House. The incumbent never visited the ringing chamber, and had no idea what went on there. On Sundays those who called the parishioners to worship seldom remained to worship themselves.

Belfry reform, however, has not been forgotten during the period wherein the Church has been reforming herself from the days of the Oxford movement onwards. It has been a gradual, possibly a slow, process, but it is now an accomplished fact, and many of our belfries are as well kept and as reverently treated as our vestries. For all this we may be really thankful. I am quite sure, however, that many have yet to learn that the church bells are instruments provided and intended to be used, for God's glory, and not for personal advertisement or breaking records.

It is one thing to have mastered all the intricacies of difficult methods, and to be able to get a band together who can strike accurately (all honour to those who succeed in doing so), but it is quite another thing to dedicate such mental and physical accomplishments as acts of service and devotion to the Church of Christ. How many members of our change ringing societies pride themselves upon such membership, and such records, and possibly forget that they are members of the Church first, and ringers afterwards? I recognise fully the splendid services of our church ringers. I know well that self-sacrifice, personal inconvenience and patience are manifested constantly; and it goes without saying that where you have a band who can ring well and where harmony prevails, you will find the best tone, and belfry rules are superfluous.

We clergy in these days like to regard our ringers as real church workers—"a band of men whose hearts God has touched." The Church of England Men's Society affords every ringer the opportunity of rising to the position of the church worker. He is quite as important and as useful as the choirman, but he does not always and everywhere realise and recognise his high office. We want every ringer to understand that he is a part of the Body of Christ, willing and ready to take his share in the work of the Church in his parish, to remember that change ringing is not a record breaking hobby, that peals of 5,000 and more changes (most admirable, useful and necessary for the cultivation of the Art) are but means to an end. That end is the most skilful handling of the instruments which gives sound in the towers of our parish churches, and the dedication of powers and faculties to Him Who gave them.

WRAXALL. — On Whit-Sunday morning, at All Saints' Church, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: M. Hedges 1, C. Winstone 2, J. Yonde 3, S. Butchers 4, W. Evered 5, J. Windsor 6, J. Bishop (conductor) 7, S. Windsor 8.

PEAL TABLET DEDICATED AT COALBROOKDALE.

A marblette peal tablet has been erected in the tower of Coalbrookdale, Shropshire, and was dedicated on Saturday week. The tablet is the gift of Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham, and the Bridgnorth ringers have presented a handsome frame for it. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. C. B. Crowe, who was accompanied by Mr. A. H. Cullen (churchwarden), while about 30 ringers and friends were present from Birmingham, Shrewsbury, St. Leonard's and St. Mary's, Bridgnorth, Condover, and Dawley, as well as the local company. The tablet, which is a beautiful addition to the records in the ringing chamber, is worded as follows: — "Hereford Diocesan Guild. On Saturday, February 11th, 1911, was rung in this tower a peal of Stedman Triples, 5,040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Band: John Overton treble, John Carter 2nd, John Elcock 3rd, Ernest Foxall 4th, Bertram Head 5th, Wilfred Overton 6th, Horace W. Overton 7th, William Saunders tenor. Composed and conducted by John Carter, Birmingham. Rev. C. B. Crowe, M.A., Vicar. Herbert Hughes and Frederick Johnson, churchwardens. William Saunders, tower keeper."

The Rev. C. B. Crowe thanked Mr. Carter for the handsome tablet, and the Bridgnorth ringers for presenting so fine a frame, and Mr. Carter, in replying, expressed the hope that his name would appear in the records of many peals rung on the beautiful bells of Coalbrookdale.

Before ringing commenced, the St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, ringers were proposed members of the Salop Archideaconal Guild. The bells were then kept going in the following methods: Forward Major, Double Norwich, and Kent Treble Bob Major—the first in all these methods on the bells—Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Afterwards the ringers were entertained to tea by the kind hospitality of the Vicar and Mr. Cullen, Mr. Wm. York providing the repast in his incomparable style. The Vicar and churchwardens were thanked for their kindness, and it was mentioned that, while Mr. Crowe was not a ringing parson, he is always a ringer's friend. After tea there was more ringing, and, writes a correspondent, "it was a treat to see the Bridgnorth light-weight placing the tenor in Double Norwich just where she should be."

Permission was obtained for an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples on Sunday afternoon. The intention was to start at two o'clock, but with the consideration which ringers are always ready to show, it was delayed for a time on account of some special services at a neighbouring Wesleyan Church. A start was made at 3.22, and the bells came round in exactly three hours, just in time for the "five minutes" bell to put in her voice for service at 6.30. The peal, which, we are informed, was arranged to get Mr. W. H. Godden's name into the Coalbrookdale peal book, is recorded in its proper column.

MEETING AT BELPER.

A most successful meeting of the Derby District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Belper, on Saturday last, members being present from Alvaston, Denby, Derby, Duffield, Etwall, Ripley, Newhall, Mansfield, Morton, as well as the local men and Mr. Shepherd, of Wolverhampton, who is a very frequent and welcome visitor at district meetings, and enjoys a touch amongst the juniors as much as a course of London. The bells were kept going in various methods from 3 p.m. until 7, and although the tone and "go" of them is not all that could be desired, the meeting was a great success, the learners especially having a "field day."

At the subsequent meeting, which was held in the belfry, Mr. Draper was voted to the chair, and it was unanimously decided that the next district meeting be held at Youlegrave in July, at a date to be arranged by the secretary.—One new member was unanimously elected, and the meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells. This was proposed by Mr. B. Mitchell, who remarked that it was a great pleasure to visit the different towers, and, although they did not find everything perfect, they had the satisfaction of knowing that they had done a little good amongst those who got few opportunities.—The Secretary distributed copies of the "Ringing World" to the local men, and the general opinion expressed was that the new paper filled a gap which had been vacant for a long time. The meeting was unanimous in wishing it every success.—M.

DEDICATION OF MIDDLEHAM BELLS.

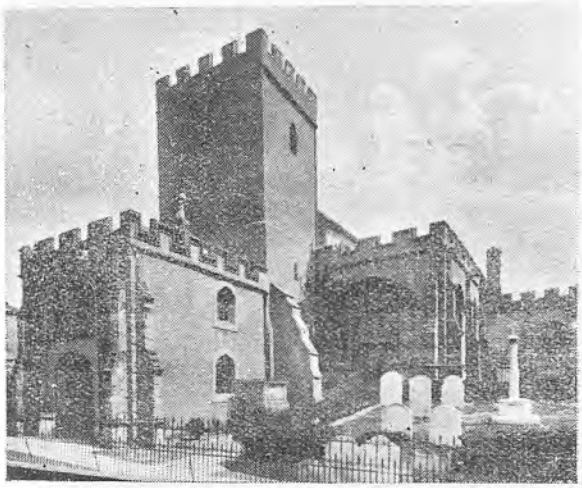
The Festival of Dedication of the new ring of eight bells (by Taylor, tenor 18 cwts.) at Middleham, Yorks, will take place on Thursday, June 15th, at 2.30 o'clock by the Bishop of Knaresborough. The Rector and local ringers cordially invite all ringers to take part in this festival, and will provide free lunch and tea for those who send notices to Mr. H. Parrish by the 11th inst.

LYME REGIS CHURCH BELLS.

THE TOWER RESTORED AND PEAL AUGMENTED.

The parish church of St. Michael, Lyme Regis, is now in possession of a peal of eight bells, and the building itself, threatened by coast erosion, has been saved from the inroads of the sea by the carrying out of some extensive foreshore works. Less than a century ago, some fifty yards of land extended seaward from the churchyard, but the coast at this point has gradually been eaten away until the churchyard itself was slowly disappearing by the action of the mighty ocean. The work of safeguarding the church had, therefore, become one of paramount importance, and has been carried out at an expense of £2,000. At the same time it was discovered that a dangerous condition of affairs existed with regard to the church bells. The supporting beams had become rotten, and it was unsafe to ring the bells. A generous, but anonymous benefactor, came forward, and not only offered to defray the cost of overhauling and rehanging the existing six bells, but to provide two new ones, thus bringing the peal up to eight. The munificent offer was, naturally, gratefully accepted, and highly appreciated by the church authorities and the parishioners generally, and a sum of £50 has been subscribed for restoring the roof of the tower, which was in a dilapidated condition.

The contract for the bells was placed with Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., of the Crescent Foundry, London, who have put in a new frame of seasoned oak, quarter-turned the old bells, and provided new headstocks and fittings, and added the two new trebles. They have also provided a chiming apparatus. The old six, with a tenor about ten cwt., were cast in 1770, the fourth being recast in 1843. Even at that time there seems to have been some apprehen-



St. Michael's Church, Lyme Regis.

sion of the dangers of coast erosion, for the bell bears the words, "Oh, sea, spare me." The Vicar (the Rev. W. Jacob) has formed a Guild of Bell Ringers for the church, and this now numbers 30, the Vicar being president; the Rev. C. F. Urquhart (curate), hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. W. Camplin, captain; Mr. Hemsley, vice-captain; and Mr. R. Abbott, belfry warden.

THE DEDICATION SERVICE.

The dedication, which took place on Thursday of last week, was to have been performed by the Bishop of Salisbury, but his Lordship was unable to attend, as he was suffering from severe overstrain of work. His place, however, was taken by the Dean of Salisbury, and the service was attended by a large congregation. The exterior of the grand old edifice was gaily decorated with flags and bunting, while the interior was tastefully bedecked with flowers. A special form of service, authorised for use by the Bishop on the occasion of the reopening of a tower after restoration and for the dedication of bells, was used. This part of the service was performed by the Dean, in the belfry porch, and at the conclusion of the dedicatory prayers the bells were rung for a brief interval. Evensong followed, and among the special features of the service was the hymn, "Lifted high within the steeple, all our bells are set on high."

The Dean's sermon was based upon the words: "Lord, I love the habitation of Thy house and the place where Thine honour dwelleth," Psalm xxvi., 8. One great purpose of church bells, as they had read in the prayers, was, said the Dean, to summon the faithful together from time to time for public worship of Almighty God, and for the sacred offices of the Church. He would also like to add to that the words to summon the faithless as well. The well-being of our country was dependent upon public worship of Almighty God. The most vital condition of the country's well-being was not in its constitutional changes, which might be impending for good or for ill, on economic schemes, educational systems, nor upon its birth-rate, but upon its attendance in church on the Lord's Day. Our moral excellence was dependent upon religion, and religion at the present time was mainly dependent upon public worship. There were some people who for reasons of their own were not often found in churches or chapels. The men who said they read their Bibles at home or adored God in a walk, neither did the one nor the other. As a rule, he who did not worship God in church did not do so at all. The church was the only practical school of morals. Without the church, in many cases there would be nothing remaining now of God. He then strongly deprecated turning Sunday into a day of amusement. If public worship and the well-being of Society depended upon faith in God, then everyone who by his example neglected it was contributing to the degradation of his country, while in many respects he was securing his own. Speaking of their church bells, the reverend gentleman said their bells were a witness that they felt the importance of the church and its officers. These bells of theirs would tell the gladness of the marriage, and they would toll the requiem of the dead. They would ring out the enthusiastic loyalty of the people to their crowned king, and above all they would invite them to the solemn services of Almighty God. To those serving in the office of bell ringing he would say they were brothers with the clergy and those whose office it was to lead and inspire the hymns of the church. They ministered to the church by calling its members to the House of God. He would severely blame them if, while calling their neighbours and friends, they remained outside themselves. He would rather no bells were rung at all, much as he himself liked to hear them, than such as this happen. Their ringers ought to be ministers of the church not only by their skill in flooding the land with music, but also by their godly example in ringing out their invitation to others, and then joining themselves in the church's solemn assembly.

The concluding hymn was "In the time of gladness ring the varied change," and the service was brought to a close with the pronouncement of the Benediction by the Dean.

Following upon the service, the bells were rung under the conductorship of Mr. T. H. Beams, of Bradpole, ringing master of the West Dorset branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, who kindly arranged a party of ringers from Bridport and Bradpole, including the following: Messrs. W. S. B. Northover, J. Zealley, J. Tompkins, T. Kenway (Bridport), Rev. C. F. Langford, Messrs. J. Lathey, Herbert and Harry Way, A. Hitt, E. Powell, and S. Pester (Bradpole). Ringers were also present from Whitechurch and other towers. Some excellent touches of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Doubles were rung.

A MEMORABLE YEAR.

Subsequently, at the invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Jacob, a very large number of parishioners were entertained on the Vicarage lawn. Tea was served, the company being waited on by a bevy of young ladies, members of the Communicants' Guild. There was an enjoyable entertainment, and during an interval the Vicar expressed the pleasure it gave Mrs. Jacob and himself to see so many present, and he thanked those who had undertaken the arrangements for the tea. The present, he continued, had been a memorable year to them in Lyme. They had completed the first part of the scheme in their churchyard, and he thought they had every reason to be thankful that the work had been so successfully carried through. They had raised, together with money from a special fund of £60, the sum of £1,725 during the last year. Of that they had spent something like £1,400, and they had a balance in hand at the bank. The reverend gentleman then spoke in high appreciation of the interest which had been taken in the churchyard protection scheme by Col. H. J. Kelly, to whom he wished to express their very heartiest thanks.

Col. Kelly explained the details of the work that had been done, and the Rev. W. Jacob then expressed their grateful thanks to Messrs. Warner, who had carried out the work at the church, and also Mr. T. H. Beams, of Bradpole, for having so kindly brought over a band of ringers from Bradpole and Bridport. In Mr. Beams they had a first-class change ringer, who had pronounced their peal of bells to be an excellent one, and he (the Vicar) hoped they would remain so for a century to come (applause).

The rest of the evening was given up to pleasure, the company strolling in the pleasant grounds, whilst others indulged in dancing.

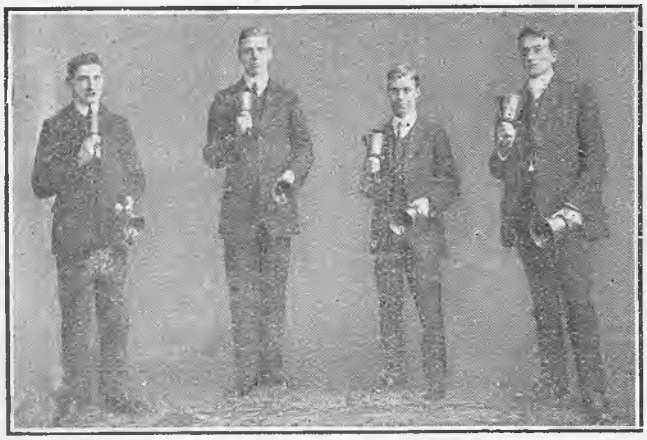
Messrs. Warner's work has met with the warmest approval.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the above Guild was held at Kenilworth, on Saturday, May 27th, the attendance, though not large, was quite representative, ringers being present from Allesley, Berkswell, Coventry, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke Golding, and Warwick. Owing to the late arrival of most of the members, very little ringing was indulged in before tea, but during the evening touches were rung in the following methods: Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob Minor and Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. The conducting was shared by Messrs. Adams, Chandlar James and Stoneley.

THE LONG PEAL ON HANDBELLS.

Success has crowned the efforts of the Pudsey ringers in their long peal of Bob Major on handbells, for, as will be seen from the peal columns, the 13,440 was rung on Monday at the first attempt. The band was started two years ago by three of the members. After practicing various minor methods, a fourth ringer was found twelve months ago, and the band began practising Bob Major in earnest.



1—2 W. F. Thorpe. 3—4 F. Jones. 5—6 E. Mann. 7—8 E. Hoyle.

After many trials and disappointments the first peal was successfully brought round on January 6th, 1911. Another peal followed quickly after this, and the band felt justified in making a bid for a long length. The number aspired to was 8000, but at the last minute the peal was found to be false. They then decided to try the extent with the tenors together, and to this end they met at 6.30 a.m. on Whit-Monday. After seven hours of tedious ringing the bells were brought round to the great joy of the ringers whose ages are as follow: W. F. Thorpe, 16 year 6 months; F. Jones, 20 years 3 months; E. Mann, 19 years; E. Hoyle, 19 years 9 months.

The previous longest length was 11,200.

Eight brothers in one peal! This is what we may soon expect, for that clever family of ringers the Baileys, of Leiston, seven of whom have often taken part in a peal together, are now training up the eighth brother, who rang his longest touch of Bob Major (560) on Saturday.

DEATH OF MAJOR GEORGE FEARN.

DONOR OF ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, STOCKPORT.

On Tuesday, 30th May, the death took place at his residence, Overdale, Dean Row, Cheshire, of Major George Fearn, J.P., V.D., in his 66th year. Major Fearn built and endowed St. George's Church, Heaviley, Stockport, a magnificent building of Cathedral-like proportions—a gift which represented a sum estimated at about £90,000. Major Fearn also added other munificent gifts, including the erection of a vicarage, a splendid block of schools, and a parish room. He was also recognised as one of the most generous subscribers to Stockport charitable and other organisations.

On the evening of his death, the ringers of St. George's Church rang a few touches of Stedman Caters, with muffled bells. The interment took place at the Stockport Borough Cemetery on Friday, amidst every mark of respect.—The funeral service was conducted in St. George's Church by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Thorpe), the Rev. J. Boggs (Vicar of Woodford) reading the lesson. A muffled touch was rung before the arrival of the cortege from Dean Row. The last rites at the graveside were conducted by the Rev. J. H. Thorpe.

At the conclusion of the service, there was rung a touch of Stedman Caters, with the bells half-muffled, and a similar touch was rung for Sunday morning service. The following took part in the ringing: J. Booth, G. Astbury, T. Jackson, J. E. Gresty, H. Meakin, W. Jackson, J. Mottershead, H. Jackson, G. D. Warburton, J. W. Bayley, and G. Marshall.

By his will, the deceased gentleman bequeathed the residue of his estate to various charitable uses, amongst these being the erection of sanatoria for poor consumptives and incurables, and also for the maintenance of the bells, parish room, etc., of St. George's Church.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT CHELMSFORD.
'THE RINGING WORLD' SPECIAL REPORT.

The annual festival of this Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday. Service was held at the Parish Church, prayers being read by Canon Lake, and the lesson by Canon Papillon. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. A. Errington, of Hunsdon.

The annual business meeting followed in the Vestry Hall, Canon Lake presiding.—The annual report stated that there were 737 members, a record for the Association, and the accounts showed a balance of £13 18s. 4d. on the general account, and a reserve fund of £84 18s. 9d.—Canon Papillon, who was heartily received, moved the adoption of the report and accounts, and congratulated the Association upon an improvement in all departments.

Mr. W. Rowland seconded the resolution, which was carried.

Mr. C. H. Howard, Braintree, was re-elected Master; the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Great Totham, hon. secretary and treasurer; Messrs. G. A. Black (Wanstead) and T. Falkner (Barking), auditors; Messrs. F. Pitstow, T. Falkner, N. J. Pitstow, W. H. Judd and W. J. Everard, peal committee; Messrs. W. H. Judd, C. H. Howard, N. J. Pitstow, W. J. Nevard, representatives upon the Central Council.

Four new members were elected.—The Hon. Secretary reported that a referendum had resulted in 295 votes being given in favour of holding the annual meeting in each district in rotation, instead of always at Chelmsford, and 151 voted against the proposed alteration.—The meeting voted unanimously in approval of the proposed change, the next place of meeting to be selected by the committee. — The annual dinner followed, and subsequently the members visited several towers in the neighbourhood, where touches were rung.

COMPOSITIONS.

BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.
5088 By Sam Thomas (Sheffield).

23456	M	B	W	H
24536	1	—	2	2
24365	2		2	1
63425	1	—		2
32465			2	
23564		—	1	2

Twice repeated.

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th, their extent in 6th's place and exclusively in that position, with all the 8-4's, 8-5's, and 8-6's; also the 2nd her extent at home at the course ends on this plan. A variation may be obtained by commencing with the calling of the 5th course. Rung at Chesterfield, May 13th, conducted by the author.

BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024.
By Henry Dains.

23456	M	B	W	R
46532	2	—	2	2
64235	2			2
25346	2	—	2	2
42563	2		2	2
23564	2	—	1	2
62345	2		2	2
63425	1	—	2	2
24365	1	—		2
45362	2	—	1	2
24653	2		1	2
52436	2		2	2
54326	1	—	2	2
23456			2	2

This peal contains the 5th extent in the 6th's place, the 6th the extent in 5 6, with all the 8 6's and 8 6 7's.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BIRMINGHAM. On Sunday, May 14th, at the Cathedral (R.C.) of St. Chad, for Divine Service, in the evening, Thurstans' quarter peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Corrigan 1, A. Walker (conductor) 2, W. Brooks 3, J. Porter 4, C. MacKenzie 5, T. Collinson 6, T. Miller 7, E. Mullins 8.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—The Winchester Guild.—On Sunday evening, May 28th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 53 mins.: H. L. White 1, W. Wheeler 2, J. Symons 3, C. Groves 4, J. Harris (conductor) 5, G. Mackman, junr., 6, R. Mackman, senr., 7, R. Mackman, junr., 8. Arranged for R. Mackman, senr., of Spalding, Lincoln.

BRIDGEND.—On Sunday, May 28th, at St. Illtyd's Church, for morning service, 336 Bob Major.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: J. Paul 1, A. J. Stanley 2, F. J. Evans 3, R. Evans 4, T. Butler 5, J. Evans 6, J. Cox (conductor) 7, D. Powell 8.

BRIDGWORTH, SALOP.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, May 28th, at St. Leonard's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 41 mins.: J. Overton 1, A. Newsome 2, J. Elcock 3, F. S. Wilson 4, B. Head 5, W. Overton (conductor) 6, H. W. Overton 7, W. Williams (first quarter of Stedman) 8.—For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Newsome 1, A. Baker 2, J. Elcock 3, F. S. Wilson 4, B. Head 5, E. Foxall 6, W. Overton (conductor) 7, H. W. Overton 8.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 120 Stedman Doubles; for evening service, 120 Bob Minor (first touch by G. D. Acton) and 240 Stedman Doubles. The above ringing was arranged for Messrs. F. S. Wilson and G. D. Acton, of Ludlow.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On Sunday, May 28th, a date touch of Bob Major (1911 changes), in 1 hr. 5 mins.: Wm. Dixon 1, A. Harwick 2, F. W. Dixon 3, C. Stephenson 4, E. Waite 5, S. Walker 6, T. M. Thompson 7, Wm. B. Smith (conductor) 8. Longest length by the treble ringer, whose age is 12 years.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE. — On Sunday morning, May 28th, at St. Giles' Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1911 changes) on the bells of St. Giles', in 1 hr. 8 mins.: H. Ward 1, E. Hortin 2, C. Wallater 3, C. Beech 4, F. W. Perrens (composer and conductor) 5, J. Adams 6, T. Day 7, A. E. Reed 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. E. Reed.

STEBBING.—The Essex Association.—For practice, on Friday evening at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Barker 1, A. Shufflebotham 2, J. T. Barker 3, H. P. Emery 4, E. Ridgemell 5, E. Claydon (conductor) 6.—Also 720 of Double Court: A. Barker 1, C. G. P. Schlueter 2, E. Hynds 3, J. T. Barker 4, H. Ridgemell 5, E. Claydon (conductor) 6.—On Whit-Sunday, for early service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob: A. Barker 1, C. G. P. Schlueter 2, E. Hynds 3, J. T. Barker 4, E. Claydon (conductor) 5, H. C. Young 6.—Also for morning service, 720 Double Oxford Bob: A. Barker 1, C. G. P. Schlueter 2, E. Hynds 3, H. P. Emery 4, J. T. Barker 5, E. Claydon (conductor) 6; and for evensong, 720 of Woodbine.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On Saturday, at All Saints' Church, for the wedding of Mr. T. C. Gozzett, one of the local ringers, 720 Kent Treble Bob: E. Tench 1, H. Finch 2, A. South 3, J. Baker 4, F. Chalk 5, H. J. Mansfield (conductor) 6. A peal was also attempted in the evening, but came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 12 mins., through the rope breaking.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, for practice, 560 Bob Major: Allen F. Bailey 1, F. W. Bailey 2, L. P. Bailey 3, E. S. Bailey 4, C. F. Bailey 5, J. M. Bailey 6, N. R. Bailey (conductor) 7, E. H. Bailey 8. Longest length of Major by the treble ringer.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by James George, Rugby): H. Sear 1, J. Mead 2, W. Sear 3, F. Stanton (first quarter) 4, S. Smith 5, E. Marks 6, T. Best (first quarter as conductor) 7, V. Sear 8.—Also first quarter-peal, for evening service, 336 Stedman Triples: F. Hedges 1, J. Mead 2, J. Marks 3, W. Sear 4, T. Best 5, S. Smith 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, V. Sear 8. Also 210 Grandsire Triples.

GORTON.—On Whit-Sunday, for afternoon service, at Brookfield Unitarian Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: H. Jones 1, R. Rider 2, J. Turner 3, A. Barnes (conductor) 4, G. P. Ingram 5, J. E. Barnes 6, W. Watts 7, H. Gaskell 8. Longest length by all except the conductor.

RUGBY. — St. Andrew's Society. — On Whit-Sunday, for morning service, 840 Stedman Triples: J. B. Fenton 1, R. Watson 2, W. Malins 3, H. O. White 4, C. W. Wheeler 5, J. A. Fenton, jun., 6, J. George (conductor) 7, A. T. King, Esq., 8.—After evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples, by J. B. Fenton 1, H. O. White 2, W. Taylor 3, J. A. Fenton, jun., 4, W. Malins 5, C. J. B. Cooke 6, J. George (conductor) 7, A. J. Hessian 8.—On Monday afternoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), upon handbells, in 36 mins., in the belfry by J. B. Fenton 1—2, H. O. White 3—4, A. J. Hessian 5—6, W. Malins (conductor) 7—8. Umpire, J. A. Fenton, jun. Rung on the occasion of the visit of Mr. A. T. King, who spent Whitsuntide at Rugby with his friend, Mr. J. George.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday next, June 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A special meeting will be held at Tipton on Saturday, June 17th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5, with an address by the Vicar. Unveiling of peal tablet at 5.30. Tea in schools at 6. Intending visitors must send word not later than Tuesday, June 13th. —H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Stretford on Saturday, June 17th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.—W. H. Shuker, Branch Secretary.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Tarring on Saturday next, June 10th. Tower open from 3.30 till 9 p.m. Tea at 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector, for those who let me know by Thursday, June 8th. Service at 6.30.—H. Evans, Honorary Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Harrow Weald on Saturday, June 24th, by kind permission of the Vicar. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea can be obtained close to the church. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. William John Sevier has removed from Gloucester to 92, Bright Street, Wolverhampton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Shipley on the 24th inst. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at the Sun Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, June 17th, 1911. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, June 24th, 1911, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe. Tower open from 3.30 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Rochester District, Frindsbury, Rochester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at Cranborne on Saturday, June 11th. Ringing from 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting. Bells of Wimborne St. Giles also available.—C. A. Phillips, Honorary Branch Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and eight bell contest will be held at Low Moor on Saturday, July 8th, 1911. Draw for order of ringing at 2.30 p.m.; tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by July 3rd.—George Naylor, 7, Bramley Lane, Lightcliffe.

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April 18th, 1911.

AN INJUSTICE TO RINGERS.

In looking back upon the Central Council meeting at Leicester and calmly surveying the business transacted, one cannot help thinking how little was really done. Nearly every matter upon the agenda was either referred back to committee, postponed or shelved, and the Council finished up by permitting a step to be taken which they will probably recognise, now that they have had time to consider it, is sadly against their own interests. In the space of this short article there is not room to review all that transpired at Leicester, and for that reason we shall have to return to the subject more than once.

We feel, however, that our first duty must be to draw attention to the matter which affects thousands of ringers who are readers of this journal. The Council were asked to give equal official recognition to "The Ringing World" as to the paper which has hitherto been devoted to the interests of the Exercise. As we mentioned, when the resolution was first published in the Council's agenda, the motion was not viewed by us in a personal light, but in the interests of that very large section of ringers who have shown their appreciation of our efforts by according us support. The Council are a body elected by the ringers themselves, and the ringers are entitled to the fullest information as to the Council's doings. Indeed, as is pointed out by a correspondent on another page, unless the Council can bring its discussions and its resolutions to the notice of ringers, its whole being is useless and a mere farce.

Let us say at once that we do not for a moment believe that the result of the discussion reflects the true opinion of the Council as a body. Just a very few gentlemen are obviously indignant that a new paper should dare to show its face in ringing journalism, and at the Central Council meeting they could not refrain from showing their hands. A modification of the original motion had been put forward and would have been carried by an overwhelming majority, but the president, holding, as it were, a pistol at the heads of the members said, in effect, "Choose between me and the resolution," and in a moment of vacillation, and failing to grasp immediately what the result would be, they permitted "the previous question" to be put and carried by, mark you, a majority of about twelve to six in a meeting of 60 members. Some 40 of those present, therefore, did not vote at all, and it is certainly no reflection upon their intelligence to say that, at the moment, many of them did not exactly appreciate what was happening. The adroit move of those in opposition to the proposed recognition was made to avoid a direct vote on the subject, and to the attitude which they took up we shall return again

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Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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subsequently. What we want now to impress upon our readers is this, that they have been denied by the Central Council the right to know the decisions and resolutions passed by the body which they elect and which their funds support. We quite admit that it was only a small minority which managed to do this, and that, by the courtesy of the hon. secretary, our readers may still have the advantage of the reports, etc., but at the same time, officially, they are suffering an injustice which, at the proper time, they will doubtless instruct their Central Council representatives to remedy.

There are other phases of the question which we intend to deal with, and there is only space now to refer briefly to the question of the analysis. To some members of the Council, the analysis, interesting as it is and incentive that it must be to many bands and associations, seems almost the be-all and end-all of the Council, and yet these very members, by their attitude at Leicester, wrecked the value of the whole thing by declining to admit peals which may happen to be published only in "The Ringing World." Already there are a great many that have not appeared elsewhere, and, if they exclude them, the Analysis Committee may as well save themselves the whole of the labour of getting out the analysis, for all the good it will be.

"With all their many and weighty qualifications, many of the men who direct and lead the Council, do not and cannot know the feelings and sentiments of the average ringers. . . . There is a large body of good ringers, a minority perhaps, but a powerful minority, who will deeply resent the action of the Council. You stand a risk of throwing them into the ranks of those who care nothing for the Council, and who despise its decrees. And if you are not careful you will find yourselves committed to a faction, and the Council, instead of being the greatest force of union, will be a force of disunion and disintegration." These are not our words, but the words of one whose views carry weight with ringers throughout the country—Mr. J. Armiger Trollope. Mr. Trollope moved the resolution to give "The Ringing World" official recognition, and he did it in a most temperate and well reasoned speech. We commend to the notice of our readers both Mr. Trollope's letter, from which the above is taken, and the report of the discussion on the motion. Although the president frequently harped upon the string that owing to the labour that would be involved, it was impossible to supply the official report of the proceedings to "The Ringing World," our readers will be furnished with an accurate account of what took place at Leicester, for in this matter we are not dependent upon the Central Council. We were able to send our own competent representative to report the meeting.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

FRED G. MAY	*Treble*	*CHARLES PERRY	6
CHARLES DOWNING	2	SAMUEL PHILLIPS	7
ALBERT STOWELL	3	GILBERT WILTSHIRE	8
FRED W. WADE	4	ISAAC LONG	9
HENRY HOWELL	5	URIAH BRAVEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

* First peal in any method. The peal was rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 2nd, who was leaving England on the 9th June for Australia. See note elsewhere.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 10, 1911, in Three Hours and Fourteen-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

THOMAS GORE	*Treble*	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	6
GEORGE HOLLIS	2	JOHN HOLMAN	7
JOHN FLINT	3	GEORGE W. BEMROSE	8
THOMAS BETTISON	4	SAM THOMAS	9
WILLIAM LAMBERT	5	JOHN B. TARLTON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

This was the first peal of Caters in the method by the above Societies, by all the band, and on the bells. Rung with 7ths place bobs.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

The four following peals were rung on a week-end tour of Leicester and district:—

ANSTEY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS BOTTRILL	*Treble*	GEORGE R. PYE	5
ISAAC G. SHADE	2	BERTRAM PREWETT	6
WILLIAM WILLSON, Junr.	3	WILLIAM WILLSON	7
WM. H. INGLESANT	4	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT MASON	*Treble*	JAMES HOUGHTON	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	WILLIAM WILLSON	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	EDWARD READER	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 5, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S ABBREVIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM WILLSON	*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	5
EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	JAMES HOUGHTON	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal of Cambridge rung in the county of Leicester and quickest peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a birthday tribute to Mr. Prewett, senr., father of the conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 5, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

ON THE ROYAL MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON	*Treble*	GEORGE R. PYE	5
BERTRAM PREWETT	2	ERNEST PYE	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	JAMES HARRIS	7
JAMES HOUGHTON	4	WILLIAM WILLSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

First attempt for a peal of Stedman by the ringers of treble and 7th.

ENVILLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 3, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT	*Treble*	CHARLES F. WHITE	5
HARRY PRICE	2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD	6
JOHN BASS	3	ROBERT MATTHEWS	7
REV. E. V. COX	4	JOSEPH FAULKNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled by the wish of the Rector, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Chapman of this parish.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Monday, June 5, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt.

*JOHN OLDHAM	*Treble*	ROBERT J. DAWE	5
JAMES ARMIGER TROLLOPE	2	*JAMES HUTCHBY	6
FRANK BENNETT	3	*ERNEST W. ABBOTT	7
DANIEL RICHARDS	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal in method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 5, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

GEORGE WHITING	*Treble*	WILLIAM BURGESS	5
ALBERT STAFF	2	JOHN J. CREASY	6
ERNEST E. LANGHAM	3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	4	WILLIAM T. LAST	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 5, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE WELLER	*Treble*	EDWARD EDE	5
HARRY EVANS	2	CHARLES BLACKMAN	6
EDMUND H. LINDUP	3	HENRY STALHAM	7
JOHN NETLEY	4	*GEORGE SWAIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. STALHAM.

* First peal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 5, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD	*Treble*	JOHN H. BENSTEAD	5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER	2	EDWARD I. STONE	6
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY	3	JAMES PARKER	7
WILLIAM J. SMITH	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by MISS EDITH K. PARKER.

The above peal, together with that at Ashby-de-la-Zouch published last week, was arranged for Miss Parker and friends. The band heartily congratulated Miss Parker on her successful performance. The ringers of the 2nd, 5th, 7th and 8th desire to express their indebtedness to the ringers at St. Modwen's and St. Paul's for the splendid arrangements made for their visit to Burton.

RAUNDS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lbs.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN	*Treble*	HORACE COPPERWHEAT	5
FRANK KIRK	2	JOHN B. MARTIN	6
WILLIAM J. GILBERT	3	ALFRED H. MARTIN	7
WALTER GILBERT	4	WALTER PERKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Messrs. J. & A. Martin hail from Higham Ferrers, Chapman from Rushden, Perkins from Irthlingboro.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, June 6, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE.

*BERTRAM MILLER	*Treble*	SAMUEL HILL	5
CHAS. BOWER	2	SAMUEL BOOTH	6
JAMES WOOD	3	JOSEPH MELLOR	7
BENJAMIN THORP	4	HERBERT STANSFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL BOOTH.

* First peal.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN HAYNES	*Treble*	JOHN GLEN	5
WILLIAM POYSER	2	LEWIS LOMAS	6
JOSEPH DAVIES	3	ROBERT G. BASSON	7
GEORGE TOMLINSON	4	†FREDERICK FOSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH DAVIES.

* First peal away from Tenor. † First peal. This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. E. Moult (sidesman of St. Peter's) and Miss C. A. Moore.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Wednesday, June 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' NO. 1 VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES BAILEY	...Treble	GEORGE CLAYBROOK	5
BERNARD V. SMITH	2	WILLIAM LAWLEY	6
DANIEL JONES	3	ALFRED FALLON	7
ANDREW JONES	4	ARTHUR EVERSON	...Tenor

Conducted by A. FALLON.

This peal was rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. Edward Lisle, the donor of the bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

WILLIAM PALMER	...Treble	ERNEST GOWER	5
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	2	RICHARD STREDWICK	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	ALBERT D. STONE	7
CHARLES PALMER	4	KEITH HART	...Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

DEPTFORD.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM BERRY	...Treble	FRANK BENNETT	5
JOHN J. LAMB	2	ISAAC EMERY	6
ROBERT J. DAWE	3	GEORGE H. DAYNES	7
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This composition contains the 6th her full extent at home.

PONTEFRACT, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BULWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

BERNARD MOODY	...Treble	*WILLIAM PEARSON, Junr.	5
WILLIAM P. BROOK	2	WILLIAM PEARSON, Senr.	6
FREDERICK MOODY	3	THOMAS M. BARKER	7
HARRY WALTERS	4	ARTHUR GILL	...Tenor

Conducted by T. M. BARKER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM ANDREWS, Junr.	Treble	REV. E. V. COX	5
HENRY NORMAN	2	ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS	6
ROBERT SCOTT	3	WILLIAM CHAPMAN	7
EDWIN CHAPMAN	4	ROBERT CHAPMAN	...Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. V. COX.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 10, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*HARRY DICKENS	...Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN	5
CHARLES DICKENS	2	SAMUEL GROVE	6
*FRANK WITHERS	3	JAMES DOWLER	7
ARTHUR CHAMBERS	4	JOHN WITHERS	...Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT, and
Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and first peal in the method in the county of Warwickshire.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUNDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S NO. 1. Tenor 17 cwt.

*ALFRED T. BAKER	...Treble	HENRY FLETCHER	5
EDWARD C. GOBEY	2	†HENRY HARRISON	6
ALBERT H. WARD	3	BART MITCHELL	7
JOSEPH DAVIES	4	‡JAMES F. GEORGE	...Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

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

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lbs.

*THOMAS TURNER	...Treble	E. HOBART SMITH	5
ROBERT H. HAYWARD	2	WILLIAM FLORY	6
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	7
ERNEST F. POPPY	4	JAMES CROWE	...Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

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

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

HENSTRIDGE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

FRED BRINE	...Treble	HENRY MILBORNE	4
GEORGE CREED	2	ERNEST CREED	5
T. G. VINCENT	3	GEORGE GODDARD	...Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST CREED.

All the above ringers belong to Castle Cary.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Friday, June 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

720 each of Double Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

R. HUGH RICHARDSON	...*Treble*	C. WILLIAM SMITH	4
REV. H. LAW JAMES ...	2	GEORGE LADD	5
REV. C. J. STURTON ...	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the Rev. J. M. Coates, a vice-president of this branch.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN GUESS	...*Treble*	GEORGE LINES	4
ALFRED MARTIN	2	RICHARD DUNKLEY	5
FRED WILFORD...	3	CHARLES CLARKE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES CLARKE.

HARBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 960 each of St. Dunstan's, Canterbury Pleasure, Old Doubles, and Plain Bob and 1200 of Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt.

HERBERT W. MOULDS	...*Treble*	JAMES JACKSON	3
WILLIAM E. WHITE	2	THOMAS DICKMAN	4

WALTER WHITE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

Rung on the 12th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. James Jackson, and of a peal rung on the same bells June 12th, 1899, in which Messrs. W. E. and W. White and T. Dickman took part, to celebrate the wedding.

HANDBELL PEAL.

DERBY.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. VICKERS, 81, NOTTINGHAM ROAD, DERBY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

SAYWELL VICKERS	1—2	ALBERT H. WARD	5—6
ARTHUR BRAINES...	3—4	JOHN VICKERS, Junr. ...	7—8

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Umpires, JOHN VICKERS, Senr., and BART MITCHELL.

The ringers of 1—2, 3—4, 7—8, are aged 17, 16, and 15 respectively.

NOTICE OF LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Saturday, June 24th, at St. Michael's, Mottram-in-Longdendale, commencing at 7 a.m., eight members of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society will attempt to ring Mr. E. Timbrell's 17,120 of Kent Treble Bob Major.

APPLEDORE, NORTH DEVON.

The charming little fishing village of Appledore, situated on the north coast of Devon, between Westward Ho and Bideford, has at once a stirring and romantic past. It was this place that was the home of those hardy "Men of Devon" who sailed with Sir Francis Drake in search of adventure upon the Spanish Main. Appledore is now to possess a ring of eight bells, the gift of one who has spent many happy days in this delightful spot. The work has been entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., of London, bell founders to H.M. King George V.

The same firm has also in hand the new ring of six bells (tenor 16 cwt.) for the Harrison Memorial Church, Wallasey, near Liverpool, a set of clock bells (hour bell 2½ tons) for Cawnpore, India, and the ring of six bells for Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, besides a large amount of rehanging work, etc. It is curious to note that the bells at Appledore in Kent were cast in the same foundry.

IPSWICH RINGERS AT YARMOUTH.

On Whit-Monday twelve members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, availed themselves of the opportunity of travelling by G.E.R. excursion to Great Yarmouth, to attempt, by kind permission of Canon Willink, the Vicar, a peal of Stedman Cinques upon the ring of twelve bells, which the beautiful Church of St. Nicholas' contains. The obliging steeple-keeper, Mr. Denison Hayward, had all the bells in readiness for the attempt for the peal, and the ringers, upon their arrival at the belfry, had a most cordial reception by the Vicar, who wished them success. After ringing 2904 changes, however, the peal was abandoned, and the ringers then adjourned to the meeting-house, where they were kindly supplied with refreshments by the churchwarden, Mr. Bunn. A most enjoyable day was spent.

MEETING AT TONG.

There was a numerous attendance of members of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society, at the beautiful little village of Tong recently. No peal was attempted in connection with the event—a rather extraordinary omission for Tong, but the hot weather, no doubt, had something to do with it.

The business meeting took place at the Greyhound Inn, the President being in the chair. Arrangements were made for the Shipley meeting on June 24th, and the question of a peal attempt was left in the hands of the hon. secretary.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for their excellent arrangements, was carried upon the motion of Mr. J. Broadley, seconded by Mr. Baxendale.—Mr. G. Bolland, genial as ever, responded, and offered a welcome to the society at all times.—The President announced, with regret, that, owing to ill-health, the hon. secretary, Mr. A. S. Mitchell, was compelled to resign office at once. He paid a tribute to the zealous way in which Mr. Mitchell had carried out his duties, and the interest he took in the society, and expressed the hope that he would soon recover.

After the meeting, the evening was spent in social intercourse.

The new secretary is Mr. F. Cundale, of 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY AT NORTON.

The usual monthly meeting of the St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield, was held at Norton on Whit-Monday. Only a fair attendance of ringers was present, doubtless owing to the extreme heat, 80 degrees being registered in the shade. The journey is somewhat trying to most people under ordinary conditions, but when one has to labour uphill under a broiling sun, perhaps there was an excuse for some of the absentees. However, those that did brave "Old Sol" in all his glory, were rewarded with a cool tower and very pleasant ringing conditions. The bells were kept going in various methods until the evening, when an adjournment was made to the Mount Pleasant Inn, where refreshments were partaken of on the open lawn, in the midst of a beautiful garden, with cooling zephyrs playing around, which, together with a glorious sunset made one rejoice to be free for a time from the cares of the world. A short business meeting was quickly disposed of under the chairmanship of Mr. G. O. Dixon. Two new members were elected. The remainder of the evening was devoted to open-air handbell ringing, much to the delight of the ringers and the visitors.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AND "THE RINGING WORLD."

President's Strange Attitude.

MOTION FOR RECOGNITION SHELVED.

Notice had been given by Mr. J. Parker, of the Royal Cumberland Youths, to move at the Central Council Meeting at Leicester on Whit-Tuesday: "That the Central Council give to 'The Ringing World' recognition equal to that accorded to the 'Bell News' for the publication of official reports and communications, and that any peals published exclusively in 'The Ringing World' shall be counted in the Central Council's analysis." Mr. Parker was unable to attend the meeting, as was also Mr. F. Bennett, to whom the charge of the motion had been handed over, and the moving of the resolution was, therefore, undertaken by Mr. J. A. Trollope.

Mr. Trollope, in proposing the motion, said he wanted to say first that the resolution was not directed against the "Bell News." He had no public opinion at all on the subject as between the two papers. He strongly felt that the Council, as a Council, should hold the scales evenly as between the two rival papers. It was interesting to look back upon the extraordinary increase and improvement in ringing, not only in peal ringing, but also in organisation and everything which they called belfry reform. He supposed the Associations were responsible in the first place, and that Council, too, as the head of the Associations, but unless they had got a paper, the Associations were crippled, and the Council was, practically speaking, "done." It was no good passing resolutions until they could get into touch with the ringers, therefore a good paper was a necessity. Mr. King had had something to say about the Analysis Committee. He (Mr. Trollope) had nothing to say on that subject, but they should remember that the Council existed by the support and for the benefit of every ringer. They did not meet once a year in order that they should have a pleasant holiday, although, he supposed, no one underrated their opportunity in that respect, but they met for the sake and for the good of ringers generally. Now, if they were to do that they must get into contact with and bring their decisions to every ringer, for every ringer had a right to the resolutions of the Council. If the Council confined themselves to one paper they were practically saying that a man must take one paper, or, if he preferred to take the other, then, although he paid his share toward the Council, he was not to get the advantage. It was simply because they as a Council ought to take every step possible to bring all their rules and decisions for the good of ringers to the ringers as much as they could, that he moved the resolution.

Mr. R. J. Dawe seconded the motion, and endorsed what Mr. Trollope had said. The various Associations and Guilds throughout the country, he added, had recognised "The Ringing World," and he thought the Council ought to do so.

Mr. G. P. Burton asked what was meant by the expression "official recognition." Was it proposed that they should have two official gazettes, and was the "Bell News" official?

The President (Sir A. P. Heywood) said the "Bell News" had been the only means they had had hitherto of making their reports and decisions known.

THE QUESTION OF THE ANALYSIS.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter moved the omission of all the words in the resolution after "communication," because of the additional labour which would be cast upon the Peals Analysis Committee. During the time the two papers had been in circulation together there had been 41 peals published in one not published in the other, and 30 published in the other and not published in the one. That sort of thing would give an immense amount of work to the Analysis Committee, and if the Council required them to analyse the reports in both papers, they would have seriously to consider their position. He thought the least that conductors could do was to send the account of the same peal to the two papers, and it ought to be left to the same person to do it. Even now, how were the committee to get to work with 41 peals in one paper and not in the other, and 30 in the other and not in the one?

Mr. J. Griffin, who seconded the amendment, said he would very seriously have to consider his position on the Analysis Committee, if the Council passed the original motion. If they left it until next year they might find a committee willing to undertake the work of analysis in both papers.

Replying to a question as to whether the report of the meeting would be supplied to "The Ringing World," the President replied that that would be out of the question. It would mean an immense amount of labour to correct the proofs and copy it out a second time, and it could not really be done

Mr. Burton said that any rule that conductors should send to one paper or the other could not be enforced. Conductors were most uncertain people.

Mr. A. T. King said there was more in the resolution than met the eye, and unless they could all work together and work for the common good, they would get into a dreadful muddle. If they got one person saying, "I prefer this paper," and another one, "I am determined to have that," it would make an end to the analysis and everything else. He did not like the words "official reports and communications," and he thought if people thought their peals worth recording they might take the trouble to send them to each paper. If they got people making a stand for this or that paper it went at the foundation of everything, and there would be no analysis. Let them do their best to support both papers and give them all the information they could, and write articles for both and not play up one against the other, otherwise they would be much worse off than they had ever been.

AN INSINUATION DENIED.

Mr. Trollope said that having been a member of the Analysis Committee for a year or two, he was not likely to underrate the difficulties they had to contend with, but if they were going to have an analysis, which was an analysis of only half the peals, what was the use of it? They might as well have no analysis at all. As to the suggestion that there was something behind the resolution, so far as he personally was concerned, there was nothing behind it more than was on the face of it.

Mr. J. Griffin: Well, we know there is.

Mr. Trollope: When I take a resolution over and move it, I do not think you ought to read anything else into it.

Mr. G. Watson said in the part of the country he came from the new paper had made extremely good headway. There were five or six "Ringing Worlds" sold to one "Bell News." He did not think they ought to read into the resolution anything that was not there, and as far as they, as a Central Council, were concerned, they ought to give the same recognition to both.

A member said in Macclesfield there were ten who were taking "The Ringing World," and only three who took the old paper, but the seven did not see the analysis, because it was only published in one paper.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews said it was not merely the representatives who had to be considered. Ringing members outside had the right to be considered, and those who wanted to see their own names in touches and peals would get the best paper. He held no brief for either, but the majority of men would take the most popular paper.

The amendment on being put, was carried, and the Rev. J. M. Clarkson, who did not like the term "official recognition," moved, "that the Central Council send their official reports and communications for publication both to 'The Ringing World' and to 'Bell News.'" —Mr. Bolland seconded.

THE PRESIDENT'S ATTITUDE.

In the course of a somewhat heated speech, the President said he agreed that they could not say that ringers should not take in this or that paper, but he was quite sure one of the two would go bankrupt within twelve months, and until one of them went bankrupt the analysis would have to fall through, for it made it impossible that, without superhuman labour, their analysis, which was so interesting, should be carried on. "The very moment," continued the President, "that I saw certain peals published in the new paper and not in 'Bell News' I knew the analysis would be wrecked. The fact of the matter is I wish that paper had never been started. I tell you frankly I don't care one atom whether the official communications are sent or not, and whether the report of this meeting goes in or not. I am not going to do that work twice over. I have done it for 21 years, and it takes a tremendous amount of time."

Mr. T. J. Salter: I don't think we ought to have an Analysis Committee.

The President: You won't have.

Mr. Salter: I think the people responsible for the paper should see to that. I have thought so for years.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn asked if the members of the Analysis Committee liked to have peals sent to them direct. He asked that question because there had been two peals which he knew of, and which had been sent to "Bell News," but had not appeared.

Mr. Griffin said the committee could not consider them unless they had been published.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee asked whether it would not be possible to send a copy of the final minutes of the Council and the notices to both papers, if both were existing when the next Council met.

The Hon. Secretary said when he received notice of the resolution, he wrote and told the proposer that, so far as he (Mr. Davies) was concerned, it was not necessary because "The Ringing World" already was being treated exactly in the same way as "Bell News." He sent every notice to "The Ringing World," except the analysis, which related to peals published before the paper came into existence.

The President said he did not see why they should give equal facilities to a new paper as to one who had been there so long.

Mr. Trollope said unless they gave them equal treatment they were setting themselves against that class of men who preferred the new paper to the old. He did not see why they should confine themselves to the "Bell News." It was not a question of rivalry between the two papers, it was a question of how the Council could best get into touch with ringers. How could they say that the Council was fulfilling its function of bringing ringers under one body if they were going to penalise the man who took "The Ringing World?" They would be doing a lot of harm.

The amendment on being put was carried, and the President declared: I tell you frankly, if you wish to carry it out I refuse to do it.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said he would move "the previous question."

The President: I am glad to hear it.

Mr. Pritchett said he moved it partly in obedience to the view the President had expressed as to the difficulty of carrying the motion into effect, and partly that he thought the amendment just carried merely meant that of the two the Council would prefer the amendment to the original. It did not follow that the Council disapproved of both, but he moved "the previous question" to get rid of the difficulty.

The President said he did not want to be misunderstood. He was a very busy man, and was anxious to carry on the work of the Council. If they carried the resolution and forced upon him such an amount of labour, which took days and days to do, he should have to give it up.

"The previous question" was then put, and carried by about 12 votes to six, the rest of the members present not voting.—The matter was, therefore, shelved.

Mr. J. A. TROLLOPE'S WARNING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I was very much surprised and very much disappointed, but more, I think, surprised than disappointed at the Central Council's debate on No. 8 of its agenda. The proposal was that the Council should treat the "Bell News" and "The Ringing World" on terms of equality, and I thought that a reasonable request, temperately preferred, would have met with a reasonable and temperate discussion, and a reasonable and temperate acceptance or rejection. I certainly did not anticipate so much heat as was shown, or such a lame and impotent ending. I came into the matter only at the last moment, and as third hand. Mr. James Parker should have moved the resolution, but he could not attend the meeting, and asked Mr. Frank Bennett to move for him. Mr. Bennett was peal ringing with myself and others at Loughborough during the week end, but he, too, was called back to business on the Monday night, to my regret, and in his turn handed the matter over to me. It was simply that we are all three Cumberlands and so bound to assist each other that the task fell first to Mr. Bennett and then to myself. I approached the matter with a perfectly open mind, and neither prejudice nor interest had anything to do with making my opinions. In my opening speech I said, and I say now, that hostility to the "Bell News" had nothing to do with the question. If it had I should not have acted. Why should I? I have had too long a connection with that paper as an occasional contributor to turn against it now. As long as I have any interest in ringing I shall continue to take it in, and as long as they are willing to print my articles I shall write for them. But people refused to believe this. They would persist in taking the matter as one of "Bell News" against "The Ringing World," and even the president, after my repeated disclaimer, used such an expression as this:—"If you want us to send our reports to 'The Ringing World' instead of the 'Bell News,'" a suggestion that no one dreamt of making, and which would perpetuate in another form the injustice we were seeking to remove, and wrong the readers of the "Bell News" in the same way in which we think the readers of "The Ringing World" are at present wronged. Others, in spite of my denial, said that "there is more in this than meets the eye," and "We know what's behind all this." So far as I was concerned there was nothing, and, having taken over and moved the resolution, I alone was responsible, and there was nothing. But if the original authors had other aims in view than I had what then? What did this something beyond what met the eye amount to? To one or both of two things. Either that a man who had started a new paper, as he most decidedly had a perfect right to do, was trying by honourable and legitimate means to extend his circulation; or that a number of ringers thought they were not getting what they wanted in one quarter, and were determined to try and get it in another. Suppose these were frankly put as reasons for the resolution, can anyone say that they would have been unworthy or dishonourable reasons, and that the Council ought not to listen to them?

But I had other things in my mind, and neither private interest nor private pique entered into my calculations. I was thinking of the general good of the Exercise and of the Council, for I feel strongly that it is not the duty nor the interest of the Council to take sides as between the two papers, but to hold the scales evenly and to let the rivals fight out their own battles.

The Council exists by the support and for the good of the whole body of ringers. Without the support, financial and moral, of the Exercise, it could not last a day, and unless it has means of getting in touch and keeping in touch with the individual ringer in town and country its acts and deliberations are so much beating the air. Unless it can bring its discussions and its resolutions to the notice of ringers its whole being is useless and a mere farce. Consequently one would have thought that anything which would increase and broaden the channels of communication between the Council and ringers would have been welcomed gladly. And, on the other hand, since every ringer supports the Council, he has a right to its decisions, the readers of "The Ringing World" equally with the readers of the "Bell News," and the readers of the "Bell News" equally with the readers of "The Ringing World."

I urged this view on the Council's notice, but not one of those who spoke against the resolution condescended to notice it. The burden of all their replies was the same: "If you pass this resolution you give us extra work and we will not do it." I have done quite enough committee work to know how much shere drudgery there is, and I quite sympathise with the resentment which a committee feels when their already heavy task is lightly and wantonly increased. But I cannot quite understand the position the Analysis Committee took up. They threatened to resign unless the Council let things go on as they were. But that is just what no body can do. Whether you like it or not, the advent of "The Ringing World" has altered the situation. I could have understood it if they had come to the Council and said that the altered circumstances had put a strain on them greater than they could bear. Then the Council could either have given them more assistance—and willing workers have never yet been lacking when they were needed—or the Council could have decided that the analysis was not worth the extra trouble, and dropped the whole thing.

But to go on as at present is to have an incomplete, and, therefore, a worthless analysis; to have all the labour as in past years and to have all the labour in vain. This was pointed out, and the opponents of my resolution acknowledged that to reject it meant the death of the analysis. The Council spent the greater part of its last session in discussing points for peals, and points depend on the analysis. In the last few minutes it killed the analysis, and so made practically the whole of the deliberations of one meeting into empty air. Could anything well be more futile? Could anything well be more ridiculous? The last meeting was the Council's twenty-first, and it went very near celebrating it by making a fool of itself.

With all their many and weighty qualifications, many of the men who direct and lead the Council do not and cannot know the feelings and sentiments of the average ringers. We, who are ourselves average ringers, and who mix with the rest in the tower, and in the meeting place on terms of social and professional equality, we do know, and I give

this warning: There is a large body of good ringers, a minority, perhaps, but a powerful minority, who will deeply resent the action of the Council. You stand a risk of throwing them into the ranks of those who care nothing for the Council, and who despise its decrees. And if you are not careful you will find yourselves committed to a faction, and the Council, instead of being the greatest force of union, will be a force of disunion and disintegration.—I remain, yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

"AN UNJUST DECISION."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me space to express my astonishment at the decision come to by the Central Council against "The Ringing World." The report says that "After a lengthy discussion, in the course of which opposition was actively led by the president, the 'previous question' was carried by about twelve votes to six in the meeting of 60 representatives, and was, therefore, shelved." Now, sir, I do not wish to make use of personal remarks, but are we to be entirely led away by the views of the president as to whether we shall have another paper besides "Bell News," which shall be devoted entirely to bells and bellringing, or not? I believe I am right in saying that it is generally known what the president's views are upon the matter, and that he and several other influential gentleman have refused on previous occasions to countenance any other paper. Again, what were the views of the other 42 Council members who did not vote? I should say that these gentlemen were in favour of the motion being carried. I fail to see of what use it is for the various associations to send representatives to these meetings if they are going to remain neutral upon vital subjects which are under discussion. Whatever these gentlemen's views were (those who did not vote and also those who voted against the motion being carried), it is a very unjust decision, and one that should not be countenanced by any broad-minded ringer.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES EDWARDS.

Ridgway Road, Farnham.

MOUNTSORREL'S PEAL OF EIGHT.

On January 30th, 1883, the new ring of bells in St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel, Leicestershire, was dedicated after being enlarged from three to six. In the opening touch, among veterans still with us, there stood Messrs. W. J. and E. D. Taylor and the Rev. W. C. Pearson (now Vicar of Henley, Suffolk).

The Rev. Thomas Drake, who was at the time Vicar of Mountsorrel, attempted to learn change ringing on handbells, and to instruct a band; and his eldest son (now Rector of Braisworth, Suffolk) made repeated attempts to carry on his father's work on handbells and in the tower. It was not, however, till some twenty years later that a local band was at length permanently established, some of the ringers having stuck to their work through the many disappointments of so long a period. At the beginning of this year it was decided to rehang the bells and tune them on modern principles. The proposal was so warmly supported by all the inhabitants that it has been possible to add two trebles; and the beautiful little ring of eight (tenor nine and a half cwt.) now hangs in the tiny Perpendicular tower of this ancient church.

On Empire Day the new ring was dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester, the new bells being rung first by Mrs. Martin (who has always taken a great interest in the church). With the collections at the service over £200 out of £260 has been raised. The work, including the new bells and recasting all the old bells, and additions to the clock, has been executed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. Of especial interest to ringers is the fact that the names of two of them are cast on the tenor: "In mem. ED. VII. R. and I. Peacemaker. Rev. W. J. Lewis, Vicar; R. W. L. Diggle, W. Simpson, Wardens; W. Smith, Secretary; T. Collins, G. Bowler." Mr. Collins is the instructor, who has been so successful in teaching the band; and Mr. Bowler is one of the original ringers in the tower. It is largely owing to the persistent efforts of these two gentlemen that another ring of eight has been added to the Midland counties.

WEDDING BELLS.

A wedding of more than ordinary interest took place at King's Norton Parish Church, Worcestershire, on June 1st, when Mr. William Beale Pritchett, youngest son of Mr. Alfred Pritchett, of Eagle House, King's Norton, was married to Miss Evelyn Mary Hasell, also of King's Norton. Various circumstances preventing an attempt for a peal, the following ringing took place during the day:—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major, and short touches in various methods, rung by T. Russam, T. Miller, J. Betterton, W. Palmer, A. Walker, S. Grove, H. Withers, and F. Sumner. The ringers were afterwards lavishly entertained at Ye Olde Saracen's Head, said to be the oldest licensed house in England. The ringers desire, through the medium of "The Ringing World," to wish the bride and bridegroom much happiness, and to thank Mr. A. Pritchett for his generosity during the day.

AN UNVEILING CEREMONY AT SEALE.

A combined practice was held at the pretty village of Seale on Saturday, when about twenty ringers put in an appearance from Shalford, Blackmoor, Frensham, Farnham and Guildford. The nice little peal of six were kept going in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. During an interval in the ringing an interesting ceremony took place, a peal board, recording a peal of Minor rung by the Farnham men on January 21st of this year, being unveiled by Mrs. Kitchin, wife of Mr. J. M. Kitchin, churchwarden. Mrs. Kitchin congratulated the Farnham men on ringing the peal, and the Rector (the Rev. A. R. Wiseman) also paid his tribute to the ringers.—Mr. C. Edwards, the conductor of the peal, thanked Mrs. Kitchin for so kindly coming there to unveil the board, and he also thanked the churchwardens for presenting it. He also thanked the Rector and ringers of Seale for the welcome given to the visitors on the occasion of the peal.—The Rector and Mr. Kitchin having responded, by a special request of Mrs. Kitchin, five of the peal band present and Mr. Pulling rang a touch of Bob Minor. The board, which is written in gold, is the work of Mr. J. Hunt, of Guildford, and was much admired.

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To the Editor.

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OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

The Hon. Secretary of the Central Council.

The name of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, honorary secretary and treasurer of the Central Council and Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, is a household word among ringers of to-day, not, perhaps, for performances in the belfry, but on account of his investigations and writings upon the art of change ringing. Next to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, Mr. Davies has probably done more for the young ringer than any other writer. His exposition of the principles involved in the production of Bob and Single peals of Grandsire, and his investigation

Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

into five and ten part peals of the same method, as well as his book upon Stedman have become standard works and established him as a leading authority upon Grandsire and Stedman, still the two most extensively practised methods.

The Rev. Charles Douglas Percy Davies was born at Tewkesbury Vicarage on September 12th, 1856, the eldest son of Canon C. G. Davies, who was Vicar of Tewkesbury from 1846 until his death in 1877. He began his ringing in Tewkesbury tower, but progress was slow. By dint of great perseverance, however, the company taught themselves to ring first Grandsire Doubles and then Grandsire Triples, and Mr. Davies had the satisfaction of ringing a peal with the band on their own bells. After his father's death, the family removed to Cheltenham, and here, in vacation time, Mr. Davies rang with the Cheltenham company. In term time he rang regularly with the University Society, of which he was successively honorary secretary and then Master. On being ordained in 1880 at Lichfield Cathedral to the curacy of Whitechurch, Salop, he worked up the local company to ring Stedman Triples, and then, early in 1883, he removed to Chaceley, in Worcestershire. While there he published his work on Grandsire, which has since been incorporated in Snowdon's standard work upon the method. After curacies at Redmarley, Worcester; and Whiteshill, Gloucester, Mr. Davies went, in 1888, to Ringmer, in Sussex, where there is a beautiful ring of eight bells. Here for a time he was able to bring along a band, and here, too, he met the lady who subsequently became his wife. Afterwards he was offered the living of the country parish of East Marden, a tiny village among the South Downs, but, although isolated from ringing, Mr. Davies kept in close touch with the Sussex Association, of which he has been, since his departure from the county, one of the vice-presidents. In 1902 he accepted the living of Fretherne, in his native county of Gloucester, and here he has remained ever since, although, with the customary experience of the "ringing parson," his church is without a peal of bells, and he is somewhat cut off from the active pursuit of his favourite hobby. During his residence at East Marden Mr. Davies was appointed to the honorary secretaryship of the Central Council, rendered vacant by the lamented death of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. This post, with which is combined the treasurership, he has held ever since, and has brought to the performance of the duties an energy and tact that have added to his own popularity and to the strength of the Council. Within a month of his taking up his residence at Fretherne he was elected to the mastership of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, an office which he had filled during his curacy at Chaceley, and which he still continues to occupy. Unfortunately Mr. Davies has never kept a list of his peals, and, therefore, has no idea of their number. They include Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Bob Major and Royal, Double Norwich, Double Oxford and Superlative Major, Union Triples and a peal of Minor. One of the peals of Stedman Caters was the 13,054 at Cheltenham on Whit-Monday, 1888.

AMONG WESTERN WORCESTERSHIRE TOWERS.

One of the objects of the recent division of the Worcestershire Association into branches was to stimulate local enthusiasm and effort. With this in view, a few members of the Western branch, on Sunday fortnight, carried out a most successful tour amongst some of the outlying parishes of the county. Meeting at St. Gabriel's Church, Hanley Swan, the bells were set going to Oxford Bob, which came round in 23 minutes, while a six-score or two of Stedman was afterwards rung. This peal of six are in good going order, but form a very peculiar musical combination. The tenor is about 9 cwt.

St. James', Welland, was next visited, and sundry attempts were made. After mastering the conditions and immense ropes, a 720 each of Kent and Canterbury were brought round. This very musical ring, with tenor about 12 cwt., goes well, but the ropes would suggest to the uninitiated great feats of strength and daring. The ringing chamber has not received the attention of the builder as much as other parts of the church. A ride across the common, in full view of the whole range of the "Majestic Malverns" in their stately grandeur, down lanes with many turns and twists, brought the company to St. Gregory's Church, Castlemorton. The long draught of rope and lightness of metal required the ringers' entire attention, but the veterans having tacked on to the front end, a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor was accomplished. A six-score of Grandsire, with a few of the local band, brought time for evensong. After tea, at the Joyfield, thirty minutes riding brought the party to Hanley Castle Old Church. Here a fine ring of six were soon set going to a 360 of College Single, which, with a touch of Grandsire, concluded the day's ringing. Some of the towers brought back to the visitors happy recollections of bygone days. The company, which included Messrs. W. Page (Master), H. T. Knowles (secretary), R. G. Knowles, E. E. Barber, G. Checketts, and A. Sadler, have mapped out another excursion for a future date.

RINGERS' DAY AT FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE.

Already we have received communications welcoming the idea of a Ringers' Day at the Crystal Palace during the progress of the great pageant at the Festival of Empire. The suggestion offers a splendid opportunity for a reunion of ringers from all parts of the country, with facilities for participating in an event of unique and historic interest. The Pageant of London is the greatest thing of its kind ever performed in this country. Everything is on a gigantic scale, and for picturesqueness of setting and reality of acting nothing in the pageant line has yet come up to it.

The opportunity of witnessing it, and the other attractions which the Festival of Empire offers, is doubtless one which a large number of ringers will be eager to avail themselves of, and we are making an effort to secure special travelling and other facilities for those who desire to join in this event. Ringers have never before had the opportunity of meeting in large numbers upon such an occasion as this, and we hope to make this first gathering a huge success.

The date suggested for the event is Saturday, July 15th, and we shall be glad to hear, at the earliest opportunity, from those companies, or individuals, who would like to attend the Festival upon this "Ringers' Day." As soon as possible all information and details as to arrangements will be prepared, and published, but it will facilitate matters if we can be informed as to those who may desire to visit the Palace on that day.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Our arrangements for the publication of performances on Coronation Day have been completed, and we hope to be able satisfactorily to meet the demand upon our space. All the peals will be published in the usual form, but we feel, if there is to be no delay, that touches will only be able to appear in abbreviated form. In any case we cannot guarantee to publish full details of performances of less than 720 upon six and five bells or less than quarter-peals on seven bells and upwards. In any event, both for peals and touches, it is absolutely essential that they should be despatched to us at once.

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Mr. Bart Mitchell, of Derby, writes to make the suggestion that a supplement should be published, and that a charge of twopence should be made for it, as it would be much more preferable to have the peals published together than by weekly instalments spread over about three months. Mr. Mitchell says this view meets with favour in the Derby district, and asks for the opinions of others.

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We are afraid it is rather late to get general views upon the subject. As, however, we are in the field to do our utmost in the interests of ringers, we shall make an endeavour to publish the Coronation peals before they are forgotten about by those who have taken part in them. *Verb. sap.*

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Our suggestion that, like coming events which cast their shadows before, the 9056 of Treble Bob from E. Timbrell's 17,120 rung at Mottram on May 20th, was but a prelude to the full length itself, was not far off the mark. Notice is now given that the Ashton-under-Lyne Society will attempt the long peal on the same bells on June 24th.

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While in the 37th annual report of the Devonshire Guild just issued, the committee "regard with satisfaction the state of efficiency of the bands in union and the efforts that are being made in order to advance the objects of the Guild in the diocese and promote change ringing," the honorary secretary (the Rev. F. Molineux), at the annual meeting on Whit-Monday, expressed regret that there had not been satisfactory progress in the Guild. This is a rather striking divergence of view, and there certainly seems ground for the secretary's lament when one reads the figures which he quoted. It cannot be considered altogether satisfactory when an association loses three towers in one year and gains only two, while it can claim in affiliation only 30 or 40 towers out of some 300 in the diocese which have peals of bells.

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At the same time are the committee going on the right lines to encourage the six bell ringers—there are a great many six bell towers in Devon—when they recommend that six bell peals, which are recognised by the Central Council, shall be treated merely as "performances," and only rank really as long touches? It is not surprising that the general meeting referred this particular matter back to the committee for reconsideration.

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An unfortunate mishap occurred on Whit-Monday at the Parish Church, Folkestone, where the Kent County Association held their annual meeting. Ringing had been in progress in the tower, and the bells, apparently, left up, but the belfry door was locked. The Rev. C. M. S. Playfair, the senior curate, went to the belfry, to which he gained admission by a duplicate key, to toll a bell for service. Not knowing that the bell was up he was caught by the rope, and thrown violently to the ground, breaking his collar bone and being rendered unconscious. As Mr. Playfair did not attend service the Vicar sent the Rev. W. S. Parker to discover the whereabouts of his colleague. Some ringers also went to the belfry, and they found Mr. Parker lying on the floor.

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It is curious what a little the average individual seems to know about bell ringing. In describing the accident one of the London daily papers says :—

> Bell ringing is a somewhat tricky art. In the raising, setting, and falling of a bell the ringer must stand perfectly straight, and pull from the shoulder. If he bend his head he is liable to be caught by the rope as the bell swings over, the rope giving a little twist and forming a loop a few inches below the "sally" every time "she" swings over.
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> Numbers of young ringers have been caught unawares by the rope, and have been dragged to the belfry chamber floor, sometimes by the neck, with rather disastrous consequences to their skin. The possibility is that the reverend gentleman, in pulling the bell off the stay, where "she" had been set—that is, placed in an upright position for the night—bent his head in pulling "her" off, and got caught by the rope under the arms.

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Nine ringers of St. Mary's, Clapham, paid a visit to Arundel on Sunday, and visited St. Michael's Church tower, where they rang some very good touches for both morning and evening service with the local band, which was greatly appreciated by them all.

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Despite the fact that we have enlarged "The Ringing World" to 20 pages for this week, the pressure on our space has made it necessary to hold over several reports, etc.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

FULL REPORT OF THE LEICESTER MEETING.

By "The Ringing World" Special Representative.

Following the summary of the Central Council's proceedings at Leicester, which we gave last week, we begin in this issue the full report of the meeting. From the list of attendances given on page 187, the names of the Surrey Association representatives (Dr. A. B. Carpenter and Mr. C. Dean) were inadvertently omitted.

THE ROBINSON MEMORIAL FUND.

After the minutes had been read, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn referred to the position of the Robinson Memorial Fund. They had, he said, a matter of £185 in hand out of £300 required to carry out the scheme of putting a screen in Drayton Church, a screen, the design of which was accepted by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, and which he had intended to execute with his own hands. Of the amount subscribed, the Oxford Diocesan Guild had contributed about one-half and the other half had come from the other Associations, but not nearly so many had sent contributions as had been hoped. The committee would be very glad to know as soon as possible what further amounts they were likely to receive, because they felt it was not right to go on through another year without taking some steps to put up the memorial. If all the Societies had done as certain others had done, the committee would have had the money long ago. If they could not look forward to securing the remainder of the £300 within, at least, the next two or three months, he thought the only thing was that the committee should reconsider the scheme altogether, and he would like an expression of the Council's opinion as to what course should be followed.

The Hon. Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Robinson, thanking the Council for the vote of sympathy sent to her from the previous Council meeting, and adding her appreciation of the kindness and generosity of all those who so readily responded to the idea of the memorial, which she was glad had been opened to all ringers.

Replying to the Rev. H. J. Elsee, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said he thought it would be invidious to state what the individual Societies had contributed, but the highest sum received from any Society was £15, and the lowest 12s. He thought the committee must take it that, if they did not hear anything further within the next two months, they had received all they would receive, and that they must then reconsider the scheme. He supposed those who had already contributed would not object to their money going to some other means of perpetuating the memorial to Mr. Robinson—such as a stained glass window, or something which the committee, with the Vicar of the Parish, might agree upon.

Eventually Mr. Jenkyn moved that in the event of the required amount of £300 not being in the hands of the Robinson Memorial Committee by the end of August, 1911, the Council see no objection to the committee reconsidering what form the memorial shall take.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded, and remarked that it had been a great disappointment to him to find that many of the large Associations had absolutely taken no notice at all. In one of the Associations, where the secretary had worked the matter, 79 towers had sent in £15. If all the Societies had done that there would have been money enough and to spare. One Association with over a thousand members had sent two individual contributions of 5s., but absolutely nothing from the Association.

Mr. W. Snowdon suggested that the committee should not take the result as final, but that they should make a further appeal.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said they were quite prepared to send any further amount of circulars, if they only had some notification where they were to be sent to.

The motion was carried.

THE LATE MR. R. S. STORY.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge said it would be within the memory of all that since their meeting last year, they had lost a very distinguished member of the Central Council, one who did an enormous amount of work in the North for ringing generally, and whose work upon the Standing Committee and the other committees of that Council was simply invaluable. He need hardly remind them that he spoke of the late Mr. Robert Story, and he moved "that the Council, having grateful recollection of the many and great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Mr. R. S. Story, instruct the secretary to send their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Story and family in their bereavement."—The Rev. H. A. Cockey seconded the resolution, which was endorsed by the President, and carried by the members rising in their places.

COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL POSITION.

The Hon. Secretary presented the financial statement. He reported that the Council started at the last meeting with a balance in hand of £52 18s. 1d. Affiliation fees received were £12, and profits on sale of publications £2 6s. 1d., making a total of £67 4s. 2d. The expenditure was £3 8s. 6d., including £2 7s. expenses of the last meeting, and reporting thereof, leaving a balance in hand of £63 15s. 8d. (applause). He thought they might congratulate themselves that their balance was growing, but they must bear in mind that they had done no printing. When they began to publish, then their funds began to feel it. The Hon. Secretary then presented the publishers' statement, showing the number of books sold during the year, and the number remaining in hand.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge proposed the adoption of the financial statement, and it was seconded by Mr. F. B. Tompkins.

The President said he considered the Exercise supported the publications by the Central Council exceedingly ill. He conceived that no ringers other than conductors ever took in any of the Council's publications, and he should think a very small number of conductors did so, according to the number of sales. He thought the Exercise ought to encourage this work of the Council a little more, and the members of the Council might go back and inform the members of the Associations of the value of the publications.—The balance sheet was adopted.

THE HONORARY MEMBERS.

The President said two hon. members dropped out this year automatically, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter and Mr. Thomas Lockwood. Mr. Lockwood had been incapacitated from doing any work for a long time, and their Yorkshire friends had informed the Standing Committee that it was really useless to continue to elect him. Mr. Lockwood had done very good work for the Council in the past, but he (the President) was sorry he was not likely to do any work for them again. Mr. Carpenter was a valued member of the committee, and a most regular attendant. The Standing Committee did not at the moment know they were in need of any help they had not already got, but it was open to the Council to propose another member or two. With the re-election of Mr. Carpenter they would have twelve, and that would leave them with three vacancies. They always liked to have a few vacancies in case they required them at some time.

On the motion of the Rev. C. E. Matthews, seconded by Mr. H. White, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter was re-elected, amid applause.

Mr. E. H. Lewis suggested the election of Mr. H. W. Wilde, who, he said, would be of great service to the Collection of Peals Committee in helping to check the proof of Treble Bob peals.—Mr. W. E. White seconded the motion, which was carried.

THE PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported, on behalf of the Peal Collection Committee, that the work was going on, and he hoped they might be able to publish an instalment soon. The difficulty was that members of the committee were busy men, and lived long distances apart, which made it awkward to meet, and they felt it was necessary to meet to discuss one or two things before they could publish. The work of proving was going on, and it was abundantly necessary. He did not want to exaggerate, but he thought he could say that out of every 30 or 40 peals he found one false. In a great many cases a note was appended that the alternative calling might be used to shorten or lengthen a peal, but he had found that if the note were carried out the peal became false. That brought the proportion of false peals up still higher. He was keeping steadily on with the work, but there were a great number to be got through. He hoped the committee would be able to meet fairly soon, and that before very long they would see one instalment brought out (applause).

On the motion of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. Wilde's name was added to the committee.

NO REPORT FROM CHURCH PRESS COMMITTEE.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said he believed he was the only member of the Church Press Committee present. Mr. Daniell had been doing most of the work, and he (Mr. Cockey) had received no notification from him. He could give the Council no information on the matter.

The Rev. M. Kelly said he was in the same position. They had all been trying to get the Press to take more notice of ringing matters, and members must have been pleased to see that the newspapers gave some recognition to Mr. Robert Haworth, when he died. The Press was beginning to recognise the ringing world more than it had done.

The President said he was quite certain Mr. Daniell was very keen about the work, and that if he were present he would be able to report progress.

Subsequently a message was received from Mr. Daniell that he was not well enough to attend the meeting.

SEVEN HUNDRED PLAIN MAJOR METHODS.

The report of the Legitimate Methods Committee was made by the Rev. H. Law James. He said they were dealing with the Plain Major Methods, and there were, roughly speaking, 700 of them. He hoped the result would be that they would see no more rubbish published. When folk wanted to compose new methods, he should recommend them to get the Rules and Decisions of the Committee and study the question as to what a method was. "Plain Methods are worked out, gentlemen," said Mr. James, "and it is no use anyone going any further." "Here they are," he added, holding up a book of considerable size, "and the secretary will receive them when we have done with them. We are going carefully through them, to select from them those methods which we consider are worth printing. We shall ask you to print all the old Standards and a certain number of new methods which contain either points of real interest or look like being of real use from a practical point of view, and it will make a small book." Mr. James added that he was glad to hear that the sale of the volume of Minor Methods was gradually increasing. In the course of another ten years, he believed, the increase of sales

would be by leaps and bounds, because as people got hold of that book and studied it they would find there was something in it worth knowing (applause).

Mr. J. A. Trollope said if ringers who had got or knew of methods rung and published in years gone by—whether they were good ones or bad ones they could leave to the committee—would send the names to Mr. James it would be helpful. In the book, when it came out, the majority of methods, of course, would be unnamed, but they wanted as far as possible to print the title to the methods.

Replying to Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. James said a corrected copy of the Minor Methods was being kept, and the names were being added as they were rung.

A USEFUL SUGGESTION.

Mr. J. W. Parker said since the publication of Legitimate Methods, it had always struck him there was a certain danger with regard to Superlative Minor. It stated in the prefare that the method would not produce 720. The book might get into the hands of a company who would not trouble to read the preface, and they might ring it in a peal of seven methods, not noticing the false rows coming up. If they did, when the falseness of the peal was pointed out to them, they would certainly blame the committee of the Central Council responsible for the publication of the book. Mr. Parker also suggested that for the benefit of ringers whose knowledge might be limited, the book should point out how bobs should be made in the methods.

The Rev. H. Law James said the laws for making bobs were in the report on bobs, and for that reason the committee left them out of the Legitimate Methods volume, because they felt they were interfering with other folks' work.

The President: You mean you want them together?

Mr. Parker: Certainly, sir. A band might purchase the book and know nothing of the former publication.

The President: Your point is that it may get into the hands of someone who may think it is self-contained, whereas it is not. You want more information so as to make it more useful all round.

Mr. Parker: That is so.

The Rev. H. L. James: I take it in the Major Methods we should include bobs in the publication?

Mr. Parker: Certainly, I think so.

Mr. E. H. Lewis said, from his own experience in Cheshire, he was sure the fact that the book was not self-contained had seriously interfered with its sale.

The President said he had no doubt the committee would take the matter into consideration. It had been pointed out with considerable force, he thought, that the next issue should be self-contained. He proceeded to issue a word of warning to those who would rush into print with new methods. With regard to the composition of peals, said the President, any ringer thought he was good enough to start into print. No mathematician or astronomer would go into print with figures which were the results of an untutored brain. If he did he would be laughed at, but a man who was a ringer thought he could make a fool of himself as much as he liked (laughter). He thought it was extremely desirable there should be a dignity about entering into the columns of the papers, and that they ought not to publish all this nonsense which actually went to show them up as a parcel of idiots (laughter and applause).

PEAL VALUES.

The report of the Peal Values Committee, which has been published in these columns, was moved by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, who said the object of the committee had been to draw up a schedule which would give a higher scale of points to the higher number of bells without unduly depressing the points for peals on seven bells. As to the schedule for six bell peals it would need a little alteration, for taking as an example a peal of six Surprise Methods and one broken-lead method, the points would be 26 plus 5, which was one more point than a peal in seven Surprise Methods. The schedules recommended by the committee were as follow:—

A.—For peals on seven bells and upwards :—

CLASS	VALUE	TRIPLES	MAJOR	CATERS	ROYAL	CINQUES	MAXIMUS
I.	8	6	8	10	12	15	18
II.	10	8	10	13	16	19	22
III.	11	—	11	—	17	—	25
IV.	14	11	14	18	22	26	31
V.	20	—	20	—	31	—	45
VI.	24	18	24	30	38	45	54
VII.	32	—	32	—	50	—	72
VIII.	40	—	40	—	62	—	90
IX.	50	—	50	—	78	—	112

The foregoing schedule is calculated by the formula $\frac{VN^2}{64}$, *i.e.*, multiply the number found in the column headed "Value" by the number of bells, and the product by the number of bells once more, and divide the last product by 64.

B.—For peals on six bells :—

NUMBER OF METHODS RUNG	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Plain methods	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Treble Bob methods	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
Methods with "broken leads" ...	5	8	11	14	17	20	23
Surprise methods	6	10	14	18	22	26	30

For 42 six scores of Doubles your committee recommend three points.

The Hon. Secretary, who seconded, pointed out that Schedule A was drawn up in obedience to the discussion which took place at the meeting last year, at which it was felt very strongly by some speakers that there was not sufficient points given for peals on the higher number of bells.

Mr. G. P. Burton said he had never yet grasped why it was really necessary to have a formula.

The Hon. Secretary replied that if they did not have a formula they were thrown back on the hopeless confusion of the old system, by which every method was given a perfectly and absolutely haphazard number of points. If anyone could suggest a better system for a formula, the committee would be only too thankful to adopt it.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said it would be impossible to give satisfaction to everybody, because different methods appealed to different people differently. What was an easy method to one man was not easy to another, and another thing was that a method which was structurally complex, was not necessarily a complex method to ring. The only thing they could get was something like a fairly round system of points, which would give approximately the value. The difficulty in ringing consisted of two things. First of all they had to know what to do; and, secondly, they had to know how to do it. The first, of course, was to know the method; the second was what they called ropesight. When they could ring Stedman Doubles they knew what to do in Stedman Cinques, but the ropesight was another matter entirely (hear, hear). That was where people who judged methods from paper or from having rung a plain course went hopelessly wrong, because they got an erroneous idea of what it took to ring the method.

PEALS ON TWELVE BELLS.

The Rev. H. L. James said he was going straight back to what he said last year, that when they came to ring Royal, Cinques and Maximus, to a great extent, it was like ringing changes learned by heart ('No, no'). Take Treble Bob Maximus, 8, 10, 12, 11, 9, 7, coursing carried them right through a peal, the ropesight beyond 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, meant but one more figure. Mr. James went on to show how, in his own experience, attempts for peals on the higher number of bells had been more successful than on the lower numbers. From this experience he drew the conclusion that extra points for ten and twelve bell ringing were not necessary, and he, therefore, strongly disagreed with the formula. If they were going to cut the bells "all over the show," it would be a different matter: then, by all means, give extra points, but they did not want to do that, because it would be bad music.

Mr. Burton asked the Council not to pay too much attention to Mr. James' experiences, because he was such an exceptional individual. These schemes were drawn up for performances by ordinary people. As a member of a twelve bell band, he knew the bitter disappointments there were, and the trouble they had, and it was not quite as easy as it was for an extraordinary ringer like Mr. James. The point he wanted to bring before the Council was that, having to look after twelve bells and having to keep abreast of the times in learning the every-day Major methods, the twelve bell ringer was terribly handicapped, and it put twelve bell companies at a disadvantage. Therefore, he claimed, when a peal was rung on twelve bells the company did really deserve all the points for the higher numbers as had been proposed. They ought to remember also that the difficulty was increased by the extra number of men that had to be kept together, and kept in practice, and the extra difficulty of ringing twelve bells. Most of those present would agree, he thought, that there was a vast extra difficulty in ringing twelve as compared with ringing eight, or even as compared with ringing ten. The twelve bell ringer was looked upon as a sort of plutocrat, but he was really a very hardly dealt with individual. He was like those unfortunate individuals who had a lot of money and did not know what to do with it (laughter).

Mr. A. T. King said he would like to see an end put to ringing a six-bell peal with six methods of one class and one of an inferior class to make up the seven 720's such as six 720's of Treble Bob and one of a plain method. In such cases he would reduce the value of the peal to that of seven plain methods, for there was no earthly reason why one of the Treble Bob methods could not be repeated to make the seven.

The Rev. H. L. James: Suppose the one plain method to make up happens to be a good deal harder than the Treble Bob methods, what then? I could give you seven plain methods which will take a vast deal more ringing than seven Surprise Methods (laughter).

Mr. King: Then, perhaps, those experienced in six-bell ringing will say what they have to say about it.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter thought the committee's proposal of three points for 42 six-scores of Doubles, if rung on five bells without a

cover, was rather hard on the five-bell ringers, because it must be a difficult thing, if rung in a variety of methods.

The Rev. H. L. James said he considered the six-bell ringer was very badly treated in the schedule. The points allowed for six-bell peals were put down a great deal too low, compared with eight-bell peals. Cambridge Surprise Minor distinctly took more ringing than Major ("No," and laughter). All he could say was that with six of the best of their ringers in South Lincolnshire they had had a great many starts for a peal of seven 720's of Cambridge Minor, but the peal had not yet been rung. Eight of them, however, had rung Cambridge Major.

(To be Continued).

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

RINGERS' MUNIFICENT GIFT AT WHITLEY BAY.

The Whit-Monday meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association took place at Whitley Bay and North Shields, when ringers assembled from Newcastle, Morpeth, Gateshead, West Hartlepool, Tanfield, Chester-le-Street, Wylam, Sunderland and Darlington, and the bells at both places were kept going during the greater part of the day in London, Stedman, Grandsire and Treble Bob.

Dinner was partaken of at the Station Hotel, under the presidency of Mr. C. L. Routledge (president), who was supported by Mr. J. Keen, Mr. J. Stuart and Mr. Adam Pigg (vice-presidents), and the Rev. E. Jealous. After the loyal toast had been duly honoured, the interesting announcement was made by the president that the Whitley Bay bells were to be augmented to the full octave, chiefly owing to the generosity of that prince of ringers—Mr. Tom Gofton—who is giving two new Trebles in memory of his father. The other ringers attached to the tower are giving £72 towards the cost of re-casting and re-hanging the other bells, and it is hoped that the members of the Association will show their appreciation of the work accomplished by the late Mr. R. S. Story for ringing in the North of England by contributing a sum sufficient to re-cast the present Treble in his memory. The total cost of the scheme is about £180 (excluding the two Trebles), so there does not remain a very large sum to be raised.

The next meeting of the Association takes place at Bamburgh on the 22nd July, and as this is a well-known pleasure resort, an enjoyable day may be looked for. Perhaps the example of the Morpeth ringers, who have decided to hold their annual excursion there that day, may be followed by other bands, and thus make a successful meeting.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting took place at Ledbury on Thursday, June 8th, when there was an unusually large gathering of ringers from all parts. Choral service was held in the Parish Church, an eloquent sermon being preached by the Venerable Archdeacon of Hereford, who took as his text Corinthians xii., 4 and 6. The business meeting was held immediately after service in the Churchroom.—The Master, Mr. J. G. Buchanan, having vacated the chair, said he hoped they would elect a new Master, as he wished to retire. The members, however, would not hear it, and he was unanimously re-elected, amid applause. The Master having thanked the members for his election, said he very much regretted to say that their hon. secretary (the Rev. A. C. Lee) was going to resign that post (cries of "No"), he having been appointed Rural Dean.—All efforts to get him to withdraw his resignation, however, failed, much to the regret of the members.—The Rev. J. S. Roper, Quatt Rectory, Bridgnorth, decided to take the post of hon. secretary.

The Rev. A. C. Lee was unanimously elected vice-president of the Guild. The old committee was elected en bloc, with Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Ludlow, added.—Mr. John Clark gave a short account of the Central Council meeting at Leicester, and advised members to take in "The Ringing World." He also urged them to follow Mr. Law James' plan of Minor peal ringing.

After the business meeting, the members adjourned to the Royal Oak Hotel for dinner, which was served up in splendid style. After the repast, the toasts of "The King" and "The President" were enthusiastically honoured, the Ven. Archdeacon of Hereford being thanked for his address.—The President and Archdeacon having responded, the rest of the day was spent in ringing, while some preferred to visit the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Agricultural Show, which was in progress. Altogether it was one of the most successful meetings of the Guild. Two places were mentioned for next year's visit, viz., Church Stretton and Kington, but the final decision was left to the committee.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the North Bucks branch of the above Guild was held in beautiful summer weather, at Shenley, on Saturday, June 3rd. Nearly 100 members took advantage of the kind invitation of the Rev. J. R. Vincent (Rector of the parish and president of the branch) to be present. The reverend gentleman did everything to promote the enjoyment of his guests. The beautiful gardens were thrown open, and during the afternoon a capital tea was served on the lawn. At 3.30 o'clock, service was held in the Parish Church, the Rector intoning the service. The hymns sung were: "Let them nobly in the steeple," "Come, thou Holy Spirit, come," and "The God of Abraham praise," sung as a recessional, following a very appropriate sermon by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne, Berks. The Blessing was pronounced by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), and the National Anthem was afterwards sung. During the service the solo, "Nearer, my God, to Thee," was beautifully rendered by Mr. J. Daniells, a member of the Shenley choir.

The business meeting of the branch was held after tea, the Rev. J. R. Vincent was unanimously re-elected president and chairman for the ensuing year.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. W. Booth) presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £11 9s., as against £10 19s. 5d. at the end of last year.—The President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. F. W. Booth for his valuable services as hon. secretary. This was heartily endorsed, and Mr. Booth was again elected to the office.—The Hon. Secretary proposed that £5 from the branch funds be given to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's Memorial Fund, and the motion was carried unanimously.

It was decided to hold the quarterly meetings at Emberton in September, Cheddington in December, and Newport Pagnell in March. —The Rev. J. R. Vincent extended a cordial invitation to the members to again hold the annual meeting at Shenley in June, and the offer was accepted with thanks.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and the Hon. Mrs. Vincent for their kindness in entertaining the branch to tea, for the use of the church and bells, and for arranging such a beautiful service; also to the choir, organist and soloist.—The Rev. J. R. Vincent responded.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Master for his attendance during the past year, and to the Rev. G. F. Coleridge for preaching such an excellent sermon.—Both gentlemen suitably responded.—A similar compliment to the chairman for his services during the past year concluded the meeting.

PRESENTATION AT BRISTOL.

A meeting of the Guild of St. Nicholas' ringers was summoned on Tuesday, May 30th, to meet one of their members, Mr. C. Downing, who was leaving England to seek his fortune in Australia. It was hoped that the Vicar (the Rev. Vernon Holt), who is president of the Ringers' Guild, would have been present, but at the last moment he found himself unavoidably detained some distance from home, and he wired his inability to be with them. This was regretted, and the duty of making a presentation to Mr. Downing devolved upon the Master of the Guild, Mr. F. G. May, who apologised for the Vicar's absence. He remarked that Mr. Downing was one of the original members of the Guild, which was formed in 1900. During the period of ten years which had elapsed it could truthfully, and with much credit be said he was one of the most regular members of the Guild in his attendances on all occasions when the bells were required to be rung. From that point of view, he would be greatly missed: but his loss as a member of the Guild would be felt in another way, for, as secretary for some years, he did good work, and it was in connection with his official capacity that his brother ringers recognised his services to the Guild, by asking him to accept a small present from them in the shape of a silver-mounted silk umbrella, inscribed as follows: "St. Nicholas Guild of Ringers, Bristol, May, 1911. Presented to C. Downing by his brother ringers on his leaving England for Australia." Mr. May asked the recipient to accept the gift as a token of their esteem and regard for him, and, on behalf of the Guild, he tendered the heartiest good wishes to his family and himself for their future happiness and welfare.—Mr. Downing feelingly thanked his colleagues for their kindness, mentioning that the gift was acceptable, and one that would always remind him of the pleasant and happy days he had spent with the members of the Guild.

A farewell peal of Stedman Caters was successfully rung on the bells of St. Nicholas' on the 6th June, and is recorded in its proper place. Regret was expressed that every member of the Guild did not share in a farewell peal with their departing comrade, but this could not be satisfactorily arranged, owing to urgent business claims upon some of his colleagues.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern branch was held at Halton Holgate, on Saturday last, when members attended from Boston Skirbeck, Stickney, Freiston, Friskney, Kirton, Frampton, and Wrangle. Service was held in church at five o'clock, when an excellent address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. Disbrow. Tea was afterwards provided at the Bell Inn, and, subsequently on the Vicarage lawn, a short meeting was held, the president, the Rev. J. P. Cheales, taking the chair. One new member was elected, and it was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting at Freiston in October, at a date to be arranged by the secretary.—The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his valuable address, and the use of the bells. The bells were kept going from 3.30 until 9 p.m., in various methods.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Blackburn branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Rishton, on Saturday last. There was only a moderate attendance, and the members quite appreciated the presence of Mr. Wallwork and his ringing colleague from Helmshore. The business meeting was held in the evening, Mr. Wm. Mallinson, of Colne, presiding, in the absence of Mr. Heaton. The next meeting was fixed to take place at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 26th.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells.—After the meeting the bells went merrily to the tune of Oxford Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A NEW PRESIDENT.

For the first time during eleven years the annual meeting of the Central Northamptonshire Association of Church Bell Ringers was held away from Northampton on Whit-Monday. Higham Ferrers and Irthlingborough were the places visited, and with the weather glorious, a very successful day was spent. Through the kindness of the Vicars of Higham and Irthlingborough (the Rev. G. M. Davidson and the Rev. J. R. Taylor respectively), the bells of both churches were rung during the morning. At mid-day Divine service was attended by the ringers, the Rev. Gerard Davidson conducting the service. The lessons were read by Mr. Owen Parker, J.P. (Mayor of Higham). An excellent sermon was preached by the Vicar, and his words based upon the text, "What think ye of Christ," Matt. xxii., 42, were intently listened to.—A collection was taken for the funds of the Association.

Subsequently luncheon was taken at the Green Dragon Hotel, Higham Ferrers. The Rev. E. C. Channer (Ravensthorpe), president of the Association, presided, and supporting him were the Rev. G. M. Davidson, the Rev. Hugh Bryan (Stoke Doyle), the Rev. R. Copeman (Stoke Albany), Mr. A. T. King, of Southsea (late secretary of the Middlesex County Association of Church Bell Ringers), Mr. O. Parker, J.P. (Mayor), and Mr. F. Wilford (the assiduous hon. sec.).

THE REPORT.

The Secretary presented the accounts and reports, which were very satisfactory. The balance sheet up to Dec. 31st, 1910 (it having been carried at the last annual meeting that the financial year should end then) was presented first. The balance at the last annual meeting was £19 4s. 4d., and the total receipts to December 31st, £41 1s. 3d. This year's balance amounted to £23 12s. 8d. The report showed that during the past year twelve successful meetings had been held at Guilsborough, Boughton, Hardingstone, Thorpe, Kettering, Burton Latimer, Tichmarsh, Lowick, Raunds, Wilby, Irthlingborough, and Finedon. A large number of peals had been rung during the year, including several handbell peals by the Kettering company. Several members had joined during the year, which altogether had been most successful in every respect.

Mr. O. Parker added to the Secretary's report that there was 17s. 4d. to add to the balance in hand, which was actually £24 10s., but that amount was being carried on to this year. He congratulated the Association most warmly upon its financial position, and welcomed it to Higham. The report was accepted.—The Chairman then handed gold medals to Mr. J. H. Martin and Mr. A. B. Martin to record their 100 peals for the Association.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

The Chairman asked them to elect another president, as he felt obliged to resign. One of the first meetings he attended was at Higham Ferrers many years ago, and he never thought then that he would ever reach the position of president. It had been one of the greatest pleasures of his life to be among them, and he thanked them all for their kindnesses to him. After referring to the success of the Association which made it independent of individuals, he said that though a bitter word, he must say "farewell." It had been one of his greatest pleasures and a pride to be with them, but for family reasons, etc., he could not continue in the office. He hoped the Association would continue to be of advantage to the Church of England and be prosperous in itself.

The Rev. H. Bryan said that as one of the oldest members of the Association (he founded it, so there could not be a much older one—laughter)—he would like to pay a tribute to the work of their president, and he heard with regret his resignation.

Mr. Garrett proposed, and Mr. A. Martin seconded, that the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, Islip (vice-president), be elected president, and this was carried.—The Rev. R. Copeman was chosen vice-president, Mr. Nicholls proposing his name and Mr. F. W. Sawford seconding.

The following were accepted as new members: Mr. A. Plowman, Mr. J. Seamark, and Mr. H. Lilley (Wellingborough), Mr. B. Morris (Rushden), and Mr. J. Brown and Mr. W. Brown (Higham Ferrers).

Kettering was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Thanks were heartily accorded the Rev. G. M. Davidson for his sermon, the churchwardens and the visitors for their presence, suitable acknowledgments being made by the Mayor and Mr. A. T. King.

THE RULES.

Some discussion took place upon the rules of the Association. One proposition, that members who had subscribed to the Association for 21 years should become free life members, was lost, while the position of the Association with regard to awarding gold medals to out-of-county members who might ring 100 peals was made clear.

The Rev. H. Bryan recalled a link with the past that had been broken by the death of Canon Paul, of Finedon. He was, the reverend gentleman said, a member of the Association from the very first, and they deeply regretted his death.

The meeting then concluded, and the members adjourned to Higham and Irthlingborough churches to ring on the handy peals of eight there.

A WEEK-END AT GREAT MARLOW.

Members of the St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, and the Ancient Society of College Youths spent an enjoyable week-end at Whitsun, with Great Marlow as their headquarters. Arrangements had been made for the party to stay at the Two Brewers Hotel, kept by the well-known ringer, Mr. J. C. Truss, and the visitors found to their delight that Great Marlow is a most enjoyable spot at which to spend a holiday. The visitors from Bristol included Messrs. Gordon, Tomkins, Wilkins, Cave, Condick and Seward, while Messrs. E. P. O'Meara and Passmore, of London, were also there on a holiday. On Sunday morning the party took train to High Wycombe, and made a visit to the Church of All Saints', where there is a fine peal of twelve; tenor, 32 cwt. A touch of Stedman Cinques was rung, some of the local men making up the band. In the afternoon Shiplake was visited, and, upon the light peal of eight (tenor about 12 cwt.) which are in good going order, a 672 of Stedman Triples and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major (conducted by Mr. W. A. Cave) was rung. Henley-on-Thames was the next place of call, and the good ring of eight, with tenor about a ton, were also found to go very well. Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. The brake drive to Shiplake and Henley was much enjoyed, owing to the weather being beautifully fine and scenery charming.

On Monday morning Messrs. W. T. Cockerill and A. B. Peck, of London, and Hibbert, of Reading, joined the party. Marlow Parish Church, with its peal of eight, with tenor about 16 cwt., was visited, and a touch of London Surprise Major, conducted by Mr. W. A. Cave, was rung by Messrs. Seward, Wilkins, Tomkins, Gordon, Truss, Condick, Cave, and Cockerill. Courses of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major were also brought round, in which Messrs. Passmore and Peck took part. Boating on the Thames was indulged in during the afternoon and evening, when Bisham and other places of interest were visited and much enjoyed. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the various Vicars for the use of the bells, and Mr. J. C. Truss and Mr. E. P. O'Meara for doing so much to make the party so comfortable in every way.

YORKSHIRE RINGERS IN GLOUCESTER

A party of Yorkshire ringers spent a very enjoyable holiday in Gloucestershire at Whitsun. Leaving in good time on Saturday morning, Messrs. T. Maude (Pudsey), W. Pearson (Pontefract), G. B. Bolland and H. Oddy (Tong), F. W. Dixon (Guiseley), T. B. Kendall (Shipley) and W. Idle (Dewsbury) made the journey to Banbury to the accompaniment of handbell touches of all descriptions. Having sampled the cakes, for which the town is famous, they were joined by Messrs. J. Cotterell, F. Salmons, J. Ambler and G. Naylor (Halifax), and P. J. Johnson (Leeds), who, despite a state of famine and drought after leaving Sheffield, had to continue the journey without pause to Gloucester, where the party were met by the genial Mr. John Austin, and Messrs. J. Gillot and E. Davis, and conducted to the Bristol Hotel, where Host Freeman soon made them feel at home, and provided a bountiful repast. The next order was a visit to St. Michael's Church, where the party were joined by Messrs. A. and F. Morgan, of Newport, Mon. After mastering the 85 feet draught of rope, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Treble ten were rung on the beautiful peal of ten, the tone and "go" being all that could be desired.

Next morning the party were rudely awakened at 4.30 by a youthful enthusiast with a handbell selection of Bob Major. Ringing took place at St. Michael's and St. Mary-le-Crypt, where the handy ring of eight in excellent order called forth the ringers' approbation. Dinner being over, a journey by brake through magnificent scenery, brought the visitors to the famous tower and bells of Painswick. Here they were met by Mr. W. Hale, and the grand peal were soon set going to Treble twelve, Treble ten, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, and Treble Bob Major. The beautiful churchyard with its hundred yew trees, presented a sight that will not easily be forgotten by the travellers, while the tone and "go" of the magnificent peal of twelve bells will remain a lasting and pleasant memory of a happy outing.

Gloucester Cathedral was explored on Monday morning, and as no ringing was to be had, owing to repairs to the tower being in progress, the visitors journeyed by train to Lydney, and, while some enthusiastic members attempted a peal of Treble Bob at that church, others, under the guidance of friend Austin, journeyed to Berkeley. Here is to be seen one of the rare examples of the campanile, built entirely away from the church, but, to the ringers' regret, they found yet another claim to distinction attached to the tower, for the tenor was found to be almost unringable; so after some short touches of Triples, the bells were lowered and left. On once more reaching Lydney they were met by the Sandhurst men, who were holding their annual excursion, and after an evening's social intercourse and enjoyment, arrived back in Gloucester tired, but happy.

Tuesday morning found the party en route for Cheltenham, where, after a brief survey, they went forward to Leicester. Here they found the bells of St. Mark's Church at their disposal, and were joined in a touch by the Rev. A. A. D. Mackenzie. After a brief view of the Central Council, the party began to depart to their various destinations. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the respective vicars and wardens of the various churches for the courtesy extended to them, and to their Gloucester friends, especially to Mr. John Austin, who spared no pains or time in order to make the outing a success, and to whom they feel deeply indebted for his kindness and consideration.—P.J.J.

NOTICES.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A special meeting will be held at Tipton on Saturday, June 17th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5, with an address by the Vicar. Unveiling of peal tablet at 5.30. Tea in schools at 6.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stretford on Saturday next, June 17th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.—W. H. Shuker, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Harrow Weald on Saturday, June 24th, by kind permission of the Vicar. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea can be obtained close to the church. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Shipley on the 24th inst. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at the Sun Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday next, June 17th, 1911. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, June 24th, 1911, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe. Tower open from 3.30 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Rochester District, Frindsbury, Rochester.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and eight bell contest will be held at Low Moor on Saturday, July 8th, 1911. Draw for order of ringing at 2.30 p.m.; tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by July 3rd.—George Naylor, 7, Bramley Lane, Lightcliffe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, June 24th, at 6 o'clock. Business meeting at 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-dale on Saturday next, June 17th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at High Wycombe on Wednesday, July 12th. Special service in the Parish Church at 11.30. Preacher, the Ven. E. D. Shaw (Archdeacon of Bucks). Business meeting in the Guildhall at 12.20. Dinner in a marquee at the Swan Hotel 1.30. Dinner tickets at 2s. each will be forwarded to those members only who send the money with the order to me on or before Wednesday, July 5th. One shilling will be refunded to each member present at the dinner, but members failing to send for their tickets must pay 2s. at the door, and have no refund.—Albert E. Reeves, Festival Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. F. Wilford, honorary secretary of the Central Northants Association, has removed to 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.—Mr. W. Hart, secretary of St. Peter's Society, Brighton, has removed to 13, Albion Hill, Brighton.

THE LONG HANBBELL PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me to congratulate the band that rang the record handbell peal on their very fine performance. Our 11,200 had stood for so many years that I began to wonder if ever it would be beaten in my time, but now it is done, and by a band that was pretty much of the same ages that we were. I hope they will go on and give us more fine performances.—Yours truly,

J. A. TROLLOPE.

THE PREVIOUS RECORD.

The performance of 13,440 on handbells at Pudsey recorded last week makes it interesting to recall, at the present moment, the previous record. It was 11,200 Bob Major rung in five hours on April 26th, 1894, by J. A. Trollope (composer) (aged 18), 1-2; G. P. Burton (18½), 3-4; J. E. Burton (17½), 5-6; C. E. Borrett (conductor) (19), 7-8. If the 13,440 had been rung as intended it would have taken exactly six hours, against seven hours seven minutes for this last record. Mr. Trollope and Messrs. Burton started to learn ringing double handed Minor, and could ring 720's long before they could ring the treble in the tower. They rang their first peal on January 19th, 1893—seven 720's Bob Minor, which Mr. Trollope called, in 1 hour 38 minutes, the shortest time that a 5000 has ever been rung in. When Mr. Borrett was added to the band they quickly rang Bob Major, Triples and Royal; Grandsire Triples, Major and Caters and Canterbury Pleasure, and then it was suggested to beat Carter's 10,300 Grandsire Major by ringing 13,440 Bob Major. The band started first on March 15th, 1894, but as it was a cold and draughty day they decided to let the bells run round at the half-way, 6720. When they met again the umpires turned up late, and Mr. Trollope shortened the peal to 11,200 before they started. It was an excellently struck peal, with scarcely a bad blow throughout. Very soon after this they broke up as a handbell band, although only last year, after an interval of about fifteen years, the same company rang a 5056 Bob Major. It is interesting to notice that three out of the four are at present members of the Central Council.

A VISIT TO SCARBOROUGH.

On Whit-Monday the ringers of the Parish Church, Whitby, journeyed to Scarborough for a day's pleasure, their intention being to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples as a first item in the day's programme. This, however, was made impossible by the clapper of the tenor bell smashing the night before, whilst ringing for the evening service was proceeding. Mr. Frank Davison, a member of the local band, and a blacksmith by trade, very kindly repaired and replaced it, making it possible for the visitors to have a ring in the evening, when a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: G. F. Alexander (conductor) 1, Wm. Breckon 2, F. Hodgson 3, H. Ferguson (Scarboro') 4, T. Mottershead (Macclesfield) 5, J. T. Waters 6, W. Harland 7, A. Coates 8.—The sound of the bells soon enticed other ringers visiting the town from Ilkeston, Derbyshire, Hunslett, Leeds, Ilkley, etc., to the tower, with whom several other touches were brought round.—The company wish, through the medium of "The Ringing World," to thank the Vicar of Scarborough for the use of his bells, and the local band for kindly making arrangements, the outing having proved most enjoyable to all.

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CHANGE RINGING IN DEVON.

GUILD SECRETARY LAMENTS LACK OF PROGRESS.

The Devonshire Guild held their annual meeting at Plymouth on Whit-Monday, when about 200 members attended from all parts of the county. Service was held at Charles' Church in the morning, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, president of the Guild, and the Rev. J. P. Baker, Vicar, officiating, the last-named also giving an appropriate address. The Rev. M. Kelly presided at the annual meeting which followed the luncheon at the Balfour Hall, and was supported by the Revs. J. P. Baker, E. G. Cocks and F. Molineux, hon. secretary.

In their report the committee regarded with satisfaction the state of efficiency of the bands in union, and the efforts that were being made in order to advance the objects of the Guild in the diocese and promote change ringing among the bands of ringers who devoted themselves to call or set changes. A very large number of the bands deplored a loss of members by reason of emigration and transfer to situations in towns, but against this loss of membership there had been elected 55 associates and performing members. Two new bands, Stoke Canon and Bampton, had become affiliated to the Guild. Both bands were reported to be making good progress in the art of change ringing. Among the more experienced bands, efforts had been made to acquire a thorough knowledge of the more intricate methods. One peal of Stedman Caters and three peals of Stedman Triples had been scored. The committee offered their congratulations to Mr. E. Marsh and Mr. A. W. Searle on their first peals as conductors of Stedman Caters and Triples respectively.

PEALS OF DOUBLES AND MINOR.

The committee were also glad to observe that increased interest was being shown in Major and Minor methods, and that a more systematic study of the latter had been made, with the result that 5,040 changes of Minor were rung at Holbeton, besides various long lengths by the Plymouth and other bands. They also noted that the performance of 5,040 changes of Grandsire Doubles had been accomplished by two bands, Clyst St. George, and Cockington. These performances, while being recognised as praiseworthy, were not to be placed on the same level as a peal in which the changes were never repeated throughout the whole extent. As regarded performances of Doubles and Minor, the following resolution was passed by the committee:—

> That 5,040 changes of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles be recorded, provided that the 42 six-scores be rung in ten different callings, to be certified by the conductor; and likewise that 720's of Minor, rung in seven different ways, be also recorded; that these records be entered in the peal book at the end of the peals rung in any particular year under the heading of "performances."

A very satisfactory total of peals had been placed on the record of the Guild, and the committee offered their congratulations to those members whose efforts had been attended with success. The following was a summary of the peals: 1 Stedman Caters, 3 Stedman Triples, 4 Grandsire Caters, and 10 Grandsire Triples—18. The committee suggested that arrangements should be made that at least one band of change ringers should participate in the ringing on the occasion of a deanery festival.

HON. SECRETARY NOT SATISFIED.

Rev. F. Molineux, in moving the adoption of the report, remarked it was obvious there must be a distinction between peals of 5,040 changes, which were not repeated, and peals of 5,040 changes, of which some were repeated, and in order to make that distinction, the committee decided that the latter should be recorded as performances, but not reckoned among the peals. As secretary, he regretted that there had not been satisfactory progress in the Guild. Over and over again at the committee meetings the suggestion had been made that the members must be more active in their own neighbourhoods. Except in the Tiverton district, they were not doing all they could to extend the operations of the Guild. In the Tiverton district there was a little group of parishes all belonging to the Guild, but it was not the same in any other part of the diocese. At one of the committee meetings the president suggested that each band should take under its wing some adjoining parish, where they had a peal of bells, and instruct them in change ringing, and get them to join the Guild. During last year they lost three bands, and only gained two. That was not satisfactory. They had only from 30 to 40 bands in the Guild out of 300 peals of bells in the diocese. For the last ten years the number of bands affiliated to the Guild remained almost identically the same. He acknowledged they kept up their high standard of ringing. Eighteen peals were no mean performance. But what they wanted was to see the Guild extend throughout the whole of the county. They had taken one step forward during the past year in arranging for a series of archidiaconal meetings. One very successful archidiaconal meeting was held at Cornwood, but the meeting at Dawlish was miserably attended.

Rev. E. S. Powell complained that although the question of the Grandsire Doubles was raised on the initiative of the Holbeton band, no notice of the committee meeting at which it was discussed was received by the Holbeton representatives. He moved, as an amend-

ment to the report, that the resolution passed by the committee in reference to the Grandsire and Stedman Doubles be referred back for further consideration, with the request that they would study the rules and decisions of the Central Council. The Central Council had formulated a most elaborate schedule of six bell peals, and in loyalty to the Central Council they were bound to accept their decision. It was not for the Devon Guild to decide what was a peal.

Mr. Marsh seconded the amendment, which, after a somewhat animated discussion, was carried by a large majority.—Subject to the amendment, the report was adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Maitland Kelly was unanimously re-elected president, and the vice-presidents were re-appointed. Rev. F. Molineux (Colyton) was re-elected hon. secretary, and Rev. H. L. Pigot (Ilfracombe), Mr. E. Shepherd (Exeter), and Mr. W. H. Marsh (Plymouth) were again elected assistant hon. secretaries. Revs. Preb. Bird, E. C. Powell, C. E. Burkitt, C. J. V. French, and T. B. Panther were elected members of the committee, and the instructors were re-appointed.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Holsworthy.

Both before and after the meeting bands of ringers visited the belfries of several of the principal churches in the Three Towns, and rang touches in various methods.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT ARKLOW.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Irish Association was held on Whitsun Monday in the Marlborough Hall, Arklow. There were 60 members present, amongst whom were: The Right Hon. Lord Justice Cherry, Rev. Canon Hallowes, Arklow; Rev. Canon Adderley, Limerick; Rev. Canon D. Scott, Bray; while the following centres of ringing were also represented:—Arklow, Bray, Dublin, Kilkenny, Limerick and Waterford.

After luncheon, to which the Association was kindly entertained by the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Hallowes, the business meeting was held, the chair being taken by Mr. R. T. F. Greene, president. The Hon. Secretary read the report of the committee for the year 1910, in which mention was made of the efforts being put forth by a number of the Irish companies to organise change ringing bands, and to recoup the severe losses some of them had sustained through the departure of their members from Ireland.

Lord Justice Cherry moved the adoption of the report, and stated that he considered it a favourable one, in view of the difficulties encountered in promoting scientific ringing in Ireland. He expressed his pleasure at seeing so many towers represented there that day, and especially that of his native city of Waterford. They were all pleased to come back to Arklow again, where they had always been received with a generous hospitality, unsurpassed in any of the ringing centres. He said that they met that day under the shadow of a great loss, as they were reminded on all sides of their kind and staunch friend, the late Earl of Carysfort, who had been their host on the two former occasions upon which they had met in Arklow. While they deeply regretted the loss they had sustained, they appreciated the untiring efforts and the kindly spirit in which Mr. and Mrs. Hallowes had striven so successfully to take his place as their host and hostess.

The adoption of the report was seconded by Mr. G. A. Ruth, Dublin, and carried unanimously.

The following officers were elected for 1911: President, Mr. W. J. England, Kilkenny; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Lindoff, S. Patrick's, Dublin; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. J. Corrigan, S. George's, Dublin.

An invitation from the Very Rev. the Dean of Ossory, to the Association to hold the annual meeting, 1912, in Kilkenny was read, and it was decided unanimously to accept his invitation.

Mr. J. W. Washbrook proposed that Lady Carysfort and Colonel Proby be elected hon. members, and this was carried unanimously.

A number of members having been elected, and other matters disposed of, the Rev. Canon Scott (Bray) proposed that the hearty thanks of the Association be accorded to the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Hallowes, and to all their helpers, for their kind reception of the members that day.—The Rev. Canon Adderley seconded, and the resolution was carried with acclamation.—The Rev. Canon Hallowes having replied, the proceedings terminated.

After the meeting the members adjourned to the tower, where ringing was in progress during the evening, and they were entertained to tea at 5 p.m., through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Hallowes.

AN OUTING IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The Mildenhall ringers had their annual outing on Whit-Monday, and visited several towers in Cambridgeshire. At St. George's Church, Littleport, 1440 Bob Minor with 6—8 covering, was rung in 1 hour, by F. Rivett 1, H. Turner 2, Henry Turner 3, A. Turner 4, P. Fordham 5, A. Ashman 6, W. Stannard 7, A. King 8.—At St. Mary's, Ely, 720 Bob Minor, in which W. Horstead took part, and 360 with A. H. Pilgrim (Ely).—At St. Peter's, Fordham, 360 Grandsire Doubles, in which C. H. Fordham took part, and 360 Bob Minor, G. Lock standing in.

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At St. Michael's Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne,

The Record Long Peal of Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 Changes) was rung on Easter Monday, 1911, by the Ashton-under-Lyne Society in 8 HOURS and 39 MINUTES.

In November, 1910, all the 12 bells were repaired and the Tenor (27 cwt.) completely rehung by:—

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The Ringer of the Tenor in the Record Peal wrote:—

"Your work to this Bell is a SPLENDID CREDIT to you."

James George,
April 18th, 1911.

THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION.

A great many expressions of surprise and indignation have reached us this week from ringers all over the country at the attitude which a small minority of representatives succeeded in making the Central Council take towards "The Ringing World." In the article on this page in the last issue we put just plainly before our readers the results of the decision of the Council, and we make no apology for returning to the subject again, and, in doing so, replying to some of the statements contained in the letter on another page from the Rev. H. Law James, who contends that no injustice has been done to ringers. In traversing his statements, let us say at once that we have ample evidence that Mr. James is friendly disposed towards "The Ringing World," and that we, in our turn, have the greatest admiration for Mr. James, but just as he feels compelled to criticise our article, so we are constrained to reply to it in the frankest terms. He says we do not quite understand the real position of affairs; but surely there is no misunderstanding such statements as those made by the President when he said, "The fact of the matter is I wish the paper had never been started," and, after an amendment to send official reports and communications to both the ringing papers had been carried, "I tell you frankly if you wish to carry it out I refuse to do it." The mere fact that some few of the members, among them Mr. James, thought the motion for recognition premature does not account for such expressions as the above, and the feeling which animated them would not be likely to disappear with the continued success of the paper which the President wished "had never been started." Delay, therefore, would hardly have got over the difficulty contained in these sentiments. Besides, there was no suggestion at the Council meeting that the motion was premature. To emphasise his point Mr. James adds that the Central Council never took official notice of either of the previous publications which came to life and died out. With regard to one, at any rate, there was a very good reason—"Campanology" was never in existence at a time when the Council met.

Then Mr. James excuses the Council by saying that it is only awaiting results, and is not prepared to commit itself to supporting a new paper, until it knows if the new paper is going to justify its existence or not. We leave it to our readers to say whether we have or have not justified our existence, and come to the point as to the injustice to ringers of which we spoke last week, and to which suggestion Mr. James takes exception. He says

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John O. Sager, Solicitor, Todmorden, December 10, 1910.
Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., Bell and Brassfounders, Smethwick.

Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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"the honorary secretary has sent us all the notices, our representative was present to report the meeting, and that the Peals Analysis Committee have tabulated all peals published in both papers so far and will, for the sake of their own work, undoubtedly continue to do so for the present." This last assertion is news to us, as it will be to all who have read what transpired at the Council meeting, but if all this is being done what earthly reason was there for the Council to refuse the recognition which they were asked to give to the paper? If Mr. James speaks with authority as to the analysis—and we cannot doubt that he does—we can only say that the opposition which came from the Analysis Committee was extremely hollow. If, however, the committee are acting in accordance with the attitude they adopted, then, we repeat, a certain number of ringers will suffer an injustice and the analysis will be worthless.

We stated last week that it was only by the courtesy of the honorary secretary that we were enabled to publish the Council notices and the reports of the committees, and doubtless the Rev. C. D. P. Davies will continue to extend similar kindness to us in the future. But ringers who are readers of "The Ringing World" and of no other ringing journal, ought not to be dependent for the official communications of the central authority merely upon the indulgence of an individual. There is such a possibility as a change in secretaryship, and a new occupant of the office might take a very different attitude to that of Mr. Davies. Then, as to the report of the Council's proceedings. It was this, we believe, to which the President referred when he declined to have anything to do with carrying out the amendment which the Council agreed to. As we pointed out last week, we sent our own representative to report the meeting—we wanted it before it became history—and we should not have imposed upon the President or honorary secretary, who admittedly go to some considerable personal trouble in this matter, to copy out or revise the report made at the Council's own expense for another journal.

After all, the whole thing comes back to this, ringers have a right to know the decisions of proceedings of their own central body, which they elect and which they support financially, and it is to the Council's interests to give as wide a publicity as possible to their doings; but how can it be said that they are giving equal treatment to all ringers, when, officially, they deny a large section the opportunity of perusing the official communications, and of having their peals enumerated in the analysis. These are the plain facts; what we are able to put before our readers by the individual kindness of an honorary official has nothing to do with the case. "Next year the difficulty, created by the appearance of a second paper, will have been thoroughly considered, and the Council will be able to come to a decision which will give satisfaction to everyone," says Mr. James. We say there have been no difficulties except those purposely put in the way by certain individuals. No preferential treatment has ever been asked on our behalf, and all we desire is a fair field and no favour. We are content to stand upon our merits, but for our readers we do claim that the Council should officially give them equal facilities for receiving the Council's communications. There is only one other point in Mr. James' letter to which we would refer, and that is the suggestion that "if the two papers try to form two parties in the Exercise it will do infinite harm." With this we agree absolutely, but we venture to think that the Central Council's action will do more to form two parties than ever our attitude can be accused of doing. We have aimed at unity and concord, and it was for that reason that equal treatment for this journal was sought. Had the Central Council accepted that fair and reasonable proposal there would have been no need for the insinuation of a divided camp. Our contention is that every ringer should be allowed to choose for himself—we have no fear of the result—and that no official minority should penalise him because he prefers one paper to another.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HENLEY.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, June 10, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3lb., in A flat.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ..	5
REV. WM. C. PEARSON ...	2	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE...	6
WILLIAM MOTTS	3	EDWARD EVANS...	7
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ...	4	JAMES MOTTS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

First peal in the method by all and by the above Association, also first but one rung in the Eastern Counties.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor, 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT	...*Treble*	FREDERICK BURROWS ...	5
FREDERICK MANSER... ...	2	EDWIN WHITING	6
ALFRED NEWSON	3	JOHN SNELLING...	7
JONATHAN CUNNINGHAM ...	4	GEORGE SNELLING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and
Conducted by FREDERICK BORRETT.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, June 13, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JAMES H. ALDELTON	...*Treble*	GEORGE THOMPSON	5
FRED A. HOLDEN	2	CHARLES P. RAMPLIN ...	6
CHARLES J. ELLIS	3	*FREDERICK CHAPLIN ...	7
*GEORGE TAYLOR	4	*BENJAMIN ELMER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by F. A. HOLDEN.

* First peal. This peal was arranged and rung as a farewell to Mr. S. Taylor, R.N., who left the day previous for Chatham.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, June 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PRITCHARD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 22 cwt.

*ARTHUR J. MARKS... ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK J. COPE ...	5
*ALFRED CHAPLIN	2	†WILLIAM D. JAMES ...	6
JOSEPH W. TIMMS	3	JAMES PRATT...	7
THOMAS BLOORE	4	JAMES H. GALLIMORE...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal as conductor.

HURST, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lbs.

JAMES NORTH	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. PAICE	5
FRANK LUSH	2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN	6
JOHN H. WHITE	3	JOSEPH WHITE	7
SAMUEL PAICE	4	*JOHN PRINCE	*Tenor*

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES, and Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells since their augmentation from six to eight, the peal being rung after the dedication service. The ringer of the third was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting.

NORTH-STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, June 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs., in G sharp.

GEORGE E. CHAPPELL	*Treble*	CHARLES J. FRAY	5
LIONEL H. PAGE	2	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	6
HENRY W. WILKES	3	EDWIN J. HARDING	7
GEORGE WILLIAMS	4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung to commemorate the opening and consecration of the new portion of St. Michael's Church, Bassett Avenue, Chapel-of-Ease to St. Nicholas, by the Bishop of Winchester (The Right Rev. E. S. Talbot, D.D.); also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. and Miss Chappell, wife and daughter of the ringer of the treble.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. HOLLIS' IRREGULAR FIVE-PART.

JOSEPH A. COOKE	*Treble*	JAMES HY. RIDING	5
RICHARD T. HOLDING, Junr.	2	WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT	6
HARRY F. HOLDING	3	RICHARD T. HOLDING, Senr.	7
ARTHUR ALLMAN	4	*JOHN RIGBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD THOS. HOLDING, Senr.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of one of the choristers of the above church, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. T. Holding, junr., the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*GEORGE POVEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM HEWETT	5
*WILLIAM FLETCHER	2	GEORGE H. DAYNES	6
*REGINALD BROUGH	3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	7
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr.	4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal in the method.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BULWER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED H. MARTIN	*Treble*	ANDERSON Y. TYLER	5
FRED WILFORD	2	ALBERT V. INNS	6
ROBERT F. TURNER	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE	7
DAVID L. NICHOLS	4	CHARLES W. BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Arthur E. Payne (one of the local ringers) and Miss Mildred May Bradshaw.

BOLSOVER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 17, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*ALBERT V. MOORE	*Treble*	THOMAS BETTISON	5
WILLIAM LAMBERT	2	GEORGE W. MOSS	6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	3	GEORGE W. BEMROSE	7
*WALTER ROBINSON	4	JOHN FLINT	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS-STONES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VICKERS' SIX-PART.

JAMES TAYLOR	*Treble*	ORMEROD EASTWOOD	5
LAURENCE TAYLOR	2	WALTER TAYLOR	6
SAMUEL LORD	3	JOHN T. WRIGHT	7
J. B. TAYLOR	4	JOHN WM. ORMEROD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

SAXLINGHAM, NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor, 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

WILLIAM ALDIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. MAYERS	5
FREDERICK WHITHAM	2	GEORGE MAYERS	6
RICHARD BALDRY	3	WILLIAM STEELE	7
ERNEST LINCOLN	4	GEORGE POYNTZ	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

The ringer of the fourth hails from Earsham, and of the fifth and sixth from Norwich.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1911, in Four Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 8000 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

EDWARD E. FOREMAN	*Treble*	CHARLES W. PLAYER	5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE	2	WILLIAM SPICE	6
EDWIN G. BUESDEN	3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	7
FREDERICK G. BRETT	4	WILLIAM J. WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th, the band wishing him many happy returns.

WOOLWICH.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDELENE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES	*Treble*	ISAAC G. SHADE	5
CHARLES T. COLES	2	GEORGE R. PYE	6
JOHN J. LAMB	3	ERNEST PYE	7
GEORGE H. JAYE	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This composition, in 13 courses, has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6th's, without the 2nd or 3rd, and with all the 8—4's, 8—5's and 8—6's.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Kent, Duke of York and Oxford.

WILLIAM KING	*Treble*	GEORGE ABLETT	4
DAVID LEGGETT	2	CHARLES E. FISHER	5
HENRY PUTTOCK	3	WILLIAM SAWYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

First peal of Treble Bob in seven different methods on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, June 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*F. DEWELL	1—2	*F. LEVITT	5—6
*J. LEVITT	3—4	A. E. MOORE	7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

* First peal.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HUBERT EDEN	1—2	*GEORGE E. HOWCHIN	5—6
GEORGE N. PRICE	3—4	FREDERICK WHITE	7—8

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.
Umpire, FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.

* First peal on handbells.

WIMBORNE MINSTER BELLS.

An Historic Tenor Recast.

PEAL OF TEN DEDICATED.

For the first time the diocese of Salisbury possesses a peal of ten bells, and it is felt to be peculiarly appropriate that the historic Minster of Wimborne should win this distinction. The old eight have been recast, and two trebles added, and the bells were dedicated on Wednesday afternoon last week by the Bishop of Columbia. Until 1686 there were only five bells in the Minster, but in that year a sixth was added, and 170 years later, in 1856, the peal was increased to eight. In June of last year, Mr. Henry Oakley Chislett (chairman of the Church Governors) by reason of the "great love and veneration" he has ever felt for, and his almost life-long association with, the Minster, offered to defray the cost of the two additional bells and fittings, at an outlay of £127, on condition that sufficient money was forthcoming to thoroughly overhaul and rehang the old peal, and there was such a cordial response to the appeal for funds—parishioners and friends interested readily contributing sums, large and small—that the work was at once taken in hand, under the direction of an Advisory Committee, consisting of the Vicar (the Rev. J. M. J. Fletcher), the churchwardens (Messrs. F. Blount and Tom Gomer), the architect (Mr. W. J. Fletcher), and Mr. E. J. Brett, who had the advantage of the advice of such expert campanologists as Mr. W. W. Gifford (of Salisbury), Mr. Martin Stewart (of Ferndown), and the Rev. F. L. Edwards (of Kington Magna). No less a sum than £586 had been subscribed prior to Wednesday, which left but a small amount to be raised. This total included Mr. Chislett's gift, and also £60 contributed by General Sir John Fryer, K.C.B. (an old Wimburnian), who (through Mr. Chislett) has defrayed the cost of re-casting the tenor, commonly called St. Cuthberga's bell, in memory of his father and mother. The two small bells (in addition to the peal) in one of the windows of the north wall of the western tower, upon which the military figure or "jack" strikes the quarter-hours in connection with the clock, having found to be cracked, have also been re-cast, in correct musical harmony with the peal, at the expense of the churchwardens. The figure itself, which apparently was made in 1613—an entry in the church accounts for that year reading "Item to one of Blandford for carving the Jacke, 10s."—has also been re-painted, in the uniform of a Grenadier Guard of a century ago. It is said that about thirty years since, when it was last painted, the jack was re-placed in the tower as a verger wearing a verger's gown, but feeling in the town ran so high, and it was considered to be an insult to the governers' verger (Mr. Davidge), or rather to the governors themselves, that the churchwardens were compelled to make an alteration at once, and to give the jack back his former military appearance.

THE TENOR.

The work was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who themselves re-cast the four lighter bells, the whole peal being tuned according to Canon Simpson's principle. The bells have been re-hung in a new steel and iron frame, and the louvres bricked half-way up to prevent the sound beating down on the houses in the immediate neighbourhood. In re-casting the famous tenor, the old metal was kept distinct, while the original inscription (a cast of which was taken) re-appears on the bell in its exact form, as follows: "Mr. Wilhelmus Loringe ma primo fecit in honorem Stæ Cutbergæ Renovabar sumptu parochiali per A.B. Anno Domini 1629" (Mr. William Loringe first made me in honour of St. Cuthberga; I was re-cast at the cost of the parish by Anthony Bond in the year 1629), H.B.R.L., C.W., C.P.S.W.R., W.B. The following has been added in addition: "This Bell was re-cast A.D. 1911 by General Sir John Fryer, K.C.B., in memory of his father and mother. John Fryer, Esquire, born at Wimborne Minster 1797, died 1854. Mary R. Fryer, 1808—1886." The original date of this bell is not known, although it is surmised it was first cast about 1385, as Mr. William Loringe was (according to Hutchins) one of the canons of the Minster in the eighth year of the reign of Richard II., which was eighty years before the western (or bell) tower was built, and in

all likelihood this was first hung in the lantern (or central) tower. It was re-cast in 1530, and re-consecrated with great solemnity by a Suffragan Bishop on its return from Salisbury. It was again re-cast in 1629, in the garden of Henry Allen, near the churchyard, where a pit was dug and a furnace constructed, the bell being re-cast on the spot by Anthony Bond. Hutchins gives the bell's weight as 36 cwt., but on its removal it was found to be 28½ cwt. only.

OTHER INSCRIPTIONS.

The inscriptions on the other bells have also been retained as far as possible.

7th.—"George Oakley and Samuel Bartlett, Churchwardens, Robert and James Wells, Aldbourn fecit 1798."

6th. — "Sounde out the Belles. In God rejoyce. I.W., 1600." ("I.W." is the name of the Founder, John Wallis, of Salisbury).

5th.—"Thou the Lord glad, 1598 I.W." (Probably "Praise thou the Lord with gladness, but the other letters would be rubbed off from the mould in casting).

4th.—"Sum pulsata Rosamundi Maria vocata. Samuel Knight Fee Set (i.e. Fecit) 1686. Matthew Raindle, Thomas Pottle Churchwardens, T. B. (i.e. Sir Thomas Bankes). "I am struck (i.e. rung) the rose of the world, called Mary. Samuel Knight made me 1686, etc.

3rd.—"Sum minima hic campana At inest sua gratia parvis. S.K. 1686. M.R., T.P., C.W., T.B. This bell was added to ye five in 1686." "I am the least bell here but to each little one is its own charm." (The initials are those of the same churchwardens, etc., as on the fourth bell).

2nd and Treble.—These were added by subscription at the great restoration of the Church in 1856, when Henry Frampton and William Holland were churchwardens. They were cast by Messrs. C. and G. Mears, of London.

The inscriptions on the two new bells are:—"Per multos annos resonet campana Liobae" (May Lioba's bell sound forth for many years), and "Gratias agimus Deo pro Domina Margareta Scholae fundatrice et hujus Ecclesiae benefactrice" (We render thanks to God for the Lady Margaret, foundress of the school and benefactress of this church). St. Lioba, it may be explained, was the eminent Saxon saint who was educated here, and who rendered such material service to St. Boniface in the eighth century in the evangelisation of Germany. Lady Margaret, Countess of Richmond, and mother of Henry VII., originally founded the Grammar School. Her parents' tomb is of marble, situate on the south side of the chancel, and bearing the effigies of John de Beaufort, Duke of Somerset, grandson of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, and his Duchess, Margaret, daughter of Sir John Beauchamp. To the presence of this tomb, it is said, Wimborne was no doubt indebted for much of its old endowment.

The weights, notes and diameters of the bells are as under:—

	Note.	Diameter Inches.	Weight cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble.	F sharp.	26 7-16ths	4	3	1
2nd	E	27½	4	3	8
3rd	D	29	4	3	12
4th	C	29½	5	0	6
5th	B	33	7	0	2
6th	A	35 15-16ths	8	13	9
7th	G	40 1-8th	11	2	16
8th	F sharp	43½	15	0	11
9th	E	48 1-8th	20	0	15
Tenor	D	54	29	2	20
		Total Weight	115	1	2

THE DEDICATION.

A large congregation assembled for the dedication service, which was of quite an impressive nature. The clergy who robed were: The Vicar (the Rev. J. M. J. Fletcher), the Rev. T. J. C. Parry Evans (Kingston Lacy), J. Lynes, and the Rev. N. Balfour, of the Minster staff; the Revs. Canon E. R. Bernard, T. G. B. Price (St. John's), A. D. H. Allan (headmaster of the Grammar School), C. E. Kindersley (Colehill), W. H. Stent (Broodstone), J. Cross (Sturminster Marshall), T. Cooper (Portland), F. L. Edwards (Kingston Magna) and C. A. Phillips (Bournemouth), Branch Secretary of the Diocesan Guild. The special form of service opened with the hymn, "We love the place, O God," and following the prayers and special psalms, Canon Bernard read the lesson (Numbers xi., II.), and the choir gave a beautiful rendering of Stainer's anthem, "O clap your hands, all ye people." The Bishop of Columbia, who was acting for the Bishop of Salisbury, whose illness prevented him attending, then proceeded to the baptistry in the West tower, accompanied by the clergy and churchwardens. Here the churchwardens handed the Bishop a rope connecting with the bells, and requested him to dedicate "to the glory of God and for the use of this church, this peal of bells." Holding the rope, his Lordship led the congregation in prayer for the undertaking, and then dedicated the bells, offering petitions for those whom the bells summoned to worship, for the newly-married, for the sick, for those who absent themselves from the House of Prayer, for the departed, and for the ringers. The bells were then rung by the Minster company, under the conductorship of Mr. Edmund Tubbs. The Bishop and clergy meanwhile returned to their places, and then was sung the hymn:—

Lifted safe within the steeple,
Now our bells are set on high,
To begin their holy mission
Midway 'twixt the earth and sky.

"Things new and old" (Matthew xiii., 52) were the words upon which the Bishop based his address. No sermon, he remarked, could set forth more plainly and more clearly what the objects of the bells were than the service in which they had joined. In the prayers and in the hymn they had just sung all was clearly set before them as to what was the ideal of a peal of bells. He added nothing to it beyond emphasising the fact of the need that there was constantly for the congregation, who were helped by the ringing of the bells to remember the ringers in their prayers. What did the re-casting of those bells and the addition to their number teach them? Surely that their lives, whatever they might be, needed constant re-casting in order to be kept in tune. They knew so well all that marred the true harmony of life. Their bad tempers, their evil passions, their slanderous, unkind, uncharitable thoughts, their lack of true humility. And he trusted that that most beautiful church, with all its past history, with that perfect and complete peal of pells, might lead them on to strive after that which was higher and better. Was there not room for them all to do something as it were to complete the octave of their life—not to be content with that to which they had attained.

The service concluded with the hymn, "Now thank we all our God," during which a collection was taken on behalf of the bell fund, and it amounted to £13 11s. 5d.

After the ceremony, courses of Grandsire Triples, and Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung, the following taking part: The Revs. C. A. Phillips and F. Ll. Edwards, Messrs. L. Taylor, Alan Macdonald, F. W. Townsend, Cyril Johnston, R. Pickering, Martin Stewart, H. Knight, W. Ingham, A. J. Osman and F. Case. Subsequently the subscribers to the bell fund were entertained to tea by the Rev. J. M. and Mrs. Fletcher, in the Vicarage grounds, whilst the ringers partook of meat tea, by invitation of the churchwardens, at the Church House.

The first peal was to be attempted on the bells on Coronation Day.

Next week we shall publish a photo of Wimborne Minster and the tenor bell.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS.

The 13th annual meeting was held at Thirsk on Whit-Monday, members attending from Darlington, Hemingbrough, Maske, Middleham, Ormesby, Pateley Bridge, Ripon, Stockton-on-Tees, Sharow, Shildon, Skelton Solby, West Tanfield, Thirsk, Wath, etc. An excellent dinner was provided at the Golden Lion Hotel, Thirsk, to which about 30 sat down. The President (the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Hemingbrough) presided, supported by the Rev. W. R. Hannam (Vicar of Felixkirk), the Rev. C. E. Howlett (Curate of Thrisk), Dr. H. C. Pauli (Vice-President), and Mr. T. Metcalfe (hon. secretary).—The President proposed the loyal toast, which was duly honoured.

The Secretary read the annual report, which showed satisfactory progress, and alluded to the Coronation as the most noteworthy event of the year. He appealed to tower secretaries to send in their reports of the year's working. The peals rung during the year were rather less in number than in the previous twelve months, but the standard of ringing was much better. The peals had been rung in ten towers, and 64 members took part. Nine members took part in the conducting, two of them conducting their first peal in the Association. Reference was made to the new peal of bells that were to be dedicated on the 15th June, and also two new trebles added to the present peal of eight at Whitby, as a Coronation memorial. The membership of the Association is on the increase, several new members having joined during the year, while the financial statement showed a good balance on the year's working.

The President read an invitation from the Rector of Middleham, inviting the Association to the re-opening of the bells on June 15th, and this was unanimously accepted.

All the officers were re-elected, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicars and churchwardens for the use of their bells for the day.—The Vicar of Felixkirk and the Curate of Thrisk replied.—Several performing and honorary members were elected, and Mr. W. H. Porter proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers for their valuable work on behalf of the Association during the year.

AN HISTORIC CHURCH.

The pleasure and interest of the visit to Thirsk was enhanced by an explanation by the Vicar of the chief points of interest in the beautiful church. The present building dates back to 1430, and possesses a fine nave, timber roof and south door, and chapel screen of the same date. There are traces here and there at the west end of an early Norman church. There is a parvis over the south porch. The registers date back to 1556, and are at present being copied by the Yorkshire Register Society. The tenor bell (21 cwt.) dates back to 1410. The Holy table is a fine piece of Dutch carving, unfortunately quite hidden by the modern frontal. The nave walls contain traces of old frescoes of the twelve Apostles. There is a crypt, which in 1812 was used as the town school. The cottages at the west end of the church were formerly the residence of the Chantry priest, and after the Reformation they were turned into the gaol for the North Riding. More accommodation is required nowadays for the number of prisoners sentenced to "do time." In 1740 no bull was allowed to be sold unless it had first been baited in the Market Place, and the ring used upon such occasions is still to be seen in its original place.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AND "THE RINGING WORLD."

"UNFAIR TREATMENT."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As I gave notice of the motion for equal recognition for your paper and "Bell News," which was proposed by Mr. Trollope at the Central Council meeting, I feel that I can hardly refrain from a few remarks concerning the unfair treatment meted out to it by the President and some members of the Council. Their action reveals a tendency which cannot be for the good of change ringing, and is certainly opposed to its advancement. They have decided that only peals which appear in "Bell News" shall be included in the analysis, and, by so doing, they are detracting from the correctness of the analysis, and making it, not a record of peals rung, but of peals published in one paper.

I would appeal to all unprejudiced and fair minded ringers to read carefully the arguments brought forward by those who opposed this motion, and then, I am sure, they will not allow such a state of affairs to last long.—Yours faithfully,

J. PARKER.

THE REV. H. L. JAMES DEFENDS THE COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have taken in "The Ringing World" ever since its first publication, and so far I have been very well pleased with it, but I do not like the tone of this week's article headed "An Injustice of Ringers," and I do not think that you quite understand the real position of affairs.

When I saw the notice of the motion to give "The Ringing World" the same recognition as the "Bell News," I immediately felt that it was premature. We have seen "Campanology" and "The Bell Ringer" come to life and die out within twelve months, and this week's "Ringing World" is only No. 13. As the Council never took official notice of either of those publications I do not see how it could fairly take official notice of "The Ringing World" until it has at least lived as long, or longer, than they did, and the fact that the previous question was moved and carried only shows that the Council is only awaiting results, and is not prepared to commit itself to supporting a new paper until it knows if the new paper is going to justify its existence or not.

The publication of "The Ringing World" gives us two ringing papers, and if the Exercise can support them both the competition between them will be a distinct advantage, as it will keep them both up to a high level, but if the two papers try to form two parties in the Exercise it will do infinite harm and go against the promotion of good ringing, which I am sure we none of us wish.

Now, where is the injustice? The honorary secretary sent you all the notices of the Council's meeting. Your representative was present at the meeting, and is able to give a full report of what took place. The Peals Analysis Committee have tabulated all peals published in both papers so far, and will, for the sake of their own work, undoubtedly continue to do so for the present. Therefore, I cannot see where the injustice is. Next year, if both papers are alive and well, which I sincerely hope they will be, the question will be ripe for settlement, the difficulties, which the appearance of a second paper have undoubtedly caused, will have been thoroughly considered, and the Council will be able to come to a decision which will give satisfaction to every one.

Now, let me say a word to the Exercise at large. Many ringers cannot afford to take both papers, then take which ever you prefer, but endeavour to get both papers into every belfry each week; others can afford to take both, then do so; but if you cannot take both send your peals and anything of real interest to both, so that the news may be the common property of all ringers which ever paper they take in.

Finally, let me ask the ringers to support their publications better than they do. The publication of a paper exclusively devoted to ringing is a great privilege, and we ought to respond to that privilege by taking the paper, but one paper per tower is not fair to the paper, and yet I am afraid that this is very common, similarly one copy of some publication of the Central Council per tower does not fairly support the Council in its work, and many of its publications are very useful and deserve all the support the Exercise can give them.

H. LAW JAMES.

The large number of letters which we have received upon this subject makes it impossible to publish them all —at any rate this week. From all parts of the country have come communications taking exception to the attitude of the Central Council.

LANCASHIRE VIEWS ON CORONATION PEALS.

Stretford, a suburb of Manchester, a nice ride on the Chester road by car, was the meeting place for the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association on Saturday, when visitors from many towers came to try their skill on the six bells of the Parish Church, which were set going to Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Stedman Doubles. Mr. W. J. Moss, the local conductor, presided at the meeting, over about 20 members and friends from Manchester Town Hall, Pendleton, Prestwich, Rusholme, Gorton, Stretford, Stockport, and Worsley. Worsley was chosen for the next meeting, and one new member was elected.—A discussion on the publication of Coronation performances resulted in the hope being expressed that "The Ringing World" would issue a double number for the Coronation peals, touches, etc., so that they might be published before they got too far into history.—Votes of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, to the ringers for having arranged for the comfort of the visitors, and the authorities for the use of the bells, brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, Mr. S. Stott, of Oldham, presiding. Ringers were present from Heywood, Middleton, Oldham, Rochdale, Todmorden, Walsden, and the local band. The business over, the bells were kept going in Grandsire Triples, Plain and Kent Treble Bob Major till 9.40 p.m.

A fairly well attended meeting of the Preston branch was held at Walton-le-Dale on Saturday last. Ringing commenced at four o'clock with Grandsire Doubles, followed by a 720 each of Oxford and Kent. Then followed the business meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. R. Taylor. Leyland Parish Church was selected as the next meeting place, on July 22nd, and as this will be the annual meeting of the branch, a good muster is expected. Afterwards the bells were kept going to Stedman Doubles and various minor methods.

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OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

THE MASTER OF THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

Although from a peal ringing point of view the Sussex County Association is not now doing so much as at one period of its history, it is among the leading organisations of the country and claims a larger membership than most. In its 26 years' history there have been only two Masters, and both were concerned with the formation of the association in 1885. The present occupant of the office is Mr. F. Blagden Tompkins, of Chichester, who, despite the fact that he has very little opportunity for ringing, maintains a keen interest, and takes an active part in the management of the association.

Born 50 years ago, Mr. Tompkins learnt his ringing at Arundel, and when later he resided in London he rang at St. Margaret's, Westminster, but there was little or no regular change ringing there in those days. Afterwards

Mr. F. Blagden Tompkins.

Mr. Tompkins went to live at Battle, where, for 2½ years, he was associated with the local company. He has now been for 22 years in Chichester, but, unfortunately, despite the possession of a fine peal of bells in the massive campanile, change ringing is not taken seriously by the local men, nor encouraged by the Cathedral authorities. Mr. Tompkins has thus had very few opportunities of joining in peal ringing, and he has rung very few.

A solicitor by profession, Mr. Tompkins holds such public offices as Clerk to the Justices, Clerk to the Guardians, Superintendent Registrar and Deputy Coroner for Sussex. His connection with the Sussex Association, as is mentioned above, dates back to the beginning of the organisation. He was elected treasurer in 1893, and when Mr. G. F. Attree left England three years ago, was elected to the position of Master. Mr. Tompkins has been for some years one of the Sussex representatives on the Central Council.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

We would remind our readers of the necessity for sending in at the earliest possible moment records of the peals, etc., rung in celebration of the Coronation. Those received first will appear first.

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In reply to P. Moth and other inquirers, the term "broken lead" (mentioned in the Central Council reports) is not a scientific term at all. It was brought forward at the Council meeting some years ago as a practical differentiation between Treble Bob methods, which are not Surprise methods, and we are not certain what the Yorkshire men mean by it. As far as we understand it, "broken lead" methods are those Treble Bob and Delight methods in which there is not a bell in the slow, or doing work in front equivalent to slow work in extent. If this be right then the group of "broken lead" methods consist of the great majority of Treble Bob and Delight methods.

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Mr. Thomas Verry, the tower keeper, has been a ringer at Handsworth Parish Church for quite 40 years, and his father, the late William Verry, was tower keeper for over 50 years. A "Verry" good record. (Will readers please keep their bricks for some other occasion.)

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Two cracked bells, bearing dates 1612 and 1614 respectively, have been taken from the tower of Bulford Church and recast into one large one by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The bell has been satisfactorily rehung in a new frame by Messrs. T. Doble and Son, of Taunton, and when the villagers heard it rung on Whit-Sunday everybody was delighted with its splendid tone.

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In reference to our biographical sketch of the Rev. H. Law James, two correspondents write pointing out a slight error. Mr. James did not call the first Surprise peal in Northamptonshire. The first Surprise peal (Superlative) in that county was rung at Irthlingborough on March 18th, 1897, conducted by Mr. A. Y. Tyler, and the second, on March 27th, at the same place, conducted by Mr. C. W. Clarke. Mr. James' peal, we are informed, was rung at Thrapston on May 22nd of that year.

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Many and strange are the places where birds build their nests. Recently a small hole in the window pane of the ringing room at the Oaks Church, near Whitwick, attracted the notice of a pair of starlings. They built their nest just inside the window ledge, and, notwithstanding the presence of the ringers several times each week, they have hatched out their young, and the fledglings have been fluttering about the ringing chamber.

The late Mr. William Collins, of Bagshot, Surrey, bequeathed £500 to St. John's Church, Herne Bay, for providing a peal of bells, conditional upon a tower being added to the church within five years.

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Monastery and temple bells in Japan and China are particularly soft toned, according to the American Consul at Fu-chau, and he gives as the reason that the bells are suspended in a fixed frame and struck on the outer edge with a wooden mallet.

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The fine peal of five bells at the Parish Church of Frithelstock, Devon, some of which belonged to the Old Priory, have been rehung by Messrs. Stokes and Son, of Woodbury, and in order to raise the £43 still owing, a garden fete and bazaar was held in the Vicarage grounds. So successful was the undertaking that a sum of over £57 was realised. The bells themselves were heard during the day, being rung at intervals by ringers from Monkleigh, Weare Gifford, and Little Torrington, as well as by the local men.

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The last of the coupons for our competition will appear on June 30th, and the competition closes on July 10th. Coupons should be forwarded to the office between those dates.

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Ringers throughout the country will wish success to the long peal attempt at Mottram-in-Longdendale, on Saturday. Commencing at 7 a.m., the eight members of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society will attempt Mr. E. Timbrell's 17,120 of Kent Treble Bob Major.

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The peal of five at St. John the Baptist Church, Kingsthorpe, Northants, have been re-hung and a treble added by the Vicar (the Rev. E. L. Tuson) in commemoration of the Coronation. The work has been carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. The bells were dedicated on Tuesday of last week.

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On Saturday the bells of Hurst, Berks, which have been re-hung by Messrs. Webb, of Kiddington, and augmented from six to the full octave by two trebles cast by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, were dedicated, the ceremony being performed by the Master of the Oxford Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn). After the service a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as recorded in another column.

RINGERS' DAY AT FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE.

SATURDAY, JULY 15th.

The opportunity for a big gathering of church bell ringers, which will be afforded by a "Ringers' Day" at the Festival of Empire at the Crystal Palace is one which promises to be taken great advantage of. Saturday, July 15th, has been fixed for the event, and arrangements to ensure its success are proceeding apace. As there are doubtless many hundreds who will desire to witness the historic pageant, and inspect the wonderful imperial exhibition collected in the Palace grounds, it will be all the more enjoyable if they can visit the festival and meet friends from distant parts of the country. The day will therefore provide an outing of an unique kind for ringers, whether they go in parties or individually.

Everyone will be at liberty to come and go as he pleases; all we desire to do is to ensure the greatest amount of pleasure and comfort for the ringers at the least possible expense to themselves. Negotiations are in progress with the railway companies with a view to securing cheap travelling facilities, and we have already secured from the Festival authorities promise of reduced charges of admission both to the pageant itself and to the numerous side shows which go so far to make up the pleasure of such a day's excursion, provided the numbers are large enough.

In addition, the large Concert Hall has been placed at our disposal for this "Ringers' Day," and ringers will be able to make this their rendezvous. It will be available from 2 o'clock to 8 p.m. It contains a large organ and grand piano, so that those who are musically inclined will find some entertainment, while Messrs. Warner and Son, who have a stand in the exhibition, have kindly promised to place at the disposal of ringers some peals of handbells. In addition to the exhibition, which, of course, is open all day, and the pageant, which begins at 5 p.m., the attractions on July 15th will include a grand military tattoo at 8 p.m., baseball, athletic sports and a kite flying competition, so that there will be no lack of entertainment both in quantity and variety. The day will thus provide an unparalleled opportunity for a ringer's excursion, coupled with a great reunion of friends.

In order to complete the arrangements and to secure and distribute the necessary vouchers for the reduced tickets, it is necessary that we should be informed as early as possible of the numbers who will attend. Letters should be addressed to the offices of "The Ringing World," and marked "Ringers' Day."

ROUND ABOUT GAINSBOROUGH.

The Worksop Priory Church bell ringers had their annual outing on Whit-Monday, when they visited Stow, Willingham, Upton, Corringham, and Gainsborough. Leaving Worksop at 7.40 a.m., a party of eleven arrived at Gainsborough about 8.30, and were joined by Messrs. Butler, Tinker, and Ladd, of the All Saints' company, three others having previously set out on bicycles to meet the party en route. The drive from Gainsborough to Stow, via Marton, was through some beautiful scenery, and on reaching the picturesque little village, the visitors found a very handy ring of six bells (tenor 39 inches in diameter), the tone and go of which were excellent, and a ringing chamber of wide dimensions. Some good touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Treble Bob were tapped off in fine style, and then the party left for Willingham, where they were greeted by Mr. R. C. Bacon, who, some few years ago, placed in the tower a new ring of six bells, the tone and go of which is simply grand. Mr. Bacon was very anxious to hear some Treble Bob Minor, whilst he gave the Boy Scouts instruction in a field close by the church, and the ringers very readily obliged him with a well-struck 720 of Kent, for which he expressed his great delight. Touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire, and a look round the garden, concluded the programme here, and the visitors then made the next stage of the journey to Upton, where they found a very nice ring of five bells recently restored, and the tenor bell given by the donor of the Willingham peal. This peal, like the other two, are by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and it would make one of the finest rings of six in Lincolnshire, if another bell were added. A few six-scores of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung. At Corringham, the next place of call, the party found another nice ring of six in decent going order, but owing to the long draught of rope, the bells were difficult to handle. (A set of rope guides would remedy this little defect.) Tea was partaken of at Gainsborough Coffee Tavern, where the wants of the visitors were admirably catered for, and the party wound up an enjoyable and strenuous, albeit a scorching day's outing, by ringing 112 and 504 Grandsire Triples, and 288 Kent Treble Bob Major at the Parish Church. The excellent arrangements were made by Mr. Butler, local secretary of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and the ringers desire to express their highest appreciation of his efforts and their thanks to those who joined in making the outing a success, particularly to the incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

FULL REPORT OF THE LEICESTER MEETING.

By "The Ringing World" Special Representative.

(Continued.)

The discussion upon the report of the Peal Values Committee was continued by Mr. J. Griffin, who moved, as an amendment, the substitution of the following for Schedule A.

TABLE CONSTRUCTED FROM THE FORMULA $\frac{VV\ 3\cdot2}{8\ 3\cdot2}$

DESCRIPTION	TRIPLES	MAJOR	CATERS	ROYAL	CINQUES	MAXIMUS
Plain methods	7	8	10	11	13	15
Alliance, etc.	8	10	12	14	16	18
Treble Bob, etc.	—	11	—	15	—	20
Erin, Forward, etc.	12	14	17	20	23	26
Double Norwich, etc. ...	—	20	*24	28	—	37
Stedman, Duffield, etc. ...	20	24	29	34	39	45
Superlative, etc.	—	32	—	45	—	60
Cambridge, etc.	—	40	—	56	—	75
London, etc.	—	50	—	70	—	95

* Double Norwich Caters

He assured the Council it was not done in any sense in depreciation of the valuable work of the committee. The Peals Analysis Committee were not asked for any opinion, but two of them thought the schedule proposed by the committee was likely to meet with great opposition as regards the number of points for the higher number of bells. They, of the Analysis Committee, were anxious that the matter should be settled, and rather than it should be referred back decided to offer an alternative formula for the points. Mr. Griffin then explained the difference in the two schedules.

Mr. King, who seconded, said the effect of the amendment was to lessen a little the values for peals on the larger numbers of bells, and of increasing the values below Major, which was supposed to be the standard, so to speak. In the past, Stedman Triples had always had 24 points allotted to it. Schedule A said, in future, they must be content with 18, but under the amendment they screwed this number up to 20, which was an advantage, because it gave the same value, at all events, as a peal of Double Norwich. As Schedule A had it, they got less for Stedman than for Double Norwich, and those in the habit of ringing thought that was rather an aggravation of the situation. He had submitted the matter to Mr. William Pye, who had had probably as much experience of ringing on the higher numbers of bells as anybody, and his opinion was that, as regards calling, no doubt Stedman Triples was as hard as calling Stedman Cinques, but when it came to conducting there was a different tale to be told. That, therefore, was a reason for giving a higher value for peals on twelve bells, because of the greater difficulty of conducting. Mr. Pye had also furnished him with what he considered the relative values of Stedman. He put them at 24 for Triples, 30 for Caters, and 40 for Cinques. There they had the opinion of an expert given without any formula whatever, and it nearly agreed with the table brought forward by Mr. Griffin, which allotted 29 to Caters and 39 to Royal. He thought they had got a great step forward in this matter of points, and he hoped it would be brought to a clear issue that day and settled once and for ever. Some people did not care a great deal about points at all, but he believed the greater number of ringers were really interested in the analysis, and anything that could be done to put it upon a more permanent and stable ground would be welcomed.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said they had heard the two sides as to higher points for the higher numbers of bells, and he thought the amendment might be accepted as a compromise, and passed.

After the luncheon interval, the Council considered Schedule A. The President pointed out that an amendment of such a drastic character could not be deliberately forced down the throats of the committee, who had devoted a great deal of time to the matter. He suggested, therefore, that it might be approved by the meeting and referred to the committee for their serious consideration. To force the amendment upon the committee would result, he thought, in every member of the committee at once resigning. It was not a proper way to treat a committee.

NO CAST-IRON RULE.

Mr. Burton said he did not like the Schedule altogether, but he liked the amendment less. Both sides seemed to have lost sight of the fact that there could be no rule without an exception. The Schedule could not be applied in a cast-iron way. There were anomalies in both, and in the amendment, for instance, they were giving less points to Double Norwich Maximus than they were to Stedman Cinques. Surely the Council could not swallow that. He would be prepared to accept the Schedule A, subject to certain little modifications to meet the anomalies, by which, for example, Stedman Triples was given less than Double Norwich Major. They could not hope to get anything near perfection.

Mr. Tompkins asked if it did not come back to a question of the classification of the methods.

The Hon. Secretary thought Mr. Burton's objections might be met very largely, if not altogether, by reconsideration of the methods they put into various classes.

The Rev. H. T. S. Richardson suggested that they might consider whether they should not allot points on the basis of the number of places in a method, because the more places, the more intricate the method. It might be much less practical on eight than on six bells, but it was a question that might be considered.

The Rev. H. L. James: I think you will find that Superlative and Cambridge have more places than London.

The President said the arguments as to the number of men that had to be brought together for the higher numbers of bells seemed to him to be entirely beside the mark. They might just as well argue that with more ropes there was greater risk of one breaking. They might also bring in the weight of metal, as had been done in bygone years. It had practically been decided that none of these things could be taken into consideration in their peal values.

The amendment was carried by 25 votes to 12, and the Council then proceeded to discuss Schedule B.

The Rev. H. L. James suggested that they should go on with the present system for another twelve months, and communicate with representative ringers, asking them to set the point values to the different methods.

The President asked if that would not lead people who rang one method to put an exaggerated value upon it.

The Rev. H. L. James: Certainly, but you won't take one opinion, you will take opinions from all parts of the country.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter spoke of the extra work which would be thrown upon the Peals Analysis Committee if the committee had to examine the various minor methods to see in which class they had to be placed.

Mr. King said he had considerable sympathy with those who rang Doubles. There were hundreds of towers with only five bells, and he thought the ringers ought to be encouraged. Where they rang a peal in several methods, it was not much encouragement to give them only two points. It would be a very fine thing to lay down a rule that where a tower had six bells and determined to ring Doubles instead of going on to something higher and better in Minor, they should still get no more than two points, because they were capable of better things.

Mr. G. Bolland thought the scale brought forward by the committee would go very satisfactorily, and he thought they might fall in with Schedule B. With regard to what had been said about ringing six Treble Bob Methods and one plain method, he would rather have that one plain method in a peal than repeat one again. The custom of Yorkshire ringers was to get as many methods as they could.

The Hon. Secretary thought objections might be met by altering the Schedule so that for every 720 in a Plain method one point would be awarded, for every 720 in a Treble Bob method 2, for every 720 in a broken lead method 3, and for every 720 in a Surprise method 4.

The Rev. H. L. James pointed out that this would not do, because a peal of seven 720's of Bob Minor would get the same number of points as a peal in seven different plain methods.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett suggested as a way out of the difficulty, that two points should be added to each of the figures in the last column.

Eventually the report was referred back to the committee to consider the various suggestions made for its amendment.

THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

Mr. A. T. King moved the adoption of the Peals Analysis Committee's report, which has appeared in these columns. He did not know, he said, how far the work of the committee might be affected by a subsequent resolution, but if the members expected the committee to grope about in two papers, analysing first one and then the other, they would be setting them a task which the committee certainly would not appreciate. If ringers would take the trouble to send a report to each of the papers, then the work would be simplified, and the committee provided with a complete check.—Mr. Griffin seconded.

The President expressed gratitude to the committee for the enormous work which they had done. Whether ringers liked or did not like scoring on points, they could not get away from the fact that it was one of the most interesting things which they had to look at.—The report was adopted.

PEALS OF MINOR.

The Rev. H. L. James moved: "That nothing shall be recognised as a peal of Minor, unless it consists of at least seven true and complete seven hundred and twenties, but that the 5040 may be extended by the addition of one touch of less than 720 changes, with or without extra 720's." Mr. James said years ago the Council so defined a peal of Minor that it must consist of seven true and complete 720's. That stood for some time, and was then withdrawn, because people wanted to ring 360's, in order to make up fourteen methods, and at that time it was not considered possible to make up fourteen methods in complete 720's. As long as it was not considered possible to do so, he thought the

Council perfectly justified, because it was an improvement upon ringing seven methods to ring fourteen. But the fact that it was only possible to ring seven 720's in seven methods had disappeared. They could ring seven 720's now in fourteen methods, or even more, and that not only in Plain methods, but in Surprise methods as well, and that put a different complexion upon it. Without being satisfied with 360's running round at the end of each, they went a stage higher, and changed from one method to the other at a bob. What they had to do was to get methods with the same rows in the plain courses. He had rung a peal on these lines, and could assure them it was very good fun. In their seven 720's they changed from one method to another 38 times from beginning to end. There were friends there fond of ringing 14 methods, and this was a lead he hoped they would follow. As soon as six-bell ringers realised it was possible to come up to a higher level and make their peals of Minor consist of seven true and complete 720's, there would not be one six-bell ringer in the country prepared to speak against it.—Mr. R. Richardson seconded.

The Rev. M. Kelly, having raised the question as to whether the Council regarded peals of Minor as peals or merely performances, the President said in 1892 the Council passed a resolution that the conditions essential to the validity of a peal on five bells was that it should consist of at least 5040 changes, rung without a cover in six-scores, and that on six bells that it should be rung without cover and in true 720's, of which no two in the same method should be called alike. Owing, however, to grave difficulties that arose from the different way in which peals of Minor and Doubles were regarded, there was so much dissatisfaction that in 1897 the following resolution was passed: "That the Council recognising the insuperable objection taken by many six-bell ringers to the definition of a peal of Minor as carried at the meeting in 1892, and recognising, also, that the fact that on five and six bells no actual true peal of 5000 changes can be rung, and that, therefore, no strictly correct definition of such a peal can be logically formulated, do now decide to expunge such definition from the standing resolution, thus offering no opposition to the varying local construction of the term 'peal' in regard to five and six-bell performances."—The President said that this was arrived at after considerable difficulty, and it ought to be rescinded only after the most careful consideration. While he applauded Mr. James' ideal, he would point out that many six-bell ringers raised insuperable objection to the definition, and if they did that, how much more would they take objection to the infinitely more stringent resolution of Mr. James.

The Rev. H. L. James: I don't see that it is more stringent; it simply recognises the fact that it is possible to get seven true 720's in more than seven methods.

Mr. J. W. Parker said, having heard Mr. James' clear definition, he thought they must all agree with him that it was the correct way to ring more than seven methods of Minor, in order to get the least repetition possible in the 5040, but if the resolution was carried that day they would be doing an injustice to certain bands, who might be practising for a peal in 14 methods that might not couple up in the way suggested by Mr. James. He would propose, therefore, that the Council put the motion forward this year as a recommendation, and next year bring it up again.—Mr. Lewis seconded.

The Rev. H. L. James said he would be glad to accept that suggestion. He thought it met the case very nicely indeed.

Mr. W. E. White asked how many rounds were permitted between each of the 720's in a peal. He believed in some places it was customary to ring a whole pull after the bells came round before going off again.

The Rev. H. L. James: Then you cannot call it a peal.

Mr. W. Snowdon agreed with the scientific point Mr. James had raised, and thought it would be an excellent thing to educate six-bell ringers to the more refined method of ringing the peals, but it would be a very dangerous thing to thrust it down the throats of the six-bell ringers.

The Rev. H. L. James: I will throw out a challenge to Yorkshire. We have done the job over the border; you come up to the mark, Mr. Bolland, and ring it (laughter).

Mr. Bolland: On paper, I admit Mr. James is ahead of me, but in the belfry I am not frightened of Mr. James, nor anybody else (laughter and applause).

The resolution, amended to read, that the Council recommend that peals of Minor shall consist of at least seven true and complete 720's, etc, was then put, and carried nem con.

TERRITORIAL REPRESENTATION.

Mr. W. Story proposed: "That for the purpose of representation on the Central Council, only such members of any Territorial Association as are resident within the area covered by that Association shall be considered in fixing the number of representatives which such Association is entitled to elect." This, he said, might seem a somewhat democratic sort of motion, for it made the votes of one value instead of being of very varying value. Some ringers were members of only one Association, or possibly two, while some were members of fourteen or fifteen, and consequently were more highly represented. He thought the justice of the case would recommend itself to the members. The resolution excluded such Associations as the College Youths and the Cumberlands, which were historical societies, and entitled to representation, although their members were all members of other Associations, which were territorial.—Mr. W. A. Cave seconded.

Mr. A. T. King said the resolution created many more difficulties than it was intended to remove. He supposed no two Associations could be dealt with on the same lines. They found one difficulty when they said they were obliged to exclude the College Youths and Cumberlands, and other great Societies, but there were a great many Associations which impinged on the ground of other Associations. He would like to know how his own Association would stand, where in the case of the great Metropolis people earned their living in London and went to sleep in the country round. They had many members of the Middlesex Association who resided out of London, but who earned their living in London. His Association, with 383 members, was entitled to three representatives. He did not care a button whether they lost one or not, but at the same time he did not see what was to be gained by it. If people thought they were hardly used by over-representation of other Societies, it would be different.

Mr. J. A. Trollope hoped the Council would not pass the resolution, because their difficulties were great enough at present, and they did not want them increased. The old London Societies were not prepared to admit that any of the newer Societies had a territorial right to London at all. He did not want to stir up any feeling on the matter, but he did not want the discussion to be raised again as to whether or no an outside Society like the Kent, for instance, had a right to South London, but if the Council passed the resolution, the question was bound to come up again.

The Rev. M. Kelly said, as the representative of the County Association, there was a difficulty the mover had not realised. There were on the list of his Association members who had left the county, but who were not members of any other Association. Surely they ought to be represented.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews said he did not think they had ever had any difficulty in the Winchester Guild with regard to overlapping with the Surrey Association. He believed before very long the diocese of Winchester would be divided, and then in all probability the Surrey Rural Deaneries would go over to the Southwark Diocese, and they would have the Winchester Diocesan Guild entirely confined to Hampshire.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson asked what was the relationship between the Yorkshire Association and the Cleveland Association, and Mr. Snowdon replied that the Yorkshire Association covered the whole county.

The President said if the Council decided to pass this resolution, it would be wise to do so in somewhat less direct terms than it was worded, because it was a little delicate for them to dictate to the Associations. He thought it would be wiser to send the resolution to the Associations for their judgment before carrying it into effect. If they wanted to carry the motion, he hoped they would accept the alteration he suggested. He did not consider they had power as a Council to carry it as it stood.

The motion, on being put, was lost by a large majority.

The discussion on "The Ringing World" was reported under a separate heading.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a vote of thanks was accorded the President for presiding, on the motion of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge.

A NEW PEAL FOR MIDDLEHAM.

DEDICATION OF A YORKSHIRE VILLAGE BELLS.

The old church of SS. Mary and Alkelda at Middleham, Yorkshire, has been enriched by an excellent peal of eight bells, in place of the six bells which formerly did service, chiefly through the generosity of the Rector (the Rev. H. G. Topham) and his family. Prior to the present peal there had been six bells placed there in 1824 by Mr. John Breare, Middleham, great uncle to the present Rector. One of these bells fell in August last, and the Rector consulted Messrs. Taylor and Co., bell founders, Loughborough, who reported that to replace the bells would cost £90, but it was not deemed advisable to go in for repairs, the best thing to do being to put in a new peal. It was also found that the old beams, which had never been renewed, were so thoroughly rotten, that the bells could not have hung together for another three months. The new peal has been fitted in a steel frame, and are rung from the floor of the tower, instead of from the floor above the level of the nave roof as was done in the case of the six bells; the font having to be removed from beneath the tower to its original position near the south door of the church. Prior to the six bells there were three 18th century bells attached to the same beams which served for the six bells. The Rev. H. G. Topham states that the first record in the church in regard to the bells dates back to 1640, when they are mentioned as having been repaired. Dr. Pauli states that in North Yorkshire wills there is a mention of two bells at Middleham Church, one of the big bells being re-cast, and the other having been purchased with the proceeds of the sale of some relics of St. Alkelda in the 15th century. There would probably be a bell from the foundation in the 12th century, but the church has had to wait 700 years to find its full musical voice in the shape of a peal of bells, and it redounds to the credit of the present Rector and his family that it is owing to their generosity that the peal of bells has been completed. The work has been carried out in splendid style by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and the bells are a great improvement in their character, and much heavier, the tenor being in E and twice the weight of the previous heaviest bell, namely, 18 cwt., as against 9 cwt. Towards the cost, which has amounted to £600, the Topham family have

contributed £500, and one of the bells is dedicated to the memory of Miss Topham, who lately died at a great age.

THE NEW PEAL.

In Middleham there is a ringing company formed by Dr. Pauli, who spare no efforts in furthering the art, and the local band includes Mrs. Pauli, and Messrs. Christopher Clarkson, William Sykes, H. Collinson, Robert Handley, William Gargett, Thomas Sarginson, and H. Parrish. The Rector is the president of the Guild.

The bells bear the following inscriptions: Treble, given by Miss Grace Topham, niece to the Rev. H. G. Topham, "We are all cast to the glory of God." 2nd, given by Mrs. Malcolm, widow of the late Mr. Edward Clough Topham, brother to the Rev. G. H. Topham. "I ring for God and King." 3rd, given by the Rev. H. G. Topham and Mrs. Gordon Fowler, in memory of their father (the late Rector of Middleham) and mother. "I call to prayer." 5th, given by the parishioners in memory of Mr. John Breare, of Middleham Hall (great uncle to the Rev. H. G. Topham), who placed the peal of six bells in 1824. "What I give, I have." 6th, given by the parish. "St. Alkelda's name I keep." 7th, given by the Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Topham. "Hear my voice, O God." Tenor, given by Mr. Lupton Topham (the Rector's brother), and his wife. "Time passes, God calls," and it is also inscribed: "H. G. Topham, rector; Henry Pauli and Arthur Eyles, churchwardens. 1911."

DEDICATION SERVICE.

Some 50 members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association of Bellringers were present at the dedication service on Thursday of last week, and the sacred edifice was crowded. The surpliced choir entered the church singing "Oh praise ye the Lord," as a processional hymn, preceding the clergy and Bishop of Knaresborough. The first lesson was read by the Rev. W. P. Wright, and the second lesson by the Rev. J. A. G. Birch. The choir and clergy singing "Unchanging God, who livest," proceeded to the tower, where a bell rope was handed by Dr. Pauli to the Bishop, who offered the special prayers of dedication, while the clergy and choir knelt round in a circle. The fine tones of new bells then rang out in well-struck rounds, the ringers being A. Alcock 1, A. Simpson 2, P. Stephenson 3, J. Baxter 4, J. G. Hall 5, W. H. Porter 6, T. Metcalfe 7, E. Burnett 8. After the choir and clergy had returned to their places the Bishop of Knaresborough delivered an address from Psalm xix., 3, "There is neither speech nor language, but their voices are heard among them." His lordship pointed out that God gave His message in two ways, by words as in Holy Scripture, and secondly by symbols and signs, and rites and ceremonies. God spoke through nature. In regard to the bells which they had just dedicated, they had "neither speech nor language, but their voices were heard.' Though they spoke without words, they preached of God, and called them to the worship of Him, reminding all they were the children of God, and responsible to Him for their lives. The bells spoke to them with a solemn warning, and reminded them of the divine life. The bells carried their message of warning, and solace to the sick and poor, and their appeal to the divine in man. The hymn, "Now thank we all our God," was sung as a recessional. The collection realised was £9 11s. 3d.

After the service, the first touch on the bells, a 504 Stedman Triples, was rung by the band previously mentioned, followed by 336 Grandsire Triples: R. Borrows 1, W. Pick 2, J. W. Taylor 3, J. B. Budd 4, G. Park 5, J. Metcalfe 6, T. Metcalfe (conductor) 7, G. W. Park 8; and 544 Double Norwich.

The visitors, who prior to the ceremony had been entertained to lunch, were also entertained to tea in the evening, the Rector presiding, supported by the Rev. W. P. Wright (president of the Cleveland and North Yorks Association), Dr. Pauli, Mr. J. W. Taylor, etc.—The Rector proposed a vote of thanks to the Association for opening the bells, and the President, in responding, thanked the Rev. H. G. Topham and the Middleham Guild for kind hospitality.

The arrangements for the comfort of ringers were entirely managed by the secretary to the Guild, Mr. H. Parrish, by whose energy and zeal in all that belongs to the church, the Guild owes so much of its efficiency. The catering was done by Mr. Beswick, of the Commercial Hotel. The comfort of such a large airy room as his new garage afforded during meals was commented on, and the local band were much gratified that such a good company accepted their invitation. Ringers were present from Darlington, East Witton, Hemingborough, Knaresbrough, Kirby Malzeard, Masham, Ormesby, Pateley Bridge, Stockton, Richmond, Sharow, West Tanfield, West Hartlepool and Wath, together with the local Guild. The bells were kept going to a late hour in the evening.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting of this Association was held at Downham Market on Whit-Monday, when, by kind permission of the authorities, the bells of the Parish Church, and also those at Hilgay, Stow Bardolph, and Denver, were available. Luncheon was served at the Castle Hotel, Downham, presided over by Mr. J. W. Sedgley, of King's Lynn, supported by Messrs. W. L. Duffield, G. Moy, F. R. Borrett, T. Fitzjohn, C. E. Borrett (secretary), and representatives from several towers in the district. A cordial welcome was accorded by everyone present to Mr. E. A. Davies, of Barking, Essex, who was on a visit to the neighbourhood.

The usual loyal toasts were honoured, new members were proposed, and King's Lynn was decided upon by a large majority for the meeting on Whit-Monday, 1912.—A vote of thanks to the authorities for the use of the bells concluded the business part of the proceedings.

These meetings in West Norfolk are arranged for the benefit of those residing in this somewhat out-of-the-way part of the diocese, and it is hoped that even more ringers will avail themselves of these opportunities for meeting together.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

In my last notes I promised, for the benefit of young conductors, to give a few hints on calling Grandsire Triples into rounds. As a matter of fact there are definite rules laid down for this particular work, and they need to be studied and worked out on paper. At the same time it must be remembered, in order to put it into practice in the tower, something more than theoretical knowledge is necessary. A good rope sight is essential in order that the conductor can perceive almost at a glance what the different positions of the bells are. He must be able to "read" the coursing order, and to have some knowledge of the possibilities which the positions of the bells provide him with, because very often, in endeavouring to call bells round, a bob called or missed at the next lead makes all the difference in the world to the length to be rung before rounds is reached.

The first thing to do is to get 6 and 7 together in proper coursing order, if they are not already there, and this can be done in various ways according to their position. If the 7th be in the hunt call the 6th before, if the 6th be in the hunt call a bob the lead after the 7th is before, which, of course, brings the 6th into 4-5 down and the 7th into 6-7 down. If neither be in the hunt the general rule is to call one of them into the hunt as quickly as possible, and call it out according to the rules mentioned above. Sometimes it can be done by calling the 7th before. For instance, when you find the 7th in 4-5 up and the 6th in 6-7 down—i.e., when the two bells have another one coursing between them—a bob the next lead sends the other bell into the hunt and brings 6-7 together.

Having brought them together on the front, the next stage is to get the 5th into its proper place, that is, coursing after the 7th. The bob which brought 6 and 7 together may have put the 5th right, if not there are only three other places that she can be in, and one of these is the hunt, when call the 7th before with a double, and you will have the 5th in its right place. If the 5th be immediately in front of the 6th it is necessary to call the 6th before, and then the 7th before, and you may note that the first of these two bobs brings the 5th into the hunt. The only other position in which you can find the 5th is coming down immediately in front of the treble to make 3rds at the next lead. Call her before, and the trick is done.

The only three bells now left to be brought home are 2-3-4, and if the bells be not already in the plain course after the last bob, 5-6-7 must be brought together behind at a bob (unless two bobs immediately precede it) to *keep* the bells in-course, or at a single to *put* them in-course Before you get to that bob with 5-6-7 at home you may know, if the second be in the hunt, that the 4th coursing the 3rds is in-course, the 3rd coursing the 4th is out-of-course; if the 3rd be in the hunt, the 2nd coursing the fourth is in-course, the 4th coursing the 2nd out-of-course; and if the 4th be in the hunt, the 3rd coursing the 2nd is in-course,

and the 2nd coursing the 3rd is out-of-course. In-course order requires bobs only to bring the bells round, while out-of-course order necessitates the employment of a single. Having called 5-6-7 at home with the necessary bob or single the bells will either come round, or produce 342567 or 423567. If the former, call the 7th in and out of the hunt, which puts the bells in the plain course, if the latter call a bob the lead after the 6th comes before, and it will bring the bells round. Just one example to illustrate this. Let us imagine that at a treble lead the working bells turn up in this order 264573, and we want to get them round. How do we proceed? We have to get 6 and 7 together by calling one or other into the hunt.

2 6 4 5 7 3	
2 5 6 3 4 7	
—7 3 2 4 5 6	7th in the hunt
7 4 3 6 2 5	
—5 6 7 2 4 3	Out when 6th is before
5 2 6 3 7 4	
5 3 2 4 6 7	
5 4 3 7 2 6	5th in the hunt requires
—6 7 5 2 4 3	7th before with a double.
—3 2 6 4 7 5	
3 4 2 5 6 7	A plain lead because two bobs precede it
—7 5 3 6 4 2	7th in
—2 6 7 4 5 3	and out
2 4 6 3 7 5	
2 3 4 5 6 7	rounds.

CONDUCTOR.

Any ringers attending the Territorial camp at Thetford, July 29th to August 12th, and wishing for a peal are invited to communicate, naming method, with H. F. Cooper, County Offices, Duke Street, Chelmsford.

INTERESTING EVENTS AT HANDSWORTH.

On the occasion of the marriage of Miss Nellie Verry (eldest daughter of Mr. Thomas Verry, tower keeper at Handsworth) to Mr. Joseph Clark at Handsworth Parish Church, 350 Grandsire Triples were rung by E. Wood 1, W. G. Ellis 2, E. Starkey 3, B. Starkey 4, W. Auker 5, S. Danby 6, C. Starkey 7, R. Speakman. Mr. Thomas Verry is the eldest son of the late Mr. William Verry, who was tower keeper for over 50 years, and Mr. Thomas Verry has himself been a ringer at the church for 40 years.

The band celebrated the 100th birthday of Mrs. Hemms, of Handsworth, on May 29th, by ringing 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Wood 1, J. Corrigan 2, G. Taylor 3, C. Starkey 4, W. Auker 5, R. Faux 6, W. G. Ellis 7, S. Danby 8.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Eastern Counties Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Long Sutton on Whit-Monday, ringers attending from Lynn, Clenchwarton, Walpole, Fleet, Moulton, Spalding, Deeping St. Nicholas, Pinchbeck, Surfleet, Gosberton, Donington and Bicker, together with the local ringers. The bells were kept going during the day, some good 720's being rung in the following methods: Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor and Double Court. Dinner was served at the Bull Hotel, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Dixon Spain), who gave the ringers a hearty welcome. Five new members were elected, from Long Sutton, Donington, and Clenchwarton. At 3.30 a short service was held in the church, an excellent address being given by the Vicar.

A vote of sympathy was passed to the family of the late Rev. J. M. Coates, a vice-president of the branch, and who was at one time secretary.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and also for the use of the bells, brought to a close a very successful meeting.

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NOTICES.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Harrow Weald on Saturday next, June 24th, by kind permission of the Vicar. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea can be obtained close to the church. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Shipley on the 24th inst. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at the Sun Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held on Saturday next, June 24th, 1911, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe. Tower open from 3.30 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Rochester District, Frindsbury, Rochester.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and eight bell contest will be held at Low Moor on Saturday, July 8th, 1911. Draw for order of ringing at 2.30 p.m.; tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by July 3rd.—George Naylor, 7, Bramley Lane, Lightcliffe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday next, June 24th, at 6 o'clock. Business meeting at 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at High Wycombe on Wednesday, July 12th. Special service in the Parish Church at 11.30. Preacher, the Ven. E. D. Shaw (Archdeacon of Bucks). Business meeting in the Guildhall at 12.20. Dinner in a marquee at the Swan Hotel 1.30. Dinner tickets at 2s. each will be forwarded to those members only who send the money with the order to me on or before Wednesday, July 5th. One shilling will be refunded to each member present at the dinner, but members failing to send for their tickets must pay 2s. at the door, and have no refund.—Albert E. Reeves, Festival Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The next meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, July 1st.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch Meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Branch Secretary.

A CAVERSAM OUTING.

The St. Peter's Society, Caversham, had their annual outing on Saturday week, when, accompanied by their wives and families, they visited Nettlebed and Shiplake. The party numbered 45, and the journey was made by brake. Nettlebed, one of the highest points in Oxfordshire, was reached after a two hours' drive. Bob Minor, Treble Bob and Grandsire were rung on the light peal of six, and the journey was then resumed. A substantial meat tea was partaken of at the Plough Hotel, Shiplake, and while the ladies and young folks strolled by the picturesque river, the ringers visited the tower and enjoyed touches of Bristol Surprise and Stedman Triples. Caversham was again reached at 10.30, after one of the most enjoyable day's outings in the history of the Society.

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The Record Long Peal of Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 Changes) was rung on Easter Monday, 1911, by the Ashton-under-Lyne Society in 8 HOURS and 39 MINUTES.

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James George,
April 18th, 1911.

CORONATION BELLS.

The bells of the land have played their part once more in the national rejoicing at the crowning of an English monarch. By multitudes throughout this far flung Empire the King was acclaimed on June 22nd, guns boomed round the world to signalise the event, but nothing was more typical of the rejoicing of the people than the pealing of the church bells, and no part of the festivities can claim by history or tradition an older association with the Coronation ceremony. If one could have stood upon a hill, listening with a further range of sense than is possible to mortal ears, one would have heard upon that memorable day the music of many bells ringing from thousands of steeples. In the churches of the towns and villages the joy-bells swung, clashing out their silvery peals of triumph and revelry, while, as one writer has expressed it in describing the part which the bells have played, beneath it all there was always that wistfulness and sadness of bell-music which thrills the heart with the thought of the swiftness of time, and of death that lurks in life, and of things that change and pass. This wonderful chorus of bells throbbed through the air of England, proclaiming the rejoicing of a great nation, because their king was crowned that day. Is there any living poet who may put into words the music of all those pealing notes?

In London the bells had an official share in the Coronation ceremony. The peal of six in the grey old Abbey itself clashed out the signal of the crowning of the king and the bells of St. Margaret's, under the shadow of the ancient pile, took up the chorus with brazen voices. They were rung at other periods as well, but the most important part they played was in helping to announce, to the waiting multitude outside, that the supreme act of the solemn service within the Minster walls had been accomplished. At St. Paul's Cathedral, at the Imperial Institute, and at many of the London churches, also, the bells were rung in honour of this great occasion, although in the country the ringers were not one whit behind their confreres of the great Metropolis in their exhibition of loyalty. There were many early birds, too, on Coronation Day, and probably the record for an early start may be claimed by the St. Nicolas' Society, Guildford, who went off into changes at 3.45 a.m. From the performances which we are publishing in this issue it will be seen that the ringers of England were not behind hand in their tribute to the King and Queen. "The Ringing World," we think, may justifiably claim this as a Coronation number, for we are giving the bulk of our space to Coronation matter, but despite the fact that we have again added four pages to the paper this week, we have been compelled to hold over until next week a considerable quantity of performances.

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(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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CORONATION PEALS.

The following peals were rung in honour of the Coronation of their Most Gracious Majesties King George V. and Queen Mary.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

THOMAS RUSSAM	*Treble*	SAMUEL GROVE	7
ALF. PADDON SMITH	2	PERCY O. LAFLIN	8
JOHN NEAL	3	ERNEST MANSELL	9
WILLIAM H. GODDEN	4	JAMES L. WELLS	10
THOMAS REYNOLDS	5	JAMES E. GROVES	11
ALBERT WALKER	6	SYDNEY J. JESSOP	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

The above are all regular Sunday Service ringers at St. Martin's, and it is the first peal on the bells by a Sunday ringing band. It is also Alf. Paddon Smith's 50th peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH of ST. CUTHBERGA,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 29 cwts. 2 qrs. 20 lbs.

GEORGE R. PYE	*Treble*	JAMES GEORGE	6
REV. E. V. COX	2	*ALAN R. MACDONALD	7
GEORGE WILLIAMS	3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	8
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	ERNEST PYE	9
WILLIAM PYE	5	ALFRED OSMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters on tower bells in the Diocese of Salisbury, and first peal on the bells since their recent restoration.

GREENWICH, S.E.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

ARTHUR S. BEER	*Treble*	WILLIAM FOREMAN	6
HARRY HOSKINS	2	FRANK BENNETT	7
WILLIAM SHIMMANS	3	WILLIAM BERRY	8
JOHN J. LAMB	4	GEORGE H. DAYNES	9
ISAAC GEO. SHADE	5	THOMAS JAKEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

KENSINGTON, W.
ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOT, KENSINGTON,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt.

JARROLD HAYWARD	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. BRADLEY	6
WILLIAM E. GARRARD	2	ERNEST G. STIBBONS	7
HENRY G. MILES	3	ALBERT N. SELBY	8
WILLIAM A. GARRARD	4	JAMES R. MACKMAN	9
GEORGE B. EDSER	5	FREDERICK J. REDKNAP	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WM. E. GARRARD.

Rung also on the eve of the 17th birthday of the ringer of the 4th.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¾ cwt.

GEORGE CLEAL	*Treble*	T. LEONARD ALLEN	6
*ARTHUR PETTITT	2	SAMUEL COTTON	7
LOUIS E. ALLEN	3	CHARLES H. FOWLER	8
FREDERICK H. DEXTER	4	ALFRED MARTIN	9
JOHN O. LANCASHIRE	5	THOMAS TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK HY. DEXTER.

* First peal of Stedman.

BRISTOL.
THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5023 CHANGES;
Tenor 36 cwt.

ALBERT STOWELL	*Treble*	SAMUEL PHILLIPS	6
HENRY HOWELL	2	JAMES RICHMOND	7
FRED G. MAY	3	GILBERT WILTSHIRE	8
FREDK. W. WADE	4	ISAAC LONG	9
NORRIS WAY	5	URIAH BRAVEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by F. G. MAY.

This peal was rung during the progress of the Coronation Service in Westminster Abbey.

BRISTOL.
THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY),
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM BEVAN	*Treble*	CHARLES PERRY	6
FRED G. MAY	2	GILBERT WILTSHIRE	7
SAMUEL PHILLIPS	3	HENRY HOWELL	8
FREDK. W. WADE	4	ISAAC LONG	9
CHARLES R. LILLEY	5	URIAH BRAVEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by F. G. MAY.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

THOMAS L. SIMMONS	*Treble*	CHARLES N. LEMAN	6
HUBERT EDEN	2	ROBERT A. KIRBY	7
GEORGE N. PRICE	3	FREDERICK WHITE	8
GEORGE E. HOWCHIN	4	EDWARD WHITBREAD	9
HENRY S. REEVES	5	FRANCIS A. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

This was the conductor's 400th peal.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT CHARLES' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;
Tenor 23½ cwt., in D.

JOSEPH WOODLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM RUNDLE	6
WALTER H. MARSH	2	*ERNEST W. MARSH	7
REGINALD A. H. DOBSON	3	HAROLD BENNETT	8
WILLIAM G. HISCOTT	4	GEO. HARRY MYERS	9
WILLIAM FORD	5	FRANCIS PURSE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.
* Fiftieth peal. The band wish to thank the Vicar for kindly allowing them to ring during service.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Saturday, June 24, 1911, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE OLD ABBEY BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt., in C sharp.

*SYDNEY J. JESSOP	*Treble*	ALBERT WALKER	6
SAMUEL GROVE	2	ALF. PADDON SMITH	7
WILLIAM SHORT	3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	8
THOMAS RUSSAM	4	JOHN NEAL	9
JAMES L. WELLS	5	JAMES E. GROVES	*Tenor*

Composed by SAMUEL MARSH, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.
* First peal of treble ten. This is the first peal of Royal on the bells, and was rung on the first anniversary of the opening after augmentation, from eight to ten.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*EDWARD GOODSELL	*Treble*	ARTHUR B. CORDON	5
STEPHEN STONE	2	ALFRED GREENFIELD	6
JAMES BIRDFIELD	3	WILLIAM STANFORD	7
PERCY H. DOICK	4	HARRY J. DOICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.
* First peal.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE A. JOWETT	*Treble*	JOSHUA WOODHEAD	5
PERCY J. JOHNSON	2	FRANK R. CUNDALE	6
GEORGE W. SLACK	3	JOHN MOGER	7
RICHARD H. HOWLAND	4	DAVID YORKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

WRAXALL.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(WRAXALL BRANCH.)
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

J. YOUD	*Treble*	W. EVERETT	5
JOHN BISHOP	2	MAURICE HEDGES	6
JAMES HARVEY	3	JOHN WINDSOR	7
SAMUEL BUTCHERS	4	SIDNEY WINDSOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN BISHOP.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS BICKNELL	*Treble*	THOMAS WELLS	5
*CHARLES COTTRELL	2	WILLIAM J. MEERS	6
JOHN SANDERS	3	GEORGE GARRISON	7
JONATHAN PRESTON	4	JOHN E. PYWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.
First peal by the ringer of the treble, who was elected a member previous to starting. * First peal with a bob bell.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

HEBER DERBYSHIRE	*Treble*	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE	5
JAMES H. RIDYARD	2	JOSEPH RIDYARD	6
GEORGE WAY	3	*WILLIAM GRUNWELL	7
FRED DERBYSHIRE	4	*WILLIAM JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY	*Treble*	CHARLES F. BAILEY	5
JAMES M. BAILEY	2	NORMAN R. BAILEY	6
CHARLES SAMSON	3	EDGAR H. BAILEY	7
JAMES G. RUMSEY	4	ERNEST S. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

FARNHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT E. SMITH	*Treble*	JAMES F. LAKER	5
ALFRED BAIGENT	2	EDWARD CLAPSHAW	6
CHARLES EDWARDS	3	THOMAS UPSHAW	7
GEORGE UPSHALL	4	HARRY KIMBER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ST. PETER'S JUNIORS' SOCIETY.)
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
W. H. GEORGE'S ONE-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

HARRY PAGE	*Treble*	THOMAS HAMLIN	5
GEORGE CROSS	2	TOM PAGE	6
JAMES CROSS	3	WILLIAM RICHARDS	7
WILLIAM PAGE	4	HENRY CRABBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qrs. 23 lbs.

F. MARKLAND	*Treble*	W. PENNINGTON	5
J. MARKLAND	2	J. E. MARKLAND	6
W. HODGSON	3	A. MINSHULL	7
A. HOLDEN	4	*A. HILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. E. MARKLAND.

* First peal. Mr. A. Hill was proposed as a member before ringing.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILFRED G. COOK	*Treble*	FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH	5
WILLIAM C. MINCHIN	2	CHARLES W. MARTIN	6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS	3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES	7
HARRY LEWIS	4	WILLIAM J. FINCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

This peal was rung also to celebrate the wedding of Mr. W. G. Cook to Miss May Mills, which took place on June 14th.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

ROBERT RICHARDS	*Treble*	ALFRED F. HILLIER	5
JAMES R. KEMP	2	WILLIAM BASKILL	6
JOHN MCKEAG	3	JOSEPH E. KEEN	7
WILLIAM STORY	4	JOSEPH ROWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JOSEPH E. KEEN.

* First peal away from tenor.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs., in G.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Treble*	CHARLES J. FRAY	5
LIONEL H. PAGE	2	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	6
HENRY W. WILKES	3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	7
JAMES GEORGE	4	OWEN GILES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal came round at 7.32 a.m.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE,
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*GEORGE WITHERS	*Treble*	VICTOR WHITE	5
ELIJAH WHITE	2	GEORGE N. COCKIN	6
*EDWARD BACHE	3	WILLIAM H. WEBB	7
HENRY LEA	4	ALFRED HACKETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. WEBB.

* First peal.

ASTON MANOR.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(ASTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 22 cwt., in E. flat.

THOMAS RICHARDS	*Treble*	JOHN PAULTON	5
JAMES JONES	2	WILLIAM GEORGE ELLIS	6
WILLIAM HENRY JONES	3	FRANK BENNETT	7
JAMES HOPKIN	4	CHARLES ALLEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM GEORGE ELLIS.

All the ringers belong to the local band.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

BEN CHORLEY	*Treble*	MAURICE SMITHER	5
CHARLES WILLSHIRE	2	*RALPH WOOD	6
HENRY HUTTON	3	CHARLES HAZELDEN	7
HENRY L. GARFATH	4	ALFRED H. PULLING	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of London Surprise.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt., in E.

ARTHUR ALLMAN	*Treble*	JOHN BRASSINGTON	5
RICHARD SHARRATT	2	*JOHN BRADSHAW	6
JOHN MATTHEWS	3	RICHARD T. HOLDING, Senr.	7
JAMES HENRY RIDING	4	HARRY FURBER HOLDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, Senr.

* First peal away from tenor.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY MADDOCKS	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER	5
ROBERT SPERRING	2	CHARLES DAVIES	6
FRANK MILTON	3	CHARLES PRICE	7
MARTIN HARRIS	4	JOHN DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal. Also first peal on the bells by all members of the Tower.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lbs.

HAROLD LAWTON	*Treble*	FRANK LAWTON	5
*PERCY SCHOLES	2	JOSEPH OGDEN	6
HARRY HAMPSON	3	†FRANK CHAPMAN	7
FRANK WILD	4	CHARLES PLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by FRANK CHAPMAN.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob by a local band.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Bucks Branch.)

On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 18 cwt.

Arthur Crane	*Treble*	Harry Sear	5
Francis Hedges	2	Ephraim Marks	6
Joseph Marks	3	Walter Sear	7
*John Mead	4	Valentine Sear	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Sear.

* First peal. First peal by the local band. It was commenced at 5.30 a.m. and came round at 8.40.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(Ripley Guild.)

On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*Fred W. Hill	*Treble*	Frank F. Hill	5
†Harold G. Jenney	2	G. Arthur Haslam	6
Herbert Day	3	‡Alex. Hutchinson	7
Joseph Bourne	4	Henry George	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Sottanstall, and
Conducted by F. W. Hill.

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

RAMSGATE.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 18 cwt.

Percy J. Paine	*Treble*	Charles W. Brett	5
Rev. Fred. J. O. Helmore	2	John Willis	6
Frederick G. Brett	3	Edward Trendell	7
Edwin G. Buesden	4	Edward E. Foreman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edwin G. Buesden.

Also rung in honour of the birthday of Edward, Prince of Wales. First peal on the bells after re-hanging by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank.

HADDENHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks and South Bucks Branch.)

On Friday, June 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18¾ cwt., in E.

Philip W. Wilkins	*Treble*	George F. Williams	5
Francis K. Biggs	2	John Gransbury	6
Frederick G. Biggs	3	James W. Wilkins	7
William H. Fussell	4	Ralph H. Biggs	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by George F. Williams.

This composition has the 6th her extent wrong and 20 times right, and is now rung for the first time. First peal of Major on the bells. The Vicar (the Rev. Bruce Rhind) kindly entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's No. 47. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

William Short	*Treble*	Arthur Chambers	5
James H. Shepherd	2	James Dowler	6
James E. Groves	3	Samuel Grove	7
William Palmer	4	Sidney J. Jessop	*Tenor*

Conducted by Samuel Grove.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Crewe Branch.)

On Saturday, June 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Hollis' Irregular Five-Part. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*Arthur Moseley	*Treble*	*Joseph Clarke	5
Richard T. Holding, Junr.	2	William Weatherby	6
Harry Furber Holding	3	Richard T. Holding, Senr.	7
James Henry Riding	4	George Hall	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard T. Holding, Senr.

* First peal.

WITNEY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 24, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr.

Albert Brooks	*Treble*	Edmund Tomlinson	5
Frank Barrett	2	George Holifield, Junr.	6
Harry Holifield	3	Rev. Cyril Jenkyn	7
John Monk	4	George Brooks	*Tenor*

Conducted by the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(Whitwick Branch.)

On Saturday, June 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 12 cwt., in F.

Alfred Clark	*Treble*	Joseph Cadle	5
Walter Fern	2	John Rawson	6
John Moore	3	Thomas Belcher	7
George Walker	4	Fred Boam	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter Fern.

T. Belcher was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

FEERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 24, 1911, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

David Elliott	*Treble*	John Sadler	5
Frank Claydon	2	Ernest Newman	6
Andrew Shufflebotham	3	Ernest W. Beckwith	7
Percy Langston	4	James Newman	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard, and Conducted by David Elliott.

This was the conductor's 100th peal.

BEESTON, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 24, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

NEVILLE WIDDOWSON ...*Treble*	*ARTHUR LOWE 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	J. CHARLES DICKEN... ... 6
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, Senr. 3	EDWARD C. GABEY 7
BART MITCHELL 4	PERCIVAL PRICE... ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

* First peal in the method. Rung also as a farewell peal to the Rev. T. G. Shelmerdine, curate of the above church.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 24, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

DICK ILIFFE ... ...*Treble*	JOHN BOLTON 5
JOHN WATERFIELD 2	*W. NEAL ADKINSON ... 6
JOHN T. TAYLOR 3	FRED STANIFORTH 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	†EDMUND LEECH ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED STANIFORTH.

* First peal on 8 bells. † First peal. E. Morris hails from Leicester, remainder belong to the local band.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, June 24, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*HARRY PRICE ... ...*Treble*	†JOHN BASS 5
*GEORGE HUGHES 2	†WILLIAM FISHER 6
*HERBERT KNIGHT 3	*CHARLES F. WHITE 7
*GEORGE PIGOTT 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS... ...*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method away from the treble: also first in the method on the bells and by the above Society. C. F. White's 50th peal.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

SUNDERLAND.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London, York, Wearmouth, Newcastle, Chester, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES AYERS ... ...*Treble*	*JOHN WALKER 4
†WILLIAM A. CARR 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 5
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. L. PATTERSON.

* First peal. † First peal of minor.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Chester, Carlisle, London, Wells, Durham, York and Cambridge. Tenor 17¼ cwt., in E.

WILLIAM SAVAGE ... ...*Treble*	REGINALD BLAKE 4
JOSEPH GOACHER 2	WILLIAM DAY 5
HENRY BLACKMAN 3	FREDERICK BENNETT ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK BENNETT.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each differently called. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

HUGH WATTS ... ...*Treble*	HERBERT ALLRED 5
JAMES ALLRED 2	ROBERT ALLRED 6
HARRY ALLRED 3	MOSES HEATCOAT 7
JOHN T. ALLRED 4	HARRY WORTHINGTON ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT ALLRED.

Rung with 7—8 covering.

WARGRAVE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 Six Scores called differently.
Tenor 16¾ cwt.

W. ELSLEY... ... ...*Treble*	*W. R. FULLER 4
*P. D. ELSLEY 2	W. J. FULLER 5
A. GUY 3	*G. BAYLISS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. FULLER.

* First peal.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT CURE ... ...*Treble*	EDGAR VALLANCE 4
WALTER HORTON 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5
THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.
CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 Six Scores. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN LABUTT ... ...*Treble*	CHARLES FAIRY 3
*THOMAS HICKMAN 2	EDWIN JONES 4

HARRY FOWLER ... ... *Tenor.*
Conducted by H. FOWLER.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

CLENCHWARTON.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*F. BEAUMONT ... ...*Treble*	*J. WRIGHT 3
†W. PAINTER 2	‡J. WELTON... 4

S. VINCENT ... ... *Tenor.*
Conducted by J. WELTON.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. ‡ First peal as conductor.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM DENMAN, Senr.	*Treb'e*	GEORGE LUCAS	4
*THOMAS ADAMS	2	JAMES F. BOWELL	5
RICHARD H. BOWELL	3	ALFRED CRIPPS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED CRIPPS.

* First peal on an inside bell. A. Cripps' first peal as conductor.

GREAT MUNDEN.

THE HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

NATHAN PATMORE	*Treble*	N. WALLACE	4
B. J. MILLER	2	H. WALLACE	5
E. SAGGERS	3	B. PATMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. PATMORE.

This peal was completed by 7.40 a.m.

WOLVERLEY, KIDDERMINSTER.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

N. DAVIS	*Treble*	E. J. BROOKES	4
G. DAVIS	2	*CHAS. H. WOODBERRY	5
*W. SMITH	3	J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHAS. H. WOODBERRY.

* First peal of Minor.

OTHER PEALS.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH).

On Wednesday, June 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*RALPH COLES	*Treble*	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	2	*WILLIAM J. PAICE	6
*FRED HAYES	3	ROBERT H. YOUNG	7
HARRY R. PASMORE	4	RICHARD BUCKLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

FOXEARTH, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

On Saturday, June 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE.

W. R. JOHN POULSON	*Treble*	CHARLES WOODCOCK	5
*JOHN SPARROW	2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	6
*FREDK. DEWELL	3	WILLIAM DENT	7
WALTER RADLEY	4	ARTHUR SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th hail from Bury St. Edmunds, the others from Lavenham.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF S. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE	*Treble*	WALTER G. MATTHEWS	5
EDWIN F. PIKE	2	HENRY S. ELLIS	6
ARTHUR HARDY	3	THOMAS LANGDON	7
ALFRED GRIMES	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOLDEN, and Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Henry S. Ellis.

WYMONDHAM.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

JAMES MOTTS	*Treble*	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	5
FREDERICK HOWCHIN	2	FREDERICK SEAGER	6
FREDERICK MANSER	3	GEORGE SNELLING	7
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, of London, and Conducted by J. MOTTS, of Ipswich.

PETERBOROUGH.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 19, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's differently called. Tenor 8 cwt.

HENRY A. TRAYNAR	*Treble*	JOSEPH DUNTHORNE	4
ARTHUR JOHNSON	2	JOHN J. JUTSON	5
EDWIN TILLEY	3	GEORGE JUTSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE JUTSON.

First peal by ringers of the treble, 3rd and 4th. First as conductor. All the ringers belong to the local company.

Other Peals are held over until next week.

RINGERS OF 400 PEALS.

The Exercise at large would, we feel sure, be extremely interested to have a list of those ringers who have rung more than 400 peals. The number who have reached this select circle is not large, and in order that we may place the complete list before our readers we should be glad to receive from those whose score is 400 or over a summary of their performances, giving number of peals rung and conducted on tower and handbells, number of towers, counties and associations if possible, the longest length, and the date of the first peal. The collection of these statistics will make an interesting record, and we hope to be able to publish the information in the near future.

On Coronation Day Mr. G. N. Price entered the honoured list of those who have rung 400 peals, his record being as follows :—

ON TOWER BELLS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
London Surprise Royal	1	1
London Surprise Major	45	6
Bristol Surprise Major	1	1
Cambridge Surprise Major	14	3
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	1
Superlative Surprise Major	46	15
Stedman Cinques	4	—
Stedman Caters	17	2
Stedman Triples	115	34
	(one non-conducted).	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	—
Kent Treble Bob Royal	4	—
Kent Treble Bob Major	1	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	—
Double Norwich Royal	1	—
Double Norwich Caters	1	—
Double Norwich Major	28	13
Bob Royal	1	—
Bob Major	7	3
Bob Triples	1	—
Canterbury Major	1	—
Grandsire Caters	2	—
Grandsire Triples	23	9
Seven Minor Methods	6	5
Total	323	94

ON HANDBELLS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Superlative Surprise Major	3	3
Double Norwich Major	2	2
Stedman Cinques	3	—
Stedman Caters	9	7
	(including 6591).	
Stedman Triples	38	21
	(two non-conducted).	
Kent Treble Bob Major	1	—
Bob Royal	1	1
Bob Major	5	2
Grandsire Caters	2	—
Grandsire Triples	13	7
Total	77	43

Total 400. Conducted 137. Rung in 19 counties and in 147 towers, 15 of which were the first peal in any method on the bells. From this record, four false peals of Stedman Caters have been deleted.

PRESENTATION BY RINGERS.

An unusual but interesting incident took place in the belfry of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, on Tuesday week, when the Rev. Thomas L. Bullock was the recipient of a gift from the St. Botolph Bell Ringers' Guild, on his preferment to the Vicarage of St. Mark's, Clerkenwell. The present took the unique form of a dinner gong, in the form of a miniature tenor bell, mounted upon an oak stand, with the following inscription engraved upon it :—"Presented to the Rev. Thomas L. Bullock, L.Th., by the members of the St. Botolph Bell Ringers' Guild, June, 1911."—Mr. Albert Pridmore, one of the churchwardens (who was accompanied by Mrs. Pridmore), in making the presentation, said it was the gift of the members, not only to show the regard and esteem in which they held Mr. Bullock, and their regret at his leaving, but to recognise his initiation of the guild, which, although it had only been formed some few months, had made such remarkable progress.

The Rev. T. L. Bullock, in acknowledging the gift, thanked the members for their handsome and delightful present, which he would greatly value, and said he considered the credit for the promotion and success of the guild was due, not to himself, but to the members, who, one and all had taken such active interest in it. The following members of the guild were present: Messrs. Arnold, Harner, Hayward, Kirby, Jaynes, H. Laver, Pettitt, Day, Fordham, Gillingham, Marsh, Askell, and the honorary secretary (Mr. T. Walker). There were also present Mr. J. Laver (honorary secretary to the St. Botolph Church Council) and Mr. Barker, Master of the Northern District London County Association.

Mr. D. ELLIOTT'S 100 PEALS.

The 6000 of Double Norwich at Feering on Saturday was the 100th peal by the conductor, Mr. D. Elliott :—

On six bells	3	Conducted	1
Grandsire Triples	1		
Bob Major	13	Conducted	11
Kent Treble Bob Major	15	Conducted	11
Oxford Treble Bob Major	18	Conducted	16
Double Norwich Major	32	Conducted	18
Superlative Surprise	12	Conducted	10
Cambridge Surprise	5	Conducted	5
London Surprise (on treble)	1		
Total	100	Conducted	72

DEATH OF A BELLRINGER.

The funeral took place at the New Cemetery, Godalming, on June 20th, of Mr. James Cooper, of Moss Lane, Godalming, who died on the previous Thursday. Mr. Cooper had been a member of the local guild of bellringers for many years. He was 61 years of age, and had been employed for 20 years at Messrs. R. and J. Pullman's leather works. He formerly served as a volunteer for 30 years, retiring with the rank of Colour-Sergeant. He was also one of the first members of the Godalming Fire Brigade. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. H. McKay, and a muffled peal was rung on the Parish Church bells as a last tribute of respect from his fellow-ringers.

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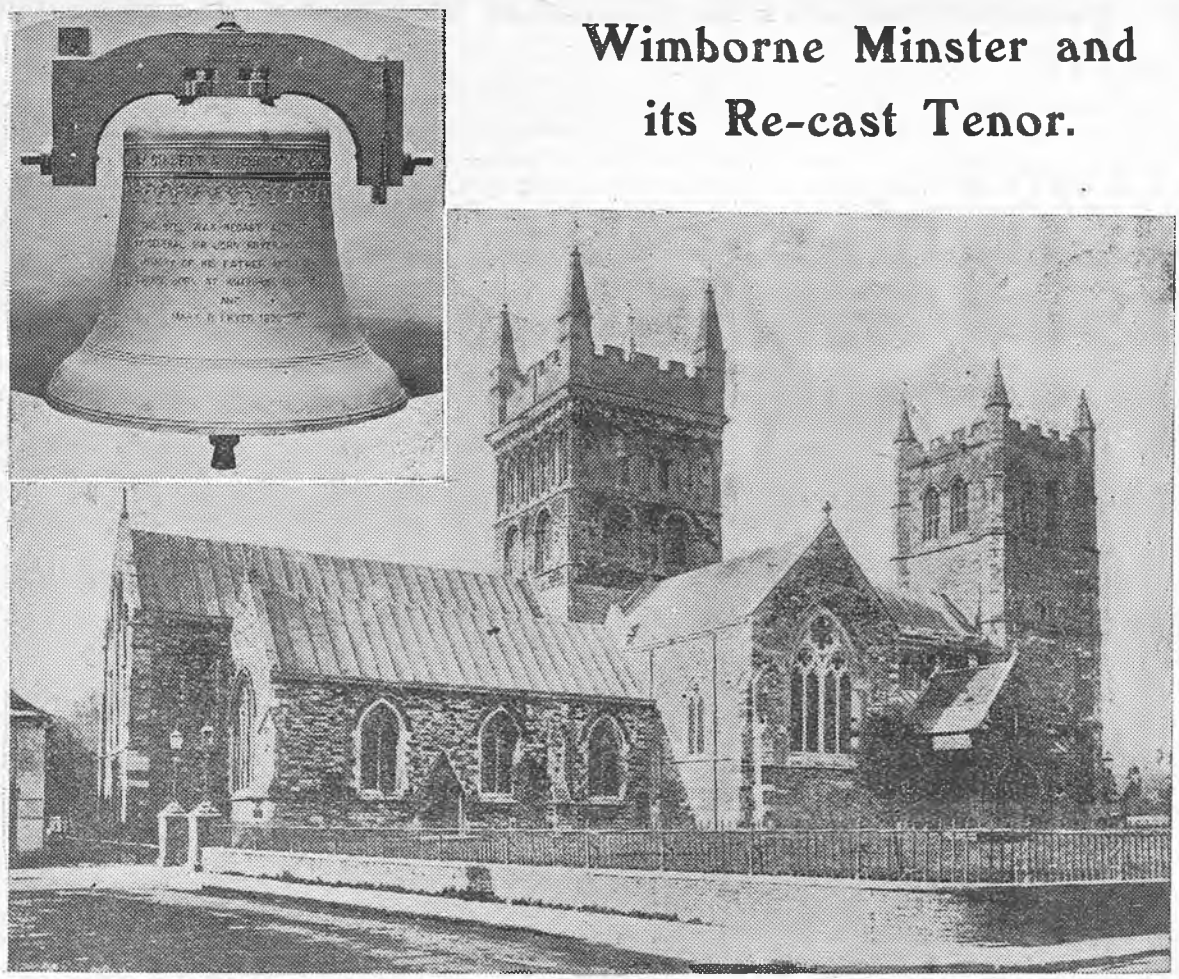

Photo] [*J. Pottle, Wimborne.*

The ancient minster of St. Cuthberga, Wimborne, now possesses a fine peal of ten bells, a description of which, together with the report of the dedication, was given in our last issue. The first peal was rung on the bells on Coronation Day, and the record of it will be found in our peal columns. The work of recasting the bells and adding two trebles was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The above picture shows Wimborne Minster, and the recast tenor (weight 30 cwt.), in which the metal from the old bell, cast in 1629, has been preserved.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

How many ringers were there, we wonder, who rang for the Coronation of George V. who lived in the reign of George IV.? Their number must have been extremely few. One such was Mr. J. Heathorn, of Guildford, who, despite his 87 years, rang the 3rd to 518 of Grandsire Triples at St. Nicolas' Church.

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Mr. A. Symonds, of Lavenham, writes to say that the band who rang the peal of Treble Bob Minor at Monks Eleigh, Suffolk, on April 19th, will have to give up all claim to it as an Ely Diocesan Association peal as two of the ringers were not members. Had this fact been known before starting they would have been re-elected.

The monthly combined practice of the Sonning branch of the Oxford Guild was held at Arborfield on Saturday last, a fair number of members being present. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Kent, Oxford, Cambridge, Double Oxford and Plain Bob Minor were rung during the evening.

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Don't forget that this is the last week of our competition for a prize of a peal of handbells. Coupons must be forwarded to this office not later than July 10th.

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We find that ringers in some quarters are still having difficulty in getting their *Ringing World* promptly. There is no reason why there should be any trouble whatever in this respect and we should be glad if those who are unable to get the paper would communicate at once with us, sending the name of their newsagent.

SEVEN TRUE 720's IN FOURTEEN DIFFERENT METHODS.

Year by year the scientific standard of ringing is being gradually raised, and for evidence of it one has only to compare the number of peals in the more complex methods rung now with the number recorded even ten years ago. This advance is not merely confined to the higher number of bells, but peals on six are certainly of better class than they used to be. The Rev. H. Law James has done a good deal among the six bell towers in the diocese of Lincoln to raise the standard, and at the Central Council meeting he brought forward a proposition to bring peals up to a still higher scientific level. His views on the subject will be found in the report of the meeting in last week's issue, and for the benefit of those ringers who would like to try the experiment of ringing a peal of 5,040 in 14 different methods, but with seven true and complete 720's only, Mr. James has favoured us with the figures showing how this, at first seemingly impossible task, can be executed.

The methods are in pairs, and each pair has the same rows in the plain course as its companion has, the result is that a change can be made from one method to the other at a bob, and although first one and then the other is rung, the peal consists of true 720's, no change repeating between rounds and rounds. Thus 14 methods can be introduced into the peal without coming into rounds upon 14 occasions, as has been the case in the past. Mr. Law James' new way of accomplishing the performance is, therefore, one which should commend itself to six bell ringers, and one can quite appreciate the force of Mr. James' remark when he said that in ringing a peal on these lines a good deal of fun is to be got.

The following are the seven 720's in fourteen different methods, rung for the first time at Edenham, by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, on February 15th of this year.

1.—Norfolk and Primrose Surprise.	2.—Cunecastre and London Surprise.	3.—Beverly and Durham Surprise.	4.—Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise.	5.—Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob.	6.—Single and Double Oxford Bob.	7.—Double and Single Bob.
23456 N	23456 C	23456 B	23456 I	23456 S	For Single Oxford Call Tenor I I and 4ths twice repeated with S at Home, then Double Oxford the same.	The same as No. 6.
64523	35264	56342	64235 — C	56342		
35264	56342	64235 — D	35426	42635		
64235 — P	64523	64352 —	26543	35264		
64352 —	64235 — L	45623	64352 —	64235 — O		
45623	26543	52436	52436	26435		
52436	52364	23564	23645 — I	42563		
23564	35426	23645 — B	62534	54326		
23645 — N	64352 —	45362	56423	35642		
56423	23645 — C	62534	45362	63542 — S		
34256	34256	34256	34256	42356		
Twice repeated Nos. 36 and 38	Twice repeated 17 and 14	Twice repeated 35 and 33	Twice repeated 37 and 39	Twice repeated 2 and 1	In Legitimate Methods.	

The initials against the bobs in the Surprise and Treble Bob Methods indicate the change from one method to the other. There are 38 changes from one method to another in the peal.

AFTER MANY YEARS.

LIVERPOOL PARISH CHURCH BELLS RESTORED.

After being silent as a ringing twelve for over 16 years, the bells of the old Parish Church of St. Nicholas', Liverpool, have been heard again, the work of restoration, including the recasting of the tenor, having been carried out by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London. Before the founders left the town, the bells were tried by a band of ringers from the Lancashire Association and the Liverpool Diocesan Guild. Owing, however, to new ropes, weight of metal, and the fact that several of the band had never rung on twelve before, no change ringing was attempted, but the bells were kept going in rounds and queens, whilst listeners outside went round to hear from different points the fine tone of the recast tenor, and the great improvement in the whole peal. The bells have been quarter-turned and rehung in the old frame with new iron headstocks and new fittings, and the excellent quality of all material, as well as the workmanship, leave nothing to be desired. The Liverpool people have reason to be proud of the old church bells, which are again fit for many years' service. The ringers who took part at the opening touches were: G. R. Newton, E. Caunce, H. Barker, T. Hammond, senr., T. Hammond, junr., H. Fyles, W. Twist, G. Fisher, W. Fisher, T. Larkey, J. Martin, R. Newton, W. Davies, and W. H. Davies.

On Sunday week, the Rev. Canon H. E. Bilbrough, Rector, dedicated the new tenor, and the bells were rung before and after service in the evening by the Ashton-under-Lyne Society, commencing with a touch of 462 Grandsire Cinques: J. Mellor 1, G. Garnett 2, B. Thorpe 3, T. Hammond 4, J. Wood 5, B. Gill 6, W. W. Wolstencroft 7, J. Martin 8, W. Davies (conductor) 9, Sam Thomas 10, H. Chapman 11, R. Newton 12. This was followed by 352 in the same method. After service, the bells were rung in rounds, queens, and Whittingtons, several local ringers taking part. Crowds remained in the churchyard to listen to the ringing, many of the congregation never before having heard the twelve bells rung.

KINGSTHORPE'S INTERESTING BELLS.

Last week we briefly mentioned the dedication of Kingsthorpe Church bells, by the Bishop of Leicester. The old five were 17th century bells, and their inscriptions are interesting. The work which Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, has carried out in restoring the peal reflects the greatest credit upon him. A new treble has been added by the Vicar (the Rev. E. L. Tuson), in commemoration of the Coronation of King George. The 3rd, which was flat in tone, has been recast, and the whole peal rehung. The old oak beams which had probably been in the tower since the bells were put in their place, early in the seventeenth century, have been replaced by steel girders. The inscriptions on the bells are:—

Treble (5 cwt. 3 qrs. 7lbs.).—"Given by the Vicar, Coronation year, George V., 1911." Cast by A. Bowell, Ipswich.

2nd (8 cwt.).—"Robert Atton made me. The treble bel for to be. 1621."

3rd (9 cwt. 2 qrs.).—"William Adkins and William Piping, Churchwardens, 1680." There is also a small crest of three bells, and the initials H.B.

4th (10 cwt. 3 qrs.).—"Robert Atton made me. A third bel for to be. 1621." Recast by A. Bowell, Ipswich, 1911.

5th (12 cwt. 1 qr.).—"Paroecre Campana Ecclesie Tuba, 1622." (The parish bell is the trumpet of the church).

Tenor (15 cwt.).—"I ring to sermon with a lusty bome, that all my come and none may stay at home. 1671."

This bell also bears a royal coat of arms.

At the dedication a few rounds were rung on the bells by: J. Dunkley, J. Croft, W. Hayes, W. Parsons, G. Parker and H. Clarke; and after the service six members of the Central Northants Association rang three courses of Boo Minor: J. Dunkley 1, H. Clarke 2, J. W. Craddock 3, G. Parker 4, B. Soden 5, W. Rogers 6.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AND "THE RINGING WORLD."

What Ringers Think of the Council's Action.

REPRESENTATIVE VIEWS.

The action of the Central Council in refusing to give official recognition to "The Ringing World" has been received throughout the Exercise with feelings of indignation and from the shoal of letters which we have received, taking exception of the Council's attitude, there can be not the slightest doubt that, by allowing the proposition to be shelved, the Council have failed completely to interpret the wishes of the ringers whom they are supposed to represent. We should like to thank all those correspondents who have written us upon the subject, and to say we fully appreciate the keen interest which they are exhibiting in the matter. The pressure upon our space, however, prevents us publishing but just a few of the letters which have reached us, and we give below some views from representative men in the Exercise.

Mr. R. J. DAWE, one of the Sussex Association's Central Council representatives, writes:—"Will you please allow me space to add, in support of what Mr. Trollope has said, that I, as the seconder of the motion No. 8 on the Central Council's agenda, had nothing in my mind only that which appeared on the face of the resolution. I know of nothing behind it, and, after speaking to several members of the Council, previous to the meeting, I certainly did not think there was going to be such an opposition to it. I am very sorry to think the Peals Analysis Committee took such objection to the resolution. To my mind, they have destroyed their own valuable work, because unless we can have an analysis of all peals, the statistics certainly become useless."

COUNCIL'S CHANGE OF FRONT.

Mr. WM. STORY, of Newcastle:—"I regret that, owing to train connections, I was unable to remain at the Council Meeting till the conclusion of the debate on the publication of report and compilation of analysis. I would most assuredly have decreased the majority by one vote. For years ringers have been dissatisfied with the existing state of affairs, and yet when a bold, and I trust a successful, effort is being made in the way of a distinct improvement, the Council instead of welcoming it with open arms promptly throws cold water on it. The Council seems strangely to have changed front since last year's meeting, for, from some casual remarks made on the subject on that occasion, one would have gathered that any change for the better would have been cordially welcomed. I do not overlook the services which have been rendered to the Exercise by the 'Bell News,' to which paper I have been a subscriber for nearly 30 years, but I need not enumerate here the reasons which caused ringers to welcome with joy the appearance of the new publication. These reasons are too well known. With regard to the analysis, I really cannot see the impossibility of compiling it from two papers instead of one. The committee might have been doubled, each member being responsible for so many Associations' peals. Possibly you, sir, may see your way to provide, in reasonable time, an analysis compiled by your own staff from the conjoint publications, for this year, or until the Council provides a dependable analysis. With the adoption of a good method of registration it should not be such a colossal task, especially if it were kept up to date as the year goes on. May I congratulate you on the up-to-date method on which you are conducting your issue so far, and express the hope that you may be enabled to continue on the same high level."

THE ANALYSIS.

Mr. C. E. BORRETT, Hon. Secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association:—"In your report of the debate at the Central Council Meeting, I see the President implied that, previous to the appearance of 'The Ringing World,' the work of the Analysis Committee had been all plane sailing. As a member of that committee for a few years, I have some knowledge of the difficulties surrounding the work, and I should not like to add to the worries of the present committee. But as the question of the analysis has been raised, may I point out that all the peals rung during the year 1910 were not published in the 'Bell News?' That fact alone detracts some bit from the value of the analysis. One would naturally suppose that, as the 'Bell News' was alone in the field until March, 1911, all the 1910 peals would have appeared in its columns, but such was not the case. In the analysis for 1910, the Association I have the honour to serve, occupies the premier place, and we were credited with 138 peals and 2,209 points. But we actually scored 151 peals and 2,486 points, and these are all printed in our Annual Report for 1910, which was issued to our members last March. What is the reason for this discrepancy Perhaps the twelve who voted for 'the previous question' will give the matter a moment's consideration. The reason is really quite a simple one:

"AXES TO GRIND."

Mr. WILLIAM PYE:—"That 'The Ringing World' is the journal that has been long sought for, most ringers will agree, and are we to be denied our rights simply because the President of the Council does not approve of it? In my humble opinion, the Council as it is at present, is nothing but a farce, and I shall not be exaggerating when I say that two-thirds of the Exercise share my opinion. When the Council consists of nothing but practical change ringers, who have nothing but the interest of their respective Associations at heart, it will be welcomed, but if we take a few exceptions, the remainder can be divided into two parts, the one going for the sole purpose of grinding their own axes, and the other for a cheap outing. My contention is this: These men are sent by their respective Associations—the majority of them have their expenses paid—and they should remember that it is their duty to try and further the interests of the ringers they represent. Many of them, however, are only seen or heard of once a year, and, as Mr. Trollope says, they know nothing about the wants of the Exercise."

"LIKE A FALSE COMPOSITION."

Mr. HENRY DAINS:—"As a member of the Council for over 20 years, serving on various committees for the whole of the time, I am extremely sorry to read in the report of the debates that portion concerning the Analysis Committee. The trouble seems to be caused by the advent of 'The Ringing World,' whose appearance seems to be highly approved by the ringing Exercise all over the country. Why it should be the cause of such lamentations at head quarters seems unaccountable. The President said he wished the paper had not come out, but he did not tell us why so? Now by what I can see, the greater part of the trouble is that some extra work will be entailed by having to cull particulars from two papers instead of only one. This, of course, is actually so, but the President tells us the analysis is dead. Whether it was a natural death, or how it expired, we are not told. Let us fervently hope it is not a case of suicide, as then there could be no decent burial. But I do hope soon to know that the President's statement is premature. I don't think this committee is dead, but it undoubtedly has had a severe shock. The suggestion that the committee go on as before and compile the analysis from one paper only, would be very much like composing and publishing a false composition. If the committee does not survive this little trouble, it has not the vitality I had given it credit for, but I hope soon to know it is again going on, and that it will continue for years, to present us with such excellent reports as the last one, both of the analysis of performances, and also of peal values, the perusal of which is both pleasing and refreshing to those of us who perforce are obliged to spend more time over these interesting subjects than could be afforded in the busy days gone by."

Mr. Dains goes on to suggest that the Analysis Committee's difficulty could be got over by a further division of labour, by handing over to willing assistants one or more methods each, for which they should be responsible, returning the details at the end of the year for one member of the committee to tabulate.

IRRESISTIBLE!

The Rev. E. S. POWELL, Holbeton Vicarage, Plymouth: — "Is there not a danger of the real principle involved in the question of the recognition of 'The Ringing World' being ignored? On the one hand it would presumably be granted that the Central Council is not to be expected to recognise any ephemeral publication which may happen to have been in existence two or three months. On the other, no fear or favour ought to be shown between two established ringing papers. Notwithstanding the phenomenal success of 'The Ringing World,' supporters of Mr. Trollope's resolution might have found it difficult to resist criticism, on the ground of its youth, though its opponents unhappily appear to have adopted a less reasonable line of attack. Next year we may hope that 'The Ringing World' will be so firmly established in the affections of members of the Exercise that there should be no difficulty in the various Associations insisting on their representatives supporting a similar resolution at the next Council Meeting. Working on these lines the paper's well-wishers should be irresistible. One further point on the subject of peals analysis. So long as the bulk of peals is published in both papers the comparatively small additional labour in collating the two is surely not prohibitive, whereas under the present system the analysis will become valueless as soon as conductors in any numbers begin to send their performances to only one."

ALL PEALS TO BE INCLUDED IN ANALYSIS.

From the following letter it will be seen that the Analysis Committee intend to include in the analysis all peals published in both the ringing papers.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I hasten to correct the statement of my friend, Mr. J. Parker, that the Council have decided that only peals which appear in the "Bell News" shall be included in the analysis. You will find nothing in the proceedings of the Council which bears any such interpretation All that the Council has decided is, in effect, that the demand for giving the same official recognition to "The Ringing World" as to the "Bell News" is at the present moment premature.

It is true that it leaves the Analysis Committee in the unhappy position of having a great deal more work to do; but there is no mandate to them to take a step which would render the analysis valueless as a record, and of no possible interest to the members of the Exercise. Let me say at once that if Mr. Parker, or anybody else, thinks that the Analysis Committee take such a view of their responsibilities, they are very much mistaken.

Those who are clamouring for equal recognition on the part of the Council for both the ringing papers, have surely strangely overlooked the fact that, in refusing to send copies of peals rung to both papers, they are themselves refusing equal recognition. It is a position of inconsistency from which they cannot escape. I took occasion to point this out at the meeting at Leicester; but owing, no doubt, to my inability to make myself clear, I was imperfectly understood.

I could say a great deal more on the unfortunate tone of your articles; distorting, as I believe, the utterances of our President, whose impartiality has never yet been questioned. If the advent of your paper is to be the signal for the division of ringers into two hostile camps, there is more than one thoughtful person who might be pardoned for wishing that the new paper had never been started.

At the same time, I say for myself personally, that I hope you will continue to prosper, and justify your existence rather by a conciliatory tone than by a hostile attitude towards the Council, who may, or may not, have been mistaken in considering that the claim made for equal recognition, by some of your supporters, is for the moment inopportune. In another twelve months, when we know more, it will be possible for the Council, as the Rev. H. Law James says, to come to a decision, which will give satisfaction to everyone.

The present decision really affects the Analysis Committee only. It does not really affect your paper, as you are to receive by courtesy what for the moment you cannot receive by right. But it does affect the Analysis Committee, because it adds unnecessarily to their labours. We shall not shrink, however, from the additional task imposed upon us, nor shall we wail because we cannot have everything our own way.

Yours very faithfully,
ARTHUR KING.

2, Sussex Place, Southsea,
June 26th, 1911.

KENT ASSOCIATION AT SWANSCOMBE.

A quarterly meeting of the Rochester district was held on Saturday, at Swanscombe. There was a good attendance, members from Upchurch, Newington, Gillingham, Chatham, Rochester (Cathedral and St. Margaret's), Gravesend, Milton-next-Gravesend, Dartford, Crayford, Lewisham, and the local ringers, about 30 in all, being present. The bells, which are a good ring, by Mears and Stainbank (tenor, 18 cwt., in F), were raised at four o'clock, and the methods rung during the afternoon and evening were: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Duffield, and Forward Major. Through the kindness of the local ringers, the visitors were entertained to tea in parties.—Hearty thanks were accorded the hosts.—The usual business meeting was held in the Belfry, when three honorary and two practising members were elected. Rochester was selected for the annual meeting of the district, to be held in September.

PEAL TABLET UNVEILED AT TIPTON.

Mr. W. R. SMALL'S 300TH PEAL COMMEMORATED.

St. Martin's Church tower—generally spoken of as the "Pepper Box" (on account of its shape) by Black Country ringers—was well filled on Saturday week with ringers and friends who had met to congratulate Mr. Wm. Rock Small upon his having rung his 300th peal, and to witness the unveiling of a tablet recording the performance. Ringers were present from Birmingham, Bloxwich, Bradley, Coseley, Dudley, Handsworth, King's Norton, Netherton, Old Hill, Shifnal, Smethwick, Tipton, Walsall, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Willenhall, Wolverhampton, Wood Green, and Wordsley. A short service was conducted in the church by the Vicar (the Rev. W. T. de Vine, M.A., R.D.), and an adjournment was then made to the belfry, where after a prayer by the Vicar and a few introductory remarks by Mr. Small, Miss C. A. de Vine unveiled the stone tablet, recording in plain bold lettering, the following:—

"TIPTON PARISH CHURCH.

"The Society of change ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, and the St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.

"On Saturday, February 19th, 1910, eight members of the above rang upon the bells in this tower a peal of Stedman Triples (5040 changes), Thurstans' one-part, in two hours and 57 mins.: Alfred Rowley treble, William H. Godden 2nd, John Smith 3rd, Thomas Horton 4th, William Rock Small 5th, Thomas H. Reeves 6th, Herbert Knight 7th, William Painter tenor. Conducted by Herbert Knight.

"Wilson Thomas de Vine, M.A., R.D., Vicar; James C. Dunn and Ebenezer Harris, Churchwardens.

"This was Mr. W. R. Small's 300th peal rung upon church bells, in various counties, on 8, 10 and 12 bells; it was half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late F. E. Robinson, M.A., Vicar of Drayton, Berks, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who rang in various counties 1,250 peals. Also to the late Lady Louisa Jane Cecil Legge, sister to the Bishop of Lichfield, and aunt to the present Earl of Dartmouth. Stedman Cinques 14, Caters 15, Triples 68, Grandsire Cinques 5, Royal 2, Caters 35, Major 6, Triples 75, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1, Royal 10, Major 13, Plain Bob Royal 5, Caters 1, Major 32, Triples 1, Darlaston Bob Triples 4, Canterbury Pleasure Major 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 5, Double Oxford Bob Major 1, Forward Royal 2, Major 4.

"Total, 300 peals. Tenor, 12 cwt. 25lbs.

"John Smith, Tower Keeper."

The Vicar had a few kind words to say of Mr. Small, and incidentally mentioned that Mr. Small's 50th, 100th, 150th, 200th, 250th and 300th peals had been Stedman Triples, and had been rung in that tower. —Mr. J. S. Pritchett, M.A., proposed a vote of thanks to Miss de Vine for the part she performed, and spoke in high terms of Mr. Small and his doings.—Mr. A. E. Parsons (churchwarden at Holy Trinity, Old Hill) also had a good word to say in regard to the donor of the tablet. An excellent tea was kindly provided in the schoolroom, where Miss de Vine, Mrs. Groves and Mrs. Jones presided at the tables, with assistance from the Misses Smith, etc. After tea the handbells were brought into requisition, two veterans piloting "young bloods" through the mysteries of changes. Notably among the various methods rung upon the tower bells were Erin Triples and Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major.

LANCASHIRE MEETINGS.

A meeting of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Tyldesley on Saturday, and was fairly attended, although many were kept away by the unpropitious weather. Members were present from Newchurch, Leigh, and Bolton, and some good touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung. The next meeting is to be at Leigh in September, at a date to be arranged by the secretary.

The quarterly ringing meeting of the Furness and Lake District branch was held at Heversham on Saturday week, when there was a fair attendance of members from Barrow, Burton, Crossthwaite, Dalton, Kendal and Silverdale. Touches of Bob Minor, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were indulged in, and 720 Bob Minor was rung by: J. Braithwaite 1, E. Fox 2, R. Douthwaite 3, T. Suart (conductor) 4, C. J. A. Cushing 5, J. Burrows 6.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A successful meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Stow, on Saturday week, ringers being present from Gainsborough, West Stockwith, Haxey, Willingham, Scunthorpe and Lincoln, beside the local company. During the afternoon the bells were kept going to Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor. The bells at Willingham Church were also at the disposal of the members during the day. Tea was provided at the Cross Keys, and was immediately followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. J. E. Tinker presided, and gave a hearty welcome to the visitors. A very interesting paper on "Church Bells and their history" was read by Mr. T. H. Parkin, of Scunthorpe, for which he was thanked by the Chairman, and heartily applauded by those present.—Votes of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to the Chairman, concluded the meeting. The ringers then returned to the tower, where more ringing was indulged in for a short time. On the return journey four of the visitors called at Willingham, and, with two of the local company, rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins., standing in the following order: C. H. Baker 1, H. Plowright (first 720) 2, W. Roberts 3, T. H. Parkin 4, F. S. W. Butler (conductor) 5, W. Ayre 6. The best thanks of the band are due to Mr. R. C. Bacon for so kindly putting off a choir practice for their convenience.

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THE CORONATION.

Ringers' View from St. Margaret's, Westminster.

HOW THE BELLS PLAYED THEIR PART.

To be out of bed at 3 a.m. is good for neither man nor beast. It is bad enough when it is at the end of a day; it is worse when it is at the beginning. But circumstances alter cases. It was Coronation Day, and we were to ring at St. Margaret's, Westminster. The authorities advised everyone to be early, the police and the newspapers said "be early!" and so, many of us that live in the suburbs had to turn out at the uncomfortable hour aforementioned. Six o'clock was the meeting time, and Big Ben was just striking as we got into Parliament Square. Already there was plenty of people, and movement and bustle. The general public were excluded from all the streets near the Abbey, but there were crowds of other people who either had tickets for stands, or who were engaged in duties connected with the approaching ceremony. For weeks past Parliament Square had worn a novel aspect. On all sides huge stands had been erected. Gone were the central gardens; gone were the lawns in front of St. Margaret's and the Abbey; gone almost was the church itself, for a mass of timber covered the whole front from which the top of the tower stuck out oddly enough. Only the great bulk of the Abbey and the Houses of Parliament refused to be hidden behind the timber screens. Even the Abbey looked strange with its temporary annex, a wood and plaster structure painted to look wondrously like solid stone. The top of the St. Margaret's tower was reserved for us and our women folk, about a score in all, and thither we made our way. Not so high up as to be "skied," we were high enough up to be above all obstacles. Below they could scarcely see the buildings for the stands. We could see over and beyond

THE SCENE FROM THE TOWER.

At our feet was Parliament Square and Whitehall; in front, the fine new Government offices; on our right, the towers of the Palace of Westminster; behind, the ancient Abbey. And above and beyond all a wonderful view of the best parts of London, from St. Paul's to the Crystal Palace, and from the Tower Bridge to Kensington. In the middle distance you could see the river and the fine buildings on its front, and, further round, Buckingham Palace and the trees of St. James' Park and the Mall, the whole forming a brilliant setting to the brilliant pageant that was to come.

We came to the conclusion, and I think the conclusion was justified, that we would not change places with any spectator on the route. For ten solid hours we were there, and there was not one dull moment during the whole time.

We had scarcely got to our post when the military began to take up their stations; troop after troop of horse and foot soldiers passed us on their way to their different places, and at almost any part of the day we had some of every regiment in our view. Below, the stands were filling up with smartly dressed people, the ladies' dresses and the many uniforms giving a mass of colour which is usually wanting from English crowds. There were, in addition, a large sprinkling of men in Oriental costume, some in flowing gold and pink robes and turbans. And constantly officers in scarlet and gold were riding here and there. Presently a stream of royal carriages and of State carriages, belonging to big nobles, began to arrive. These latter were gorgeously decorated and splendidly horsed. Other notable personages had to leave their conveyances at a distance and walk, and we had the unfamiliar sight of dozens of persons in Court dress, in coronets and robes, or in gold laced uniform walking in the streets of London.

THE RINGING.

We and our near neighbours at the Abbey had to share the ringing, and together we had all the bells there are on the route. We started at 9 o'clock, and, after a few changes, they took it up, and so on throughout the day. There was a massed band in the square that played so that the actual amount of ringing done was not much. Of course the times and amount were officially arranged. 'Tis no matter what we rang; a little Stedman, the rest "stoney." On such occasions, as Shakespeare says, "'tis no matter how it be in time so it make noise enough" By half-past ten the booming of guns and the striking of the Royal Standard on Buckingham Palace warned us the King had started. Across from the Mall we could hear the cheering and see, too, the mass of spectators who thronged the balconies and roofs of Carlton Terrace. The first part of the procession passed down Whitehall round below us and on to the Abbey. Then we went downstairs, and rang as the King came round the Square, and when we stopped the Abbey bells rang him into the church. Inside, the ancient and solemn service was conducted with all the ritual that has come down from long centuries past. We were but a few yards away, actually much nearer the King than many in the building itself, but the Abbey walls are thick and no single note of music reached us.

A SALUTE THAT ANNOUNCED THE CROWNING.

But by half-past twelve a gun boomed out from the park, the Abbey bells began to fire, and when they stopped we took it up. By the time our bells clashed out the people in the Square realised that the King was actually crowned, and a round of cheering broke out, followed by the National Anthem, that was taken up by the crowds in Parliament Street and Whitehall. And now the preparations began to be made for the return journey. The streets beyond the Abbey were full of soldiers; a company of beefeaters in their Tudor dress and halberts marched past and up Whitehall, followed by a troop of Indian chiefs, splendidly horsed and in gorgeous uniforms. After these a group of English officers in scarlet and gold. The Royal Standard which had been hoisted on the Abbey when the King entered was now replaced by the Union Jack; the Abbey bells began firing, and the King started on his return journey. As he left we began ringing, and the band in the Square played, but both bells and band were drowned in the mighty shout that went up. Then another shout and more firing as the Prince of Wales went past. The Abbey bells rang once more, and the bells of St. Margaret's followed, and then our ringing was done, but for long afterwards, when the hoisting of the Standard on Buckingham Palace told us that the King had got back to his home, the scene round the Abbey was most brilliant. There had been some seven thousand people in the church, most of them in uniform, Court dress, or robes, and for a long time the street was a mass of colour. Peers and peeresses in robes and coronets, bishops in blazing scarlet and white, Easterns in wonderful array, officers in gold and red, and ladies in splendid dresses of silk and satin made a sight that has not been seen in London streets for many a day, nor will again be seen for many a day.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

NOTICES.

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HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and eight bell contest will be held at Low Moor on Saturday, July 8th, 1911. Draw for order of ringing at 2.30 p.m.; tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by July 3rd.—George Naylor, 7, Bramley Lane, Lightcliffe.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at High Wycombe on Wednesday, July 12th. Special service in the Parish Church at 11.30. Preacher, the Ven. E. D. Shaw (Archdeacon of Bucks). Business meeting in the Guildhall at 12.20. Dinner in a marquee at the Swan Hotel 1.30. Dinner tickets at 2s. each will be forwarded to those members only who send the money with the order to me on or before Wednesday, July 5th. One shilling will be refunded to each member present at the dinner, but members failing to send for their tickets must pay 2s. at the door, and have no refund.—Albert E. Reeves, Festival Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch Meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday next, July 1st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Branch Secretary.

J. White would esteem it a great favour if all applications for use of the bells of St. Nicolas Hurst would in future be made either to the Rev. E. Broome, or to the foreman of the ringers, Mr. A. W. White, Broad Common, Hurst.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wells on Saturday, July 8th, 1911. Dinner at Wie Renden's Restaurant, High Street, at 1 p.m. sharp. Meeting to follow. Service in the Cathedral at 3 p.m. The bells at the Cathedral are available from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and St. Cuthbert's, Dinder Street, all day, and Glastonbury during the afternoon.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Youlegrave, on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Bart Mitchell, Honorary District Secretary, 68, Douglas Street, Derby.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 15th, 1911. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea at the George and Dragon Inn at 5.45, followed by business meeting. By kind permission of the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon the Rectory grounds will be open to members. Members intending to attend are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, July 12th.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Leighton Buzzard on July 8th. Tea at 5 p.m. Service at 6. The Linslade bells also available.—Rev. A. Rust, Honorary Secretary.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting will take place at Hathersage to-morrow (Saturday, July 1st). Bells available from 3 p.m. Through the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Brooksbank, tea will be provided. Half-day excursions leave Sheffield Mid. 2.20 p.m. and 2.34 p.m. Return fare 1s. 3d.—Sidney F. Palmer, Honorary Secretary, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 8th. The bells at St. Mary's and St. Michael's available during afternoon and evening, and at Cathedral from 5 to 7 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 4 o'clock at Wigham's Stores, Tamworth Street; 1s. per head. Send word not later than Tuesday, July 4th. Reports will be ready. See Excursion bills.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.15; tea (1s. each) at 5 o'clock, both at the Blue Bell Inn. Those intending to take tea must notify Mr. G. B. Earle, Blanch Croft, Melbourne, not later than first post on Thursday, July 13th.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary, Cotgrave, Notts.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will take place at Winchester on the 10th July. 2 p.m., general meeting at Guildhall; 4 p.m., service in Cathedral, preacher, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Guild; 5 p.m., tea at Guildhall.—W. E. Colchester, Honorary Secretary, St. Maurice Rectory, Winchester.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. C. T. Coles, honorary secretary of the N.W. District of the Middlesex Association, has removed to 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

RINGERS' DAY AT FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE.

The arrangements for this event at the Crystal Palace are still progressing, and next week we hope to be able to announce the full details, including the facilities that are to be obtained for cheap travelling on the various railways. As announced last week, special terms for witnessing the Pageant of London, and for participating in the side shows can be obtained if sufficient numbers can be guaranteed, and we are glad to be able to announce that all these facilities can be extended to ringers' families and friends, if they desire to visit the Palace.

The event is being anticipated with the greatest pleasure in many places, if we may judge from the letters which we have received, for the proposal is unique in ringing annals. For the benefit of visitors passing through London to the Palace we have been able, through the kindness of the authorities, to obtain the bells of several churches for ringing during the morning, and a list of these will be given next week, when we shall publish the detailed arrangements.

In the meantime ringers should make up their mind to join this gathering at the Festival of Empire on Saturday, July 15th.

CORONATION TOUCHES.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Apart from the many peals that were rung on Coronation Day, a great many towers had to be content merely with touches. Some of these miscellaneous performances we give below:—

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor: E. T. Broadbridge 1, G. Pidnell 2, A. J. Smith 3, W. Saker 4, R. Rapson 5, A. Miller (conductor) 6.

FULMER, BUCKS.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—720 Oxford Bob Minor: G. H. Gutteridge 1, W. Walden 2, E. Harding 3, J. Walden 4, J. Jolley 5, F. Clarke 6. Also 720 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by J. Jolley.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—At St. Giles' Church, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob: A. Clark 1, H. Tucker 2, C. Valentine 3, W. Bonham 4, T. Tompkins 5, E. Yates (conductor) 6. Also 240 each of College Pleasure and London Scholars Pleasure, C. Valentine conductor. The bells were also "fired" at the beginning.

WOKING, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, two 720's Plain Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor.

DENTON, MANCHESTER.—At St. Anne's Church, the bells were "fired," and the touches rung in the following methods: Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Plain Bob, the ringers being: W. Wilde, J. Waters, A. M. Hardy, W. Wright, A. E. Marshall, J. Pollitt, E. Walters and J. Heckingbottom.

CHESTERFIELD.—Midland Counties Association—972 and 927 Stedman Caters, 485 and 539 and 305 Grandsire Caters, 360 Bob Royal, 360 Kent Treble Bob Major, 576 Superlative Surprise Major. The following took part: A. Knights, B. A. Knights, F. Smith, C. W. Nuttall, W. H. Peabody, F. Jacobs, G. Davies, G. Hollis, T. Gore, G. Thompson and D. Farthing; conducted by A. Knights, B. A. Knights and G. Hollis.

STRETFORD.—Lancashire Association.—At the Parish Church, a date touch of 1911 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 9 mins.: W. Birchall 1, T. Birchall 2, C. W. Birchall 3, W. E. Dale 4, W. Wigglesworth 5, W. J. Moss (conductor) 6. Longest length by all except the conductor, and longest length on the bells by local ringers

WORKSOP.—North Notts Association.—At the Priory Church, 770 and 1260 Grandsire Triples. The bells were also "fired" at intervals during the day, and several shorter touches were also rung. The following took part: C. Peck, H. Cartwright, C. Hudson, A. Johnson, H. Haigh (conductor), W. Roberts, T. Wilson, F. Hind, E. Clark and A. N. Other. The 770 and quarter-peal were composed by George H. Haigh (son of conductor), of Russell, Manitoba, Canada, and were rung on this occasion at the request of the composer.

NEWPORT, MON.—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—At All Saints' Church, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, and was lost at half-way. In the afternoon another attempt was made and lost in the last part, after ringing two hours and 40 mins.: C. Bowen 1, F. E. B. Charles 2, J. Bullen 3, F. Morgan 4, J. W. Jones 5, J. Pippin 6, A. E. Morgan 7, S. Baiss 6.

ROTHERHAM. — Yorkshire Association.—At St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, an attempt was made for Holt's Original, but had to be brought round, after ringing 1600 changes in 58 mins., owing to the indisposition of one of the band: F. Coates 1, C. Glenn (conductor) 2, E. H. Simpson 3, W. Coates 4, J. W. J. Cottam 5, T. Lee 6, J. H. Brothwell 7, W. Hurst 8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—The record early start for a peal was made by the St. Nicholas' Society, Guildford, who commenced a peal of Stedman Triples, at 3.45 a.m. Unfortunately, however, the peal was lost, owing to an unfortunate trip 140 changes from the end, the 4—3 being the wrong way when the bells should have come round. The ringing occupied 3 hrs. 6 mins.: E. A. Etheridge 1, S. Radford 2, T. W. Radford 3, W. Loader 4, E. Raddon 5, S. G. Steer 6, J. Hunt (conductor) 7, E. G. Heath 8. Later in the day touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung, including 518 of Grandsire, J. Heathorn, aged 87, ringing the 3rd. Mr. Heathorn is an inmate of Abbot's Hospital. The touch was conducted by S. Radford.

QUARTER PEALS.

THETFORD.—Norwich Diocesan Association.—1264 Bob Major: E. Carter 1, L. Dickerson 2, A. Macro 3, H. Hawes 4, G. Flatt 5, W. Everett 6, T. Fitzjohn (conductor) 7, C. Carter 8.

BRIDGNORTH. — Hereford Diocesan Guild. — Quarter-peal of Double Norwich, in 44 mins.: A. Newsome 1, A. T. Baker 2, J. Overton 3, J. Elcock 4, B. Head 5, E. Foxall 6, W. Overton (conductor) 7, H. W. Overton 8. Also 1260 Stedman Triples, in 41 mins. J. Overton, conductor.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.—1260 Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: A. Tomlinson 1, H. Hopkinson 2, J. Hopkinson 3, T. Dent 4, W. Hopkinson 5, G. Beardow 6, W. Buxton (conductor) 7, G. Garner 8.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—1260 Stedman Triples: W. Clifford 1, L. Price 2, J. C. Dicken 3, A. Lowe 4, P. Price 5, E. Boot 6, F. Price (conductor) 7, J. Paling 8.

BOLNEY.—Sussex County Association.—At the Parish Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. King 1, G. Weller 2, W. Wheeler 3, F. Stoner 4, W. Vincent 5, G. Lewry 6, G. Walder, junr. (conductor) 7, G. Packham 8.

CROSTHWAITE, CUMBERLAND.—Cumberland Association.—At St. Kentigern's Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Postlethwaite 1, T. Hartley 2, J. J. Bell 3, T. Graham 4, T. Hogarth 5, T. Wilson 6, F. Postlethwaite (conductor) 7, W. H. Campbell 8. Also 700 Grandsire Triples and 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—1260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Pickett 1, C. Wakeham 2, J. Walker 3, W. D. James (conductor) 4, A. H. Harber 5.

ASHTON, BIRMINGHAM.—1260 Grandsire Triples: W. Davies 1, W. H. Jones 2, F. Jones 3, J. Hopkins 4, J. Paulton 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6, W. G. Ellis 7, C. Allen 8. Another 1260, with J. Jones 2, T. Richards 8, W. G. Ellis, conductor.

CHESTER.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—At the Church of St. Mary Within-the-Wall, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Maddocks 1, R. Sperring 2, F. Milton 3, W. E. Fletcher 4, M. Harris 5, C. Davies 6, C. Price 7, J. Davies 8.

EARL'S COLNE, ESSEX. — 1280 Double Norwich: S. Burst 1, J. Fleuty 2, W. Burst 3, F. Claydon 4, S. Fleuty 5, W. Scillitoe 6, J. French 7, E. Ridgwell (conductor) 8. Also 1264 Bob Major, and 224, 416 and 400 Double Norwich.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK. — Norwich Diocesan Association.—1264 Bob Major: W. Ostler 1, S. Bonney 2, H. Smith 3, H. Bonney 4, J. Self 5, W. Flory 6, W. Maulden 7, G. Symonds (conductor) 8. Also 720 in the same method, with the Rev. J. H. Pilkington in place of W. Flory.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—1260 Grandsire Triples, in 37 mins.: J. W. Whiting 1, J. Churcher 2, A. Cummings 3, G. Privett 4, F. L. Tull 5, H. Barry 6, S. R. Churcher (conductor) 7, C. Churcher 8.

HOLBETON, DEVON. — At All Saints' Church, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins.: C. Vanstone (aged 15), 1st quarter-peal 1, A. Reeby 2, W. Williams 3, B. Miller 4, Rev. E. S. Powell (conductor) 5, H. Lapthorn 6.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE. — 1260 Stedman Triples were rung: R. T. Holding, junr., 1, J. H. Riding 2, H. F. Holding 3, J. Booth 4, J. Wildblood 5, W. Rigby 6, R. T. Holding, senr. (conductor) 7, T. Rigby 8.

STOCKPORT. — At St. George's Church, 1265 Stedman Caters: J. Booth 1, T. Jackson 2, J. E. Gresty (longest touch in the method) 3, G. Astbury 4, W. Jackson 5, J. Mothershead 6, H. Jackson (conductor) 7, G. D. Warburton 8, J. W. Bayley 9, G. Marshall 10.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: A. Bullock 1, F. J. Rumens 2, E. D. Lillywhite 3, G. Cooper 4, W. J. Cooper 5, G. B. Lucas, senr., 6, H. Rumens (conductor) 7, S. E. Townsend 8. Also 1008 in the same method.

WEDNESBURY.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 43 mins.: T. Birkett 1, T. Hughes 2, A. Blundell 3, W. Brittan 4, C. Wallater 5, W. Fisher 6, J. Bate 7, G. Hughes (conductor) 8, H. Belcher 9, T. Myatt 10.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPTS.

The attempt for the 17,120 Kent Treble Bob at Mottram-in-Longdendale on Saturday was unfortunately lost. After nine hours irreproachable ringing a late call was the cause of so much deterioration in the quality of the ringing that the band decided to stop. In informing us of the loss of the peal, Mr. I. Sidebotham adds, "Permit me to express to the band, through your columns, my sincere regrets."

The recently made record length on handbells is quickly to be challenged. Notice has been sent us that on Saturday, July 8th, five members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild will attempt a peal of 14,031 Stedman Caters in hand in St. Nicolas' belfry, Guildford, starting at 4 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE PROGRESS OF THE PAST YEAR.

The thirty-second annual meeting of the Kent County Association was held at Folkestone on Whitsun Monday, when, in addition to the tower of SS. Mary and Eanswyth, the Hythe (8), Lyminge (8), Cheriton (6), and Newington (6) towers were open for ringing during the day. Members began to arrive quite early, and the bells of the old Parish Church were soon set going. Some, more energetic than others, rejecting the facilities offered by the South Eastern, came on bicycles, visiting towers on their way. One party, for instance, from Romney Marsh way, had an early ring on the six at Sellinge, a village on the London Road, but five miles west of Hythe, when the Vicar, the Rev. H. Stevens, regaled them with coffee on the Vicarage lawn. A meeting of the Central Committee was held before service, in one of the classrooms of the Woodward Institute, a handsome building close to the church, erected in memory of the late Vicar, the Rev. Canon Woodward, who presided at the last annual meeting held in Folkestone 20 years ago.—The annual festival service took place in the beautiful old church at noon, and was largely attended by members and others. The prayers were intoned by the hon. secretary (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore), and the lessons read by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Knollys, Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus. Mac., a well-known member, presiding at the organ. The hymns were, "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven," "Our blest Redeemer,' and "Now thank we all our God."—The Rector of Lyminge, the Rev. A. F. Rutty, gave the address from the text, Exodus xxviii., 34, "A golden bell and a pomegranate in the hem of the robe round about."—The offertory for the "Belfry Repairs Fund" amounted to £1 3s. 8d.

At one o'clock members and visitors, to the number of 150, sat down to dinner in the hall of the Woodward Institute.—Canon Knollys presided, and was supported by the Mayor of Folkestone (Alderman E. J. Bishop), Alderman Pinfold, the Revs. A. F. Rutty, C. S. Playfair and E. Knollys (curates), A. S. Hope (St. Bartholomew's, Dover), Mr. C. G. Church (organist), the hon. secretary, Messrs. C. Tribe, E. Trendell, T. Groombridge, E. A. G. Allen, district secretaries, and others.—After the usual toasts ("The King," and "Archbishop and Clergy") had been duly honoured, the Hon. Secretary read his annual report, in which touching reference was made to the death of the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, the founder and first secretary of the Association, whose earnest efforts on behalf of ringing and ringers paved the way for the success which the Association has for so many years enjoyed. A long list of members and friends who had provided hospitality at district meetings was read out, and the hearty thanks of the Association was accorded them. There are now 28 life, 106 honorary, 126 non-resident, and 900 practising members, making a total of 1,160, compared with 1,152 last year.—Grants from the Belfry Repairs Fund have been made to Meopham (£2 2s.), Birchington (£2 2s.) and Edenbridge (£5 5s.). The balance to the credit of the fund at the end of 1910 was £108 11s. 7d., and that of the ordinary account £71 12s. 11d. One hundred and thirteen peals were rung during 1910, and three first peal performances of Royal were recorded, viz., Forward, Double Norwich, and Duffield, all rung at St. Clement Danes', Strand, and conducted by Frank Bennett.—A collection made on behalf of the widow of W. J. Collison, a former member of the Margate band, amounted to £1 17s.

The business of election of officers, etc., was rapidly transacted, as the majority of those present showed an overwhelming desire to get outside, either to resume ringing, or to enjoy the bright air and sunshine on the Lees or the beach.—The thanks of the Association are due to Canon Knollys for his kindly welcome to the members and his active interest in the day's proceedings, to the Rector of Lyminge for his address, and to the incumbents of the other churches open for ringing. The meeting, though not so largely attended as in some previous years, passed off well, and the day's outing was thoroughly enjoyed.

An unfortunate accident, however, which might have been worse, occurred to the Rev. C. M. S. Playfair in the evening after the ringing, as recorded in a previous issue. The foreman of the Folkestone band had locked the belfry door, but left the bells up, in case any more members wanted to have a pull before going home. Mr. Playfair, who is the senior curate, had procured another key, and gone up to chime for evensong. Not knowing, or forgetting that the bells were up, he pulled one of the bells off, and was taken up with the rope, and thrown on the floor. The foreman, who was standing near the church, hearing the bell, ran up the belfry stairs and found the curate lying unconscious on the floor; and upon medical aid being procured, it was found that his collar-bone was broken. Apparently it was thought impossible for anyone to get into the ringing chamber; but in any case, when bells are left up, a danger notice to that effect should always be set in some conspicuous position. On the other hand, the accident will serve, it is hoped, to inculcate the much-needed lesson that the handling of a bell should be a necessary part of a clergyman's training; or, if that be deemed a counsel of perfection, to bring about the general adoption of the rule, at least where bells are rung, that no person, clerical or lay, be allowed to chime a bell by himself, unless he understands the handling of a rope when the bell is up.

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"AMONG THE BELL(E)S."

A cycling tour, arranged by Mr. A. J. Hessian, of Rugby, took place on Saturday week, in ideal weather. Meeting at Lilbourne, at 2.30 p.m., four members of the Rugby company and three from Lilbourne, journeyed to North Kilworth, where they found a nice handy ring of five, and several 120's of Grandsire were rung. Three more Rugbeians having turned up, 120 each of Stedman and Bob Doubles were tapped off, followed by a course of Grandsire Triples on a very fine peal of handbells, belonging to the local company. A further course was rung by A. J. Hessian 1—2—3—4, and H. O. White 5—6—7—8.

A ride of two miles brought the party to Husbands Bosworth, where the bells, a splendid peal of five, in good order, were at their disposal; Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles being accomplished.

After a ride of six miles through delightful country, a halt was made at Lutterworth for tea. Bitteswell, the last place on the programme, was reached about 7 o'clock, quite a number of ringers, including Mr. James George, of Rugby, and five ladies belonging to the local band, awaiting the arrival of the cyclists. The party now numbered between twenty and thirty, and the bells, a light musical ring of six, were set going to Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Kent Minor. Several of the visitors had the unique experience of ringing the tenor to 120's of Grandsire, with ladies ringing the front five, Miss L. Peabody conducting. Ringing was concluded shortly after nine, after a very pleasant day "among the bell(e)s," long to be remembered by those participating. The conducting throughout the day was shared by Messrs. Chandler, George, Hessian, Lawman and Miss L. Peabody.

Thanks are due to the Vicars of North Kilworth and Husbands Bosworth for the use of their bells, also to the Rev. C. E. Ward, Vicar of Bitteswell, for the use of his bells and the kindly welcome he extended to those present. It is interesting to note that the ringers at Lilbourne and Biteswell have been under the instruction of Messrs. H. O. White and A. J. Hessian, of Rugby.

PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the above Association was held at Maxey, on Whit-Monday. Ringers attended from St. John's and St. Mary's, Peterborough; Glinton, Castor, Market Deeping, James Deeping, West Deeping, and Littleworth, together with the local band. The bells (6), rehung by Messrs. Taylor some four or five years ago, were available all day, and Market Deeping (6) were also at the ringers' disposal in the evening.

A short service was held at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. G. Short), who gave an excellent address. The tea and meeting followed at the Blue Bell, the Vicar presiding. He most heartily welcomed all those present, and spoke of the good work which the Associations were doing. Things had vastly improved since the old days. Speaking of the Maxey bells, he said they were a good ring of six, the restoration of which, undertaken by his predecessor, was paid for now, and he hoped there were some present, who would see the octave completed.

Four new members were elected from Littleworth, two from James Deeping, two from Maxey, and one probationer from Castor; and the Vicar, although getting on in life, intimated that he was willing to learn to ring.

The methods rung during the day were: Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob.—A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for presiding; also to the Rector of Market Deeping for allowing the use of the bells at his church. A vote of sympathy with him in his bereavement was also passed.

TWITCHEN CHURCH AND BELLS RESTORED.

The service in connection with the re-opening of the church bells and restoration of the church at Twitchen, Devon, proved very successful, the day being a memorable one for the parishioners, who may well feel gratified at the completion of the work of restoration. The bells, owing to the dangerous state of the framework, had long been useless, and the church was damp and mouldy. Owing to the lack of funds it was anticipated that the work of restoration would be long deferred. However, thanks to the exertions of Mr. Thomas Thorne, of "Kerswell," the churchwarden, who spared himself no pains, and the splendid and loyal response of the parishioners to the call made upon them, the whole of the work was practically completed in six months. Lord Poltimore very kindly restored the chancel and contributed £10 towards the bells.

The proceedings commenced with a public tea, at which the Vicar presided, and, in the course of his speech, extended a hearty welcome, on behalf of himself and parishioners, to the Bishop of Crediton, who was present. The Bishop, in response, thanked all for their kindly welcome, and expressed himself as being highly pleased at the way in which the good work had been carried out, and the unity and goodwill which prevailed among them in connection with it.

The service, which was read by the Vicar and Curate, took place in the evening there being an overflowing congregation, some of whom had to remain in the churchyard. An interesting sermon was preached by the Bishop of Crediton. The work in the church was carried out by Mr. Bowden, and the restoration of the bells by Messrs. Harry Stokes and Son, of Woodbury.

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At St. Michael's Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne,

The Record Long Peal of Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 Changes) was rung on Easter Monday, 1911, by the Ashton-under-Lyne Society in 8 HOURS and 39 MINUTES.

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The Ringer of the Tenor in the Record Peal wrote:—

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James George,
April 18th, 1911.

THE ANALYSIS.

We return this week to the subject of the Central Council meeting. We commented, at the time, upon the fact that in all that transpired at that gathering very little was actually done in the way of "legislation." There was plenty of talking, and the most prolific source of discussion was the peal points. For years this matter has been a bone of contention, and at meeting after meeting the Central Council have hammered away at the matter without coming much nearer a satisfactory solution. They have had a committee sitting upon the subject, and when at last the committee were able to put their views into concrete form and report they find them promptly thrown overboard for a scale suggested by members of another committee. Upon which of the two formulas is the better we need not here dilate. Those who have studied them will have got their own views upon the subject. The only thing that seems certain is that neither will give general satisfaction. If one could get a perfect formula it would unquestionably be far better than a haphazard way of allotting points of value for peals, and to that end the Council are aiming. At present, however, the six bell men feel that they are not treated sufficiently generously compared with the ringers on the higher numbers, while the ten and twelve bell companies feel aggrieved that Minor is allowed to count so much. And so, we believe, it will always be in one direction or another, if not in regard to the number of bells, then in respect to the class to which methods should be allocated, because different people have different views as to the complexity of a method. But the Council are striving, and some day, perhaps, they will arrive at a solution of the vexed problem which will have the approval of a majority.

The question of peal points affects only the analysis, which is built up on the peal values, and with the mention of the analysis we cannot refrain from again referring to the question of the inclusion of the peals published in "The Ringing World." We had not intended commenting further upon this subject, for having expressed our view, we intended leaving the matter to the judgment of the Exercise. But circumstances alter cases. At the Council meeting a member of the Analysis Committee moved the deletion of that part of the resolution relating to "The Ringing World" which asked for the inclusion in the analysis of peals published in this paper. Two other members of the committee objected to that same part of the resolution on the ground of the extra labour which would be involved, and the amendment was carried. If resolutions means anything, that amendment was intended to exclude from the analysis peals which happened to be published only in this journal. At least that is what we believe it conveyed to the average mind. But now we learn

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John O. Sager, Solicitor, Todmorden, December 10, 1910.
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Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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—naturally with the greatest satisfaction—that the Analysis Committee have no intention of leaving out of their calculations the peals published exclusively in this paper. This is on the authority of the letter which appeared in our columns last week from Mr. Arthur King, a member of the committee. There is no need to extend the controversy upon the subject. "The Ringing World" is to be recognised, but it certainly is a little surprising, to put it mildly, that all the opposition should have been raised at the Council meeting if, after all, there is no purpose in it? At any rate, it is satisfactory to learn that our readers will have their peals included in the analysis.

CORONATION PEALS.

The following peals were rung in honour of the Coronation of their Most Gracious Majesties King George V. and Queen Mary.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STRANTON, WEST HARTLEPOOL.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt., in F.

*ROBERT WEBSTER (age 16)	*Treble*	ALBERT SIMPSON	5
FRED. P. HOWCROFT	2	WILLIAM T. ROBSON	6
ALBERT R. WEBSTER	3	JOHN LOWREY	7
ARTHUR TEMPLE	4	CHARLES E. S. WILSON	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES, and
Conducted by ALBERT SIMPSON.

* First peal. Also rung as a farewell compliment to the ringer of the 4th, who is leaving the town.

HEENE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM HILLMAN	*Treble*	EDMUND H. LINDUP	5
JOHN H. PAICE	2	ARTHUR ARNELL	6
BENJAMIN BASSETT	3	ALFRED W. GROVES	7
GEORGE J. NORRISS	4	FREDERICK LINDUP	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

MERTHYR TYDFIL.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM MORGAN	*Treble*	FREDERICK B. STEDMAN	5
WILLIAM D. ALLAN	2	EDWARD THOMAS	6
WILLIAM ROBERTS	3	ALBAN E. SLATTER	7
FRANK OHAVE	4	JAMES SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBAN E. SLATTER.

CROSTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES' No. 3. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM DALTON	*Treble*	JOHN HOUGH	5
THOMAS WHITTLE	2	JOHN ASCROFT	6
WILLIAM BANNISTER	3	PHILIP ASCROFT	7
THOMAS DALTON	4	JAMES ASCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS DALTON.
Rung between the hours of 4 and 7 in the morning.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

CHARLES PALMER	*Treble*	ROBERT J. DAWE	5
JOHN T. RICKMAN, M.A.	2	ALFRED J. TURNER	6
ALBERT D. STONE	3	KEITH HART	7
*WILLIAM PALMER	4	JAMES A. HART	*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* 150th peal.

BRIDPORT, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two Six Score, with 7, 6, 8 covering. Tenor 20 cwt.

*F. R. HOARE	*Treble*	W. S. B. NORTHOVER	5
*T. A. KENWAY	2	*E. J. MANUEL	6
W. J. LEALLEY	3	*G. R. WALDREN	7
T. H. BEAMS	4	G. H. MARSH	*Tenor*
		*A. G. SANSOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. H. BEAMS.

* First 5000. This peal was completed at 7.20 a.m.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, June 23, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

E. J. BOTTLE	*Treble*	ERNEST J. DOBBIE	5
†WILLIAM SPICE, Junr.	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER	6
ALBERT J. DAY	3	WILLIAM SPICE, Senr.	7
GEORGE H. SPICE	4	*HORACE WHITEHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. SPICE, Senr.

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

MILBORNE PORT, SOMERSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, June 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lbs.

GEORGE R. PYE	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	5
REV. E. V. COX	2	JAMES GEORGE	6
*REV. O. CAREW COX	3	WILLIAM PYE	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method, and first peal of Major on the bells This was the conductor's 700th peal.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt.

ERNEST G. WILSON	*Treble*	JAMES BAXTER	5
WILLIAM T. HOLMES	2	SAMPSON T. WRIGHT	6
ROBERT STEPHENSON	3	ALBERT SIMPSON	7
JOHN CHILTON	4	THOMAS METCALFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. SIMPSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL	*Treble*	*FIRTH HOPWOOD	5
WILLIAM WOODHEAD	2	FREDERICK W. DIXON	6
WILLIAM B. SMITH	3	FRANCIS WOODHEAD	7
GEORGE NAYLOR	4	JOSEPH BROADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt., in G.

HUBERT J. BLACKWELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM HEWETT	5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	3	ISAAC EMERY	7
*THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.	4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN THORPE, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

ORMESBY.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb., in E.

WILLIAM LETTY	*Treble*	HENRY WOOD	5
GEORGE W. ATKINSON	2	THOMAS METCALFE	6
JOHN G. HALL	3	WILLIAM JACKSON	7
GEORGE WINDSOR	4	GEORGE JACKSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

The conductor's 100th peal for this Association.

CHESTER.

On Saturday, July 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH (WITHOUT THE WALLS),

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt., in E flat.

*WILFRED E. WAINWRIGHT	*Treble*	HENRY DEW	5
EDWARD HARRISON	2	ERNEST E. CHANNELL	6
HENRY W. WILDE	3	WILLIAM SCONCE	7
ROBERT SPERRING	4	THOMAS ROWLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal. The attempt for this peal had to be postponed on two occasions.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

NORTH CRAWLEY, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FIRMIN'S,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY SEAR	*Treble*	FREDK. J. MYNARD	4
HENRY W. GAYTON	2	LEONARD HURLOW	5
JOHN LOVELL	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND THE ALL SAINTS AND ST. LAWRENCE GUILD, EVESHAM.

On Saturday, June 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, and five of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*HENRY J. PHIPPS	*Treble*	JAMES HEMMING	4
HERBERT JORDAN	2	RAYMOND YOUNG	5
THOMAS EDWIN	3	FREDERICK JORDAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK JORDAN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GRASSENDALE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Woodbine and Violet, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 Plain Bob.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JOHN KEATS	*Treble*	GEORGE R. NEWTON	4
THOMAS JENNION	2	JOHN TURNER	5
ROBERT HURST	3	JOHN ALLEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ALLEN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSET.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE R. MANNING	*Treble*	*HENRY J. CREED	4
ALBERT J. SHATTOCK	2	FRANK WAYGOOD	5
*EDWIN ELSON	3	ISAAC CREED	*Tenor*

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

* First peal of Bob Minor.

WEMBDON, SOMERSETSHIRE.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt., in F sharp.

W. EVANS	*Treble*	B. T. JEANES	4
T. DOBLE	2	A. E. COLES	5
E. C. SWEET	3	W. S. DOBLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. E. COLES.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been augmented and rehung by Messrs. T. Doble & Son, of Taunton.

GEDNEY, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, June 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six Scores. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HILLIAM	*Treble*	HARRY V. FLETCHER	3
REV. C. J. STURTON	2	ARTHUR J. FARR	4
JOHN B. HALIFAX	5		

Conducted by J. B. HALIFAX.

This is the first peal on the bells which have recently been tuned and rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughboro'.

OTHER PEALS.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM SMITH	*Treble*	JOSIAH MORRIS	6
JOHN OLDHAM	2	RICHARD H. BARTRAM	7
CHARLES H. FOWLER	3	EDWARD READER	8
FRED H. DEXTER	4	ALFRED MARTIN	9
*ERNEST MORRIS	5	THOMAS TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER, and
Conducted by E. READER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th. * First peal of Stedman.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, July 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt., in E.

EDWIN BARNETT, Junr.	*Treble*	ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN	6
GEORGE E. WILSON	2	FRANK BENNETT	7
HENRY T. WILSON	3	JOHN D. MATTHEWS	8
*WILLIAM DUDLEY	4	WILLIAM SHIMMANS	9
FRANK HAIRS	5	ARTHUR N. HARDY	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES E. DAVIS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, June 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIS	*Treble*	THOMAS BALDWYN	5
JOHN AUSTIN	2	JOHN W. DAVIS	6
ALBERT GOLDING	3	GEORGE CONDICK, Senr.	7
NOAH REES	4	FREDERICK SANDFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. W. Fisher, who for many years was one of the local band. The ringers acted as bearers at the funeral and rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Wednesday, June 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT EMMANUEL CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs.

*WILLIAM HOBBS	*Treble*	JOSEPH WOODLEY	5
ERNEST W. MARSH	2	GEO. HARRY MYERS	6
HAROLD BENNETT	3	FRANK DUNAWAY	7
WILLIAM J. RUNDLE	4	†EDWARD LINDESAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEO. HARRY MYERS.

* First peal away from Tenor. † First peal.

BOLSOVER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Thursday, June 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt., in G.

SAMUEL WESLEY	*Treble*	FRANK JACOBS	5
WILLIAM LAMBERT	2	FRED. R. KETTLEBORO	6
CHARLES MASON	3	GEORGE W. BEMBROSE	7
EDWARD ROBBINS	4	JOHN FLINT	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung to celebrate the induction of the Rev. F. H. Webb-Peploe to the Vicariate of Bolsover. Also to celebrate the marriage of Mr. J. J. Moss to Miss E. Cousins, which took place on June 24th.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE WILSON	*Treble*	ERNEST S. BAILEY	5
FREDERICK J. SMITH	2	CHARLES F. BAILEY	6
NORMAN R. BAILEY	3	JAMES M. BAILEY	7
FREDERICK R. BORRETT	4	JAMES G. RUMSEY	*Tenor*

Composed by the late CHAS MIDDLETON, of Norwich, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal of Cambridge rung in Norwich. J. G. Rumsey's 100th peal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER	*Treble*	CHARLES PALMER	5
JOHN T. RICKMAN, M.A.	2	FRED HAYES	6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS	7
GEORGE GATLAND	4	KEITH HART	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM WARD	*Treble*	SIDNEY BARRON	5
HAROLD BROWN	2	FIRTH HOPWOOD	6
DICK THORNTON	3	FRANCIS BARKER	7
SMITH COLLINSON	4	WALTER TOTHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS BARKER.

* First peal.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10¾ cwt.

JOSEPH BAILEY	*Treble*	EDWARD C. GOBEY	5
ALBERT COPPOCK	2	J. CHARLES DICKEN	6
‡ALBERT H. WARD	3	†NEVILLE WIDDOWSON	7
*ERNEST H. CLARKE	4	BART MITCHELL	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal away from the treble. ‡ First peal as conductor in the method.

THORVERTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF S. THOMAS A BECKET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED MONKLEY	*Treble*	*FREDERICK J. MILFORD	5
*DR. C. DE Z. MARSHALL	2	ADOLPHUS H. SNOW	6
FRANK J. DAVEY	3	REV. E. V. COX	7
*HENRY CORRY	4	*ROBERT B. FORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by the REV. E. V. COX.

* First peal and members of the local band.

SOUTHGATE.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 3, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

*ALFRED DODSON	*Treble*	JOHN ARMSTRONG	5
*HERBERT ARMSTRONG	2	JOHN E. MILLER	6
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK	3	WILLIAM PICKWORTH	7
GEORGE BESTER	4	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, the former on his 21st birthday.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, June 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury, Grandsire, and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*EDGAR SMITH	*Treble*	WILLIAM SHORT	4
GEORGE HUGHES	2	†JOHN C. ADAMS	5
JAMES E. GROVES	3	*WILLIAM D. JAMES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

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

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford (Treble Bob), Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

BERNIE SADDINGTON	*Treble*	GEORGE LINES	4
*ARTHUR PETTIT	2	ALFRED H. MARTIN	5
FRED WILFORD	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble on attaining his 21st birthday, the band wishing him "Many happy returns."

HILPERTON, TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six Scores. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*F. C. RICH	...Treble	J. FRANCIS	4
G. H. HARDING	2	S. J. HECTOR	5
A. K. HARRISON	3	*L. P. SMITH	...Tenor

Conducted by G. H. HARDING.

* First peal. A. K. Harrison was elected a member of the above Association previous to commencing.

FULBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 1, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES	...Treble	PERCIVAL J. STOKES	4
*REGINALD SCOTT	2	ARCHIE C. STOKES	5
ARTHUR PALMER	3	ARTHUR MACKEARS	...Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

* First peal.

OAKLEY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 Six Scores each of Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE THEW	...Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON	3
HERBERT ROBINSON	2	PEARL INSKIP	4

HERBERT L. HURLOW ...Tenor

Conducted by H. W. GAYTON.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY,
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, June 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5127 CHANGES;

CHARLES WILLSHIRE, Senr.	1—2	MAURICE SMITHER	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3—4	JAMES HUNT	7—8

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 9—10.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.
On Monday, June 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

†J. SPARROW	1—2	A. E. MOORE	5—6
H. A. TURNER	3—4	*E. LEVITT	7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by A. E. MOORE.
Umpire, F. LEVITT.

* First peal. † First peal double-handed.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, June 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 7777 CHANGES;

JAMES HUNT	1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE, Senr.	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3—4	MAURICE SMITHER	7—8

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 9—10

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire, H. CLARKE.

J. Hunt's 250th and the Conductor's 200th peal.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, June 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. E. CHAPMAN, 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

J. EDWARD CHAPMAN	1—2	DAVID J. NICHOLS	5—6
*E. MAURICE ATKINS	3—4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT	7—8

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.
Umpire, ALBERT V. INNES.

* First peal of Grandsire "in hand."

For the handbell peal at Bury St. Edmunds, on June 14th, Messrs. H. A. Turner and J. Sparrow were the umpires.

The peal at Erdington, published last week, should have been credited to the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, and not to the Warwickshire Guild.

PEAL TABLET AT HIGHER WALTON.

A marble tablet was erected on June 20th in the tower of All Saints' Church, Higher Walton, to commemorate a peal of Minor, which the local ringers accomplished on November 12th. This is the fourth tablet of the kind now in this belfry. It is 18 years since the last peal was rung on these bells, as peal ringing was little thought about for a time, through nearly all the old band leaving from one cause or another. Great credit is due to this young company, for the ringing throughout was splendid. The tablet contains the following inscription:—"Change ringing. On Saturday, 12th November, 1910, the parish ringers rang 5040 in the following seven methods: Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, London New Single, Oxford Bob, College Single, Canterbury and Bob Minor. 1, Matthew Livesey (conductor); 2, James Clarke; 3, Charles Clarke; 4, James Eccles; 5, William King; 6, Fred Harwood. Weight of tenor 16¾ cwts. Time 3hrs. 2mins. W. Rose, W. Ferrier, wardens; Geo. Bladon, B.A., Vicar."

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THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

On Page 186 of "The Ringing World" I explained how to ring the plain course of Bob Doubles, which has four leads of ten changes each before the bells return by natural sequence to the rounds from which they started. On four bells the full extent of the changes (24) is got by the simple method of a bell making 2nd's place each time the treble leads its whole pull. We applied the same method to obtain the plain course on five bells, but this is only 40 changes, or one-third of the extent. How, then, are we to get the other 80 changes? This is done by means of what is called a "bob," which is merely an exclamation to indicate when the alteration of the work is to take place. A bob in Bob Doubles removes the place made when the treble leads from 2nd's to 4th's; and affects the work of three bells.

PLAIN LEAD.		BOB LEAD.	
35241		35241	
32514		32514	
23154		23154	
21345		21345	
12435	2nd's place	12435	4th's place
12345		14235	
21435		41325	
24153		43152	
42513		34512	
45231		35421	

Now observe how the work of the bells is changed. The 2nd, passing the treble in 1-2, instead of making 2nds hunts straight out behind (called "running out") and lies a whole pull; the 3rd, passing the treble in 2-3, instead of dodging in 3-4 up, makes 4th's place (called "making the bob") and returns to lead; and the 4th, turning the treble from behind, instead of dodging in 3-4 down, hunts straight in to lead (called "running in").

If at the end of the plain course, then, a bob be called, it will carry the bells on for another 40 changes, when another bob must be called to avoid a repetition, and at the end of the second there must be another bob to carry the bells yet another course, at the end of which again another bob will bring the bells into rounds, and give the complete 120 changes without repetition. In pricking changes on paper a bob is indicated by — and as the work between each treble lead is the same it is usual, when giving the figures to show where bobs are to be called in a touch or peal, to give only the last row of the treble lead, omitting the treble itself because that bell falls in the same place each time. The plain course, which I have previously given in full, can be indicated by the lead ends thus :—

2345
3524
5432
4253
2345

To show by the leads ends, the extent on five bells, we have simply to put a bob at the end of each course :—

	2345	4235	3425
	3524	2543	4532
	5432	5324	5243
	4253	3452	2354
Bob, or —	4235	— 3425	— 2345

The place at which the "bob caller" or "conductor" calls the bobs in order that the other ringers may have due notice when to change the order of their work, is at the hand-stroke before the treble leads.

"Ringer."—A reply next week.

"R. E." (Wolverhampton).—Thanks for your card giving shorter way of bringing the bells into rounds, by use of singles, than that given in "The Beginners' Corner" last time, but my purpose was to indicate in the simplest fashion the application of the rules I had given. The introduction of singles generally complicates matters for beginners. CONDUCTOR.

ATTEMPT FOR A "LADIES' PEAL."

A MISSED "BOB" ENDS THE RINGING.

Christ Church, Cubitt Town, E., was the rendezvous on Saturday last for the first attempt ever made by a band of ladies to ring, unaided, a peal of 5000 changes. The bells are a merry ring in G, with a tenor of 12½ cwts. Owing to the distance many had to travel on the various railways it was four o'clock when the band had all arrived on the scene of action. After their photos had been taken, a start was made, but it was obvious that something was wrong with the 7th. Mr. A. Hughes (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) was present, and on investigation it was found that the wheel was rubbing on a shutter recently put in the tower. The conductor, or conductress (Miss Nellie Gillingham), intended to ring the 7th, but, not feeling any too well, she was persuaded to exchange for the 5th. The bells got away into changes with a good swing, and the tapping was excellent, but, alas for the exchange, at the part-end the bells ran into rounds, a bob being inadvertently omitted. Thus ended the first attempt, but from the manner of the ringing there is not much doubt that this band will ring the peal. The Vicar kindly provided tea for the ladies and friends (who included Messrs. James Parker, W. Willson, W. Gillingham, J. Waghorn and W. Shepherd), and will be delighted to see the peal consummated on his bells. All things considered, everyone was satisfied that much good had been done in bringing the ladies together, and to understand one another's style of ringing, and this will count for something in the near future. The band was stationed as follows:—

Miss E. N. Belcher (Chipping Norton) 1, Miss Mary Nightingale (Blewbury) 2, Miss Lilian A. Willson (Leicester) 3, Miss Alice White (Basingstoke) 4, Miss Nellie Gillingham (Portishead) 5, Miss Mary Jukes (Portishead) 6, Miss Edith Parker (Edmonton) 7, Miss Clara Beasley (Edmonton) 8.

In the evening, six of the ladies returned to the tower with Mr. James Parker and Mr. W. Willson, when touches of Double Norwich and two touches of Stedman Triples were rung, Miss Edith Parker conducting. The band desire to thank Mr. Parker and his talented daughter for the great trouble in arranging the attempt, and trust to meet with success at the next venture.

The Misses Parker, White and Beasley rang at Edmonton on Sunday morning, while the Misses Parker, White and Nightingale visited St. Paul's Cathedral in the afternoon. Miss White also rang Stedman Triples and Caters at Greenwich in the evening, while in the afternoon, at the residence of Mr. F. Bennett (New Cross), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Miss E. L. Bennett (first quarter-peal) 1—2, W. Shepherd (conductor) 3—4, F. Bennett 5—6, Miss Alice White 7—8.

WHERE BELL RINGING IS RISKY.

A gentleman, who has spent many years in Spain, gives some interesting particulars regarding the bell ringers of Seville: "The bells of the Giralda in Seville," he says, "are rung by men at the peril of their lives. Instead of pulling at ropes the ringers actually stand astride the huge bells and sway them to and fro to keep the hammers going. It is work such as could only be performed by men whose nerves, muscles, and power of balance were thoroughly sound. Sometimes a bell will be swinging right outside of the bell tower with its daring ringer perched on top. It is not only the professional bell ringers, however, who go through these dashing gymnastic feats; for the young gentlemen of Spain occasionally ascend the tower in order to ring the bells after the style of the professional ringers, a feat of which it is allowable to boast afterwards."

RINGERS' DAY AT FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SATURDAY, JULY 15th.

Our suggestion for a special day for church bell ringers at the Crystal Palace has been welcomed by members throughout the Exercise wherever they are within reasonable reach of this national resort, and by many who will have to make long journeys in order to be present. The Festival of Empire is one of those events in which most people desire to participate, and the opportunity for ringers to foregather upon a special occasion was too good to be lost. Our efforts have been directed, therefore, to arranging for our friends to enjoy the multifarious attractions which this great exhibition offers, at a minimum of expense, and in the greatest comfort.

This scheme for drawing ringers together at an event of national interest is unique in the annals of the Exercise, and while we have been anxious that the arrangements should be the most convenient for the large party that we confidently expect, visitors will be absolutely free to enjoy themselves as they please. There will be no formalities; all we hope is that those who avail themselves of the opportunity will spend a right good time. This much we can promise them, they will find no lack of entertainment. The pageant, which all should make an effort to witness, provides a spectacle which almost defies description, and in itself is worth going all the way to see.

Arrangements have been made for the use of the Concert Hall exclusively for ringers and their families and friends, so that there may be a common place of rendezvous, and at 4 o'clock in this spacious hall there will be an informal "at home," so that old friends may meet.

DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS.

While the railway companies could not be induced to grant cheap travelling facilities to individuals for this occasion, parties of not less than eight travelling together will be able to obtain return tickets at single fare and a half, provided they make application to the superintendent of the line over which they intend to travel. It will be well to give at least three days' notice for this purpose. We would also remind those who intend to come to the Palace that there are often cheap day return tickets, and, for those who wish to stay until Sunday, week-end tickets at much reduced fares are to be obtained from most of the principal stations, to London, and inquiries should be made at local stations in order to find out what the ordinary excursion facilities may be.

Arrived in London, where, as mentioned below, ringing may be obtained during the morning, visitors may reach the Crystal Palace very easily from any of the tube stations or direct from Victoria, London Bridge, Snow Hill, Ludgate Hill, St. Paul's, etc. The train service is frequent, and the fare, including admission to the Palace, is 1s. 6d., from any of the inner London Stations.

In the Palace itself is the "All British Exhibition," which, with the handsome pavilions in the grounds, erected specially for Colonial exhibits, is free. So also are the performances by the military bands in the central band stand.

The great attraction of all is the Pageant of London, which takes place on a great natural stage, and in the four parts of which 15,000 performers are engaged. Part IV., which will be performed on July 15th, tells the early story of the Colonies, and includes the grand imperial finale, "The Masque of Empire." Admission to the pageant, the equal of which has never been seen in this country, can be obtained for 1s., but for those who desire better situated seats we can obtain 2s. 6d. seats for 2s., but applications must be made to us by Wednesday. For many of the amusement side shows we shall also be able to provide books of voucher tickets to the value of 1s. 6d. for 1s.

The other attractions on the same day include a military display and tattoo (admission from 6d.), Warwick County Choral Concert, sports, baseball, and kite flying competition.

RINGERS' RENDEZVOUS.

For the benefit of ringers the use of the large concert hall, opening out of the Centre Transept, has been secured, and will be open from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Here ringers and their friends may meet, handbells will be available for those who desire them, and the large organ will be open for the use of those who are musically inclined. Messrs. Warner and Sons, who have a stand in the exhibition, have very kindly offered to entertain to tea those ringers who signify to us their intention, not later than Wednesday next, of being present. In order that ringers may recognise each other as they ramble through the extensive exhibition or enjoy the delights of the side shows, we will forward a neat buttonhole badge to those who communicate with us by Wednesday. At the same time intending visitors should forward remittance to cover the number of "side show coupons" they may need, so that these may be sent to them. Tea will be served from 4.30 to 5, the pageant commencing at the latter hour. Briefly, the programme will be as follows:

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AT CRYSTAL PALACE.

2 to 8 p.m.—Concert Hall reserved for ringers and friends.

4 to 4.30 p.m.—Informal "at home."

4.30 to 5 p.m.—Tea free to those communicating with us by Wednesday next.

5 p.m.—Pageant of London, Part IV.

8 p.m.—Grand Military Tattoo.

Other attractions, including the Exhibition (free), throughout the day.

ABBOTS LEIGH, SOMERSET.—On June 9th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): L. H. Moore, jun., 1, G. Bennet 2, L. H. Moore, sen., 3, J. Atherton 4, G. H. Gale (conductor) 5, A. Rumble 6. L. H. Moore, jun.'s., first quarter, and rung on his 16th birthday.

NETHERTON, WARE.—Worcestershire Association (Northern Branch. — On Sunday evening, June 11th, for Divine service, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples, in 42 mins.: H. Hill 1, A. Greenfield 2, J. Faulkner 3, W. Prestidge 4, H. Price 5, A. Prestidge 6, A. Davies (conductor) 7, J. Massey 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.—For evening service, at St. Lawrence Church, on June 11th, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Harrison 1, A. Hickton 2, R. Hickton 3, N. Widdowson 4, J. R. Ward 5, J. Andrews 6, R. Drage 7, J. Bailey (conductor) 8. Also 216 of Stedman Triples, in which T. Hutchinson and T. Edinborough took part.

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OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

A RINGER WITH A WONDERFUL RECORD.

"This was the conductor's 700th peal." So runs the footnote to the peal of Superlative rung at Milborne Port, and recorded elsewhere in this issue. The conductor was Bertram Prewett.

No one among the younger generation of ringers has made his mark more deeply upon the Exercise than this wonderful ringer, who, thus early in his career—for he is only 32 years of age—has rung this phenomenal number of peals. Mr. Prewett, it must be admitted, has been fortunately placed in regard to his opportunities for peal ringing, but, even so, one marvels at such a record put up in so short a time as 13 years. Though many may, perhaps, envy his good fortune in being associated, from almost the

Mr. Bertram Prewett.

earliest days of his connection with the Exercise, with a company so distinguished as that led by Mr. William Pye, Mr. Prewett's success is but the outcome of merit, for he has a remarkable gift for method ringing, and is a striker of the highest ability. Coupled with his skill as a ringer, is a genial personality, and nothing affords Mr. Prewett greater pleasure than to get young ringers through their first peals in new methods, and conductors through their first in that capacity, as his peal book shows. All he stipulates is that they strike their bells properly.

Born on October 12th, 1878, at Hampstead, Middlesex, Mr. Prewett was educated at Watford Grammar School and King's College, London. Always fond of figures, he obtained a First Class in Advanced Mathematics at South Kensington, and First Class Honours with distinction in Arithmetic in Cambridge Local Examinations. Induced by a school friend (Mr. C. George, of Oxhey) to go up into the belfry in November, 1897, the science of change ringing had a strong fascination for his mathematical mind, and under the tuition of Mr. G. N. Price he rang his first peal on March 28th, 1898. It is interesting to notice how the pupil has outstripped the tutor, although the latter's record is no mean one. Last week we published Mr. Price's 400th peal; this week we publish Mr. Prewett's 700th.

Introduced to Mr. Arthur King in 1899, when the Middlesex County Association, which Mr. King has done so much to foster, was beginning to make a name for itself, Mr. Prewett came into touch with the Pye family, and soon rang many Surprise Methods, including the first peal of Surprise Royal rung in London, the first peal of London rung in the City of London by Londoners, and the first peal of Bristol in London. Among the notable peals in which he has taken part are the first peal of Cambridge Maximus ever rung, the record peal of Stedman Caters at Loughborough (his only long length), the first peal (Treble Ten) at Beverley Minster, the first peals of London Surprise at Chester and Rochester Cathedrals, a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Saviour's, Southwark, and three peals of Stedman Cinques in 24 hours at Quex Park. Mr. Prewett called his first peal on handbells (Stedman Triples), the first peal of Superlative in Wales and the first peal of Cambridge in Ireland. Being slightly built, he usually rings at the light end, but is by no means afraid of a big or a bad going bell, and has rung the tenor at St. Patrick's, Dublin (45½ cwts.), at St. Giles', Cripplegate (36½ cwts), and at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn (31 cwts.) to peals.

While a great deal of his ringing has been done under the auspices of the Middlesex Association, Mr. Prewett takes a very personal interest in his "territorial" association, having acted as hon. auditor to the Herts Association since 1904, and represented that body on the Central Council for the last five years, while he is attached to the Bushey tower. The other associations to which Mr. Prewett belongs are the Kent, Sussex, Winchester Diocesan, Salisbury Diocesan, Devonshire, Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire, Norwich Diocesan, Oxford Diocesan, Chester Diocesan, Stoke Guild, St. Martin's Guild, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Midland Counties, the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Irish Association, the London County and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. His peal record, given below, needs no comment, for it speaks for itself. It is only necessary to add that the 700 peals have been rung in no fewer than 189 towers in 31 counties.

ON TOWER BELLS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1	—
Treble Bob Maximus	3	1
Stedman Cinques	36	—
New Cambridge Surprise Royal	3	—
Cambridge Surprise Royal	2	—
Treble Bob Royal	11	1
Stedman Caters	105	9
Grandsire Caters	1	—
Bristol Surprise Major	25	1
London Surprise Major	56	—
New Cambridge Surprise Major	11	5
Cambridge Surprise Major	5	2
Superlative Surprise Major	142	31
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	25	6
Treble Bob Major	21	16
Bob Major	4	2
Stedman Triples	208	64
Grandsire Triples	9	1

ON HANDBELLS.

Stedman Cinques	7	—
Stedman Caters	16	—
Stedman Triples	9	3
Total	700	142

RINGERS' CENTURIES.

A. H. PULLING'S 200 PEALS.

TOWER BELLS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
On six bells	7	7
Bob Major	22	17
Bob Royal	3	2
Treble Bob Major	3	2
Treble Bob Royal	3	2
Grandsire Triples	22	16
Grandsire Caters	1	—
Stedman Triples	45	23
Stedman Caters	8	3
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	21	13*
Superlative Surprise Major	13	9
Cambridge Surprise Major	1	1
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	—
Norfolk Surprise Major	1	1
Bristol Surprise Major	4	4
London Surprise Major	5	5
Total	160	105

HANDBELLS.

Bob Major	1	1
Grandsire Triples	9	8
Grandsire Caters	5	5
Stedman Triples	13	13
Stedman Caters	11	11†
Stedman Cinques	1	1
Total	40	39

Total 200. Conducted 144. * Including 7396. † Including 7023 and 7777.

W. PALMER'S 150 PEALS.

Stedman Caters	28
Stedman Triples	25
Grandsire Caters	19
Grandsire Triples	23
Treble Bob Royal	11
Treble Bob Major	17
Bob Royal	5
Bob Major	5
Double Norwich Royal	1
Double Norwich Major	12
Superlative Major	2
Cambridge Major	1
London Major	1
Total	150

JAMES G. RUMSEY'S 100 PEALS.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Norwich completed Mr. J. G. Rumsey's century, his 100 peals being made up of :—

Bob Doubles	1
Bob Minor	4
Bob Major	13
Oxford Treble Bob Major	23
Kent Treble Bob Major	5
Kent Treble Bob Royal	4
Double Norwich	24
Grandsire Triples	2
Stedman Triples	6
Superlative Surprise	13
Cambridge Surprise	5
Total	100

W. SPICE'S 100 PEALS.

Bob Minor	1
In four Minor Methods	3
In Seven Minor Methods	23
Grandsire Triples	30
Stedman Triples	15
Bob Major	9
Oxford Bob Major	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	12
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	5
Stedman Caters	1
Total	100

Conducted 15.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Do any of our readers know of carillon chimers in this country? If they do, will they communicate their names and addresses to us. We make this request on behalf of the secretary of the Concours International, pour carillonneurs professionals et amateurs. This international gathering for tune chimers is to be held at Bruges, Belguim, on August 13th, 14th and 20th next, and the organisers, who are anxious to make it as representative as possible, desire to get into touch with any tune chimers in this country, and they have approached "The Ringing World" for that purpose. Six prizes ranging from 200 to 75 francs with medals are offered for the competitions on August 13th and 14th, the winners of which will be required to compete at the Concours d'honneur on August 20th, when prizes of 300 and 200 francs respectively will be awarded. The competitions will take place on the celebrated carillons at Bruges.

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Coupons for our handbell competition must reach us not later than Monday next.

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Visitors to the Crystal Palace, who are interested in handbell ringing, will do well to visit Stand 112. Seven of the Fulham Society will be ringing 10 and 12 bell methods in hand on several occasions, commencing on Wednesday, July 5th, at 7 p.m.

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The band, who to-morrow will attempt to break the handbell record, rang 7777 Stedman Caters on Thursday of last week. To-morrow, under the auspices of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, they will attempt a 14,031 in the same method, composed by Gabriel Lindoff. The ringing will take place in St. Nicolas' belfry, Guildford, and the start is to be at 4 p.m.

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DEATH OF MR. J. SMITH, OF PENDLETON.

A Well-known Lancashire Ringer.

On Saturday, June 24th, the mortal remains of the late Mr. John Smith were laid to rest at Pendleton, Lancs. The deceased, who was 52 years of age, and was greatly respected throughout the Lancashire Association, had been tower keeper and secretary of the Pendleton Company since its formation 17 years ago, and for five years he was one of the branch secretaries of the Lancashire Association. This latter office, however, he had to give up some six years ago owing to ill-health, which, although it did

THE LATE MR. J. SMITH.

not debar him altogether from activity in the tower, curtailed his peal ringing. Despite the state of his health, however, death came unexpectedly, and with painful suddenness. The deceased was interested in friendly society work, and was a P.G. of the National Independent Order of Oddfellows and secretary to the P.G.'s lodge.

The funeral took place amidst a steady downpour of rain, but some 60 Oddfellows, 20 ringers and 10 members of the deceased's Bible Class attended to pay a last tribute of respect. The remains were borne to the church by members of the Oddfellows, while the bells rang out in mournful tones the whole pull and stand. The service in St. Thomas' Church was read by the Rev. H. J. Elsee (Bolton), president of the Lancashire Association, and ringers acted as bearers to the grave, where the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Edwards-Rees, M.A., D.D.) recited the committal. Mr. G. Norrey, District Grand Master, read the Oddfellows' impressive service, and the proceedings at the graveside closed with a plain course of Grandsire Triples by H. Chapman 1-2, A. Cross 3-4, H. Dransfield 5-6, S. Greenhalgh 7-8. Among the ringers present were Mr. J. Eachus (vice-president of the association) and representatives of the following towers :—Denton, Didsbury, Eccles, Manchester Cathedral and Town Hall, Pendleton, Prestwick and Rusholme. Afterwards a touch of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells muffled, and an attempt for a peal of Superlative Surprise was made with the bells half muffled, but came to grief after 45 minutes ringing. The peals rung by the late Mr. Smith numbered 43; in five towers, two counties and two associations: Grandsire Triples 3, Bob Major 1, Stedman Triples 5, Caters 3, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 13, Royal 3, Superlative Surprise 12, Cambridge Surprise 1.

The Vicar, in his "Open Letter" in the July "Magazine," says: "A faithful man whose attachment to our church was life long has passed from among us since I last wrote. Mr. John Smith was secretary of our bell ringers' company, and he has served the church in other ways. He lived a life of unobtrusive but many sided usefulness, and enjoyed the regard of many friends and the respect of a great company of acquaintances. A leading Oddfellow, a member of Mr. Brown's Bible Class, a devout communicant, a robust Christian man, he was called suddenly on June 20th to enter into the rest for which he had prepared himself. I valued him highly."

A WAKEFIELD RINGER'S DEATH.

On Friday, June 23rd, Mr. W. England, formerly a member of the Wakefield Cathedral Society, died at his residence, Westfield Grove, in his 31st year. Owing to failing health he had not taken part in any ringing for some considerable time, and he certainly felt very keenly the doctor's restriction "to abstain from ringing," but for which his record of eight peals would have been considerably increased. When hearing the Cathedral bells on Coronation Day a wish, expressed by the deceased, that he would like to have a pull, will prove that he had a great interest in change ringing up to the last. A muffled touch of Grandsire Triples, as a last mark of respect and esteem, was rung on the Cathedral bells by the local band on Tuesday, June 27th, the day of the deceased's interment, which took place at the cemetery. Mr. England leaves a wife and three children to mourn their loss.

MEETING AT BACUP.

With a view to increasing the interest in the branch gatherings, a discussion took place at the Rossendale District meeting of the Lancs. Association, at Bacup on Saturday, in the hope of inducing each tower to send one or more representatives to each meeting. Several suggestions were made, but ultimately it was decided to bring the matter up again at the next meeting, which is to be held at Ramsbottom. There were present at Bacup on Saturday members from Ramsbottom, Helmshore Rawtenstall and St. Saviour's, in addition to the local company, and the ringing at Christ Church included touches of Doubles, and Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob.

Charles Middleton, who first solved the intricacy of composition in Cambridge Surprise, lived at Norwich. Not until the present time, however, has his famous peal been rung in his native city. This performance was achieved by the Norwich Diocesan Association last week, the peal being called by the clever young conductor, Charles F. Bailey.

NOTICES.

The charge for notices under this heading is at the rate of 2d. per line (average nine words), with a minimum of 1s. Three insertions at double the charge for single insertion (minimum 2s.).

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and eight bell contest will be held at Low Moor on Saturday next, July 8th, 1911. Draw for order of ringing at 2.30 p.m.; tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by July 3rd.—George Naylor, 7, Bramley Lane, Lightcliffe.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at High Wycombe on Wednesday, July 12th. Special service in the Parish Church at 11.30. Preacher, the Ven. E. D. Shaw (Archdeacon of Bucks). Business meeting in the Guildhall at 12.20. Dinner in a marquee at the Swan Hotel 1.30. Dinner tickets at 2s. each.—Albert E. Reeves, Festival Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wells on Saturday next, July 8th, 1911. Dinner at Wie Renden's Restaurant, High Street, at 1 p.m. sharp. Meeting to follow. Service in the Cathedral at 3 p.m. The bells at the Cathedral are available from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and St. Cuthbert's, Dinder Street, all day, and Glastonbury during the afternoon.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Youlegrave, on Saturday next, July 8th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Bart Mitchell, Honorary District Secretary, 68, Douglas Street, Derby.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 15th, 1911. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea at the George and Dragon Inn at 5.45, followed by business meeting. By kind permission of the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon the Rectory grounds will be open to members. Members intending to attend are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, July 12th.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Leighton Buzzard on July 8th. Tea at 5 p.m. Service at 6. The Linslade bells also available.—Rev. A. Rust, Honorary Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 8th. The bells at St. Mary's and St. Michael's available during afternoon and evening, and at Cathedral from 5 to 7 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 4 o'clock at Wigham's Stores, Tamworth Street; 1s. per head. Send word not later than Tuesday, July 4th. Reports will be ready. See Excursion bills.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.15; tea (1s. each) at 5 o'clock, both at the Blue Bell Inn. Those intending to take tea must notify Mr. G. B. Earle, Blanch Croft, Melbourne, not later than first post on Thursday, July 13th.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary, Cotgrave, Notts.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will take place at Winchester on the 10th July. 2 p.m., general meeting at Guildhall; 4 p.m., service in Cathedral, preacher, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Guild; 5 p.m., tea at Guildhall.—W. E. Colchester, Honorary Secretary, St. Maurice Rectory, Winchester.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on the 22nd inst. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at the White Swan Inn at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick-Oldham, on Saturday, July 15th, 1911. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Linton on Saturday, July 22nd, 1911. Belfry open at 3.30 p.m.; short service at 5 p.m.; business meeting after service.—G. Moore, District Secretary, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wyke Regis, on Thursday, July 13th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m.; unveiling of two peal boards at 3.30; service at 4.30; tea 5.15; followed by business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—C. H. Jennings, Honorary Secretary, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Crouch on Saturday, July 15th; opening of bells recently rehung with new treble added. The Vicar is kindly providing tea free to those sending in names to me not later than 12th inst.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Norwood Green, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided by kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. H. E. St. John Macdonald) on the Rectory lawn at six o'clock.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells at 4 p.m.; short service and address by the Rev. H. D. Madge (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea at the George Inn, 9d. per head, to those sending me their names not later than Wednesday, 19th; 1s. to others. Business meeting after. Eynsford will be available 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and after the meeting. Half rail fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at All Hallow's Tottenham, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. The bells of St. Ann's, South Tottenham, will be at the disposal of ringers from 6 to 8 p.m. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

NOTICES (continued).

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will take place at Northwich on Saturday, July 29th. Service at 3.45. Preacher, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, of Caversham. Other particulars by circular.—A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on Saturday, July 22nd. Bell ready at 3. Business meeting at 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 22nd, at Erdington. The Parish Church and Abbey bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service in Parish Church at 5 o'clock. Tea at Acorn Hotel at 6 o'clock, 1/- per member, to be followed by business meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Full particulars of the arrangements for "Ringers' Day" at the Festival of Empire will be found on another page.

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The order has been placed for the restoration of the eight bells of St. John's Church, Hillingdon, near Uxbridge, in a new iron frame and new fittings, also for the addition of two trebles to make ten. The tenor is 22 cwt., and the augmented bells will make a nice handy ring for this corner of West Middlesex. They will be the first peal of ten in the district.

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The bells of St. Thomas' Church, Moorside, Oldham, which have been quarter turned and re-hung with new fittings, including iron headstocks and iron framework on steel girders, by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, were re-opened on Saturday last. The tenor is 18 cwt. On Sunday a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by J. Ogden 1, G. H. Beever 2, Albert A Hughes(conductor) 3, F. Chapman 4, C. Platt 5, H. Hampson 6, L. Hampson 7, H. Barber 8.

A VILLAGE BELLFOUNDER.

Bell founding in days long past was often carried on in out of way places, indeed, the bell founder was sometimes an itinerant trader, carrying on his business wherever the casting was to be done. When the Sussex Association held a Western Division meeting in the little village of West Tarring recently, many of the members learnt for the first time that in this old world spot there was formerly a bell foundry. The information was imparted by the Rector (the Rev. C. Lee), who entertained the visitors, and gave them a most cordial welcome. Members were present from Arundel, Angmering, Brighton, Chichester, Goring, Heene, Steyning and Shoreham, the local band, and Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, of the Cranleigh, Surrey, band. After tea, to which 38 sat down, thanks were accorded to the Rector for his hospitality, on the motion of the Master (Mr. F. B. Tompkins). A short service was held, at which an appropriate address was given by the Rector of Heene (the Rev. J. F. Fellowes), who also placed the bells of his own church at the disposal of the visitors in the evening. Various methods in Minor and Doubles were rung both before and after tea at West Tarring.

The bell foundry at West Tarring was established in the 16th century, probably by one Henry Tapsell. There are about a dozen bells in Sussex bearing the name of his son, Roger, who was also associated with Thomas Wakefield, of Chichester, in bell founding about the same period, but the bells of both were poorly cast.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AND "THE RINGING WORLD."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have followed with curious interest the controversy in connection with the advent of your journal, which was welcomed by all true and consistent ringers and churchmen; and, so far, is fulfilling the purpose for which it claims existence.

One is, however, astonished at the attitude and exclamations of the President of the Central Council with regard to your paper. Considering the almost life work, self-sacrifice and inconceivable labour bestowed on ringers and their Art, one is, indeed, curious to understand his position in the matter, seeing too, they are diametrically opposed to his life's work. What, then, is at the bottom of it all?

The majority of members of the Council, too, seemed non-plussed at the President's attitude, and remained neutral.

Did they faithfully represent their various Societies' views in so doing? Certainly not; and ringers should see to it, now the time is fairly near to send fresh representatives, that they are practical men who will unflinchingly state in plain and unmistakable language what ringers actually mean and want, and not indulge in superfluous oration, in mystifying phrases.

Mr. James, too, is very wide of the mark when he says your application for recognition was premature. No pre-maturity at all. The child is born, and named; and, therefore, a legitimate member of the family, and staunch ringers will nurse it so carefully in its infancy that its future will be ensured, and let us hope its life may be long and useful.

With regard to recognition, why worry about it at all after Mr. King's letter. "Time" the healer, and "Effort" the ringers' tonic, will settle the whole business.—Yours faithfully,

A. E. PARSONS.

Old Hill, Staffs.

MEETING AT NORTH WINGFIELD.

A very enjoyable and successful meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at North Wingfield, on Saturday last. Upwards of 30 ringers attended, from Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Duffield, North Wingfield, Nottingham, Ranmoor, Ripley, Sheffield, Staveley, Swanwick, Wolverhampton, etc., and the bells of the Parish Church, a musical ring of eight (tenor about 16 cwt.), were kept going almost continually, from 4 to 8 p.m., in various methods, including London, Bristol and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Stedman, etc., some well-struck touches being brought round.

The Rector (the Rev. C. J. Boden), with his usual generosity, invited everyone present to a substantial tea in the schoolroom. A short business meeting followed.—The Secretary gave a short account of the last monthly meeting at Bolsterstone, and the following new members were elected: Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Wolverhampton), Messrs. J. Jenney and A. Letts (Duffield), and Mr. T. Stimpson (Swanwick).

Mr. S. Thomas proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness and hospitality, remarking on the many occasions on which it had been his pleasure to visit North Wingfield, and on the hospitable manner in which everyone was received, both by the Rector and the local company.—The motion was seconded by Mr. G. W. Bemrose, and carried with acclamation.

The Rector, in replying, remarked that he and the local company were always pleased to welcome the Society to North Wingfield, and to do anything to encourage change ringing. He concluded with an invitation to all present, to occupy his grounds for the rest of the evening, for games of bowls, quoits, etc., which was gratefully accepted.—A hearty vote of thanks to the ladies, for their services at tea, brought the proceedings to a close.

CORONATION BELL RESTORATIONS.

Many peals of bells have been restored or augmented, or both, in commemoration of the Coronation. At Netherseal, Derbyshire, the old peal of five, to which a treble was recently added by the generosity of Mr. W. W. Worthington, have been further increased by a treble and tenor, while the fourth has been recast, and the old bells retuned on the Simpson principle. The work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who have accomplished their task in a most efficient manner. The dedication was performed by the Rector. The

opening of the bells was attended by many ringers from neighbouring towers, and the visitors were entertained at the Old Hall, by Mr. Worthington, whose hospitality was much appreciated.

A MASONIC TENOR.

The Freemasons of the Isle of Sheppey have shown their loyalty to King Edward VII. by installing a tenor bell in the ancient parish church of Queenborough, as a memorial to his late Majesty. There were already five bells in the church tower—the four known as the "King's Bells," supposed to have been given by Charles II. on the conclusion of Peace with the Dutch, and the "Mayor's Bell,' given in 1673. The King's bells have been quarter-turned, the expense being met out of the restoration fund; and the Mayor's bell, which was mutilated some fifty years ago and has since been silent, has been recast at the expense of the present Mayor (Councillor C. R. Stevens, J.P.), whose generosity is much appreciated. The sixth bell, that given by the Freemasons of Sheppey, to the memory of our late King, was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Dover on Saturday, June 17th.

After the service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by R. Staines 1, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 2, E. A. G. Allen 3, T. J. Philo 4, T. Jull 5, A. J. Day 6. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were also rung, while for service on the following day 720 Bob Minor was brought round by H. Moore 1, W. Moore 2, W. H. B. Wilkins 3, T. Philo 4, R. Staines 5, A. J. Day (conductor) 6.

BRASSINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

Brassington Church, Derbyshire, now possesses a peal of five bells, a treble and tenor having been added by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have also recast two of the old bells and rehung the whole in a new steel frame, with provision for a sixth bell. The peal was dedicated by the Archdeacon of Derby (Dr. Spencer Noakes), and at the service a short touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the Wirksworth band. After the service several touches of Doubles were rung by the ringers, who included visitors from Ripley and Eastwood. Grandsire Triples on handbells were also brought round.

Mr. Fox, the captain of the Wirksworth ringers, has taken great interest in the augmentation scheme, and is now giving instruction to the Brassington ringers, who are learning Bob Doubles. The local men rang rounds at intervals after the dedication of their bells, and their striking was a great credit to them. It is interesting to know that the whole sum required for the new bells and rehanging was raised before the opening, and there was really a balance in hand.

UGBOROUGH, DEVON.

The bells of Ugborough, Devon, have just been rehung by Messrs. H. Stokes and Son. A band from Plymouth, under the leadership of Mr. W. H. Marsh, district secretary, rang touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples before and after the service, those taking part being the Rev. E. S. Powell, Messrs. W. H. Marsh, E. W. Marsh, H. Bennett, R. Dobson, J. Woodley, G. H. Myers, W. Ford, W. Rundle, and W. G. Hiscott. The tenor, which is 25 cwt. in E, is a really good bell, but some of the others are frightfully out of tune, and have been chipped so much in former times that the only remedy is the melting pot. The 'go' of the bells, however, is perfect.

ANOTHER SIX-BELL TOWER FOR LINCOLNSHIRE.

At Ruskington, Lincolnshire, the bells have been increased from four to six, the work, carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., having been done by public subscription, as a memento of the Coronation. All Saints' Church is a large gothic structure with a low broad tower, formerly surmounted by a spire which fell down in 1620. The opening of the augmented peal was entrusted to six members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, who rang two well-struck 720's of Oxford Treble Bob: J. T. Holmes (Heckington) 1, Rev. H. Law James (Surfleet) 2, Arthur Andrews (Billingboro') 3, Fred W. Stokes (Caythorpe) 4, W. Dickinson (Heckington) 5, Rupert Richardson (Surfleet) 6. Subsequently touches of Double Court, Single Oxford, Sandal, Treble Bob and Plain Bob were successfully brought round.—The Rector (the Rev. Powell-Smith) very kindly entertained the visitors to a substantial meat tea, at the Rectory.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Smith and the Rector for their kindness. — The Rector also expressed his sincere thanks to the band for their services. Some more ringing friends from Timberland, Nocton and Great Hale joined the party, and 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob were brought round. These were followed by touches in various methods to let all present try the bells.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The eve of the Coronation Day was chosen for the reopening of the bells at Stapleford, Cambridgeshire. The peal, which originally consisted by five bells, has now been augmented to six, by the addition of a new treble, while the 4th and 5th of the old peal have been recast, the whole of the work being entrusted to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have rehung the peal in a steel frame, with new fittings, at a cost of £200.

The dedication service was well attended, the Venerable Archdeacon of Ely (Dr. Cunningham) performing the ceremony, immediately after which a special hymn was sung, and rounds were rung by the local company. An eloquent sermon was afterwards preached by the Archdeacon, who took for his text, Numbers x., 1 and 2. After the sermon, the hymn, "Now thank we all our God," was sung, during which an offertory was taken for the bells. The Benediction having been pronounced by the Archdeacon, a few more rounds were rung by the local ringers, who were afterwards entertained by the Vicar in the schoolroom. Several members of the Ely Diocesan Association were present from Cambridge, Fulbourn and Ickleton, and a well-struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was obtained on the bells in 23 mins. by the following: E. Webb 1, T. R. Dennis 2, J. Taylor 3, W. Scotcher 4, J. Stalley 5, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 6. Touches in five and six-bell methods were afterwards rung, everyone agreeing that the bells were excellent in tone and 'go.'—Mr. P. Webb, local district secretary, was in charge of the arrangements, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

CORONATION TOUCHES.

The following were among the touches rung on Coronation Day:—

BASINGSTOKE.—Winchester Guild.—1260 Grandsire Triples: W. Leavey 1, Miss Alice White 2, H. White (conductor) 3, C. F. Hansford 4, J. Ward 5, A. Burgess 6, J. E. Ballard 7, H. Knight 8.

CAVERSHAM.—St. Peter's Society.—1260 Stedman Triples: A. D. Cullum 1, H. Hatto 2, E. W. Menday 3, J. Hands 4, G. Irvine 5, G. Essex 6, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (conductor) 7, H. Simmonds 8. Also 224 Bristol Surprise, with H. Smith and E. J. Menday taking part.

GOSFORTH.—Kent Major and Stedman Triples were rung at All Saints' Church, including a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples for Coronation service, by: J. F. Bird 1, J. S. Richardson 2, J. T. Potter 3, R. W. Falconer 4, C. L. Routledge (conductor) 5, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson 6, J. Foreman 7, W. W. Sinclair 8. S. Matthews, G. Crawford and E. Mundall also took part in the day's ringing.

LLANDAFF.—The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—At the Cathedral for the Coronation service, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. Coombes 1, J. Harris 2, J. Pitcher 3, J. Aldridge 4, T. Cox 5, J. Clutterbuck 6, S. Dawe (conductor) 7, S. Barker 8. After the service, an attempt was made for J. J. Parker's twelve-part, W. Coombes conducting, but the peal unfortunately came to grief in the eleventh part, after 2 hours 35 minutes good ringing.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—Services prevented a peal attempt at the Parish Church, but a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by C. Waithman 1, A. Alsopp 2, G. Roberts 3, B. Leedham 4, W. Alsopp 5, T. Bloode (conductor) 6, W. D. James 7, W. Parr 8. Various other touches were rung during the day, with Mr. T. Mathews and Mr. J. Jennings taking part.

CRANFORD.—Central Northants Association.—720 Double Court: F. Lewin 1, J. Saddington 2, J. Lewin 3, H. Meadows 4, M. Norton 5, B. J. Saddington (conductor) 6.

HODDESDON.—720 Grandsire Doubles, in 25 mins.: A. Hurn 1, W. Mumford 2, C. J. Puplett (conductor) 3, A. Cains 4, S. Knight 5, W. Clark 6, C. Rainbird 7, C. Halfhide 8.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—At the Norman Tower, 960 Kent Treble Bob Royal (longest touch by local band), conducted by A. E. Moore; and 2400 Grandsire Caters and Triples, conducted by H. A. Turner and A. E. Moore.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.—In the Clock Tower, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Nichol 1, C. Jackson 2, J. Armstrong 3, A. Bowman 4, T. Oram 5, O. Simm (conductor) 6.

WOKING, SURREY.—Two 720's of Plain Bob, and one of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

ILKLEY.—At 5.30 a.m., a date touch of 1911 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins.: J. R. Feather 1, T. W. Crawshaw 2, H. Verity 3, M. Bradley 4, C. Stephenson 5, J. W. Birken (conductor) 6, W. Cook 7, S. Raynor 8. Composed by C. Jackson, Hull.—For Coronation service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Cook 1, A. Louth 2, H. Verity 3, M. Bradley 4, C. Stephenson 5, J. R. Feather 6, T. W. Crawshaw (conductor) 7, J. W. Birkin 8.

NETHERTON, WORCESTER—An attempt for a peal of Erin Triples was lost, owing to change course in the 36th course, and the bells were brought round at 40 courses, 1680 changes, in 59 mins.: H. Hill 1, A. Greenfield 2, J. Faulkner 3, H. Price 4, W. Prestidge 5, A. Prestidge 6, A. Davies (conductor) 7, J. Massey 8.—Also 1280 Treble Bob Major, in 42 mins., by the same band. Other touches of Stedman and Bob Major were also rung.

NUNEATON.—At the Parish Church, 1008 Double Norwich, 576 Kent Treble Bob, 336 Stedman Triples. Also several touches of Grandsire and Bob Major by the following members of the band: H. Argyle, D. H. Argyle, J. Clarke, J. Clarke, junr., T. W. Chapman, H. Cure, E. Stone, W. Martin, J. Greasley, J. Ballard, R. Pollard, T. Valance, and Old Jack. It was intended to attempt a peal, but services in the church during the day prevented.

HEMHILL, FAVERSHAM.—From 4.17 till 5.45 a.m., half-a-peal of Grandsire Triples: I. Hadlow 1, A. Bones 2, C. Hadlow 3, C. Hadlow 4, E. E. Foreman 5, H. Gilbert 6, E. Trendell (conductor) 7, F. Hadlow 8.

BATH.—The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—At the Abbey, 1259 Grandsire Caters in 53 mins.: C. Bell 1, G. Temple 2, W. Eames 3, C. Goodenough 4, J. Fussell 5, H. Holder 6, W. Lanham 7, W. J. Prescott (first quarter-peal) 8, H. W. Brown 9, T. F. King (conductor) 10.

BARLEY, HERTS. — For 8 a.m. service, 1440 Grandsire Doubles (twelve 120's called differently): D. Hailes 1, H. Howard 2, R. Horward (conductor) 3, H. Slater 4, W. Mansfield 5. Also 1200 conducted by R. Horward; A. Dillow 5.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church, three 720's, with 7—8 covering, were rung: the first by H. Banham 1, S. Goakes 2, A. Goakes 3, G. Piggins 4, R. Narborough 5, C. Goakes (conductor) 6, F. Hotson 7, H. Cheesewright 8. H. Hill (conductor), H. Piggins and G. Duffield took part in the second, and Herbert Goakes in the third.

RICHMOND, YORKS.—Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. —360 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Thorpe 1, G. Holmes 2, J. J. Peake 3, J. T. Frencham 4, R. J. Todd 5, J. G. Woddy (conductor) 6, G. Brand 7 (covering).

CROYDON.—The Surrey Association.—At St. John the Baptist, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but it unfortunately came to grief owing to a shift course, after 3528 changes. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung during the day, the ringers taking part being: R. Packham, W. States, A. T. Jones, S. Roper, J. Talbot, A. Clark, E. Pope, E. Goss, J. Merriett, T. Verral and W. Ives.

COLCHESTER.—At St. Peter's Church, on Wednesday and Thursday, June 21st and 22nd, between 8,000 and 9,000 changes were successfully brought round of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Grandsire Triples; also including two quarter-peals of Bob Major and 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major, those taking part, all members of the local company, being: A. Burch, G. Burch, W. Burch, W. Button, F. L. Bumpstead, G. W. Dixon, H. Evers, H. T. Pye, S. Hull, W. Chalk, R. W. Stannard, A. G. Rivers and W. J. Schofield, the four last-named conducting.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, 792 Grandsire Caters: S. Williams 1, C. O. Hobbs 2, H. Day 3, B. Biss 4, W. Bolton 5, T. Chamberlain 6, W. Millar 7, E. Coles 8, A. Rowley (conductor) 9, C. Oram 10. Also two touches of 593 Grandsire Caters, B. Heath taking part in one, and W. Barker in the other. A peal of Grandsire Caters was lost, after ringing just over half-way.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.—For early celebration of Holy Communion, 336 Oxford Bob Triples, conducted by Wm. Fisher; for the special Coronation service, and as a wedding compliment to Mr. Frank Abel, a member of the choir, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 minutes, conducted by Benjamin Gough; and in the afternoon, a touch of Bob Major and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 minutes, conducted by Samuel Baker. The bells were also "fired" at intervals. The following took part in the ringing during the day: W. A. Jeavons, Arthur Baker, S. Pearce, J. Roberts, Leonard Barnett, Alfred Barnett, W. Grinsell, R. Dunn, B. Gough, Samuel Baker, Wm. Fisher, and A. E. Law.

HESTON.—A quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Turner 1, H. C. Chandler (conductor) 2, T. J. Barker 3, H. W. Cowley 4, C. J. Edwards 5, G. A. Gladman 6, S. Carter 7, E. R. Gladman 8.

HOLCOMBE ROGUS.—Members of the Devon Guild made an attempt for a peal on Coronation Day, but after ringing two hours and 20 minutes came to grief, stand being called, instead of the anxiously looked forward to "That's all." This was the first attempt on the bells (a peal of six, with tenor 18 cwt.), and also by the local band.

RUGBY.—St. Andrew's Society.—1260 Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: H. O. White 1, R. Watson 2, W. Tayler 3, J. W. Chandler 4, J. B. Fenton 5, C W Wheeler 6, W. Malins (conductor) 7, J. A. Fenton, junr., 8.—Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by J. B. Fenton; and 504 Stedman Triples, conducted by C. W. Wheeler, and in which H. Shotton rang the tenor.

OLD HILL, STAFFS. — At Holy Trinity Church, 420 Stedman Triples, 503, 336 and 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. Green, O. Pearson, W. Bird, G. Bird, J. Price, A. Woodall, J. P. Mason, H. Johnson, L. Johnson, A. H. Bassano, C. W. Bassano, A. E. Parsons (conductor).

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.—Gloucester and Bristol Association. —On Whit-Sunday, for Divine service, 720 Bob Minor: H. E. Gillett 1, J. Collett 2, H. Packer 3, H. Gillett 4, R. Hall 5, W. Stratford (conductor) 6.—720 London Single: R. Hall 1, H. Gillett 2, H. Packer 3, J. Collett 4, T. Banning 5, W. Stratford (conductor) 6.—720 Double Oxford: R. Hall 1, J. Collett 2, H. Packer 3, H. Gillett 4, W. Stratford (conductor) 5, T. Banning 6.—On Whit-Monday, 720 Plain Bob.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE. — On Whit-Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 53 mins.: W. Elliss 1, C. Waithman 2, B. Claydon 3, *G. Taylor 4, T. Bloore 5, W. D. James 6, G. Roberts 7, B. Leedham (conductor) 8. *First quarter-peal in the method, and hails from Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX. — At the Parish Church, on Whit-Sunday, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: P. Wood, sen., 1, M. Ireland 2, R. Wood 3, J. Burdfield 4, J. Newman 5, G. Matthews (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Warnham Court Bob: P. Wood, sen., 1, J. Burdfield 2, R. Wood 3, J. Newman 4, G. Matthews 5, A. Feist (conductor) 6.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.—On June 4th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: T. R. Jackson (conductor) 1, J. Huddleston 2, W. H. Dennison 3, W. S. Forshaw 4, C. J. A. Cushing 5, J. Burrows 6.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Single Bob: W. Jackson 1, J. Huddleston 2, W. H. Dennison 3, T. Suart (conductor) 4, W. S. Forshaw 5, J. Burrows 6.

CHARING. — On Whit-Monday, June 5th, at Charing, Kent, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. J. Day 1, G. H. Spice 2, W. H. R. Wilkins 3, W. Spice, jun., 4, T. Jull 5, W. Spice (conductor) 6. The above was rung on the way to the annual meeting of the Kent Association, at Folkestone.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Tuesday, June 6th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Payne 1, J. North (first in the method) 2, M. Goddard 3, B. Hawkins 4, C. Doe 5, J. Moth (conductor) 6.

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Tuesday, June 6th, at the Parish Church, 720 Double Court and 720 Bob Minor: T. Copeland 1, Rev. C. J. Sturton 2, H. V. Fletcher 3, W. H. Hilliam 4, G. R. Truss 5, J. B. Halliifax (conductor) 6.

WALKDEN.—The Lancashire Association.—At St. Paul's Church, on Wednesday, June 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Brooks 1, W. Denner 2, A. Potter 3, J. Welsby 4, S. Oakes 5, J. Potter (conductor) 6, J. Lowe 7, J. Denner 8. Rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to the late Dr. W. Y. Martin, J.P., who was for many years churchwarden at the above church.

BLETCHLEY.—On Wednesday, June 7th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by S. Smith, of Bletchley), in 50 mins.: H. Sear 1, J. Mead 2, J. Marks 3, F. Stanton 4, T. Best (conductor) 5, E. Marks 6, F. Hedges 7, V. Sear 8. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of the composer.

BROCKLEY.—The Four Shires Guild.—On Thursday, June 8th, at the combined monthly practice of the Guild, 350 Grandsire Triples, the longest touch by J. Keyte treble, and G. Mabson tenor.

PADDINGTON, W.—On Friday, June 9th, at 52, Shirland Road, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, on handbells: W. Shepherd (conductor) 1—2, A. F. Shepherd 3—4, G. B. Edser 5—6, F. G. Woodiss 7—8.

RUSHAL, STAFFORD.—On June 9th, 720 Bob Minor: T. Benyon 1, H. Pickett 2, E. Smith 3, G. Peite 4, A. Harber 5, W. W. James (conductor) 6. First 720 by ringers of 1 and 4.—On June 10th, 1440 Bob Minor: T. Walker 1, H. Pickett 2, C. Wakelin 3, E. Smith 4, A. H. Harber 5, W. D. James (conductor) 6. Longest length by first three ringers.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.—On Saturday, June 10th, at All Saints' Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Garner 1, Rev. A. Rhys James 2, H. Woodhouse 3, G. Clark 4, F. Beardsmore 5, F. Clark (conductor) 6. First 720 by all except the ringer of the 4th.—On Sunday, for morning service, 720 Kent: F. Garner 1, G. Johnson 2, F. Beardsmore 3, E. Arrand 4, F. Clark 5, H. Trout 6; and for evening service, 720 Kent: F. Garner 1, G. Johnson 2, G. Clark (conductor) 3, E. Arrand 4, F. Beardsmore 5, H. Trout 6.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On June 11th, 416 Double Norwich: L. Price 1, W. Clifford, sen., 2, A. Coppock (conductor) 3, F. S. Price 4, A. Lowe 5, J. C. Dicken 6, E. Boot 7, P. Price 8.—Also a course of Superlative Surprise: P. Price 1, A. Coppock 2, W. Clifford, sen., 3, A. Lowe 4, J. C. Dicken 5, E. C. Gobey 6, E. J. Boot 7, F. S. Price 8. First course by all except Nos. 1, 2 and 6.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On Sunday, June 11th, for Divine service, in 54 mins., 1344 Plain Bob Major: J. Jennings 1, C. Waithman 2, W. D. James (first quarter-peal of Major as conductor) 3, T. B. Claydon 4, T. Bloore 5, W. Allsopp 6, G. Roberts 7, B. Leedham 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—Peterborough and District Association.—On Thursday, June 15th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Coles 1, J. Jarvis 2, W. Cross 3, T. Vaughan 4, J. Jutson 5, G. Jutson 6, F. T. Cooke (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, R. Gamble 8. Rung in celebration of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Gamble. First quarter-peal by all except the ringers of 2 and 7, and first on the bells since they were re-hung last year.

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A RINGING WEEK-END IN EAST DEVON.

Only those who have tried can fully appreciate the difficult task of getting eight change ringers together in this particular part of England. No less than twenty-six invitations were issued, whilst the telegraphic department of the post office had an exceptionally busy time in Stockland, where, by the invitation of the Rev. E. V. Cox, most of the band took up their quarters. On Saturday afternoon, June 17th, Messrs. B. Prewett (London), T. Laver, A. Monkley (Exeter), Rev. C. Carew Cox (Stratford-on-Avon), J. Maddock (Taunton), J. E. Baker (Ottery St. Mary), W. D. James (Four Oaks, Warwickshire), and the Rev. E. V. Cox (Walsall), met at Lyme Regis, just over the border, in Dorset, where Stedman Triples came to grief, after 1¼ hours' ringing. The Vicar (the Rev. W. Jacob) met the visitors on their arrival, and very kindly entertained them afterwards. On Sunday, for morning service, the four last-named, together with Messrs. A. Pike (Ottery) and J. Nankwell (sexton, tenor), rang several six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. In the afternoon, they were again joined by the Rev. C. C. Cox, and cycled to Yarcombe, where the Vicar (the Rev. H. A. Tudor) and the local ringers had a welcome for the party. Here they rang Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Singles on the five bells. Next, a very hilly ride brought them to Upottery, where, again, a welcome awaited them from the Vicar (the Rev. J. Jane), Mr. Bromfield (churchwarden and ringer), and the local band. On this very fine-going ring of six they were able to score the first 720 (Bob Minor) ever rung on them, conducted by the Rev. C. C. Cox, and the Churchwarden said he had lived in the village for thirty years, but had never heard the tenor turned in before that afternoon. The return journey was then made to Stockland for tea, which had the finishing touch given to it by the addition of strawberries and Devonshire cream. It was decided to attempt a 720 of Bob Minor for the evening service, and several of the local ringers and others were present in the belfry during the ringing. The attempt proved successful, after twenty-six mintues' excellent striking: A. Pike 1, W. D. James 2, J. E. Baker 3, Rev. C. C. Cox 4, Rev. E. V. Cox (conductor) 5, J. Maddock 6. The bells bear the dates: 1780, 1611, 1603, 1603, 1716, 1780 (recast), and have waited till 1911 for the first 720 to be rung upon them. An attempt for a peal of Minor had been originally on the programme for Monday morning, under the auspices of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, as for the present the majority of the Devon Guild officials refuse to give recognition to such peals, but this had to be abandoned owing to a man scratching for the whole week-end at the eleventh hour. A three-mile walk, therefore, was made by four of the party to Membury, where, with the help of a local ringer on the tenor, Bob Singles were rung, and when the bells stopped, the local man remarked with beaming countenance, "I shall be able to tell them I've rung a scientific peal now." The Curate-in-charge (the Rev. F. E. W. Landon) showed the visitors much courtesy, explaining the ancient history of the church and village, and mentioned that the two mediæval bells were cast by Norton, of Exeter, at the very beginning of the 15th century. The very fine-toned bells at Axminster were visited in the afternoon, where the party were joined by Mr. D. G. Taylor (Ilminster), and a tenor man from a neighbouring change ringing band. A peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but, most unfortunately, the tenor man who had been provided, found the task quite beyond his powers, although the bell went splendidly, as did they all, having recently been overhauled and repaired by Messrs. Stokes and Son. While realising that East Devon has its peculiar difficulties, afforded by the very bad roads (other than turnpike roads) and limited railway communication, visiting ringers carry away with them the impression that much more might be done in the promotion of change ringing in this part of the county than is the case at present, seeing that six and eight-bell towers are so numerous, and that much interest was evinced in this tour. The week-end proved to be a most enjoyable one, and it is hoped to organise something similar next year, although the preliminary arrangements will be made upon different and less expensive lines.

A VISIT TO THAMES-SIDE TOWERS.

The St. Nicholas' Guild, Bristol, visited the counties of Berks and Bucks for their annual outing on Saturday, June 17th, the places included in the itinerary being Henley-on-Thames, Shiplake (where dinner, splendidly served by Host Porter, himself a ringer, was partaken of), Sonning and Caversham, at each of which towers touches were rung, while at the last-named place, where old friends were met and the best-going bells of the day were found, a pleasant time was spent at the headquarters of the local men. It is putting it mildly to say that the outing was a complete success, and the best thanks of the St. Nicholas' Guild are due to the vicars of the various churches visited for the use of the bells. A very large measure of the success of the day was due to splendid arrangements made by Mr. O. Porter, of Shiplake, and to him special thanks is tendered. The Guild also offer their best thanks to all ringing friends who assisted to make the day so enjoyable.

AN ESSEX GUILD.

About 30 members of the Maldon and District Guild met at Great Totham on Saturday, June 17th, for their annual meeting, and an excellent tea was provided on the lawn by the Vicar (the Rev. H. T. Eyre). Ringing commenced at 4 p.m., and continued until 9 p.m., save for the interval for tea, the methods rung being Plain Bob, Double Court, Oxford, Kent, College Exercise, New London Pleasure and Cambridge Surprise. A short touch of Grandsire Triples on the handbells, by H. J. Mansfield, J. D. Buckingham, A. Edwards (conductor), and F. Chalk, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. The above Guild, formed in June, 1910, to forward the art of change ringing, decided to hold monthly meetings in the six towers of Maldon, Great Totham, Goldhanger, Witham, D'Arcy and Tollesbury. The average number of members during the past year attending these meetings has been 14.

A LONG DAY'S EXCURSION.

The St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, had a most enjoyable excursion, when they joined the trip arranged by the Society of Ottregians, the secretary of which is Mr. Godfrey, a former member of the Guild, and paid a visit to Ottery St. Mary, Devon, which was reached at 4.10 a.m. Half the inhabitants had turned out to give a welcome to the two train loads of visitors After breakfast the bells, a nice peal of eight, were rung for 6 a.m. service in connection with the fete. After the service two or three further touches were rung before the party proceeded to Exeter, where Stedman Caters were rung at St. Sidwell's, and the visitors were favoured by being permitted to ring on the grand bells of the Cathedral. After an inspection of the bells and fittings, which were greatly admired, touches of Stedman Caters and of Triples on the minor eight were brought round. The party afterwards visited Heavitree, where further touches were rung, and then returned to Ottery to join the excursion train for London, which was reached about midnight. The day was a most pleasurable one, and the thanks of the Kensington ringers were extended to the Rev. Maitland Kelly, and Messrs. Baker (of the local band) and Godfrey for the arrangements they made, and to the various authorities for the use of the bells.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting of the above Society was held at Shipley, on Saturday, June 24th. The day's proceedings commenced with an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, which was successfully brought round. The business meeting was held at the Sun Inn in the evening, the President (Mr. P. J. Johnson) being in the chair, supported by members from Leeds, Holbeck, Halifax, Guiseley, Bolton, Lightcliffe, Tong, and the local company. Unpropitious weather prevented many from attending. In opening the meeting, the President announced that, in place of Mr. A. S. Mitchell, who had resigned the secretaryship owing to ill-health, he had been successful in obtaining a new secretary for the Society in Mr. F. R. Cundale, of Holbeck, who would carry on the duties for the remainder of the year. Mr. Cundale was unfortunately absent, owing to the annual trip of his local choir and ringers to the Lake district. After the transaction of formal business, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Shipley was proposed by Mr. G. B. Bolland, seconded by Mr. F. W. Dixon, and carried unanimously.—Mr. T. B. Kendall, who replied, expressed the hope that on another occasion they might be more fortunate in obtaining better weather for their meeting. The remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing in various methods.

EDENBRIDGE.—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, June 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Leight 1, A. J. Lewis 2, J. Heasman 3, W. Leigh 4, A. Belton 5, G. Edwards 6, Issac Emery (conductor) 7, T. Wallis 8. This quarter-peal was arranged for the ringers of the 2, 6 and 7.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On Monday, June 12th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: R. Hall 1, E. H. Parish 2, T. Norton 3, F. Troth 4, J. Walker 5, J. Screen (conductor) 6, A. Mills 7, R. Speakman 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. E. Hayward and Miss Dicken, which took place that day.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND. — Kent County Association.—On Tuesday evening, June 13th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Tall 1, J. Burles 2, G. R. Ambrose 3, F. M. Mitchell 4, R. Constant 5, F. Hayes (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by the present band, and first by Messrs. Tall, Ambrose, and Mitchell. Rung to commemorate the restoring of the belfry window, by Mrs. Russell, widow of the late Churchwarden J. Russell, of Milton.

WORSLEY. — The Lancashire Association.—On Wednesday, June 14th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. F. Hoole to Miss Cherry, of Worsley, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1344 changes), in 50 mins.: H. Derbyshire 1, J. H. Ridyard 2, G. Way (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, A. Ridyard 4, R. Ridyard 5, F. Derbyshire 6, P. Derbyshire 7, J. Ridyard (conductor) 8.

CORONATION ITEMS.

An interesting ceremony was performed on Coronation Day at St. Mary Magdalen's Church, Harlow Common, a peal board recording a peal rung on April 27th as a birthday compliment to the conductor, Mr. H. Bottrill, being unveiled by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Elwell. The handsome board was much admired, and the Vicar hoped there would soon be another to match it on the opposite side of the tower. Afterwards Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung, and the ringers enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Collins, of Bushfire House. Earlier in the day two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, conducted by H. Bottrill and G. Dent, were rung.

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The bells at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, were rung on Coronation Day, after having been silent for more than three years, except for chiming. A considerable amount of "Churchyard Bob" was indulged in, together with the customary "firing" for such occasions; and although it is difficult to turn the bells in changes, a touch of 420 Stedman Triples was brought round by: W. Lawley, G. Mills, I. Purser, H. Farlow, T. O'Connor, W. Pardoe, R. Pickering, H. Knight, W. G. Hall and B. Clark. The ten bells, together with the clock bell, are to be recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and hung in an iron frame for twelve, with a tenor about 35 cwt. in C sharp. The work is to be completed by the early part of December.

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The four bells of Kington Magna Church were raised on Coronation Day just before 3.30 a.m. As soon as they were right up, the village baker, who was ringing the second, cried, "Stand, or the coffee will get cold!" The call being duly obeyed, a welcome "continental breakfast" of coffee and rolls was forthwith distributed amongst the ringers, who, thus fortified, proceeded at 3.44 to fire "sunrise salutes." It may be added that one of the churchwardens, whose house adjoins the churchyard, slept peacefully through two hours' ringing, salutes and all—a model parishioner!

SEVEN 720's IN 14 METHODS.

The Rev. H. Law James writes to point out that in the seven 720's in the 14 methods which we published last week he gave the wrong figures in No. 1 (Norfolk and Primrose). They should be as follows:—

2 3 4 5 6 N
6 4 2 3 5 — P
4 3 6 5 2
3 5 4 2 6
5 2 3 6 4
2 6 4 3 5 —
6 3 5 4 2 — N
2 5 4 6 3
3 4 6 2 5
5 6 2 3 4
4 2 3 5 6

In No. 5, a bob was omitted at the 5th lead.

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James George,
April 18th, 1911.

PEALS OF MINOR.

Anything that tends to increase the standard of change ringing should be welcomed by true lovers of the Art, and one step in this direction was ably advocated at the Central Council meeting by the Rev. H. Law James, as a result of which the Council made a recommendation to six bell ringers that in future peals of Minor in more than seven methods should consist of at least seven true and complete 720's. It has already been rung, and a fortnight ago we were able to give the figures of the peal so that the performance has been placed within reach of all Minor ringers. The recommendation carries with it, of course, no compulsion, and at present, at any rate, fourteen methods rung in separate 360's will rank as a peal. The Rev. H. Law James is intent on raising the standard for six bell ringers, and, perhaps, in the future he may induce the Council, as he at first suggested, to recognise only those peals rung on the plan he advocates. This much is certain with regard to peals of Minor that, as it is impossible to obtain a peal of 5000 changes without repetition, the next best thing is to get it with as little repetition as possible. When fourteen 360's are rung there is not only the fact that some changes are produced fourteen times over, but there is also the extreme probability that many of the possible changes are never obtained at all. Although this does not affect the skill necessary successfully to ring a peal in fourteen methods, it does detract from the value of the performance on its theoretical side. Until quite recently, of course, it was not thought possible so to arrange the seven true and complete 720's that two methods could be introduced into each, and, had the resolution before the Council been carried as it stood, there would have been, as was pointed out, some hardship on those six bell ringers who are working away at 14 methods on the old principle. The Council were wise, therefore, not to force the matter unduly, for the method of obtaining these seven 720's is novel. With the publication of the figures, however, we are certain a far greater number of six bell men will take up this plan of ringing more than seven methods. It is one that should appeal to the progressive mind, and will, we warrant, add to the complexity of the task. The idea, we believe, which the Council had in taking the action they did this year of merely making the recommendation, is to follow it up next year by passing a resolution basing the definition of a peal of 5000 in more than seven methods upon this plan. If, however, the Council feel that the change would even then be too sudden, they might help matters forward by giving peals rung on this method more points—and it would unquestionably deserve them—than peals rung in the old way.

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Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 3, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

*CHARLES STRAWBRIDGE	*Treble*	JAMES JONES	5
SAMUEL MASON	2	SIDNEY MASON	6
JAMES REED	3	GEORGE ATKINS	7
REV. E. V. COX	4	JOHN R. PASSMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by the REV. E. V. COX.

* First peal.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES STRAWBRIDGE	*Treble*	THOMAS A. ELLIOTT	5
CHARLES W. THRUSH	2	REV. E. V. COX	6
ROBERT HOLE	3	JAMES J. HOLE	7
ALBERT J. CHILCOTT	4	JAMES JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by the REV. E. V. COX.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwts. 2 qrs. 4 lbs., in F.

WILLIAM OSTLER	*Treble*	JOHN C. SELF	5
REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON	2	WILLIAM FLORY	6
*E. HOBART SMITH	3	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	7
STANLEY BONNEY	4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. This is the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band since 1899 and was rung as a birthday compliment to the rector, the Rev. J. Holme Pilkington.

LICHFIELD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, July 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt., in E.

SAMUEL REEVES	*Treble*	WILLIAM D. JAMES	5
JAMES H. SHEPHERD	2	THOMAS BLOORE	6
FREDERICK J. COPE	3	JAMES E. GROVES	7
WILLIAM SHORT	4	JAMES H. GALLIMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN T. BOTTRILL	*Treble*	WILLIAM SMITH	5
JOHN OLDHAM	2	ERNEST ABBOTT	6
ALBERT B. MASON	3	EDWARD READER	7
DANIEL RICHARDS	4	WILLIAM THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD READER.

First peal of Stedman Triples by the ringers of the first five bells.

NETHERSEALE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

W. J. SMITH	*Treble*	*J. HOUGH	5
*H. HURDMAN	2	F. SHEPHERD	6
†W. HAIR	3	L. BULLOCK	7
W. W. WORTHINGTON	4	*D. COTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by L. BULLOCK.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HALEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*REGINALD BROUGH	*Treble*	RICHARD MORGAN	5
FREDERICK FRENCH	2	EDWIN BARNETT, Junr.	6
GEORGE POVEY	3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	7
JOHN WHEADON	4	WILLIAM FLOYD	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal in the method.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt., in E.

HENRY W. KIRTON	*Treble*	HENRY F. COOPER	5
GEORGE F. MARGETSON	2	HENRY HEAD	6
ARTHUR EDWARDS	3	WILLIAM LINCOLN	7
LEWIS GREEN	4	ARTHUR HEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

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On Saturday, July 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK C. PERRIN	*Treble*	FRED C. MAYNARD	5
JOHN A. DART	2	REUBEN SANDERS	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	ROBERT E. STAVERT	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	ALBERT W. COLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

This was Reuben Sanders' 100th peal.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

EDWARD HARPER	*Treble*	JAMES HENRY RIDING	5
RICHARD T. HOLDING, Junr.	2	WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT	6
WILLIAM RIGBY	3	IRWIN MASSEY	7
DONALD BOOTH	4	RICHARD T. HOLDING, Senr.	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES MORGAN, and Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, Senr.

LYMINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURGA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM H. WOOD	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. BRETT	5
PERCY J. PAINE	2	WILLIAM E. PITMAN	6
EDWARD E. FOREMAN	3	EDWIN G. BUESDEN	7
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE	4	HENRY CASTLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

The band beg to thank Mr. W. E. Pitman for his kind hospitality before the peal, and the Rev. A. F. Rutty for the use of the bells.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*CHARLES ROCHESTER	*Treble*	GEORGE R. PYE	5
†HARRY J. RANZETTA	2	HARRY F. DAWKINS	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	ERNEST PYE	7
†GEORGE H. JAYE	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method; also the first peal in the method on the bells.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

J. B. FENTON	*Treble*	C. H. FOWLER	5
W. MALINS	2	A. J. HESSIAN	6
H. O. WHITE	3	J. W. CHANDLER	7
J. A. FENTON, Junr.	4	J. GEORGE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. B. FENTON.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Mr. C. H. Fowler, who hails from Leicester, was elected a member before starting the peal.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	*Treble*	CYRIL F. JOHNSTON	5
THOS. H. COLBURN	2	ISAAC EMERY	6
WALTER S. WISE	3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	WILLIAM HEWETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

First peal on the bells, which are a credit to the founders.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs.

JOHN M. BRINKWORTH	*Treble*	LOUIS A. WILSON	5
ALFRED LAWRENCE	2	HENRY W. L. WELLS	6
ROBERT W. HYNER	3	CHARLES J. GARDINER	7
*OSWALD J. HUNT	4	RICHMOND ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT W. HYNER.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Lawrence, the band wishing them many happy returns of the day.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 10, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS J. WATTS	*Treble*	JOHN LUCKEY	5
GEORGE JORDAN	2	HARRY F. DAWKINS	6
THOMAS JORDAN	3	WILLIAM T. PRIOR	7
ARTHUR B. WIFFEN	4	WILLIAM WATTS	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

Police Constable Wiffen hails from Rickling, and Mr. H. F. Dawkins from Romford.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, July 10, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. CARTER'S No. 30. Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL REEVES	*Treble*	JAMES REYNOLDS	5
THOMAS J. SALTER	2	HARRY PRICE	6
WILLIAM SHORT	3	CHARLES L. SADLER	7
JAMES E. GROVES	4	WILLIAM D. JAMES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

COOKLEY, KIDDERMINSTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, July 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB AND GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN WOODBERRY	*Treble*	WILLIAM SMITH	4
GEORGE DAVIS	2	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY	5
ERNEST J. BROOKES	3	JOHN SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. WOODBERRY.

Rung to commemorate the Coronation of King George V. This peal was postponed owing to the lamented death of Mr. Benjamin Pope Griffen, late churchwarden. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. Rowley-Moir) for so kindly entertaining them to supper after the peal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Friday, July 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Double and Single Court, 720 of Double and Single Bob, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. HUGH RICHARDSON	*Treble*	C. WILLIAM SMITH	4
REV. H. LAW JAMES	2	WILLIAM RICHARDSON	5
REV. C. J. STURTON	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. Hollingworth (a member of the above band) and Miss Victoria Richardson, sister of the ringers of the treble, 5th, and tenor.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED CLARK	*Treble*	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ...	4
ALBERT J. GREEN	2	*CHARLES W. SMITH ...	5
EDWIN YATES	3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

* First peal in four methods with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Clark, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ERIC L. BENNETT	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. SHARP	4
FURNESS WOODEND... ...	2	*CHARLES WEBB...	5
THOMAS F. HEWERTSON...	3	WILLIAM ROBINSON... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. John Taylor & Co., Loughborough. The "go" is excellent.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES;

JAMES HUNT	1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	MAURICE SMITHER... ...	7—8

FRANK BLONDELL ... ... 9—10

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire, T. W. RADFORD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY,

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 9, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

MAURICE SMITHER	1—2	JAMES HUNT	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3—4	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	7—8

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... ... 9—10.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to S. Radford.

RUGBY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.)

On Thursday, July 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

*J. B. FENTON	1—2	A. J. HESSIAN	5—6
H. O. WHITE	3—4	W. MALINS	7—8

Conducted by W. MALINS.
Umpire, J. A. FENTON, Junr.

* First peal upon handbells.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Monday, July 10, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE.

*F. DEWELL	1—2	A. E. MOORE...	5—6
*H. A. TURNER	3—4	*J. SPARROW	7—8

Conducted by A. E. MOORE.
Umpires, Messrs. F. LEVITT and C. WOODCOCK.

* First peal in the method double-handed.

In the report of the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Lawton on Saturday, June 17th, 1911, the name of the tenor ringer should have been Thomas Rigby and not John as stated.

COMPOSITION.

5003 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS.

BY ARTHUR KNIGHTS (Chesterfield).

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23456789
23456978      5  7
42356            6
46253         4  6
24653            6
62453            6
63254         4  6
64352         4  6

32456        4s  6
43256            6
46352         4  6
34652            6
63452            6
62354         4  6
64253         4  6

23564     1  4s  6
24365         4  6
32465            6

35264         4  6
34562         4  6
53462            6
52364         4  6
54263         4  6
25463            6
42563            6
43265         4  6
45362         4  6
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Repeat the last 12 courses omitting the bob at 1 produces:

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45263978
34265879     1s 4s 5  7s
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Round at 5 leads. Has the 6th 24 courses behind the 9th and is the first peal composed on the plan. 7th's place bob.

Rung at Chesterfield on the 10th June, 1911. Conducted by Sam Thomas.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

Despite some imperfections, that interesting book, the "Collection of Legitimate Methods," is one of the publications that should be in the hands of all six-bell ringers. It is not, of course, quite a book of instruction for beginners, but to those who have mastered Minor ringing it provides a wide and varied field of practice. One can quite appreciate the fact ringers may be glad of explanation in regard to some of the points in the book.

"Ringer," referring to the preface of the collection, enquires the meaning of "cross section," and of the classification of methods expressed on page viii, in the following terms:

1. Treble Bob methods proper, having no places made at a cross section.
2. Pasallatessera methods, having places made at all cross sections but four.
3. Pasallatria methods, having places made at all cross sections but three.
4. Exercise methods, having places made at all cross sections but two.
5. Delight methods, having places made at all but one cross section.
6. Surprise methods, having places made at all cross sections.

A cross section is the passing of the treble from 1—2 into 3—4, 3—4 into 5—6, 5—6 into 7—8, 7—8 into 9—0, and 9—0 into 11—12.

Class 1 exists on 6, 8, 10, and 12 bells.
Class 2 ,, on 12 bells only.
Class 3 ,, on 10 bells and 12 bells only.
Class 4 ,, on 8, 10, and 12 bells only.
Classes 5 and 6 exists on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

Then, "Ringer" wants to know how many cross sections there are in a lead of Oxford.

There are only two cross sections in a lead of Oxford or any other Treble Bob Minor. In Major there are three; in Royal, four; in Maximus, five. The second half of the lead does not count, as it is only the reverse of the first half, and every cross section place on the way up must be repeated in the same place on the way down.

The Minor methods are all Treble Bob, *i.e.*, no cross section places; Delights, all cross section places but one (*i.e.*, only one); and Surprise all cross sections, and they are so classified in the collection. The Delights are further sub-divided into 3rd's place Delights (the 3rd's place being made at the second cross section—from 3—4 into 5—6), and 4th's place Delights (4th's place being made at the first cross section—1—2 into 3—4).

Exercise methods (which have places at all cross sections but two) appear on 8 bells, and as "Ringer" asks for an example, which no doubt will interest many others besides himself, here is an example of such a method:—

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12345678
21436587
12463857
21648375
————————— cross section, 4th place.
26143857
62418375
62148735
26417853
————————— cross section, no place.
24671583
42765138
47261583
74625138
————————— cross section, no place.
76452318
67543281
76453218
67542381
═══════════ half lead.
76453281
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CONDUCTOR.

SHOREDITCH CHURCH.

The fine old peal of 12 bells at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, were once again, after many years, kept going on Coronation Day. A volunteer society of ringers has just been formed, and although it is impossible to ring, owing to the bad condition of the frame (a defect, which on account of finance, cannot be set right) the society settled down to about two hours of chiming, and a touch of about 2000 changes was chimed. Again on Sunday, the 25th June, on the occasion of the visit of the Mayor and aldermen of the borough, the bells were merrily chimed.

It certainly seems a great pity that sufficient money cannot be obtained to put into proper order such a valuable piece of church property as a peal of 12 bells. Shoreditch, we believe, was among the first of the London churches to have a ring of twelve bells.

NEW PEAL AT ALDERSHOT.

The opening of the peal of six bells at Aldershot, which were dedicated on May 31st, took place on June 27th. The peal hangs in the old parish church, which has been enlarged and restored, and the tower of which originally contained three bells. The old treble has been recast, and a second, fifth and tenor (8 cwt.) added. The opening was entrusted to the Farnham ringers, who were met by the local men, and Mr. Tebbitt (churchwarden). Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, and afterwards a well-struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob was brought round in 23 minutes, by C. Edwards (conductor) 1, G. Upshall 2, H. Chaffy 3, J. F. Laker 4, T. Uphall 5, W. Horne 6. Afterwards 360 Bob Minor was rung, conducted by W. Horne. Everyone was pleased with the tone and "go" of the bells.

CORONATION BELLS AT MACHYNLLETH.

Two new bells, the gift of Mr. J. M., Miss E. A., Miss F. and Mr. D. L. Howell, of Plas Penhelig, have been added to the peal at Machynlleth to complete the octave, in commemoration of the Coronation. The trebles were dedicated on the eve of Coronation Day, and bear the following inscriptions: (1) "George V. Coronation bell. God save the King." (2) "To tell the crowning of Queen Mary, 1911. Given by J. M., E. A., F. and D. L. Howell." Many touches were rung on them on Coronation Day, and in the evening the ringers were kindly entertained to supper at the Ship Hotel by Mrs. Bonsall, of Morben, the Rector (the Rev. C. P. Price) presiding. Among the toasts honoured were: "The Donors of the bells" and "The Machynlleth Church Bell Ringers." In proposing the latter, Mr. D. E. R. Griffith complimented the members upon the exceptional regularity with which the bells have been rung during the past ten years or more, and remarked that they deserved the highest praise. Every encouragement should be given to the ringers to give an effective display of their campanological skill.—A most enjoyable programme was carried out during the evening, and Mr. W. E. Evans, who was entrusted with the arrangements is to be congratulated upon the success of the proceedings.

DEVON GUILD AND SIX BELL "PERFORMANCES."

To the Editor.

Sir,—The secretary of the Devonshire Guild, in moving the adoption of the report at Plymouth on Whit-Monday, bemoans there had not been satisfactory progress in the Guild. This is not to be wondered at, when a six-bell band are not classed as peal ringers, after ringing seven complete 720's, and to bring in a motion to simply class them as "Performances" and not equal to a peal of Triples or Major, is one way to cause dissatisfaction and the withdrawal of membership. As a six-bell ringer, I emphatically protest against such a definition, and if I were a member of the Devon Guild I should do my utmost to have it rescinded. Let some of the Major ringers try to ring seven methods on six bells, and see which is the easiest to perform.—Yours truly,

A NORTH COUNTRYMAN.

A DEVONSHIRE OUTING.

The Heavitree Society of Change Ringers had their annual outing on Saturday, leaving Exeter by the first train for Crediton, where a brake was in waiting. No time, writes a correspondent, was lost in getting on the road to Winkleigh, this stage being done well under schedule time. Here the genial Vicar (Rev. H. Bremridge) met the party, and led the way to his spacious well-kept lawn, where, 'neath the delightful shade of a fine spreading cedar, was laid a substantial luncheon—all the more welcome because unexpected. The inner man having been well satisfied, a move was made to the tower, not without slight misgivings, for had not the Vicar warned us "there are critics about." Our rise was not faultless, but it passed muster, and then two touches of Grandsire with decent striking positively weaned over the critics, and they deigned to speak to us. Further soft persuasions induced a few of them, including the Vicar and the village blacksmith, actually to stand in with us, and ring a short 'peal' of call changes. Truly a model Vicar, from a ringers' point of view, and loved by everybody. Would there were more like him. After some more of his cider, and three shots from the local artist's camera, at which Peter, the Vicar's terrier, never even blinked, we tore ourselves away from our newly found friends, and started for Sampford Courtenay. But this was a land of promise we were destined never to reach. We could see the tower down in the valley, first before and then behind us; yet the way down to it was a mystery. After an hour's wandering round hilly country lanes, during which we expended more horse-breath, and good temper than the game was worth, we gave it up, and regained the main road, where, as a local rustic put it, the friendly "telegram" wires led us to North Tawton. Here, at the Gostwyck Hotel, we found our dinner waiting, so we fell to at once, and soon forgot our former disappointment. Augmented by reserves from home we rang some Stedman and Bob Major, for the bells "go" beautifully, although for tone we said, "Give us Winkleigh." Then a stroll round the town brought starting time, and, with horses rested, we rattled homewards through Bow, once noted for its champion "wrastlers," and Copplestone, with its prominent Celtic cross. Near Barnstaple Cross a halt was called for refreshments, which were distributed in picnic fashion in a field by the road side, some diversion being caused by the appearance of a ferocious looking bull, which, however, proved harmless. An attempt to arrange for some ringing at Crediton, to make up for loss of Sampford Courtenay, was voted "off," so we wound up with a band concert and skittle match. We have had enjoyable outings before, but Winkleigh will always be remembered as one of the best.

PEAL TABLET UNVEILED AT LUDLOW.

On Saturday last, a marbelette peal tablet, subscribed for by the Venerable Archdeacon Oldham, the Rev. J. M. Lester (Rector of Bridgnorth), the Rev. A. E. Lloyd Kenyon (Rector of Ludlow), Mr. Robert Marston, of Ludlow, and the ringers of Coalbrookdale and Ludlow, was unveiled at St. Lawrence's Church, Ludlow. There were present at the ceremony the Rector of Ludlow, Messrs. E. R. Marston and E. H. Rickards (churchwardens), Messrs. C. H. Deighton and A. Lee George (churchwardens of St. Leonard's Church, Bridgnorth), Messrs. John Overton and W. Overton, representing the ringers of St. Leonard's, Messrs. W. Saunders and F. Downing, representing the ringers of Coalbrookdale, and all the local band. A short service was held in the belfry, conducted by the Rector.—After the service, the Rector mentioned that letters regretting their inability to be present had been received from the Ven. Archdeacon Oldham, the Rector of Bridgnorth, Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham, Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Wolverhampton, and Mr. John Clark, of Ross.—The Rector then called upon Mr. John Overton to unveil the tablet, which read as follows: "Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Wednesday, November 24th, 1909, in three hours and nine minutes, at the Church of St. Lawrence, Ludlow, a peal of Stedman Triples (5040 changes), tenor, 22 cwt. 3 qrs. (Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' four-part): John Overton treble, A. T. Baker 2, J. Elcock 3, E. Foxall 4, B. Head 5, W. Overton 6, H. M. Overton 7, H. Jones tenor. Conducted by Wilfred Overton. This peal was rung in honour of the visit of H.R.H. Princess of Wales to this church. It was the first peal in the method on the bells by the Guild, and was rung by the ringers of St. Leonard's Church, Bridgnorth."

Mr. E. R. Marston thanked all those who had kindly assisted in providing this handsome tablet for the Ludlow belfry, and said that it would be much valued, especially as it had been given chiefly by ringers in the diocese. He hoped that those who represented the tower of Coalbrookdale would convey to their brother ringers very many thanks for the assistance they had given in this matter.

Two touches of Grandsire Triples were then rung, the bands being composed partly of visiting ringers and partly of local men. All those present were then invited to the residence of Mr. E. R. Marston, who most kindly provided an excellent tea, which was very much appreciated by all.—Several touches of Grandsire Triples, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples were rung on handbells, and those of the visitors who did not take part in these had the pleasure of playing bowls. In the evening the tower bells were rung again, and 168 Stedman Triples was brought round by the following: G. D. Acton 1, F. Downing 2, F. S. Wilson 3, J. Overton 4, A. Chester 5, W. Overton (conductor) 6, W. Sanders 7, A. Upson 8, this being the first touch of Stedman Triples by G. D. Acton and A. Chester. Several touches of Grandsire were also rung, and brought to a close one of the most enjoyable events in connection with the Ludlow Guild of Ringers.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting for 1911 was held at Blyth on Saturday last, the weather being ideal. The meeting, however, was very poorly attended, the date being a very unsuitable one for the majority of members, haymaking, village feasts, cricket matches, and other business, preventing the attendance of a great number of ringers. However, the Anston ringers, who can now master upwards of 60 six-bell methods, came by conveyance in full strength, accompanied by their churchwardens (Messrs. Turner and Airey)—a kind of brotherhood we all desire to see existing between ringers and church officials. After an early visit to the sacred edifice and interesting questions answered connected with the antiquities of this dear old church, the ringers ascended the belfry and attempted to ring a 720 of Coronation Surprise, a new method which has received the official sanction of King George V, and composed by Mr. C. F. Fowler, of Anston. This 720, however, was doomed to failure, and as a previous attempt had been made on June 22nd, it was decided to try again to ring the first 720 on the composer's birthday, the following day (July 9th). A 720 of Arnold's Victory was rung by the following: W. Platts, H. Turner, H. Stenton (conductor), R. Smith, S. Smith and C. F. Fowler.

A splendid tea was provided at the Commercial House by Host and Hostess Hind, the Vicar of Blyth (the Rev. Scott Moncrieff) being in the chair, supported by the hon. sec. (the Rev. B. Darby, Rector of Harthill).—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for presiding, and for the use of the bells.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Anston on Feast Saturday, October 7th, when a record attendance is desired.

A social evening was spent by ringers and friends at the Red Hart Inn, when songs were sung by Messrs. Stenton, Turner, Haigh, and others, and the proceedings were brought to a close with "Auld Lang Syne."

NEWPORT PAGNELL BELLS.

The bells of Newport Pagnell, which have been recast and rehung, were dedicated on June 28th by the Vicar (the Rev. F. B. Gunnery). The work, which has been carried out to commemorate the Coronation of the King and Queen, was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have tuned the new bells on the Simpson principle, and rehung them in a steel and iron frame. At the dedication service, the sermon was preached by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), who, in the course of his address, said in that parish they had just completed a work upon which they could be truly congratulated. The work of recasting and rehanging the bells had not taken long to carry through, but it was a work which must bring joy to all who had taken their share in its accomplishment, and had helped to bring it to a successful issue, because no pains had been spared to make it excellent. He asked them to take an interest in their bells, and to guard them with zealous care. Though they were out of sight, they must not be out of mind. The bells required care and attention, and they must see to it that this responsible work was in the hands of a conscientious person, who would carry it out thoroughly. The reverend gentleman pleaded for the encouragement of the ringers, and asked the ringers to be considerate of others.—Prior to the service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by W. Smith 1, H. Sear (Bletchley) conductor 2, T. Best (Bletchley) 3, C. Johnston (Croydon) 4, Rev. C. O. Jenkyn 5, F. Tompkins 6, W. Webb 7, W. Ellis 8. After the service, touches of Kent Treble Bob and Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung.

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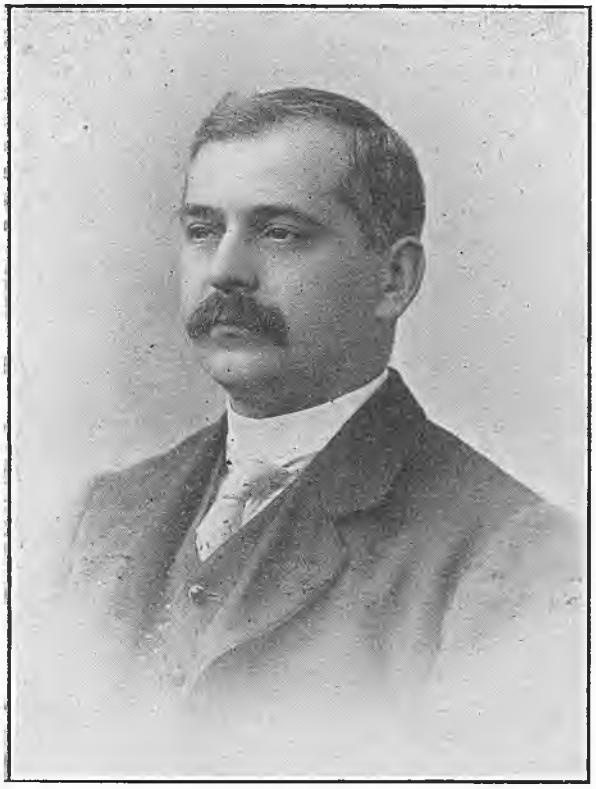
OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

The Master of the Essex Association.

In its Master, Mr. Charles Harry Howard, of Braintree, the Essex Association has an enthusiastic worker, whose interest in church matters is by no means confined to the belfry, for he has occupied every voluntary church office open to a layman. He is one of the world's busy men who do not shirk their public responsibilities, and who find time to carry out duties in the interests of their fellow men. Mr. Howard, who was born at Great Baddow in 1868, has had nearly a life-long interest in bell ringing, and, despite other claims upon his time, has set an almost unique



Mr. Charles Harry Howard.

example of regularity in the belfry for service ringing and practice, although his record of peals is not a large one.

His connection with church work began at the age of only nine years, when he joined the choir in his village church, where, subsequently, he learnt to pull a bell. At that time there was no change ringing at Great Baddow, but when, in 1885, Mr. Howard went to Braintree, he soon found his way to the Parish Church, and took up the fascinating study with the company then under the leadership of Mr. Samuel Hammond. In 1899, when the 700th anniversary of St. Michael's Church was celebrated, the event was marked by adding two trebles to the existing peal of six. Mr. Howard took in hand the work of raising the necessary funds, and carried his task to successful fruition. During his 25 years' connection with Braintree Church Mr. Howard has done a good deal to extend the art of ringing in Essex, and he is a welcome figure in every tower. He was elected to the mastership of the association in 1909, on the retirement of Canon Papillon, and has since attended nearly the whole of the meetings, while he has missed but one annual meeting since 1885. Although in his own parish he has for some years past filled the onerous office of churchwarden, he makes it a practice of taking his place in the belfry to ring for matins and evensong every Sunday, and for 25 years without a break he has rung for early service at Easter and Whitsun, at the dedication festival on St. Michael's and All Angels' Day, and on Christmas Day, and during this quarter of a century, also, he has not missed ringing the old year out. Mr. Howard is an excellent ringer and conductor in Standard methods, while, before they had the complete octave of bells, his company were able to ring nearly 50 Minor methods. His nineteen peals, all rung under the Essex Association, include Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob and Double Norwich. He is also a Surprise ringer, and has rung 720's in nearly all the Surprise Minor methods. Mr. Howard is one of the Essex representatives on the Central Council.

In other sides of church and public life Mr. Howard has been and still is exceedingly active. He sang in Braintree choir for 17 years, and was a sidesman and member of the Church Council until he was made warden some six years ago. His present office entails a good deal of work, for the living is very poorly endowed, and necessitates the raising of at least £450 a year to carry on the services and maintain a curate. Last Christmas Mr. Howard was presented with a handsome silver tea service by the parishioners in appreciation of the valuable work he has done over a long period of years. Among the public offices which he holds are the following: Member of the Braintree Urban Council, director of the Braintree Corn Exchange Co., director of the Braintree and Bocking Building Society, and director of the Braintree Penny Bank.

THE LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

The attempt for the record length on handbells at Guildford on Saturday was not successful. The hottest day of the year, as it turned out to be, is hardly the ideal occasion for such a task as this, and, if mortals could have ordained otherwise, the temperature would have been made far different. Handbell ringers are only human, and subject to the drowsiness that will overtake both the mind and body in oppressive heat no matter how alert one may desire to be. Thus it was with some of the band who attempted the long peal. They know the practical part of Stedman Cater ringing "inside out," as it were; they were keenly intent upon establishing the record, and yet with all they were unable to make headway with the peal. Despite whatever else may be said, there can be no question that the day was one which was all against ringing, and handbell ringing in particular. First of all four courses were rung, and then came an abrupt termination. Afterwards, however, there was some excellent ringing until at the end of an hour and ten minutes a slight lapse caused a shift course. That the day was an "off" one was still further manifested afterwards, when, with one of the umpires taking the place of one of the original band, an attempt was made for a 5000, and even that came to grief about half way. But, with ordinary good fortune, that 14,000 will be rung later on.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

We have received several peal lists, in compliance with our request for the records of those who have rung over 400 peals. Will those who have not yet sent in kindly do so in order that the complete list may be published at an early date? All we require are the total of peals rung, and conducted on tower and handbells; date of the first peal; the longest length, and, if possible, the number of towers and counties in which the peals have been rung.

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A correspondent, "H. B.," wants to know the best way to play "fairy bells" without blistering his thumbs. Perhaps some of our readers who have had experience with this instrument will oblige. Our correspondent also inquires what kind of bells are used in cinematograph theatres for special pieces. We presume these would be tribular bells. As to prices we must refer him to the makers.

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A rather bigger order is another inquiry. A reader asks: "I should be obliged if any ringer would kindly tell me of all the rings of bells in the county of London that cannot be or are never used, or where they ring anything else but half pull?" We fancy our correspondent will have some difficulty in getting a reliable list.

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Can we call the date touch rung at Tong, made up of 1911 changes from Violet, Tulip and Primrose Treble Bob Minor, arranged by H. Oddy an oddity?

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The half-muffled peal rung at Blewbury on Good Friday has been recorded upon a tablet in the belfry, and at the unveiling a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the peal band, except that A. T. Busby stood out to allow T. Aldworth to ring the tenor. The ringers were: G. Welch 1, G. F. James (conductor) 2, E. G. Aldridge 3, C. E. Gregory 4, R. G. James 5, W. J. Grace 6, C. Greenough 7, T. Aldworth 8.

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Any ringers attending the Territorial camp at Shoeburyness, from July 29th to August 12th, and wishing for a peal are asked to communicate with E. P. Bendix, 176, North Road, Prittlewell, Southend-on-Sea. Towers in district: Prittlewell (10), Rayleigh (8), Leigh (6) and Great Wakering (5).

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Mr. E. R. Martin, hon. secretary of the Preston branch of the Lancashire Association, writes to point out that the peal of Grandsire rung at Croston, and recorded last week, cannot be credited to the association, as only three of the band are members to his knowledge.

HANDBELL RINGERS AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

At the invitation of Messrs. J. Warner and Sons the handbell ringers of the All Saints Society, Fulham, visited the Crystal Palace on Wednesday week, and rang the first touches on the peal of handbells which are being exhibited on their stand. From seven o'clock to half-past ten various methods on eight, ten, and twelve bells were rung; short touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire, and Stedman being successfully brought round. Intensely interested crowds gathered round the stand while each touch was being rung, and gazed in wonderment at the operations of the performing ringers. That evening Messrs. Warner and Sons' stand became a centre of unusual interest, which added greatly to the splendid work already done by them at the Crystal Palace.

RINGERS' DAY AT FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE.

TO-MORROW'S GATHERING.

This event at the Crystal Palace to-morrow promises to be the great success we anticipated. From all over the country we have received intimations from ringers who intend to take advantage of the opportunity to join in this great reunion. The full details were given last week, and all we need add is that we hope ringers will enjoy themselves to the full. The Concert Hall (adjoining centre transept) will be at their disposal for rest and handbell ringing from 2 to 8 p.m., and here also during the afternoon the tickets for tea will be issued to those in possession of badges, and the cheap coupons for admission to side shows will also be obtainable. In addition to the peals of bells which will be opened for ringing in London, we have also been informed that St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (12), are available for chiming (ringing being unsafe upon them) during the morning.

Appended are the arrangements for the day:—

IN LONDON.

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AT CRYSTAL PALACE.

2 to 8 p.m.—Concert Hall reserved for ringers and friends.

4 to 4.30 p.m.—Informal "at home."

4.30 to 5 p.m.—Tea in the Concert Hall.

5 p.m.—Pageant of London, Part IV.

8 p.m.—Grand Military Tattoo.

Other attractions, including the Exhibition (free), throughout the day.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Northern branch was held at Kidderminster on Saturday week. Ringers and friends were present from Stourbridge, Brierley Hill, Clent, Oldswinford, Netherton, Old Hill, Wolverley, Halesowen, Birmingham, Hartlebury, Kidderminster, and Selly Oak. Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar of St. Mary's (the Rev. L. B. Sladen) and partaken of on the lawn in front of the Vicarage by about 40. The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. It was arranged that the quarterly peal should be attempted at Kidderminster, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Chaddesley Corbett, on Saturday, September 30th.—Mr. T. J. Salter (Master of the Association) gave a very interesting account of the Central Council meeting, and of the attitude of the members with reference to "The Ringing World."

Owing to evensong being held at St. Mary's at 5.30, it has been difficult to attempt peal ringing on Saturdays, and after discussion the Vicar very readily gave his consent for one or two peals to be attempted during a quarter.—Mr. A. Parsons moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in providing such an excellent tea, and this was carried unanimously.—The Rev. L. B. Sladen, in reply, said how pleased he was to welcome the visitors there, and hoped he would have the pleasure of entertaining them again.

After an inspection of the pleasant grounds, which were much admired, especially the rose garden, a visit was made to the tower of St. Mary's, where the bells were set going to London and Superlative Major, Stedman, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Grandsire, which brought a very successful and enjoyable meeting to a close.

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A very enjoyable day was spent by a large number of ringers at Winchester on Monday, when they visited the Cathedral City, upon the occasion of the annual festival of the Diocesan Guild. Members came from all parts of this widespread diocese, but the gathering was not, perhaps, quite so large as in some previous years. The fine peal of ten at the Cathedral were available during the day, but not much ringing was done before the business meeting, which took place at the Guildhall in the afternoon.—Mr. J. P. Stilwell, the President, occupied the chair, and was supported by the Master (the Rev. C. E. Matthews), and the hon. sec. (the Rev. W. E. Colchester).

The annual report stated that the work of the Guild had gone on steadily during the past year. Good ringing had been done, and interest was being taken in the ringing in the more remote country towers. Nearly twice as much instruction had been given during the year as in 1909. The sum of £9 2s. was sent by the Guild to the Robinson Memorial. There was an increase of seven in the number of peals rung, viz., 65 against 58, although the number of towers represented showed a decrease of seven, viz., 24 against 31. Grandsire and Stedman Caters, as usual, came out on top of the list, but the more advanced methods had received more attention, peals of London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise having been recorded. Mr. A. H. Pulling had conducted 29 peals, and Mr. G. Williams 14, and 13 other members had also been responsible for peals.

The balance sheet showed that the balance in hand on the general fund had been increased from £41 4s. 2d. to £45 7s. 11d., while the special purposes fund, which comprises the life members' subscriptions, had increased from £22 8s. 4d. to £23 16s., in addition to which grants of £2 2s. to North Stoneham Bells, and £5 5s. to the Cathedral Restoration Fund had been made from it.

Replying to Mr. A. H. Pulling, the Hon. Secretary pointed out that according to the rules, sixpence per head only could be paid out of the Guild funds for teas at meetings. Anything in excess of that amount must be paid by the members.—The report and balance sheet were adopted.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

Mr. Stilwell, who has been president for over 20 years, was re-elected to that office, and the vice-presidents were also re-elected.—The re-election of the Master was carried by acclamation, and the Rev. W. E. Colchester was re-appointed hon. secretary.—The latter stated that the Guild was making its position financially more sure, and from the ringing point of view, he thought they were also doing really good work. He would, however, like to see more done to spread change ringing. There was still a great deal to be done in the diocese in this direction, for while in some towers they found tremendous keenness, they went to others and found nothing but call changes rung. They wanted to bring these towers up to the mark, and get the members to take an interest in change ringing (applause).

Mr. A. M. Kennett was re-elected hon. solicitor; Mr. T. W. Fairey, recorder of peals; Mr. H. White, auditor; and the Master, Mr. H. White, Mr. J. W. Whiting and Mr. C. Willshire, representatives on the Central Council.—In proposing the last-named, Mr. Pulling hoped the meeting would instruct their representatives to vote at the next Central Council meeting to give "The Ringing World" official recognition.—Mr. Whittington, who seconded, also asked the representatives to vote upon this question.—The Master said he hoped the representatives would be allowed to use their own judgment. One had one's own private opinions, but very often one had to consider what was good for the Exercise generally. — Mr. H. White thought the Guild should have sufficient confidence in their representatives to know that they would do their best in the interests of the Guild.—Mr. Pulling said he would withdraw that part of his resolution, because he had confidence from what the Master said at the last meeting of the Central Council, that it would be all right at the next.—Mr. Whittington said he hoped if their representatives attended the meeting that they would vote one way or the other.—Mr. White: In justice to myself, I may say I was one of the six who did vote (hear, hear).—The motion having been carried, the Master replied, and said that he was sure the members could rely upon the representatives doing what was best for the interests of the Guild and the Exercise at large.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RINGERS.

The next annual meeting was fixed for Saturday, June 29th, 1912, at Winchester, the service to be held at St. Maurice's Church.

It was decided to eliminate the rule requiring that four members of the Council should be honorary members.—The Master intimated that the committee had that day passed a resolution "that tea, not exceeding 1s., shall be provided for members attending the annual district meetings during the next year." The question as to whether they should allow rail fares or give the tea was discussed at length, and ultimately it was decided that the allowance should be made for tea.—This was confirmed by the meeting, as was also a recommendation that in future members in arrear with their subscriptions for one year should have their names printed in italics in the report, and that their names should be omitted if the subscription remained unpaid after that time.—The Hon. Secretary also asked that in future unattached members would send their subscriptions direct to the general secretary.

The Master said it was usual for the representatives on the Central Council to say something about what had taken place at the meeting, but it had this year been so accurately and so promptly reported by "The Ringing World" that he did not think it was necessary to go into details. He thought on the whole the meeting at Leicester was less interesting as regards ringing matters than in previous years. The Master directed attention to the value of the Council's "Collection of Legitimate Methods," which was exceedingly useful to six-bell ringers. Proceeding, he congratulated Mr. A. H. Pulling upon what he had done for the Guild, and he was sure they were all extremely proud that they had him in their Guild (hear, hear). Having mentioned the peal of Stedman Cinques and the 7777 Stedman Caters rung on handbells, the Rev. C. E. Matthews proposed that they should place upon the minutes a record that the sincere congratulations of the Guild be offered to Mr. Pulling and the rest of his band upon their recent successes in peal ringing.—The resolution was at once carried, and this terminated the business.

SERVICE IN THE CATHEDRAL.

The members attended service in the Cathedral, the usual evensong being adapted to the special occasion. Assembled within the choir of the grand old mother church of the diocese, the visitors took part in a most beautiful service, the musical portions of which were exquisitely rendered by the choir. The specially selected anthem, taken from Psalm ciii., was one of the features of the service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who gave a forceful address of singular appropriateness, based upon the words of St. Paul to the Corinthians, "Giving no offence in anything that the ministry be not blamed." St. Paul, he said, was speaking of the clerical priesthood, but there was also the priesthood of the laymen, and he pointed out how bell ringers had their share in the ministry. They came there feeling that they were recognised as church officers, and they ought to thank the men who founded the Guilds in years past, that this object of theirs had been attained. The preacher pointed out where there were causes of stumbling, for which the ministry might be blamed. They must, he said, make their ministry an efficient ministry. The best ringing must be for the services on Sundays and festivals, and it ought to be recognised that every practice and peal was intended to improve the Sunday ringing. There was surely nothing to be said for ringing peals from time to time on the week-day unless they always had that end in view, to make themselves able to ring the better on the Sunday and for the festivals. They should be careful to have a rule in their company to ring for early celebration on the great festivals of their church. They should grasp the fact that ringing was not a mere recreation or pursuit, which was to be taken up like some game, but that it was part of the Christian ministry that helped to lift them higher and nearer God. Unless they looked upon it as such, then, by mere secularism would there be a cause of stumbling, and the ministry might be blamed. He hoped they would go back to their towers with the thought more firmly implanted in their minds that bell ringing was a ministry in the church, a high and great calling, and that they would pray before they left that building that God would indeed pardon their shortcomings in the exercise of that ministry in the year that was passed, and give them strength in the year to come.—The service concluded with the Guild's hymn, written by the Master, "The sacred bells of England."

VOTES OF THANKS.

Subsequently the members returned to the Guildhall for tea, at the close of which the Master proposed a vote of thanks to the preacher, to which the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn responded. He remarked upon the fact that that was the first time he had officiated in an English Cathedral, and added that his visit revived memories of their dear friend, the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, who looked upon the Winchester Guild as something like an elder child He had a great affection in his heart for that Guild, and he (the speaker) felt that Mr. Robinson was nearer them that day than he had been for sometime, because they were not only back with the Guild he loved so well, but in the place where, as a boy, he went to school and they had worshipped in the Cathedral which he loved above all other Cathedrals.

The Rev. W. E. Colchester proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for giving them the use of the bells, and for allowing them to make the evensong at the Cathedral their service.—The Rev. F. G. Hume seconded, and the Archdeacon of Winchester responded. He remarked that his duty frequently carried him into the belfries in the churches of the diocese, and he was very glad to say that he had been instrumental in getting two or three sets of bells looked to and rehung.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, in thanking the authorities of Winchester for the use of the Guildhall, remarked upon the wonderful swing of the pendulum since first he entered ringing. In those days ringers were a different class of men, and were almost ignored by the church officials. Now they were received by the Dean and Chapter of one of the most

ancient Cathedral cities of the country, and entertained in a palatial building, and they were very grateful indeed for the encouragement they received.

In the evening the Cathedral was again visited, and touches in various eight and ten-bell methods rung from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise and Stedman Caters.

SHEFFIELD RINGERS' MEETING.

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY HAVE AN ENJOYABLE OUTING.

By the kind invitation of the Rev. J. H. Brooksbank, a meeting of the St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield, was held at Hathersaye, on Saturday, July 1st. This being the first visit to the picturesque and historic village, which is situated in the midst of the moors, the fixture was looked forward to from more points of interest than one. The weather was all that could be desired, and everyone enjoyed themselves to their heart's content. On arrival at the church, the visitors were met by the Vicar and the local ringers, and received a hearty welcome. The bells, a nice peal of six, were raised and set going to Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, etc. The local ringers not having yet entered upon the intricacies of change ringing were initiated into the elementary portion of Grandsire Doubles, and standing in one at a time, gave fair promise of becoming efficient with the assistance of an instructor. Tea had very generously been provided by the Vicar in the schoolroom, and the company, numbering about 30, were joined by Mrs. and Miss Brooksbank, Mrs. Shuttleworth, Miss Shuttleworth, and others, who very kindly officiated at the table. During the demolition of the good things provided, the Vicar, ladies, and local ringers were eagerly inquiring what was required, and the best means of obtaining proficiency in the belfry. A short business meeting followed, Mr. F. Willey, vice-president, taking the chair, in the unavoidable absence of the president. In thanking the Vicar for his kind invitation and his generous hospitality, Mr. Willey outlined the objects of the Society, whose aim it was to graft into the minds of learners and beginners the mysteries of the art and science of change ringing, and he was pleased to say they had that day succeeded in creating a large interest amongst the ringers and inhabitants of Hathersaye.—Mr. C. Glenn supported the vote of thanks, and in reply, the Vicar said he was pleased to welcome the Society to Hathersaye. He trusted the meeting would result in the bells again being heard in peal. He did not wish to say his present ringers were at all slack, but doubtless they needed some spur in the form of instruction to start them in the right way of change ringing, and if only this were effected he should be more than repaid if he could hear the bells rung as they should be rung. —A course of Grandsire Caters and several tunes were rung on the handbells, after which the Vicar offered himself as an honorary member of the Society, while the whole of the local band were elected as ringing members.—The Chairman announced that the next meeting would take place at Ecclesfield, when he hoped to see as many of the new aspirants as could make it convenient to attend.—A vote of thanks to the ladies concluded the business.

A group photograph was taken in the school yard, and the tower was again visited, and the bells kept going until late in the evening, the Vicar remaining the whole of the time. On reaching the station with time to spare, various courses and tunes on the handbells were given on the platform, much to the delight of a large holiday crowd. This, however, did not end the day's enjoyment, for on the arrival of the train it was, as is usual at this time of the year, packed with return pleasure parties, and the journey was perforce made in the company of the guard, along with a party of trippers, who took advantage of the commodious van to turn it into a "ballroom," causing roars of laughter, and the anticipated discomfort into the utmost pleasure. Never before, we are assured, had the ringers witnessed such merriment.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AND "THE RINGING WORLD."

To the Editor.

Sir,—As I was not able to attend the meeting at which the recognition of your paper was discussed, I will only say of the discussion that, so far as I can judge, the motion for recognition was perhaps premature; but that having been accepted, it had better have been met in a less provocative spirit, and without generating so much unnecessary heat. But the mischief (if mischief it be) is done, and nothing can now be gained by insinuating against the impartiality of the President, or against members of the Council for not being "practical change ringers" and for attending its meetings, some "for the purpose of grinding their own axes," others "for a cheap outing." Most, if not all, members of the Council are practical change ringers in the obvious meaning of the term; many, if not most of them, have at some period of their lives even rung peals. With regard to motives for attendance, it is a cheap sneer at anyone who holds decided views and tries to convince others, that he has his own axe to grind; while as for the insinuation that some of us attend for the sake of a cheap outing, I should have thought that this, amid the crowded traffic of a Whitsuntide holiday, was at best a doubtful attraction. Be this as it may, I hope that those who have excited themselves over this matter on either side will now welcome the conciliatory attitude of my friend Mr. King in your issue of June 30th. We all wish "The Ringing World" well in its attempt to meet what several of your correspondents have noted as a long-felt want: and if, as seems probable, it has come to stay, ringers will gain nothing by throwing mud at it, or at the Central Council, or at each other.—Yours faithfully,

T. L. PAPILLON.

St. Albans, July 3rd, 1911.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. King did not state that he had communicated with me before sending his admirable letter to you, and that I heartily agreed with it. Perhaps you will allow me to say so now. The storm appears to be subsiding, and I have no wish to raise it again, but sincerely hope that hasty words spoken or written during the recent controversy may soon be forgotten, and that we shall all continue to work for the good of the Exercise at large. I should like to mention that your report of what I said in moving my amendment gives a wrong impression. It may have been my fault, but I hoped I had made it clear that I was speaking not for myself, but for other members of the Analysis Committee, whose time was not so much at their disposal as mine happens to be, and that I had already taken into account with considerable care the peals published in your paper. Conductors will simplify the work of the committee if, in sending reports to both papers, they will be careful to make them identical. This is not much to ask.

With regard to the apportionment of points, I am more and more convinced that it is not possible to make a satisfactory comparison between Doubles and Minor performances and peals on higher numbers, and that it would be much better to have two separate analyses. One of the Peal Values Committee has told me that he knows very little about Minor ringing, and probably the rest of the committee are in much the same position. Could not the Peal Values Committee delegate their work on that side to some expert five and six-bell ringers, who might get out a scale entirely independent of peals on higher numbers? They would be able then to apportion points to peals including different classes of methods, a work which is beyond the present Analysis Committee.

E. W. CARPENTER.

Boothby Rectory, Grantham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Derby district of the Midland Counties Association was held at Youlegrave, on Saturday, and, despite the tropical weather, a very good number availed themselves of the opportunity of having a ring on this fine peal of bells.

The church lies in one of the most charming spots in the Derbyshire hills, and the bells throw out their harmonious sounds far over hill and dale. It is unfortunate that the railway is so far away, the nearest stations being Bakewell and Rowsley, but to one who loves the country, as does the writer, five miles is nothing, especially in the company of a champion pedestrian, to wit, one Charles Draper. I have had several long walks with him, and have never yet heard him confess to being tired. But this, by-the-way.

The peal of bells (tenor, 26 cwt., in E) are claimed to be the best peal in Derbyshire, and are, I should say, one of the finest productions of the Whitechapel Foundry, and a credit to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, along with others one can mention. The bells of St. Andrew's, Derby, were taken from their pattern, although a lighter peal.

The ringing included touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob, and, considering the heat, and also the weight of metal, the striking was very satisfactory. Members turned up from the following towers: Bakewell, Butterley, Darley Dale, Derby, Eastwood, Etwall, Leek (Staffs), Ripley, and Wolverhampton, with the local company. At the subsequent meeting, held in the belfry, Mr. Shepherd presided, and it was unanimously decided, on the proposition of Mr. George, seconded by Mr. Jenney, that Wirksworth be visited in August for the next meeting, and the secretary was instructed to make the necessary arrangements.—The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of bells, and asked the local men to convey their best thanks.—A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a most successful and enjoyable meeting. —M.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 25th, at St. James' Church, in 1 hr. 8 mins., a date touch of Minor from the following methods: Violet, Tulip and Primrose, arranged and conducted by H. Oddy: C. J. Sallaway 1, J. H. Hepworth 2, G. Lambert 3, E. Oddy 4, H. Oddy 5, S. Oddy 6.

ST. MARTIN'S, GOSPEL OAK.

A peal board, recording a peal of Treble Bob Minor rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths was unveiled on Thursday in last week by the Vicar (Rev. T. H. Russell), in the presence of the churchwardens and many ringers and friends. Mr. F. Smith, in asking the Vicar to perform the ceremony, explained the object in thus recording the peal, and paid a glowing tribute to Mr. N. Alderman, who has been associated with ringing at this church for nearly 46 years, during the whole of which time he has done everything possible to further the advancement of change ringing.

The Vicar congratulated the ringers upon their success and in adding such a fine ornament to the ringing room. He referred to the lamented death of their old friend, James Nixon, whose name he was pleased to see had been placed upon the board to perpetuate his memory. The churchwardens then went up "amongst the bells" to watch their permutations, while the same band that rang the peal tapped off 360 of Woodbine.

The peal board is in Gothic style, written in gilt letters, upon a black ground, and is the work of one of the ringers (Mr. F. Smith). It bears the following inscription, surmounted by a bell, "Royal Cumberland Youths. On Saturday, September 11th, 1909, the following members of this society rang upon these bells in 2 hours and 42 minutes a peal of Treble Bob Minor (5040 changes), containing 720 each of the following methods: New London Pleasure, Violet, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Newland Alderman, treble; Ernest A. Bonfield, 2; Albert E. Brightman, 3; Richard Bevan, 4; Frank Smith, 5; William J. Nudds, tenor. Conducted by W. J. Nudds. This was the first peal of Treble Bob ever rung upon these bells. Rev. T. H. Russell, Vicar; F. C. Buckoll and W. F. Barling, churchwardens; James Nixon, steeplekeeper."

WESTMINSTER ABBEY TENOR.

An interesting inquiry is made by "Londoner" upon the identity of the old tenor at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and the present tenor at Westminster Abbey. The latter, he writes, "is inscribed 'Remember John Whitmell, Isabella, his wife, and William Rus, who first gave this bell 1430. New cast in July, 1599, and in April, 1738, Richard Phelps, T. Lester, fecit.'

"Now, Stow, in his 'Survey of London,' 1603 (speaking of St. Michael's, Cornhill), says: 'The fair new steeple or bell tower was begun to be built in the year 1421, which, being finished, and a fair ring of five bells therein placed, a sixth bell was added, and given by John Whitwell, Isabel, his wife, and William Rus, Alderman and Goldsmith about the year 1430.'

"Can any of your readers tell me whether the present Westminster tenor is the same bell? There is a carving on one of the seat ends at St. Michael's of a bell inscribed 'R.V.S.' in connection with the legend of the 'uglie shapen sight,' mentioned by Stow. The present peal of twelve at St. Michael's was cast by R. Phelps and Thomas Lester, of Whitechapel, 1728. Now, did they at that time remove the old tenor from there and place it in the Abbey tower when Lester recast several of the Abbey bells some ten or twelve years later?"

A RINGERS' OUTING.

The Stowmarket Company had their annual outing on Tuesday week, when in delightful weather they drove through picturesque country to Lavenham where Double Norwich and Stedman were rung on the celebrated bells, and on to Hadleigh, where dinner was partaken of at the King's Head, and touches brought round on the tower bells. Afterwards the party proceeded to Ipswich, where they were met by Mr. W. Motts, who kindly had the bells ready at St. Margaret's Church. On this pretty little peal, Oxford Treble Bob and Grandsire Triples were tapped off. After tea, served at The Halberd, the headquarters of the St. Mary-le-Tower Company, the visitors were welcomed at St. Mary-le-Tower, and with the help of some of the Ipswich men were able to ring touches of Stedman Caters and Treble twelve, which was a great treat and much appreciated by the Stowmarket men. The visit to Ipswich concluded with a pleasant half-hour at headquarters, and Stowmarket was reached at 11 p.m., after a most enjoyable outing. The best thanks of the company are due to the various Church authorities for granting permission for the use of the bells; to Mr. A. Symonds, at Lavenham; to Mr. W. Motts and the Ipswich company for helping to make the day such a pleasurable one.

CORONATION TOUCHES.

The following were among the touches rung in celebration of the Coronation:—

BIRMINGHAM.—Midland Counties Association.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: S. Coley 1, G. A. Taylor 2, J. B. Collett 3, W. F. Webb 4, J. T. Perry (conductor) 5, W. H. Carrod 6, A. T. Scrivens 7, T. Pearce 8.

STREATHAM.—At St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: G. Barrington 1, S. Greenwood 2, S. Figgures 3, H. Goldsmith 4, H. Pates 5, I. J. Attwater 6, L. Attwater (conductor) 7, C. Wallis 8.

NOTTINGHAM.—At All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: Miss M. E. Woolley 1, J. Woolley (conductor) 2, H. Rawdin 3, G. H. Parlett 4, R. Gee 5, G. Johnson 6, T. Horton 7, H. Villyeald 8.

BLAKENHALL.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. — A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: C. Bailey 1, D. Jones 2, W. J. Sievier 3, A. Jones 4, B. V. Smith 5, G. Claybrook 6, A. Fallon (conductor) 7, C. Darby 8.

BARNES. — A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Cassell 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Cook 3, F. Shevington 4, J. Kent 5, H. Stevens 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

STREATHAM, SURREY. — On July 3rd, at the Church of the Immanuel, Streatham Common, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 48 mins.: H. J. Rumble 1, J. Lee 2, G. Huggett 3, A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor) 4, I. J. Attwater 5, A. J. Trapitt 6, J. S. Daniels 7, L. Attwater 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. Rung to commemorate the Coronation. Messrs. Trapitt and Perkins hail from South Beddington; J. Rumble from Croydon.

WOBURN.—1008 Bob Major, in 41 mins.: D. Janes 1, D. Harris 2, M. Matthews 3, F. Gilby 4, S. Avis 5, C. Herbert (conductor) 6, W. Turney 7, E. Herbert 8.

LEWES, SUSSEX.—At Southover Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. Richardson 1, J. T. Rickman 2, F. Sturt 3, A. Wheale 4, A. S. Langridge 5, G. Sturt 6, A. J. Turner (conductor) 7, C. Errey 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BEDFORD.—On June 11th, 384 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Tingey 1, H. Tysoe 2, H. Sharp 3, W. Lightfoot 4, C. Chasty 5, H. Harlow 6, F. Webb 7, J. W. Barker 8.—195 Stedman Caters: B. Finding 1, J. W. Barker 2, E. Tingey 3, H. Sharp 4, W. Lightfoot 5, H. Harlow 6, C. Chasty 7, F. Webb 8, H. Tysoe 9, S. Hall 10. Also 360 Treble Bob Royal, in which S. Smith and J. H. Freeborn took part, and 180 Bob Royal, in which J. Church and D. Thompson rang.

PENGE.—Kent County Association.—On June 13th, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: A. Speaks (first 720) 1, E. Pobgee 2, W. G. Conn, senr., 3, J. Town 4, W. Smith (conductor) 5, G. Wickens 6.

WISBECH.—On Sunday evening, June 18th, 720 Bob Minor, with 7—8 covering: H. Piggins (first 720) 1, T. Haines 2, H. Banham 3, G. Piggins 4, R. Narborough (first 720 on tower bells) 5, C. Goakes (conductor) 6, F. Hotson 7, H. Cheesewright 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late people's warden (Mr. W. G. Hayward), who died on June 14th.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES.—On June 15th, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Grigg 1, H. Walter 2, W. Warne 3, W. H. Biggs 4, J. Alford 5, T. Culver 6, W. Shepherd (conductor) 7, L. Alfold 8. First 504 by the local band, with the exception of the conductor and the ringer of the 2nd.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE. — On June 15th, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, in 54 mins.: T. Matthews 1, A. Allsop 2, T. B. Claydon (conductor) 3, C. Waithman 4, W. Allsop 5, G. Roberts 6, B. Leedham 7, J. Reynolds 8. Rung with bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Canon Rigby, late Priest of Sutton Coldfield Roman Catholic Church.

FARNHAM.—On June 16th, as a welcome to the newly-appointed Bishop of Winchester, who took up his residence at Farnham Castle on the above date, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Fletcher (Frensham) 1, H. Chaffy (Frensham) 2, C. Edwards (conductor) 3, G. Upshall 4, F. A. Barnett 5, E. Clapshaw 6, A. Baigent 7, W. Sherfield 8.

GLOUCESTER.—Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—At St. Michael's Church, on June 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Mills (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Astin 2, A. T. Brunsdon 3, F. E. Hart 4, A. Holford 5, J. Gillett 6, T. Newman (conductor) 7, T. Whiting 8.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On June 17th, on the occasion of the opening of the new Hickman Park, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, at St. Leonard's Church, in 43 mins.: F. Colclough 1, J. Brown 2, W. Mills, junr., 3, F. Evans 4, T. Watton 5, W. Mills, senr., 6, J. A. Brown (conductor) 7, B. Fullwood 8. Messrs. Colclough and J. A. Brown belong to Bilston, remainder to Sedgley.

BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.—On June 17th, 1260 Grandsire Doubles.—J. M. Brinkworth 1, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 2, G. Lancaster 3, T. Moulding 4, C. J. Gardiner 5, J. Durham 6. First quarter-peal by T. Moulding (Stratton St. Margaret) and J. Durham (a local ringer).

COLCHESTER.—On Sunday, June 18th, at St. Peter's Church, three touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Rev. J. S. Owen (curate), and formerly a missionary at Yoruba, West Africa. Those taking part were: A. Burch, G. Burch, W. Burch, W. Button, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Chalk, G. W. Dixon, H. Evers, A. G. Rivers, R. W. Stannard, W. J. Schofield and H. T. Pye. The usual "whole pull and stand" was also rung.

HORSHAM.—On Sunday, June 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Weller 1, C. Stephenson 2, W. Wheeler 3, T. Gasson 4, W. Vincent 5, F. Knight 6, W. Short (conductor) 7, W. Rice 8. The ringers of 6, 7 and 8 belong to Horsham; the rest hail from Bolney and Hayward's Heath.

DAGENHAM — On Sunday, June 18th, for morning service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: E. Butler 1, E. Hawkins 2, A. Playle 3, R. Miles 4, G. Playle (conductor) 5, F. Freestone 6.—For evening service, 720 College Single, with D. Chaplin 1. Also 240 Kent and 240 Oxford Treble Bob. — After evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: F. Freestone 1, A. Chaplin 2, A. Playle 3, E. Butler 4, G. Playle 5, R. Miles (conductor) 6.

BIRMINGHAM.—Midland Counties Association.—On Sunday evening, June 18th, at Bishop Ryder's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 48 mins.: S. Coley 1, A. T. Scrivens 2, E. Large 3, G. A. Taylor 4, W. G. Ellis 5, J. T. Perry (conductor) 6, J. B. Collett 7, W. F. Webb 8.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Sunday morning, June 18th, at St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: W. Coombes 1, H. Barrott 2, R. Mackrill 3, H. Cook 4, J. Kent 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, E. Cassell 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—Lancashire Association. — On June 18th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: T. R. Jackson (conductor) 1, J. Huddleston 2, W. S. Forshaw 3, T. Suart 4, C. J. A. Cushing 5, J. Burrows 6. — For evening service, 720 Bob Minor (40 singles): W. Jackson 1, J. Huddleston 2, T. Metcalfe 3, T. Suart (conductor) 4, W. S. Forshaw 5, J. Burrows 6.

HARLOW COMMON.—On Sunday, June 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by H. Bottrill.—On June 25th, another 720 in the same method.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On June 18th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich: L. Price 1, A. Coppock (composer and conductor) 2, W. Clifford, senr., 3, J. C. Dicken 4, A. Lowe 5, E. Boot 6, P. Price 7, F. S. Price 8.

CROSTHWAITE.—The Cumberland Association.—At St. Kentigern's Church, on Sunday, June 18th, for morning service, 672 Grandsire Triples: R. Dennison 1, T. Hartley 2, J. J. Bell 3, T. Graham 4, Tom Wilson 5, W. H. Campbell 6, F. Postlethwaite (conductor) 7, W. Telford 8.—For evening service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, with W. Postlethwaite taking part.

WELLS.—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—On Sunday, June 18th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, 630 Grandsire Triples: J. F. Holloway 1, F. Loxton 2, E. G. Lush 3, W. J. Mills 4, J. Wootten (conductor) 5, A. E. Mills 6, W. Farley 7, G. Radford 8.—On Tuesday, June 20th, at the Cathedral, 704 Grandsire Triples, in 30 mins. (tenor, 57¾ cwt.): E. Stiles 1, E. G. Lush 2, W. J. Mills 3, J. Wootten (conductor) 4, J. F. Holloway 5, A. E. Mills 6, W. Farley 7, H. Farley 8, L. Lush 9. Arranged for Mr. J. Wootten, of Bradford (Yorks), who was on a visit to Wells.

LIVERPOOL.—On June 23rd, at St. John the Baptist's, Tue Brook, 630 Grandsire Triples: J. Twist 1, G. Lunt 2, J. Hamerslag 3, H. Fyles (conductor) 4, P. Hayes 5, W. F. Twist 6, J. Martin 7, E. Caunce 8.—On June 30th, 672 Grandsire Triples: H. Fyles 1, G. Woodhall 2, J. Hamerslag 3, E. Caunce 4, P. Hayes 5, W. F. Twist (conductor) 6, J. Martin 7, W. Mansell 8.

CROYDON. — At St. John the Baptist's Church, on June 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Merriett 1, W. States 2, J. Talbot 3, W. Groves 4, A. T. Jones 5, S. Roper 6, A. Clark (conductor) 7, E. Pope 8.—On Sunday, June 25th, 1274 Grandsire Triples was rung on the occasion of the Mayor and Corporation attending Divine service at the church. It was also in celebration of the birthday of Mrs. Pope, and of the recovery from serious illness of Mrs. Clark (the wife of the conductor), whose daughter was christened the same day The quarter-peal was rung by R. Packham 1, W. States 2, A. T. Jones 3, S. Roper 4, J. Talbot 5, A. Clark (conductor) 6, W. Groves 7, E. Pope 8.

NOTICES.

The charge for notices under this heading is at the rate of 2d. per line (average nine words), with a minimum of 1s. Three insertions at double the charge for single insertion (minimum 2s.).

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 15th, 1911. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea at the George and Dragon Inn at 5.45, followed by business meeting. By kind permission of the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon the Rectory grounds will be open to members. Members intending to attend are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, July 12th.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.15; tea (1s. each) at 5 o'clock, both at the Blue Bell Inn. Those intending to take tea must notify Mr. G. B. Earle, Blanch Croft, Melbourne, not later than first post on Thursday, July 13th.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary, Cotgrave, Notts.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on the 22nd inst. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at the White Swan Inn at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick-Oldham, on Saturday, July 15th, 1911. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Linton on Saturday, July 22nd, 1911. Belfry open at 3.30 p.m.; short service at 5 p.m.; business meeting after service.—G. Moore, District Secretary, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Crouch on Saturday, July 15th; opening of bells recently rehung with new treble added. The Vicar is kindly providing tea free to those sending in names to me not later than 12th inst.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Norwood Green, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided by kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. H. E. St. John Macdonald) on the Rectory lawn at six o'clock.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

NOTICES (continued).

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells at 4 p.m.; short service and address by the Rev. H. D. Madge (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea at the George Inn, 9d. per head, to those sending me their names not later than Wednesday, 19th; 1s. to others. Business meeting after. Eynsford will be available 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and after the meeting. Half rail fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at All Hallow's, Tottenham, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. The bells of St. Ann's, South Tottenham, will be at the disposal of ringers from 6 to 8 p.m. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will take place at Northwich on Saturday, July 29th. Service at 3.45. Preacher, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, of Caversham. Other particulars by circular.—A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on Saturday, July 22nd. Bell ready at 3. Business meeting at 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 22nd, at Erdington. The Parish Church and Abbey bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service in Parish Church at 5 o'clock. Tea at Acorn Hotel at 6 o'clock, 1/- per member, to be followed by business meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caerleon on Saturday, July 22nd, at 4 o'clock.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and J. W. Jones (Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.), Honorary Secretaries.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth, on Saturday, July 29th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at the London Apprentice at 5.30, 9d. per head to those who let me know by the 27th inst.—F. Bennett, Hon. Sec., 3, Margaret Terrace, Harts Lane, New Cross, S.E.

Any correspondence as regards ringing at St. Lawrence's Church, Long Eaton, should be addressed to the Secretary, N. H. Widdowson, 13, Recreation Street, Long Eaton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Iden (6 bells) to-morrow, Saturday, July 15th. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m.—George H. Howse, Honorary Secretary, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

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The Record Long Peal of Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 Changes) was rung on Easter Monday, 1911, by the Ashton-under-Lyne Society in 8 HOURS and 39 MINUTES.

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April 18th, 1911.

AN UNIQUE GATHERING.

A gathering absolutely unique in the annals of ringing was that which took place at the Crystal Palace on Saturday. There have been big assemblies of ringers in the past, brought together for purposes of varying character, but the biggest, as it certainly was one of the happiest, that has ever met under one roof, was drawn together on the occasion of "Ringers' Day" at the Festival of Empire. Arranged by "The Ringing World," we take pride in the fact that we were privileged to promote a gathering which from every point of view was so extremely successful, and which, we think, marks a new step forward in spreading that spirit of freemasonry and good fellowship which exists among ringers. District, county and diocesan associations have their own pleasant meetings, but they are almost parochial in their character compared with the extended scope of last Saturday's assembly. Ringers came from almost the four corners of the kingdom to join in this remarkable gathering, which from beginning to end was one long round of pleasure. The almost inexhaustible attractions of the Palace, of course, assured visitors of a generously full programme of entertainment, but we were able to add other features which appealed specially to ringers, and we believe that everyone who took advantage of the opportunity fully enjoyed themselves. One thing is certain that no greater centre of amusement than the Crystal Palace now provides could have been found for such a gathering, and if one fact above another stands out as the result of this innovation in the history of the Exercise, it is that the ringers themselves have appreciated the opportunity of meeting in this way to demonstrate the common bond of friendship which exists in the Exercise the country over. It was, perhaps, a bold undertaking on the part of a young journal to arrange such an assembly, but events have fully justified our action in endeavouring to provide, for all those ringers who cared to participate in it, a day of united enjoyment. We cannot let this opportunity pass without giving our sincere thanks to those who so wholeheartedly supported the undertaking, including particularly Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., who generously entertained the whole of the visitors to tea, the incumbents of the various churches in London where ringing was permitted in the morning, Mr. Haley, the organist, whose recital during the afternoon was so much enjoyed, and others who gave their assistance in making the day the huge success that it was. We may, perhaps, be permitted to add that we have received numerous letters of congratulation upon the event, and we can only say that it has given us the greatest pleasure to know that such a large number of ringers participated in the day's pleasures.

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TESTIMONIAL.

John O. Sager, Solicitor, Todmorden, December 10, 1910.
Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., Bell and Brassfounders, Smethwick.

Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT	...Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT	6
ALFRED WAITE	2	ARTHUR WAITE	7
HUBERT SCRIVENS	3	JOSEPH WAITE	8
FRANK COLE	4	WILLIAM HASTINGS	9
WILLIAM HALE	5	HUBERT HANKS	...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung in honour of the coronation of their Most Gracious Majesties King George V and Queen Mary.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SAXLINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

FREDK. BORRETT	...Treble	WILLIAM STEELE	5
ALBERT G. WARNES	2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	6
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN	3	EDWIN WHITING	7
*GEORGE H. CROSS	4	C. T. P. BRICE	...Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED WINDSOR	...Treble	JOSHUA WOODHEAD	5
*PERCY J. JOHNSON	2	FRANCIS WOODHEAD	6
WILLIAM E. H. ASH	3	DAVID YORKE	7
WILLIAM WOODHEAD	4	ROBERT BINNS	...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

* First peal in the method as conductor. This peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Binns and it was the fiftieth peal to which he has rung the tenor. The peal was also rung as a farewell to the brother of the conductor who left on the previous day for Queensland, Australia.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER HOBBS	...Treble	HENRY J. TUCKER	5
GEORGE DENT	2	JOHN SMITH	6
HARRY SWALE	3	JOHN CORDELL	7
HARRY BOTTRILL	4	HENRY F. COOPER	...Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by G. DENT.

This composition, published in "The Ringing World" of March 31st, 1911, contains eleven 8—6s, ten 8—6—7s, and the 6th the extent W and R in 5 - 6.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 12, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

ALAN R. MACDONALD	...Treble	JOHN J. PRATT	5
BERTRAM PREWETT	2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	6
FRANCIS J. RUMENS	3	GEORGE SHIPP	7
*CHARLES N. LEMAN	4	ROBERT E. STAVERT	...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVERT.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt., in G.

WILLIAM E. PITMAN	...Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	5
EDWIN G. BUESDEN	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
*FREDERICK G. BRETT	3	WILLIAM HEWETT	7
EDWARD F. COLE	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	...Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 13, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDK. J. CROSS	...Treble	W. W. GOODBOURN	5
†WILLIAM A. HEMPEL	2	FRANK PHILIPS	6
*ALBERT HARVEY	3	WILLIAM MAYERS	7
GEORGE H. CROSS	4	GEORGE MAYERS	...Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS, and Conducted by F. J. CROSS.

*First peal. † First peal in the method.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, July 13, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

WILLIAM PALMER	...Treble	ARTHUR CHAMBERS	5
WILLIAM SHORT	2	SAMUEL GROVE	6
THOMAS J. SALTER	3	JAMES DOWLER	7
FRANK WITHERS	4	*CHARLES H. WOODBURY	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

* First peal of London. Arranged for Messrs. T. J. Salter and C. H. Woodbury, of Kidderminster.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 13, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt., in F.

JAMES MOTTS	*Treble*	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	5
REV. WM. C. PEARSON ...	2	CHARLES T. P. BRICE ...	6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ...	3	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ...	7
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT...	4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, July 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM SHORT	*Treble*	GEORGE HITCHMAN	5
J. W. TILLEY	2	SAMUEL GROVE	6
*HAROLD PRATT	3	ALBERT BEECHAM	7
ARTHUR CHAMBERS	4	†ALLAN J. CARTWRIGHT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. William Short's 100th peal of Stedman Triples.

TURVEY.
BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 15, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*MISS EVELYN STEEL ...	*Treble*	HERBERT SHARP	5
JOHN W. BARKER	2	HERBERT L. HARLOW ...	6
WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT...	3	HARRY TYSOE	7
FRANK WEBB	4	HENRY STAPLETON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

* First peal. Miss Steel is the first lady-ringer to ring a peal in the county of Bedfordshire.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HAROLD BURTON	*Treble*	JAMES GEORGE	5
ISAAC G. SHADE	2	REUBEN SANDERS	6
*WILLIAM J. KEMP	3	HARRY FLANDERS	7
ALBERT W. COLES	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

FREDERICK L. PASKINS ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ...	5
LIONEL H. PAGE	2	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ...	6
HENRY W. WILKES... ...	3	EDWIN J. HARDING	7
WILLIAM T. TUCKER ...	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 15, 1911, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

JOSEPH MARKS	*Treble*	CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	5
HARRY SEAR	2	*FREDERICK C. TOMPKINS	6
CECIL A. VALENTINE	3	WILLIAM WEBB	7
HENRY W. GAYTON	4	*WILLIAM F. SMITH ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

* First peal on eight bells. Also first peal on the bells since being recast and rehung in a new steel frame by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, Croydon. The band were perfectly satisfied with the splendid tone of the bells, while the "go" of them was perfect.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Sunday, July 9, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

PHILBERT W. WILKINS ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	4
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ...	2	ROBERT YOUNG...	5
RICHARD BUCKLAND... ...	3	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

The Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Winterton) kindly entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, July 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

GEORGE A. BLAXEY	*Treble*	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ...	4
DAVID J. NICHOLS	2	WALTER T. WILSON ...	5
WILLIAM C. LEWIS	3	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

The peal was rung to celebrate the conductor's 21st birthday.

GREAT LINFORD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. BOOTH ...	*Treble*	ERNEST G. MYNARD ...	4
WILLIAM SHARP...	2	FREDERICK J. MYNARD ...	5
JOHN LOVELL	3	EDWIN S. MYNARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. J. MYNARD.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells, also the quickest.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, July 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*JOHN WALKER ... ...*Treble*		*GEORGE PEATE 4	
REV. E. V. COX 2		‡EDGAR T. SMITH 5	
†EDWARD J. STAFFORD ... 3		WILLIAM D. JAMES... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by the REV. E. V. COX.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor on a bob bell.

HOSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, six each of Canterbury, Plain Bob and Old Doubles and ten of Grandsire.

R. CAUNT ... ...*Treble*	A. HOUND 3
W. SHARPE 2	E. WILFORD 4

H. CAUNT 5

Conducted by H. CAUNT.

HARDINGSTONE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six Scores.

FREDERICK ROWLEDGE ...*Treble*	FRED. HOPPER 3
CHARLES HAINES 2	THOMAS LAW 4

FRANK ROLLINGS ... ... *Tenor.*

Conducted by FRANK ROLLINGS.

First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since being rehung by Mr. A. Bowell of Ipswich. The "go" is excellent.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY,

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

MAURICE SMITHER ... ... 1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... ... 3—4	JAMES HUNT ... ... 7—8

FRANK BLONDELL ... ... 9—10

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire, S. RADFORD.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the wife and son of Mr. F. Blondell.

The Coronation peal rung at Chester on July 1st should be placed to the credit of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

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COMPOSITIONS.

6561 STEDMAN CATERS.

BY CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

231456			
*465312			
564213		5	16
463215		5	
365214		5	
563412		5	16
362415		5	
265413		5	
563124	4		16
263451	4	5	16
261354			16
264153			16
462351		5	16
461253			16
463152			16
364251		5	16
361452			16
362154			16
264531	4		16
364125	4	5	16
465231	4		16
564132		5	16
562431			16
561234			16
165432		5	16
162534			16
164235			16
461532		5	16
362541	4	5	
261435	4		16
265134			16
365421	4	5	16
361524			16
163425		5	16
165324			16
164523			16
461325		5	16
465123			16
564321		5	16
561423			16
163254	4		16
164352			16
162453			16
562314	4	5	16
264315		5	
462513		5	16
263514		5	
364512		5	
462135	4		16
365142	4	5	
563241		5	16
361245		5	
165243		5	
561342		5	16
162345		5	
265341		5	
562143		5	16
263145		5	
463521	4	5	16
261543	4	5	
163542		5	

Round at 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13.

*Produced with calls at 2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18.

This composition contains the 60 course-ends with an increased number of interchangeable calls.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120.

By C. CHARGE (Fulham).

	1	4	5	6
23456				
53624	—	—		—
36254	—			s
23465			—	
34265				—
46235	—			
63245	—			
42365	—			—
34526			—	
42536	—			
35246	—			—
52346				—
23546				—

Three times repeated, calling bob in place of single in the second and fourth parts.

If a bob at 4 is added in the third course of any one part the fourth course end is produced instead and the peal is reduced to 5008.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

After the digression of last week in the more advanced side of method construction, let us return to the principles of Plain Bob and their practical application in the tower. I am glad to find that my attempts to give some simple instruction is bearing fruit, and it is encouraging to hear that a young band in London is making progress by the aid of my humble contributions. It is not always easy to explain one's points, in the small space available, in such a way that they may be clearly understood, and, therefore, I shall only be too glad to give any of my readers further help if they find themselves unable clearly to follow my explanations.

But to resume, let me give a hint or two to the young conductor, who, with his equally inexperienced band, is trying to get through that first 120 of Doubles, success in which gives so much encouragement. Now what I am going to write is not particularly easy of accomplishment for the beginner, who usually has as much as he can manage to look after himself, but in a band there is one generally to be found who grasps the practical side of method ringing quicker than the rest. If there be such an one, he is the man who should be made conductor, for his powers of perception will often help others over a stile. A timely word when a trip occurs in the ringing will frequently set the bells on the right track again and save a "breakdown."

In my last article on Bob Doubles I explained where the bobs should be called. This must be well remembered, and while the bob may be put in at any lead of the course, so long as it is repeated in the same place in subsequent courses, it will be well to study first of all the illustration which I gave, a bob at the last lead of each of the three courses required for the complete 120. In the example we find that the call is made at the lead when the 5th, after passing the treble in 3-4, lies four blows behind. The result is, that being above 4th's place, the fifth is unaffected by the bob, and, in the 120, rings just three plain courses. That constitutes what is termed a "fixed" or "observation" bell, because it does throughout a work unaffected by bobs.

But, in addition to knowing where his own bell should be, the conductor, to be successful, must know something about the positions of the others. It should be noticed that when bobs are not called the bells come to lead, and turn each other from behind, in the some rotation (except when the treble intervenes), the only change in the sequence being caused when the bell which makes 2nd's leads again. Examine the plain course, and you will find the order of the bells as they come to lead is 2, 4, 5, 3. Then, after the treble has led, it is 3, 2, 4, 5. Again, after the treble, it is 5, 3, 2, 4; and once more, after the treble, 4, 5, 3, 2. Now the same sequence (which is called coursing order) in which the bells come to lead, is the same order in which any of them will pass the others either in hunting up or down, and this knowledge, coupled, of course, with the ability or "rope sight" to see what is going on as the ringing proceeds, is of great assistance. It will only come with practice, but what I want my young friends to do is to try and see further than their own rope, as it were.

A knowledge of this coursing order is a great help in finding one's path up and down among the rest, and as a beginning note particularly your "course bell," which is the one coursing immediately in front of you, and your "after bell," which is the one coursing immediately after you. Recollect next that the order of the work comes in a cycle. With the 5th it is: 1st lead, dodge 3-4 up; 2nd lead, make 2nds; 3rd lead, dodge 3-4 down; 4th lead, four blows behind; after which the whole cycle is repeated. Knowing this, you can help your after bell, for when you are in one dodging or place making position, he must be in the next behind you; and you can help your course bell, for he must be in the position next in front of you. That is, if you are dodging in 3-4 up, your after bell is making 2nd's, and your course bell is lying four blows behind; if you are making 2nd's, your after bell is dodging in 3-4 down and your course bell in 3-4 up. Prick out a plain course, and examine it for yourself, and when next you go into the tower try to observe it as you are ringing.

"Plain Bob."—After Plain Bob try some of the other Plain Minor Methods; they are interesting. Personally I think it is a mistake to go on to Treble Bob without giving some attention to other plain methods.

CONDUCTOR.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AND THE RINGING WORLD.

MR. W. PYE REPLIES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Judging from Canon Papillon's remarks in your last issue, I take it he thinks he was rather hard hit in my last letter. What I said was nothing but the truth, and as I mentioned no names there is no necessity for anyone to wear the cap if it does not fit. He says I hold decided views and want to convince others, and also that I want to grind my own axe; there is no need to convince others, as they are already convinced, and I wish to inform him that my axe needs no grinding; if it did I should not take it to Council meetings to grind at someone else's expense. He says the members are all practical ringers. I have been to several churches where councillors have been after the meetings, and I have never yet heard them ring a decent touch unaided. The Council have been in existence over twenty years, and have done nothing yet that is anyway beneficial to the Exercise, and surely we are justified in complaining when they start upon evil.—Yours truly, W. PYE.

P.S.—Mr. James is by no means the first with his scheme for Minor methods. The Leytonstone ringers used to ring 720's of Minor in three Surprise methods years ago for practice before attempting peals.

A "LIVE" RINGING PAPER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have no intention of prolonging the discussion upon the attitude of the Central Council towards your paper, but there are one or two points that have arisen in the discussion that I should like to draw ringers' attention to. It has been said that to seek to get your paper recognised by the Central Council was a little premature. I entirely fail to see how this can be, for there is only one "live" ringing paper, and that is "The Ringing World." I think the Central Council should be a little more progressive and help ringers in obtaining news fresh and regular. Moreover, all this talk about being premature seems to be quite an afterthought. It was not thought about at the meeting, and looks like a mere excuse—at least that is what many ringers think. It would be interesting to know whether some of the outspoken remarks at the Council meeting would have been reported except through your paper, seeing that the Council employ their own shorthand writer, and send for publication just what they choose. Is it that comments of the same character in the past have been withheld from publication?—Yours truly, J. HUNT.

VISIT TO SHAKESPEARE'S TOWN.

The Aston Manor ringers held their annual outing at Stratford-on-Avon on Saturday week. The party, numbering 29 (with visitors) arrived at Stratford at 3 p.m., and after a walk round the Shakespearian town made their way to the Crown Hotel, Tiddington, where tea was served. Afterwards Mr. John Paulton, on behalf of the party, thanked the churchwardens, through Mr. W. Fisher, the verger, for their kindness, and expressed regret at the absence of Mr. John Carter and Mr. W. Godden (through ill-health), who had always been welcome visitors in previous years. The party then returned to Stratford, and, the bells not being available, boating and bathing were indulged in and places of interest visited. Special thanks were accorded to Mr. John Harborne, who had made the arrangements, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed the delightful outing.

RINGERS' DAY AT FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE.

Great and Successful Gathering.

A BIG TEA PARTY.

"A huge success." This phrase by no means exaggerates the result of "Ringers' Day" at the Festival of Empire, organised by "The Ringing World." It was, we venture to think, the largest ringers' gathering that has ever been held, and, while it was essentially a day for the rank and file of the Exercise, the party was none the less representative in its character. Ringers travelled from all parts of the country to participate in the unique event, for never before had they had the opportunity as ringers of joining in so large and popular a gathering arranged for their special benefit. To the Crystal Palace they came in ones and twos and larger parties, and when we say that ringers were present from places as far apart as Cardiff and Norwich, as Sheffield and Brighton, our readers will appreciate how widespread was the interest shown in the occasion. A large proportion of those present made it the occasion of a full day's excursion, such as, for instance, the company from Bridgend, in Glamorganshire, who left home on Friday midnight, and departed from London on the return journey at 1 a.m. on Sunday. Others from a distance took advantage of the trip to spend Sunday in London, while many from the nearer districts made just a half day's excursion of the occasion. During the morning the bells of St. Sepulchre's, Holborn Viaduct; St. Clement Danes, Strand; and St. John's, Wilton Road, had been kindly placed at the disposal of visitors to the metropolis by the respective incumbents, and at each of these churches full advantage was taken of the privilege to ring. At St. Sepulchre's, Mr. Dan Lovett was in attendance to welcome visitors; at St. Clement Danes, Mr. J. D. Matthews (the Master of the Cumberlands), and Mr. H. Simpson were responsible for the arrangements; while at Wilton Road, Mr. Humblethorpe kindly undertook the management of affairs.

Some of the visitors were early at the Palace seeing the sights, and during the afternoon the numbers rapidly swelled, until, wherever one went, one met the familiar satin buttonhole badge, with its bell, the passport to an exchange of greetings among those who previously had been strangers. Most of the afternoon was spent in inspecting the All-British Exhibition, and the magnificent Colonial pavilions, which illustrate in such a striking fashion the resources of the Empire, or in enjoying the innocent pleasures of a ride round the "All red route," a trip in the aerial roundabout, a mad whirl on the Eddystone ride, an exciting rush and a mighty splash down the watershoot, or the frantic merriment of the joy wheel. Happily, the torrid heat of the preceding week was tempered by cloudy skies and a cool breeze, which made the day a perfect one for pleasure seeking, and the picturesque grounds were all the more tempting.

Throughout the afternoon the ringers found their way to the large concert hall, kindly placed at their disposal by the Palace authorities, and here, while the organ played, or handbells were kept going, old friends met and many new acquaintances were made; north greeted south, and west and east met in friendly intercourse. There were several lady ringers among the party, and Miss Elsie Bennett took part in some of the handbell ringing. It is also particularly interesting to note that the gentleman who delighted the party with his recitals upon the magnificent organ bore a name which is one to conjure with in ringing, he being no other than a grandson of the late Henry Haley.

Tea, generously provided for all the ringing visitors by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., whose stand in the exhibition was one of the centres of attraction for ringers all through the day, was partaken of in the spacious Garden Hall, overlooking the grounds, and commanding magnificent views of the beautiful country beyond. Between 300 and 400 sat down at the tables, and never a happier party took tea together. It had been determined that the day should have no formalities, but it was impossible to let the occasion pass without thanking Messrs. Warner and Sons for their great kindness in entertaining so large a party, and this was done by the Editor, whose motion was seconded by Mr. Francis E. Dawe, and, needless to add, carried by acclamation, Mr. Robert Warner replying. Before the party separated, the photographer secured a permanent record of this great gathering of ringers.

Afterwards many of the visitors hastened to the pageant ground, where they witnessed Part II. of the scenes, which, as a reproduction of historic events, are without parallel in this country. The pageant itself almost defies description. Into a couple of hours are pressed eight or ten scenes of important events of history, produced upon a vast natural stage, rendered gorgeous by the striking beauty of the colour schemes, and surpassing anything of the kind hitherto attempted by the multitude of performers engaged. Saturday afternoon's scenes dealt with mediæval days, and included the start of the Canterbury Pilgrims from the Tabard Inn at Southwark, the return of Henry V. from Agnicourt, the departure of Richard III. from London and the entry of Henry VII.; the return of Cabot from his voyage of discovery; a May Day festival in Tudor times; the Field of the Cloth of Gold; and concluded with events in the spacious days of Queen Elizabeth; the Knighting of Drake, and the review at Tilbury after the defeat of the Armada. The picturesqueness of the scenes delighted everyone. In the evening the various side shows were again a source of attraction, while many ringers returned once more to the Concert Hall, where there was handbell ringing, and later they gathered at Messrs. Warner's stall, where there was further ringing. As the time for departure came, one heard on every hand expressions of pleasure at the great success of the gathering, and at the enjoyment which it had given. It only remains for us to express our heartiest thanks to all those who assisted us in making the event such a success, and in contributing to that enjoyment. Among the places represented were: Abbey Wood, Bennilton, Beddington, Brighton, Birmingham, Bromley, Beckenham Barkstone, Bridgend, Bushey, Bishopsgate, Barnsbury, Chadwell Heath, Clandon, Clapton, Chapham, Cardiff, Croydon, Deepcar, Edmonton, Erith, Farnham, Fulham, Greenwich, Gloucester, Hough (Grantham), Horsmonden, Haslemere, Hoddesdon, Hackney, Hornchurch, Hersham, Ipswich, Ilford, Islington, Ickleton, Leatherhead, Ludlow, Mitcham, Norwich, New Cross, Oxhey, Prittlewell, Penge, Reigate, Streatham, Sunbury, Stebbing, Southwark, Southall, Sheffield, Shepperton, Twyford, Walworth, Woking, Walthamstow, Woburn, Willesden, Wrexham, etc.

"THE PRIDE OF THE PEAK."

The annual outing of the ringers of Erdington Parish Church—joined on this occasion by two of their campanological brethren from St. Thomas' Catholic Church—was held on Saturday last. They left Erdington at an early hour in the morning, and proceeded via Lichfield, Burton, and Uttoxeter, to the old-world town of Ashbourne in the Lower Peak of Derbyshire. After a little preliminary refreshment they visited the beautiful Parish Church, so conservatively restored in recent years under the guidance of the late Sir Gilbert Scott. This is the noble fane of which "George Eliot" (Marianne Evans), in her life, writes: "Father indulged me with a sight of Ashbourne Church, the finest mere Parish Church in the kingdom." The spire, from its beauty and grace is widely known as "The Pride of the Peak," and is conspicuous for many a mile around Ashbourne. One of the first things the ringers naturally did was to visit the belfry. Here there are eight bells, cast in 1815, whose tuneful pealing led Thomas Moore to write the well-known poem, "Those evening bells." Speaking of Tom Moore, the following lines were written by the witty poet in a prayer book upon a former Vicar of Ashbourne:—

"Our Vicar prays he may inerit
The Hinspiration of the Sperit.
Oh! grant him also 'oly Lord
The Haspiration of Thy Word."

After a touch on the bells, the ringers proceeded to the Ashbourne Hall Hotel, where they partook of an excellent dinner, admirably served. Afterwards they proceeded in brakes to Thorpe, where some ascended the hilly slopes of "The Cloud," whilst others disported themselves in the valley. A delightful walk was then taken through Dovedale, and welcome tea was partaken of at the New Inns, Tissington—a village famous for the well dressings which are held here every Whitsuntide. The train was taken at Alsop-en-le-Dale, and after a splendid day's enjoyment, Erdington was reached in such reasonable time that the ringers were all at their posts in the belfry of the Parish Church on the following morning.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

At the annual meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at High Wycombe on Wednesday week, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was re-elected master, the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis was appointed hon. treasurer, and Mr. A. E. Reeves (of Reading), hon secretary. On the motion of the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, seconded by Mr. J. Moth, it was unanimously resolved "That in the opinion of this meeting, 'The Ringing World' should receive the same facilities from the Central Council as are accorded 'Bell News.'" The meeting, which was preceded by service in the Parish Church, was followed by luncheon at the Swan Hotel, several toasts being honoured.—A full report will appear next week.

ISHAM.—On Feast Sunday, for flower service, 720 of Double Oxford Bob (42 bobs and 2 singles): R. T. Buswell 1, A. E. Fourt 2, W. T. Wilson 3, G. Blaxley 4, D. Mallett 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 6. First 720 in method by ringers of treble and 3rd.—For evensong, 720 of Double and Single Oxford Bob: R. T. Buswell 1, F. Andrews 2, A. E. Fourt 3, G. Blaxley 4, M. Norton 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 6. This is the first true 720 in two methods by all the band and on the bells.

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OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

A Popular Lancashire Ringer.

Among the front rank of ringers in Lancashire is Mr. Harry Chapman, whose record is one of which any ringer might well be proud, for among his performances there are some of pre-eminent interest. Beginning his career in a six bell tower, Mr. Chapman, by his characteristic trait of perseverance, has advanced until he is to-day one of the most experienced twelve-bell ringers, and his peals include the record length of Treble Bob Maximus, 12,240 at Ashton-under-Lyne on Easter Monday last. And this is not the only record he has participated in, for he took part in the 14,112 of London Surprise rung at King's Norton in 1903, and the total number of his peals is now approaching the third century.

Mr. Harry Chapman.

Born at Bythorn in Huntingdon, on November 12th, 1863, Mr. Chapman commenced to pull a bell at the age of nine years, his father being then parish clerk. It was not, however, until he was 19 years of age that he began to take up change ringing. He visited the neighbouring tower of Raunds, Northants, for this purpose, and was taken in hand by Mr. Henry Stubbs and the Brothers Gilbert, who gave him his first lessons in the art. He rang his first 720 of Bob Minor on March 13th, 1886 (conducted by F. Gilbert), and soon after this made his way to Bedford, where he quickly came into contact with Mr. C. W. Clarke, and at Cardington, Beds, on August 14th, 1886, Mr. Chapman rang his first peal, Bob Triples, on the tenor. Peals in seven Minor methods followed, and in 1888 Mr. Chapman went to reside at Manchester, where he has lived since, and where he found ample scope for advancement. His first peal in Manchester was Treble Ten at the Cathedral, where he has since rung many peals. He took part in the first peal of Stedman Triples by the Lancashire Association, and conducted the first peals of Oxford Treble Bob, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise in Lancashire. The Stedman was rung at Eccles on December 28th, 1891, and the other three peals at Pendleton. Coming into touch with the Ashton-under-Lyne Society Mr. Chapman has rung many peals of Cinques and Maximus at the famous church of St. Michael and All Angels, including the record mentioned above. In 1909 he took part at the same church in the first peal of Bob Maximus in the North of England. He was the first also to ring Manchester Town Hall tenor single handed to a peal. This bell weighs 52 cwt., and after ringing her behind, to Grandsire Cater, he, a month later, turned her in to Treble Ten. In contrast to this big task it is interesting to mention that Mr. Chapman has also rung a peal on the lightest ringing eight in the country, at Lye, in Worcester, where the tenor is 3½ cwt. and the treble 60lbs. In 1904 he took part in one of the famous Irish tours, when the first peal was rung in the counties of Armagh, Down and Antrim, and the first peal of Major in County Louth, in all of which Mr. Chapman rang, while in the subsequent year he stood in the first peal of London in Ireland, which was rung at Waterford Cathedral. Another interesting incident which is worthy of mention is that at Witton Church, Northwich, he took part in a peal of Treble Bob which was rung through a christening, a marriage and a burial service, surely a record in its way!

Mr. Chapman has been on the committee of the Lancashire Association for 16 years, and a representative of that association on the Central Council for six years. He is also a member of the following: The Bedfordshire, Central Northants, St. Martin's, Birmingham; Midland Counties, Norwich, Devonshire, Chester, Yorkshire, Irish, Cumberland, North Wales and Ashton-under-Lyne Associations.

Mr. Chapman's 276 peals are made up as follows:—

	Rung		Conducted
In seven Minor Methods ...	6		
Bob Triples	1		
Bob Major	14		
Bob Royal	1		
Bob Maximus	1		
Grandsire Triples	11		1
Grandsire Caters	21	(including 6011)	1
Grandsire Cinques	9		
Stedman Triples	25		
Stedman Caters	11	(including 6591)	
Stedman Cinques	3		
Kent Treble Bob Major ...	76	(including 6080)	28
Kent Treble Bob Royal ...	15		3
Kent Treble Bob Maximus ...	20	(including 12,240)	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major ...	2		2
Oxford Treble Bob Royal ...	1		
Darlaston Bob Triples ...	1		
Forward Major	1		
Duffield Major	1		
Double Norwich Major ...	8		
Superlative Surprise ...	34	(including 9312)	18
Cambridge Surprise ...	1		1
New Cambridge Surprise ...	2		
London Surprise	10	(including 14,112)	
Bristol Surprise	1		
Total ...	276		55

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

The dedication of the new ring of eight bells at Llanbradach, Glamorganshire, will take place on Saturday, July 29th, at 5 p.m., by the Bishop of Llandaff. The ringing will be carried out by eight members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association.

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Mr. A. W. Osborne, 17, Dorothy Street, Reading, desires Mr. Lewis Green to communicate with him.

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The Milborne Port church bells (tenor 28 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs.), on which the peal of Superlative Surprise Major (Mr. B. Prewett's 700th peal) was rung on June 22nd, were rehung in a massive oak frame, and with all new fittings about 2½ years ago, by Harry Stokes and Son, church bell hangers, Woodbury, Devon.

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The Painswick Youths rang their Coronation peal on July 8th. They made the first attempt on June 23rd, but were unsuccessful; on the 27th they met short, but on Saturday week, as the peal records show, they accomplished the task.

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So near and yet so far. A peal is never rung until "that's all" is called, and on Sunday evening a handbell peal in which a lady was taking part was lost after 4912 changes in 2hrs. 15mins., just when success seemed certain. The attempt was made at the residence of Mr. F. Bennett, at New Cross, by Miss Elsie Bennett 1-2, W. Shepherd (conductor) 3-4, F. Bennett 5-6, F. G. Woodiss 7-8.

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Another disappointment! Mr. Arthur Knights writes to apologise to the band who rang the Double Norwich Caters at Chesterfield, as it has been pointed out to him that the peal is false in the interior. "When I composed the peal," he adds, "I had no idea that a repetition could occur in the interior of the leads."

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A capital meeting for combined practice was held at the Abbey, Romsey, on Wednesday week. Good practice was had in Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Stedman. Those present included Messrs. Gifford, Harris, Precey, etc. (Salisbury), Williams, George, Tucker (North Stoneham), Wilkes (Southampton), Messrs. Elcombe, Paskins, Hands and Walker, of the local band, Mr. Stevens (Hammersmith), etc. The next meeting is on August 17th at 7 p.m. Will any ringers in the neighbourhood who are available for ringing on Wednesday afternoons or evenings kindly write Mr. George Williams, West End, near Southampton.

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A joint practice of the Cleveland members of the Yorkshire Association was held at Saltburn-by-the-Sea on July 12th, when upwards of twenty ringers assembled to try their skill in various methods. The weather being excessively hot, long lengths were out of the question, but the following touches were rung: 448 Superlative Surprise, 420 Stedman Triples, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major, 224 Bob Major. Ringers attended from Thornaby, Middlesbrough, Marske, Redcar and Skelton. The practice, being a great success, it is intended to have another such gathering shortly.

We are swindlers in sentiment, says in a writer in the daily Press. Let that be confessed at once to the correspondent who has noticed that the "Bells of Aberdovey" was sung at the Investiture of the Prince of Wales. He learned the music of the song 50 years ago, and then in old age made the pilgrimage to hear those famous bells. And he found only one church in Aberdovey, and that one church had only one bell.

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It appears that we are deceiving thousands of American visitors who go to Aberdovey for the sake of the bells, and come away disappointed. As a mere matter of international courtesy, it should be explained that when we say "bells" we are usually singular or evasive. Do not—dear, credulous stranger—be too expectant as to the "Bells of Haslemere."

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And when that most delightful of phrases strikes on your ear, "The Bells of Ouseley," remember that this is merely the name of certain licensed premises on the border of the Thames.

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The daily newspaperman may be right about Aberdovey and Ouseley, but he is on the wrong track about Haslemere, which boasts of a nice little musical peal, augmented not so very long since from six to eight.

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In connection with the recent rehanging of the peal of twelve at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, it is interesting to note that the first peal of Stedman Cinques in Lancashire was rung on these bells in 1828.

A PEAL WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With regard to the peal of Stedman Caters at Loughborough on July 1st, on reconsideration, I think it best to withdraw it. Although a well struck peal a nasty scramble occurred in the last four sixes, the bells not coming round sufficiently clear to warrant it being actually called round.—Yours truly,

E. READER.

PRESENTATION AT LEINTWARDINE.

An interesting presentation took place at Leintwardine on Thursday evening, July 6th, the Vicar, the Rev. J. W. Colvin, M.A., on behalf of the Guild of Saint Mary Magdelene and parishioners of Leintwardine, handing to Mr. Charles Large Sadler a silver epergne, in recognition of his untiring and successful efforts in introducing change ringing in Leintwardine. The Vicar spoke of Mr. Sadler's zeal in bringing up the ringers to their present high standard of efficiency, and also of the general church tone of the company.—Mr. Sadler suitably responded.

The epergne, which was designed and made to the order of the local guild, is fitted with three cut glass receptacles for flowers. The candle holders are in the form of church bells at "set," while in the centre is a magnificent silver model to scale of a church bell, complete with fittings (which enables it to be rung or chimed), and it is inscribed: "Presented to C. L. Sadler by the bellringers of St. Mary Magdalene and parishioners of Leintwardine in recognition of his services in the formation and training of the above company. Easter, 1911."—During the evening touches in various Minor methods under the conductorship of Mr. John Evans were rung on the tower bells.

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SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT WYKE REGIS.

A very successful meeting of the Dorchester branch of the above Guild was held at Wyke Regis on Thursday week. Despite the very hot weather, a good number of members put in an appearance, representatives attending from Dorchester St. Peter's, Fordington St. George's, Christchurch, Wimborne, Milton Abbey, and the local band. Before commencing to ring, many of the visitors ascended to the top of the tower to enjoy the lovely views which are to be obtained. To the south, Portland Harbour (with its fleet of battleships) and Portland Bill was to be seen; eastwards, Weymouth Bay (the Naples of England), the "White Horse" with King George III. cut in chalk, and the beautiful cliffs as far as St. Alban's Head, 20 miles away. To the west, the famous Chesil Beach (the longest in the United Kingdom), the West Bay and cliffs below Bridport and Lyme Regis, and the Devon coast for about 40 miles, were to be seen, while, when the weather is very clear, Start Point is also visible. Inland to the north is the Monument to Hardy, Nelson's Flag Captain; and the long range of hills around Dorchester. The glorious scenery was greatly enjoyed by the visitors.

The bells were raised at 2 p.m., and kept going till 3.30, when the Rector (Canon Davies), accompanied by his daughter (Miss Mabel Davies) and friends, visited the tower, and Miss Davies unveiled the two beautiful peal boards which have been lately fixed in the ringing chamber. The boards, which were dedicated by the Rector, bear the following inscriptions:—

"Salisbury Diocesan Guild, All Saints', Wyke Regis. A true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part), containing 5040 changes (being the first peal on the bells), was rung by the members of the above Guild, September 23rd, 1905, in 2 hrs. and 55 mins.: Charles H. Jennings treble, William J. Benger 2, William J. New 3, Albert Best 4, Charles B. Hurst 5, George T. White 6, George Preston 7, Alfred J. Rose tenor. Conducted by Mr. George Preston. The Rev. Canon S. E. Davies, Rector. Captain E. Payne Galwey, F. W. Dodd, Esq., Churchwardens. Tenor, 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 18lbs., in F."

"Salisbury Diocesan Guild, All Saints', Wyke Regis. A true and complete peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, containing 5024 changes (being the first peal in the method in the county, and first peal of Major on the bells), was rung by the members of the above Guild, September 22nd, 1909, in 3 hrs. and 15 mins.: William H. Fussell treble, Henry Hodgetts 2, Rev. A. T. Beeston 3, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson 4, A. F. Martin Stewart 5, George Williams 6, James Parker 7, John Thomas tenor. Composed by Mr. Henry Dains. Conducted by Mr. George Williams. The Rev. Canon S. E. Davies, Rector. F. W. Dodd, Esq., A. E. Dowding, Esq., Churchwardens."

After the unveiling, and in the presence of the Rector, Miss Davies and friends, a well-struck touch of 500 Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by Mr. Martin Stewart (Master of the Guild), and in which Miss Carrie Sparshott, of Christchurch, took part.

Subsequently the special service of the Salisbury Guild was held in the church, at which all the ringers and a good many friends attended, a suitable address being delivered by the Rector, who took his text from Numbers x., 1, 2, 3 and 10 verses. He pointed out the many parts the bells played in the life of the nation, and how last year they gave forth their dull muffled tones for the dead Monarch, while just lately they pealed forth their joyful notes for the Coronation of the new King.

Afterwards the members and friends, numbering about 40, adjourned to the Memorial Hall, where a high tea was provided by the members of the Women's Union, and was much appreciated. The chair was taken by Mr. R. N. Dawes, of Dorchester, chairman of the branch, who was supported by the Rector and churchwardens, Mr. Martin Stewart, Mr. Geo. Preston, Mr. Geo. White (Ringing Master of the Branch), and Mr. C. H. Jennings (hon. sec. and treas.). At the close, the Rector welcomed the Guild to his parish, and remarked that while Weymouth was one of the largest parishes in the diocese, it had no ringing bells, and it was necessary to come to the Mother Church of Weymouth (Wyke Regis) for that meeting.—Mr. Martin Stewart proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his admirable address, and for the use of the bells, and also to the organist and choir for their attendance at the service. This was seconded by Mr. R. N. Dawes, the company rising and singing "For he's a jolly good fellow."—Mr. Jennings proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Davies for her kindness in coming to the ringing chamber and unveiling the peal boards, and this having been carried, the Rector proposed a vote of thanks to the members of the Women's Union for their kindness in making arrangements for the tea.—The Chairman said he could not let the event pass without asking them to accord a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Jennings, the enthusiastic secretary, who was not only responsible for the admirable arrangements of the day, but was also instrumental with his friends in providing for the tea, the new peal boards, and other improvements to the belfry. — The motion was seconded by Mr. Martin Stewart, and carried with acclamation, and Mr. Jennings returned thanks.

A short business meeting was then held. It was agreed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Wool. The Fordington St. George band were elected members of the Guild. Afterwards another visit was paid to the tower, and the bells were kept going till eight o'clock, several well-struck touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples being brought round. The conductors taking part were: Mr. Martin Stewart, Mr. George Preston and Mr. George White.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the above was held at Melbourne on Saturday last, in glorious weather, and was well attended by ringers from Ashby, Burton, Cotgrave, Coventry, Derby, Duffield, Eastwood, Etwall, Grantham, Long Eaton, Loughborough, Leicester, Ilkeston, Netherseale, Newhall, Stoke Golding, Wirksworth, etc. The pretty ring of eight, with a tenor of about 16 cwt., was at the disposal of the ringers from 2.30 p.m., and touches in all the Standard methods were brought round. Tea and meeting were held at the Blue Bell Inn, and at the meeting, the vice-president (Mr. J. W. Taylor) took the chair, being supported by Mr. W. E. White, hon. secretary; Mr. W. C. Wakley, hon. treasurer; and Mr. W. Worthington, while the two wardens of Melbourne Church, Messrs. W. Briggs, J.P., and A. Snape, were also present. The total record of peals for the quarter amounted to the fine number of 52, owing, of course, partly to the Coronation rejoicings, and partly to the meeting of the Central Council at Leicester. Seven life members and 14 ringing members were unanimously admitted.—A vote of thanks to the churchwardens for their presence and for the use of the bells, closed the meeting. The visitors were afterwards shown over the beautiful Hall Grounds, which looked at their best in the afternoon sunshine. The local arrangements were efficiently carried out by Mr. Earle.

NEW PEAL AT BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH.

A most successful district meeting of the Essex Association was held on Saturday last, at Burnham-on-Crouch, on the occasion of the opening of a new ring of six at the Parish Church. Situated in a remote part of the county it was necessary to journey by brake from Maldon, a distance of twelve miles. Among those present were: Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association), the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (hon. secretary), Mr. A. Edwards (District Master), the Rev. H. Jordan (Senior Curate of Bocking), and ringers from Maldon, St. Mary and All Saints', Goldhanger, Harwich, Bentley and Nayland. The bells are a nice handy ring, with tenor 10 cwt., in A flat. They have been recast, and a new treble added, and hung in an iron frame, constructed in a manner to make it possible to hang two trebles on the same level at some future date. The tone and "go" is a splendid testimony to excellent workmanship of the noted firm of Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London, who have carried out the contract.

Tea was provided by the Vicar (the Rev. H. W. Watson), who at the meeting following was elected an honorary member of the Association, together with his warden, Dr. Downmann. Mr. W. Radclyffe, of South Tottenham, was also elected a non-resident life member. — The Vicar and his wardens are taking the greatest interest in the bells and ringing. The services of Mr. J. Wallock, of Cricksea, have been secured as instructor to the young band, and there is a good prospect of planting the Art in this delightful yachting village.—The Vicar was thanked by the hon. secretary for his hospitality, and the Master addressed a few words of encouragement to the prospective band. During the day touches of Cambridge, College Exercise, Treble and Plain Bob were rung, upwards of thirty ringers being present and taking part.

RINGERS' ENTERTAINED.

By kind invitation of the Misses C. and A. Airey, daughters of the late Sir G. Biddell Airey, K.C.B., the famous Astronomer Royal, the ringers of St. Alphege, Greenwich, met at the White House, Blackheath, on Friday week, and spent an exceedingly enjoyable evening. After an inspection of the historical records, with which the residence abounds, and a stroll round the garden, during which time the Rev. G. J. Bayley, M.A., Vicar, Holy Trinity, Woolwich; the Rev. S. R. Sturgess, St. Alphege; Messrs. H. L. Kerdel and Parker, old friends of the ringers, arrived, an adjournment was made indoors, where ample justice was done to the splendid repast provided. Subsequently a couple of songs were given by the hostesses, and recitations by Miss Carr and Mr. H. Kerdel. All too soon "Father Time" put an end to one of the most pleasant evenings the ringers have experienced. They take this opportunity of tendering their sincere thanks to the Misses C. and A. Airey for this and their many past kindnesses.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The first quarterly meeting of the Society's year was held at Lichfield, on Saturday, July 8th. The bells at the Cathedral and at St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches were made good use of. Fewer put in an appearance at tea than were expected—quite the contrary to most meetings.—The Rev. Preb. Bolton kindly presided at the meeting which followed. — Apologies for absence were received from the Revs. O. W. Steele, W. Solly, and E. V. Cox, also from Mr. W. R. Small. Seven new members were enrolled. August 19th is the date fixed for a day's outing by brake, starting from Stourbridge, and including Kingswinford, Wordsley, Wollaston, Kinver, Cookley, Enville, Old Swinford, and Hagley. The next quarterly meeting will be at Pentridge on September 16th.

AN EIGHT-BELL CONTEST.

The annual meeting and eight-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Low Moor, on Saturday, July 8th. Six companies entered for the contest, each set ringing 672 changes Treble Bob, preceded by three bob leads for practice. The bells and schools had been kindly placed at the disposal of the Society by the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Flynn), and the judges for the occasion were Mr. Broadley, of Bradford, and Mr. Dracup and Mr. Simpson, of Low Moor. The draw for order of ringing took place at 2.30 p.m., the competition being completed about 8.0 p.m.; and during the afternoon a splendid tea was served to the visitors, who numbered about 100. The annual meeting and election of officers was held in the Schoolroom at the completion of the contest, the President (Mr. Lawson) being in the chair, supported by the Vicar and the society's officers. A grant of £1 was allowed for a board recording a peal of Bob Major. The report and balance sheet were read, and showed an income of £5 15s. for the year, with a balance in hand of £17 2s. 9½d.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, and the ladies, proposed by Mr. Lawson, and seconded by Mr. Cotterell, was heartily carried. The result of the contest was then announced:—

1, Earlsheaton	225	faults.
2, Calverley	464	,,
3, Halifax	363	,,
4, Pudsey	413	,,
5, Brighouse	418	,,
6, Bradford	381	,,

Earlsheaton were, therefore, declared the winners.

The Vicar, in responding to the vote of thanks, and in making the presentation, expressed his pleasure in placing the bells and schools at the Society's disposal. He had, he said, sat in the garden all the afternoon listening to the bells, and thought how well they had been rung. At the same he would not care to have judged the ringing, for he knew little about faults, and might have declared the wrong company the winners. He then handed the cup to Mr. Hardy, the conductor of the winning team, and expressed the hope that it would be filled with nothing stronger than tea.—Mr. Hardy suitably replied, and proposed a vote of thanks to the judges who, he thought, had made no mistake.—Mr. Broadley acknowledged the compliment, and a vote of thanks to the chairman brought another successful meeting to a close.

RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday week the ringers of the Saltburn Parish Church had a most enjoyable outing to Carlton-in-Cleveland, where the peal of eight bells, tenor 15 cwt., was placed at their disposal by the Rev. J. L. Kyle. During the afternoon touches of Bob Major (3424), Treble Bob Major, Bob and Stedman Triples were rung, and the go and tone greatly admired. Tea was partaken of at the Fox and Hounds, after which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for use of the bells, to Mr. Mellanby, the head ringer, for having all in readiness, and to the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, the enthusiastic secretary of the Saltburn band, for his generosity.

IN THE PEAK DISTRICT.

Through the kindness and generosity of the Vicar, church officials, and other gentlemen, the ringers of the Parish Church of St. James', Whitfield, accompanied by their wives, had their annual outing on Sunday week. Leaving home at 6 a.m. the party, numbering 18, had a lovely run through the woodlands to Hathersage, where breakfast was partaken of at the Station Hotel. After a look through the village, a visit was paid to the church where, in the burial ground is the grave (9ft. long) of "Little John," who is credited with being the founder of the Order of Foresters. The party next proceeded to Eyam, where the historic church was inspected, and then went on to Tideswell, where tea was served, and the visitors had the pleasure of ringing for service at what is termed the "Cathedral of the Peak." On the good ring of six, touches of Kent, Oxford and Bob Minor were rung, and the return journey commenced, home being reached after a most enjoyable day.

ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE, GUILD.

The parishioners of St. Botolph congratulate themselves that they are called to church in the good old English way, and the members of the Bell Ringers' Guild, who perform this good office, can congratulate themselves in turn in receiving parochial encouragement at the hands of Mr. Churchwarden Pridmore, who provided them with a day of right royal entertainment, on Saturday week. Mr. Pridmore is keenly interested in all that pertains to the good of St. Botolph's, and has actively supported the Guild from its foundation a short time ago. Sixteen members were able to accept his kind invitation, and the party, together with the Rev. T. L. Bullock, the Rev. C. A. Spencer, and Mr. Goss, journeyed by train and tram to Whitchurch, from whence a short round was made through shady lanes and pleasant fields to Stanmore. A splendid repast, well worthy of good trenchermen, was served at the Crown Hotel. Afterwards the party drove by brake through some of the prettiest scenery in Middlesex, as the following itinerary will show, by Harrow, Weald, skirting Pinner, through Batchworth Heath, and thence by way of Northwood, Oxhey, Bushey, and Bushey Heath, back to Stanmore, where tea was thoroughly enjoyed amid the delightful surroundings of an old English garden. Following tea the church was visited, and the bells kept going for an hour. Then, after light refreshments, there were various toasts, which were received with whole-hearted approval, and suitably acknowledged. In the cool of the evening the return journey was entered upon, and the St. Botolph ringers arrived safely home, after spending a day which was made completely enjoyable, by reason of such a perfect combination of good things; and, above all, by the splendidly genial welcome from Mr. Pridmore, who had seen to it that there should be nothing wanting, which could add to the success of the day, and whose health was enthusiastically received at dinner.—With the support of the churchwardens and other friends, the eight bells of St. Botolph's will not fail to sound Sunday by Sunday, and perhaps dumb warriors of the past, in the city, may once again ring out loud and clear, through their example.

SIX TOWERS IN A DAY.

The Fen Ditton ringers had their annual outing on Wednesday week, and in the course of the day visited no fewer than six towers. They began upon their own peal of five, with 120 each of St. Simon's, Stedman Slow Course, and New Doubles, and then proceeded by brake upon the day's tour, the party numbering twelve. At Old Chesterton they were joined by one of the local men, and on the fine ring of six, brought round a touch of Bob Minor. Streatham, on the Ely Road, was the next place of call, and on this ring of five, 120 each of New Doubles, Grandsire, Stedman Slow Course, Stedman and Bob Doubles was rung. After picnicing by the roadside, Wilburton was visited, and 360 Bob Minor rung upon this light six. The heavy peal at Haddenham was next tried, but 720 Plain Bob was lost near the end. After dinner the journey was continued to Ely, where the party visited St. Mary's Church, and on the back six brought round a well-struck 504 of Bob Minor, which concluded the day's ringing. The return journey was commenced about 7.15, and Fen Ditton was reached about three hours later, after a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the vicars at the various churches for the use of the bells.

ST. LUKE'S (CHELSEA) SOCIETY.

The annual outing of this Society took place on Saturday and Sunday, July 8th and 9th, the party, consisting of twelve members, making their headquarters at Marlow, where, at "The Two Brewers," Host Truss made them quite at home. After an admirable lunch, it was decided to make Hurley the destination, and, boats being requisitioned, the journey was thoroughly enjoyed by all. After a short stay at Hurley the return journey was made by easy rowing, and at dinner the party were augmented by the welcome presence of Messrs. Ted O'Meara, Jim Davies, and Alf. Grimes. Dinner being disposed of, some of the party went for a quiet ramble, and others for further exercise, in the shape of rowing. In the evening there was an enjoyable smoking concert, at which the Marlow ringers gave a selection on the handbells, which called forth much admiration from all present. On Sunday, arrangements had been made for the party to ring for service in the morning at High Wycombe Church, but this had to be abandoned owing to the late arrival of the brake, and instead, a circular drive through Woodburn Green and Bourne End was decided upon. The visitors returned to town after an enjoyable excursion, for Marlow is a delightful centre for a "week-end"; and Host Truss, himself a ringer, is to be congratulated upon his splendid catering.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS. — On Sunday, July 2nd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: G. Lines 1, J. Pettit 2, A. Henman 3, J. Hendry 4, A. Pettit 5, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Hendry 1, J. Pettit 2, H. Meadows 3, G. Lines 4, A. Pettit 5, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 6.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—The Essex Association.—On Sunday, July 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: A. Tarbun, junr., 1, H. F. Cooper 2, H. Richell 3, A. Whight 4, H. R. Dawson 5, H. W. Kirton (conductor) 6, G. Green 7, W. J. Rice 8. Rung to welcome Mr. Kirton back to the district.

GARGRAVE.—Yorkshire Association.—At St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, on July 2nd, 1288 of Grandsire Triples: J. Langstroth 1, W. H. Birtwhistle 2, J. Lofthouse (conductor) 3, J. McKell 4, W. Townson 5, G. Staff (Rochdale) 6, A. R. Jones 7, H. Birtwhistle 8.

SHIPLAKE, OXON. — On Sunday, July 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. Mance, Watkin, Essery, Burton, Porter, Cleane, Hiscock and Goodyer.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LEATHERHEAD.—On June 18th, for evening service, 1259 Grandsire Caters: W. Messam 1, A. C. Otway 2, A. H. Winch 3, W. Otway 4, E. Boniface 5, H. Boxall 6, W. Marks 7, G. Marriner 8, A. Dean (conductor) 9, E. Hull 10.—On Coronation Day, commencing 6.15 a.m., 1619 Grandsire Caters (90 leads), representing the combined ages of their Majesties King George and Queen Mary, in 62 minutes.—Also 719 Grandsire Caters for 11 a.m. service, conducted by W. Marks and A. Dean respectively, the band taking part as above.

HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX. — At the Parish Church, on Thursday, June 22nd, in commemoration of the Coronation, 720 Plain Bob Minor: H. Smith 1, C. Ross 2, W. Dixon 3, A. Howell 4, A. Jacob (conductor) 5, F. Fensom 6. On Sunday, June 25th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Smith 1, A. Jacob 2, F. Fensom 3, A. Howell 4, W. Dixon 5, C. Ross (composer and conductor) 6.—On Sunday, July 2nd, 720 Bob Minor: J. Plumb 1, A. Jacob 2, F. Fensom 3, A. Howell 4, T. Langdon (conductor) 5, C. Ross 6.—In the evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Jacob 1, F. Fensom 2, C. Ross 3, A. Howell 4, W. Dixon 5, T. Langdon (conductor) 6.

SHERFIELD, HANTS.—On Coronation Day, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ilsley 1, F. Pearman 2, G. Herbert 3, F. Draper 4, W. Bennett (conductor) 5.

EWHURST, SURREY. — On June 23rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 40 mins.: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, A. Francis 2, W. Tidy 3, J. Luff 4, R. Whittington 5, W. Denyer (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 2 and 4. First of Minor by the treble ringer. Also W. Denyer's first as conductor.

HOUGHTON, STAFFS.—On June 24th, 1680 Doubles: T. Machin 1, A. Moreton 2, G. Booth 3, J. Perry 4, J. Taylor (conductor) 5.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—On June 24th, on handbells, 448 Superlative Surprise Major: R. Moore 1, E. Levitt 2, H. F. Moore 3, F. Dewell 4, F. Levitt 5, A. E. Moore 6, J. Levitt 7, H. A. Turner (conductor) 8.

CHESTER.— On June 24th, at St. Mary's Within-the-Walls, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: G. Bloor 1, R. Sperring 2, S. Landon 3, J. Tomlinson 4, C. Page 5, G. Gerrard 6, G. Woods 7, H. Austin 9. Arranged for the ringers of 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, who hail from Stoke-on-Trent, and who were on an outing. There was also with them Mr. S. Churton, who, to the regret of the ringers, was unable to climb the ladder to the belfry.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On Sunday, June 25th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Chapman 1, Miss M. F. Sampson 2, J. Pratt (conductor) 3, W. Chapman 4, R. P. Brindley 5, A. E. Young 6, W. B. Sampson 7, J. H. Chatterton 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, arranged for Mr. W. B. Sampson, of Edinburgh, who was on a visit to his daughter, who took part in the ringing: W. Chapman 1, Miss M. F. Sampson 2, A. E. Young 3, J. Pratt (conductor) 4, A. Chaplin 5, R. P. Brindley 6, W. B. Sampson 7, G. Chaplin 8.

GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, June 25th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: J. Clarke 1, D. Carmichael 2, C. W. King 3, M. Tate 4, T. Smith 5, F. Tate 6, H. Ludkin (conductor) 7, G. Davis 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by an entirely local company.

BLAKENHALL. — For evensong, on June 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: C. Bailey 1, W. J. Sevier (conductor) 2, G. Claybrook 3, A. Jones 4, B. V. Smith 5, W. Lawley 6, D. Jones 7, G. Dawkes 8. The first seven ringers belong to Wolverhampton, and the tenor ringer to Warrington.

BRIERLEY HILL.—On June 25th, at St. Michael's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins.: A. Whatmore, senr., 1, W. Potter 2, J. Whatmore 3, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 4, V. Allen 5, J. Lloyd 6. Rung with the tenor (J. Williams) behind.

GAWSWORTH.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—On June 25th, for morning service, at St. James' Church, 350 Grandsire Triples: A. B. Lomas 1, F. Stoveley 2, A. B. Lomas, junr., 3, J. B. Lomas 4, S. P. Bayley (conductor) 5, T. B. Lomas 6, E. Johnson 7, Arthur Lomas 8.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples, with Roy Proctor treble, and E. Johnson conductor.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, June 25th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, for evening service: W. Denman, junr., 1, T. Adams 2, H. Tourle 3, G. Lucas 4, J. Bowels 5, W. Denman, senr. (conductor) 6.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, June 25th, for Divine service, at St. Chad's Cathedral (R.C.), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Johnson 1, J. Corrigan 2, W. Brooks 3, T. Miller 4, T. Collinson (composer and conductor) 5, C. Mackenzie 6, E. Mullins 7, W. Hunt 8.

BURSLEM, STOKE-ON-TRENT.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, for Sunday School Anniversary service, on June 25th, 720 Bob Minor, being the first 720 of any Minor method rung on the bells by the local band, and the first 720 of any Minor method by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd and 5th: W. Matthews 1, L. Pennington 2, J. Hurd 3, T. Hurd 4, T. Hilditch 5, J. Farrell (conductor) 6.—On Saturday, June 17th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, the first on the bells by the local band: W. Matthews 1, L. Pennington 2, T. Hurd 3, T. Hilditch 4, J. Farrell 5, W. Bourne 6.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 25th, at All Saints', for evening service, Brookes' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: H. Jenney 1, H. Day 2, A. Bowmer 3, C. Pilcher 4, F. Hill 5, F. W. Hill 6, A. Hutchison (conductor) 7, H. George 8.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.—For evening service, on Sunday, June 25th, two six-scores each of Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: J. Terry 1, J. B. Hessey (conductor) 2, G. Warinton 3, W. Franks 4, H. Stevens 5, C. Hemms 6.

NEWPORT, MON. — On Sunday evening, June 25th, at All Saints' Church, 1008 Stedman Triples: C. Bowen 1, C. Greedy 2, J. Bullen 3, F. Morgan 4, S. Jones 5, J. Pippin 6, A. E. Morgan (conductor) 7, S. Baiss 8.

RICHMOND, YORKSHIRE. — Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. — On Sunday, June 25th, for morning service, 1120 Kent Major: H. Thorpe 1, T. Thirkell 2, G. Holmes 3, J. G. Kinchin 4, J. T. Frenchum 5, J. J. Peake 6, R. J. Todd 7, A. Morton (conductor) 8.—For evening service, 1440 Kent Major, in 50 mins.: H. Thorpe 1, J. J. Peake 2, G. Holmes 3, J. G. Kinchin 4, J. T. Frenchum 5, J. G. Woddy 6, R. J. Todd 7, A. Morton (conductor) 8.

CHEDISTON.—On June 26th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 22 mins.: F. Peck 1, F. C. Lambert 2, J. O. Neil 3, H. G. Pratt 4, T. Crane 5, L. Hammond 6. Also 360, with E. Hurren 3.

BUILTH WELLS, BRECONSHIRE.—The Hereford Diocesan Guild.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 27th, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, in 39 mins.: F. S. Sparkes 1, F. R. Sparkes 2, L. Lewis (conductor) 3, C. Powell 4, R. E. Sparkes 5, W. H. Bicknell 6.

NORWICH.—Norwich Diocesan Association.—At St. Peter Muncroft, on Tuesday evening, June 27th, 704 Grandsire Cinques: C. E. Borrett (conductor) 1, W. G. Mayers 2, Geo. Cross 3, H. J. Borrett 4, R. H. Hayward (Marlesford) 5, T. E. Burton 6, T. Freeman 7, F. H. Phillips 8, G. P. Burton 9, B. Thompson 10, Geo. Mayers 11, D. T. Potter 12 (tenor, 43 cwt.); and 385 Grandsire Caters and 360 Bob Royal. Also, on the Gabriel eight (tenor 19 cwt.), 384 Bob Major, and on the Harbord (D Minor) eight (tenor, 28 cwt.), 168 Stedman Triples.

COSELEY, STAFFS.—On Tuesday, June 27th, touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, conducted by John Goodman, of Dudley, and Oxford Bob Triples and 120 Stedman Doubles, conducted by Wm. Fisher.—On Sunday, July 2nd, for Matins, 504 Oxford Bob Triples: W. Jeavons 1, A. Baker 2, B. Gough 3, S. Pearce 4, Wm. Fisher (conductor) 5, S. Baker 6, R. Dunn 7, A. Barnett 8. Longest touch in the method by all except the conductor, and on the bells.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCS.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—On June 27th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 56 mins.: C. H. Baker 1, F. S. W. Butler 2, W. Ayre 3, J. C. Tinker 4, P. Ballance 5, J. T. Ladd (conductor) 6, H. Torr 7, R. S. Lakin 8. This quarter-peal, with other touches in the same method, was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Dr. Slader, who was interred at Amruth, Pembrokeshire, on that day.

CARDIFF.—St. John's Guild.—At St. John's Church, on June 29th, 366 Bob Major: H. Day 1, B. Biss (conductor) 2, B. Heath (first touch) 3, S. Dawe 4, W. Millar 5, F. Chamberlain 6, W. Bolton 7, A. Rowley 8.—On July 2nd 336 Stedman Triples.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On July 1st, in honour of Dominion Day, also in honour of the marriage of Mr. John Tidy and Miss Alice Fuller, both of Cranleigh, which took place on that day in Toronto, Canada, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples (Grove's variation of Parker's twelve-part), but ringing came to grief in the tenth part, after 2½ hours (4200 changes): Mrs. R. Whittington 1, H. Charman 2, R. Whittington 3, W. Denyer 4, C. Charman 5, A. Charman 6, W. Charman (conductor) 7, H. Ledger 8.

LECKHAMPSTEAD.—Towcester District Association.—On July 2nd, for Divine service, 260 Doubles, consisting of Grandsire Antelope and Extreme, in 45 mins.: H. Carter 1, P. Warner 2, W. Carter 3, L. Smith 4, O. Carter (conductor) 5. First quarter-peal in three methods by all the band.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 2nd (for morning service), at St. Clement Danes, 560 and 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. T. Coles 1, H. J. Ranzetta 2, W. W. Worthington 3, W. Pye (conductor) 4, A. W. Coles 5, R. Sanders 6, H. Flanders 7, E. Pye 8.

WESTMINSTER.—On Sunday, July 2nd, for evening service, at St. Margaret's Church, 540 Stedman Caters: A. W. Grimes 1, J. A. Trollope 2, H. Langdon 3, W. Pye (conductor) 4, W. W. Worthington 5, A. W. Coles 6, R. Sanders 7, H. Torble 8, H. Flanders 9, A. N. Hardy 10. Also four courses in the same method, in which F. Hairs, E. F. Pike, W. Hewett, F. Perrin and J. E. Davis (conductor) took part. These touches were arranged for Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Netherseale.

SITTINGBOURNE.—Kent County Association. — On Sunday, July 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: L. B. Grant 1, H. E. Simpson 2, E. J. Bottle 3, H. J. Tidy 4, F. S. Macey (conductor) 5, W. Spice 6, W. J. Walker 7, F. Holdstock 8.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1248 changes), in 49 mins.: H. G. Jenney 1, F. W. Hill 2, H. Day 3, G. A. Haslem 4, G. A. Bowmer 5, F. F. Hill 6, H. George 7, J. Pagett (conductor) 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, July 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for men's service: G. W. Coombes 1, H. C. Chandler 2, C. S. Bird 3, H. Stevens 4, J. P. Kent 5, H. Folkhard 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, E. Cassell 8.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE. — The Midland Counties Association.—On July 2nd, at All Saints' Church, for evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob: F. Guy 1, A. Hickton 2, J. Ward, senr., 3, R. Hickton 4, N. Widdowson 5, R. Drage (conductor) 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—On July 4th, at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, 559 of Grandsire Triples: W. B. Kempton 1, T. W. Dickerson 2, G. Taylor 3, J. Taylor 4, P. Taylor 5, B. Buttress 6, F. E. Kempton (conductor) 7, L. Schnider 8.

STOKE-ON-TRENT (STAFFS).—On July 4th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Woodward 1, G. Woods 2, A. Shufflebotham 3, E. Landon 4, D. Preston 5, S. Churton (conductor) 6, C. Page 7, H. Austin 8. Rung after a rope had broken in an attempt for a peal.

OONDOVER (SALOP).—The Salop Archidiaconal Guild. — On July 4th, at St. Andrew's Church, 350 Grandsire Triples: J. Gurney 1, W. Pasmore 2, G. J. Taylor 3, J. Young 4, E. R. T. Corbett 5, W. T. Ashton 6, T. W. Steadman (first touch as conductor) 7, H. Davies 8.—On Sunday, July 9th, 420 in the same method, standing as above, conducted by G. J. Taylor. All the above, except the ringer of the 3rd, only commenced to practice Triples last March, and are making splendid progress.

GRAVESEND.—On July 5th, at St. George's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, on the occasion of the birthday of the Rector (Canon E. L. Gedge): W. R. Gates 1, F. Mitchell 2, H. Davis 3, A. Constant 4, R. Tall 5, J. Constant 6, R. Constant (conductor) 7, J. Burles 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Thursday, July 6th, at St. Michael's Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Rickett 1, F. Bird 2, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 3, H. M. White 4, H. Champness 5, P. Springham, senr., 6, W. Wilkinson 7, T. Newman 8. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of their Majesties the King and Queen, and also of the Vicar of St. Michael's (the Rev. H. T. Lane).

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—On Saturday, July 8th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes), in 53 mins.: A. Chapman 1, W. B. Manning (conductor) 2, G. Grimwade 3, *W. J. Cooper 4, H. Rumens 5, J. C. Adams 6, R. Maynard, senr., 7, F. J. Rumens 8, G. B. Lucas, senr., 9, *O. Twist 10. * First quarter-peal of Caters. The above was rung after meeting too late to start for a peal.—On Sunday, July 9th, at St. Mary's Church, after the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: (1259 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Coakham 1, W. D. Smith 2, J. H. Wilkins 3, R. Maynard, senr., 4, F. J. Rumens 5, J. C. Adams 6, F. C. Maynard 7, H. Rumens 8, A. G. Freeman (conductor) 9, W. H. Freeman 10.

CHORLEY.—The Lancashire Association.—On July 8th, an attempt for Parker's twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief, after ringing 1848 changes: *A. Martin 1, E. R. Martin (conductor) 2, *F. Rigbye 3, R. J. Armstrong 4, *J. H. Gartside 5, *W. H. Hunter 6, A. E. Woodhouse 7, *J. Robinson 8. * Longest length.

BIDSTON.—Chester Diocesan Guild (Wirral Branch).—At the Parish Church, a date touch of 1911 changes, being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 420 Plain Bob, and 51 of Bob Doubles: C. E. Wilcox (first date touch) 1, W. Wilcox 2, H. Rogers 3, J. Griffiths 4, S. Wood 5, C. Rimmer 6.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 9th, at St. Lawrence Church, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Harrison 1, J. R. Ward 2, J. Bailey 3, A. Hickton 4, N. Widdowson 5, R. Drage (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: R. Drage 1, J. Andrews 2, A. Hickton 3, J. Harrison 4, J. R. Ward 5, N. Widdowson (conductor) 6.

PLYMOUTH.—At Emmanuel Church, on Sunday, July 9th, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: W. Davey 1, W. Hobbs 2, L. Osborne 3, W. J. Rundle (conductor) 4, W. Ford 5, J. Woodley 6, G. H. Myers 7, G. Kerswell 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and tenor; longest length with a bob bell by the ringer of the 2nd. First quarter-peal by the Emmanuel Society, which has been recently formed.

WISBECH.—On 9th July, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 672 Bob Major, with 9—10 covering: H. Piggins 1, S. Goakes 2, A. Goakes 3, C. Goakes (conductor) 4, T. Haines 5, G. Piggins 6, R. Narborough 7, A. Neal 8, F. Hotson 9, H. Cheesewright 10.—For evening service, 420 Bob Triples (420 changes): H. Piggins 1, H. Banham 2, T. Haines 3, S. Goakes (conductor) 4, R. Narborough 5, A. Neal 6, C. Goakes 7, Fred Hotson 8.

SOUTH TOTTENHAM.—At St. Ann's Church, on Sunday, July 16th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: T. Sharman (first 720) 1, F. E. Ringrose (first 720 with a bob bell) 2, F. Fensom 3, T. C. Ringrose 4, A. Jacob 5, C. Ross (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on the 22nd inst. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at the White Swan Inn at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Linton on Saturday, July 22nd, 1911. Belfry open at 3.30 p.m.; short service at 5 p.m.; business meeting after service.—G. Moore, District Secretary, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Norwood Green, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided by kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. H. E. St. John Macdonald) on the Rectory lawn at six o'clock.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells at 4 p.m.; short service and address by the Rev. H. D. Madge (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea at the George Inn, 1s. per head. Business meeting after. Eynsford will be available 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and after the meeting. Half rail fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at All Hallow's, Tottenham, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. The bells of St. Ann's, South Tottenham, will be at the disposal of ringers from 6 to 8 p.m. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will take place at Northwich on Saturday, July 29th. Service at 3.45. Preacher, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, of Caversham. Other particulars by circular.—A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells ready at 3. Business meeting at 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — Established 1755. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 22nd, at Erdington. The Parish Church and Abbey bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service in Parish Church at 5 o'clock. Tea at Acorn Hotel at 6 o'clock, 1/- per member, to be followed by business meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caerleon on Saturday, July 22nd, at 4 o'clock.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and J. W. Jones (Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.), Honorary Secretaries.

NOTICES (continued).

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—It is proposed to arrange a whole day's outing for Saturday, August 19th, starting by conveyance from Stourbridge, and to visit Oldswinford (8), Hagley (8), Clent (8), Kinver (6), Enville (8), Kingswinford (6), Wardsley (6) and Wollaston (6). Will those ringers who wish to join send their names to me at once, so that the necessary arrangements may be made?—Rev. E. V. Cox, Honorary Secretary, 6, Upper Forster Street, Walsall.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held in St. May's Hall, Warwick, on Saturday, July 29th, 1911. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Unveiling at 4.20 p.m. (prompt) by the Lord Bishop of Worcester of the peal board of the first clerical peal of Stedman Caters. Evensong at St. Mary's Church at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Worcester, followed by tea and the annual meeting. Tea will be arranged for those who send in their names to the honorary secretary not later than Wednesday, July 26th, 1911.—Arthur L. Colman, Honorary Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

A CRICKET MATCH will be played at Newton-St.-Loe, near Bath, on July 29th between members of the Bath and Wells Association (Bath branch) and members of the Gloster and Bristol Association (Bristol branch). All friends are invited.—R. J. Wilkins, 84, Woodland Road, Bristol.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Killamarsh on Saturday, August 5th. Church of St. Giles. Six bells (tenor 12½ cwt.). Available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

ASHTON-UNDER LYNE SOCIETY will hold their next quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 29th, 1911, at Christ Church, Barlow Moor, Manchester. Bells available from 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—Charles Bower, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday next, July 22nd. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.—Walter Hughes, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT OF MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Ashover on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. It is hoped that all ringers will take this opportunity of visiting Ashover, an ideal place for summer meeting.—W. H. Peabody, District Secretary, 30, Alexander Road, Chesterfield.

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, DUDLEY.—The practice night at the above church is discontinued until the end of September.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Reigate on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (ten) at 2.30. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.45 at a charge of 6d. to members. The Vicar will preside. For special reasons it is particularly desired that members should turn up in good numbers. Representatives of towers and unattached members intending to be present kindly write not later than Wednesday, July 26th, to Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Sec., Bell Foundry, Croydon.

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The Record Long Peal of Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 Changes) was rung on Easter Monday, 1911, by the Ashton-under-Lyne Society in 8 HOURS and 39 MINUTES.

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James George,
April 18th, 1911.

THE FIRST PEAL IN CANADA.

The first peal has been rung in Canada, and Vancouver, British Columbia, can lay claim to the honour. The peal, Holt's Original, was, according to the report, rung on Dominion Day at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Rothsay, where there is a peal with the tenor 18 cwt. Ringers in the old country will join us, we are sure, in congratulating the band upon the performance, and earnestly hope that it is only the first of many. This was but the second peal, we believe, to be rung on the American continent, the first being a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung half a century or more ago at Philadelphia, conducted by the great Henry Haley, who was at that time touring in America with a party of handbell ringers, which included, if we mistake not, John Cox, and other well known men of that day. On that occasion the ringers were confronted with almost insuperable obstacles. A good deal of "bell hanging" had to be done before the bells were in any way pealable, and at least one if not more of the band had actually to be taught ringing before the company could be made up.

We do not know with what difficulties the ringers of Vancouver have had to contend, but their success is highly praiseworthy. The Art of ringing is spreading but slowly in the Colonies, despite the fact that in recent years a very large number of ringers have emigrated to all parts of the Empire. Peals have been rung in Australia and New Zealand, but in no sense can the Colonies be said to be advancing in the Art as they are in most other things. The reasons, perhaps, are not far to seek, and the principal one is that there are at present very few peals of bells.

Bells, of course, are to some extent a luxury, and in those new lands there is little opportunity for luxuries. Then, too, ringing is essentially an English practice, and it is only likely to be fostered abroad by those who emigrate from the mother isle, and although a large number of ringers have gone out in the last few years, attracted by the broader and brighter prospects offered by the resources of the Colonies, they are scattered wide apart over these immense countries, where inter-communication is not yet so easy as in England. It is, indeed, a wonder that eight men were to be found in the neighbourhood of the city on the borders of the Pacific to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, and it is interesting to note that their ranks will shortly be swelled by another good ringer in Mr. Alan R. Macdonald, who is about to leave for Vancouver. Just recently Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have sent three peals to Canada, but, owing to the comparative frailty of the towers in which they were to be placed, we believe that the bells were not hung for ringing. If this be so it is a matter of regret, but later on, perhaps, this state of things may be improved.

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The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF ROTHSAY (R.C.),

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18 cwt.

A. C. SIMPERS	*Treble*	W. R. WARNER	5
G. FOSTER	2	M. BENNETT	6
J. BRESSY	3	J. CARRIER	7
G. PEARCE	4	F. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. FOSTER.

This is the first peal rung in the Dominion of Canada. Dominion Day in Canada is July 1st, but as it fell this year on Sunday, the peal was probably rung on Monday, July 2nd.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 15, 1911, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	*Treble*	W. R. JOHN POULSON	5
†CHARLES VARO	2	WILLIAM DENT	6
*THOMAS REED	3	ERNEST BECKWITH	7
ARTHUR SYMONDS	4	DAVID ELLIOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON, and
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells which have recently been re-hung by Messrs. Day & Sons, of Eye, Suffolk, and go excellently. It is 64 years since a peal was rung upon them. Mr. Reed entertained the band to a splendid breakfast after the peal.

HERNHILL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

*CLARENCE SMITH	*Treble*	*SIDNEY FOX	5
*ALFRED BONES	2	EDWARD TRENDELL	6
EDWARD E. FOREMAN	3	HORACE GILBERT	7
CLARENCE HADLOW	4	*ALBERT STACE	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. TRENDELL.

* First peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

BERTRAM PREWETT	*Treble*	*HAROLD W. CLARK	5
REUBEN SANDERS	2	ALBERT W. COLES	6
ARTHUR J. NEALE	3	ROBERT E. STAVERT	7
ALAN R. MACDONALD	4	†JAMES D. MILLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVERT.

† First peal. * First peal of Stedman. Rung as a farewell to Mr. A. R. Macdonald who is leaving for Vancouver.

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On Tuesday, July 18, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

BERNARD CLAYDON	*Treble*	WILLIAM ALLSOPP	5
*ARTHUR ALLSOPP	2	THOMAS BLOORE	6
CHAS. WAITHMAN	3	BERTRAM LEEDHAM	7
GEO. ROBERTS	4	JAS. REYNOLDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS BLOORE.

* First peal at first attempt. This peal was rung in honour of the coming of age of Miss Barnard, daughter of Canon Barnard, the esteemed Rector of the Parish Church, the band, who are all service ringers, wishing her many happy returns of her birthday.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 19, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt., in D.

*EDWIN WELLSTEAD	*Treble*	JOSIAH HARRISS	5
GEORGE E. CHAPPELL	2	ALFRED MEARS	6
WILLIAM G. RYVES	3	ANDREW MEARS	7
GEORGE WILLIAMS	4	*CALEB JOHNSTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. The ringers of 1, 3, 6, 7 and 8 belong to the local band. The peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Dr. Kinneir, of Wickham, and Miss Laura Mary Duncan, of Thornleigh, Curdridge.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt., in E.

JAMES MOTTS	*Treble*	*JOHN O'NEILL	5
REV. WM. C. PEARSON	2	THOMAS KING	6
*FREDERICK C. LAMBERT	3	*WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD	7
FREDERICK R. BORRETT	4	*HERBERT PRATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

* First peal in this method.

BOLSOVER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, July 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt., in G.

ALBERT V. MORE	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MOSS	5
WALTER ROBINSON	2	FRED N. KETTLEBORO	6
CHARLES MASON	3	GEORGE W. BEMROSE	7
JESSE J. MOSS	4	JOHN FLINT	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and
Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung as a farewell peal to G. W. Moss, who is leaving the district for Eccleshall, Staffs.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	...*Treble*	ERNEST GOWER	 5
ALBERT D. STONE	 2	HENRY STALHAM	 6
JAS. W. LIVERMORE, Junr.	3	WM. C. HART	 7
CHAS. PALMER	 4	KEITH HART	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

Arranged for James Livermore, Junr., of Hastings.

CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 22, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN W. KELLEY	... ...*Treble*	*JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	... 5
ERNEST PYE...	 2	BERTRAM PREWETT	... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ...	 3	ROBERT E. STAVERT	... 7
GEORGE R. PYE...	 4	WILLIAM PYE	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Bristol. The band tender their best thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kelley for their kind hospitality after the peal.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

NORMAN R. BAILEY	...*Treble*	JAMES G. RUMSEY	 5
FREDERICK W. BAILEY	... 2	JAMES M. BAILEY	 6
*LEONARD P. BAILEY	... 3	GEORGE HARDY	 7
CHARLES F. BAILEY	... 4	ERNEST S. BAILEY	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal in any method away from the treble.

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*EDWARD ELLIOTT	... ...*Treble*	THOMAS WHITE	 5
*ALFRED WALLACE	 2	WALTER WALLACE	 6
HENRY GREGORY	 3	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE	... 7
HUGH GREGORY	 4	WILLIAM TAYLOR	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

First peal of Major on the bells. * First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL'S,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL	... ...*Treble*	FRANCIS BARKER	 5
EDWARD CROWTHER	 2	FIRTH HOPWOOD	 6
JOHN PALFRAMAN	 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY	 7
EDWIN WHEATER	 4	GEORGE W. STEEL	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE W. STEEL.

UGBOROUGH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt., in D.

REGINALD DOBSON	... ...*Treble*	HAROLD BENNETT	 5
ERNEST W. MARSH	 2	JOSEPH WOODLEY	 6
WALTER H. MARSH	 3	WILLIAM FORD	 7
WILLIAM J. RUNDLE	... 4	FRANCIS PURSE	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

First peal on the bells.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

SUDBURY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 19, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY GEORGE	... ...*Treble*	JOSEPH T. DYKE	 4
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	 2	JOHN HOUGH	 5
JAMES PAGETT	 3	DAVID COTTON	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN HOUGH.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 19, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lbs., in F sharp.

*H. HAINES	... ...*Treble*	T. H. BEAMS	 4
*E. POWELL	 2	W. S. B. NORTHOVER	... 5
W. J. ZEALLEY	 3	*H. WAY	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. H. BEAMS.

* First peal and first attempt. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. M. Broadley, Churchwarden, and a great benefactor to the church. It was completed at 8.1 a.m. Mr. Broadley, despite his 64 years, wished the band success prior to starting.

WARMINGHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three 720's of Oxford and four 720's of Kent, each called differently.

WILLIAM T. HOLDING	...*Treble*	GEORGE H. CRAWLEY	... 4
JAMES HENRY RIDING	... 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING, Junr.	5
*WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT	... 3	RICHARD T. HOLDING, Senr.	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, Senr.

* First peal of Minor and first peal on the bells.

The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector (the Rev. T. M. M. Griffiths, M.A.), for the kind use of his bells, especially as their own bells at Crewe are silent pending the complete restoration with new frame and fittings, re-casting of some of the bells, and the addition of two new trebles to make a peal of ten, for which funds are urgently needed. There is not a peal of ten bells in the South or West of Cheshire.

HARROLD, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HERBERT ROBINSON...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT	... 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW	... 2	HENRY W. GAYTON ...	... 5
PEARL INSKIP	... 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHAS. W. CLARKE.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AND SUPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of College Exercise, two of Cambridge Surprise, one each of Woodbine and Oxford, and two of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. WILES...	...*Treble*	WALTER J. HORTON ...	... 4
EDGAR VALLANCE ...	... 2	THOMAS H. VALLANCE	... 5
GEOFFREY J. STONELEY...	3	E. HARRY STONELEY...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung in honour of St. Margaret's Day. First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all, and on the bells.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

C. CRAPNELL	...*Treble*	H. BURCH	... 4
*W. BARBER	... 2	H. CUTTING	... 5
W. KING	... 3	C. KING	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. KING.

* First peal.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

The little village of Iden was the venue for the meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association on Saturday, but owing to the inaccessibility of the place, the attendance was small, while owing to the absence of the Rev. G. L. Bates (hon. secretary of the local tower), the usual service had to be omitted. Tea was served at the Bell Hotel, and afterwards two new members were elected, and a vote of thanks passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. G. L. Bates for arranging the meeting. During the day, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor rung.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

This week I want to give just a brief explanation of Bob Minor, which is the extension of the method, which I have been dealing with, from five bells to six. If the ringing on five has been thoroughly mastered, there ought not to be any great difficulty in grasping the way in which to ring the method on six. The extra bell will, of course, give an extra lead in the plain course, and add two changes to each lead, but there is very little fresh to be learnt in the way of work. The only thing that is actually changed is the work behind, there being a dodge, instead of one bell lying four blows in 5th's place.

Just as on four and five bells one makes 2nd's place when the treble leads, one dodges in 3-4 up and another in 3-4 down, so on six bells this work is carried on without alteration. A fresh dodging place is constituted in 5-6, the bell that passes the treble in 4-5 dodging in 5-6 down, and the bell that passes the treble in 3-4 dodging in 5-6 up. The order of the work occurs in regular sequence, and can be set out as follows :—

Turn the treble from behind, dodge in 3-4 down.
Pass treble in 4-5, dodge in 5-6 down.
Pass treble in 3-4, dodge in 5-6 up.
Pass treble in 2-3, dodge in 3-4 up.
Pass treble in 1-2, make 2nd's place and lead again.

At a bob, the same three bells are affected as in Doubles, that is to say, the bell that turns the treble from behind, instead of dodging in 3-4 down, runs straight in to lead, immediately after the treble; the bell that passed the treble in 2-3, instead of dodging in 3-4 up, makes 4th's place and returns to lead, immediately after the bell that has "run in"; while the bell that passed the treble in 1-2, instead of making 2nd's place, runs straight out.

There is one point worth noting in regard to these bob making bells, and it is this : The bells that have run either out or in, being still in the same relative position with the treble, will at the next lead, supposing no further bob is called, do the work which they passed over when the call was made; while the bell that "makes the bob," or the 4th's place, will, when next hunting up, pass the treble in 4-5 and dodge in 5-6 down.

The young conductor can get the simplest short touch by calling a bob each time the 6th comes into 5-6 down, which position in Minor is known as "home" or "right." This will produce three courses, or 180 changes.

There may, perhaps, with some young ringers be a difficulty in striking Minor on account of the fact that they have to lead off different bells. They must learn to look for the last bell each time they come to lead, and not to be in too much hurry. Open leads at hand stroke are the only way to get good striking.

R. C. P.—I have not the space at my disposal to give a series of touches of Treble Bob Major in this column. You will find a very useful selection in Troyte's "Change Ringing," varying in length from 576 to 2080.

CONDUCTOR.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ENJOYABLE GATHERING AT SPELDHURST.

On Saturday week, for the fifteenth year in succession, the summer meeting of the Tonbridge district was held at Speldhurst. That the meeting is as popular as ever was

shown by the fact that over sixty members attended. Besides representatives from the towers in the district there were also present Messrs. W. T. Cockerill and A. Hughes (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank), and other ringers from London; Messrs. Groombridge, senr. and junr., Davis, Blackwell, Emery, Wheadon and others from the Lewisham district, and about 18 members from Rochester and Chatham. The visitors were welcomed on arrival by Miss Leny and Mrs. Mackinnon, and, as they could not all ring at once, they were invited to the Rectory, where quoits, rounders, golf, etc., were indulged in, the Rector joining heartily in games of quoits. At five o'clock the members attended a special service in church, arranged by the Rector. The choir boys had very kindly volunteered their attendance, and, therefore, the musical part of the service was well rendered. The Rector gave an impressive and appropriate address. Service over, an adjournment was made to the George and Dragon Inn, where an excellent meat tea was kindly provided by Miss Leny, and served in Host Hutson's well-known style.

At the conclusion of the tea Mr. Hughes proposed, and Mr. Cockerill seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Leny and Mrs. Mackinnon for thus kindly entertaining them again. They recalled the many pleasant gatherings that had been arranged by these ladies, and hoped that they might all meet again in the future.—The motion was supported by Mr. W. Latter (district secretary), and carried unanimously.—Miss Leny, in replying, said that it gave her and her sister the greatest pleasure to meet them all year by year, and hoped they might have more of these pleasant gatherings.

The visitors then went to the tower, where touches in various methods were rung, and the members of the district to the Rectory grounds, for the business meeting. Mr. G. Edwards (of Chiddingstone) was voted to the chair, and five new members were elected. It was decided to attempt the next quarterly peal at Edenbridge on Saturday, August 12th, the method to be Treble Bob, and the conductor Mr. Latter.—The District Secretary proposed votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, and for his excellent address, and to the organist and choir boys for their kind assistance.—This was seconded by Mr. E. May (Shipbourne), and carried, Miss Leny kindly undertaking to convey this expression of thanks to the various parties.

This concluded the meeting, and, after more ringing, a pleasant hour was spent at the George and Dragon Inn in social intercourse, and in listening to some courses of Treble Twelve tapped off on the piano by Mr. T. Groombridge, junr.

The members of the Lewisham district stayed the night, and visited Penshurst, Chiddingstone, and Edenbridge towers on Sunday, ringing for the various services at each of the churches.

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Maidstone district was held at Linton on Saturday last, and, although the attendance was not very large, a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. After ringing a pleasant surprise was in store for the visitors, who were invited to the Institute, where they found a sumptuous tea awaiting them, provided through the generosity of the Vicar, the Rev. F. Leverson Gower. At the meeting which followed Mr. E. Gower was voted to the chair, and the district secretary (Mr. G. Moore) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the splendid reception he had given the ringers, and for the use of the bells and the Institute.—The motion was carried by acclamation.—Four new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the half-yearly meeting at Charing, the second week in October.—After thanks had been accorded to the chairman for presiding, Mr. Gower conducted the party round the beautiful gardens of Linton Park, the residence of Mr. F. S. W. Cornwallis. The visitors then returned to the tower, and brought a happy and successful day to a close with some good touches.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

ROUND ABOUT NORTHAMPTON.

The members of the St. John the Baptist Society, Leytonstone, had a very enjoyable two-days' outing round about Northampton for their annual excursion. They were accompanied by Mr. T. Faulkner, of Barking, and were met on their arrival in the midland town by that well-known ringer, Mr. F. Wilford, who had made all arrangements, and acted as guide during the pleasant visit. The Plough Hotel was made the headquarters, and after breakfast a drive through seven miles of beautiful country brought the party to Earl's Barton, where, in the old Saxon tower, which for centuries has been a landmark, 720 of Lincoln Surprise was rung, and a touch of Grandsire, for the novices, brought round. The drive through the lovely park to Castle Ashby was much appreciated. The church, which stands near the mansion of the Marquis of Northampton, contains a heavy ring of five bells, with the tenor 23 cwt. These went fairly well, but owing to the extraordinary long draught of rope, were difficult to ring with comfort. However, 120 each of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung in fairly good style. While some were ringing, the others were viewing the various items of interest, amongst which was the family vault of the Marquis of Northampton, over which hangs a magnificent Guardian Angel of pure white marble. At Cogenhoe, where there is a light ring of six by Taylor, a 720 of Ipswich Surprise was soon completed, and after a touch of Plain Bob, the party returned to headquarters for dinner. The afternoon drive was in the opposite direction. The first place of call was St. Luke's, Duston, and on the bells, a light ring of six (tenor about 8 cwt.), a capital 720 of Norwich Surprise was rung; then a touch of Grandsire, and the bells were lowered in peal—a somewhat novel experience for London ringers. Making their way to Brington, where at the Parish Church of St. Luke's hang a very melodious ring of six bells (tenor, 18 cwt.), all cast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, the visitors rang a 720 of that musical method, York Surprise, followed by 120 of Grandsire Doubles. Next, tea was served, amidst rural surroundings, the ladies intimately connected with the church having the welcome meal ready in a lovely orchard. Driving through Althorpe Park, and past the mansion of Earl Spencer, the ringers arrived in due course at the church of St. Andrew, Harlestone, where the six bells (tenor, 23 cwt.), are in not too good ringing order. However, the bells were raised, and a good 720 of London Surprise was rung, and a short touch of Grandsire brought round. The last place in the day's programme was Dallington, where three courses of Cambridge Surprise and a touch of Plain Bob concluded the ringing. On Sunday, four churches in Northampton were visited, Stedman Caters, conducted by W. Doran, being rung in the well-appointed tower of St. Giles'. After dinner, at St. Sepulchre's (one of the very few round churches in England), Superlative and Grandsire were rung, the peal of eight being in good going order, although ringing is not facilitated by the clock which stands in the middle of the ringing room. In this ringing, the visitors were joined by Mr. J. Houghton, of Double Norwich fame, who had cycled from Irthlingborough to meet the party. At St. Edmund's, afterwards, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire were brought round, and in the evening, on the grand and melodious bells at All Saints' Church, were rung in the same method. A social hour was afterwards spent at the Plough Hotel, and Mr. Black, in a few well-chosen words, thanked Mr. Wilford, and all the local men who had helped to make the outing such a great success. The best thanks of the visitors are also due to the various clergy who so readily granted permission to the St. John's company to ring on their bells. Among those who took part in the various touches were: W. Doran, W. Theobald, H. Torble, G. Dawson, W. Miller, J. Moule, F. Wilford, G. A. Black, T. Faulkner, J. Houghton, F. Hopper, A. Fiddis, etc.

EXCURSION TO FOWEY.

Fowey, Cornwall, was chosen for the annual outing of Charles' Church, Plymouth, ringers, and on Saturday week, twelve members, with the churchwarden (Mr. M. Alton Bazeley) and the Rev. Ker Smythe, who is doing duty for the Vicar, reached Fowey just after one o'clock. Here they rang a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire

Triples, which greatly pleased the local "stoney" ringers.

Boats were hired, and a nice row up the river brought the party to Lanteglos, but time being short they could only ring 120 each of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and then off to the boats again and back to Fowey, which was reached about 5 p.m. High tea, which was served at the Temperance Hotel, was done full justice to, and afterwards Mr. W. H. Marsh, the leader of the band, thanked the Vicar and wardens for providing such an enjoyable day's outing. At the same time, he expressed regret that the Vicar and Mr. Churchwarden Banks were absent through indisposition.—Mr. Bazeley replied, and thanked the ringers for their services during the year.

On the homeward journey, the excursionists stopped at Par and rang 720 Bob Minor, and several 120's of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. During the 720, one of the local ringers came into the tower very excited, and wanted to help the tenor man, as he thought he could not keep the bell up. This was the first time he had heard the tenor in, and one wonders what his thoughts were. No one asked him. Plymouth was reached about 10.30 p.m., and all agreed that they had a most enjoyable time. A feature of the journey was the way the company were kept amused by the Rev. Ker Smythe, some of his "yarns" being very humorous.

A VISIT TO SUFFOLK TOWERS.

On Saturday, July 15th, the St. James's Society, Bury St Edmunds, had their annual outing, and visited Hitcham, Hadleigh and Lavenham. At the first-named place breakfast was partaken of, and then on the fine peal of six, which are rather in need of the attention of a bell hanger, 720 of Kent and 216 of Bob Minor were rung. At Hadleigh, the next place of call, touches of Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire were brought round. A quarterly meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was also being held at Hadleigh, and the St. James's Society sat down with the other visitors to the capital meat tea that was provided for all visiting ringers. Lavenham was reached in the evening, and Double Norwich and Stedman rung, and light supper served before the return journey was commenced. The ringers spent a most enjoyable day.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, GUILD.

The members of the Southover, Lewes, Guild, had their annual outing on Wednesday week, when, accompanied by several ladies, they visited Buxted and Uckfield. At the former place the ringers visited the picturesque church, which lies hidden in the charming park, and then a pleasant walk through shady groves brought the party to Uckfield, where tea was served at the Bell Hotel, Mr. J. T. Rickman presiding, and Mr. Churchwarden Lusted being in the vice-chair. In the evening, joined by the local men, Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples were rung on the bells of the Parish Church, and subsequently a smoking concert was held at the Bell Hotel. The outing was one of the most enjoyable that the Guild has had.

WALSALL RINGERS AT WARWICK.

The ringers at St. Matthew's Parish Church, Walsall (through the organisation of their conductor, Mr. T. J. Elton), held their first annual outing on Saturday, when they paid a visit to Leamington and Warwick. At St. Mary's, Warwick, they were met by two of the local company, and during the hour's ringing that followed, 615 Stedman Caters and 395 Grandsire Caters were brought round, the two local men assisting in the latter. The tone and "go" of the bells very much pleased the visitors, who wish to thank the tower keeper (Mr. E. H. Adams), through whom they were able to obtain the bells. The party then proceeded to Leamington, but no bells being here available, the ringers spent the remainder of the day in visiting the various places of attraction. A start was made for home at 8.30, after a most enjoyable outing.

A VISIT TO EVESHAM.

The ringers of Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham, had their annual outing on Saturday week, when they visited Evesham. Unfortunately at the last minute two of the band were unable to accompany the party, so that ringing looked somewhat "off." However, Mr. Middleton and a few of the local band assisted the visitors, and the bells were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Grandsire Caters. An excellent tea was provided at the Granville Hotel, at which the Vicar presided, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to accompany his ringers. He hoped they would all enjoy themselves. He was sorry to have to leave them, but he had to take evening service.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. Carrod) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for entertaining the ringers to tea, and to the Vicar of Evesham for the use of the bells.—This was seconded by Mr. Webb, and acknowledged by the Vicar.—A most enjoyable time was spent, and while ringing was in progress the ladies went for a trip on the river.

A TRIP TO BUCKS.

On Monday week the Reigate ringers had their annual outing, when Hughenden and High Wycombe were visited. The Society wish, through "The Ringing World," to thank the Vicars and churchwardens of the churches for the use of the bells, and the ringers of High Wycombe for their attention and kindly welcome; and also to express their appreciation of the excellent catering by the host and hostess of the Swan Hotel. The touches rung during the day included the following: — At Hughenden, 704 Bob Major: H. Reeves 1, H. Ewins 2, G. Croucher 3, G. Walder, 4, W. Smith 5, T. Sparks 6, H. A. Hoad 7, G. F. Hoad (conductor) 8.—At High Wycombe, 395 Grandsire Caters: H. Reeves 1, H. Ewins 2, H. Bennett 3, H. Jordan 4, G. Croucher 5, G. Walder 6, W. Smith 7, T. Sparks 8, G. F. Hoad (conductor) 9, H. A. Hoad 10.—352 Grandsire Cinques: J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 1, A. Holman 2, H. Reeves 3, H. Ewins 4, W. Phipps 5, G. Croucher 6, G. Walder 7, R. Coles 8, W. Smith 9, H. A. Hoad 10, G. F. Hoad 11, G. Gransbury 12.

THE OLDEST BELLS IN ENGLAND.

The Skirbeck, St. Nicholas', Boston, company, had their annual outing on Saturday, July 15th, when, in delightful weather, they drove to Deeping St. Nicholas'. The first stop on the way was Pinchbeck, where at St. Mary's 360 Canterbury Pleasure and 360 Kent Treble Bob were rung. The party next visited Crowland Abbey, where a touch of Plain Bob was rung on the oldest bells in England. The tenor is 11 cwt., and the draft 90 feet. Arrived at Deeping, the visitors partook of tea, and in the evening there was some good ringing, including 720 Plain Bob, 720 Canterbury, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. The ringers were: J. Colman, G. Elsom, B. Smith, H. Palmer, C. W. Newton, H. Palmer, J. Kirk and G. Ladds. Boston Town Bridge was reached again at 11.45 p.m., after a most enjoyable day.

DEVON GUILD AND SIX-BELL PERFORMANCES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reply to "A North Countryman's" letter in your last issue, as a member of the committee, I beg to say the motion he refers to has now been rescinded, and in future all performances on six bells over 5000 changes will be classed as peals, and recorded in a separate peal book to be provided for that purpose. It has never been the intention of the Devon Guild to discourage six-bell peal ringing, but merely to fix a standard for such peals. Hitherto there has been no record of any band in the Guild ringing seven different complete 720's, and it was felt that 42 six-scores of Doubles, with so much repetition, hardly merited the distinction of a peal. Thus, the fixing of a standard was intended rather to raise the level, than to discourage would-be performers. As, however, the attempt to fix a standard at all provoked so much discussion at the committee meeting, and possibility of dissatisfaction, it was deemed wiser to abandon the idea. Any ringer in looking back over the peal book at any future time, would be able to judge for himself as to the merits of the peals recorded.—Yours truly,

T. LAVER.

Exeter.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—By his letter in last week's issue, "A North Countryman" raises a point which is a very interesting and far-reaching one. He speaks first of seven 720's—presumably in one method, for that is the style of thing the Devonshire Guild class as a performance, but finishes his letter with an allusion to seven methods on six bells—a "performance" which I dare say no Guild would be averse to including in its report. I need not point out that between the two sevens there is no comparison. I, for one, consider the Guild Committee have taken a step in the right direction in rejecting any 5040 in one six-bell method, and I hope that all County Associations will do the same. I hope that ringers will give their opinions on this matter, and I trust that ultimately the Central Council will see their way to raise the standard of six-bell ringing by stamping out these so-called peals. I cannot think that the Devonshire Guild will lose either in membership or prestige by their decision.

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OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

The New Secretary of the Oxford Guild.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild have just changed their secretary. The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, who has filled the office so ably for some years, has now taken up the less onerous duties of treasurer, and his secretarial mantle has fallen upon Mr. Albert E. Reeves, of Reading, who has been acting as assistant for some nine years. Mr. Reeves, therefore, comes into the fuller responsibilties after an admirable training, and with an intimate knowledge of the Guild's affairs both in the belfries of the diocese and outside. No more fitting and popular choice could have been made.

Mr. Albert E. Reeves.

Mr. Reeves, who was born on February 7th, 1864, began ringing in 1884, and rang his maiden peal on December 5th, 1885, at Basingstoke, with Messrs. Harry White and Tom Hibbert, who also scored their first on that occasion. In 1891 Mr. Reeves became instructor at St. Giles', Reading, when the six bells were augmented to eight, and he conducted the first peal on the bells on May 7th of that year. He also called the first peal on the bells of Bob Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich, but although his total must now be over 150, of which he has conducted about 40, Mr. Reeves, unfortunately, has not kept account of his peals.

He has done valuable work for the Guild as an instructor. He took the Sonning band in hand when they could ring only a plain course of Grandsire Triples, which they knew by heart. When he left them they had rung a peal of Grandsire and Stedman with their conductor in both methods. In 1903 the band, in recognition of the work Mr. Reeves had done, presented him with a marble clock. He then gave instruction at Henley-on-Thames, where in appreciation of his services he was presented with an aneroid barometer. He has also given instruction at Hurst, Mapledurham, Pangbourne, etc. In 1902 he was elected assistant secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and, as briefly reported last week, he has now been made honorary secretary of this important association. Formerly Mr. Reeves served for twelve years in the Royal Berks Volunteers, leaving with the rank of corporal. He is now a lieutenant in the Church Lads' Brigade, in which he takes great interest.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Owing to great pressure on our space several letters are unavoidably held over until next week.

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Next week we hope to be able to announce the result of our handbell competition. The work of checking the coupons is in hand, and will, we hope, be completed before our next issue.

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The bells of St. Mary's, Pembroke (8) are placed at the disposal of the ringers attending the Territorial Camp, by the kind permission of the Rev. C. H. Phillips, Vicar, who should be communicated with.

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We desire to impress upon correspondents the importance of all communications reaching us not later than Tuesday first post if insertion in the same week's issue is desired. Attention to this particular will frequently save disappointment.

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Records are not easy to make, although everyone with an ounce of enterprise in him (or her) is generally anxious to go one better than anybody else. Notwithstanding the fact that to put up a record nowadays means doing something pretty big, the dimensions of the task seem not only not to daunt aspirants to fame, but the bigger the job the greater stimulant it is to endeavour.

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As with others so it is with ringers. Although we had to wait over 70 years before the long peal of Maximus, rung at Painswick, was beaten—that was perhaps more from lack of opportunity than want of zeal—the handbell record of 13,440 was no sooner set up than there was a talk of playing skittles with it, and, while the Guildford men, at the first shot, missed the target and intend to have another fling for the 14,000, another band, if one may mix the metaphor, are merely straining at the leash to outdo that.

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But what about this other record that is to be attempted on August Bank Holiday? Four Surprise peals in a day by the same band! Three peals in a day are no mean task, but four, and on August Bank Holiday—which we generally expect to be the hottest of the year, and there is more reason than ever to suppose it will be this year—makes one perspire to think of it, and we tender-handed scribes to have visions of a large and well assorted collection of blisters.

Contemplating a task of this kind, recalls an occasion when this writer took part in five peals rung in a space of less than 31 hours. They were not all Surprise peals, it is true, and a brief night's rest was sandwiched into the performance, but the towers were not all adjacent, in fact to do the round a journey by rail and road of some 70 miles was necessary. At all events the four who shared in this bit of hustled peal ringing felt they had done exceedingly well.

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But the undertaking that has been set for August Bank Holiday is to be carried out on the same peal of bells—there would hardly be time to run about the country. One may wonder what the neighbours will say at a five o'clock start and 16 hours' intermittent ringing, but this sort of thing will not be quite a new experience in the selected spot, at any rate for the older inhabitants.

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Not 20 years ago there was a band in this homely village who thought nothing of ringing a peal before breakfast in the morning, and the bells have also run home as late as a few minutes before midnight. The village was always interested in knowing of the success or failure of a peal, and the Vicar had no trouble with grumblers. Will the position be equally as happy on August Bank Holiday, or has the spirit of these villagers changed? Bell ringing and cricket were once the pride of the place, and, may be, still are. For the safety of the stalwart eight after the fourth peal we hope so.

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Mr. G. W. Moss, of the Bolsover band, is leaving that district for Eccleshall, Staffs. A farewell peal was rung at Bolsover on Thursday week, and afterwards Mr. Moss was presented with a handsome walking stick, as a token of the respect and esteem in which he was held by his comrades. One of the best ringers in the company, equally at home in anything from Bob Major to Bristol, his place at Bolsover will be hard to fill.

RINGERS' DAY AT FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE.

A SOUVENIR.

This week we present to our readers an interesting souvenir of the great gathering of ringers at the Festival of Empire last Saturday week. Our picture, in the form of an art supplement, is a reproduction of the photograph taken after tea in the Garden Hall.

In connection with "Ringers' Day" several companies made it the occasion of their annual outing, the band from Bridgend, Glamorgan, travelling 200 miles to attend. Leaving home at midnight on Friday they did not reach Bridgend again until 7 a.m. on Sunday, but were in their places that day to ring for both services.

The Clandon and Woking, Surrey, bands, also made it their outing, as did the company from Stebbing, Essex, and from Ickleton, Cambs. The last-named visited Messrs. Warner and Sons foundry on arriving in London, and, before going on to the Palace, were conducted to Snow Hill, where they rang on the ten at St. Sepulchre's. On their return journey the mail train was especially stopped at Chesterford for them to alight, and they reached home a little after midnight, after a most enjoyable day.

A visitor from Sheffield writes to express pleasure and gratitude at the manner in which the little party from that distant centre were received. "We revived and cemented some very old friendships, as well as made a host of new ones, thanks to the splendid efforts you made to make us feel at home," writes our correspondent. "Mention should be made of Mr. Arthur Jacob," he adds, "who took us under his care (and a nice handful we were). On Sunday he piloted us up to Old Southgate, and with a few jokes and some 'Jacob's oil' we got along very nicely. We had a ring at St. Paul's on Sunday afternoon. As for the hustle of London, we hustled the whole time we were there, and had some 15 seconds to spare when we got on the train for home. We 'did' a good deal of the Palace, but the tattoo was 'the' thing, the playing of the old hymn tune, 'Abide with me,' by the massed bands, being worth the whole journey."

We regret that we are unable to answer individually the many letters of congratulation we have received upon the success of the gathering, but take this opportunity of assuring our many friends that we fully appreciate the kindness of their communications.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED BY THE BISHOP.

A very pleasant gathering of the members of the Winchester district of the Winchester Diocesan Guild took place on Saturday. By the kindness of the Bishop of Southampton, they were invited to his residence, South Hill, Bassett, near Southampton, where they were cordially received by him. Tea was served in a delightfully shady spot in the garden, after which the Bishop spoke some kindly words of welcome, and also expressed his high appreciation of the work done by ringers, and hoped he would have a similar opportunity of meeting them.

A vote of thanks to the Bishop was proposed by the district secretary (Mr. J. W. Elkins), and seconded by the general secretary (the Rev. W. E. Colchester). The district secretary announced that the next quarterly meeting would be held in September, and that he had received an invitation from Mr. Henry White, of Bishopstoke, who was present that afternoon, for the members to have tea with him on that occasion. The Rector of North Stoneham (the Rev. E. Kenworthy Browne) also hoped the committee would arrange a meeting at his parish some time in the summer of next year, when he would be pleased to entertain members of the Guild.

After a most enjoyable stroll in the garden and shady walks of the spacious grounds adjoining, the members journeyed to Southampton, where the bells of St. Michael's had been placed at their disposal. The bells at North Stoneham, as well as those of St. Michael's, had been rung during the afternoon, and some good touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob, were brought round. Nearly sixty members from various towers in the district accepted the Bishop's kind hospitality, but it was a great disappointment to them that their chairman (the Rev. Canon Braithwaite) and Master (the Rev. C. E. Mathews) were unable to be present.

SEVEN 720's IN FOURTEEN METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—After reading Mr. Pye's letter, in your issue of July 21st, I have come to the conclusion that his P.S. would have been better omitted. I have not seen it stated by Mr. James that he was the first to get out 720's of minor in more than one method, nor do I think has Mr. James suggested it in any form. I do think that Mr. James has done a kindness to the ringing world by publishing the 720's for the benefit not only shall I say of myself, but many others in the Exercise. Why did not the Leytonstone band publish their 720's?—M.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Preston branch had been fixed for Leyland Parish Church on Saturday last. Unfortunately, on the arrival of the visitors, the 7th bell was found to be unringable owing to a local firm having tried to repair the wheel. Several of the strong men tried to manage her, but without success. The suggestion being made that the members should go to Whittle-le-Woods, this was agreed to, and one member, having a motor bicycle, went on in advance, taking another ringer as passenger. They obtained the use of the bells, and had them all up by the time the next contingent reached the tower. Some did the 2½ miles on foot in the burning sun, and arrived dusty, but not disheartened. Some good ringing took place on the splendid peal of eight, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob being brought round. At the business meeting, Mr. G. Scholes presided. The Branch Secretary was re-elected, and the various items of business disposed of. A Branch Committee was also formed for the better working of the branch, and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Whittle for so readily granting the use of the bells under the circumstances.

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ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT HIGH WYCOMBE.

The annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, as briefly reported in our last issue, was held at High Wycombe, on Wednesday, July 12th, when representatives were present from High Wycombe, Hughenden, Lane End, Marlow, Reading, Southleigh, Hurst, Wooburn, Twyford (Bucks), Chalfont St. Peter, Stone, Hagbourne, Farnham Royal, Abingdon, Freeland, Wokingham, Slough, Finchhampstead, Lyminge, Kidlington, Chipping Norton, Twyford (Berks), Newport Pagnell, Middleton Stoney, Shiplake, Linslade, Birmingham, Witney, London, and Bicester. The weather was perfect, the rays of the sun being tempered by a refreshing breeze. The day's proceedings commenced with a service at the Parish Church, a stirring sermon being preached by the Ven. Archdeacon of Buckingham (Rev. E. D. Shaw). The singing was led by Mr. G. F. Andrews, A.R.C.O., at the organ. A collection was taken on behalf of the Rev. F. E. Robinson Memorial Fund.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual business meeting followed in the Guildhall. The Master of the Guild (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), of Caversham, occupied the chair, and among those present were the Revs. A. L. Whitfeld (Hughenden), W. U. Wooler (West Wycombe), S. M. Winter (Medmenham), J. L. Challis (Stone), G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne), R. H. Hart-Davis (Caversham), H. C. Wilder (Sulham), E. W. Wilson (Sulham), E. M. Thorp (Bucklebury), J. B. Kirby (Witney, and formerly of Wooburn), E. Broome (Hurst), and Mr. Albert E. Reeves (of Reading), festival secretary. Letters regretting inability to attend were received from the Rev. C. P. S. Clarke (Vicar of Wycombe, who was unable to come, owing to his recent accident), Revs. Canon Drummond, W. C. Carter, R. P. Newhouse, G. A. Littledale, H. G. Johnson, and Mr. W. Newell.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who was described as an absolute worker, was re-elected Master. Rule IV. was altered as follows: "A Master, who shall be a Change Ringer, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and twelve Honorary Members,' etc. In consequence of this alteration, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis was chosen treasurer, and Mr. A. E. Reeves, hon. secretary. Mr. R. Buckland, of Beaconsfield, was chosen to fill a vacancy on the committee, in place of Mr. Bisley (deceased). The Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn, G. F. Coleridge, Messrs. W. Pole Routh and J. Evans (Hughenden) were elected representatives on the Central Council. A lengthy discussion ensued relative to the festival of 1912, it being suggested that it should be held on August Bank Holiday. In the end, Oxford was chosen as the place of meeting, and the date fixed for the second or third Saturday in July.

The committee recommended the following grants: Hurst, £5; Woodeaton, £3. The meeting approved of the recommendations. The Rev. A. East, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Witney and Woodstock Branch, made application for a grant for Southleigh, and a sum of £2 was voted.

There was a diversity of opinion as to the advisability of omitting the word "Churchwarden" in 2 and 8 of the rules for belfries. These rules read as follow: ii. "Any new member shall be chosen by the ringers themselves, subject to the approval of the incumbent and churchwardens." viii. "The bells shall only be rung at such times as are allowed by the incumbent and churchwardens; and stranger ringers wishing for the use of the bells must make special application to the incumbent, or in his absence, to one of the churchwardens." It was suggested that the last clause of the latter should read: "Or, in his absence, to the person whom he shall appoint as his deputy." The suggested alteration was carried by a large majority.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis reported upon the position of the Robinson Memorial, which showed that £187 3s. 8d. had been collected. The expenditure came to £5 10s. 7d. He said that the tender for the memorial was £269, and it was estimated that £300 would be required to complete the scheme. Hope was expressed that the required sum would be speedily forthcoming.—The Rev. J. B. Kirby proposed that the committee be authorised to proceed with a suitable memorial at the end of the year.—Mr. R. Coles seconded the motion, which was adopted.

The Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn, G. F. Coleridge, and R. H. Hart-Davis were chosen as a sub-committee, with power to add to their number, to arrange a form of service for use at Guild meetings and at dedication and opening ceremonies.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis proposed "That in the opinion of this meeting the 'Ringing World' should receive the same facilities from the Central Council as are accorded the 'Bell News.'"—The resolution was carried unanimously.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge submitted an interesting report of the Central Council meeting at Leicester, and he was thanked for his account.

The Master reported, under the head of "Confirmation of New Members," that 65 change ringers and 35 probationers had been added.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

THE LUNCHEON.

The members adjourned to the Swan Hotel, Paul's Row, where the annual luncheon took place. The Rev. C. P. S. Clarke was to have presided, but in his absence the chair was taken by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. A capital repast was provided by Mr. and Mrs. T. Phillips, who were congratulated and thanked by the members.

After the removal of the cloth, the Chairman submitted "The health of the King," and remarked that he hoped, before long, they would get his Majesty's permission to ring in the Curfew Tower at Windsor.

The Chairman afterwards proposed "The Preacher" (Rev. E. D. Shaw). He said they always knew the Archdeacon as a hard-working, never-tiring man. They rejoiced to see him in the apron and gaiters, and they rejoiced still more to see him in the pulpit that day, delivering manly words (applause). The organist (Mr. G. F. Andrews) and the church officials were also thanked.

The Chairman here observed that as Mr. Andrews had to leave the gathering, they had no one to respond for the Archdeacon, who had another engagement. He might say that that was the first festival they had had without a choir at the church service. He must, therefore, congratulate the men on the hearty manner in which they sang the hymns used at church that morning (applause).

The Rev. E. Broome proposed "The Oxford Diocesan Guild," and referred to the usefulness of the organisation, and expressed the hope that its influence might be considerably extended.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, in response, said that at the present time there were about 1,700 members in the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He considered that one of the main reasons for the progress of the Guild was the unity and good fellowship that prevailed. Going about as he did, he was delighted to see the good work that was being accomplished. In the Oxford Diocese, they had 149 Towers, and during the past year he had given advice concerning several towers, and had rung in 58. Since he had been in the Guild he had appeared in 87 towers (applause).

Mr. Paice proposed the healths of the treasurer (Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis) and the newly-appointed secretary (Mr. A. E. Reeves), and eulogised the splendid work they had accomplished on behalf of the Guild.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, in response, said that, financially, they were in a good position. He thought the time had really come when they should get a little fresh blood, and now that they had Mr. Reeves, who was an indefatigable worker, he hoped that some new blood would be introduced (applause).

Mr. Reeves, who also responded, said that had it not been for the nine years' tuition which he received from Mr. Hart-Davis, he did not think it would have been possible for him to aspire to the honourable position of secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers (applause).

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis gave "The Chairman," who, in reply, said that he had been a member of the Guild for thirty years.

The luncheon proceedings having ended, the members visited the following towers and rang touches in various methods:—Beaconsfield (8 bells), Hughenden (8), Marlow (8), Wooburn Green (8), West Wycombe (6), and High Wycombe (12).

From every standpoint the festival was a great success, thanks in a great measure to the splendid arrangements made by Mr. Reeves and the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis.

ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.

On Saturday, July 15th, the St. Martin's Society, Leicester, with a few other ringing friends, held their annual outing, the place chosen being Nuneaton. On arrival they were met by Messrs. Argyle and Chapman, of Nuneaton, and Mr. Aldham, of Barwell, who conducted the party to Chilvers Coton for a pull on the Shepperton bells, a nice peal of eight, with tenor 13½ cwts. Touches of Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire were brought round. After tea a move was made to the Parish Church, Nuneaton, where touches of Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Stedman were brought round. Here, too, the Nuneaton men tried to outnumber the visitors, swelling the total to somewhere round 30, and making an ideal number for the smoking concert which followed at headquarters. With Mr. John Buttery in the chair, and Mr. Harry Argyle in the vice-chair, a most enjoyable evening was spent, the following singers contributing to the programme: Messrs. J. S. Needham, J. Morris, A. R. Aldham, I. Johnson, G. Pilmore, A. Martin and J. W. Chapman. The following courses were rung in hand: Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Grandsire Caters, Royal and Cinques, in which Mr. Argyle, junr., aged 15, proved himself to be following in his father's footsteps. The above touches were rung on the cups, a nice toned peal, the owner, a local veteran, popularly known as "Old Jack," informing the visitors that four or five of them were about 250 years old. Several of the party had the pleasure of seeing a clock arrangement constructed by him with great ingenuity, which plays various tunes and strikes the Westminster chimes. The thanks of the party are accorded to Mr. Argyle for getting permission for the use of the bells, and making all the necessary arrangements, which went a great way towards making the outing such an enjoyable one, and to Mr. Chapman and the Nuneaton friends, who gave the visitors such a hearty welcome.

THE HALIFAX AND DISTRICT EIGHT BELL CONTEST.

We give on this page the photograph of the Earlsheaton St. Peter's Society, who, as recorded last week, won the annual eight bell contest organised by the Halifax and District Association, and held at Low Moor. Six teams entered the contest, and each had to ring 672 Treble Bob. Earlsheaton won the cup with 225 faults, the next best being Halifax with 363.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD MEETING.

WARM TIMES AT ERDINGTON.

A very successful meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Erdington, on Saturday last, in glorious weather. I say glorious, writes our correspondent, but, perhaps, it was a little too hot to be so described—one of those hot, stuffy days, when overmuch ringing is not to be thought of, and even a short touch produces an irritating feeling of dryness inside the neck, and an equally irritating dampness outside, in the region of the collar. The two belfries of Erdington are not particularly airy places, and when they contain more men than are actually necessary to the ringing —well, the best place is certainly outside. I have in my mind's eye the picture of one very portly member of this ancient Guild standing at the bottom of the almost perpendicular steps leading to the Parish Church belfry, filling the doorway as a picture fills the frame, and asking in plaintive voice whether they could not oblige him by bringing the belfry down to him, as it would not be much more trouble than for him to climb to the belfry. However, he had perforce to mount, nobody would carry him, and he did it, exclaiming as he reached the floor something about "—— speed the plough."

At 5 o'clock the Guild's form of service was taken in the church, and a very helpful address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. F. Swindell. Our ringing parson, the Rev. E. V. Cox was spotted by the Vicar taking his seat in the church like any ordinary man, and he was promptly hauled out and made to don the surplice and take his place in the chancel.

Tea was partaken of at the Acorn Hotel at six o'clock, followed by the business meeting, Mr. Godden being in the chair. Two new members were elected, and Harborne was decided upon as the place for the next meeting, to be held in October. An exceedingly interesting discussion took place in regard to the Guild's rule 4, and notice was given that at the next meeting a proposal would be made that the same be altered and brought up-to-date. (I do not quote the rule here, as it is only interesting to members.)

The bells of the Parish Church and the Abbey of SS. Thomas and Edmund were kept going during the afternoon and evening in Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge. The members desire to thank the Vicar for the use of his bells, for taking the service, and for his address. Also the ringers for their hearty welcome, and for having everything in readiness, and Mr. B. W. Witchell for placing the Abbey bells at their disposal. On dispersing after a very enjoyable outing, it so happened that six of us got on a car bound for home, and five had to change at a certain place, leaving one to continue the journey alone. I feel almost inclined to offer £50 to the ringer who can't guess his name—he was bound for Rugby.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Only a small number of members of the Ely Archdeaconry attended the district meeting at Over, but a pleasant time was spent.—The Vicar (the Rev. T. E. Beckett) kindly provided tea for all the visitors, the meal being very much enjoyed under the shady trees on the Vicarage lawn. Afterwards the Vicar presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. R. L. Twells (general secretary) and Miss Twells, Mr. P. Webb (district secretary), Mr. E. M. Atkins (Cambridge University Guild), and Messrs. J. Taylor, W. Kempton, F. Kempton (Cambridge), B. D. Buttress, H. Halls (Fulbourn), L. G. Mallion, E. G. Hibbins (Fenditton), and the local men. The place of the next meeting was discussed, and Newmarket suggested, but as it is not in the dis-

strict, the other districts have to be consulted before a meeting can be arranged there.—Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding; and, last but not least, for his kindness in providing tea.—The Vicar, in reply, said he was very pleased to welcome the Association to Over, and he hoped the next time they had a meeting more members would come.—During the afternoon and evening touches in various methods were rung on the six bells, the tenor being just under 16 cwt.

PRESENTATION AT WEST HARTLEPOOL.

MR. T. METCALFE'S SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGED.

An interesting gathering of ringers, representing the Durham and Newcastle, and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Associations, was held at St. Oswald's Church, West Hartlepool, on Saturday week, when, in recognition of his services, as instructor to the St. Oswald's ringers, given ungrudgingly over a long period, Mr. T. Metcalfe, of Middlesbrough, was presented with a handsome marble clock and bronzes. During the afternoon ringing was indulged in, and the company then adjourned to the Vicarage garden, where an excellent tea was partaken of, the Misses Stephenson, Mrs. Wornum, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Pickersgill presiding at the tables.—Mr. R. Stevenson welcomed the visitors on behalf of the St. Oswald's ringers, and, commenting upon the object of the gathering, spoke in high terms of the services of Mr. Metcalfe, and voiced the esteem in which that gentleman was held by his former pupils.

Mr. Wright, the captain of St. Oswald's ringers, also spoke, remarking on the rapid progress made under the tuition of Mr. Metcalfe, and then called upon the Vicar (the Rev. H. Robinson) to make the presentation. The Vicar referred in very appreciative terms to the work done by Mr. Metcalfe, and on behalf of the ringers and many other friends who had willingly subscribed, he asked Mr. Metcalfe to accept the clock and bronzes, which bore a suitable inscription.

Mr. Metcalfe very feelingly responded. It afforded him, he said, very great pleasure to receive such a handsome gift from his ringing friends. He expressed his deep appreciation of their kindness, and also of the generosity of the other friends who had contributed.

Mr. Neal, secretary of the St. Oswald's ringers, moved a vote of thanks to the visitors who had assisted in making the day such a success.—Mr. Todd (secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association) responded, and Mr. Burnett then proposed the health of the visitors and success to the two Associations, Mr. Potter, ex-president of the Durham and Newcastle Association, replying. Mr. H. T. James voiced the gratitude of the company to the ladies who had presided so ably over the arrangements for the tea, and the Vicar acknowledged the compliment. In turn Mr. Robinson was also thanked for the use of the Vicarage garden for the occasion. — Subsequently the ringers visited Stranton, and in the ancient tower the bells were rung to many excellent touches.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Association was held on Saturday last at the ancient city of Caerleon of Roman and King Arthur fame. There were present representatives from nearly the whole of the Monmouthshire towers affiliated to the Association, and also representatives from Glamorganshire. The use of the bells having been sanctioned by the Vicar, were raised soon after three o'clock, everything having been got in readiness by the steeple keeper, Mr. Evan Davies, to whose efforts, it may be mentioned, the present ring of eight bells were brought about. Thirty years ago, when Mr. Davies came to Caerleon, the then existing five bells were in a most dilapidated state, but he got to work immediately, and soon were hung a new ring of six, to be followed later with two trebles completing the octave.

Touches in various methods were rung, and afterwards the meeting was held in the schoolroom.

In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the first Master of the Association, Mr. Davies, was invited to the chair, and he welcomed the Association to Caerleon, and explained the absence of the Vicar.—The Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. W. Jones, next read his report of the meeting of the Central Council at Leicester, for which a vote of thanks was accorded him. Following this, instructors' reports were presented, good progress being reported at Caerphilly and Llanbradach, and, in the absence of the instructor to the Radyr tower, mention was made that good work was being done there. It is also interesting to know that through the persistent efforts of the Association, the authorities at Radyr have seen their way to have the ropes lowered to the proper ringing chamber, instead of the ringing having to be done on the floor immediately under the bells. The tower is now an ideal place for peal ringing.

Whilst the meeting was in progress, a contingent from Chepstow, including the Rev. F. G. Fairhurst, arrived on cycles.—New members were elected, including the whole of the newly-formed band at Llanbradach.—The next quarterly meeting is fixed to take place at Aberdare. — A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding brought the meeting to a close.

An invitation to all to tea, which had been provided in the adjoining room, was then given, and at the conclusion, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, and special mention was made of Mr. and Mrs. Evans Davies, to whom all present were greatly indebted for their kindness in providing such an excellent tea. The bells were afterwards brought into use again, and several members visited King Arthur's round table field, and saw the excavations which brought to light the old walls of the amphitheatre. The weather was delightfully fine, and the meeting was a very pleasant and enjoyable one. A service, conducted by the Vicar of the parish, took place at 6.30, and was well attended.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LAST SATURDAY'S MEETINGS.

A meeting of the north and east district of the Middlesex Association was held at All Hallow's, Tottenham, on Saturday last, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. Denton Jones). Ringing commenced with a touch of Grandsire Triples, followed by Stedman and Superlative. A sumptuous tea was served in the Parish Hall, followed by the business meeting. Afterwards touches on handbells, kindly provided by the members from St. Ann's, South Tottenham, were rung, and the ringers then adjourned to the tower, where ringing was kept up until nearly nine o'clock, with some capital touches of Double Norwich, Bob Major, and London Surprise, and 252 Stedman Triples, conducted by Miss E. K. Parker. A party of ringers also visited St. Ann's after tea, and kept the bells going to Doubles and Minor until late in the evening. A 720 Bob Minor was attempted, but came to grief when very near the end.—Thanks are due to the Rector of All Hallow's, and to the Vicar of St. Ann's (the Rev. H. de G. Rayner), for so kindly granting the use of the bells, and to the steeple keepers for having everything in readiness. The meeting was a most satisfactory one, and, in spite of the intense heat, the ringers thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

The usual monthly meeting of the south and west district was held at Norwood Green, on Saturday last, in gloriously fine weather, about twenty members being present from Hillingdon East, Old Windsor, Sunbury, Feltham, Isleworth, Heston, Eccleston Chester, Bermondsey, Norwood Green, Acton, Wandsworth and Ealing. The bells, a musical ring of six, were kept going in Doubles and various Minor methods in the afternoon. The Rector (the Rev. H. E. St. John Macdonald) kindly provided tea for the visitors on the lawn where, afterwards, the business meeting was held. The Rector, himself an hon. member of the Association, was voted to the chair, being supported by the District Master (Mr. T. Beadle) and the hon. secretary (Mr. H. C. Chandler).

The Chairman cordially welcomed the members, assuring them of the great pleasure it gave him that the Association should hold a meeting at his church, and inviting them to make the meeting an annual one.—Mr. T. Beadle suitably responded, thanking the chairman for his hospitality, and for the use of the bells. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Sunbury at the end of August.

Mr. Alan R. Macdonald, who is leaving England, was elected a life member of the Association, and it was the unanimous feeling of the meeting that the secretary write him, thanking him for the good work he had done for the Association in the past, and also wishing him health and prosperity in the future.—The meeting over, the tower was again visited, and some good touches were brought round, some of the members afterwards visiting Heston, where they indulged in touches of Stedman and Major methods.

SOUVENIRS FROM OLD BELLS.

In connection with the re-opening of the bells at Burnham-on-Crouch, reported in our last issue, it may be added that the original idea was to have the old five bells rehung, to commemorate the Coronation of the King and Queen. The advice of Messrs. John Warner and Sons was sought, and it was found that the tone and the condition of the bells were so bad that it was decided to instal a new ring of six, with a tenor weighing 10¼ cwt., in A flat. In order to help raise the necessary funds to carry out this work souvenirs in the form of medallions, miniature bells and tobacco jars were made out of the metal of the old bells. The new bells are fitted with iron headstocks and fittings of the most modern description, and are hung in an iron and steel frame. On Friday, July 14th, the Vicar held a short service, and the bells were rung for the first time, and were listened to with interest by the inhabitants, who were loud in their praise of the perfect tone of the new peal. Ringing was kept up until a late hour, the following taking part: J. Walsock, T. C. Ringrose (London), F. E. Ringrose (London), W. Radclyffe (London), W. Sains, J. Searle, Robt. Warner (London).

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

THE BISHOP AND BELL RINGING.

Wells, with its celebrated peal of ten bells, was the venue of the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association this year, a large and representative gathering being present. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese presided at the luncheon, and after proposing the toast of "The King," congratulated the Association on the great increase in its members, who now numbered 1,300 (applause). They were not all of one sex, because they had the honour of having in their ranks the first lady to conduct a peal in the diocese. He was quite sure that the influence ladies brought to bear on their association would in many ways be useful to them. He did not think there was a single church in the diocese at which he had not heard the bells (applause) Their ringing stood at a high level (applause), but what he was still more pleased to say was that the characters of their ringers, as a whole, stood equally high. Those characters had been much influenced by the principles laid down in the rules of the association. After alluding to the duty of teaching and training the younger ringers, his Lordship said the church bell ringers must never forget they had to live as Churchmen should; they must not forget that their Art was carried on in the most sacred building, and that their lives should correspond with the office they had to fulfil. In their diocese they had splendid bells, and there were certainly no bell towers like those in Somerset. If the bells were worthy of their towers, and the ringers worthy of the bells, and both worthy of the Church, then they had got a particularly high standard to live for. If the Bell Ringing Association was to progress satisfactorily in that diocese it must be through the members being animated by a principle that was well inculcated by the Master of Association (applause). He felt that in the Rev. C. C. Parker they had made a choice of one who thoroughly understood his business and the technicalities of his Art, and he hoped he would long remain as Master of the Association (applause).

Dr. Kennion having to leave at this point, the Rev. Preb. Beresford took the chair.

Mr. Dobell proposed the toast of "The Church," to which the Rev. Preb. Beresford responded. He said the clergy looked on the ringers of that and other associations as integral parts of the great body to which they belonged, and their services came into operation, and were valuable on different occasions.

The Rev. C. H. Stewart proposed the toast of "All other Associations," and said the Bath ringers were the target of the Association. They had been fighting a battle which they meant to win (applause). Bath had been rising against the bell ringing, but they intended that the bells should ring, except when there was a case of sickness in the neighbourhood of the churches. So long as people lay in their beds, and grumbled to their physician, and not to the ringers, they did not take the complaints into account, but simply did their duty (laughter and applause). He hoped all bell ringing associations would flourish, because by banding together in an association they came to realise the brotherhood of the Church.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

At the business meeting which followed, the Master presented his report, in which he welcomed the Bishop as President, and expressed appreciation of his lordship's sympathy and good wishes. After referring to the changes among the vice-presidents, and remarking upon the debt which they owed to the Dean and Chapter for the loan of the bells that day, the report added that at one of the quarterly meetings a handsome clock, subscribed for by the ringers of the Association, was presented to Miss Gillingham, the first lady to conduct a peal in the diocese. Another lady in the same band—Miss Juke—the daughter of the Rector of Portishead, had also accomplished a similar feat this year, and they tendered to her their heartiest congratulations. The affairs of the Association were exceedingly prosperous, and they had increased their membership during the last year by about 100 ringing and 20 honorary members. Their total membership was now about 1,300. The finances were also in a satisfactory state, and they had slightly increased their balance. All this prosperity was in no small degree due to the energy and ability of their secretary, who devoted himself with such painstaking care to the affairs of the Association. The peals this year reached a higher total than they had ever done before in the history of the Association, being 40 in number. He hoped they would not consider it invidious of him to select Bath for congratulation, but the Bath ringers had had special difficulties to contend with at the hands of the municipal authorities, so that six peals completed were a triumph.—Mr. Burgess read the treasurer's statement, which showed that the year began with a balance in hand of £62 17s. 6½d., and closed with a credit balance of £74 4s. 11d.—On the motion of Mr. Prescott (Bath), seconded by Mr. Coles (Bridgwater), it was agreed to grant an honorarium of £10 to the secretary, and Mr. Burgess briefly returned thanks.

The Vice-Presidents were re-elected, with the addition of the Suffragan Bishop of Taunton and the Dean of Wells.—The re-election of the Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker) was carried by acclamation, and the secretary and treasurer, and the auditor were also re-elected. The Master, and Messrs. Mattick, Coles and Burgess, were appointed representatives on the Central Council, and 40 new members were elected, while Congresbury was selected as the place for the next quarterly meeting.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the following, on the proposition of the Master:—The Dean and Chapter of Wells, the Rev. Preb. Beresford, Preb. Walker (Dinder), Preb. Barnwell (Glastonbury), the Rev. Gordon Cumming (Street), and Mrs. A. F. Somerville.

SERVICE IN THE CATHEDRAL.

The members afterwards attended Divine service in the choir of the Cathedral, the lessons being read by the Rev. Canon Church, and the Rev. J. W. Plaxton intoning the service. The choir nicely rendered the anthem, "I waited for the Lord" (Mendelssohn).

The Lord Bishop, from his throne, gave an address, taking as his text Psalm xlii., 4. In the course of his remarks he said he was in South Australia when the first peal of bells was dedicated to the service of God, and he was not likely to forget the tears that he saw on the faces of many people who, since they had left England, had never heard a peal of church bells. It brought back to them so many memories. They must have thought, as the Psalmist did when he poured out his heart whilst in exile, and recalled how in the old land he had gone with the multitude and brought them unto the House of God. They in ringing the bells of their churches had done much to help people to go to the House of God. It was for them to avail themselves of the privilege of joining in the worship of God to which they had helped in summoning others. The chief object of the Association was to inculcate a greater reverence for God's House and worship.

Touches of Stedman Caters were afterwards rung on the Cathedral bells, and various touches in other methods on the bells at St. Cuthbert's Church, Glastonbury, Street, Dinder, and Shepton Mallet. A number of ringers took advantage of the kind invitation of Mrs. A. F. Somerville to tea at Dinder House.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. C. Wade 1, W. J. Rice 2, A. Speller 3, W. Newman 4, H. R. Dawson 5, A. Whight 6, H. F. Cooper (conductor) 7, R. H. Rolfe 8.

NOTICES.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will take place at Northwich on Saturday, July 29th. Service at 3.45. Preacher, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, of Caversham. Other particulars by circular.—A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—It is proposed to arrange a whole day's outing for Saturday, August 19th, starting by conveyance from Stourbridge, and to visit Oldswinford (8), Hagley (8), Clent (8), Kinver (6), Enville (8), Kingswinford (6), Wardsley (6) and Wollaston (6). Will those ringers who wish to join send their names to me at once, so that the necessary arrangements may be made?—Rev. E. V. Cox, Honorary Secretary, 6, Upper Forster Street, Walsall.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held in St. May's Hall, Warwick, on Saturday, July 29th, 1911. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Unveiling at 4.20 p.m. (prompt) by the Lord Bishop of Worcester of the peal board of the first clerical peal of Stedman Caters. Evensong at St. Mary's Church at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Worcester, followed by tea and the annual meeting.—Arthur L. Colman, Honorary Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Killamarsh on Saturday, August 5th. Church of St. Giles. Six bells (tenor 12½ cwt.). Available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

NOTICES (continued).

CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT OF MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Ashover on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. It is hoped that all ringers will take this opportunity of visiting Ashover, an ideal place for summer meeting.—W. H. Peabody, District Secretary, 30, Alexander Road, Chesterfield.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Reigate on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (ten) at 2.30. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.45 at a charge of 6d. to members. The Vicar will preside. For special reasons it is particularly desired that members should turn up in good numbers.—Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Portsmouth District).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portsea on Bank Holiday, August 7th. Bells available from 2.30; short service 5.30; tea at Institute 6 o'clock; meeting after. Members who will require tea kindly inform me by August 2nd.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth, to-morrow (Saturday), July 29th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at the London Apprentice at 5.30.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary, 3, Margaret Terrace, Harts Lane, New Cross, S.E.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Little Comberton, on Saturday, August 12th. Service, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. W. D. Lowndes) at 5.30 p.m. By the kind invitation of the Vicar tea and business meeting will take place at the Rectory after service. Will all those intending to be present at tea please notify me not later than August 7th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m.—James Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting will take place at Ecclesfield on Saturday, August 5th. Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Sidney F. Palmer, Honorary Secretary, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Bank Holiday, August 7th. Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m.; address by the Very Rev. the Dean. Cathedral (5), St. John's (8) and St. Mary's (6) bells available during the day. Meat tea 9d. each, Fitzwilliam Cafe, 4.30, to those who let the secretary know early.—J. Jutson, Secretary pro. tem., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley (by request) on Saturday, August 5th. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting at 7. A walk through the private drives has been arranged.—W. H. Shuker.

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SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING.

One of the gratifying results of the work of the associations throughout the country is recognised to be the growing appreciation of ringers as church workers. We have this emphasised by preachers at nearly every ringers' service, and by clerical speakers at our meetings and social functions. The ringers are part of a church's organisation, but many, we feel, will agree with the remarks of "Church Worker," in a letter which we publish in another column, that a good deal further might be done to foster the spirit that bell ringing is church work. While there can be no doubt that ringers as a whole more fully realise the true position of their calling, one cannot deny that in many belfries there is room for improvement.

In numerous instances, undoubtedly, the indifference of ringers can be traced to the lack of interest displayed in them and the absence of encouragement given to them by the church authorities. But primarily the ringers' duty is the calling of the public to worship, and while we do not entirely agree with our correspondent that much good could be done by the publication by the Central Council of particulars of the service ringing at the churches of the country, we feel that ringers should make it a point of honour to see that the service ringing is regularly and punctually carried out. If they appreciated the duty thus fulfilled they would also, we feel certain, see that their places in the church were not so frequently empty. A good deal rests with the parish clergyman. He has absolute control of the bells, and if the ringing company at his church were selected with tact and encouraged with sympathy a still greater improvement would manifest itself.

The question of putting peal ringing before service ringing, as suggested by "Church Worker," by many who have gained proficiency in the Art, is an imputation which can by no means generally be accepted. There are exceptions to every rule, but it will be found that those whose keenness leads them to excel in change ringing are so keen that they neglect no opportunity of joining in ringing, and are usually the most regular in the tower for service ringing. It is those with the least enthusiasm who are usually slackest in their attendance on Sundays. At the same time there is a good deal of food for thought in our correspondent's letter, and his suggestion that ringers should become members of the C.E.M.S. is one which has already had good results in many centres. Properly directed, ringers of England are a body who should form an invaluable source of strength to the Church. The clergy, we think, have the matter largely in their own hands, and it is one of the signs of the times that the belfry is not now the neglected church adjunct that it once was.

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On Thursday, July 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb., in A flat.

JAMES MOTTS	*Treble*	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	2	STANLEY W. HULL	6
JAMES BETTS	3	ERNEST F. POPPY	7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	4	WILLIAM J. NEVARD	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST OLIVER	*Treble*	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, Senr.	5
*R. ALLAN HICKTON	2	J. CHARLES DICKEN	6
ALBERT COPPOCK	3	PERCIVAL PRICE	7
JOSEPH BAILEY	4	NEVILLE WIDDOWSON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

* First peal.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt., in E.

GEORGE R. PYE	*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	5
WILLIAM MILLER	2	HARRY F. DAWKINS	6
GEORGE H. JAYE	3	ROBERT E. STAVERT	7
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MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14¼ cwt., in F.

FREDERICK HODGKIN	*Treble*	ARTHUR C. KAY	5
DAVID HODGKIN	2	PHILLIP HODGKIN	6
FRANCIS S. WILSON	3	CHARLES H. SONE	7
CHARLES W. PLAYER	4	*WILLIAM ROBBINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. SONE.

* First peal. This peal was arranged for Messrs. Kay, Player and Wilson, the last named being on a short visit to Kent. It was also rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Allan L. Jones and Miss Sarah B. Matthews.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 29, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	5
HENRY W. WILKES	2	GEORGE WILLIAMS	6
LIONEL H. PAGE	3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	7
LEONARD HARRIS	4	OWEN GILES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 31, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

*BERNARD CLARK	*Treble*	MAURICE SMITHER	5
HENRY HUTTON	2	JAMES HUNT	6
*J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	3	FRANK BLONDELL	7
CHARLES WILLSHIRE	4	ALFRED H. PULLING	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Bristol. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Willshire, Junr. This peal and the handbell peal of Stedman Caters were arranged for Mr. J. A. Trollope.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six Scores. Tenor 9½ cwt.

F. MARSHALL	*Treble*	H. GILES	4
D. MORGAN	2	A. H. COSSAM	5
W. J. STANAWAY	3	H. PACEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. MARSHALL.

Rung in honour of the Coronation of their Most Gracious Majesties King George V and Queen Mary. First peal by the local band.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN W. UNWIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM SPICE, Junr.	4
GEORGE H. SPICE	2	WILLIAM SPICE, Senr.	5
THOMAS JULL	3	ALBERT J. DAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

* First peal.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt., in F.

JIM BEACH	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ...	4
ANDREW MARSHALL	2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ...	5
FRANCIS S. WILSON	3	EDWIN LAMBERT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

This peal was arranged for F. S. Wilson, of Ludlow, who was elected a life member of the Association previous to starting. It was his first peal of Minor. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. J. Bailey for having everything in readiness for ringing.

BRAMPTON ASH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Grandsire and Oxford Bob and three 720's Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

FREDERICK C. WOOLLEY ...	*Treble*	PERCY J. LENTON	4
MATTHIAS HOBBS	2	GEORGE HOLLAND	5
ALBERT E. WYKES	3	HORACE W. SHARMAN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. W. SHARMAN.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT 21, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5053 CHANGES;

JAMES HUNT	1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	MAURICE SMITHER	7—8

*J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... ... 9—10

Composed by J. CARTER, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire, S. RADFORD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters in hand.

MEETING AT BARLOW MOOR.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society held their quarterly meeting on Saturday, at Christ Church, Barlow Moor. The meeting was well attended, ringers being present from Worsley, Pendleton, Didsbury, Hyde and Manchester, and the bells were kept going from 5 o'clock to 6.30 p.m. with touches of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples, after which the members adjourned to the Oak Hotel, where a very pleasant evening was spent. At the close, a vote of thanks was given to Mr. Davies, conductor of the tower, for his kind reception, and for having the bells ready; also to the Church authorities for granting the use of the bells for the occasion.

HANDSWORTH RINGERS AT PENKRIDGE.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Handsworth, had their annual outing on July 15th, when they visited Penkridge. In the afternoon a quarter-peal was attempted on the beautiful ring of eight, but unfortunately came to grief. Afterwards the bells were "dropped" in good style, and "ham and egg" tea was partaken of at the White Hart Hotel, ample justice being done to Host Bird's catering. After a stroll through the village and its charming surroundings, the party returned to the White Hart where, with Mr. Faux in the chair, a musical evening was enjoyed. The handbells were brought into use, "The Harvest Home," "Blue Bells of Scotland," etc., being admirably rendered by Messrs. C. Starkey, E. Starkey and E. Wood. Songs were rendered by Messrs. E. Starkey, T. Verry, W. G. Ellis, R. Faux, F. Ward, S. Danby and C. Starkey, and Mr. Webb, of Penkridge.

At the close of an enjoyable evening, the Chairman thanked the host for the way in which he had looked after the wants of the party.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

Once the young band begins to ring Bob Minor, the rules for which I gave last week, they will be fired with enthusiasm to score their first 720, which is the extent of the changes on six bells, and the young conductor will find increased scope for his ability. But before the 720 can be rung there is just one other thing to learn. Plain leads, and bobs alone will not produce the 720 changes. There is another call which has to be made, known as a "single." The effect which it has upon the working of the bells can easily be learnt. The two bells dodging in 5-6 up and down are unaffected—they do precisely the work that would be done if no call were made. The difference comes among the bells in front. The bell that passed the treble in 1-2 (and would run straight out if a bob were called) makes 2nd's place exactly as if there were no call at all. The bell that passes the treble in 2-3 makes 4th's place and returns to lead, as it would do in the case of a bob. The only bell that really finds fresh work at a single is the one that turned the treble from behind and would have dodged in 3-4 down, had there been no call, or would have "run in" and led after the treble, had a bob been called. This bell, at a single, makes 3rd's place, by lying a whole pull over the bell making 2nd's, and then returns behind, to come down to lead next time before the treble and make 2nd's place. Let me illustrate in figures how the single is made, and compare them with a plain and a bob lead:—

Plain Lead.	Bob Lead.	Single Lead.
536241	536241	536241
352614	352614	352614
325164	325164	325164
231546	231546	231546
213456	213456	213456
124365	124365	124365
123456	142356	124356
214365	413265	213465
241635	431625	231645
426153	346152	326154
462513	364512	362514
645231	635421	635241

Next week I shall have something to say on calling Bob Minor.

"Countryman."—You are to be commended upon your effort. You will find it more interesting to call from an inside bell, and when you can do it efficiently you will find it easier to keep others right, and to keep the bells going in a peal. For instance, if you are ringing a working bell you have one less to look after, because you well know the positions of the fixed bells, and your task of watching the others is rendered easier from the fact that you are ringing one of them.

In answer to your second question I have found that one excellent check upon finding the correct leads at which to call bobs in Double Norwich, if one is not ringing an observation bell, is to watch the bells doing treble bob work. The 6th's place bell is the treble bob bell down before the bob at 1; the 7th before the bob at 4, and the tenor before the bob at 6th, while the 5th's place bell, is, of course, the treble bob bell *up* before a bob at 5. If you grasp this and are ever in doubt as to which lead of the course you may be in, it will at once put you right.

CONDUCTOR.

DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

PITFALLS IN COMPOSITION.

A few remarks on the composition and proof of this method may not be out of place, in view of the recent publication of a peal which has turned out to be false.

It is well known, of course, that all the changes in this method are "in-course" or "even" changes until the introduction of a single and that after their introduction all the changes are "odd" until the next single. It follows, therefore, that a row which has occurred, say, when the treble is in 3rd's place coming down, is quite capable of turning up in some other lead when the treble is in 3rd's going up. And the same thing applies to all other positions of the treble, and gives rise to the twelve false leads which act against the lead containing rounds.

Now, in order to get out a complete proof scale, it is clearly necessary first to write out the lead containing rounds. What that is exactly will depend upon the kind of bob which it is proposed to use. If the 3rd's place bob is the favourite, the lead we require begins with the treble in 5th's going up, and ends, of course, with the treble in 4th's; but if we are using a 7th's place bob, then our lead begins when the treble is in 5th's going down as shown here: these being the changes which are produced by a plain from

354172689	537461928
351427698	(which itself comes from 129785634) or
315246789	or by a bob from 537461289. If now
132547698	we compare together each pair of rows
123456789	which have the treble in the same place,
214365879	we can find all the leads which are false
241638597	against rounds. For instance, take first
426135879	this pair,
462318597	354716298
643281579	462318597
463825197	and take the upper figure instead of 123, etc.
648352917	Here we get 147325869, and we know
463859271	that if this lead occurs we shall get the
648395721	row 354716298 the fourth change after,
684937512	that is in the place when 462318597
869473152	comes after rounds, and so on through all
684971325	the rows. Eventually we find that the

following leads are false against the "rounds" leads :—

47325869	32645879	75896243
37524869	52648379	78694235
32564879	54268379	79836245
32547698	75396842	94836275

If the tenors are kept together none of these can occur unless the coursing order of the tenors is reversed. Now let us see how the false leads affect the other leads of the course; and let us suppose that the main body of the peal is in the tittums position. We take then the seven leads of a tittums course and transpose by the proof scale to see if any false leads are likely to occur.

23456978	27869453	25394867	26748395	29583746	24637589	28975634
47325869	...	...	...	57928436	65423879	...
37524869	...	...	...	...	45326879	...
32564879	...	...	...	...	42376859	...
32547698	...	...	...	...	...	...
32645879	...	...	...	...	...	...
52648379	...	...	...	...	...	...
54268379	68295743	...	...	...	...	...
75396842	46739582	...	...	...	...	...
75896243	...	...	34958276	...	...	...
78694235	45938276	...	39857264	...	58796243	63549287
79836245	...	...	35968274	...	59847263	...
94836275	...	...	57968234	...	...	...

Examining each case we find that nothing will repeat unless the tenors are reversed or otherwise transposed. If then we have to prove a peal which is in the main a tittums peal all we need to do is to examine carefully all the leads of the peal which are not in the tittums, transposing them by the scale of false leads, a proceeding which will at once put us on the track of any repetition which may have occurred.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

ST. ILLTYD'S CHURCH.—At Bridgend, on Thursday, July 13th (Investiture Day), 720 of Bob Minor: R. Evans 1, A. J. Stanley 2, F. J. Evans 3, J. Evans 4, R. James 5, J. Cox (conductor) 6.

KENSINGTON.—St. Mary Abbot's Guild.—On Sunday, July 16th, at St. Mary Abbot's, for evening service, 1251 Stedman Caters: J. Hayward 1, W. E. Garrard 2, C. H. Dobbie 3, W. A. Garrard 4, W. J. Daubney 5, E. G. Stibbons 6, C. Charge (conductor) 7, H. G. Miles 8, J. R. Mackman 9, C. H. Phipps 10.

ISLINGTON.—On Sunday, July 16th, at St. Mary's Church, 1152 Kent Treble Bob, in 42 mins.: W. J. Kemp 1, E. J. Woolley 2, G. R. Fardon 3, P. R. Hislop 4, H. T. Gowlett 5, F. J. Hardy 6, J. Bullock 7, A. D. Barker (conductor) 8. Longest length and first touch as conductor in the method by the ringer of the tenor.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE. — Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—At St. Leonard's Church, on July 16th, for the men's service, 419 Grandsire Triples: F. Colclough 1, A. Baker 2, W. Grinsell 3, S. Pearce 4, S. Baker 5, B. Gough 6, W. Fisher 7, R. Dunn 8; and 224 Bob Major, R. Dunn 7, W. Fisher 8, the rest as above. Also 560 Oxford Bob Triples, conducted by W. Fisher.

DERBY. — The Midland Counties Association. — At St. Alkmund's Church, on Sunday, July 16th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1248 changes): H. G. Jenney 1, G. Ward 2, H. Day 3, A. Bowmer 4, F. F. Hill 5, F. Hill 6, J. Dyke 7, J. Pagett (conductor) 8.

WEST HAM.—Essex Association.—On Sunday, July 16th, for evening service, at All Saints', 1259 Grandsire Caters: H. Torble 1, A. Neale 2, R. F. Deal (conductor) 3, G W. Faulkner 4, T. Cranfield 5, J. Scholes 6, W. Theobald 7, R. Sanders 8, E. Hall 9, G. Potter 10.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—The Winchester Guild.—On Sunday evening, July 16th, at St. Mary's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. L White 1, A. Collins 2, C. Groves 3, F. Tull 4, J. Symonds 5, J. Harris 6, E. J. Harding (conductor) 7, G. Cooper 8.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday evening, July 16th, at the Parish Church, 360 Bob Minor: G. Bertram 1, A. J. Naunton 2, G. E. Naunton 3, L. Naunton 4, J. Spencer 5, F. Naunton (conductor) 6. Also 216 in the same method, J. Spencer conducting.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—On Monday, July 17th, at the Parish Church, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples and several plain courses: A. Evans 1, J. W. Jones 2, H. Pitman 3, H. Edwards 4, T. Williams 5, W. Edwards 6, L. Brown 7, W. Waters 8. First touch on the bells by the local band, and first 168 for all excepting the ringer of the second.

NEW PEAL AT LLANBRADACH.

The dedication of the new ring of eight bells at Llanbradach, Glamorganshire, took place on Saturday last, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of Llandaff, assisted by the Vicar of the parish (the Rev. E. Edwards), and the curate (the Rev. James Bevan).

The service was of a singularly appropriate character, and after the dedicatory prayers, the bells were rung in rounds for one minute. The Bishop delivered an eloquent address to the congregation, and congratulated the Vicar and his co-workers upon their efforts in obtaining such a very fine ring of bells.

Immediately the service was finished, the bells struck out in rounds, followed by firing, and, afterwards, touches in various methods were rung. Afterwards tea, very kindly provided by the Vicar, was partaken of by the ringers in the adjoining Parish Room, and then a sweet-toned new ring of handbells was brought into use. Afterwards the tower was again visited, and the bells again set going, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) being successfully brought round in 46 minutes by the following: S. Hunt 1, W. B. Biss 2, F. Chamberlain 3, A. Slatter 4, J. Butler 5, J. Cross 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, J. Smith 8, the whole of whom are members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association.

The bells are by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who are entitled to congratulations upon the excellent work put into this ring, the tone and "go" being perfect.

LLANBRADACH CHURCH.

The bells are hung with iron headstocks, Heywood lubricators, and Hastings' stays and sliders. The new iron framework stands on stout steel girders. There is also fixed the Ellacombe improved chiming apparatus.

The diameters, weights and notes of the peal are as follows:—

	Ft.	Inches.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Note.
Treble	1	11	3	0	4	G
2	2	0½	3	0	25	F sharp
3	2	2	3	2	24	E
4	2	4	4	1	1	D
5	2	7⅛	5	3	8	C
6	2	8⅝	6	1	21	B
7	3	0⅛	8	0	9	A
Tenor	3	4½	12	0	22	G

At the conclusion of the ringing, refreshments were very kindly provided for the ringers.

RINGERS AT CRICKET.

BRISTOL BEATS BATH.

An interesting cricket match was played on the beautiful ground at Newton-St.-Loe on Saturday, between ringers representing Bath and Bristol, the game resulting in a win for the Bristol team, for whom W. Frampton, E. Frampton, the Rev. H. A. Cockey and S. Hopkins played a good game. Bristol won the toss, and were all out in an hour and twenty minutes for 118, F. Neate and A. Richardson bowling well for Bath. During the interval the teams were photographed by Mr. C. H. Horton, of Bristol. Bath started batting in a bad light, and were all out for 39, the top score being made by F. Neate with 14 runs. Mr. T. King was the only player that suffered from E. Frampton's express deliveries, and all will wish him a speedy recovery. The spectators were honoured with the company of Sir Richard Deal, of London and Devonshire, and he amused the party with many a merry quip. Some of the "Old Crocks" were very stiff at the start, but it was surprising how quickly the stiffness wore off, and how keen the players were after the first few overs. It was unfortunate that the two captains made a "duck's egg," as when once they get set they are a treat to watch. It was rumoured that some of the Selection Committee were round looking to see if there were any possible candidates for the coming visit to Australia, but as the writer did not see them he cannot vouch for the truth of this.

After the match an adjournment was made to the Globe, where tea was provided.—Complimentary speeches were made by Mr. W. Prescot and Mr. J. Thomas, the captains; Mr. W. A. Cave and Mr. R. J. Wilkins.—A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. Richardson, to the Rev. C. C. Parker for granting the use of the pitch, and this was, of course, carried by acclamation. Afterwards several ringers adjourned to the church, where touches of Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor were rung, and a very pleasant time was spent in Bath during the evening by some of the Bristol men. The following were the scores:—

BRISTOL.

W. Frampton b Neate	23
C. E. Cockey b Neate	7
W. Thomas b Neate	0
S. J. Hopkins b Neate	26
E. Frampton c Prescot b Neate	29
J. Thomas (capt.) c and b Neate	0
F. H. Smith run out	1
C. Rawlins lbw b Richardson	2
Rev. H. A. Cockey b Richardson	22
R. J. Wilkins not out	2
W. A. Cave b Richardson	2
Extras	4
Total	118

BATH.

A. Richardson b E. Frampton	3
W. J. Prescot b E. Frampton	0
W. Sutton b C. E. Cockey	0
T. King b E. Frampton	5
T. Hogsflesh run out	0
F. Neate c Frampton b Smith	14
F. Rich b Frampton	2
L. Smith lbw b Frampton	0
G. Harding not out	7
L. Flower b Hopkins	2
G. Hill b Hopkins	0
Extras	6
Total	39

THE CARILLONS AT CATTISTOCK.

Cattistock Church, in West Dorset, boasts one of the finest peals of carillons in Europe, which are chimed by an automatic barrel. On Thursday of last week, however, Mons. Jos. Denyn, the famous carillonneur, of Mechlin Cathedral, in Belgium, paid a visit to the village, and gave a recital on the peal of 35 bells. The great Belgian master played with consummate art airs by Haydn, Mendelssohn, and Schumann, as well as many English tunes, and produced music of exquisite quality. The little village was visited by a large number of lovers of bell music, including many Americans. Cattistock bells, of which the largest weighs nearly a ton, were declared by that famous critic, the Rev. H. R. Haweis, to be the finest in England. They were opened in 1899, the dream of a generous former Vicar, the Rev. Keith Barnes, to hear them in full song having remained unfulfilled owing to that gentleman's health taking him to the Continent. M. Denyn goes to Cattistock annually to give an exhibition on the bells.

BEDFORD.—**The Bedfordshire Association.**—At St. Paul's Church, on June 18th, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major. On June 22nd, 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal: B. Finding 1, J. W. Barker 2, E. Tingey 3, H. Sharp 4, W. Lightfoot 5, H. Harlow 6, C. Chasty 7, F. Webb 8, J. H. Freeborn 9, H. Tysoe 10. 336 Bob Major: D. Thompson 1, J. Church 2, S. Cullip 3, E. Tingey 4, W. Lightfoot 5, H. Harlow 6, H. Tysoe 7, J. W. Barker 8. 387 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Steel 1, H. Tysoe 2, J. Church 3, W. Lightfoot 4, E. Tingey 5, H. Harlow 6, J. W. Barker 7, D. Thompson 8. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major.—On July 13th, 476 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Steel 1, H. Harlow 2, B. Finding 3, P. Inskip 4, J. W. Barker 5, H Sharp 6, F. Webb 7, S. Hall 8.—224 Superlative Surprise Major: B. Finding 1, H. Tysoe 2, F. Webb 3, H. Harlow 4, C. W. Clarke 5, C. Chasty 6, H. Sharp 7, J. W. Barker 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AND "THE RINGING WORLD."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is no wish of mine to prolong this discussion, but at the Central Council Meeting we were told that an "official" report of the meeting would be sent to the "Bell News," after being submitted to the president for approval, and now in reading the issue of July 22nd, I find that I am reported to have seconded the amendment proposed by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, to delete the whole of the words in the resolution after "communications." Now, sir, what I want to point out in this "official" report, or what we might term "Heywood's Variation," is that it ought to read, that I seconded the original resolution moved by Mr. Trollope. Therefore, it would be an absurdity for me to second the amendment. I point this out so that the Exercise and the Sussex County Association, of which I am one of the representatives, should not be misled. If reports of the Council meetings are to be officially recognised in "Bell News," and also paid for by the Council, let us have them more up-to-date and more exact, and then, perhaps, the old paper, which has served us a good purpose in the past, will still continue to prosper. But at the same time I still adhere to the original motion, that the Central Council shall give equal recognition to the "Ringing World," which paper, I think, under the present management, would send a representative capable of supplying a report that would not require dissecting by the President, and would not require payment except in good all-round support by the Exercise at large.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT J. DAWE,
Sussex County Association.

To the Editor.

Sir,—If Mr. Pye will kindly read over again my letter in your issue of July 14th, he will see that I made no such statements about himself as he attributes to me. I quoted, it is true, certain expressions from a letter of his, which seem to me, and still seem, unfair to the Council as a body. But I never said that Mr. Pye wants "to grind his own axe"—that is what he said about others: nor, when I spoke of holding decided views and wanting to convince others, was I thinking of him.

I will not argue with Mr. Pye what degree of proficiency constitutes a "practical ringer." Nay, I will admit that, measured by his standard, I am not one myself. But is it too much to ask of so eminent a practical ringer, whose performances we all admire, that he should look indulgently upon the shortcomings of weaker brethren?

T. L. PAPILLON.

CENTRAL COUNCIL RESULTS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I think Mr. Pye and myself are of the same opinion upon the results obtained at the annual meetings of the Central Council. It took a long time thrashing out the problem whether London Surprise should be a "Marvel," and it was decided "Marvel." Then the next great point to be decided was whether this one or that had properly produced London Surprise Royal, not London "Marvel," and so on. Again, in the controversy on peal values there is nothing said about striking. I have heard some dreadful stuff called peal ringing—very few changes being struck properly. I respect Mr. Papillon very much, and I don't think he is a man to enter into a silly argument. He knows what the Council have done for the Essex Association in regard to railway travelling. Formerly we could go to any meeting for single fare and a quarter for the return journey, if we showed our last certificate of payment. Now we have to pay full fares. This is the only thing done that I know of which affects change ringers, so I for one am opposed to spending our funds for these yearly excursions. Give us better railway facilities, and then, perhaps, we may alter our minds.

Saffron Walden, July 22nd. F. PITSTOW.

BELL RINGING AS CHURCH WORK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We are having at present a good deal of correspondence and controversy on peal points and analyses, but are we doing much to foster the idea that ringing is Church work, and that ringers are Church workers, and ought to be loyal Churchmen? Let us thoroughly digest your summary of the sermon by the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Winchester, and work on those lines. There are many belfries in which peals are rung and occasional practices held, but no Sunday ringing is done. There is, I believe, one famous peal of twelve which was put in perfect order more than two years ago and has never since been rung for a service; and I am afraid there are many parallel cases all over the country.

One great reason for this state of affairs is that many men take up ringing as they would golf, and as they gain in proficiency their one idea is peal ringing, breaking records, and theorising, while ringing for service as an integral part of worship is looked upon as a matter of small importance, or never thought of at all. I believe two remedies could be found. First, let ringers become members of the C.E.M.S. (many already have done so), and so be led to look upon themselves, and be looked upon by others, as an integral part of the machinery of their parish. Secondly, I believe the Central Council could do a great deal more than has been done for the man who rings regularly on Sunday and works loyally for his Church and his vicar. Surely this class of man is as worthy of recognition as the "peal snatcher," and a return of those churches, possessing rings of bells, at which ringing for service is the rule; and a rough estimate of the number of ringers who ring for service regularly, but whose names seldom appear in peal records, would be more useful than peal points and analyses, unless it can be proved that the amount of Sunday ringing is commensurate with the number of peals.

CHURCH WORKER.

MINOR METHOD RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I notice ringers, on 8, 10 and 12 bells do not, as a rule, favour the common and wise practice of calling seven 720's of Minor a peal. Perhaps, critically, it is not a true peal, but when it is put into practice and carried through in seven true and distinct methods, it ought, and is, and I hope will always be classed, as a peal. I and many others think it a more creditable performance, requiring much more skill, than a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major or Plain Bob. What can be more simple to ring that 5040 of the above? As soon as one gets accustomed to the two extra ropes all is plain sailing. But my object is to call attention to what is considered by many Minor ringers, the unfair number of points allotted to the higher Minor methods by the Central Council. When seven 720's in true and distinct broken-lead T.B. methods are tapped off surely it is worthy of more points than 5040 of Kent Major or Plain Bob. It requires much more skill and practice, and is deserving of more credit. Minor ringers have a friend in the Rev. H. Law James, and I feel sure he will see that we are dealt with fairly at the Central Council meetings in the future.

I had intended to write some remarks on the Devon Guild, but "North-countryman" has forestalled me, so I let that matter drop.—Yours truly,

MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your last issue (page 311) are two letters upon the six-bell question. In the first letter it seems that the Devonshire Guild has deemed it wiser to abandon the idea of fixing a standard for their six-bell ringers. In my humble opinion this was a wise decision to come to.

In the second letter the writer seems to begrudge six-bell ringers the privilege of ringing seven 720's in one method, and hopes that all our guilds and associations and also the Central Council will see their way to raising the standard and so stamp out this awful scourge. Does it occur to this north country ringer that circumstances alter cases. There are those, no doubt, who, if they waited till they had a band for seven different methods, would never ring a six-bell peal. Taking fully into consideration the peculiar nature of our Art, and the conditions under which we practice it, I consider it would be very unwise to attempt to lay down hard and fast rules as to what we should, or should not ring. It is all very well for those good people, who are so happily situated that they can get as many different methods as their hearts could desire, but we are not all so situated, and, therefore, we have to do the best we can, and be contented with what we can get.—Yours faithfully,

Farnham Royal. J. J. PARKER.

LUDLOW.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday evening, July 9th, for Divine service, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Acton (longest length) 1, F. S. Wilson 2, F. Downing 3, W. R. Nash 4, A. Chester 5, G. Acton 6, W. Saunders (conductor) 7, A. Nasen 8. This ringing was arranged for Messrs. W. Saunders and F. Downing, of Coalbrookdale.

RICHMOND, YORKS.—Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—On Sunday evening, July 9th, in connection with the memorial service for the late Mr. Glenton, churchwarden, and Mrs. Gates, of Bridge Street, the bells were muffled, and 576 Kent Treble Bob Major rung: H. Thorpe 1, S. Thorpe 2, G. Holmes 3, J. G. Kinchin 4, J. T. Frenchum 5, J. J. Peake 6, R. J. Todd 7, A. Morton (conductor) 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Catholic Church, on July 11th, 504 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with tenor covering: B. D. Buttress (conductor) 1, G. Taylor 2, J. Taylor 3, W. B. Kempton 4, T. W. Dickerson 5, P. Taylor 6, L. Schnider, 7.

PERSHORE.—At the Abbey, on July 11th, 504 Grandsire Triples: S. Annis 1, G. Dolphin 2, G. Bozzard 3, W. Reed 4, G. Checketts (Worcester), conductor, 5, W. Stone (Worcester) 6, F. Godfrey 7, J. Dolphin 8.

APPLEBY.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—On July 12th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: C. H. Bird 1, N. Short 2, T. P. Hocknell 3, T. H. Parkin 4, J. W. Thyng 5, G. Vamplew (conductor) 6.

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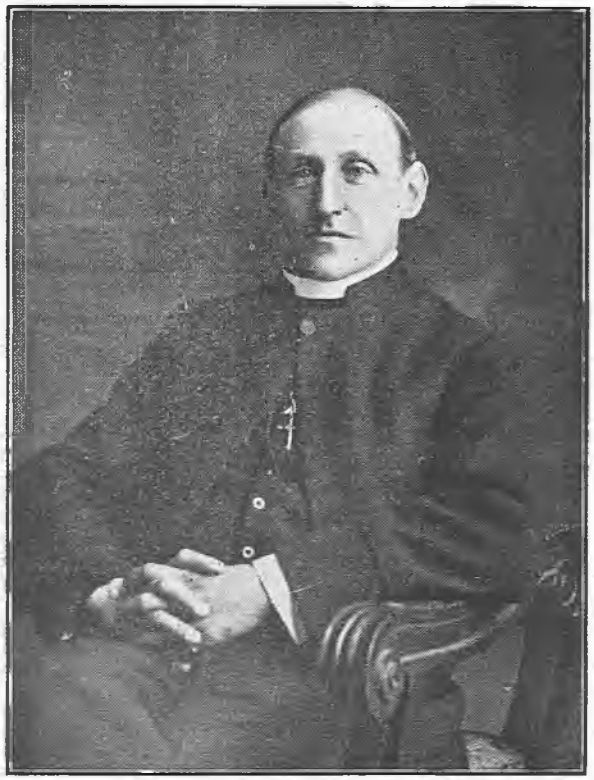
OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

The Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

Founded on June 26th, 1879, the Winchester Diocesan Guild has fulfilled the objects for which it was called into existence, viz. :—(i) the recognition of the true position of ringers as church officials; (ii) the due care and use of church bells and belfries; and (iii) the cultivation of change ringing. In so extensive a diocese as that of Winchester, embracing a large portion of Surrey and the whole of Hampshire, and stretching from Thames Ditton to Bournemouth, with the Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands, it is no easy task for the officials of the Guild to keep in touch with the eight districts. It is one of those dioceses which sorely needs sub-division. If the present



THE REV. CHARLES E. MATTHEWS.

Master cannot rank as a change ringer, as that term is accepted by the Exercise, he has worked indefatigably in promoting the best interests of the society, and is well known and highly esteemed amongst ringers in most of the affiliated towers.

The Rev. Charles E. Matthews was born at Elstead, Surrey, in 1863, and educated at University College, Durham, where he took the license in theology in 1886; and afterwards at Salisbury Theological College. He was ordained deacon in 1887 by the Bishop of Colchester, and priest the following year by the Bishop of St. Albans; he was licensed to the curacy of North Weald Bassett in 1887. While there he learnt to handle a bell rope, and the peal of six was rehung. In his second curacy at Ospringe, Kent, under the late Canon Griffin, he was mainly instrumental in encouraging the parishioners to erect a peal of eight bells, by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, tenor 17¼ cwt., which were dedicated on St. Thomas' Day, 1891; Mr. Matthews himself giving the improved Ellacombe chiming apparatus, and organising the band of ringers.

On the death of his Vicar he migrated to Shere, Surrey, in April, 1894, and was shortly called upon to act as hon. secretary to the Restoration Committee of that ancient parish church. The bells—a peal of six—were almost unringable; and were included in the general restoration scheme. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank supplied a new oak frame, recast the tenor and added two trebles, Mr. Matthews taking the foreman of the local band to the Whitechapel foundry to see the work of casting. He also presented an Ellacombe chiming apparatus to the tower, and rang the tenor to the first peal brought round on the augmented bells on May 30th, 1896.

From 1896 to 1899 Mr. Matthews was curate of Hursley, near Winchester, and was presented to the living of Bursledon, Hants, by Winchester College, in 1899. He became Vicar of Titchfield in the same county, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Winchester, in September, 1907. Here there is a very musical ring of six, tenor 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 21 lbs., and a most efficient company (including two ladies), who can ring several Minor methods, and who are always in the belfry on duty before matins and evensong on Sundays—a band of which any incumbent may be justly proud.

At the annual festival of the Guild at Christchurch, Hants, on July 1st, 1895, Mr. Matthews was elected hon. secretary and treasurer. During the eight years he fulfilled these combined offices he only missed one quarterly meeting of the Guild, and raised its funds from £63 9s. 10d. to £128 12s. 8d. On the promotion of the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey to the Vicarage of Dewsbury, Yorkshire, in 1903, the Rev. C. E. Matthews was unanimously elected to succeed him as Master, and has continued to fill that office up to the present time. He has been a member of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers since 1896, and was instrumental in obtaining the sanction of the Bishop of Diocese for the use of a special service at ringers' meetings. For this service, also, he compiled a hymn—"The Sacred Bells of England"—which is always sung at the Guild's annual festival, as well as at many of the district meeting services. Mr. Matthews' advice is often sought by and readily given to incumbents as to rehanging and restoration of peals in the diocese, while, as is perhaps only natural, he is also frequently appealed to by the clergy on matters concerning belfry rules, etc. While ever ready to give help, Mr. Matthews always points out that the control of the bells is vested by law in the incumbent, and he does not believe in the Guild interfering or coming between vicars and their ringers. For some years past he has been collecting information concerning the church bells of Hampshire, which he hopes to complete and publish in the future.

During his term of office as honorary secretary the Guild was divided into districts, a step which greatly extended interest in the organisation, the Guild being now one of the strongest in the country.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's Church, Surrey Road, for evening service, on July 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: F. Frampton (first quarter-peal) 1, W. T. Pates (of Cheltenham) 2, H. Bennett 3, F. Forsyth (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 4, G. Doel 5, F. Townsend (of Poole) 6, W. Dyer (of Charlton Kings) 7, C. Goodenough 8.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Souvenirs in the shape of medallions, miniature bells and tobacco jars, made from old bells to help pay for new ones is a decided novelty so far as we are aware. Perhaps the example of Burnham-on-Crouch, in this matter, may be followed by other places where funds are short.

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It looks, from the crisis that has arisen among the powers of Europe, as if the peace movement, which everyone hoped was going to spread throughout the nations of the civilised world, may be "brought up with a round turn." Our forefathers once melted down the bells to cast them into cannon. We were hoping for the time when the churches would get their own back, so to speak, and, when there was no further use for lethal weapons, cannon would be melted down and cast into bells. No, not quite that, perhaps, for we do not think that bells made of the material of discarded guns would prove as melodious as we like them to be. But if they were, it would be possible to have "big guns" at both ends of the ropes.

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Talking of bell material, we hear curious descriptions applied to the unmusical peal sometimes. "Tubs," "cans," and "wooden" and "leather" bells are some of the terms by which they are characterised. But there is in Sussex a peal made, it is said, of steel, and they came, we believe, from Belgium. They have been in the tower for many years, and the first peal has yet to be rung upon them.

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The other day we read of a bishop who had formerly been one of the "Queen's hundred" preaching at Bisley to the riflemen assembled for the great shooting contests. He was veritably a rifleman's bishop. When are we to have a bell ringing bishop? Members of the Episcopate frequently give us words of wisdom at our gatherings and festivals, but who, we wonder, will be the first "ringing parson" elevated to a See?

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When the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association meets at Hamer, on August 12th, "nominations for branch secretary will be accepted," we are informed. But Mr. J. H. Bastow is surely the right man in the right place.

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We learn that on June 7th, 1813, there was rung at Bakewell, Derbyshire, by the Sheffield ringers, 5120 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 13 minutes. William Booth 1, Joseph Grayson 2, George Hudson 3, William Wragg 4, John Lomas 5, William Hudson 6, Samuel Dutton 7, William Roman 8. Conducted by William Booth. So that the above was the first peal of Major rung on the bells, and not the one recorded last week, unless, indeed, the bells have been recast since 1813. It is interesting to note that we have among the leaders of our Art to-day a descendant of one of the members of this band. William Booth was the maternal grandfather of Mr. C. H. Hattersley.

CLIFTON PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

The eight bells of Clifton Parish Church have been rehung by Messrs. Llewellins and James, Ltd., Castle Green, Bristol, in the old frame with entirely new mountings. The frame has been thoroughly well strengthened with massive cast iron angle brackets and long wrought iron bolts and nuts, and mountings of the most modern design have been provided and fixed to each bell. The work has been executed in the best possible manner, the bells run exceedingly well, and the job reflects the greatest possible credit upon the firm.

SIXTY YEARS A CHANGE RINGER.

DEATH OF MR. C. BUCKTIN AT EAST WITTON.

Christopher Bucktin, whose life has just closed at the age of 76, was for over 60 years a change ringer. He was the son and grandson of a ringer, and was put at the end of a rope at the age of 14, ever since having faithfully been at his post in the belfry, and in his time was mainly responsible for the continuous performance of the Art in the little Yorkshire village of East Witton since the bells were put in 100 years ago. He continued at his post up to about seven years ago, when his health failed, and it was then that his fellow-ringers and friends made him a presentation of a marble clock. He was born and died in the same house, and resided with his sister, who nursed him all through with a wonderful tenderness. The funeral took place on Tuesday in last week; the bearers being his fellow-ringers. Those who followed represented a large circle of friends, and amongst them were Dr. Cockcroft, Mr. Theakston, and members of the Middleham belfry. The bells were rung muffled to a 720 of Oxford after the funeral by Messrs. Hall, Peacock, Hammell, Spence, Croft and Jacques. The deceased was a member of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. May he rest in peace.

DEATH OF MR. J. W. DALE, HULL.

We greatly regret to announce the death of Mr. John W. Dale, of Hull, who passed away on Wednesday, July 26th, at his residence, 4 Hyde Park Terrace, Walcott Street, Hull, at the age of 52 years. The deceased was a shipwright, and had for many years worked for the firm of Messrs. Thomas Wilson, Sons and Co., and was at work on the Monday previous to his death. He had been a ringer at Holy Trinity Church for about 25 years, and had taken part in 33 peals. Always present in his place at the belfry for service ringing, it would be hard to find a ringer more regular and more punctual in his duties.

The funeral took place at the Western Cemetery on Saturday, in the presence of many relatives and sympathising friends. The coffin was borne to the grave by some of his fellow-workmen. After the committal sentences had been read at the graveside, a deep impression was made upon all who had come to pay their last tribute of respect, by a course of Grandsire Triples rung on handbells over the grave by Messrs. T. Stockdale, G. Hare, C. Jackson and J. W. Stickney. In the evening, at Holy Trinity, a touch of Grandsire Triples, 52 leads, representing deceased's age, was rung with the bells muffled, and on Sunday morning for Divine service 504 changes by M. Hedges, T. Stockdale, G. Dowling, T. Whitfield, E. Cutsforth, J. W. Stickney, C. Jackson (conductor), F. Merrison, D. Brown, J. Highfield and T. Harrison. The deceased was a life member of the Yorkshire Association, having joined in 1888, and also a member of the North Lincolnshire Bell Ringers.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A PROPOSED EXTENSION.

"THE RINGING WORLD" SPECIAL REPORT.

Although the Surrey Association takes a county title, its operations by no means extend over the whole area of the county, for Surrey in its southern portion, as far as ringing matters are concerned, is covered by the Winchester Diocesan Guild. The Association, however, is anxious, without encroaching upon its neighbour's sphere of influence, to enlarge its scope by taking in more of the towers in mid and east Surrey. The scheme has been before the committee, and the proposal was placed before a quarterly meeting at Reigate on Saturday.

There was a very fair attendance of members, the towers represented including Croydon, Beddington, Reigate, Dorking, Ewell, Guildford, Hersham, Mitcham, Leatherhead, Nutfield, Camberwell, Hammersmith, etc. Ringing took place in the afternoon and evening on the ten bells of the Parish Church, and there was a short service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Davis) who, in a brief address, welcomed the Association to Reigate, and dwelt upon the solemn duty which ringers were called upon to perform. He spoke of the reforms which the Associations had brought about in the belfries of the land, and said he felt that ringers, equally with the choir or the Sunday school teachers, were "Workers together with God." Obviously the motive that underlay the ringing of the bells was one of worship. They could as truly serve God in their businesses, in their occupations and even in their recreations as they could when they met in His sanctuary. When they did meet in His sanctuary their worship would be all the more real and all the more true if during the week they had taken care that all they did was with the knowledge that God was their Father, that Jesus Christ was their Saviour, and that the Holy Ghost sanctified them.

SOUTH SURREY BRANCH PROPOSED.

The Vicar presided at the subsequent tea and meeting, and, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, through indisposition, the hon. secretarial duties were discharged by Mr. C. Dean. The principal business was the discussion of the matter above referred to, the committee having passed a resolution recommending that a branch association be formed, called the South Surrey Branch, so as more efficiently to organise that part of the county, which it was found impossible to do from the centre, owing to the distance to be traversed; that the branch have its own secretary, responsible to the general secretary, and have its own quarterly meetings. The committee also recommended that the office of Master be created, and that Dr. A. B. Carpenter be asked to take the office.

Mr. Dodd (Dorking) inquired whether the committee thought the branch, if formed, would be a financial success. He thought it was doubtful. If there was a loss, would it have to be borne by the district, or would the county be responsible for it. — Mr. Dean thought it was the intention of the committee that the district should be responsible for its own funds.—Replying to another question, he said he believed circulars on the matter had been sent to Reigate, Godstone, Burstow, Charlwood and Lye.—Mr. J. Jones (Guildford) said if they only got in eight towers, with an average of six members, they would be in debt over head and ears long before the first year was out.—Eventually, it being pointed out that the recommendation could only be adopted at the annual meeting, or at a special general meeting, it was resolved that the question be adjourned, until the annual meeting, and that in the meantime the committee's scheme be printed and circulated among all the towers in the Association. At the same time, the opinion was expressed that it would be advisable to divide the county into districts.

One new member was elected, and Mr. Drewett stated that the child of the late Mr. Jackson (one of their members), for whom an appeal had been made for votes for entry into the Freemasons' Orphanage, had been successful in getting into the institution (applause).—Mr. Drewett also proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his helpful address, and for presiding. — The Vicar briefly replied, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the steeplekeeper, and to Mr. Dean for undertaking the secretarial duties.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A NEW BRANCH FORMED.

A special meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers was held at Marlborough on Saturday, to inaugurate a new branch of the Guild, it having been found desirable, owing to the large and unworkable size of the Devizes branch (which formerly comprised the whole of the Archdeaconry of Wilts, from Bradford in the west, to Ramsbury in the east, from Wootton Bassett on the north, to Netheravon on the south) to split up the branch into two portions, Devizes retaining the western portion and Marlborough taking over the eastern part. The meeting was very successful, taking place on the lawn at St. Mary's Vicarage, under the presidency of the Chairman, the Rev. A. E. G. Peters, Vicar of St. Mary's, supported by the branch secretary, Mr. James Butler, Mr. H. Brownlee West, the secretary of the Devizes branch; Messrs. C. D. Heginbothom and F. W. Bealing from St. John's, Devizes, and over 30 other ringers from Marlborough, Broad Hinton, Mildenhall, Chirton, Preshute, Wootton Bassett, Swindon, and Pewsey. All were very pleased to see the genial chairman so well recovered from his late serious accident and able to preside over such a large and appreciative audience.—Mr. Brownlee West proposed, and Mr. Heginbothom seconded, the establishment of the new branch, with the Rev. A. E. G. Peters as chairman, and Mr. James Butler as hon. secretary, and this was agreed to.—Mr. Heginbothom gave a very interesting account of the branch since its commencement in 1901.

The Vicar of St. Mary's very kindly provided a capital tea, under the large walnut tree on his lawn, which was very much enjoyed, and for which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded. During the afternoon and evening the bells of St. Mary's and St. Peter's were kept going, as were also those of the churches of Mildenhall and Preshute; the use of them being kindly granted for the day by the respective incumbents.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The twenty-fourth annual gathering of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Northwich on Saturday last, and was attended by 140 honorary and ringing members.—The proceedings commenced with service in the fine old parish church at 3.45, at which an address was given by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Without detracting in the least from the excellence of addresses given by the non-ringing clergy on such occasions, this was one which could only have been prepared by a keen ringer and a keen churchman. It was based upon the words, "I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured." After reference to the general application of the principle underlying the words, he referred to the work of the old ringers in respect of reform, method building, composition, etc., a work small, perhaps, and comparatively insignificant, but nevertheless good and permanent, the harvest of which the ringers of to-day were reaping. He proceeded to remind his hearers that while they were the reapers of the labours of others, that fact constituted them sowers also of what they had reaped. Future generations of ringers would reap what we were sowing, and, therefore, it was a real responsibility to pass on unimpaired what had been inherited from the past, enriched by the addition to it of the measure of the fulness of the present day's knowledge and experience in the Art of change ringing.

An excellent meat tea had been prepared in the adjoining schools, and was much appreciated by all present.—The Archdeacon of Chester, Master of the Guild, occupied the chair at the business meeting which followed. A report of the affairs of the Guild for 1910 was presented, and showed the general position to be satisfactory and encouraging. The sum of £15 13s. was reported to have been collected and sent up to the "Robinson Memorial Fund," from the Guild. After the election of officers a descriptive report of the proceedings of the Central Council meeting at Leicester was presented by the representatives, the desirability of a wider use of the Council's literature, and of care in sending up reports of performances to the ringing papers being emphasised. That part of the report which referred to the attitude of the Council towards "The Ringing World" provoked much interest and some inquiry. Ultimately the following resolution, identical with that recently passed at the Annual Festival of the Oxford Guild, was moved from the chair, and unanimously passed: "That in the opinion of this meeting 'The Ringing World' should receive the same facilities from the Central Council as are accorded the "Bell News.'"

As the next annual festival would be the twenty-fifth, it was felt generally that it would be most fitting to hold it at Chester, the place where the first was held. It was accordingly decided to do so, and August Bank Holiday was fixed as the day.—A grant of £5 was made towards the cost of the augmentation to ten of the ring at Christ Church, Crewe.—It was decided to adopt the rule of the Central Council in respect of peals rung under the auspices of two or more associations, viz., to credit them to the association first-named.

A cordial vote of thanks was moved by the Master to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn for his presence and sermon, and Mr. Jenkyn suitably replied.—The incumbents who had opened their towers to the members were also thanked, as were the local ringers for their services. — Though the business part of the proceedings were necessarily somewhat lengthy, and the heat tremendous, yet a keen interest was maintained throughout.

DISS RINGERS' OUTING.

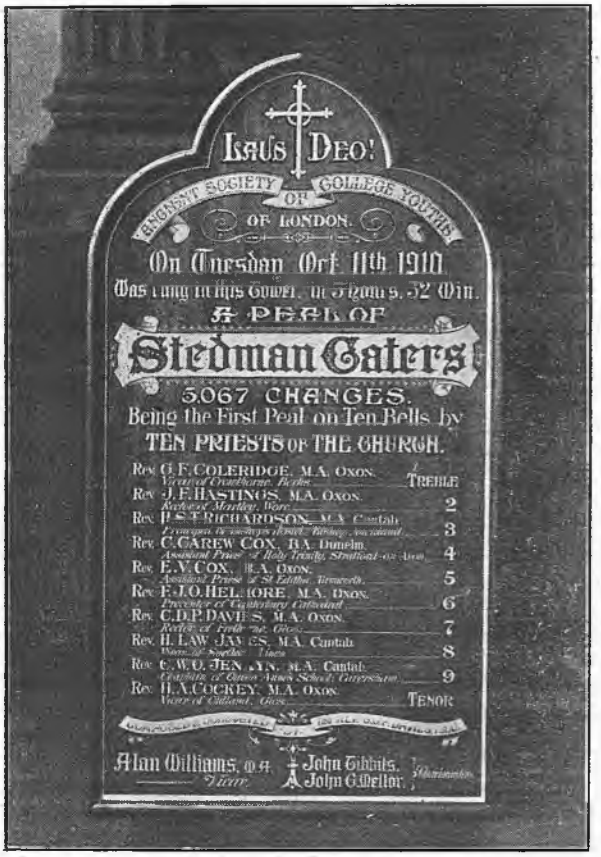
On Tuesday, July 18th, the ringers belonging to St. Mary's Church, Diss, Norfolk, had their annual outing, in glorious weather. The company, eleven in number, proceeded by brake to Pulham Market, Pulham Mary, Alburgh, Bungay and Redenhall. Two touches at each church was the order for the day, and Stedman, Superlative and Oxford Treble Bob were the methods rung. At Bungay the company found a splendid dinner waiting for them at the Cherry Tree Inn, after which the handbells were brought out, and a course of Grandsire Cinques was rung to the delight of the company present. Then the return journey was commenced, and home was reached after a beautiful ride, shortly before 11 o'clock. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the rectors and vicars who so kindly allowed them to ring their bells.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD ANNUAL MEETING.

"CLERICAL PEAL" BOARD UNVEILED.

The fourth annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held in the historical town of Warwick on Saturday last, and advantage was taken of the occasion to unveil a handsome tablet recording the peal of Stedman Caters, rung at St. Mary's, Warwick, on October 11th, 1910. After the Rev. C. D. P. Davies (the composer and conductor of the peal) had given the history of the previous clerical peals, the Lord Bishop of Worcester performed the unveiling ceremony, which was followed by a touch of Stedman Caters, in which three of the clergy who rang in the peal, took part, viz.: Revs. C. D. P. Davies, C. C. Cox and E. V. Cox, the Rev. C. C. Cox conducting.

Evensong was held in St. Mary's Church, the choir and organist being in attendance, a kindness which was much appreciated by all the members of the Guild. The Rev. E. G. Hatton-Fraenkl, assistant



priest, intoned the prayers; the Rev. Alan Williams, Vicar of St. Mary's, read the lessons; and the hymns, appropriately chosen for the occasion, were, "Ye Servants of the Lord" and "Songs of Praise the Angels sang." The Lord Bishop of Worcester preached from the text, "O come let us sing unto the Lord," and, in an interesting and instructive address, traced the origin of the bells from the Roman period to the present. He reviewed the uses of bells, explaining how in times of national rejoicings they played an important part, and in periods of national bereavement they were tolled. The Bishop went on to say that in times gone by the belfry was a place where things went on which were not seemly, and he paid a high tribute to the good work which was being done by the Guilds of the country, in bringing about a far better state of affairs.

The President of the Guild, the Rev. Alan Williams very kindly entertained the members of the Guild and visitors to a meat tea at the Woolpack Hotel, and amongst those present were: The Lord Bishop of Worcester, Rev. Alan Williams, the Member of Parliament for Warwick and Leamington, Mr. E. M. Pollock, K.C., and Mrs. Pollock, Rev. E. G. and Mrs. Hatton-Fraenkl, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rev. H. C. A. Bach, Rev. E. V. Cox, the Churchwardens of St. Mary's, Warwick, and also the following officers of the Guild: Rev. C. C. Cox, Messrs. E. H. Adams, W. G. Dickins, J. George, A. Roberts, the hon. secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman), and about 55 other members and friends. After full justice had been done to the good things provided, the Rev. Alan Williams extended a hearty welcome to the Lord Bishop of Worcester, and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Pollock for their presence that afternoon at the annual meeting of the Guild.—The Lord Bishop and the Hon. Member for the Division both suitably replied.—A hearty vote of thanks was moved by Mr. A. L. Coleman to the Rev. Alan Williams for his kind hospitality to the Guild.

CHANGES AMONG THE OFFICERS.

The business meeting was held in St. Mary's Hall, presided over by the Rev. A. Williams. Letters expressing regret for non-attendance were received from the Archdeacons of Coventry and Warwick, Canan Blyth, Revs. H. A. Cockey, F. J. O. Helmore, G. F. Coleridge, C. W. O. Jenkyn, J. F. Hastings, H. Law James, H. S. T. Richardson and Messrs. G. E. Over and T. Randle.—The Hon. Secretary read his report, which showed steady progress and expansion by the Guild. The membership had been increased by 26 new members during the past year, and the number of peals rung in the higher methods showed a satisfactory increase for a small Guild.—The Hon. Treasurer submitted the statement of accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £12 0s. 8d., against £12 8s. 8d. in the preceding year.—This was considered very satisfactory.

The following officers were unanimously elected: President, Rev. Alan Williams; Ringing Master, Mr. James George; Hon. Secretary, Rev. C. Carew Cox; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. G. Dickins; Hon. Auditor, Mr. John Ambrose. The following were elected to serve on the committee: Messrs. E. H. Adams, T. W. Chapman, T. Dickins, A. J. Hessian, A. James, G. A. Martineau, A. Roberts. Mr. Harry Argyle was elected as representative on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

In appreciation of the St. Mary's choir's services at the Guild's annual meetings, the sum of £1 1s. was voted to their funds.

The following new rule was adopted: "That any member who has paid three shillings in annual subscriptions and becomes non-resident in the county of Warwickshire, shall remain a member of the Guild without further subscription, but shall not be allowed to vote or hold office, and shall not receive the annual report except on payment of sixpence."

The August monthly meeting was fixed to be held at Aston, on Saturday, August 26th; the September meeting at Henley-in-Arden, on Saturday, September 23rd; and the quarterly meeting at Nuneaton, on Saturday, October 28th.

The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. A. L. Coleman for his past services, and the good work he had done as hon. secretary of the Guild, from its commencement. He also expressed the regret of the members that Mr. Coleman had not been able to offer himself for re-election on account of having left the county to reside in Norfolk.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Smallwood, on his resignation of the mastership of the Guild, for his past services; to the Bishop for his address; to the Vicars of St. Mary's and St. Nicholas', Warwick, and All Saints', Emscote, for the use of their bells; to the organist and choir of St. Mary's for their attendance at the service; and to the retiring officers of the Guild.—Nine new members were elected. There was an excellent attendance of members and friends during the afternoon and evening, the total reaching over 70.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham district was held at Shoreham on Saturday week. The bells were raised at 4 p.m., and kept going in various methods. Divine service was held at 5.30 p.m., and a short, but very interesting address was given by the Rev. H. D. Madge (Vicar). He gave the Association a very hearty welcome to the ancient church of Shoreham, and told the members that one of the bells was dated 1635, which was about the time the tower was built, but that the part of the church they were sitting in was a great deal older, and the well preserved old rood screen was one of the finest in that part of the country.

After service the members adjourned to the George Inn for tea. Owing to the intense heat, it was decided to hold the business meeting in the churchyard, beneath the shade of the yew tree. Owing to another engagement, the Vicar could not be present, and Mr. E. Barnett, senr., was elected chairman; Messrs. A. Ball and J. Collis, of Dartford, W. Sheppard, of Hersham, and F. G. Woodiss, of Surbiton, were elected members; and the elections of W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, and W. S. Wise, of Croydon, previous to peals in towers, were ratified.—The District Representative then gave his report of the committee meeting, which was accepted, and a vote of thanks accorded him. Lewisham and Crayford were both proposed as the place of the annual district meeting, and Lewisham was decided upon by a good majority, the meeting to take place on the fourth Saturday in October.—It was also decided that a proposition be sent from the district to the general hon. secretary, that equal rights be given to "The Ringing World" with any other ringing paper.—A hearty vote of thanks was then accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address; to the organist for his services; and to the Vicar of Eynsford for the use of the bells there.—The tower was again visited subsequently, and various touches rung.

TWELVE HOURS' RIDE THROUGH DERBYSHIRE.

A motor spin for twelve hours through some of the most beautiful Derbyshire scenery will make the annual outing of the St. Mary's band, of Eastwood, Notts, a long-remembered one. The trip took place on the 19th ult., and, Duffield, reached through Heanor and Smalley, was the first place of call. Mr. Dawson, the tower keeper, had the bells ready, and after a touch of Grandsire Triples, the ten were rung. Next Belper was reached; through the beautiful Chevin Valley, and an enjoyable hour was spent in the beautiful gardens, where the rambler roses were specially good. The next stretch of the journey took the party across the Derwent Bridge, at Whatstandwell, along the hillsides covered with trees and bracken, through Cromford, by Willersley House, where Florence Nightingale lived for a short time, and on to Matlock Bath, where dinner was served. Soon, however, the party were on their way again in the fleet motor, Darley Dale being the next objective. Here some ringing was done, and an inspection made of the pretty church, the yew tree said to be 2,000 years old, and the two lidless stone coffins. Haddon Hall was then made for, and the famous building was inspected with interest by several of the excursionists who made their "escape" through the same door, as did "Dorothy Vernon" on that memorable night so graphically described by a famous writer. Tea was partaken of at Bakewell, and ringing took place on the mellow and musical peal at the church. It is doubtful if there are any bells round about to equal this ring, which are a great credit to the Whitechapel foundry. Traversing the beautiful country to Chesterfield, the party passed over the Moors of Derbyshire, which, with the light of the setting sun upon the rugged, heather-clad hills, were gloriously picturesque. Dropping down the 500 or 600 feet into Chesterfield, with the car knocking off every mile in two minutes, was a sensation that some, if not all, will remember, but the town with the crooked spire was safely reached. There was time for a stroll here, and the ringers naturally took a peep at the twisted steeple. Then the last stage of the journey was begun. On raced the car to Clay Cross, with its miserable houses and small shops, sharp corners and narrow streets, on to Stretton, where there is a splendid view of Ogston Hall and some typical Derbyshire scenery, on to Alfreton, and through some uninteresting country; a short stop at Somercotes, and then away to Eastwood. It was a race against the clock, but the Sun Inn was reached at 8.27 p.m., three minutes in front of the scheduled time on the twelve hours' journey. The member who had advocated a horse-drawn vehicle for the day, is now a confirmed motorist, a "speed merchant" in fact. Everyone, ladies included, was thoroughly satisfied with the most enjoyable day, and was loud in praise of the gentleman responsible for the time-table. The company wish, through the medium of "The Ringing World," to express their thanks to the clergy of Bakewell, Darley Dale and Duffield for the use of the bells at these churches, and to the correspondents at the respective towers. If any ringers would like a similar outing in this charming district, Mr. Edward Manners, of Eastwood, would give them all particulars and assist them in mapping out a route.

COSELY PARISH CHURCH RINGERS.

The Coseley Parish Church ringers and the Princes End Cycling Club arranged a joint outing to Chaddesley Corbett (Worcestershire), six of the ringers journeying by rail to Kidderminster, while the remainder of the band joined the cycling club run. Those who travelled via Kidderminster had a fine five miles' country walk, the pretty historic village of Chaddesley Corbett being reached at 4.20. When the first contingent of ringing cyclists arrived (including Mr. John Goodman, junr., of Dudley), permission was obtained from the Vicar (the Rev. G. Griffith-Williams) for the use of the bells—a fine-toned peal of eight (tenor, 16¼ cwt., in F). Consent was readily granted, and the bells were raised in peal, and touches of Grandsire Triples (conducted by John Goodman), and Bob Major (conducted by Wm. Fisher) were nicely tapped off. The remainder of the party had by this time arrived, and after being "snapped" by the photographer, tea was partaken of at the Swan Hotel (Chaddesley). In the evening ringing was again taken up, and 504 Oxford Bob Triples and touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples (conducted by Wm. Fisher) were successfully brought round, and the bells lowered in peal. Mr. A. E. Law (the ringers' secretary) and a couple of the ringing cyclists paid a visit to the Vicarage to personally thank the Vicar for his kindness in allowing the use of the bells, and then the party left for home. Everyone had thoroughly enjoyed the outing, and the hope was expressed that it would not be long before another visit was paid to Chaddesley Corbett.

VISIT TO SOUTHPORT.

A most enjoyable day was spent by the ringers of St. Mary's Church, Hunslet, when they visited Southport for their annual outing. The beautiful bells of Emmanuel Church (tenor 11¾ cwt.) were placed at their disposal by the Vicar in the morning, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. The afternoon was spent by the sea, and in the evening Christ Church was visited. Here the party were met by Mr. Rimmer, and short touches of Grandsire were rung on this nice peal. The vicars of both churches were thanked for the use of the bells, and the ringers for their kindness.

ROUND ABOUT WELLS.

The ringers of Easton-in-Gordano visited the neighbourhood of Wells for their annual outing. They first went to Doulting, where they found a pretty ring of six bells, which they soon set going to Stedman Doubles, and Grandsire, Plain Bob and Canterbury. Next they visited Shepton Mallet, and, after dinner, rang touches of Grandsire Triples, with the help of two of the local men. The drive was then continued to Dinder and Wells, and after ringing at St. Cuthbert's Church, train was taken to Cheddar, where the party met Mr. Raymond Wilkins, of Briston, and some Clapton ringers. Having obtained permission to ring, the bells were found to be in a very bad state, but 120 Grandsire Doubles was brought home. This concluded the programme, and the return journey was commenced, after a most enjoyable day. Special thanks were accorded Mr. G. H. Gale, who had made the arrangements.

AN OUTING TO BRIDGNORTH.

On Saturday, 22nd July, the ringers from the above church, accompanied by the Vicar and churchwardens, visited Bridgnorth, a pretty old-fashioned town on the River Severn, for their annual outing. Arriving at about 4 o'clock, the first item on the programme was a climb from Low Town to the Castle Grounds in High Town. Here a splendid view could be obtained of the surrounding country. The old-fashioned church of St. Mary Magdalene was visited, and, soon after, St. Leonard's Church, with its fine ring of eight, was reached. The bells were raised in peal, and for about an hour were kept going with touches in various methods. At six o'clock an adjournment was made to Messrs. Jones' Restaurant, where an ample tea was partaken of, at which the Vicar presided. After tea a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for their generosity and presence was proposed by Mr. S. Reeves, and carried unanimously. The rest of the evening was spent in company with the local ringers, who contributed in a large measure to the success of the outing. The ringers tender their hearty thanks to the Vicar of St. Leonard's for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers, particularly the Messrs. Overton for having everything in readiness, and their company after ringing.

WEST TOFTS.—The Norwich Diocesan Association.—On Sunday, July 9th, a quarter peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 48 mins.: *E. Fisher 1, A. Macro 2, E. Hunt 3, *H. Crook 4, *H. Fisher 5, L. Dickerson 6, T. Fitzjohn (conductor) 7, *W. Adcock 8. *Longest touch of Major.

WAPPENHAM.—Northants. — On Sunday, July 9th, at the Parish Church, several touches of Grandsire Doubles were brought round for evening service, by the following members of the Towcester and District Association: J. Slarke 1, G. Basford 2, C. Faulkner 3, T. Law 4, W. Sharp (conductor) 5.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, July 9th, for Divine service, at the Old Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.: J. Johnson 1, W. Bryant 2, J. Pigott 3, Miss S. Pigott 4, T. Collinson (composer and conductor) 5, W. Pigott 6, G. Pigott 7, H. Howell 8.

WINTERTON.—On July 12th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: T. H. Parkin 1, N. Short (conductor) 2, T. P. Hocknell 3, C. H. Bird 4, J. W. Thyng 5, G. Vamplew 6.—360 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Oliver 1, N. Short (conductor) 2, T. P. Hocknell 3, J. E. Smith 4, C. H. Bird 5, J. W. Thyng 6. All the above are Scunthorpe Parish Church ringers except H. Oliver and J. E. Smith (Winterton).

CARDIFF.—Llandaff Diocesan Association. — On Investiture Day, St. John's Guild rang at St. John's Church 796 Grandsire Caters: S. Williams 1, C. O. Hobbs 2, H. Day 3, W. Biss (conductor) 4, F. Chamberlain 5, A. Rowley 6, W. Millar 7, E. Coles 8, W. Bolton 9, C. Oram 10. Also another 796 by the same band except S. Barker 10; also conducted by W. Biss. Also 504 Stedman Triples: H. Day 1, W. Biss (conductor) 2, E. Coles 3, A. Rowley 4, W. Millar 5, F. Chamberlain 6, W. Bolton 7, S. Barker 8.—On Sunday, July 16th, 720 Bob Minor, with 6—8 behind: S. Williams 1, H. Day 2, E. Coles 3, W. Biss (conductor) 4, F. Chamberlain 5, J. Hole 6, W. Millar 7, S. Barker 8.

WREXHAM.—On Thursday, July 13th, in honour of the Investiture of the Prince of Wales, 1071 Stedman Caters: G. Vaughan 1, H. Moore 2, E. Lloyd 3, J. Clutton 4, R. Jones 5, W. Jones 6, E. Rowland (conductor) 7, A. Lea 8, Sam Meadows 9, W. Williams 10.

HALLOW, WORCESTER.—Worcestershire and Districts Association.—On Saturday, July 15th, after meeting late for a peal, 1264 Bob Major, in 45 mins.: J. Pardoe 1, A. Hadley 2, J. Morris 3, W. H. Johnson 4, W. Short (conductor) 5, R. G. Knowles 6, W. Page 7, C. L. Sadler 8.

OXHEY, HERTS. — The Hertfordshire Association. — On Sunday, July 16th, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. George 1, L. C. Simmons 2, C. W. Smith 3, A. H. Dix 4, H. Shire 5, F. White 6, J. E. Jones 7, G. E. Howchin 8.—On handbells, 720 Bob Minor: G. E. Howchin 1—2, G. N. Price (conductor) 3—4, F. White 5—6. —Also 504 Stedman Triples: W. Boughton 1—2, G. E. Howchin 3—4, G. N. Price 5—6, F. White 7—8.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds Society was held at Rothwell, on Saturday week, the day's proceedings commencing with an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob, which unfortunately did not terminate successfully, the heat causing the attempt to be abandoned. The business meeting was afterwards held at the White Swan Inn, with the President in the chair, supported by members from the following towers: Leeds, Holbeck, Headingley, Far Headingley, Hunslet, Calverley, Wakefield, Burley, and Manchester, and the local company.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardnes of Rothwell, was moved by Mr. W. E. Ash, and seconded by Mr. J. Whitaker. This was responded to by Mr. W. Chapman, who expressed the greatest pleasure in seeing such a representative meeting, and hoped that the society would visit them for many years to come.—A discussion followed as to the possibility of increasing the support given to "The Ringing World," and the President exhorted those present to do all in their power to extend its sale. This terminated the business, and some made their way to the tower again for touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Oxford and Kent, whilst those with cycles ventured further afield, until the late hour brought the meeting and a most enjoyable day to a close.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The Chesterfield District of the Midland Counties Association held a quarterly meeting at Ashover, last Saturday. Owing to the very hot weather and a counter attraction, in the shape of a county cricket match, there was only a moderate attendance. Nevertheless, a most enjoyable time was spent. The Rector (the Rev. J. B. Nodder) kindly provided tea, which was taken on the beautiful lawn, beneath the shade of the trees. After tea the business meeting followed, Mr. J. P. Tarlton presiding, supported by the Rev. J. B. Nodder, Captain Coldmore, of London, and Mr. Bart Mitchell, of Derby. One new member was elected, and Bolsover was chosen for the next meeting in September.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector, on the motion of Mr. W. Butler, seconded by Mr. J. Butler, for kindly providing tea and giving permission to use the bells.—The Rector suitably replied. He hoped it would not be long before Ashover was again visited, and he expressed a desire to become an honorary ringing member of the Midland Counties Association. — The business concluded, and the tower was visited, and the bells were kept merrily ringing in various touches, the Rector taking part.—A visit was made to the Rector's poultry run, which was most interesting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

At the monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association at St. Mark's, Glodwich, Oldham, ringers from Rochdale, Milnrow, Middleton, Todmorden, Ashton, and Huddersfield, were present, together with the local bands. Mr. S. Brierley, president of the branch, presided at the business meeting, after which the bells were kept going until 9.30, in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. The next meeting will be at Hamer, Rochdale, on August 12th, when nominations for branch secretary will be accepted.

LONDON.—The London County Association.—On Sunday, July 2nd, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. H. Taffender (conductor) 1, Alan Macdonald 2, J. Phillips (Bournemouth) 3, H. T. Gowlett 4, F. J. Hardy 5, A. Barker 6, H. W. Hibbert 7, C. H. Hughes 8. Rung as a farewell to A. Macdonald, who has since left for Vancouver.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK. — On July 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor and a course of Kent.—On July 10th, 720 Kent: H. Poulson 1, H. Crick 2, A. Hollocks 3, T. Hollocks 4, R. Grimwood (conductor) 5, W. Hollocks 6. Also a course of Superlative Surprise.—At Hitcham, Suffolk, a 720 Bob Minor: J. Hoggar 1, C. W. Varo 2, A. Keeble 3, Rev. Teesdale 4, R. Grimwood 5, W. Stiff (conductor) 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. All the above touches were arranged for R. Grimwood, of Tooting, who wishes to thank the companies for ringing with him.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Stacey 1, P. Wickens 2, A. Knapp 3, G. Wickens, junr., 4, G. Wickens, senr., 5, O. Sippetts (conductor) 6. Also 720 in the same method, in which A. D. Mills took part.

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THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The usual quarterly meeting was held at All Saints', Isleworth, on Saturday last, and though the attendance was somewhat limited, the gathering was a thoroughly enjoyable one. Some well-struck touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, including a 448 of Superlative and 288 Oxford Treble Bob. Tea was admirably served at "The London Apprentice," and the business meeting followed, at which the Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews, presided. On the invitation of Mr. H. Dains, St. Mary's, Islington, was chosen for the next meeting in October. The election of Mr. A. Chaplin and Mr. W. Dudley as members of the society was confirmed.—A proposition of Mr. E. Barnett, that equal support be given to both ringing papers, was carried.—The Master said it gave him very great pleasure to announce that the missing copy peal book had been found, and he would propose that the society's medal be photographed and published in "The Ringing World."

The next practice night at St. Martin's, falling on Wednesday in August week, it was thought advisable to postpone it, until the second Wednesday in September, when it was hoped a good muster of members would attend.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mr. Beadle, the steeple-keeper, for the use of the bells concluded the meeting.

During the evening two courses of Caters and 504 Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells, the latter touch by Miss E. Bennett 1—2, J. D. Matthews 3—4, F. Bennett 5—6, F. J. Hairs 7—8.

NOTICES.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—It is proposed to arrange a whole day's outing for Saturday, August 19th, starting by conveyance from Stourbridge, and to visit Oldswinford (8), Hagley (8), Clent (8), Kinver (6), Enville (8), Kingswinford (6), Wardsley (6) and Wollaston (6). Will those ringers who wish to join send their names to me at once, so that the necessary arrangements may be made?—Rev. E. V. Cox, Honorary Secretary, 6, Upper Forster Street, Walsall.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Killamarsh on Saturday, August 5th. Church of St. Giles. Six bells (tenor 12½ cwt.). Available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Portsmouth District).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portsea on Bank Holiday, August 7th. Bells available from 2.30; short service 5.30; tea at Institute 6 o'clock; meeting after.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Little Comberton, on Saturday, August 12th. Service, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. W. D. Lowndes) at 5.30 p.m. By the kind invitation of the Vicar tea and business meeting will take place at the Rectory after service. Will all those intending to be present at tea please notify me not later than August 7th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m.—James Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting will take place at Ecclesfield on Saturday, August 5th. Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Sidney F. Palmer, Honorary Secretary, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley (by request) on Saturday, August 5th. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting at 7. A walk through the private drives has been arranged.—W. H. Shuker.

NOTICES (continued).

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Bank Holiday, August 7th. Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m.; address by the Very Rev. the Dean. Cathedral (5), St. John's (8) and St. Mary's (6) bells available during the day. Meat tea 9d. each, Fitzwilliam Cafe, 4.30, to those who let the secretary know early.—J. Jutson, Secretary pro. tem., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—A special general meeting will be held Monday, August 21st. Practice at St. Clement Danes at 8. Business meeting at the Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, W.C., at 9.30. All members are requested to attend.—F. J. Hardy, 34, Guildford Road, S.W.

STAFFORDSHIRE TERRITORIAL INFANTRY BRIGADE.—If any ringers of the above, who are going to camp at Abergavenny, would like to do some ringing during their stay at camp please apply to Sergt. H. Wakley, 6th North Stafford, Sergeants' Mess, as soon as possible.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, August 12th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. Business important. —J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on the 19th inst. Peal attempt at 2.30. Unveiling of peal board, to which members are invited. Business meeting at the Thornhill Arms Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 12th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—Northern District).—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, N.E., on Saturday, August 19th. All members and friends cordially invited. Nearest stations Homerton (N.L. Railway) and Cambridge Heath (G.E. Railway). Bells available from 3.15 till 9 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., which all are requested to attend. Tea will be provided at the Lord Stanley, Paragon Road, at 5.30, at 6d. a head, if all members and friends who intend to be present will notify me by the 15th inst.—William J. Kemp, Honorary Secretary, 177, Chatsworth Road, N.E.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Witley, on Saturday, August 12th, 1911. 2.30, bells available (8); 5, service, preacher, the Vicar (Rev. E. J. Nevill); 5.45, tea in the Institute. Tea tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

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BELLS,

CLOCKS,

CARILLONS.

At St. Michael's Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne,

The Record Long Peal of Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 Changes) was rung on Easter Monday, 1911, by the Ashton-under-Lyne Society in 8 HOURS and 39 MINUTES.

In November, 1910, all the 12 bells were repaired and the Tenor (27 cwt.) completely rehung by:—

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The Ringer of the Tenor in the Record Peal wrote:—

"Your work to this Bell is a SPLENDID CREDIT to you."

James George,
April 18th, 1911.

RINGERS AND THE CHURCH.

Our remarks on this page last week in regard to ringers and Sunday service ringing have called forth an interesting letter from Dr. Pauli, of Middleham, Yorks, who is doing much to encourage the Art in the district with which he is associated. He is anxious that the traditions of the belfry—those traditions which can scarcely be said to reflect credit upon some of the ringers in the past—should be wiped out. The tone of the belfry and the status of the ringers as churchworkers can be raised, he urges, by the bells being rung, where possible, from the Church itself. There is much truth in this remark, for, as he says, where ringers are out of sight they are frequently out of mind. At the same time there are some drawbacks, even to the best regulated company, in ringing in Church in full view of the congregation, such, for instance, as the correcting of errors in change ringing. A sharp word of command is sometimes necessary, to save, maybe, a bad trip and consequent clashing of the bells. To the congregation, this, perhaps, would jar upon the ear when they have sought the quiet sanctity of the building for meditation, while many, perhaps, would see some lack of decorum in having the ringers in the Church in their shirt sleeves. But Dr. Pauli's suggestion, without doubt, if carried out where practicable, would add still further to the tone of the belfry. Even in Middleham, however, there is divided opinion as to the advisability of ringing in the Church, and the Rector, in dealing with the matter in his "Parish Magazine," after emphasising the question of the expense of putting in a ringing chamber, says, "There is another reason why it is an advantage to ring from the ground floor, and this reason perhaps is not so quickly arrived at, since custom and tradition stands in its way. In old days ringers were a body of people apart by themselves: they had their own ways and their own customs; they were in the Church and yet in a sense not of the Church; they had their own privacy and their own sanctum in the belfry. They were a little happy community and had their own sense of independence, and liked to be by themselves. In many cases they never abused their privileges, though that was not always so in belfries. 'Tempora mutantur.' (The times change.) The question has arisen, 'What do the bells ring for?' There is only one answer, the glory of God. It is not an easy answer to remember. Choirs do not always remember it with regard to their singing. Congregations do not always remember it with regard to their following the prayers. Clergymen do not always remember it with regard to their

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TESTIMONIAL.

John O. Sager, Solicitor, Todmorden, December 10, 1910.
Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., Bell and Brassfounders, Smethwick.

Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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sermons and their reading of the prayers. But the answer is always there. When a Belfry Guild rings from the ground floor of the Church it is really given its true position as part of the Church, and is raised on a plane with choir, clergy, and congregation."

TEN BELL PEALS.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*FREDERICK SMITH	*Treble*	GEO. THOMPSON	6
GEORGE HOLLIS	2	ALBERT COPPOCK	7
WILLIAM LAMBERT	3	SAMUEL WESLEY	8
FRANK JACOBS	4	*PERCIVAL PRICE	9
WILLIAM J. THYNG	5	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

* First peal of Royal. First peal as conductor on ten bells.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt., in D.

*HARRY SIMMONDS	*Treble*	WALTER A. WEBB	6
†HUBERT HATTO	2	GEORGE ESSEX	7
‡CHARLES GILES	3	ALFRED WATMORE	8
JOSEPH HANDS	4	CHARLES R. LILLEY	9
GEORGE IRVINE	5	REUBEN SAWYER	*Tenor*

Composed by the late JOHN NELMS, and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ 200th peal. Rung with the bells half muffled, as a token of respect to the Bishop of Oxford, President of the Guild, who was buried at Christ Church, Oxford, on the 5th inst. The ringers of 124579 belong to Caversham, the rest to Reading. The band wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. R. P. Newhouse), for granting permission to ring, and also to Mr. W. Newell, for his trouble in making necessary arrangements.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 3, 1911, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lbs., in E.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROOPE	5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	2	ARTHUR ROOPE	6
*WILLIAM HAWES	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
CHARLES BAKER	4	JOHN SOUTER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FREDERICK R. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method.

KIDDERMINSTER.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

NOAH DAVIES	*Treble*	*WILLIAM SMITH	5
WILLIAM H. SMITH	2	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY	6
*ERNEST J. BROOKS	3	JOSEPH E. SYKES	7
JOHN SMITH	4	BENJAMIN THORPE	*Tenor*

Composed by the late JOHN THORPE, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN THORPE.

* First peal of Major. Messrs. Sykes and Thorpe hail from Huddersfield and Ashton-under-Lyne respectively.

SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, August 5, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK J. COPE	*Treble*	*THOMAS BLOORE	5
ARTHUR BOWLER	2	*WILLIAM D. JAMES	6
*BERNARD T. CLAYDON	3	*GEORGE ROBERTS	7
JOSEPH W. TIMMS	4	*BERTRAM LEEDHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. J. COPE.

* First peal of Bob Major. Believed to be the first peal of Bob Major on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

BERNARD CLARK	*Treble*	JAMES HUNT	5
HENRY HUTTON	2	CHARLES HAZELDENE	6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE	3	FRANK BLONDELL	7
MAURICE SMITHER	4	ALFRED H. PULLING	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

This was M. Smither's 100th peal. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*BERNARD CLARK	*Treble*	JAMES HUNT	5
HENRY HUTTON	2	CHARLES HAZELDENE	6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE	3	*FRANK BLONDELL	7
MAURICE SMITHER	4	ALFRED H. PULLING	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Cambridge. Rung as a compliment to H. Hutton on the fifth anniversary of his wedding day.

SWANAGE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22¼ cwt., in E flat.

WALTER KERLEY	*Treble*	FREDERICK PRECEY	5
EDWIN T. GREEN	2	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	6
LIONEL H. PAGE	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
CHARLES F. FOFFITT	4	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Mr. Page was elected a member of the Guild before starting for the peal.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Grandsire, April Day and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*LEONARD KEMP (age 14)	*Treble*	THOMAS CRANE	4
FREDK. C. LAMBERT	2	ALBERT LEE	5
WILLIAM KEMP	3	LIONEL HAMMOND	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung as a b'rthday compliment to the Treble ringer, the company wishing him many happy returns. The peal was also rung to celebrate the successful completion of the new bell tower at Spexhall Church. * First peal.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwts.

A. J. NAUNTON	*Treble*	*L. NAUNTON	4
J. JILLINGS	2	F. W. NAUNTON	5
C. PARNELL	3	J. LARTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. LARTER.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. NICOLAS CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;

MAURICE SMITHER	1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3—4	JAMES HUNT	7—8
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	9—10		

Composed by J. CARTER, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpires, S. RADFORD, T. W. RADFORD and F. BLONDELL.

Rung after losing a peal of Cambridge Surprise owing to the bad "go" of one of the bells.

The four following peals were rung during a short holiday in Sussex.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 5, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

*ALFRED J. TURNER	*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	6
*JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	2	*ROBERT J. DAWE	7
*ALBERT D. STONE	3	GEORGE R. PYE	8
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	*KEITH HART	9
CHARLES T. COLES	5	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal of Cambridge Royal in the County of Sussex and by the Association. * First peal of Cambridge Royal.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENY'S,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt., in D.

ALFRED J. TURNER	*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	5
ISAAC G. SHADE	2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	KEITH HART	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal of Bristol Surprise on the bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¾ cwt., in F.

ISAAC G. SHADE	*Treble*	ROBERT J. DAWE	6
CHARLES W. CLARKE	2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	7
ALBERT D. STONE	3	KEITH HART	8
CHARLES T. COLES	4	ERNEST PYE	9
GEORGE R. PYE	5	BERTRAM PREWETT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE	*Treble*	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	5
ISAAC G. SHADE	2	BERTRAM PREWETT	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	ERNEST PYE	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	KEITH HART	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal of London Surprise on the bells. This was the conductor's 500th peal.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

As I pointed out in a previous article, one of the principal qualifications of a conductor is the ability to perceive what others should be doing while ringing is proceeding as well as knowing his own work. This is an accomplishment that only comes by practice and, in addition, requires considerable home study. The rope sight can only be got in the belfry, but no one can hope successfully to master the intricacies of the Art unless he is prepared to spend time figuring out some of the problems which present themselves to his mind. This applies as much to those beginning to learn method ringing as it does to those who have got on a stage further and intend to start upon conducting. The young conductor, however, particularly must devote ample time to paper study.

First of all he must learn the places at which the bobs are to be called, because it is very essential that they should be called in the right place. Nothing will upset a band of young ringers more than getting a bob a whole pull too soon or too late. There are recognised names given to the positions at which bobs are called and in Minor they are fixed by the 6th. The finishing place for the 6th in a course is 5-6 down and that place is its "home" or "right" position. Therefore the term home or right is applied to 5-6 down, and this name is unaffected by the bell that may be there at the bob. The bell may be changed but the name of the position is the same. For instance a bob at the first lead end gives 1 2 3 5 6 4, so that the 6th is dodging in 5-6 up and the 4th is the bell that is in 5-6 down. In this case the 4th is called "home," or "right." Similarly the 5-6 up position is called "wrong." and in the lead end given the 6th is called "wrong." The other three positions are designated by the work which is done, viz., "in," "out," and "make the bob" or "4th's." Now it is only necessary to give a few changes to show exactly where the call should be made. It comes at the handstroke before the treble leads :—

	5 3 6 2 4 1
	3 5 2 6 1 4
	3 2 5 1 6 4
Call bob	2 3 1 5 4 6
	2 1 3 4 5 6
	1 2 4 3 6 5
	1 4 2 3 5 6

I give now the various other positions which the 6th can be in at a bob, and if the beginner will compare each with any bell in a relative position in the last row of the above illustration he can trace from it exactly where to make the call :—

Wrong.	In.	Out.	4th's.
1 3 5 2 6 4	1 6 4 5 2 3	1 5 6 3 4 2	1 4 2 6 3 5

I have mentioned that a bob at the end of each of three courses gives a touch of 180 changes. This touch can be varied by calling the 6th "wrong" three times, viz., a bob at the first lead in each of three courses. Another three courses can be got by calling the 6th "in" in one course, "out" in the next, and to "make the bob" in the next.

In fact these three are practically the same touch, with a different bell called "home" three times, and I would recommend the young conductor to prick out for himself the five variations which can be got. He can do it by writing out the lead ends of a course, inserting a bob at one of them and then repeating it twice with the bob at the corresponding lead in each. He can get the five touches by putting the bob at each of the five leads in a course, the scale of transposition for lead ends which saves writing out all the intermediate changes being as follows (the treble being dropped as it is always in the same place in the lead ends) :—

	2 3 4 5 6		2 3 4 5 6
Plain lead	3 5 2 6 4	Bob lead	2 3 5 6 4

The first touch which I mentioned given by the lead ends would be as under :—

2 3 4 5 6	4 2 3 5 6	3 4 2 5 6
3 5 2 6 4	2 5 4 6 3	4 5 3 6 2
5 6 3 4 2	5 6 2 3 4	5 6 4 2 3
6 4 5 2 3	6 3 5 4 2	6 2 5 3 4
4 2 6 3 5	3 4 6 2 5	2 3 6 4 5
— 4 2 3 5 6	— 3 4 2 5 6	— 2 3 4 5 6

CONDUCTOR.

WEDDING BELLS.

An interesting wedding took place at the pretty little parish church of St. James', Fulmer, on Saturday, when the esteemed foreman of the ringers, Mr. G. B. Coleman, was united in holy matrimony to Miss Mary Dancer. Both have been connected with church work at Fulmer for several years, and are much respected in the village. The Rector (Rev. S. T. Bridges) officiated, and the ringers turned up in full force to do honour to the occasion. As the wedding party left the church 720 Grandsire Doubles was rung, and later two 720's of Oxford Bob Minor, the following ringers taking part :—E. Elderfield, J. Bailey, W. Walden, E. Harding, F. Clarke, J. Walden, J. Clarke, J. Jolley, A. Bateman, W. Henley, and G. Gutteridge. The Fulmer ringers wish to tender their best thanks to Mr. W. Henley, of Farnham Royal, for helping them on this and many previous occasions.

MINOR RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The better the methods rung the more meritorious the performance, is a fact that cannot be gainsaid. While every well struck peal is worthy of a record in the peal book no matter what the method, in my opinion in ringing there is nothing that can compare with the 5040 in fourteen different methods, except it be a 6000 or a 10,000 on the same lines, as the strain upon the memory to jump in an instant from one method to another must indeed be great.

I agree with your correspondent, Mr. J. J. Parker, in what he says, and in fact I would go further, and do away with nearly all the restrictions placed upon Minor peal ringing, except that only one round be allowed between one method and the other.

One of the old restrictions was, and is now, perhaps, that in ringing a peal of Plain Bob each 720 should be called differently. This means that it puts an additional tax upon the memory of the bob caller, and little else, and this is a matter that I should leave to the will and wish of the band concerned.

Another of your correspondents implores the Central Council to insist upon restrictions, and thus raise the standard of Minor ringing. Well, sir, some years ago the Council did something in this direction (the actual restriction I forget), but the result I remember was that one large association refused to send members to the next Council meeting. This action caused the Council to rescind, or not to insist upon the offending restriction in future.

Another writer contents himself that the Rev. H. L. James will look after the interest of Minor ringers at Central Council meetings. This is all well and good so far, but this is the gentleman who has placed them in a wrong position, that is, if correctly reported. He tells them that a man who can ring Stedman Doubles can ring Stedman Cinques, as the method is the same, and the man who can ring Treble Bob Minor can also ring Treble Bob Maximus. To say the least, this statement is misleading. The fact is I seriously doubt if there is a single individual who could do as mentioned and acquit

himself with any credit upon a ring of 12 bells without some previous practice.

Of course the essence of 12-bell ringing is the striking, but this is not mentioned in the statement. Now the easiest position in the ring is about midway in it, but let those who do not know catch hold of one of the tenors or the treble, and see how they get on when the tenors are going in and out the slow work. This is the position to test a man's ability as to proper striking. There is nothing else in any ringing to compare with it. Of course there are hundreds of Minor ringers who would make first class 12-bell men if they had the opportunities for practice on 12 that they had upon six. There is little doubt of this. While upon Minor, please let me say I am quite in sympathy with Mr. William Snowden in reference to his view of Surprise Methods, and I will here throw out a suggestion of classifying them. Those such as London, Cambridge, York and others, having the Surprise places and broken leads I would place in Surprise Class No. 1, while those methods such as Old Winchester Bob, which retain the Surprise places, but have a kind of slow work in front of each lead, I would place in Surprise Class No. 2. The Delight Methods could also be similarly classed, and so could the Plain Methods also. This would, I should think, get over the difficulty which has already been spoken of, and all that ringers have to do is to at once buy up all the remainder of copies of Legitimate Methods in the publishers' hands, so that a new and classified work can be issued.—Yours faithfully,

HY. DAINS.

A LANCASHIRE MEETING.

Last Saturday saw a pretty village wedding solemnised between Mr. Edward Henry Jones and Miss Hilda Ridyard, at Worsley Church (some six miles out of Manchester), where the father of the bride is a much respected ringer. The bells, of course, had to be rung for the happy occasion, and representatives from Walkden, Ashton, Eccles, Didsbury, Pendleton, Reddish, Stockport, and others, to the number of 30, with the local company, turned up to do honour to the event, a meeting of the Manchester branch of the Lancashire Association being held on the same afternoon. At the business meeting Mr. Barratt, of Eccles, in a few well-chosen remarks, proposed health and prosperity to the happy couple, and a vote of thanks to the authorities for the use of the bells was also passed.

This being the last meeting of the year nominations were sent in for the several offices to be filled in September. Thanks was also tendered to Captain Hart Davis, chief agent to the Earl of Ellesmere, for so kindly throwing the private grounds open to the visitors, which was much appreciated. The family being in residence the party could not go through the gardens, that pleasure being reserved for some future occasion. The ringing consisted of touches of Bob Minor, Stedman Doubles and Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. The hand bells were taken down to the Court House, were a reception was held, and tunes and courses were played for the entertainment of the assembled company. The meeting was voted one of the best that the branch has had for some time.

WINCHESTER GUILD MEETINGS.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Portsmouth district of the Winchester Guild was held at St. Mary's, Portsea, on Monday. The bells were kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers during the afternoon and evening, and the members attended service, which was conducted by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. E. Matthews). Tea took place in the Institute, and was followed by the business meeting, at which (in the absence of the Master, who had to leave early), Mr. F. W. Thornton, of Greenwich, was voted to the chair. Among those also present were Messrs. G. Spencer (Isleworth), A. S. Beer (Greenwich), T. Mack (Haslemere), J. W. Whiting (district honorary secretary), G. E. Chappell (assistant secretary), E. J. Harding (district representative), H. Jennings (Ryde), and members from Fareham, Curdridge, Wickham, Titchfield, Brading and Portsea. New members were elected, and the Vicar (the Rev. C. Garbett) was thanked for granting the use of the bells. A vote of thanks was also accorded to the chairman for presiding, and to the various authorities for the arrangements made, Mr. Thornton suitably replying. During the day touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Minor and Major and Kent Treble Bob were rung.

YORKTOWN DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Yorktown district of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held at Chertsey on August Bank Holiday, and the weather being fine a good number of members attended and an excellent day's ringing was got through. At 10 o'clock the bells at Hersham were open for ringing, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Double Norwich were brought round. Afterwards a move was made to Walton-on-Thames, where further ringing was indulged in. After dinner Weybridge was visited, and various methods were rung. Chertsey was next on the programme, and was reached soon after 4 p.m., and still more ringing was done, but when six o'clock came and a move was made for tea no one needed any second bidding. After tea a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was rung while the cloth was being removed, and in the absence of the Vicar the business meeting was presided over by Mr. F. Shepherd. The towers represented were Leatherhead, Hersham, Shepperton, Chelsea, Staines, Woking, Ewhurst, Basingstoke, Yorktown, Kingston, etc. Two lady ringers were also present—Miss Alice White and Mrs. Whittington. After the meeting the tower was again visited, and altogether an enjoyable day was spent.

GLASBURY RINGERS' ENJOYABLE TRIP.

Through the kindness of Captain Glen Kidston, of Gwernyfed, the St. Peter's, Glasbury-on-Wye, band spent a very enjoyable day on Sunday last, when they had a motor tour. Starting from St. Peter's Church at 8.15 a.m., they made their way to Presteigne, passing en route through Clifford, where there is a lovely ring of eight (tenor 12½cwt.), Whitney-on-Wye (where Mr. Peter Coates, of cotton fame, has built a lovely seat), and then just touching the top of Eardisley village, and passing through Kington, where there is a nice ring of six, Presteigne was reached about 10 o'clock. The visitors found a grand ring of eight, tenor about 14cwt., and very mellow in tone. The back six were at once set going to Grandsire, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and then the learners stood in for some well struck "churchyard bob" on the eight. Having attended service, the party adjourned to the Bull Hotel, where a splendid dinner had been provided by the genial host. Afterwards they made their way to Leintwardine, where some of the "locals" were awaiting their arrival. Grandsire and Canterbury Pleasure were tapped off, and the drive was continued in the direction of Leominster, through some lovely country, passing Wigmore, where there is a nice ring of six, but sadly in want of a visit from a bell hanger, and then on through Amystrey, where also the ring of six could be wonderfully improved by a competent firm. Passing through Mortimer's Cross a halt was made to read the inscription on the monument erected near the site of the battle which placed King Edward IV. on the throne of England. At Kingsland, where there is a ring of six, tenor 12cwt., it was again found that the attention of a bell hanger is required for the tenor, and the churchwardens have advised that no ringing be done. On reaching Leominster the party inspected the grand old Priory Church, with its splendid ring of ten, tenor 22cwts., and the famous ducking stool. The next "call" was Kimbolton, where there is a ring of six, and here a quarter-peal was to have been rung for evening service, but as time would not permit a couple of six scores of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure were rung until 6.30 p.m., when a very kind invitation to tea at the Vicarage was received. The journey was afterwards continued through some lovely hop yards to Dilwyn, with its ring of six. Here again the tenor is in need of attention. Still "forging ahead," Weobley, with its tall spire and six bells (tenor 20cwt.) was passed, and after passing through Eardisley and Winforton, home was reached at 9.45 p.m., after a thoroughly enjoyable day. The ringers wish to thank the clergy for the use of the bells, also the local foremen for having everything ready, and last, but not by any means least, Captain Glen Kidston for the use of his car and chauffeur, and his kindness in providing them with the lunch they so much enjoyed at the Bull Hotel.

REDDISH RINGERS AT LINCOLN.

On Saturday, July 29th, the ringers attached to the above church held their annual picnic, Lincoln being the place selected. Accompanied for the first time upon one of these excursions by their wives and female friends, the party reached their destination about 9.45, and were kindly met by Mr. Rupert Richardson, who had already covered the distance from Surfleet (about forty miles) on his motorcycle, and Mr. George Chester, of the local ringers, who had made all necessary arrangements, and who throughout the day acted as guide to the party. The interior and exterior of the cathedral came in for general admiration, as well as the well equipped Arboretum, the various "gates," together with the historical castle and surroundings. The irrepressible humourist of the party was well to the fore, and thoroughly appreciated the quaint curiosities inspected. Thanks are due and are here tendered to the Rev. Reginald Bond, Vicar of St. Peter's at Arches (himself a ringer), for allowing the party to ring for evening service, although the heat was too oppressive for much activity in this direction; to Mr. Rupert Richardson for so kindly placing his services at our disposal; and last but by no means least to Mr. Chester for arranging for the ringing, and the excellent dinner and high tea which was very promptly and efficiently served at the local Co-operative Cafe, and to which ample justice was done.

Mr. Chester proved to be full of wit and dry humour, and thoroughly conversant with all the "points" relating to Lincoln and its surroundings: a store of knowledge in himself but withal unostentatious. Everyone agreed to having spent an enjoyable and busy day, and were sorry when the time for departure arrived.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—On Sunday, July 30th, for evening service, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1270 changes), in 52 mins.: E. W. Leslie 1, R. F. Lane 2, J. Oldham 3, W. W. Worthington 4, H. Abbott 5, E. W. Cartwright 6, J. Smith 7, C. Harriman 8, E. Reader (conductor) 9, J. Hutchley 10.

A FULL DAY.

The members of the St. Sidwell's Society, Exeter, had a trip to Cheltenham and Gloucester for their annual outing. The party met at St. David's Station at 3.45 a.m., and reached Cheltenham at 8 a.m., where they were met by Mr. W. T. Pates (the genial ringing master of St. Mary's, Cheltenham), who gave them a hearty welcome, and favoured the party with his company the whole of the day. After breakfast the quaint little village of Prestbury was visited, and the sweet peal of eight bells were set going in touches of Stedman and Grandsire. After having a look over the church, and a chat with Mr. Davis, the journey was continued on tram to Charlton Kings, and here the bells were rung in Stedman Triples. It was a very pretty ride to Charlton Kings, but as a train had to be caught for Gloucester not much time could be spent here, and on once more reaching Cheltenham the party just had time to have a look round the interior of St. Mary's Church, where on a pillar the visitors observed a splendid brass tablet, recording the record peal rung on the bells by the association, to commemorate the Jubilee of the late Queen Victoria. The peal took over nine hours to ring, and was conducted by Mr. W. T. Pates.

On arrival at Gloucester, Mr. Davis and Mr. Austin, junr., welcomed the ringers, and conducted the party through the cathedral. After the midday meal St. Michael's Church was visited, and, as the time for ringing was limited, only two or three short touches of Stedman Caters were rung. The bells are very musical, but required careful handling.

The next item on the programme, ringing at the "Crypt," had to be abandoned owing to illness, so the remainder of the time in Gloucester was devoted to visiting places of interest.

Mr. G. H. Phillott, previous to their leaving Cheltenham for Gloucester, extended an invitation to the party to return early in the evening, for a convivial meeting at Cheltenham. The party left Gloucester at 8 p.m., and, on arrival at Cheltenham, met at an hotel and spent the time allotted in harmony and recitations, Mr. Musty, one of the Cheltenham veterans, looking in and giving one of his songs. Messrs. Phillott and Pates very kindly piloted the party, at a late hour, to Malvern Road Station, and the "Ever Faithful City" was reached at 4 a.m. Sunday morning.

The St. Sidwell's Society wish to thank the clergy for the use of the bells, and express their appreciation of the kindness of Messrs. W. T. Pates and P. H. Phillott, Cheltenham, John Austin, and E. Davis, Gloucester, D. Davis, Prestbury, and W. Dyer, Charlton Kings, for making an enjoyable day.

RINGERS IN THE CHURCH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We have, as you know, just replaced an old ring of six bells, with a ring of eight by Taylor. The old bells were rung from the ringing chamber; the new ones are rung from the floor of the church with a 50 feet length of rope, which, nevertheless, owing to the skill of hanging bells, makes very little difference in the management of them. The difference is a greater evidence of that unpardonable fault in ringers who are bad strikers in spite of themselves.

The appearance of ringers in the church to the early comers to service is somewhat offensive, and some members of the band of ringers would also prefer to ring from the ringing chamber, especially the indifferent strikers.

There are many very important reasons why our ropes have been brought down to the floor, reasons which apply to every church:—

All our ringers are Churchmen, i.e., communicants, and are just as respectable and just as important in what they do for service as the choir, who have such a prominent position and a special dress.

The old tradition of the belfry dies hard, because the "tone" was bad. The ringers in the ringing chamber being out of sight are out of mind. Change ringing is not bell hauling, and does not require beer as compensation.

If, on the other hand, the bells of a church are hauled by men who are not Churchmen, and who are not fit to be seen in the church, and are suffered to remain and are put up with by the Vicar, then, under these unfortunate circumstances, they had better be in the ringing chamber out of sight.

The letters which have lately appeared in the "Ringing World," and your remarks on service ringing and the position of ringers, help to convince me that the traditions of the belfry must be wiped out, and that the status of ringers must be recognised not only by the authorities, but by the public generally.—Yours truly,

Middleham, Yorks, August 6th, 1911. H. C. PAULI.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE. — On Saturday, July 29th, 416 Double Norwich: F. Staniforth 1, L. E. Allen 2, E. Morris 3, A. Pettitt 4, S. Cotton 5, F. H. Dexter 6, J. Morris 7, C. H. Fowler (conductor) 8. 720 Stedman Triples: E. Morris 1, L. E. Allen 2, S. Cotton 3, A. Pettitt 4, C. H. Fowler 5, F. H. Dexter (conductor) 6, J. Morris 7, T. B. Smith 8. Also 160 Bob Major and 182 Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. Morris. It was intended to ring a peal, but the weather being so hot, the above touches were rung instead, as a 22nd birthday compliment to Ernest Morris.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On July 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples taken from Troyte, in 45 mins.: E. Webb 1, F. G. Goddard 2, E. Dewey 3, T. Beadle 4, P. H. Smith (first quarter-peal) 5, G. Spencer 6, W. New (conductor) 7, H. Beadle 8. Arranged for Mr. Dewey, of Reigate, and Mr. P. H. Smith, of Eccleston, Chester.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Webb 1, G. Spencer 2, W. New 3, W. Lidbetter 4, T. Beadle 5, E. Dewey (conductor) 6, F. G. Goddard 7, A. Sheard 8.

WALTHAMSTOW. — On July 30th, at St. Saviour's Church, in honour of the wedding of Mr. C. J. Bartlett, a local ringer, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Rumens 1, W. J. Cooper 2, G. W. Cooper 3, W. J. E. Jones 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, F. Rumens 6, G. B. Lucas (conductor) 7, O. L. Twist 8. Also another in same method: A. Bullock 1, G. W. Ayres 2, G. W. Cooper 3, F. Rumens 4, E. D. Lillywhite (conductor) 5, W. J. E. Jones 6, W. J. Cooper 7, O. L. Twist 8.

BRADDEN, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, on July 30th, 600 Grandsire Doubles, for evening service, by the following members of the Towcester and District Association: S. Bates (longest touch) 1, J. May 2, W. Sharp 3, C. Faulkner 4, G. Basford (conductor) 5. Longest touch for Treble ringer.

HARLOW COMMON.—During July, eight 720's of Kent Treble Bob were rung for Sunday services, at St. Mary Magdalene's Church: July 2nd, two; 9th, one; 16th, two; 23rd, one; 30th, two; the ringers being H. Bottrill (conductor), W. Morris, G. Dent, H. Swale, T. Cordell, T. Smith, W. Wheeler and T. Whitby (one being his first 720).

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 30th, at St. Mary's Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 50 mins.: S. R. Roper 1, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2, A. J. Trappitt 3, A. J. Plowman 4, W. S. Smith 5, F. Holder 6, W. G. Groves 7, C. W. Gordon 8.

BROMLEY.—The Kent County Association.—On Wednesday, August 2nd, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. H. Butt, of Caterham, and Miss A. Collins, of Bromley, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: A. Humphrey 1, S. Marshall 2, A. James 3, F. Sear (first quarter-peal away from the tenor) 4, G. Durling (conductor) 5, G. Huxley 6, J. Emery 7, A. Bygrave 8.

BLACKBURN.—At the Parish Church, on August 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples from Thurstans' four-part in 48 mins.: H. Walker 1, W. Briggs 2, F. Hindle 3, W. H. Idle 4, E. Duteson 5, J. Watson 6, W. E. Wilson (conductor) 7, W. J. Edmundson 8.

GRIMSBY.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—On August 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, in 1 hour and a half, a half-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Rushby 1, R. Clifford (Beeston) 2, J. E. Kennington 3, A. W. Long 4, P. C. Long 5, C. Jackson (Hull) 6, J. W. Scamer (conductor) 7, A. B. Shepherd 8. It was intended to go for 5040, but owing to the intense heat in the belfry, the bells were allowed to run round at half way.

STOCKPORT.—At St. George's Church, Sunday, August 6th, for evening service, 486 Erin Caters: J. Booth 1, T. Jackson 2, J. E. Gresty 3, H. Meakin 4, W. Jackson 5, G. Astbury 6, H. Jackson (conductor) 7, G. D. Warburton 8, J. Mottershead 9, G. Marshall 10.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—Bath and Wells Association.—On Sunday, August 6th, for evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles: W. Tout 1, A. Wheadon 2, T. W. Creed 3, T. J. Lloyd (conductor) 4, G. Lock 5, T. Jeanes 6. First 720 on the bells by a local band.

NEWPORT PAGNELL.—On Sunday, August 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 4, 6, 8 covering, in 50 mins., with the bells muffled, in memory of the late Bishop of Oxford: W. Webb 1, F. Tompkins (conductor) 2, W. Smith 3, W. Inwood 4, E. Lathall 5, G. Jupper (first quarter-peal) 6, W. Ellis 7, W. Golding 8.

LEWES, SUSSEX.—At Southover Church, for service on Sunday, August 6th, 514 Stedman Caters: J. T. Rickman 1, I. G. Shade 2, G. R. Pye 3, C. T. Coles (conductor) 4, R. J. Dawe 5, E. Pye 6, B. Prewett 7, A. J. Turner 8, J. S. Goldsmith 9, C. Errey 10. Also touches of Grandsire Caters and Treble Bob Royal.

NETHERTON.—Worcestershire and District Association.—On Sunday, August 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 43 mins.: J. Faulkner 1, R. White 2, A. Hackett 3, H. Hill 4, S. Grove 5, H. Price 6, A. Greenfield (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 7, J. Massey 8.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

Mr. Sam Thomas, of Sheffield.

Yorkshire has produced many men who have made their mark upon the Exercise, but the county of broad acres can claim few who have shown a more progressive spirit or who have done greater service in extending the practice of higher methods than Mr. Sam Thomas, of Sheffield. Coming of a ringing stock, this typical Yorkshireman is held in high esteem among his large circle of friends in the domain of campanology, a circle which is by no means confined to the county of his birth.

Mr. Thomas first saw the light on October 22nd, 1869, at Wath-upon-Dearne, and he very early learned to ring a

MR. SAM THOMAS.

bell, for his father was clerk and sexton at the parish church. Young Sam was in the choir and during a dispute between the ringers and the church authorities the choir boys used to go up and pull the bells anyhow. The treble was Sam's bell, and at this time he was not nine years old. On one occasion he pulled at the bell until it set and there it had to remain until his courage came back sufficiently to touch the thing again. That was the beginning of an interesting ringing career.

There may not be many ringers of the present day who know that Wath-upon-Dearne has in the past boasted of some who, in their time, were among the best ringers and strikers of the day on six bells, and they used frequently to secure the first award in the old prize ringing days, while as far back as February 27th, 1816, they set up a record which still remains to be beaten, when they rang twenty-one 720's of Treble Bob (15,120 changes) in 8 hours 27 minutes. This number has not yet been equalled upon six bells.

Mr. Sam Thomas could ring a few six-bell methods before he left his native village, taking part in these performances with his father, grandfather and an uncle, also named Sam. In the autumn of 1888 he came to Sheffield to the Botanical Gardens and joined the Parish Church company in November, 1889, ringing his first peal (Grandsire Caters) on the 30th of the same month, the peal being conducted by that veteran Mr. C. H. Hattersley. He rang his first peal of Stedman Caters in 1890, and Double Norwich and Superlative in 1892, the latter being the first Surprise peal by the Yorkshire Association.

On going to live further out of Sheffield in 1896, Mr. Thomas joined the Ranmore company and at that Church with a local band, five of whom had never started for a peal before, called his first peal, one of Bob Major, on Diamond Jubilee Day. Of that band only two remain, and the rest of the company who now serve the tower learned their ringing at Ranmore. It says something for their perseverance and the tuition they have received, that they are getting to the "top side" of Superlative. In 1905, five of Mr. Thomas' pupils presented him with a writing desk in recognition of the assistance he had given them, and as a token of esteem.

But Mr. Thomas' interests have been by no means limited to his own tower. On the formation of the Sheffield Junior Amalgamated Society in January, 1890, he was elected treasurer. The Society was enlarged to the Sheffield District Society in 1898 for the purpose of holding monthly practices in the higher methods. Mr. Thomas was elected president of the Old East Derbyshire Society in 1901, and on the amalgamation of the two societies in 1903, was elected to similar office, while in 1909 he was appointed trustee. Mr. Thomas has been a leader of Surprise ringing in Yorkshire. It was at a monthly meeting held at Chesterfield on January 5th, 1901, that the first practice of Yorkshire Surprise took place, and a few of the faithful, although scattered over an area of some 30 miles, resolved to meet for special practices, and the result was the first peal on February 5th, 1903, followed by the first peal of Peterborough Surprise in April, 1904. There is an interesting story attached to this method Peterborough. It came to the band unnamed, and, as, after ringing Yorkshire, Mr. Thomas counselled ringing another method before attempting London, the new method was looked upon as a kind of half-way stage and jocularly dubbed Peterborough—half-way between York and London. The London Surprise was scored on December 9th, 1905, Double Norwich Royal followed in 1906, and Bristol Surprise was rung this year, on May 13th. Throughout the whole of these performances Mr. Thomas was entrusted with arranging the meetings and put in charge of the conducting. Progress was by no means easy. Discouraging failures and other obstacles had to be surmounted, but Mr. Thomas' determined spirit, backed by a loyal and enthusiastic band, triumphed. Mr. Thomas has dabbled a little in composition and has peals of Treble Bob, Superlative, Peterborough, and the only true peal of Original Major yet rung.

When the new peal of bells was put in at Dore in 1909, he was entrusted with the formation and instruction of a new band, which took all his spare time for a couple of years, but the ringers have recognised his services by presenting him with two cases of solid silver table ware.

Mr. Thomas has conducted more than half the peals he has rung, and a well deserved tribute was paid to him by Mr. Snowden in the Yorkshire Association's report of 1907-8, when, commenting upon his 100 peals, he wrote: "Mr. Sam Thomas has secured his in a particularly honourable and noticeable way, having taken part in first association peals of Double Norwich Royal, Superlative, Yorkshire, Peterborough, Forward and Original; this is not scoring for mere numbers at any rate." It may be added that in addition to the Superlative (rung in 1892) Yorkshire only had to its credit but one peal of Cambridge when the band was started with which Mr. Thomas has been so prominently associated. Appended is the list of his peals:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire Caters	3	...
,, Triples	8	4
Stedman Cinques	3	1
,, Caters	9	4
,, Triples	12	6
Kent Treble Bob Maximus ...	2	...
,, ,, Royal	11	3
,, ,, Major	21	8
Oxford Treble Bob Royal ...	2	...
,, ,, Major ...	1	1
Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods	1	...
Forward Major	2	2
Bob Royal	2	...
,, Major	5	4
Original Major	1	1
Double Norwich Royal	3	2
,, ,, Major	14	10
Superlative Surprise Major ...	12	9
Yorkshire ,, ,, ...	10	7
London ,, ,, ...	6	2
New Cambridge Surprise Major...	2	1
Peterborough ,, ,, ...	2	2
Bristol ,, ,, ...	1	1
Totals	133	68

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

The six old bells of Machen, Monmouthshire, were removed last week to the bell foundry of Messrs. Llewellins & James, Bristol, for the purpose of retuning and adding a new treble and tenor to complete the octave.

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It is not uninteresting to note that the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal—the first in the county of Sussex—at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, was rung by a band who, between them, have, in the aggregate, rung approximately 4,500 peals.

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This peal was one of four rung by the majority of the band within the actual space of 48 hours. The four peals comprised Cambridge Royal, Bristol Surprise, Stedman Caters, and London Surprise. Not a bad performance for holiday ringing.

The peal of 8 bells, tenor 24 cwt., of Ugborough, Devon, which had got into a very dilapidated condition, and had become unsafe to ring, have been rehung in an iron frame, with all new fittings, by Messrs. Harry Stokes & Son, church bell hangers, of Woodbury, and were rededicated by the Archdeacon of Totnes, a peal of Grandsire Triples being rung on them on July 22nd by the Plymouth branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers.

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The four Surprise peals in a day have yet to be rung. The attempt which was made for them on Bank Holiday resulted in the first two—Bristol and Cambridge—being scored, but the London was lost and no further start was made. The ringing took place at Warnham, Sussex, the ringers being the Guildford men. Four peals in a day is a big order—even three want getting.

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Referring to the remarks in this column last week as to the peal of Bob Major at Bakewell, Mr. W. Wallace writes to say that the footnote to the peal was quite correct, it being the first peal of Major rung upon the present bells, which were re-cast in 1896 by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank. The old peal were also from the Whitechapel Foundry, the Sheffield ringers opening them on February 2nd, 1797.

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With regard to the peal at Bakewell, rung in 1813, we learn that there is yet another well-known ringer of to-day who is the descendant of members of that company, in the person of Mr. W. Lomas, of the Sheffield Parish Church company. His grandfather, John Lomas, rang the 5th and his maternal grandfather, William Hudson, rang the 6th. George Hudson, who rang the 3rd, was a younger brother of William, and conducted a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major on handbells, ringing 7—8, nearly two years previously, when only 18 years of age.

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We have heard before of church authorities who sold their bells to buy an organ, but what a strange working of the mind it must have been that determined the village of Sholfleet, in the Isle of Wight, to sell its bells to build a steeple. They had a tower which was one of the finest specimens of Norman architecture in the island, but a hundred years ago they thought they would improve upon this fine pile by crowning it with a steeple.

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The only way of "raising the wind" was to sell the bells and so the bells were parted with. It is not recorded whether this was on the advice of the local builder who wanted the job to put up the spire, but the poet has left his impression of the good folk of Sholfleet of that period in the following couplet:—

The Sholfleet poor and silly people
Sold their bells to buy a steeple.

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And now they are still looking round for means of "raising the wind," this time for the purpose of taking the steeple down. The spire has become unsafe, so unsafe, in fact, that there is no time to be lost in removing it if disaster is to be averted, and the Vicar has, therefore, advanced the money for its immediate demolition. The bells have gone, the steeple is going, and the money has got to go. Ah, me, 'tis a sorry world, my masters—at Sholfleet.

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THE RESULT.

The peal of handbells which we offered for competition has been won by Mr. E. B. Crowder, of Burnham, Somerset. By the conditions of the competition every new subscriber counted one point for each quarter for which the order was placed with the newsagent, and on this basis, Mr. Crowder headed the list with 84. The peal of ten handbells will be forwarded to Mr. Crowder in due course.

THE ATTEMPT FOR FOUR SURPRISE PEALS.

The announcement made in "The Ringing World" that four Surprise Peals were to be attempted in one day on the same bells has been much discussed in all parts of the country, and there was a good deal of speculation as to what enterprising band was going to start upon this formidable task and what peal of bells was available for such a performance. It was the Guildford band who undertook the task and Warnham, Sussex, where an attempt was once made for 20,000 of Canterbury Major, was the tower. Last Monday's attempt was not successful, but two peals were rung.

Naturally an early start was necessary. The bells went off into Bristol Surprise at 5.5 a.m. and came round at 8.10. After an interval of fifty minutes, during which breakfast was disposed of, Cambridge Surprise was started for at 9 a.m. The ringing, considering the task still in front of the band, was a bit too fast, but nevertheless the peal was rung, the bells coming into rounds at 11.50. An interval of two hours was then taken, London Surprise being attempted after dinner. A second start had to be made, but after an hour's ringing a shift course occurred and "stand" was called. As there was not then time to ring the four peals, no other was attempted, but a short touch of Grandsire was rung with some of the Warnham men, and afterwards a pleasant time was spent in chatting over the tea table and handbell ringing on the lawn. The Guildford men take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. R. Bowcott for the use of the bells and the local ringers for their hearty welcome, the arrangements which they made and their kind attention to the bells, etc.

Happily we do not often have to record tragedies happening to ringers, but something like a sensation was caused at Horsham, Sussex, a few days since, when Walter J. Rice was found hanging from a beam in stables adjoining his cottage. The deceased, who was a bellringer at the Parish Church, was in the employ of the Urban District Council, and was a member of the fire brigade. He leaves a widow and four children.

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STEDMAN'S PRINCIPLE.

THE REV. H. LAW JAMES DISCOVERS A NEW PROOF.

Sir,—I have recently discovered a new proof that the plain course of Stedman consists of plain sixes only, and, as it happens to be a proof which is easily understood, I think it well to publish it.

Consider the following columns of figures :—

A	B	C	D	E	F
12345	**12345**	**12345**	**12345**	**12345**	**12345**
21435	**21435**	**21435**	**21435**	**21435**	**21435**
24153	**12453**	**24153**	*12453*	*24153*	*12453*
42513	**21543**	**42513**	*14235*	*42135*	*14235*
45231	**12534**	**24531**	*41253*	*41253*	*41253*
54321	**21354**	**42351**	*42135*	*14235*	*42135*
53412	**12345**	**43215**	**24153**	**12453**	**24153**
35142		**34125**	**42513**	**21543**	**42513**
31524		**43152**	*24531*	etc.	*45231*
13254		**34512**	*25413*		*54213*
12345		**35421**	*52431*		*52431*
		etc.	*54213*		*25413*
			45231		**24531**
			54321		**42351**
			etc.		etc.

A is a plain course of Original Doubles.

B is a touch of Reverse Original Doubles, having three bobs one after the other and coming round.

C is another touch of Reverse Original Doubles, having a plain and a bob alternately and being twice the length of the plain course.

D is obtained from A by inserting four rows between 2 1 4 3 5 and 2 4 1 5 3.

E is obtained from B by inserting four rows between 2 1 4 3 5 and 1 2 4 5 3.

F is obtained from C in the same way that D comes from A and E from B.

Now A is the plain course of Original Doubles, and D is obtained from it by inserting four rows between each pair of rows in A, therefore D is a plain course, unless one can prove that the four rows contain bobs, but the four rows do not contain a bob because, although 4 makes 3rd's place, she then goes down to lead instead of returning to the back, which she would do if she had really made a bob.

B is a bob course of Reverse Original Doubles, and E is obtained from it by inserting four rows between 2 1 4 3 5 and 1 2 4 5 3, therefore E must contain bobs; but when you examine it you find that it has lost the three bobs of Reverse Original which are in B and obtained six bobs of Original—it is in fact a three part touch of Original Doubles.

F is obtained from C in the same way that D comes from B and E from B. But C is a touch; therefore F must be a touch. Now D is five slow sixes, E is three quick sixes, and F is the so-called plain course of Stedman Doubles. Therefore, a slow six of Stedman is plain, and constitutes Stedman's Principle; a quick six is not Stedman at all, but only two bobs in Original Doubles; and the so-called plain course of Stedman Doubles is a touch containing ten bobs, and each pair of bobs acts upon the coursing order like one bob, as every pair of bobs must do if you omit the third.

H. LAW JAMES.

ELEMENTARY COMPOSITION.

BOB MAJOR.

By J. Armiger Trollope.

It would be impossible to explain within the limit of a single article, in any detail, even the most elementary parts of Bob Major Composition and I am not going to try. Still less do I intend to give any rules for getting peals from a table of course-ends without any knowledge of the laws of composition. All I can do is to give some general outlines and leave the details to be filled in by the various articles which will, no doubt, be written by different people from time to time in "The Ringing World." I understand that the editor intends this series of articles to be for people who have little or no knowledge of the scientific side of ringing; for the man who would like to start as a composer and for the ringer who would like to know a little about composition without having any ambitions of being an author himself. That being so, and because the novice usually starts with Bob Major, I want to give a little general advice, which will apply in a way to all methods.

First it is not composition to string together a few figures from a table of course-ends and then send to another man to prove. You may take it that when a man has only got so far that he is not sure whether a peal of Bob Major is true or not, he has got a long way still to go.

Again the novice must remember that he is not the first man who has tried to compose a peal of Bob Major. The method has been rung now for something like two centuries and all that time men, and the best men in the Exercise, have been working at it. Consequently it is quite certain that there is not a single simple peal possible in the method that has not been already composed; many of them times and again. I daresay that the number of peals that have been printed runs into several hundreds, and they, of course, are only a very small part of the total. When our leading composers, like Mr. Carter and Mr. Lindoff, work at a method they get peals by the score, and even when a lesser man publishes a peal it is usually one selected as the best out of a lot of others. Some people think that because a peal has not been printed previously that it must rank as original. That is quite wrong. For a peal to be really original it must have some new feature, either of arrangement or qualities.

It is essential that the novice should make himself thoroughly acquainted with the laws of variation and adaptation. There are certain peals which everyone nowadays recognises as variations, such as reverses, or when a peal is begun at a different course-end, or when certain bobs are omitted; but there are other variations which are just as much variations though they are not so easily recognised nor so generally acknowledged. We will deal with some of these later. It sometimes happens that a man gets a peal; someone points out that it is really so-and-so's with such and such an alteration. Our composer doesn't quite see it and winds up his reply by saying that at any rate he got it by fair means and without ever having seen the older peal, and that therefore it must be original; of course that is quite wrong. It does not a bit matter how a man got a peal, the point is how *could* he have got it. To tell a man that his peal is only an adaptation of an older, is not to cast doubts on his good faith, but merely to point out that he has been unfortunate.

There is greater scope for composition and a larger variety of possible peals in Bob Major than in any other of the plain methods, but it is also true that the actual problems to be solved are not many. Usually when you have found out one fact it will give you a good many peals totally different but really only variations one of another.

It does not follow that because two peals are in appearance dissimilar that they are distinct, and it does not follow because two peals look alike that they are variations. I will give two instances:—

A.

23456	W.	M.
43652		—
64235	—	—
26543	—	—
52364	—	—
35426	—	—

B.

23456	W.	M.	R.
43652		—	
63254		—	
56234	—		
23564	—		—
52436	—	—	

Each fourteen times repeated, a bob at R in 15th, 30th and 45th course.

C.

23456	M.	W.	R.
42635	—	—	
64523	—	—	
56342	—	—	
35264	—	—	
42356	—	—	—
34625	—	—	
63542	—	—	
56234	—	—	
42563	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—

Five times repeated
S.S. half-way and end.

D.

23456	W.	M.	R.
42635	—	—	
64523	—	—	
56342	—	—	
35264	—	—	
42356	—	—	—
34625	—	—	
63542	—	—	
56234	—	—	
42563	—	—	—

Four times repeated.

A, is Annable's Three-part peal; B, is a peal by John Holt. To look at these two are quite distinct, but really one is a simple variation of the other. C is Annable's peal of Bob Triples; D is a 5,040 of Major, by Mr. D. Prentice, of Ipswich. In these two the course ends and calling of the first parts are actually the same, yet the peals are quite distinct and in no way variations of each other. You can only understand how far peals are variations and how far distinct by studying older compositions. In by-gone days the standard of originality was much lower than it is to-day. Great composers, like Holt, and Reeves and others, gave as original peals what we should now consider only variations, and no one disputed their right. But we have learnt much since their time, and, though it seems hard to say so, the novice of to-day must be judged by a far higher standard than the masters of old.

The very first thing to learn when starting composing is the in and out of course of the changes. That has been dealt with in a separate article, and I need not stop now to explain. The next thing is how to prick and prove peals by "natural" course-ends. Just as starting from rounds you have the plain course which belongs to rounds and to no other course-end, so every course-end has its own proper course. Thus 64235 is a course end and to 64235 belong 112 changes, which are got from it by the ordinary working of the method without bobs and singles. For simplicity we give to this whole course of 112 rows the name of the course-end. If we say that such and such a calling brings up the course 64235 at the Wrong, we mean that we are ringing those changes which would have come up at the Wrong had we started from the course-end 64235 and called no bobs and

singles. Suppose you have the following calling and you went to prick it out and prove it

W.	M.	R.
—	—	—
	—	
—		—
		—

First you must know what course ends bobs at W. M. R. respectively give. They are

Wrong	52436
Middle	43652
Right	42356

Rule four columns and head them Wrong, Middle, Right, and put your calling in the last one:—

Wrong.	Middle.	Right.	W.	M.	R.
			—	—	—
				—	
			—		—
					—

We start of course from 23456 and must ring the plain course to the Wrong. Now look at the calling and see if a bob is called at W. If it does, transpose 23456 by 52436 and write it down in the first column headed Wrong, thus:—

Wrong.	Middle.	Right.	W.	M.	R.
52436			—	—	—
				—	
			—		—
					—

We now ring the course 52436 till the M. As a bob is called at M we must transpose 52426 by 43652 That gives 42635. Write 42635 under the heading Middle. Then as a bob R is called you must transpose 42635 by 42356, which gives 64235. Write this down in the third column. Then start from 64235 and treat the second course in exactly the same way. If a bob is called transpose by its proper course-end; if no bob is called enter the previous course end unaltered.

Wrong.	Middle.	Right.	W.	M.	R.
52436	42635	64235	—	—	—
64235	24536	24536		—	
32546	32546	53246	—		—
53246	53246	25346			—

The figures under "Right" will be the actual course ends of the touch. Those under Wrong and Middle are "Natural" course-ends. If the same row does not occur twice in any one of the three columns the touch is true. A bob "Before" in Bob Major causes 7-8 to repeat one lead. Consequently you ring parts of two courses. Both natural course ends must be written down under "Before." Thus:—

Wrong	Before	Middle	Right	W.	B.	M.	R.
52436	52436						
	23564						
	36245						
	64352	34256	23456	—	3	—	—

The calls 5ths and 4ths cut out the "Before" lead and consequently a blank space must be left under "Before" when they are called.

By this method of natural course-ends you can write out the course-ends of any peal or touch without the aid of a table, provided you know the course end that every bob gives.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX. — London County Association. — On Sunday, July 16th, a 720 Old Oxford Modernised Treble Bob: R. Kilby 1, L. Porter 2, G. Chalkley 3, T. Langdon 4, A. Hill 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6. Also 720 College Bob IV., conducted by T. Langdon; and 720 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by H. Kilby.—On Tuesday, July 18th, 720 Plain Bob: E. Dane 1, G. Kilby (conductor) 2, R. Kilby 3, H. Kilby 4, T. Langdon 5, A. Hill 6.—On Sunday, July 23rd, 720 Plain Bob (46 calls): E. Dane 1, R. Kilby 2, L. Porter 3, G. Chalkley 4, H. Kilby (conductor) 5, T. Langdon 6. Also 720 College Bob IV., conducted by H. Kilby; and 720 College Single (60 calls), conducted by T. Langdon.

EASTHAMPSTEAD.—Oxford Diocesan Guild. — On Sunday, July 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Rance 1, H. Carder 2, R. Hawkins 3, W. Newton 4, A. Gough 5, J. North (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, July 23rd, 720 Kent: A. Herrington 1, H. Carder 2, J. Rance 3, W. Newton 4, A. Gough 5, J. North (conductor) 6.—On Thursday, July 27th, for practice, 720 Double Oxford: A. Gough 1, H. Carder 2, R. Hawkins 3, W. Newton 4, J. Rance 5, J. North (conductor) 6. First in the method by all. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by J. Rance.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND. — On Sunday, July 16th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 252 Stedman Triples.—For evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples: R. Satterthwaite 1, J. Garside 2, A. Newton 3, A. E. Astley 4, T. F. Hewertson 5, W. Robinson (conductor) 6, J. Holmes 7, W. Fisher 8.

ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH.—On Sunday, July 17th, for Divine service, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Jakeman, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: A. S. Beer 1, H. Hoskins 2, J. J. Lamb 3, J. G. Shade (conductor) 4, F. Bennett 5, W. Shimmans 6, S. Jakeman 7, W. Berry 8.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Monday, July 17th, at St. Leonard's Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1911 changes), in 1 hr. 5mins.: F. Colclough 1, G. Morgan 2, E. Unitt 3, S. Butler 4, J. Foster 5, W. Smith 6, J. A. Brown (composer and conductor) 7, J. Lowe 8. Rung as a compliment to J. A. Brown on his fortieth birthday, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Tuesday, July 18th, at St. Lawrence Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: J. Simkin 1, G. Morgan 2, W. Smith 3, J. A. Brown (Bilston) 4, J. Foster 5, E. Unitt 6, H. Belcher (conductor) 7, J. Lowe 8. Rung with the bells muffled, as a last token of respect to Mrs. H. Butler, mother of Mr. F. Butler, one of the Darlaston ringers.

MARKET HARBOROUGH.—On Tuesday, July 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Parker's twelve-part), in 43 mins.: R. Linder (of Everton, Notts), first quarter-peal, 1, J. Waterfield (Kibworth) 2, D. Iliffe (Kibworth) 3, J. Taylor (Kibworth) 4, A. Pettit (Kettering) 5, T. Smith (Market Harborough) 6, F. Stainforth (Kebworth), conductor, 7, W. Hector (Market Harborough) 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On July 19th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Marks 1, F. Stanton 2, J. Mead 3, T. Best 4, F. Hedges 5, H. Sear (conductor) 6.

NOTTINGHAM.—On July 20th, at St. Peter's Church, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. R. Evans, J.P., formerly churchwarden at this church: J. Wolley 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, F. Johnson 3, N. Widdowson 4, F. J. Tite 5, J. C. Dicken 6, E. Oliver 7, H. R. Cobbin 8.

HARTLIP, KENT.—On Thursday, July 20th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: G. Mabbs 1, C. Shipp 2, W. Kitchingham 3, F. Rayfield 4, W. Miles 5, W. J. Walker (conductor) 6.

STOKE POGES.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On July 22nd, in connection with a meeting of the C.E.M.S., many 360's were rung in the following methods: Oxford Bob, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford. The ringers were: W. Bateman, F. Bateman, J. Blackmore, F. Bolton, W. Briden, F. Clark, A. Crook, R. Flaxman, E. Garbet, G. Guttridge, F. Harding, W. Henley and J. J. Parker.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO.—On July 22nd, 720 Bob Minor, as a wedding compliment to Miss Parson, one of the school teachers: H. England 1, A. T. Atherton 2, W. G. Bennett 3, J. Caple 4, H. Knight 5, G. H. Gale (conductor) 6.

DENTON, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, July 23rd, for evening service, at St. Anne's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Wild (first 720) 1, A. E. Marshall (conductor) 2, A. Hardy 3, Jas. Pollett 4, E. Walters 5, W. Wright 6.—On Sunday, July 30th, for afternoon service, 720 Duke of York: *W. Wild 1, A. E. Marshall 2, *A. Hardy 3, W. Wright 4, C. Walters 5, J. Heckingbottom (conductor) 6. *First in the method.

HARWICH.—On July 23rd, for Divine service in the evening, 1184 Kent Treble Bob: F. A. Holden (conductor) 1, G. Taylor 2, T. Taylor 3, Tom Mannering (Maidstone) 4, G. Thompson 5, C. P. Pamplin 6, A. Norriss 7, B. Elmer 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On July 23rd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (18 bobs and 2 singles): T. R. Jackson (conductor) 1, J. Huddleston 2, W. H. Dennison 3, T. Suart 4, T. Townson (Hawkshead) 5, J. Burrows 6.—On July 30th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Single Bob (26 singles), with W. S. Forshaw 5, the rest as above.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, July 23rd, for morning service, 352 Bob Major: F. Osborne 1, J. Jennings 2, A. Lee 3, H. Barton 4, J. Spalding 5, F. Naunton 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, T. King 8.—504 Grandsire Triples: A. Sargent 1, J. Jennings 2, H. Barton 3, T. King 4, J. Spalding 5, F. Naunton 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, A. Lee 8. Conducted by H. Barton.

BEDDINGTON.—Surrey Association.—On Sunday, July 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, Beddington, 615 of Stedman Caters: F. Holder (conductor) 1, F. S. Wilson 2, J. Rumble 3, A. Trappitt 4, W. Smith 5, S. Roper 6, W. Groves 7, C. Jordon 8, A. Clayton 9, J. Trappitt 10. Also two courses in the same method standing as before. This ringing was arranged for F. S. Wilson, of Ludlow.

LONG EATON.—Derbyshire.—At St. Lawrence Church, on Sunday evening, July 23rd, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 50 mins.: J. Harrison 1, J. R. Ward, junr., 2, R. Drage 3, *A. Hickton 4, R. Hickton 5, *R. Cox 6, N. Widdowson 7, J. Bailey (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, July 23rd, for evening service, 448 of London Surprise Major: B. Thorpe 1, W. H. Smith 2, N. Davies 3, T. J. Salter 4, R. Matthews (conductor) 5, J. E. Sykes 6, C. H. Woodberry 7, C. F. White 8. Also on handbells at the residence of Mr. T. J. Salter, short touches of Grandsire Triples, and a course each of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters and Cinques.

BRADDEN, NORTHANTS. — On July 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 43 mins., by the Towcester and District Association: S. Bates (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Hopper 2, W. Sharp (first quarter-peal as conductor) 3, C. Faulkner 4, G. Basford 5.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 23rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: R. Wood 1, Lewis Green 2, F. G. Radley 3, G. R. Crush 4, G. F. Margetson 5, H. Head 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, F. Edwards 8. The previous evening an attempt was made for a peal of Double Norwich as a birthday compliment to T. Lincoln, but had to be abandoned after ringing an hour, the grease from the bearings melting away through the intense heat.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND. — On Sunday, July 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Fairclough 1, A Newton 2, A. Lowe 3, A. E. Astley 4, T. F. Hewertson 5, W. E. Sharp 6, W. Robinson (conductor) 7, W. Fisher 8. Longest length of Stedman on the bells.—For evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 6—8 covering: W. Robinson (conductor) 1, A. Newton 2, G. Whittam 3, A. E. Astley 4, W. Prickett 5, T. F. Hewertson 6, Jas. Holmes 7, R. Satterthwaite 8. A. Lowe hails from Beeston, Notts., and A. E. Astley from Glasgow.

GEDDINGTON.—Central Northamptonshire Association. — At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Sunday, July 23rd, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 25 mins., by G. Black (conductor) 1, C. Cooper 2, C. Swan 3, *E. Reid 4, R. Black 5. * First 720.—On Tuesday, July 25th, for practice, 480 St. Dunstan's Doubles: G. Black (conductor) 1, C. Swan 2, Wm. Moore, 3 R. Black 4, C. Moore 5.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 23rd, for morning service, at St. Margaret's Church, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1911 changes) (composed by J. Bradley) in 1 hr. 7 mins: G. Cottis 1, A. C. Hardy 2, F. Russell 3, R. Fenn 4, G. Faulkner 5, J. Norris 6, C. Fenn (conductor) 7, E. A. Davies, Esq., 8.

UPCHURCH, KENT.—On Monday, July 24th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Manser 1, C. Shipp 2, S. Jarrett 3, C. Bishop 4, E. Boakes 5, W. J. Walker (conductor) 6. Touches of Grandsire Doubles were also rung, with J. Tyler and R. Moore taking part. This ringing was arranged as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. C. O. Trew) and Mrs. Trew, the ringers wishing them "many happy returns of the day."

PETERSBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 27th, for practice, a date touch of Minor, being two 720's of Oxford Bob and 471 Plain Bob: J. Dunthorne 1, E. Tilley 2, H. A. Traynar 3, A. Johnson 4, J. Jutson 5, G. Jutson (conductor) 6.

BURTON-ON-TRENT. — At the Parish Church, on July 25th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: W. Hair 1, W. J. Smith 2, J. Hough 3, J. H. Swinfield 4, W. W. Worthington 5, D. Cotton 6, E. W. Beadsmoore 7, L. Bullock (conductor) 8.

SOUTH TOTTENHAM.—At St. Ann's Church, on Wednesday, July 26th, for the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the church, a date touch of Bob Minor (1911 changes), composed by T. Langdon, in 1 hr. and 4 mins.: F. E. Ringrose 1, C. H. Ross (conductor) 2, W. Dixon 3, A. Howell 4, A. Jacob 5, F. Fensom 6. This date touch was also rung at Hornsey on March 12th by the same band standing in the same position, but conducted by A. Jacob.

FULMER, BUCKS.—On Saturday, July 29th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: J. Bailey 1, E. Harding 2, E. Garbett 3, A. Bateman 4, J. Blackmore (conductor) 5, W. Henley 6. 360 Grandsire Minor, conducted by E. Hancox; also a 360 Oxford Bob Minor, in which W. Walden took part.

NOTICES.

The charge for notices under this heading is at the rate of 2d. per line (average nine words), with a minimum of 1s. Three insertions at double the charge for single insertion (minimum 2s.).

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—It is proposed to arrange a whole day's outing for Saturday, August 19th, starting by conveyance from Stourbridge, and to visit Oldswinford (8), Hagley (8), Clent (8), Kinver (6), Enville (8), Kingswinford (6), Wardsley (6) and Wollaston (6). Will those ringers who wish to join send their names to me at once, so that the necessary arrangements may be made?—Rev. E. V. Cox, Honorary Secretary, 6, Upper Forster Street, Walsall.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Little Comberton, on Saturday, August 12th. Service, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. W. D. Lowndes) at 5.30 p.m. By the kind invitation of the Vicar tea and business meeting will take place at the Rectory after service. Bells (6) at 3 p.m.—James Hemming, Hon. Branch Sec., 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—A special general meeting will be held Monday, August 21st. Practice at St. Clement Danes at 8. Business meeting at the Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, W.C., at 9.30. All members are requested to attend.—F. J. Hardy, 34, Guildford Road, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, August 12th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. Business important. —J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on the 19th inst. Peal attempt at 2.30. Unveiling of peal board, to which members are invited. Business meeting at the Thornhill Arms Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 12th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—(Northern District).—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, N.E., on Saturday, August 19th. All members and friends cordially invited. Nearest stations Homerton (N.L. Railway) and Cambridge Heath (G.E. Railway). Bells available from 3.15 till 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Lord Stanley, Paragon Road, at 5.30, at 6d. a head, if all members and friends who intend to be present will notify me by the 15th inst.—William J. Kemp, Honorary Secretary, 177, Chatsworth Road, N.E.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Witley, on Saturday, August 12th, 1911. 2.30, bells available (8); 5, service, preacher, the Vicar (Rev. E. J. Nevill); 5.45, tea in the Institute. Tea tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North St., Guildford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Wirksworth on Saturday, August 19th, 1911. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. —Bart Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 68, Douglas Street, Derby.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wedmore on Saturday, August 26th. Service, 4 p.m.; tea and meeting following (tea 6d. each). Bells available from 2 p m.—A. H. Davies, "Eastleigh," Burnham.

DUDLEY & DISTRICTS GUILD.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Wombourne, on Saturday, August 26th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5, with an address by the Vicar. Business meeting afterwards. Tea will be provided at 9d. each for those sending their names to me not later than 23rd inst.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 177, High Street, Dudley.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames, on Saturday, August 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at sixpence per head in the parish room at 6 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, August 26th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. G. H. Siddans). Bells available at 3.30. Tea, 6d., at 6 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited. The secretary would be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY TENOR.

A week or two ago we published an inquiry as to the identity of Westminster Abbey tenor with the old tenor of St. Michael's-upon-Cornhill. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, where the bell was cast, inform us that there is no doubt that the present tenor at Westminster Abbey is a recast in 1738 of the old St. Michael's, Cornhill, tenor. The old accounts of the parish of St. Michael's, Cornhill, show that the tenor bell, called "Rus," was recast by Robert Mot, of the Whitechapel Foundry, in the year 1599, and this tallies with the inscription on the bell. Their books do not, however, give any details of Phelps and Lester's transactions. Mr. H. B. Walters, F.S.A., in his book "London Church Bells and Bell Founders," says:—"The history of the great bell named 'Rus' is curious. From the interesting churchwarden's accounts of the sixteenth century we learn that it was, as Stow records, recast three times within ten, or more accurately, twelve years." The first attempt was by the notorious Lawrence Wright in 1587, and this was so unsuccessful that it was recast by Robert Mot in the following year. But Mot fared little better, and was again commissioned to recast his own work in 1598-99. This latter bell survived at least until the time of the Great Fire, but its present representative must be sought, not in St. Michael's tower, but in the north west tower of Westminster Abbey, where it now forms the tenor of the ring of six. It is not known at what date the removal took place, but the fact cannot be doubted, for the bell at Westminster bears the inscription:—

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At St. Michael's Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne,

The Record Long Peal of Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 Changes) was rung on Easter Monday, 1911, by the Ashton-under-Lyne Society in 8 HOURS and 39 MINUTES.

In November, 1910, all the 12 bells were repaired and the Tenor (27 cwt.) completely rehung by:—

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The Ringer of the Tenor in the Record Peal wrote:—

"Your work to this Bell is a SPLENDID CREDIT to you."

James George,
April 18th, 1911.

THE ROBINSON MEMORIAL.

A further appeal is made through our columns to-day in connection with the Robinson Memorial Fund. Of the £300 required £187 has now been subscribed, and, as the committee are now anxious that there should be no further delay in carrying out the scheme, those ringers who have not already subscribed, and who desire to do so, are requested to forward their contributions without delay.

The late Rev. F. E. Robinson was a wonderful man, with high ideals of his duties and responsibilities as a minister of the church. Bell ringing, at which he spent so many of his happiest hours, was only one of the engrossing occupations of his long and active life, but it was, of course, the one which came most prominently, if not almost exclusively, under the notice of the members of our Exercise, and it is the one with which, consequently, he is most intimately associated in the minds of ringers. Thousands, among them those who had never met him, watched with never failing interest the doing of this "Grand Old Man" of the ringing world, who, in his peregrinations up and down the country, did so much to improve the relationship between ringers and church authorities, and to secure for members of the Exercise that recognition of their position in the Church which it should be the aim of all to strive to attain.

That the memory of such a man as this should be fittingly perpetuated is only natural, and the fact that the sum required to carry out the memorial scheme has not yet been secured is due, we believe, as much to the procrastination of some of the officials of the associations as to anything else. Where the collection of contributions has been properly organised, the result has been most gratifying, but there are many cases where practically no steps have been taken to bring the matter to the notice of members, through their respective organisations, as was originally intended. Direct appeal is now made to those towers who have not yet subscribed to send in their contributions, however small, so that the committee may proceed to erect in Drayton Church, the scene of Mr. Robinson's ministrations for so many years, the chancel screen which, had he been given life and health, it was the rev. gentleman's intention to carve with his own hands, and thus complete that decoration of the sacred edifice which he had laboured so long and so lovingly to carry out. We feel sure that the appeal made by the chairman of the Memorial Committee will not be made in vain, and those who desire to send contributions will find on another page a list of those gentlemen who will be happy to receive them.

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John O. Sager, Solicitor, Todmorden, December 10, 1910.
Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., Bell and Brassfounders, Smethwick.

Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt., in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT	*Treble*	*EDGAR H. BAILEY	6
ALBERT G. WARNES	2	FREDERICK J. ROOPE	7
CHARLES BAKER	3	*ERNEST S. BAILEY	8
JAMES BAILEY	4	WILLIAM STEELE	9
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	5	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal on ten bells. The 100th peal by the ringers of the 6th, 8th and 10th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

HENRY S. REEVES	*Treble*	SAMUEL PAGE	5
HUBERT EDEN	2	GEORGE N. PRICE	6
WALTER HOBBS	3	EDWARD WHITBREAD	7
*CHARLES N. LEMAN	4	FREDERICK WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by HUBERT EDEN.

* First peal in the method.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HAROLD PEGG	*Treble*	JOHN RAWSON	5
†HARRY PERCIVAL	2	JOSEPH LORD	6
JOHN MOORE	3	WALTER FERN	7
GEORGE WALKER	4	STORER W. WEST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal. † First peal on a bob bell. The ringer of the treble was elected a member before starting for the peal.

WATLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lbs., in E sharp.

PHILBERT W. WILKINS	*Treble*	WILLIAM WELLING	5
*JOSEPH WHITE	2	WILLIAM J. PAICE	6
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	3	*ROBERT H. YOUNG	7
†WILLIAM GOODCHILD	4	RICHARD BUCKLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER, and
Conducted by GEO. F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Bob Major away from the treble. † First peal in the method. In the above peal seven towers were represented, viz., Bledlow, Hurst, High Wycombe, Hughenden, Old Windsor, Wokingham and Beaconsfield.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHOUT THE WALLS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*HENRY GOUGH	*Treble*	HENRY DEW	5
ROBERT SPERRING	2	JAMES MORGAN	6
WILLIAM SCONCE	3	REV. C. CAREW COX	7
HENRY W. WILDE	4	ERNEST CHANNELL	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and
Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

* First peal in the method.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 8, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LATES' ONE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt., in E flat.

JOHN OVERTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM SHORT	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	2	WILFRED OVERTON	6
REV. E. V. COX	3	JAMES E. GROVES	7
JOHN ELCOCK	4	HORACE W. OVERTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt., in F.

*WILLIAM H. LAMBERT	*Treble*	ERNEST C. LAMBERT	5
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr.	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN	3	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL	7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	4	ISAAC EMERY	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First in the method on the bells.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt., in E.

*WILLIAM E. PITMAN	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
*ISAAC EMERY	2	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL	6
*GEORGE BILLENNESS	3	CHARLES W. PLAYER	7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	4	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHERY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Believed to be the first in the method on the bells.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 9, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT	*Treble*	GEORGE WATSON	5
ISAAC EMERY	2	*GEORGE BILLENNESS	6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN	3	CHARLES W. PLAYER	7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	4	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal in the method on the bells. Mr. Trollope's 100th peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 9, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

FREDERICK BORRETT	*Treble*	GEORGE BAXTER	5
CHARLES T. P. BRICE	2	WILLIAM ROOPE	6
A. G. BENNINGTON	3	FREDERICK ROOPE	7
CHARLES BAKER	4	CHARLES ROOPE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and
Conducted by F. BORRETT.

RADYR, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

†EVAN COLES	*Treble*	SIDNEY DAWE	5
*CLARENCE O. HOBBS	2	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK	6
WILLIAM B. BISS	3	WILLIAM BOLTON	7
FRED CHAMBERLAIN	4	ALLEN ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON, and
Conducted by ALLEN ROWLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. D. Phillips, for granting permission to ring.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT	*Treble*	JOHN H. B. HESSE	5
JOHN HOWES	2	ROBERT GRIMWOOD	6
ALFRED H. WINCH	3	HERBERT LANGDON	7
JAMES FROSSELL	4	CHARLES E. READ	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and
Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

IRTHLINGBORO', NORTHANTS

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WALTER PERKINS	*Treble*	REUBEN SANDERS	5
ALPHEAUS PERKINS	2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT	6
*ARTHUR E. PAYNE	3	JAMES GARRATT	7
DAVID J. NICHOLLS	4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

*First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. R. Sanders, London. Messrs. Nicholls, Payne and Sawfoot, hail from Kettering.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 5, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

WILLIAM E. WHITE	*Treble*	JOSEPH T. DYKE	4
WALTER WHITE	2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY	5
JOHN J. JACKSON	3	THOMAS SQUIRES	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. E. WHITE.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all on the bells, and by the Association.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six Scores. Tenor 21 cwt.

*CHARLES DAVIS	*Treble*	HARRY ENGLAND	4
JACK ATHERTON	2	GEORGE H. GALE	5
JOSEPH CAPLE	3	*HARRY SEALEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. GALE.

The ringers of treble and tenor were made members of the Association before starting. * First peal. Rung in honour of the first regatta on the river at Easton for 40 years.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob each called differently.

HERBERT ROBINSON	*Treble*	BERNARD FISHER	4
WILLIAM JACQUES	2	HENRY W. GAYTON	5
F. W. SAWFOOT	3	PEARL INSKIP	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. W. GAYTON.

HONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, August 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 32 Six Scores of St. Dunstan's and 10 Six Scores of Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

A. MACKEARS	*Treble*	A. PALMER	3
R. SCOTT	2	W. WATSON	4
A. DRURY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by A. MACKEARS.

This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. E. H. Wilgress, Vicar of Carlton Scroop, and Miss F. M. Moore, daughter of Canon Moore, of Honington.

WHITCHURCH.—The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—On Saturday last, at St. Mary's Church, Whitchurch, to celebrate the wedding of Miss Couzens, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Couzens, of Merthyr Road, Whitchurch, and Mr. Green, of Vancouver, B.C., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Bailey 1, W. Biss (conductor) 2, L. Wright 3, E. Coles 4, W. Porter 5, T. Middleton 6. A. Bishop took part in other ringing, which included the firing of the bells. Afterwards the ringers were entertained by the bride's parents, and a pleasant afternoon was spent, everyone present wishing Mr. and Mrs. Green every happiness.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

Hitherto I have been dealing with the way to ring the Plain Bob method, which is really a method for an even number of bells, although, as we have seen, it can be adapted to odd numbers. But the method lent itself to our purpose, because it is, in a sense, merely an extension along scientific lines of those two rows of changes which I gave in quite the early issues in order to explain what half-pull ringing was. For the moment, however, let us leave the Plain Bob method now that the young conductor has been shown how to get his band on to touches of Minor, and turn our attention to a method, essentially intended for odd numbers of bells, for whether there are six or eight in a tower, many ringers find it much easier to ring when the method is one that has a covering bell, which keeps the beat and gives no difficulty to the learner in regard to the bell he has to lead off.

Grandsire, like Plain Bob, is one of the oldest of the methods practised, and its fundamental difference from Plain Bob is that it has two bells doing a plain hunt instead of one. As has been remarked, in Plain Bob, the treble hunts up and down without interruption for dodging purposes, and, having a fixed work, serves as a guide to the other bells. Grandsire has two bells doing this plain hunt, one is the treble and the other is the bell coursing immediately after the treble—in the plain course, the 2nd. The result of having two bells in the hunt is to force the place made at the treble lead one step further back, so that, while in Plain Bob, 2nd's place is made when the treble leads, in Grandsire it is 3rd's place that is made. This in turn forces the dodging also a step further away from the treble, and it takes place, in Doubles, in 4-5 instead of 3-4, and thus saves the four blows behind which occur at a treble lead when Plain Bob is rung on odd numbers.

The method is constructed as under, and there are only three leads instead of four to the plain course, the reason being that there are only three working bells :—

12345	12534	12453
21354	21543	21435
23145	25134	24153
32415	52314	42513
34251	53241	45231
43521	35421	54321
45312	34512	53412
54132	43152	35142
51423	41325	31524
15243	14235	13254
12534	12453	12345

It will be noticed from this that the treble starts in the ordinary way, and that the other bell in the hunt (the 2nd in this case, but a different bell when a bob is called) begins its work by leading a whole pull. The 3rd begins by lying one blow in third's (actually completing the 3rd's place to which I have referred) before leading, while the bells behind begin with a dodge. The work, in its proper order, is thus tabulated :—

Pass the treble in 3-4, dodge in 4-5 down.
Pass the treble in 2-3, dodge in 4-5 up.
Pass the treble in 1-2, make 3rd's place and lead again.

CONDUCTOR.

THE ROBINSON MEMORIAL.

RINGERS' OPPORTUNITY.

The Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, chairman of the Robinson Memorial Committee, and Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, writes :—

Will you kindly publish this, the third list of subscribers to the Robinson Memorial Fund. It will be noticed that the sum in hand is still far short of that which we set out to obtain—£300. This does not, however, prove that we aimed too high, but it rather tends to show what different methods obtain with the various guilds and associations throughout the country. To each secretary was sent by the committee a number of circular letters varying according to the number of his towers (more could have been sent if they had been asked for), but whereas in some cases the result has been all that could be wished, in others the result has been nil. A twelve month has elapsed since the issue of these letters, and we must regretfully conclude that we are not to expect much more from guilds and associations as such : our appeal is therefore now through your columns to individual towers and individual ringers and bell lovers, who have not yet contributed, to send a subscription, though it may be but a small one, to place a memorial in Drayton Church to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson as a testimony from the ringers of Great Britain and their friends to the work of one who for 50 years was the most remarkable figure in the ringing world, and who in that time did more than anyone else for the true advancement of church bell ringing throughout the British Isles.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

REVIVAL OF INTEREST WANTED.

The postponed annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Cambridge on Bank Holiday. The dinner and business meeting was held at the Lion Hotel, about 40 members attending. Amongst those present were the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (in the chair), the Rev. R. L. Twells (general secretary), the Rev. K. H. Smith (hon. treasurer), the Rev. J. M. Clarkson, Messrs. P. Webb, A. Pilgrim (district secs.), and Messrs. R. A. Daniels, F. Pitstow, A. F. James, W. Watts, O. G. Howe, J. Taylor, G. Taylor, W. B. Kempton, T. R. Dennis, and others.

Letters regretting inability to be present were read from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Rev. E. J. Teesdale, Mr. A. Symonds, and others. — The Chairman announced that the next annual meeting is to be held at Huntingdon on Easter Monday.—The General Secretary then read the report, which showed a decrease in the number of peals, and also membership, which was the most marked in the Isle of Ely district. — The Hon. Treasurer, in reading the balance sheet, commented strongly upon the lack of enthusiasm in the Association, and urged members to put forth greater efforts to secure new members.

Before the election of officers took place, the Chairman made a welcome announcement that the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson would shortly reside in Cambridge, and hoped he would be able to take office.—The General Secretary (the Rev. R. L. Twells) having decided to resign, Mr. T. R. Dennis was proposed and elected to that office. The treasurer and district secretaries were all re-elected, and the Rev. J. M. Clarkson was elected representative of the Association on the Central Council for three years.—Votes of thanks to the chairman, officers and clergy for the use of the bells concluded the meeting.

During the day touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major were successfully brought round, the towers open for ringing being Great St. Mary's (12), Great St. Andrew's (8), St. Andrew's, Chesterton (6), and the Church of Our Lady, R.C. (8). Mr. W. H. Lawrence again performed the feat of ringing two bells to a course of Grandsire Triples.

STEDMAN'S PRINCIPLE.

THE REV. H. LAW JAMES' THEORY CRITICISED.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Surely the Rev. H. Law James has fallen into error in giving the blocks of figures published in your last issue as a proof of his theory. No fault can be found with Mr. James for constructing the blocks to suit his own case. It is when erroneous statements are made regarding them, and illogical conclusions are drawn, that objection must be taken.

Note then what Mr. James says as to block D:—

"D is a plain course, unless one can prove that the four rows contain bobs, but the four rows do not contain a bob because, although four makes 3rd's place, she then goes down to lead instead of returning to the back, which she would do if she had really made a bob."

This is an astonishing assertion, for, if the place is a bob, the subsequent course of the bell making it cannot alter the fact. Then Mr. James ignores the third's place, where two comes from the front, makes the place and returns.

That the four rows are inserted by means of three bobs is simply proved. First, the particular place referred to in Mr. James' statement is made by 4, which in the ordinary course would have gone straight to lead, being after 2 with 2 after 1. The making of the place retards its progress one blow, which puts it in place of 1, compelling 1 to take the place of 2, thus giving an order of 53412 instead of 53124. Then, if the first place is a bob, for the same reason the other two are bobs. As a matter of fact, they form a Q set of three bobs, affecting three bells, and in their entirety restore the original course order.

	D.	Course Order.
	12345	53124
B.	21435	
	12453	53412
	14235	
	41253	53241
	42135	
	24153	53124
	etc.	

A portion of D is given here to show the change in the course order after each bob place. Further, the portion of D bracketed is the reverse of the block B given by Mr. James, being a touch of Original Doubles obtained by three successive bobs. The whole of D contains five such blocks and nothing else, these five blocks being connected by fifth's place, displacing first place, and the bob places are left undisturbed. Here it may be pointed out that seven bob blocks of Original Triples may be connected in the same way by seventh's place displacing first place, giving a regular plain course, which is not in "Legitimate Methods."

This is sufficient to show that the block D does contain bobs, and if one wished to argue parallel with Mr. James, it might be said that because it is composed of five touches it is, therefore, a touch. This sort of argument is not logical, for D is a plain course obtained by the use of interior bobs, i.e., between the ends of each division, which is quite in accord with the laws of the science. The block F, given by Mr. James, is also obtained by the use of five interior bobs between the division head and end, which are in plain course order, and it is, therefore, a plain course.

No one knows better than Mr. James of the existence of these interior bobs in the majority of methods, and that they have up to the present been regarded as fixed places, and not as bobs. He is now, in a roundabout way, endeavouring to show that they may be used to obtain touches and peals by their omission and variation, and this point being raised, it ought to be settled.

If Mr. James will confine himself to this, which I think he ought to have done from the first, and will give us his conclusions as to the limits of these omissions and variations, then the question will permit of reasonable discussion. As it is we are drifting into chaos.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Sunderland, August 12th, 1911.

[For the convenience of readers, we repeat the figures which were printed in the Rev. H. L. James' letter.—Ed.]

A	B	C	D	E	F
12345	12345	12345	12345	12345	12345
21435	21435	21435	21435	21435	21435
24153	12453	24153	*12453*	*24153*	*12453*
42513	21543	42513	*14235*	*42135*	*14235*
45231	12534	24531	*41253*	*41253*	*41253*
54321	21354	42351	*42135*	*14235*	*42135*
53412	12345	43215	24153	12453	24153
35142		34125	42513	21543	42513
31524		43152	*24531*	etc.	*45231*
13254		34512	*25413*		*54213*
12345		35421	*52431*		*52431*
		etc.	*54231*		*25413*
			45231		24531
			54321		42351
			etc.		etc.

BAD-GOING BELLS AT HAMER.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch of the Lancashire Association was held at All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday last. Being at a six-bell tower, the meeting was not so well attended as some previous ones, but members were present from Middleton, Oldham, Rochdale and Walsden, with the local company. After the business meeting, an attempt was made for a touch of Bob Minor, but it came to grief, as the bells are running very badly, and the ringers present were of one opinion, that they want overhauling.—Mr. J. H. Bastow was nominated for branch secretary by the Todmorden company and the Oldham company. The next meeting of the branch will be held at Oldham Parish Church on the second Saturday in September.

MEETING AT KILLAMARSH.

The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society held a meeting at Killamarsh, on Saturday, the 5th inst. A good muster of six-bell hands, including a fair number of those who have graduated as far as twelve bells, assembled, one to have a touch with the other, or to talk of old times; or, as is often the case at these metings, to have a try at something which they do not ring at home. Anston, Bolsover, Eckington, Staveley, Ranmoor, North Wingfield, were the towers represented, with the local company in full force. Among the ringing during the afternoon and evening were touches of varying length of Oxford, Kent, Duke of York, Killamarsh, College Exercise, and London, Cambridge, and Coronation Surprise. Mr. J. P. Tarlton, vice-president, presided over the short business meeting which was sandwiched between the ringing. Several new members were elected.—A vote of thanks to the Rector and the local company, who are to be complimented for the manner in which they turned up and made their visitors welcome, was passed, and a vote of thanks was also passed to the chairman.—Business finished, more touches on the bells followed; an enjoyable meeting concluding with a social half-hour.

RINGERS AS CHURCH WORKERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I see that "Churchworker" thinks that the remedy for non-Sunday ringing could be found in joining the C.E.M.S. I beg to differ from him. I think the only remedy lies with the church officials. If the clergy paid more attention to the ringers and their work, I think it would encourage more Sunday ringing and church attendance. I will give you an instance. At the church where I am in the habit of ringing, we never see the Rector unless it is to complain because we are ringing a little too long. He wants the bells down ten minutes before the service, although he will wait five minutes for the organist to finish a voluntary. Then, again, the ringers ask the

churchwardens to accept them as voluntary workers. This they refused to do, but still persist in paying for chiming (no chiming has been done for two years). The ringers will not take the money, so it means a lot of unpleasantness each time the money is paid. Now, sir, if joining the C.E.M.S. would alter this state of affairs, we would all most willingly join, as we love the church and the ringing

ANOTHER CHURCHWORKER.

IN THE WEALD OF KENT.

AN ENJOYABLE EXCURSION.

For a long time past it was in the minds of some of us to attempt a peal of Major on the splendid and heavy ring at Tenterden. Tradition says that Barham who rang peals at most of the Kentish towers got a peal of Bob Major there many years ago, so we determined to ring a Surprise method. We were not the first to attempt the task, for some years ago Mr. Pye took a band, but had to abandon a peal of Superlative owing to the "go" of the tenor, a pretty sure proof that our task was not likely to be a light one. Last Bank Holiday was chosen, and the band had orders to be at the tower on Sunday evening if possible; if not, early on Monday. Our conductor, Mr. Bennett, was the first on the scene going by train, but the cyclists tarried on the way to enjoy the hospitality of Mr. Blackwell, at Hawkhurst, where we had a right good country welcome, and a real farmhouse dinner. Thither, too, went many of the ladies, who made up a happy family. I rather fancy some of us would have been content to lie in the fields for the rest of our natural existence, but business had to be attended to, and early Monday morning we were in Tenterden steeple repairing ropes and oiling the bells.

They are certainly a fine ring, worthy of their great reputation. The bells originally came from the Whitechapel foundry, but four, including the three biggest, were recast by Warners. The band was as follows:—I. Emery 1, J. A. Trollope 2, E. Barnett, junr., 3, Thomas Groombridge, junr., 4, F. Bennett (conductor) 5, E. Barnett, senr., 6, J. E. Davis 7, T. Groombridge, senr., 8. "Go" was called for Cambridge, and the bells at once settled down to some most excellent striking, fit for any critic to hear. When we had rung faultlessly for an hour and a half, a peal seemed to be a certainty; but it was not to be. The tenor began to go worse and worse, and the tenor man seeing that he had no chance of finishing the peal, set his bell. We had failed, but we had not disgraced ourselves, so we were not overmuch disappointed. A course of London was tapped off so faultlessly that it seemed good enough for a peal at the next place. This was Rolvenden. The bells there are a poor, a very poor, lot, badly out of tune, and going all to pieces for want of attention.

It took only a few rounds to show that there was going to be no peal of London Surprise there. The bells were dropped all over the place, and the seventh bearings were taking a walk up and down the frame every time she was pulled. We went aloft and screwed her up, but 'twas no go. The fates decreed that the day was to be pealless.

AN IMPROMPTU CONCERT.

Now it so happened that a relative of Mr. Blackwell's was mine host at an hostelry at Benenden hard by, and thither went we. The ladies from Hawkhurst also came over, so that we were nearly five-and-thirty strong. They carted a piano out on to the lawn, produced handbells and beer, and we spread ourselves out to enjoy ourselves, which we did. A more eloquent pen than this must describe the glories of that night—how the ladies played most charmingly, how Mr. J. E. Davies sang two splendid comic songs ('pon my soul, Jim, I didn't know you had it in you), how Mr. Groombridge tapped treble twelve on the piano, how the ladies danced and made some of us (think of that!) dance too. Anyhow, it was pretty nearly a couple of hours after the law said that that "pub" should have been decently closed that we broke up. Some of us stayed there, some went back to Hawkhurst, and the two Groombridges had to bicycle back to Chislehurst, how many miles I don't quite know, but at least thirty or forty more than I should have cared for. Mr. Barnett, senr., also had to leave us for home.

Goudhurst was the first tower next day, and 8.30 the meeting time. That meant getting up early, and a long ride, but we were getting used to that sort of thing, and punctually to time we met at the church. They are a heavy lot of bells, most, if not all, from Whitechapel, and above the average. But our peal luck followed us. We were told on arrival that the hot weather had "played Old Harry" with the frame, and that the locals could not ring them on the previous Sunday. But we were not easily to be defeated. We spent nearly an hour screwing the bells up, and then started for Stedman Triples. No go! We had not got far when, wonderful to tell, our usually infallible conductor missed a bob. We readily forgave him, the more because several of us were pretty certain that they'd have had all they wanted before the peal was finished. Then Mr. Davis had to go. He said he had, but what is mere business at such a time? But go he would, and so we bid him a sorrowful farewell. Then on to Marden, where we found a light peal of eight recently cast and hung by Bowell, of Ipswich, in a very neat and clean, if somewhat slight, frame. The bells went splendidly, and we had no difficulty in scoring the first peal of Double Norwich.

PEAL OF EIGHT FOR DAWLISH.

There was a large congregation at Dawlish parish church, when the two new bells, which have been subscribed for by the parishioners in commemoration of the Coronation of King George V. were dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon of Exeter. The church had originally six bells, and these have been tuned by Messrs. Harry Stokes and Son, church bellhangers, of Woodbury, who have hung the two new bells. The latter, which are in an iron frame, with steel girders, are hung over the old six. The latter require rehanging, and it is hoped the work will be taken in hand ere long. The weight of the new treble is 4 cwt. 2 qr. 11lb., and the inscription on it is: "God preserve Church and King, 22nd June, 1911." The weight of the second bell is 5 cwt. 0 qr. 10lb., and the inscription: "King George V. Coronation, 22nd June, 1911." The cost of the two bells is about £125, and although the suggestion of thus marking the Coronation was only made by the Vicar (the Rev. W. P. Alford) at the Easter Vestry, the residents of the town have subscribed the money required, Mr. E. A. Border being the hon. secretary of the fund. The Rev. W. P. Alford took the service, the Archdeacon reading the lesson. During the singing of the processional hymn No. 242 the clergy and choir proceeded to the belfry, where they were met by the churchwardens, the ringers standing to their bells. The Archdeacon stood between the ropes of the two new bells, and, holding them, dedicated them with this prayer: "To the glory of God and the service of His Church in memory of the Coronation of his Majesty George V., whom God preserve. May the blessing of the Almighty ever rest upon the use of these bells from generation to generation." After two prayers a short peal was rung, followed by the hymn, "Lifted gently to the tower, There our bells are set on high, to fulfil their daily mission, midway 'twixt the earth and sky." The Archdeacon gave an address, and, at the close of the service, the National Anthem was sung, and the bells were again rung.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN BRANCH MEETING AT LITTLE COMBERTON.

The second quarterly meeting of the Southern branch of the Worcester and Districts Association was held on Saturday last, at the picturesque village of Little Comberton, which lies at the foot of Bredon Hills. Ringers were present representing Evesham, Pershore, Upton-on-Severn, Hampton, Bretforeton, Cropthorne, Hinton, and Elmley Castle. Mr. J. R. Newman (general secretary) and Mr. J. H. Sheppard, of Wolverhampton, were also present, and soon the bells were going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford and Plain Bob. The service, which was well attended, was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. D. Lowndes), and an address was given by the Rev. H. Fowler, of Elmley Castle, who took for his text, Romans x., 18: "Their sound went out into all the earth." His remarks were listened to with much interest, and were most appropriate to the occasion.—After service, "the cup that cheers" was partaken of, under most ideal conditions, on the lawn in front of the Vicarage. The Vicar and Mrs. Lowndes partook of tea with the visitors, and the Misses Lowndes looked after the needs of the visitors.

After tea, the business meeting, over which the Vicar presided, took place. Several new members were proposed and accepted, including the Rev. W. D. Lowndes, and the Rev. Harcourt Fowler, who consented to become honorary members.—A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs. H. J. Hammond and her son, in their recent bereavement, through the death of the Rev. H. J. Hammond, late Vicar of Great Comberton, who met with an untimely end, and who was an honorary member of the Association.

It was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Fladbury, the date to be left with the hon. secretary to arrange.—On the motion of Mr. J. R. Newman, seconded by Mr. G. E. Nind (hon. secretary of the Evesham Guild), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for presiding at the meeting, and for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. Harcourt Fowler for his most interesting address; also to the Vicar and Mrs. Lowndes for providing such a splendid tea, and to the Misses Lowndes for assisting in looking after the wants of the visitors. — This was, of course, carried unanimously, and the Vicar suitably replied.

A move was then made to the belfry, where the bells were again soon going to various methods. Great Comberton and Elmley Castle bells were available in the evening, and this privilege was taken advantage of.

EVESHAM. — On Sunday last, at the Bell Tower, 593 Grandsire Caters: R. Young 1, T. Edwin 2, F. Cook 3, H. Jordan 4, T. Miller (conductor) 5, J. Porter 6, F. Jordan 7, J. Hemming 8, H. Middleton 9, H. J. Phipps 10.

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Mr. Frank Bennett.

Mr. Bennett was born at Basingstoke in 1869, his first visit to a belfry being in December, 1885, the evening after the St. Lawrence Society, Reading, had rung a peal of Grandsire in the Hampshire tower. Mr. H. White, who had rung his first peal on that occasion, seized upon this new recruit, and taught him to handle a bell, while several evenings a week were spent in learning Bob Minor on handbells, several touches being rung by Mr. Bennett before he was able to ring rounds on tower bells. When just able to master Grandsire Triples, he left Basingstoke for Guildford. This was in 1887, and he quickly made his way to St. Nicolas Church, when he found a band who rang a course of Grandsire Triples by figures, with two doubles, the veteran, Mr. J. Heathorne, who rang his first peal at 60, making the calls. Mr. Bennett found a rope available for him whenever anyone else was away, but this was too tame, and, when Mr. F. T. W. Rees came to reside in Guildford in 1888, a new company was formed, and made such excellent progress that on March 2nd, 1889, Holt's ten-part was successfully rung. It was conducted by Mr. George Williams, and five of the young society took part in it, four of them, including Mr. Bennett, ringing their first peal. This was followed by the first local peal on October 3rd, Mr. Bennett conducting Davies' Variation of Holt's six-part. In 1890 the first local peals of Bob Triples, Bob Major and Union Triples were accomplished, and in 1891 Treble Bob was added to the list. On Whit-Monday of that year, also, Mr. Bennett took part in the first peal (Treble Bob Major) on the bells of East Meon, Hants, it being the 100th peal by Mr. George Williams, who conducted it, and with whom Mr. Bennett was afterwards to be so intimately associated in upholding the reputation of the Sussex Association.

In September, 1891, Mr. Bennett was married, and an incident of his wedding day will never be forgotten by those taking part in the peal, which Mr. Bennett was himself conducting. When near the end the gudgeon of the 5th broke, and the bell crashed down into the pit. The superstitious might have anticipated dire calamity in the wedded life that had just commenced, but it proved by no means the bad omen it portended, for Mr. Bennett's success has to a considerable extent been achieved through the help and encouragement he has received from, and the interest taken in ringing by his wife. And here it may be noted that Mr. Bennett's daughter is now an enthusiast in the Art, and only a run of misfortune has prevented her from scoring, on handbells, her first peal.

But to return to the days at Guildford. When the band there was in a fair way of accomplishing Stedman Triples, several members of the company, for various reasons, left. But in 1894 two new trebles were added by the generosity of Mr. F. T. W. Rees, and a peal of Grandsire Caters rung on them. In 1895 Mr. Bennett went to Brighton, where, with the St. Peter's company, who at that time were in the ascendant, he did the greater part of his peal ringing. Sussex has never had a band associated with any of its towers to equal this one in ability, and it was the skill of this company that kept the County Association in the forefront for so many years. During the twelve years he was living in Brighton Mr. Bennett rang no fewer than 409 peals, the most notable being the first peal of London Surprise in the City of London (at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street); the extent of London with the tenors together (6720) rung half muffled for the funeral of Queen Victoria, and the first peals of Oxford, Norfolk, Westminster, and Bristol Surprise ever rung. In one of the Sussex "ringing weeks," when the St. Peter's Society used to start for a peal each evening, at different towers, Mr. Bennett took part in seven Surprise peals in different methods, rung in eight attempts. Of that company, it is rather sad to contemplate, six at least have severed their connection with ringing, and only two now remain associated with the tower (Messrs. K. Hart and E. C. Merritt).

Mr. Bennett went to London in 1907, and in October of that year started a Surprise band, which met at Lewisham once a week for practice, and which has now rung about 60 Surprise peals, including London, Cambridge, Superlative and New Cumberland, as well as the first peals of Forward and Duffield Royal in London, and the first peal of Double Norwich Royal by the Kent Association. In 1908 Mr. Bennett was elected honorary secretary of the Royal Cumberland Youths, for whom he is doing excellent

work. He represents this society upon the Central Council. Mr. Bennett's great ambition now is to ring a peal with his daughter, and success in this direction may be looked for very shortly.

The following is his list of peals :—

	Rang	Con.
In Seven Minor Methods	4	
Union Triples	1	1
Oxford Bob Triples	1	1
Grandsire Triples	55	38
Grandsire Caters	14	7
Bob Triples	6	3
Bob Major	60	37
Bob Royal	1	
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	46	23
Kent Treble Bob Royal	13	4
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	1
Double Oxford Major	1	
Double Norwich Major	103	45
Double Norwich Royal	2	1
Stedman Triples	118	60
Stedman Caters	36	14
Stedman Cinques	2	1
Forward Royal	3	3
Duffield Royal	1	1
Norfolk Surprise Major	2	
Westminster Surprise Major	3	
Oxford Surprise Major	3	
Gloucester Surprise Major	3	
New Cumberland Surprise Major	11	6
Superlative Surprise Major	85	28
Cambridge Surprise Major	40	25
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	1
Bristol Surprise Major	4	1
London Surprise Major	38	5
ON HANDBELLS.		
Grandsire Triples	1	
	663	307

Rung in 206 towers in 17 counties. This list does not include one false peal of Grandsire Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman Caters.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

We Englishmen dearly like to celebrate anniversaries, and at Old Hill, Staffs, there has been quite an interesting little commemoration. Twenty-five years ago, on the 11th inst., a band rang their first 720, the method being Grandsire Minor. A quarter of a century later, to the very day, the same band (with one exception) met and rang the same 720 on the same bells. The performance is recorded among the miscellaneous touches.

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Another interesting touch recorded this week is the 1008 Bob Major rung on Sunday evening at Leiston by eight members of the Bailey family. After 1008 we look to the early accomplishment of a family peal.

The Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild (the Rev. C. E. Matthews) has arranged a ringing tour in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight for the Cambridge University Guild next month. Amongst the towers to be visited are Winchester Cathedral, North Stoneham, Lymington, Ryde, Dibden, St. Michael's, Southampton; Brading, East Tytherley and Romsey Abbey.

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A tour in South Wales is also being arranged, a mixed band, in which Mr. W. Pye will be the leading spirit, having secured a dozen towers in the Llandaff district for a week in September.

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We learn that the bells of Stratton, Cornwall, tenor 18cwt., are to be recast, with a tenor of 20cwt., and rehung. Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, have the contract.

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Some of our readers, we are afraid, did not get "The Ringing World" last week as promptly as they ought. This was due to the dislocation of traffic by the great labour strike in London. When food supplies are held up it is not surprising, perhaps, that here and there a bundle of papers should be delayed, although our publishers did everything that was possible under the circumstances to ensure prompt dispatch.

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Only one peal has ever been rung upon the lonely island of Lundy, and that was conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. The island has a rugged history, and the controller of its destinies for the last half century has been Mr. Heaven, the patriarchal proprietor, who has been both king and priest. Mr. Heaven built the church, and in it used to minister to the spiritual needs of the islanders. Failing health has now necessitated his removal to the mainland.

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Mr. Heaven welcomed the band of stalwarts who faced the discomforts of the journey to Lundy in a small boat, and afterwards had one of the biggest tasks of their lives to get the bells through a peal. Lundy Island is situated in the diocese of Exeter, but separated from the mainland by a particularly choppy part of the Bristol Channel, which caused a late Low Church Bishop, who went to hold a confirmation on the islet, to perpetrate the worst pun of an otherwise well-spent life. After a rough passage, in which he had thrown up everything but his bishopric, the unhappy prelate was heard to moan : "I now believe that we must all pass through purgatory to reach Heaven."

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Mr. John Carter's machine for change ringing is rapidly approaching, even if it has not already reached, perfection, and presently when we want a peal rung it will merely be necessary to press the button and the machine will do the rest. We have not yet seen this wonderful machine ourselves, but recently one gentleman well-known throughout the Exercise inspected it and brought with him a lead of a new Treble Bob method, which no one but himself had seen. It was put into the machine, which rang a course perfectly. This sort of thing fairly takes one's breath away, and we are looking forward with interest and pleasure to inspecting Mr. Carter's wonderful invention.

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J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE'S 100 PEALS.

TOWER BELLS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Seven Methods Five Bells	1	
Five Methods Six Bells	1	1
Grandsire Triples	2	1
,, Caters	5	1
,, Cinques	1	
Bob Triples	1	1
,, Major	6	2
Canterbury Major	1	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	17	
,, ,, ,, ,, Caters	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	5	
,, ,, ,, Royal	2	
,, ,, ,, Maximus	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	6	1
,, ,, ,, Royal	1	
Forward Royal	1	
Stedman Triples	7	
,, Caters	5	
,, Cinques	1	
Superlative Surprise Major	8	
Cambridge ,, ,,	3	
New Cumberland ,, ,,	1	
Bristol ,, ,,	1	
London ,, ,,	2	
	80	

HANDBELLS.

Grandsire Triples	1	
,, Major	2	
,, Caters	1	
Bob Minor	1	1
,, Triples	1	1
,, Major*	9	4
,, Royal	1	
Canterbury Major	1	1
Stedman Triples	1	
,, Caters	2	
	20	

* Including 6720 and 11,200.

Total 100; conducted 15; rung in 48 towers, 13 counties and 13 Associations.

FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN'S 100 PEALS.

The peal at Beccles recorded this week completed Mr. F. J. Howchin's 2X00 peals, a list of which is appended.

On Six Bells	1		
Bob Triples	1		
Bob Major	7	...	conducted 1
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1		
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	4		
Superlative Surprise Major	1		
Grandsire Triples	6	...	conducted 1
Grandsire Caters	10		
Grandsire Cinques	1		
Kent Treble Bob Major	16	(including 6,240, 7,040)	con. 1
Kent Treble Royal	7		
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	5		
Oxford Treble Bob Major	30	(including 6,432)	co 1
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	3		
Oxford Treble Bob Maximus	1		
Stedman Triples	1		
Stedman Caters	1		
Stedman Cinques	4		
Total	100		

Also a false peal of Kent Maximus.

BUSHEY RINGERS AT BRIGHTON.

The annual outing of the Bushey Society took place in ideal weather on Saturday. In previous years the members have gone by brake to the neighbouring towers, but it was thought that a change was desirable, so this year the place selected was Brighton. Leaving Bushey at 6.30 a.m., the party reached their destination at 10.15 a.m. The first item on the programme was ringing at St. Peter's, where, with the help of Mr. Keith Hart, various touches of Stedman Triples were tapped off. Then the beach was visited, and bathing indulged in, the veterans' attempt to swim the channel meeting with early disaster. After dinner a move was made to St. Paul's, where, with the help of Mr. C. W. Clarke, of Bedford, and the local men, touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative were rung. Some of the more adventurous spirits climbed to the top of the tower, where a magnificent bird's eye view of Brighton and district rewarded their efforts. The afternoon was spent by the party in various ways, one section having a boat out, and finding that ringing is good training for rowing. After tea some of the visitors again met at St. Peter's for a short touch. The return was made at 8.25 (only half an hour after scheduled time), and home was reached at 11.35, all having spent a pleasant day. The visitors wish to thank the various incumbents for the use of the bells, Mr. Keith Hart for making the arrangements, and the local men for their presence and welcome.

BELLS & TOWER OF TRENT CHURCH.

RESTORATION COMPLETED.

The little village of Trent, Dorset, is rejoicing at the completion of an extensive restoration scheme, its handsome spire, which rises over the south transept to a height of 100 feet, having been rendered safe, after being found to be in a highly dangerous condition; and the ancient bells, which were badly in need of repair, retuned and rehung. A new porch has also been added to the church, and the whole work has been carried out at a cost of about £1,700. By means of subscriptions, entertainments, sales of work, etc., the parishioners have responded liberally to the Restoration Fund, and the appeals of the rector to churchpeople throughout the district have met with a gratifying response, over £1,337 being raised. The fund was headed by Mrs. Isabella and Miss Seymour with £150, and they later increased their contribution to £300. A grant was also made by the Diocesan Society of £130, and upon the lamented death of Mrs. Seymour she bequeathed £1,000 towards the repairs. There will thus be a sum of some £600 in hand, which is to form the nucleus of another fund for further repairs to the church. Very extensive restoration is needed to the floor and seating, a new organ and heating apparatus are badly wanted, and other parts of the fabric require attention.

PRE-REFORMATION BELLS.

The work of repair was begun in August last year, and has been efficiently carried out by Messrs. Samuel Sherwin and Son, of Boston, Lincs., under the control of Mr. Temple Moore (architect). The tower has been thoroughly under-pinned on all sides with concrete blocks to a depth of ten feet, the spire has been re-built, and the old seventeenth century weather vane repaired, re-gilded, and re-placed. The porch has also been practically re-built.

The bells are five in number (tenor 18 cwt.), the treble, 2nd and 4th being of Pre-Reformation date, and bearing the following inscriptions:

"Augustine tuam campanam portege sanam."

"Campana Andreæ Ecclesiae Trente."

"Sancta Maria Ora Pro Nobis."

The fundamental tones, and the harmonics of the bells were very much out of tune, and it was with the greatest surprise and delight that the peal were heard for the first time after having been retuned. The bells have been fitted with iron headstocks, and fittings of the most modern description, and rehung in a new iron and steel frame, in which provision has been made for a new treble, which will be added as soon as the necessary funds are available. The restoration of the bells was entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of London, who have carried out the work in an extremely satisfactory manner.

THE DEDICATION.

The tower, spire, porch and bells have been dedicated by the Bishop (Dr. Kennion), the service being attended by a large congregation. The clergy present, in addition to the Bishop, were: The Rev. J. M. Alcock (Vicar of Godney and Bishop's chaplain), Archdeacon Brymer (of Wells), the Revs. Preb. W. E. Daniel (Rector of Horsington), Preb. A. P. Wickham (Vicar of Martock), J. C. Fox (Rector of Templecombe), G. C. Gull (Vicar of Holy Trinity, Yeovil), G. R. G. Norris (Curate, St. John's Church, Yeovil), W. T. Rowe (Rector of Sandford Orcas), H. A. Boys (Rector of North Cadbury), and C. H. J. Glossop (Rector of Brympton).

The service opened with the singing of "Rejoice, ye pure in heart," and during the rendering of "We love the place," the Bishop, the Bishop's Chaplain, Archdeacon Brymer, the Rector, Mr. Peake-Mason, the churchwardens (Messrs. A. E. Spurr, rector's, and R. Andrews, people's), and ringers proceeded to the porch, where the dedicatory prayer was offered by the Bishop. "When morning gilds the skies" was then sung by the congregation, the Bishop and others meanwhile proceeding into the belfry, where, after receiving the five ropes from the people's warden, his Lordship dedicated the peal, "To the glory of God and to the use of this church separate from all profane and unhallowed uses." Then the bells rang out in joyful tones.

His Lordship then delivered an interesting discourse, basing his remarks on Psalm cxxii., 8. He made an earnest plea for a greater sense of brotherhood amongst people, remarking that he did not think its importance was sufficiently realised in these days. He was told they were going to take in hand further repairs to their church. He felt almost inclined to plead with them that nothing should be done that would disturb its ancient beauty. Whatever was done should be carried out with such wisdom that all that was so peculiarly beautiful might be preserved, so that they might not lose the recollection that had fixed itself in their minds of that church, which was one of beauty and one they all ought to love. But they would do well to put it in such order that there would be no risk of anything perishing, and to enable its being handed on to future generations in the best possible condition. He rejoiced that they had accomplished so well what had been done, and congratulated their Rector and those who had worked with him upon the achievements they could already speak of.

The concluding hymn was "Now thank we all our God," during the singing of which a collection was taken in aid of restoring the interior of the church, which amounted to £5.—After the service the bells were rung.

MR. G. R. PYE'S 500 PEALS.

As recorded last week, Mr. G. R. Pye rang his 500th peal, a peal of London Surprise, at Burgess Hill, Sussex. Appended is his list:

	Tower Bells. Rung.	Tower Bells. Con.	Handbells. Rung.	Handbells. Con.
On Six Bells	1			
Grandsire Triples	8	2	3	2
Grandsire Caters	3	1		
Stedman Triples	57	16	28*	7
Stedman Caters (including 18,027)	49	2	23	1
Stedman Cinques (11,111)	28	2	8	
Kent Treble Bob Major (10,464)	15	2	6	2
Kent Treble Bob Royal	16		4	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	2			
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1			
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1			
Bob Major	4	1		
Double Norwich Major (15,072)	35	6	4	2
Double Oxford Major	1			
Duffield Major	1			
Superlative Surprise Major	87	13	7*	
Cambridge Surprise Major	6			
Cambridge Surprise Royal	3			
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1			
New Cambridge Surprise Major	7	1	3	
New Cambridge Surprise Royal	3			
New Cumberland Surprise Major	1			
Bristol Surprise Major	27	4	3	
London Surprise Major (14,112)	49	3	5	
	406	53	94	15

Total rung, 500; conducted, 68. Rung in 159 towers and 26 counties and one on the Irish Sea. *Including one non-conducted.

DIDSBURY RINGERS' ANNUAL PIC-NIC.

ROADSIDE ACCIDENT.—A FORTUNATE ESCAPE.

The ringers of Christ Church, West Didsbury, Manchester, held their annual pic-nic on Bank Holiday. The party arrived at Harecastle at 10.30, and were met by two ringers from Church Lawton, Messrs. Rigby and Harper, and one from Marple. They proceeded by conveyance to Church Lawton, and rang two good touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. Afterwards an adjournment was made to the residence of Mr. Rigby, whose good lady had provided an excellent and substantial dinner, to which ample justice was done.

After dinner it was intended to drive to Alsager, and from there to Barthomley, but owing to a rather alarming accident, the position of calls was reversed. The party was proceeding merrily to Alsager, when, through the driver making a too sudden turn, the conveyance was completely overturned, and all the party scattered on the road, while one wheel of the vehicle was splintered to atoms. Happily, no one was seriously hurt, as was proved by the fact that the ringing programme was carried out in its entirety. A new conveyance was found, and after some delay the party proceeded to Barthomley, where touches of Stedman, Kent Treble Bob Major, Plain Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples were rung. The chief ringer, Mr. Alman, complimented the band on the excellence of the striking, and said that the touch of Bob Major was the best he had ever heard on the bells. The compliment paid was very much appreciated by the visitors. The party next drove to Alsager, where another touch of Bob Major was brought round in splendid style. There being no more time for ringing, the excursionists drove back to Church Lawton, to Mr. Rigby's residence, where a splendid tea had been provided by Mrs. Rigby. The party were behind the appointed time owing to the spill, but appreciating the old adage, "'Tis better late than never," and with a strong feeling of thankfulness that no one was any the worse for what might have turned out to be a serious accident, they attacked the good things provided with a will.

After having thanked Mr. and Mrs. Rigby for their kind entertainment, the party drove to the station, and arrived home safely, after having spent a very enjoyable day. The ringers wish to thank, through "The Ringing World," the clergy of the churches of Church Lawton, Barthomley, and Alsager, for their kindness in giving them the use of the bells.

MINOR RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With your permission I should like to make one or two remarks about points mentioned by Mr. Dains in his letter in last week's "Ringing World." He first of all proposes that all restrictions save one should be omitted.

Now, during the first six months of this year, true peals of Minor have been rung in 14 methods, and I suppose that according to the present way of comparing peals these two would both rank equal, but there is really no comparison between them, either theoretically or practically. One was seven true 720's, the other was 14 360's. Now, in those 14 360's the bells ran round 14 times, and other rows appeared 14 times, and probably some rows never appeared at all; therefore, they cannot be compared theoretically. Again in the seven 720's the ringers had to change from one method to another 38 times; in the 14 360's only 14 times. Again in the 14 360's the new method always started from rounds, whereas in the seven 720's the new method started from rounds only six times out of the 38.

Finally, the seven 720's contained 81 bobs and four singles, with only one observation bell in each 720, whereas the 14 360's contain only 42 bobs, and the two tenors ring plain courses throughout; therefore, I ask for seven true 720's, no matter how many methods are rung.

Mr. Dains then refers to Cinques and Maximus, and says he doubts if a single individual could do it without previous practice; now, of course, practice makes perfect, but the difficulties of twelve-bell ringing are magnified by Mr. Dains, and while I agree that the middle bells of the ring are the easiest to ring if a man cannot strike properly, if he be a really good six-bell striker, it cannot possibly make any difference, for the essence of six-bell ringing is the striking, quite as much if not more than twelve-bell ringing, and I do not consider a man to be a good six-bell ringer until he can ring his bell strictly to compass, independently of his rope sight.

Mr. Dains then turns to the classification of Minor methods, and throws out some suggestions which he thinks will get over the difficulties; but while some of his points are useful, we shall never get a satisfactory result until we are prepared to allow that the scientific classification of methods has nothing to do with their relative difficulty in practical ringing. The collection of Minor methods is properly classified already upon a purely natural non-arbitrary system which cannot be improved upon, and what we have to do now is to divide them into, say, four groups graded according to their relative difficulty.

Group I. will contain Bob Minor, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Westminster Surprise, and various other easy methods.

Group II. will contain Double Court, etc.

Group III., Stedman Slow Course, Cambridge Surprise, etc.

Group IV., Norfolk Surprise, Primrose Surprise, etc.

Now, this can only be done by six-bell ringers for themselves; we shall want a committee, and the committee, when formed, will have to get in touch with as many towers as possible in which a variety of Minor methods are rung, the company in each of these towers will be asked to go through the collection of Minor methods, and put each one into one of the four classes, and send in their lists to the committee, who will then compare the lists and construct from them a final list. When this has been done, and not until then, it will be possible to get a satisfactory scheme for points for Minor peals.

H. LAW JAMES.

PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Peterborough and District Association was held at Peterborough on Bank Holiday. Service was held in the Cathedral Eastern Chapel at 4 p.m., conducted by the President (the Very Rev. the Dean), who also gave the address. The Rev. E. E. Law assisted in the service. Amongst those present (other than the local men) were the Rev. S. G. Short, the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Messrs. William Willson, J. Houghton, G. Ladds, J. B. Hallifax, York Green, H. W. Gayton, A. Andrews, and members from Maxey, Wisbeach, Whittlesea, etc. The following methods were rung at the various towers during the day: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Oxford, and Double Court. Tea, followed by the meeting, took place after the service, the Dean presiding. The Rev. E. E. Law (treasurer) presented the report, which showed a balance in hand of £5 7s. 4d.

Mr. J. Jutson, on behalf of the members, extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and specially mentioned Mr. W. Willson, of Leicester, who made a capital speech in reply.—The officers were appointed for the ensuing year, with additions to the committee, from the new towers, Mr F. Cooke being elected secretary, amid applause. — The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Dean for presiding, and for his impressive address.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: T. Edinborough 1, J. Andrews 2, N. Widdowson 3, A. Hickton 4, J. Bailey 5, R. Drage 6, J. R. Ward (conductor) 7, A. Widdowson 8.—For evening service, 336 Stedman Triples: A. Hickton 1, J. Harrison 2, R. Drage 3, N. Widdowson 4, R. Hickton 5, J. R. Ward 6, J Bailey (conductor) 7, T. Edinborough 8.

THE TRIALS OF ROMNEY MARSH.

New Romney 8.30 a.m. was the next item on the programme. Now, if you consult a map, you will see that Marden and New Romney are wide apart, and, therefore, such of us as had wisdom decided to get over as much of the journey as we could the night before. So did not Messrs. Blackwell and Emery. They rode back to Hawkhurst, and came on in the morning. Hawkhurst is some five-and-twenty miles from Romney, and when they did arrive they had had just about as much as they wanted. Our good friend Ike was in that state that he could have punched the head of any and every that came along; and with a grievance against Romney Marsh that years cannot soften nor time obliterate. However, when we had rung a peal of Kent Treble Bob, the first on the bells, and after he had put a couple of pints of shandy "up at back stroke," he recovered his wonted serenity, and faced the journey back across the marsh to Rye with comparative composure. But my word! it was hot on that marsh. Rye is a wonderfully interesting old town, with a magnificent church with a fine peal of bells, and here we rang a peal of Stedman. The belfry windows are small, and the light failed rapidly. Twenty minutes from the end it was dim, a quarter of an hour it was dark, and when the peal finished we could just, and only just, see each others' shirts. It was the first peal in the method on the bells. In the morning Mr. Billenness had scored his first peal of Treble Bob: this was his first peal of Stedman, and the rest of the band congratulated him on his success.

Next day the papers informed us that that had been the hottest day for seventy years, and I carnot find it in my heart to contradict them. After the peal, Mr. Bennett had to run to catch a train for London, Messrs. Emery and Blackwell departed by bicycle for Hawkhurst and home, and of the gallant band that met at Tenterden one only was left. He stayed to explore Rye, and enjoy the hospitality of Mr. Billenness, and then went on to Hastings. One more peal was arranged for the week, and on Saturday the band again met at Westerham to try and pull off the peal of London. The bells are a fine ring and they go well, but whether they have not yet learned the method, or whether the ringers had temporarily forgotten it, I know not, but the sixth course saw a trip, and that trip developed into a muddle, and that was the end.

We can't have everything our own way in this world, more's the pity. If the weather had been cold and wet we should have got that peal at Tenterden, and that peal of London, perhaps two of him, but should we have enjoyed ourselves so much? And, above all, would that glorious impromptu smoking concert have been possible?—J. A. T.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Guildford district was held at Witley, on Saturday, and was very poorly attended, only about 20 members being present from Witley, Shalford, Farnham, Haslemere, Ewhurst, Chiddingfold, and Dunsfold, no representative attending from either of the Guildford towers, but it must be acknowledged that with the temperature where it was, there was a deal of energy required to face a long cycle ride or walk. The Rev. E. J. Nevill, Vicar of Witley, welcomed those present, and gave an interesting address, afterwards taking them round the interesting church, some of which is pure Norman work. He pointed out the altar tombs, one of which (with an unfinished inscription) is of a Duke of Clarence, Lord of the Manor of Witley, who was drowned in a butt of wine, at, it is said, his own request. Tea was held at the Institute, presided over by the Vicar. Twelve new members of the Aldershot tower were proposed by Mr. C. Edwards, and duly elected as probationers. The ringing master (Mr. A. H. Pulling) sent a report, from which it appeared that 16 peals had been rung by the district since the last meeting, viz.: Grandsire Triples 1, Surprise Minor 1, London Surprise 1, Bristol 2, Cambridge 1, on tower bells; and 9 Stedman Caters and 1 of Stedman Triples on handbells.—It was decided to hold a combined practice at Aldershot in September.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar concluded the proceedings.

SURPRISE MINOR.

Since November 6th last, the 41 Surprise Minor methods, published in the Central Council's "Collection of Legitimate Methods" have been rung for service by the company at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, Northumberland. Since the publication of the last list they have rung the following: April 16th, No. 27 (Annable's London) and No. 28 (Netherseale); April 23rd, Nos. 40 and 41 (Bourne); April 30th, Nos. 29 (Norwich), and 36 (Norfolk); May 28th, No. 10; June 4th, No. 11; June 11th, Nos. 17 (Cunecastre) and 18; June 18, No. 12; June 16th, No. 13; July 23rd, No. 19; July 30th, Nos. 20 and 21; August 13th, Nos. 16 (Lincoln) and 39 (Cambridge). The ringers have been S. W. Stratford, J. Harrison, R. Percival, J. E. Gofton, J. A. Gofton, R. A. Gofton and T. T. Gofton.

Sometime ago, Mr. F. Blood, of Bourne, Lincs., inquired as to the naming of some of the methods rung at Whitley Bay. The company have named the following: No. 2, Alnwick; No. 4, Morpeth; No. 34, Berwick; No. 30, Hexham; No. 8, Northumberland. Others in which the name has been called into question they have agreed to let remain as follow: No. 1, Munden; No. 24, Stamford; No. 31, Beverley; No. 31, Surfleet.

PENDLETON RINGERS' VISIT TO SHREWSBURY.

Taking advantage of an excursion trip, the Pendleton ringers visited Shrewsbury on August Bank Holiday. A correspondent with the party writes that the Shropshire town was reached after a two hours' journey in a crowded train, and they were then "glad to bury the first child, which through some misunderstanding we were not able to get before." There appears at first sight to be some tragedy in this, but reading between the lines of the report later on, we find it has reference to the quenching of thirst caused by the torrid weather, for it is stated that although the train was pulled up at Crewe for nearly half an hour, it was at the opposite end of the platform from the refreshment room.

"On reaching Shrewsbury," says the scribe, "our first tower in the town of bells was St. Alkmund's eight, where the tower keeper and an old friend met us. We ran them to London and Superlative Surprise and Stedman. The next move was to St. Mary's ten, where Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob were the order of the day. In looking round this tower, we saw records of peals rung over 100 years ago, the one taking our attention most being the first peal rung on the ten on September 2nd, 1811. These bells have recently been receiving attention from Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., with the usual satisfactory result.

"It is worthy of note that these two towers, and St. Julian's, with six bells, are practically in one churchyard, only narrow streets dividing them. The next thing on the programme was dinner, which we found ready for us at Hillier's Dining Rooms. Here they seemed to know what to put in front of ringers, for the conductor called "stand" before the caterer. A walk on the riverside and through the quarry brought us to St. Chad's, one of the round churches of the country. We inspected the old regimental flags and other things of interest before we got up among the 12 ropes, which we found in as good a circle as it is possible to get. After raising the bells, we were content with a few rounds, as we had arranged for a conveyance to meet us there. When we set up we found the ringers of Bridgnorth had arrived, and after a hand shake we left them to ring the changes, but not before we had a look round at peal tablets. There were eight or nine recording peals of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus and Royal, Grandsire Cinques (6006) and Caters (10,097); also a muffled peal of Triples on the front eight for the late Bishop of Shrewsbury, the oldest board being dated 1799. I am sorry to say the present generation do not seem to be keeping up the standard of their great-grandfathers.

"After all had got seated in the wagonette a start was made over the town walls into the open country for a drive round until tea time, but as our company consisted of bowlers we had to pull up at a green at Uffington, where a four-handed game was played between "beef" and "lamb" ("mutton," the waitress said). We then found we had a contortionist in our company, who played very well till he noticed that others on the green had stopped their games to see his exhibition. Then he got shy, and played in more rational style, and the game resulted in his side losing by 11—10, "beef" proving to have the best staying power. A move was then made to continue the journey until tea time, the topic of the bowling match keeping all merry. The return journey was commenced at 7.20, after farewells had been said. We cannot close this report without giving our best thanks to Messrs. J. and G. Taylor and Jones, the tower keepers of the three towers, and other friends for meeting us, and the authorities for granting permission to ring, all voting it one of the jolliest days we have had. As the Englishman takes his pleasures sadly, we had to recall the memory of the chief of back years, the late Mr. J. Smith."

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

EXETER.—Devonshire Guild.—Recently, at St. Sidwell's, for practice, two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Drake 1, C. Carter 2, A. Searle 3, E. Sergeant 4, A. Monkley 5, E. Shepherd 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, W. Richardson 8. Another course with Mr. Bartlett ringing the 2nd. First course in the city and by all except Messrs. Shepherd, Searle and Lilley.—579 Stedman Caters: W. Drake 1, E. Bartlett 2, E. Shepherd 3, A. Monkley 4, W. Modgridge 5, J. Burge (conductor) 6, E. Sergeant 7, H. Reed 8, C. R. Lilley 9, J. Lake 10. Also two courses of Bob Royal: W. Drake 1, E. Bartlett 2, A. Searle 3, W. Modgridge 4, F. Murphey 5, W. Richardson 6, E. Sergeant 7, E. Shepherd 8, J. Burge 9, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 10. Messrs. Reed and Burge belong to Taunton, and Lilley to Caversham.

SONNING, BERKS. — Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Saturday, July 15th, eight members attempted a peal of Stedman Triples, as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. A. Webb, but the peal unfortunately came to grief, after 42 mins. good ringing, owing to a shift course: C. Giles 1, S. Franklin 2, W. A. Webb 3, J. Hands 4, W. Hands 5, G. Essex 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, R. Sawyer 8.

WOOD GREEN, STAFFORD.—On Saturday, July 29th, 1261 Erin Triples: T. Hughes 1, C. W. Wallatter 2, E. T. Smith 3, G. Peate 4, G. Hughes 5, B. Horton 6, W. D. James (conductor) 7, A. Cooper 8. First quarter-peal in method by all the band, and in the county.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICK.—On Sunday, July 30th, 1261 Erin Triples: B. Claydon 1, J. Jennings 2, G. Roberts 3, W. Allsopp 4, B. Leedham 5, T. Bloore 6, W. D. James (conductor) 7, J. Reynolds 8. First quarter-peal in method in the county, and by all but the conductor.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Monday, July 31st, in honour of the return from their honeymoon of Mr. Howard Caudwell (Vicar's warden) and Mrs. Caudwell, 630 Grandsire Triples: W. Webb 1, Miss Margaret Nightingale 2, W. Grace 3, C. Gregory 4, H. James 5, G. F. James (conductor) 6, E. Aldridge 7, S. Aldworth 8. Also on Thursday, August 3rd, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Bishop of Oxford, 336 Grandsire Triples: G. Welch 1, Miss M. Nightingale 2, W. Grace 3, E. Aldridge 4, H. James 5, G. F. James (conductor) 6, C. Greenough 7, S. Busby 8.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.—Midland Counties Association.—On Thursday, August 3rd, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples: A. T. Baker 1, H. Harrison 2, I. Hufton 3, J. Hall 4, S. Burgoyne 5, N. Widdowson 6, E. C. Gobey 7, J. F. George 8. Also 240 Bob Major, both conducted by E. C. Gobey.—On Sunday, August 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 48 mins.: A. T. Baker 1, E. C. Gobey (composer and conductor) 2, I. Hufton 3, S. Burgoyne 4, A. Nicholson 5, H. Harrison 6, J. F. George 7, C. J. Baker 8. First quarter-peal of Major on this new peal of bells (tenor, 17 cwt. 9lbs.).

HARWELL, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Saturday, August 5th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hitchman 1, W. Hitchman (conductor) 2, R. G. Rice 3, G. C. Rice 4, V. R. Hitchman 5, A. G. C. Rice 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the Bishop of the Diocese, interred on that date.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, August 5th, at the Norman Tower, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 55 mins.: E. Hunt (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Ely 2, P. Fordham (first quarter-peal) 3, J. Sparrow 4, A. E. Moore 5, F. Dewell 6, H. A. Turner (conductor) 7, C. Woodcock 8. Specially arranged for Mr. P. Fordham, of Mildenhall, Suffolk.—On handbells, a course of Kent Royal: H. F. Moore 1—2, A. E. Moore 3—4, G. Lilley 5, C. Varo 6, H. A. Turner 7—8, F. Dewell 9—10. Mr. Lilley hails from Cockfield, and Mr. C. Varo from Chelsworth, Suffolk.—On Sunday, August 6th, for morning service, 504 Kent Minor on the front six: A. Ely 1, F. Levitt 2, F. Dewell 3, A. E. Moore (conductor) 4, C. Woodcock 5, H. A. Turner 6.—For evening service, 468 Grandsire Caters: F. Dewell 1, A. E. Moore 2, J. Sparrow 3, *W. Dent 4, F. Levitt 5, A. Symonds 6, *W. R. J. Poulson 7, W. Radley 8, H. A. Turner (conductor) 9, R. Moore 10. * First touch in the method on tower bells. Messrs. Dent, Symonds and Poulson hail from Lavenham, Suffolk.

OXFORD.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Oxford Society.—On Saturday evening, August 5th, at the Cathedral Church of Christ Church, as a last tribute of respect to the late Bishop Paget, three courses of Stedman Caters were rung with the bells half-muffled: W. Smith (conductor) 1, W. Finch 2, A. Hawes 3, S. Hounslow 4, A. Fox 5, W. Jeffery 6, F. Castle 7, T. Payne 8, Rev. C. Jenkyn 9, A. Strange 10. It was intended to start for a peal, but owing to a misunderstanding with the College authorities the attempt had to be abandoned, and the above was substituted.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday evening, August 6th, with the bells half-muffled, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. T. C. Rye 1, A. Fox 2, G. Stone 3, T. Payne 4, G. King 5, W. Stone (conductor) 6.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, August 6th, for morning service, 384 Superlative Surprise Major: L. Chapman 1, A. Perkins 2, W. Perkins (conductor) 3, A. Tyler 4, W. J. Nevard 5, W. J. Hazell 6, C. Keller 7, J. Mawby 8.—For evening service, 224 London Surprise Major: J. Mawby 1, J. D. Matthews 2, C. Keller 3, A. Tyler 4, A. Perkins 5, W. J. Hazell 6, J. Garrod 7, W. Perkins 8.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, August 6th, for Divine service, in the morning, touches of Grandsire Caters: G. Clayton, C. Pidgeon, W. Blyth, R. Christian, F. Pestell, H. Wright, W. Rogers (conductor), J. W. Metherell, W. Parker, W. R. Manning.—Also touches of Grandsire Cinques, with D. Hayward (conductor), W. Shimmans, A. E. Everitt and W. Lee.

HANDSWORTH.—The remains of the late Mr. William Lister, late churchwarden of Handsworth, Birmingham, were interred at the Parish Church on Monday, August 7th. As a token of respect the Handsworth ringers assembled and rang a 1008 of Grandsire Triples, the bells being muffled: R. Faux 1, C. Starkey 2, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 3, B. Starkey 4, W. Auker 5, Jesse Screen 6, Tom Verry 7, R. Speakman 8.

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DERBY.—On Sunday, August 6th, at 81, Nottingham Road, two 594's of Grandsire Caters on handbells, the first by S. Vickers 1—2, A. H. Ward (conductor) 3—4, W. Walace 5—6, A. Braines 7—8, J. Vickers, junr., 9—10. In the second, J. Vickers, senr., rang 3—4, and A. H. Ward (conductor) 7—8, the others as in the first.

CAVERSHAM.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, August 6th, with bell half-muffled, as a token of respect for the Bishop of Oxford, 168 Stedman Triples: H. Simmond 1, E. J. Mendey 2, H. Hatte 3, H. Smith 4, G. Irvine 5, J. Hands 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, G. Essex 8. For evensong, 252 Stedman Triples by the same band.

GORLESTON.—On Sunday evening, August 6th, 720 Bob Minor: F. Denton 1, R. Christian 2, G. Burrage 3, E. Todd 4, W. Rogers 5, D. Hayward (conductor) 6.

LEISTON.—The Norwich Diocesan Association.—On Tuesday, August 8th, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. P. Bailey 1, N. R. Bailey 2, W. Button 3, E. H. Bailey 4, F. J. Smith 5, C. F. Bailey 6, J. M. Button 7, J. M. Bailey 8.—On Sunday, August 13th, for evening service, 1008 Bob Major: Allen F. Bailey (longest length) 1, F. W. Bailey 2, L. P. Bailey 3, E. H. Bailey 4, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 5, J. M. Bailey 6, N. R. Bailey 7, E. S. Bailey 8.

OLD HILL, STAFFS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Friday, August 11th, 720 Grandsire Minor: H. Mason 1, C. W. Bassano 2, A. E. Parsons 3, W. Green 4, W. Bird 5, A. H. Bassano (conductor) 6. The same band (with one exception) rang the same bells, and the same 720 exactly 25 years ago on the above date, that being their first 720.

ROMFORD.—On Sunday evening, for service, at St. Edward's Church, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major, in 46 mins.: F. Rainbird 1. A. Chaplin 2, G. Jaye 3, G. R. Pye (conductor) 4, A. B. Wiffen 5, H. F. Dawkins 6, W. Watson 7, E. Pye 8.

NOTICES.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—It is proposed to arrange a whole day's outing for Saturday, August 19th, starting by conveyance from Stourbridge, and to visit Oldswinford (8), Hagley (8), Clent (8), Kinver (6), Enville (8), Kingswinford (6), Wardsley (6) and Wollaston (6). Will those ringers who wish to join send their names to me at once, so that the necessary arrangements may be made?—Rev. E. V. Cox, Honorary Secretary, 6, Upper Forster Street, Walsall.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—A special general meeting will be held Monday, August 21st. Practice at St. Clement Danes at 8. Business meeting at the Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, W.C., at 9.30. All members are requested to attend.—F. J. Hardy, 34, Guildford Road, S.W.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on the 19th inst. Peal attempt at 2.30. Unveiling of peal board, to which members are invited. Business meeting at the Thornhill Arms Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—(Northern District).—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, N.E., on Saturday, August 19th. All members and friends cordially invited. Nearest stations Homerton (N.L. Railway) and Cambridge Heath (G.E. Railway). Bells available from 3.15 till 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Lord Stanley, Paragon Road, at 5.30, at 6d. a head, if all members and friends who intend to be present will notify me by the 15th inst.—William J. Kemp, Honorary Secretary, 177, Chatsworth Road, N.E.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Wirksworth on Saturday, August 19th, 1911. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Bart Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 68, Douglas Street, Derby.

NOTICES (continued).

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wedmore on Saturday, August 26th. Service, 4 p.m.; tea and meeting following (tea 6d. each). Bells available from 2 p.m.—A. H. Davies, "Eastleigh," Burnham.

DUDLEY & DISTRICTS GUILD.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Wombourne, on Saturday, August 26th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5, with an address by the Vicar. Business meeting afterwards. Tea will be provided at 9d. each for those sending their names to me not later than 23rd inst.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 177, High Street, Dudley.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames, on Saturday, August 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at sixpence per head in the parish room at 6 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, August 26th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. G. H. Siddans). Bells available at 3.30. Tea, 6d., at 6 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited. The secretary would be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Goldhanger on Saturday, August 26th. Tea, 5.30, will be provided for those giving three days' notice to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Henley-in-Arden (6) on Saturday, August 26th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. This date unfortunately clashes with the date of the Rugby Society's excursion, and it is therefore thought wiser to reserve Aston Manor as the place for the September meeting.—C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, The Parsonage, Shottery.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church on Saturday, August 26th, 1911. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All subscriptions due. Election of Branch Secretary and Committee men. A good attendance is requested.—T. Rollerson, Branch Secretary.

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The long stretch of hot weather coupled with the holiday season, has had its effect upon bell ringing recently, as disclosed by the small number of peals recorded. Long spells at the rope ends have been out of the question in all but a few places under the tropical heat which we have experienced. There are some towers where thick walls and good ventilation have kept the atmosphere of the belfry cooler than the most shady spots in the open air and where the pursuit of ringing could be carried on in comfort. But these pleasant belfries are few and far between, for only too often the ringing chamber is insufferably hot and stuffy. It is a great pity that more attention is not paid to the ventilation of belfries; often it appears to be about the last thing that has been thought of in the construction of the tower. Frequently there is but a tiny slit in the wall that has to do duty for a window and provides no current of fresh air at all. Ringing in a vitiated atmosphere cannot, of course, be a healthy occupation, and it is rather surprising that ringers endure so patiently the inconvenience that arises in so many belfries. There are many instances, of course, where the existing state of things is in the nature of a makeshift. The ringing chamber has been constructed at a later date than the tower, and then, to save knocking the walls about, the ringers have to be content with a means of ventilation adapted from circumstances never intended to serve the purpose. On the other hand, modern towers are frequently met with where little consideration has been given to the question of ventilation. It is no exception to find a tower erected to ornament a church where little attention has been paid to the real use to which the tower should be put, namely the hanging therein of a peal of bells. Architects do not trouble to consult practical ringers as to the requirements of the belfry. At one church we know of the tower was erected, the ringing floor constructed, the bells hung, and the scaffolding taken down, and then it was discovered that no staircase had been provided. It is not often that such an elementary requirement is omitted from a building, and we do not suggest that it needs a ringer to point out the necessity of a staircase, but a good deal might be done in regard to the arrangement of the ringing chamber and for minimising the noise of the bells both inside the tower and out, if only the knowledge of an experienced ringer were drawn upon and utilised by those responsible. This is one of the directions where practical good might be done and not infrequently much subsequent expense saved if church authorities would avail themselves of the information which ringers would be only too ready to give.

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NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

TOM A. BURNHAM	*Treble*	SAMUEL WESLEY	6
GEORGE HOLLIS	2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	7
ROBERT H. COBBIN	3	*WILLIAM BELLAMY	8
JOHN C. DICKEN	4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	9
*ERNEST J. OLIVER	5	PERCIVAL PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. The band wish to thank the Rector (Bishop Hamilton Baines), and the Churchwardens for the use of the bells, also the steeple keeper, Mr. W. Lee, for having everything in readiness.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MERE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22¾ cwts.

*C. HENSLOW, ESQ.	*Treble*	GEORGE H. GALE	5
JESSE B. TYLER	2	ERNEST B. CROWDER	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN	7
HARRY S. PARSONS	4	W. W. HUGHES D'AETH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal. First peal on bells, which have just been restored by Messrs. Llewellins and James, Bristol. The ringer of the 6th was congratulated by the band upon winning the handbell prize offered by "The Ringing World."

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 15, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

JOHN WOODBERRY	*Treble*	BENJAMIN THORPE	5
GEORGE DAVIES	2	WILLIAM SMITH	6
NOAH DAVIES	3	*JOSEPH E. SYKES	7
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY	4	JAMES BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORPE.

* First peal of Grandsire.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

*JOHN F. WILSON	*Treble*	ALFRED G. BENNINGTON	5
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	6
*WILLIAM STEELE	3	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD	7
ALBERT G. WARNES	4	*ALFRED FUNNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. J. HOWCHIN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, and was arranged for Mr. Bennington, of London, who was spending a holiday in the district.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. W. WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*ALBERT COTTRELL	*Treble*	JOHN FLOWER	5
JOSEPH DAVIES	2	HENRY GEORGE	6
WILLIAM C. PILCHER	3	ALEX. HUTCHISON	7
*FRED W. HILL	4	ALFRED CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED W. HILL.

* First peal in the method. Rung with bells half muffled as a token of respect, and in memory of the late Rev. W. E. Bradstock, late vicar of this parish.

HODDESDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt., in G.

JOHN T. KENTISH	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	WILBY J. HAZELL	6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER	3	JAMES PARKER	7
GEORGE RADLEY	4	GEORGE A. CARD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells. Mr. J. Parker's 250th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Thomas.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 19, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS	*Treble*	WILLIAM MILLER	5
ISAAC G. SHADE	2	ALBERT W. COLES	6
ERNEST PYE	3	HARRY FLANDERS	7
*ALFRED W. GRIMES	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

*MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON	*Treble*	ALBERT MASON	5
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT	2	JAMES HARRIS	6
WILLIAM WILLSON, Junr.	3	†T. HENRY HARDY	7
THOMAS BOTTRILL	4	WILLIAM WILLSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON.

* First peal as conductress, † First in the method with a working bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Inglesant.

HANDBELL PEALS.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE, LONDON, S.E.
THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Wednesday, August 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

IN THE TECHNICAL ART SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

WILLIAM A. WOODROW	1—2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD	5—6
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD	3—4	LOUIS ATTWATER	7—8
FREDERICK G. WOODISS	9—10		

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire: JAMES W. DRIVER.

This is the first peal ever rung at the Crystal Palace, and was the 100th peal by the above Society.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT 3, MARGARET TERRACE, HART'S LANE, NEW CROSS, S.E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART REVERSED.

*MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT	1—2	FRANK BENNETT	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	3—4	FREDERICK G. WOODISS	7—8

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Umpire, Mr. F. HAIRS.

First peal of Grandsire by the Association on handbells.
* First peal, and the third and youngest lady to accomplish this performance.

SIX BELL PEAL.

The following peal has only just reached us for publication:—

RAINHILL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

J. A. CALLAND	*Treble*	R. A. CARTWRIGHT	4
R. DAYNAL	2	F. J. HANCOCK	5
R. LEATHER	3	H. ASHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. J. HANCOCK.

First peal on the bells, which have been in the tower since 1848.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

The effect of a bob in Grandsire Doubles is to change the bell in the hunt. The illustration last week showed that only 30 changes out of the 120 were to be got without bobs, because at each lead end both 1 and 2 are in their natural positions. To change the bell in the hunt an additional 3rd's place is made, i.e., another bell, besides the one which passes the treble in 1-2, lies a whole pull in 3rd's place and then returns to lead. Just look at these figures, starting in the second lead of the plain course:—

PLAIN LEAD.	BOB LEAD.
35421	35421
34512	34512
43152	43152
41325	41325
14235	14352
12453	13425
21435	31452
24153	34125
42513	42351
45231	43215

The extra third's place that is made is by the bell which takes up the work of the plain hunt—in this instance it is the 3rd, and it replaces the 2nd in that work. This additional place causes the bells which are behind (one of them being the bell that was in the hunt) to stop and dodge twice, instead of once as at a plain lead. This is called double dodging, and all that it involves is that, instead of taking a a step back once, the operation has to be repeated before proceeding to hunt down to lead, or lie the whole pull behind, according to whether it is a double dodge down or up.

The work at a bob is thus tabulated:—

Pass the treble in 4-5, double dodge in 4-5 down (coming out of the hunt).

Pass the treble in 3-4, double dodge in 4-5 up.

Pass the treble in 2-3, make 3rd's place and lead again (going into the hunt).

Pass the treble in 1-2, make 3rd's place and lead again. (this is the 3rd's place, which is made in the plain course).

There is one other call which is necessary to enable 120 changes of Doubles on the Grandsire principle to be rung, and it is known as a "single." The reason why it is necessary need not be gone into here, suffice it to say that 120 of Grandsire Doubles cannot be got without the use of two at least of these calls. A single changes the work of the two bells making the 3rd's place. The bell that passes the treble in 2-3 and at a bob makes third's place, remains another whole pull in that position (four blows altogether) before returning to lead. The other bell must, perforce, make 2nd's place, and, as it then has to lead next after the treble, goes, of course, into the hunt. The difference between a bob and single will be seen from the following figures:—

	BOB.		SINGLE.
	34512		34512
	43152		43152
Call bob	41325	Call single	41325
	14352		14352
	13425		14325
	31452		41352
	34125		43125
	43215		34215

It should be noticed that a bob or single makes the bell called into 4-5 up miss one of the dodging places (4-5 down) that it would have fallen into had the call not been made. In other words, if a bell has made thirds at one lead, and would have dodged in 4-5 down at the next lead, a bob stops that particular bell in 4-5 up for a double dodge, and the dodge in 4-5 down is omitted. The calling of 120, given by the lead ends is as follows :—

	2345		3245
	2534		3524
—	3425	—	2435
	3542		2543
—	4235	—	4325
	4523		4532
S	3245	S	2345

CONDUCTOR.

17th CENTURY BELL RECORDS.

CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL, OSPRINGE, KENT.

The earliest records of the churchwardens of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Ospringe, date from 1694. In the following year there is this remarkable entry :—

A Memoriall concerning the fall of Ospringe Steeple entered and subscribed at a Vestry Octob 20, 1695. The Steeple of Ospringe was built of fflints, and very ancient, the forme was circular, like a round Tower, and by some, thought to be a Danish building and before the Conquest. Over the steeple was a tall spire or sharp, covered with shingles, of the height of fifty foot or more above the flintwork, the weight whereof did, probably, hasten ye fall. It appeares now yt (that) the whole fabrick was all over decayed, rotten, and ruinous both in ye fflints and woodwork, and not likeley to have held much longer.

But on ffryday being the eleventh day of October, 1695, at whch time his Majesty, William the Third King of England, passt by in his return from the Campagne in fflanders, the bells were ordered to be rung for joy to expresse the affections of this neighbourhood to ye King, etc., and so continued to ring some hours after his Majesty passt by, when about three o'clock in the afternoon, the whole fabrick fell down, whilst they were in the acte of ringing, without any dammage to any person or to the bodge of the churche. The timber being generally all spoyled, but the bells safe, only the canons of the greate bell broke.

Jonathan Bernard, Vicar.

John Knowler	Edward Wambsly	Churche-
Thomas Lake	Edward Worrall	wardens
the mark of	William Mitchell	Overseers of
George S. Dinly		ye poor.

This extraordinary catastrophe occurred after the victory over the French at Namur. William, Prince of Orange, had landed in England in 1688. He crossed over to Holland in the spring of 1691, and the long campaign in the Netherlands was practically closed by this victory, which was followed two years later by the Peace of Ryswick.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Tuesday, August 15th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob: E. W. Bright 1, Wm. Chalk 2, E. Chaplin 3, A. Chalk 4, A. Evers 5, F. Chalk (conductor) 6. First 720 by the ringer of the treble, who is only 12 years of age.

MR. C. GILES' 200 PEALS.

The following is the list of Mr. Charles Giles' 200 peals, his double century having been reached by the peal at Reading on August 7th :—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Minor	6	3
Grandsire Triples	32	7
,, Major	1	
,, Caters	10	1
Bob Triples	2	
,, Major	19	8
,, Royal	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	18	3
,, ,, ,, Royal	2	
Stedman Triples*	51	1
,, Caters	5	
Double Norwich Major	31	7
Superlative Surprise	16	
Cambridge ,,	5	
London ,,	1	
	200	30

* One non-conducted.

EXCURSION TO DEVONSHIRE.

A very enjoyable excursion to Torquay and Teignmouth formed the annual outing of the ringers of St. Andrew's Church, Burnham, Somerset. The party were accompanied by Mr. H. Champion (churchwarden), but much to their regret, the Rev. H. J. Ker Thompson, Mr. J. Cox and Mr. Whitaker were unable to be with them. Torquay was reached about 11.30, and a visit was paid to Upton Church, where some touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the fine peal of bells. After dinner, at the Half Moon, the party left for Teignmouth by the steamer Duke of Devonshire, the trip being much enjoyed. On landing, the visitors were met by Mr. S. Cook, captain of the St. James's ringers, and on the bells at this church touches of Grandsire were rung. Teignmouth was left at 8.30, and the party reached home, after a most enjoyable day's outing, about 11.30. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar of Upton Church, and others concerned, and the Vicar of St. James's, and Mr. S. Cook, West Teignmouth, for their kindness in granting permission for the use of the bells.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By G. Lindoff.

5024.					5024				
23456	B	M	W	H	23456	B	M	W	H
45236			—	—	45236			—	—
62534		—		—	62534		—		—
56234				—	56234				—
42635		—		—	42635		—		—
42356	—			—	42356	—			—
35426			—	—	35426			—	—
43526				—	43526				—
65324		—		—	65324		—		—
36524				—	36524				—
53624				—	53624				—
53246	—			—	32546	—			
24536			—	—	54326			—	—
52436				—	63425		—		—
64235		—		—	63254	—			—
26435				—	25634			—	—
26354	—			—	53246	—			
32654				—	24536			—	—
32546	—			—	52436				—
54326			—	—	64235		—		—
63425		—		—	26435				—
63254	—			—	26354	—			—
25634			—	—	32654				—
25346	—			—	25346	—			
34256			—	—	34256			—	—
23456				—	23456				—

Both contain 4th and 6th, their extent in 6ths without 2nd or 3rd in 6ths, being the first peals obtained with these qualities in this limited number.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—On August 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): R. Williams 1, E. Goldstone 2, Miss N. Gillingham 3, Miss M. Jukes (conductor) 4, L. Moore 5, J. Nisbet 6, W. Gillingham 7, A. Luke 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Ensor.

ERIN CATERS.

A PECULIARITY AND SOME COMPOSITIONS.

The publication of Erin Triples in these columns a few months ago aroused a new interest in this method, and this week we publish two peals of Erin Caters, which, as a ten-bell method, has wonderful musical possibilities, seeing that with only 54 changes to a course, and all the bells kept in coursing order, all the best changes can be got within the scope of a peal of 5000. In Triples a large number of singles are required, but this necessity is avoided in Caters.

There is one peculiar point of the method that is worthy of special notice. On all numbers of bells the three affected by the bob are together in the three bell work both before and after the bob. On seven bells they are in front four sixes before the bobbed six, and come together again three sixes after this bobbed six. This, of course, causes a repetition of the same rows in different order. On nine bells, the repeating six is two sixes, and on eleven bells four sixes, further apart than on seven bells. It will thus be seen that no true peal can be had unless the first bob in each course is followed by a second call before the false six comes up. This fact accounts for there being at least two bobs in every course. In spite of this, however, peals on the higher numbers are possible with never two calls together.

It may not be inopportune to give a six of the method, bobs being made in 7th's place as in Stedman Caters :—

123456789
214365879
124638597
142365879
412638597
421365879
241638597

The following peals are by Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland :—

5023

	123456789	1	4	5	6	7
	432156978	—		—	—	
	162453				—	—
	426153			—	—	
	632451			—		—
	215364		—			—
	351264			—	—	
	241365				—	—
	154263			—		—
	234165				—	—
	143265			—	—	
	253164				—	—
	345261			—		—
	514362			—		—
	324561				—	—
	542361			—	—	
A	312564				—	—
	526134		—		—	
	642531			—		—
	523461		—		—	
	413562				—	—
	531462			—	—	
	421563				—	—
	132465			—		—
	452163				—	—
	125463			—	—	
	435162				—	—
	135462				s	

A	245361	
	254361879	1, 5, 7, 9, 15, 17 (18 sixes)
A	134562	
	534162	s, 6
A	214365	

Round next change.

Has the 6th its extent behind the 9th and 8th.

5025

	123456789	1	4	5	6	7
	362154978	—		—		—
	246351			—		—
	614253			—		—
	245163		—		—	
	534261			—		—
	413562			—		—
	321465			—		—
	152364			—		—
	326514		—		—	
	561234		—		—	
A	213654		—		—	
	341256			—		—
	164352			—		—
	426153			—		—
	632451			—		—
	425361		—		—	
	512463			—		—
	231564			—		—
	143265			—		—
	354162			—		—
	324165					s
	452361			—		—
A	461352					
	315642		—		—	
	654132		—		—	
	143562		—		—	
B	413562879					
	321465			—		—
	152364			—		—
A	164352					
	345612		—		—	
	651432		—		—	
	453162		—		s	
	136542		—		—	
	564312		—		—	
	341652		—		—	
	124356			—		—
	462153			—		—
A	134265	omitting the last course				

Round third change

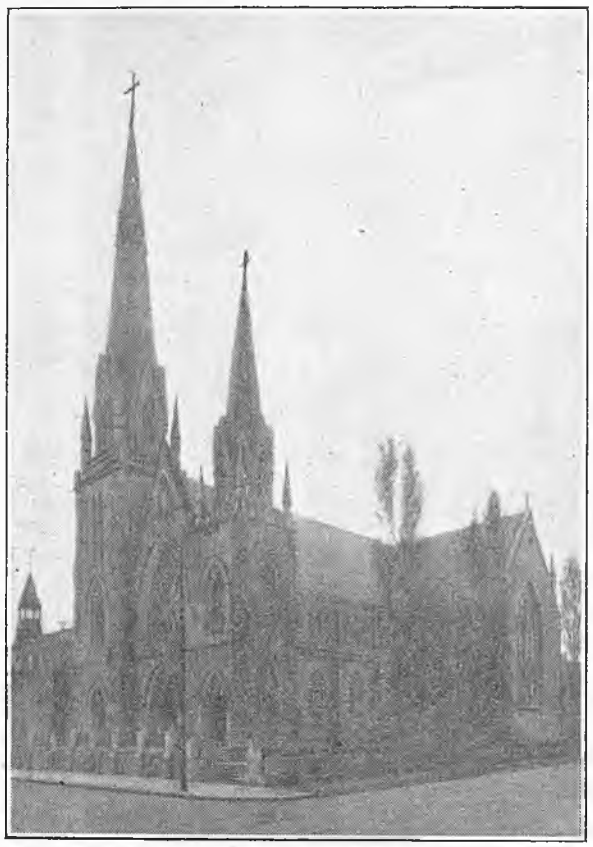
B 1, 7, 9, 15, 17 (18 sixes)
All isolated calls.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On Monday, August 7th, for practice, 800 Kent Treble Bob: B. A. Knights (conductor) 1, E. Watkinson 2, J. Watkinson 3, A. Robinson 4, H. France 5, S. Watkinson 6, E. Banister 7, T. Crook 8. Longest length by all except ringers of 1 and 5.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On August 8th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: T. Leeson 1, A. Harman 2, F. Bashford 3, W. Cheeseman 4, W. Bashford 5, F. Hawkins (conductor) 6. First surprise on the bells, and by all the band.

THE FIRST PEAL IN CANADA.

We are sure our readers will be interested in the picture of the church at which the first peal in Canada, and the second on the American continent, was rung. It had been intended originally to ring this peal on Coronation Day, but Mr. Carrier, one of the band, was detained in the Cariboo district, and the attempt was therefore postponed to Dominion Day. In our report, which was the first record of the peal published in a ringing paper, the name of the ringer of the treble was given as Simpers, it should have been A. C. Limpus. It was Mr. Limpus' first peal, and the first in the method by F. M. Bressy, who rang the 3rd. The exact time was 2 hrs. 59 mins.



THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROSARY, R.C., VANCOUVER,
Where the first peal in Canada was rung on Dominion Day.

TRENT BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was interested in reading the account given in your last issue. It may interest many of your readers to know that these are the very bells which Charles II. listened to when he was in hiding at Trent after his escape from Worcester, before proceeding to Heale House, near Salisbury. The inscriptions as given in Ellacombe's Book are as follows, viz.:—

1. "Augustine tuam campanam protege sanrm.
2. "Campana sancti Andree de Trente.
3. "Drawe neare to God R.P. anno Domini 1607.
4. "Sca. Maria Ora pro nobis.
5. "This bell was made by the parishioners of Trent in 1626
"William Gerrard Esq. Thomas Loscombe Benefactors
"Thomas Pennington new cast me in 1626."

Yours truly,
W. W. GIFFORD.

MINOR RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—All honour, I say, to the band who rang an excellent peal (pointed out by Mr. James), by shunting from one method to another without rounds. It was not for those ringers that I wrote, but for those who are striving to acquire that state of proficiency that will enable them to do so. I thought I had qualified my words; if not, then let me say I would not strictly enforce some of the restrictions, when that would prevent peal-scoring by young bands. Mr. James says he would prefer ringing by beat rather than by rope sight in Maximus. Now, I did not mention either; I said "practice." To ring the trebles in Maximus by beat; why this is impossible. The tenor you might do better with, but without practice, a fig for the striking. A good test would be to ring a 720 on the back six of 12 bells only. Then a 720 upon the 12, and so compare the difference in the striking. A slight indecision on the back six would be a clash on the 12. I did not suggest altering the scientific classification of "Legitimate Methods." What I suggested was to group the classes, in some way, to be decided by the committee. I would put Nos. 10, 11, 12, 16, 18, 26, 29, 40 and 41 of the Surprise Methods in a separate group to the remainder in a revised edition of the work.

While on the subject, Method No. 24 Court Class, is a Nottingham composition. It is given as Nottingham Single in Stedman's Campanologia, date 1677; and, if possible, I would retain that title for it.

Yours faithfully,
HY. DAINS.

NEARLY A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

On Monday last, August 29th, 1814, a select party of ringers from Leeds, Keighley and Wakefield, met to pay a friendly visit to Otley, and struck off their musical peal of eight bells. They rang a new composition of Mr. Shipway, of London, consisting of 12,320 New Treble Bob, being the utmost extent of true changes hitherto composed, and the first peal of that length ever rung in the kingdom; and was correctly brought round in 7 hrs. 15 mins., by the following:

John Hudson, of Leeds	Treble
Thos. Fox and Thos. Midgley, Keighley	2
George Hattersley, Keighley	3
James Baldwin and Joseph Whittaker, Leeds	4
John Blakesley, Junior, Leeds	5
John Blakesley, Senior	6
William Woodhead, Wakefield	7
Joseph Tebbs, Leeds	Tennor

Mr. David Smith called ye peal.

From "The London Packet," September 12th, 1814.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the northern district of the London County Association was held at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday last. Ringers were rather late in arriving, owing, no doubt, to the fact that the North London Railway was closed, and that the Great Eastern Railway was running but a curtailed service of trains. However, the bells were set going in the various standard methods at 4.15, and some good touches were rung, despite the fact that the tenor was not on her best behaviour. At 5.30 an adjournment was made to the "Lord Stanley" for tea, and, after satisfying their appetites, rendered the more keen by the afternoon's exercise, the members held their business meeting. Afterwards the tower was again visited, but before sufficient time had elapsed to enable a touch of Stedman to be brought round, the bells had unfortunately to be silenced, owing to illness in the vicinity of the church. A re-adjournment was, therefore, made to the "Lord Stanley," where the remainder of the evening was passed in ringing handbells and singing songs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES MEETING AT WIRKSWORTH.

A meeting of the Derby Branch of the Midland Counties Association was held at Wirksworth, on Saturday, and owing to the dislocation of railway traffic there was not a large attendance. The meeting, however, was a very successful one, and considering the excessive heat was very much enjoyed. The following places were represented: Brassington, Darley Dale, Derby, Duffield, and the local company, and touches in various methods were rung. Mr. Fox, of Wirksworth, entertained the company to tea, and presided at the subsequent meeting. Crich was selected for the September meeting. The party returned to the belfry in the evening, and met a few more members. After a touch of Stedman was brought round, some of the cycling fraternity wended their way homewards.

Hearty thanks were tendered to the local company, and especially to Mr. Fox for the kind arrangements, and also for providing such a splendid tea.—The Hon. Secretary moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and asked Mr. Fox to convey the motion to him.—Mr. Fox responded, and said that although the Vicar was away, he was sure that the visitors were all welcome at Wirksworth.

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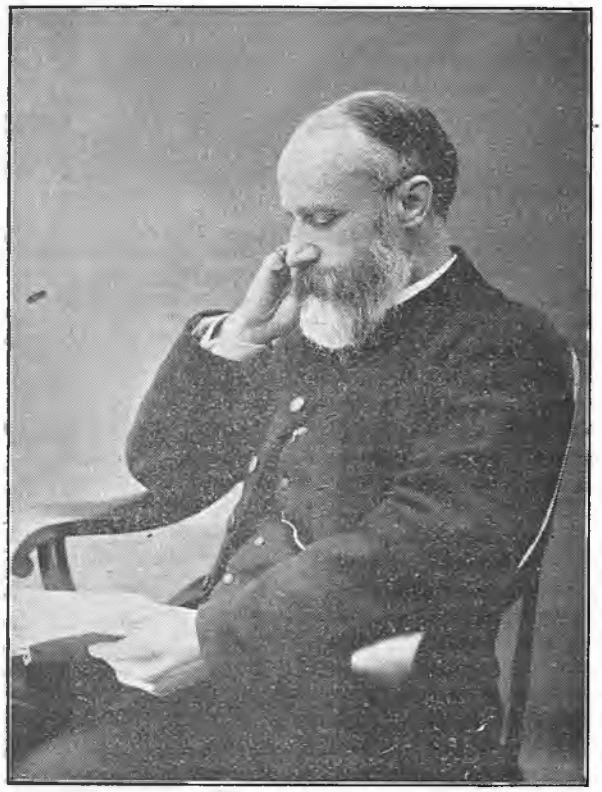
OUR ILLUSTRATION.

The President of the Devonshire Guild.

Devonshire is a country possessed of a large number of rings of bells, but, except in some of the more important centres, various circumstances have rendered progress in the Art of change ringing a difficult matter. The Devonshire Guild has made endeavours to extend the practice of half-pull ringing, but the towers have not readily come into union in any great numbers. A good deal of spade work has been and still is required, and foremost among



THE REV. MAITLAND KELLY.

those who have laboured zealously in this direction is the Rev. Maitland Kelly, the popular President of the Guild. Mr. Kelly is not a great ringer, as that term is now regarded, but his services to the Exercise have been no less real and valuable than some of those who, perhaps, can claim a long list of peals.

The Rev. M. Kelly celebrated his 69th birthday on Monday last, having been born at Kelly House, Devon, where he once more resides, on August 21st, 1842. He was educated at Marlborough College and University College, Oxford, where he took his B.A. degree in 1869 and M.A. in 1872. Ordained Deacon in 1868 and Priest in 1870 by the Bishop of Oxford, he was curate of Abingdon from 1868 to 1870, and of Newton Ferrers from 1871 to 1873. In the latter year he succeeded to the living of Plympton St. Maurice, which benefice he held until 1876. He became Vicar of Salcombe in 1877, and remained there until 1890, when he was presented to the Vicariate of Ottery St. Mary, which he held until 1900. He was Rural Dean of Woodleigh 1889-90, and of Ottery 1893-1900.

His interest in bells and ringing springs from a very early date. In his boyhood he was constantly in the belfry of the parish church, which was close to his father's house, and at this time he learnt to pull up and set a bell, although being so small that he had to stand upon a stool to do it. It was not until many years after this date that Mr. Kelly's introduction to change ringing took place. He was about 23 years of age when the late Colonel Trelawny (his brother-in-law) first inspired him with an ambition to learn change ringing. Aided by his sister, and with the assistance of some very primitive handbells and Hubbard's "Campanology," he set to work on Grandsire Doubles. After much difficulty, the first six score was accomplished in Calstock Church, but the band at Kelly did not meet with similar success, owing to the bad go of the bells. In 1865, however, the first 120 in Devon was rung by Devon men at the church of St. Mary, Kelly, the band consisting of John Yole, treble, Edwin Yole, 2; Maitland Kelly, 3; B. Bloomfield, 4; Frank Yole, 5; J. Willcocks, tenor. Four of that band are still alive.

Meanwhile Mr. Kelly had progressed greatly in his knowledge of change ringing through the able tuition of Mr. William Bannister, who then resided at Devonport, and Mr. C. Hounslow, of Oxford. Mr. Kelly rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's Lewisham, on September 13th, 1866, and his first of Stedman Triples at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on April 9th, 1869. For 13½ years Mr. Kelly was the vicar of a church with only one bell, and so lost the opportunity of improving himself in the science at the best period of his life. Consequently, when he returned to the ringing world, on his appointment to Ottery St. Mary in 1890, he found himself somewhat behind his brother ringers in the Art of ringing. But his interest is as keen as ever, and he has been largely responsible for more than one successful ringing tour in the west country. On his return to Ottery also he was appointed hon. sec. of the Devonshire Guild, which office he held until the year 1897, when he was elected president in the place of the late Colonel Proyle.

Mr. Kelly has rung 17 peals—12 of Stedman Triples, four of Grandsire Triples, and one of Double Norwich Major.

As has already been noted, he rang in the first 120 Grandsire Doubles by Devon men in 1865, and he joined with ten Devon men in 1905 in ringing a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells of the Cathedral Church at Exeter, and was privileged in the same year to hear the well-struck peal of Grandsire Caters by Devonians on the same bells. This peal was a great satisfaction to Mr. Kelly, as it was a proof that there had been some advance in change ringing in the county during the 40 years which had elapsed since the first six-score at Kelly.

A PRINCESS' BELL ROPES.

Mr. J. Bennett writes:—"I have seen it stated that when the Princess Elizabeth was released from her imprisonment in the Tower, the London citizens were so glad that they set the bells aringing. In return for this politeness, Elizabeth gave them silken bell-ropes. These ropes, it is said, are still preserved somewhere in a chest in one of the City churches. Can any London bell-ringer give information on this scrap of history?

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

A correspondent has favoured us with the cutting of an article upon bell ringing, which appeared not very long ago in "T.P.'s Weekly." Its historical facts are interesting, although they are merely a digest of what can be read in any good book on bells, but, when it comes to the technical side, the writer gets somewhat at sea. "Bell ringing," he says, "is an important accomplishment. Ringing a single bell is the work of a novice only, but, to ring a bob-major upon twelve, marks the ringer as an expert." It is pretty certain that the author is not an expert. "A bob-major upon twelve" is decidedly good. May as well talk of a bicycle with three wheels.

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Another correspondent sends us particulars of some "peculiar sorts of ringing" which he has come across in his travels. He says: "On visiting Wales I found they ring what they call 'a peal and two changes'; in other words, they ring rounds, then jump into 'queens,' then into 'tittums,' and back into rounds. This kind of ringing is worse than 'Churchyard Bob,' and is peculiar to Wales."

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"Then I find," he adds, "that in England 'call changes' are mostly rung, only generally by paid ringers. The majority of change ringers are volunteers, and are found mostly in Sussex, Yorkshire, Leicester, and London. In Berkshire, 'whole pull changes' from cards are rung; that is a plain lead of Doubles, only each bell you have to follow is on the card. This is between 'call changes' and 'half pull.'"

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Our friend is rather wide of the mark when he says change ringing is found mostly in Sussex, Yorkshire, Leicester, and London. We are glad to think that the Art is practised very generally over a much wider area than that, as most ringers are aware.

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The ringers at Burnham, Somerset, have presented Mr. A. Whittaker, one of the churchwardens, who has always taken a very keen interest in the bells and ringers, with a photograph, framed in oak, of the clergy, churchwardens and ringers. The presentation was made on the occasion of Mr. Whittaker's birthday, and a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, in 47 mins., by W. Crandon 1, J. Coram 2, J. Harris 3, G. Pruen 4, E. B. Crowder 5, W. Worgan 6, G. Chamberlain (conductor) 7, H. Lawrence 8.

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Rejoicing over the settlement of the great railway strike was celebrated in several places, so it is reported, by the ringing of church bells. So that when the men ceased to strike, the bells struck.

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It is curious how an unkind fate will sometimes dog the steps even of ringers. We know of a case where between 50 and 60 attempts were made for the first peal of Stedman by a local band, and now we have brought to our notice the instance of Mr. Joe Sykes, who at last has rung his first peal of Grandsire Triples. He has made close upon 100 attempts for this in 24 counties, but without success until last Tuesday week, when, as will be seen from our peal columns, the peal was rung at Kidderminster. It is an almost unprecedented contradiction of accepted ideas that a man should ring 89 peals, including all the other popular methods from Plain Bob to London Surprise, before ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples. But such has been the vagary of fortune in the case of our friend Mr. Joe Sykes.

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Another lady has joined the circle of conductors, Miss Lilian Willson having scored her first success in this direction, by calling a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at South Wigston. Two of the few peals rung last Saturday were conducted by ladies, Miss Parker having called a peal of New Cambridge, which was her father's 250th peal.

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Hearty congratulations to Miss Elsie Bennett, upon having rung her first peal. After several disappointments, success was achieved on Tuesday evening, the peal being rung on handbells at her parents' residence at New Cross, S.E. Miss Bennett has the distinction of being the youngest lady to take part in a peal, and her father, Mr. Frank Bennett, must, indeed, be proud of his daughter.

HANDBELL PEAL AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

On the occasion of "Ringers' Day" at the Crystal Palace, on July 15th last, organised by the "Ringing World," it was suggested that a peal rung in the Crystal Palace would be a novelty," and on Mr. Robert Warner (of Messrs J. Warner and Sons) being approached with regard to the idea, he very kindly welcomed the suggestion, and undertook to obtain the necessary facilities. To get a suitable place in the Palace is rather a difficult task, owing to the fact that, as so much is always going on, there is always a premium upon the accommodation. A room was, however, secured in the Technical Art School, and on August 16th five members of the All Saints' Society, Fulham, started for the first peal at the Crystal Palace. From the ringing room one had a good view of the beautiful grounds, but the only thing that could be heard except the pit-pat of the bells was the electric trains on the "All-Red Route." "Go Grandsire Caters" was called at 6.53 p.m. Right from the start the ringing was splendid, and when at 9.33 the welcome "That's all" was called, a peal had been finished which anyone could be justly proud of. On returning to Stand 112, the band met Mr. Robert Warner and Mr. Duncan F. Christy, who congratulated them upon their success, and the ringers wish to thank these two gentlemen for their kindness in making all the arrangements, for the use of a new peal of handbells, and for providing refreshments after the peal. Thanks are also due to Mr. J. W. Driver, who so kindly fulfilled the duties of umpire. A course of Grandsire Cinques outside the stand wound up a very successful evening. The peal, which is by Mr. J. George, contains 29 courses in the tittums and 24 courses with the 6th behind the 8th in the handstroke position, and was rung on handbells for the first time.

The 100 peals by the All Saints' (Fulham) Society have been made up as follows:—On tower bells: Grandsire Triples 23, Caters 28, Stedman Triples 2, Caters 18, Bob Major 7, Royal 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Royal 7, Double Norwich Major 1. On handbells: Grandsire Triples 4, Caters 4, Bob Major 1, Stedman Caters 1, Cinques 1.

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NEW BELLS AT EASTON NESTON.

A RINGER'S GENEROUS GIFT.

The dedication took place on Thursday week at the Parish Church of Easton Neston, Northants, of two new bells which have recently been placed in the belfry, one by Mr. James Slarke, of Towcester, and the other by members of the Slarke family, in memory of the late Mr. Eli Slarke, who for over half a century was engaged on the Easton Neston Estate, first as gardener and afterwards as sub-steward. Mr. James Slarke is well-known as a keen campanologist, and was the founder of the Towcester and District Association. For the past 58 years he has been engaged in the art of bell ringing, and to commemorate his lengthy association with Easton Neston Church, he resolved to instal an additional bell in the belfry, and, in conjunction with other members of his family, another in memory of his late brother, thus bringing the peal up to eight. Previous to the dedication, Mr. Slarke entertained a number of clergy and others to tea at the Pomfret Hotel, those present including the Rev. R. C. Collins (Vicar of Easton Neston), Mrs. Collins, and Miss Collins, the Rev. W. B. Sleight (Vicar of Towcester), the Rev. E. J. Mortimer (Wappenham), and Mrs. Mortimer, the Rev. E. A. Pensen (Towcester), Dr. Knight, Mr. C. R. Storer (churchwarden of Easton Neston), Mr. H. Shepherd (secretary to the Hulcot Trustees, Roade), Mr. G. E. Groom (churchwarden of Pattishall), and Mr. E. Hunt (organist at Easton Neston).

At the conclusion of the repast, Dr. Knight proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Slarke for his hospitality.—Mr. Slarke, in replying, remarked that he was exceedingly pleased to meet his guests there. That day was one of the most joyous of his life, and if any movement was set on foot to improve the bells at Towcester Church he should be most happy to assist.

THE DEDICATION SERVICE.

There was a large congregation at the service, which was taken by the Vicar. In addition to the clergy above mentioned, there were present: The Rev. A. C. Neely, R.D. (Milton) and the Rev. R. G. Terry (Weston Favel). The special Psalm was the 98th, and the hymn was, "We love the place, O God."

The special preacher was the Rev. A. C. Neely, R.D. (Rector of Milton). There were, he said, many thoughts in their hearts that day, and in the hearts of those who had come from neighbouring places to take part in the service of dedication of the two new bells. He supposed the first thing they felt was that that little parish ought to be very warmly congratulated on the fact that that was the first parish in the neighbourhood to complete its peal of eight bells. But there was not only that pleasure in their hearts—there were thoughts of thanksgiving also that one amongst them had been moved by their Heavenly Father to devote some of that which he had to the service of Almighty God and to the completion of the equipment of their Parish Church. As they joined in that part of the dedication service there must be the thought in their hearts: What message have these bells to give us? One was tempted to speak of the antiquity of bells in their Churches or to speak of that which the donor of those bells had so much at heart, viz., change ringing, which had been brought to a high state of perfection in that parish. They were a memorial and a reminder to God's people of many things which they might forget in the midst of their daily life. How often they heard them, and under how very different circumstances. They formed part of their daily, family, Church, and national life. Their message seemed to be a belief that there was a God and that there was a hereafter. They were intended to summon people to God's House for worship, to remind them of the necessity for a belief in God, and of the necessity for coming to His House. They heard them on occasions of national and parochial rejoicing. They sounded out sometimes on occasions of family rejoicing when two persons were joined in holy matrimony; they also told them when one more soul had gone to the presence of God, and that its earthly life was over.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the clergy and the churchwarden (Mr. Storer) proceeded to the belfry, part of the hymn, "Hark on high the joyful music," having been sung, and there the Vicar solemnly dedicated the new bells.

THE NEW BELLS.

The inscription on the new treble is as follows:—"This bell was given by James Slarke to the honour and Glory of God. R. C. Collins, Vicar, 1911. Ring in the true." On the second bell are the words: "This bell was given by relatives of Eli Slarke to the honour and glory of God and as a memorial of over 50 years' faithful service on this estate. R. C. Collins, Vicar, 1911. God save the King."

As the clergy re-traced their steps the ringers rang a short peal. The remainder of the hymn was then sung. The Benediction was pronounced by the Vicar. Those who rung at the dedication were Messrs. J. Slarke (conductor), J. W. Sharp, R. W. Beesley, F. Dickens, G. Beesley, C. Faulkner, G. Basford and T. Denny. Subsequently the bells were again rung, the following members of the Northampton Central Association assisting: Messrs. F. Wilderspin, F. Hopper, T. Law, J. Read, W. Rogers and F. Rowledge.

SEALE, SURREY.—On Wednesday, August 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: C. Edwards 1, A. Baigent 2, F. Laker 3, G. Upshall 4, E. A. G. Allen (Rochester) 5, T. Upshall (conductor) 6.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

THE DAGENHAM SOCIETY.

On Wednesday week the ringers of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Dagenham, held their annual outing. Mustering at the church at 8.30, a start was made, with their tenor man acting the part of coachman, for a 15 miles drive to Orsett, which was reached via Rainham, Newington, Aveley and Stifford, through some of the prettiest of Essex scenery. Orsett Church boasts a fine ring of six (tenor 12 cwt.), in splendid going order, and the bells were soon raised and set going to Woodbine Treble Bob, 720 of which was successfully brought round, followed by one of Kent and another of Cambridge Surprise. Some of the local ringers then joined the party, and touches of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob were brought round. After a splendid dinner, to which ample justice was done, the party once more boarded the conveyance, a drive of three miles bringing them to the pretty church of Stanford-le-Hope, where they found another fine ring of six in good going order, although rather on the light side (tenor, 8 cwt.). A 720 Oxford Treble Bob was brought round, and then the tower keeper took a rope in several touches of Plain Bob. As there was a service at 6 p.m., it was decided to hark back to Orsett to spend the evening, and, on arriving, a group was quickly formed to give the camera manipulator a chance to show what he could do. Then a 720 of Plain Bob was brought round with three of the local ringers standing in. Tea was then partaken of, and afterwards a 360 of Plain Bob and touches of Oxford Delight, Double Oxford and Grandsire concluded a splendid day's ringing. The journey home was enlivened by songs, recitations, etc., Dagenham being safely reached at 10.30 p.m., after one of the best outings the band have ever had. The Dagenham company wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicars of Orsett and Stanford-le-Hope for so kindly granting the use of their bells, and also the members of the local bands for having everything in readiness. The members taking part were: Messrs. Hawkins, Playle, senr., Playle, junr., Miles, Freestone and Butler, and Messrs. Keeling and Chinnery, of Orsett, and Wade, Stanford-le-Hope.

A VISIT TO NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 5th, a few members of the Royal Cumberland Youths left St. Pancras for a day or two in Central Northamptonshire. To the majority of the party the trip was over entirely new ground, and the number of really fine peals of bells in which permission had been granted to ring came as a revelation after the varied experience of London ringing. Through the kindness of the various clergy, and the efforts of the various local ringers, visits were paid in turn to Kettering, Irthlingborough, Thrapston, Islip, Raunds, Higham Ferrers, and Wellingborough, whilst a trip to Rothwell, where permission had been granted to ring by the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Morley, for the Tuesday afternoon, had to be abandoned at the last moment owing to the early return of some of the company, leaving the band incomplete. Although four peals were attempted, none were successful, but everything in the way of touches and handbell ringing "turned up trumps," the methods including Stedman, Superlative, London, Forward, Duffield, and Double Norwich. Many old friendships were renewed and new ones made, and the whole party, both visitors and locals, were well satisfied with a pleasant holiday, free from hustle. The thanks of the visitors are due, in addition to the Vicars of the various churches mentioned, to Messrs. Perkins and Tyler (Irthlingborough), J. B. Martin (Higham Ferrers), D. Nicholls and C. W. Bird (Kettering), for the arrangements they made. Much regret was expressed at the continued illness of Mr. W. V. Newman, a ringer well known outside as well as inside Northamptonshire. In the near future the local men hope to make some effort on his behalf, which may commend itself to ringers generally.

DEATH OF MR. S. F. GOWLETT.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of Mr. Sidney Fredk. Gowlett, at the early age of 21 years, the sad event taking place at Leytonstone, where he had resided this last few months. The deceased, who was born in Lambeth, on December 13th, 1889, began to learn ringing at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, nearly two years ago. His progress was rapid, and he rang his first peal on April 2nd, 1910. Since then, in one year, he rang ten peals of Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major, but during the last few months his illness (consumption) prevented him standing in a peal. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the London County Association, and the St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, Society, and had taken part in peals for all. His abilities as a double-handed handbell ringer were well known in London, for at the meetings of the different societies which he used to attend, his touches were much appreciated.

The funeral took place on Friday, August 4th, at the Lambeth Cemetery, at Tooting, the mourners including several ringers and other representatives. The Rev. F. C. Parkes, Curate of St. George's, Southwark, officiated. After the interment, by special request of the deceased, a touch in his favourite method, Stedman Triples, was rung over the open grave by T. H. Taffender (conductor) 1—2, L. Attwater 3—4, H. R. Pasmore 5—6, F. J. Hardy 7—8. A good fellow, and ringer, his interest in the Art was most keen, and his death is very much mourned at St. George's, Southwark.—R.I.P.

RINGERS IN THE CHURCH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am surprised at the general statements made by Dr. Pauli in your last issue. He says there are plenty of reasons why ringing should be done from the church floor instead of from the ringing chamber or belfry.

He gives as one reason that all his ringers are communicants, but I should like to point out that there are some good ringers who are not churchmen, and the majority of these ringers do not want, nor do they accept beer as compensation for their ringing. Neither does it follow that they are not fit to be seen in church. Has a man to attain a certain state of so-called respectability before he is fit to go to church? As a rule, we are told the Church makes no difference; she stands for the rich and poor alike. Anyhow, these men remain ringers in the majority of cases because they are good ringers, and they ring for the art of ringing.

If you turn out the whole of the ringers who are not churchmen, you will lower the standard of ringing. Again, the ringers would, generally speaking, rather ring in the belfry, and would object to be brought down to the church floor to ring. You might then get a set of ringers out of the communicants who will not now come into the belfry and ring, but would willingly be seen in their shirt-sleeves ringing from the church floor. The men who refuse to do anything in any sphere of life unless they can be in the limelight are generally failures. The same thing would apply to ringing.

As Dr. Pauli states, "Bell ringing is not bell hauling," and, where bells are hauled, I think he would find that it is as often with ringers who are members of the church, as with ringers who are not members of the church.

The status of the belfry is being raised, slowly, that's true, but that may be accounted for by the fact that the ringers and officials who have been in the movement so long put the old ideas away so slowly, and are very reluctant to make room for younger blood, and more modern and up-to-date ideas.

Regarding the remarks made about the length of rope making no difference to the ringing, I would like to see Dr. Pauli stand in a peal at Howden, Yorks, and see if his opinion would not be changed when he had finished.—Yours truly, THOS. SMITH.

Goole, August 15th.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With regard to the letters in your last issue, re bell ringers as churchworkers, I should like to mention that in our tower we ring on the ground-floor, which is also used as a vestry with curtain across to divide it from the body of the church. But, take notice, once inside those curtains we are absolutely cut off from the church, inasmuch as the Vicar and churchwardens take no interest whatever in the bells or the ringers. They seem to look on us as men not to be associated with other churchworkers in any respect, and the belfry may just as well be miles away in some outlandish place not yet thought of. Now, can anyone wonder that ringers in churches such as this do not attend church, for by the indifference of their Vicar and the officers of the church they are driven to much more congenial company outside.—I am, yours with a grievance, L. A. W.

LANCASHIRE MEETING AT HALE.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Liverpool branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Hale, on Saturday, August 12th. The weather was delightful, and ringers were present from Tuebrook, Walton, Garston, Grassendale, Widnes, Rainhill, and Bidstoe, together with the local company. The bells were set going at about 5 o'clock, one or two touches being brought round before the Vicar invited the ringers to tea in the Vicarage garden, between thirty and forty being assembled round the tables. After justice had been done to the good things provided, the business meeting followed. Reference was made, with regret, to St. Nicholas', Liverpool, bells having been re-opened, without intimation having been sent to some who would have liked to have been present. It was decided to hold the next meeting of the branch at Port Sunlight, on September 9th. The branch secretary was elected to serve as committeeman for the next two years. There being no other business of any importance, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. C. A. Clements) for his hospitality and use of the bells, the compliment being duly acknowledged.—An adjournment was then made to the tower, where the Vicar took part in the first 720 of Surprise on his bells. Touches also of Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob were brought round. The following rang in the first 720 of Cambridge Surprise on bells: The Rev. C. A. Clements 1, T. Jennion 2, G. R. Newton 3, H. Fyles 4, H. H. Barker (conductor) 5, J. Allen 6.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Saturday, August 19th, as a wedding compliment to Miss Potts, 720 Bob Minor (42 singles): H. E. Dannatt 1, J. W. Crowder 2, J. Barrick 3, H. Ebbitson 4, William Ayre 5, Walter Ayre (conductor) 6.

A SOMERSETSHIRE DEDICATION.

BELLS REHUNG AT BABCARY.

Fifty years ago the advisability of recasting and rehanging the bells of Babcary, Somerset, was discussed, but it was left to the Coronation year of King George V for the work to be carried out. The fund for this and other improvements was established about twelve months ago, the nucleus being formed by a sum of £100 realised by a bazaar. From that time the work of procuring the money went on apace. The villagers responded generously, and previous to the dedication service the remaining debt did not amount to £10. There are five bells in the church, and two of them are dated 1605. The tenor and treble have been recast, and a new iron and steel frame, constructed for six bells, has been erected by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of London, who have fitted the peal with the latest pattern iron headstocks, and carried out the work in the most satisfactory manner. In addition to the rehanging of the bells, the tower walls, which had fallen into disrepair, have been restored, the boundary wall of the church rebuilt, and a stained glass memorial window erected, the whole of the improvements having cost about £400.

As the work was done in commemoration of the Coronation, the Coronation festivities were postponed in the village until the date of the dedication, and the event was celebrated as a general holiday at Babcary. There was entertainment provided for the whole of the inhabitants, and the dedication service was held in the afternoon, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of the Diocese, Dr. Kennion. There was a procession from the Rectory to the Church, headed by a brass band, and including the school children, the clergy and parishioners. After the dedication, the Bishop preached from Romans vi., II. That day, he said, was a day of great joy in the parish. In a short time, because their sympathy had been won and their interest and their desire to glorify God had been kindled, and with the assistance of their friends, they had done much to beautify that house of God. They had done much to put it in the order they desired it to be in. They had contributed generously, and in a short time had raised something like £400, which betokened their interest. When they realised how much had been accomplished the day would be one of real happiness to them. Whenever they heard the bells ringing out the messages they undoubtedly told to them, and whenever they looked upon their tower it would suggest to them the rendering to God solid and strong service. When the bells were rung let it remind them that they should come near to God. He hoped the bells would always be rightly used, and that the belfry would be regarded as part of God's Church, and the ringing of the bells service to God.

The hymns sung at the service were "We love the place, O God," "Hark, hark, my soul," and "Now thank we all our God." After the service the bells were rung by the West Lydford ringers.

Subsequently the clergy and visitors were entertained by the Rector, who also invited the clergy to a garden party previous to the dedication. The thanks of the parishioners are due to the Rector, who has worked indefatigably to bring about the restoration so much needed, and to whose efforts are mainly due the early completion of the work. Able assistance to the Rector was also given by the churchwardens, Mr. E. S. Edwards and Mr. Ings.

DEATH OF THE BISHOP OF SALISBURY.

The Rt. Rev. John Wordsworth, D.D., Bishop of Salisbury, and patron of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers, died at the Palace, Salisbury, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., from heart failure.

In April of this year following a prolonged period of literary work, the Bishop broke down in health, and for ten weeks was forbidden to undertake any of his pastoral duties. He returned to Salisbury after his holiday in apparently improved health, and had since continued his work with his usual vigour.

Born at Harrow in September, 1843, the late bishop was the son of the Rev Christopher Wordsworth, afterwards Bishop of Lincoln, and great-nephew of the famous poet-laureate. He was educated at Ipswich, Winchester, and New College, Oxford. Leaving the university, where he gained many honours, in 1866, he was appointed assistant master of Wellington College. It was in 1885, the year of his father's death, that he succeeded his old Winchester master as Bishop of Salisbury. A man of brilliant erudition, with an amazing capacity for work, he was the author of a great many books on ecclesiastical subjects. Dr. Wordsworth maintained a vigilant and vigorous oversight of the churches in his diocese, and was the author of a series of instructions for the due observance of the laws of the Church.

At Britford, Wilts, on Thursday, the 17th inst., 720 Bob Minor was rung with the bells muffled for the deceased prelate: C. Swanborough 1, S. Macey 2, T. Hurd (Burslem) 3, J. S. Rumming 4, L. Harris 5, W. W. Gifford (conductor) 6.

At All Saints' Church, Wootton Bassett, 360 Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect for the late Bishop: W. E. Baxter 1, H. Flewelling 2, L. A. Wilson (conductor) 3, R. Roberts 4, H. Osmond 5, L. Lawrence 6.

STEDMAN'S PRINCIPLE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Parker's criticism absolutely fails because he has done the very thing which I have carefully avoided, he has arranged the figures to suit his case, he has taken the six rows, 21435, etc., to 24153, and isolated them, and then proceeded to show that these six rows, taken by themselves, are the reverse of B. Now this is quite true, when the rows are isolated in this manner, but this is exactly what you must not do if you are to arrive at a true explanation of D. D is a round block, and you must consider the whole round block if you are to arrive at a just conclusion.

Mr. Parker criticises my statement that the first 3rd's place is not a bob because 4 goes down to lead instead of returning to the back. Now, the place is not a bob under any circumstances whatever, for consider what a bob really is in absolutely every case. It consists of one or other of the following:—

1. A bell makes a place and returns to the place from which it came, and two other bells dodge, and then proceed in their natural course as if nothing had happened; or

2. A bell, which would have made a dodge, makes a place and returns to the place from which it came, while two other bells, one of which would have dodged, both plain hunt; or

3. A bell, which was plain hunting in the work, makes a place and becomes the second plain hunt bell along with the treble, while two other bells, one in the work and the other in the hunt, dodge.

In each case the bell which makes the bob returns to the place from which she came. Now, 4 makes the place and we might call it a bob on 124, but if so the 3rd's place is substituted for a whole pull at lead, and, therefore, in the natural course order the next place must be behind, but it is not behind, but in front, and, therefore, 4 has not made a bob. What she has really done is to turn round, so that she may plain hunt backwards; and plain hunting backwards is really the same thing as dodging, only this is dodging extended to three bells. Now, examine 2. She gets to lead by plain hunting, she then dodges back into 2nd's place, and continues the motion backwards into 3rd, turns round there, still going backwards, and so down to lead backwards, when she proceeds to plain hunt forwards. The 3rd's place is the whole pull on the lead transferred to the back of the three-bell work by the plain hunting backwards.

The quick six on the other hand contains two bobs, and the whole six is equivalent to one bob. The slow six is plain, the quick six is a bob six, and the six-score of Stedman Doubles consists of these two combined and two singles. The problem is to extend this to seven bells, and in order to do this correctly we must treat the six-score in the same way as we treat a six-score of Grandsire Doubles, that is divide it up into its constituent parts and produce a plain course of Doubles, extend this to seven bells by adding another dodging position, and then construct a peal of Triples containing the very same elements, and this is really Stedman Triples.

If the Norwich extension be correct, then Grandsire Triples must consist of a course of alternate bobs and plain leads, and the peal must be produced by inserting 5th's place bobs and singles into it.

H. LAW JAMES.

PEAL TABLET DEDICATED AT OAKHAM.

On Saturday week, an event took place in the belfry of the Parish Church of All Saints', which was of great interest to ringers locally, the occasion being the dedication of a stone tablet recording the first peal of Grandsire Triples ever rung in the town. The service was kindly conducted by the Rev. A. M. Baird Smith, M.A., in the absence of the Vicar. The bells were raised before the service and after the prayers and a few appropriate remarks, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples were rung in 50 mins., by H. Barback (Oakham) 1, Syd. Huddleston (Melton Mowbray) 2, G. H. Towell (Oakham) 3, A. E. Johnstone (Melton Mowbray) 4, F. C. Towell (Oakham) 5, W. James (Melton Mowbray) 6, R. H. Bartram, conductor (Melton Mowbray) 7, W. E. Higgs (Oakham) 8. The stone for the tablet was kindly given by Mr. W. Higgs, builder, of Oakham, and on it is cut in plain lettering the following:—

"The Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers.—In this tower was rung a complete peal of Grandsire Triples (5040 changes), Holt's ten-part, on Saturday, May 6th, 1911, in 3 hrs. 17 mins.: G. H. Towell 1, Sydney Huddleston 2, Miss Lilian A. Willson 3, Walter James 4, W. Edgar Higgs 5, Richard Mount 6, R. H. Bartram 7, Sydney B. Higgs 8. Conducted by R. H. Bartram. First peal in the town of Oakham. J. H. Charles, M.A., R.D., Vicar. G. Phillips, W. M. Keal, Churchwardens."

The tablet is of the Gothic shape, with a bell carved in the top, over which is engraved the words: "To the Glory of God," beneath it, "Ring in the true."

WREXHAM.—On Aug. 13, for evening service, a quarter peal of Stedman Caters (1268 changes), in 54 mins.: A. Newell 1, J. Clutton 2, E. Lloyd 3, A. Prince (Swansea) 4, R. Sperring (Chester) 5, R. Jones 6, Harry Moore, junr. (conductor) 7, E. Rowland 8, A. Lea 9, Wm. Williams 10.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.—The Midland Counties Association.—On Saturday, July 29th, in one hour and two mins., at the Church of St. John, a date touch of Minor (1911 changes), being 111 Bob Minor, 240 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, and Double Court, and 360 each of Single Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob (tenor, 11 cwt.): G. Baseley 1, H. Hurdman 2, A. P. Wakley 3, J. Hough 4, J. T. Dyke 5, D. Cotton (conductor) 6. Rung to celebrate the 19th birthday of the ringer of the 5th.

LONDON. — On Thursday, August 3rd, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Sidney F. Gowlett, the whole pull and stand was rung half muffled, by G. Woodage, senr., 1, S. B. Weatherston 2, C. H. Hughes 3, J. C. F. Bayley 4, G. F. Woodage, junr., 5, F. J. Hardy 6, A. D. Barker 7, T. H. Taffender 8. Afterwards, 420 of Stedman Triples was rung: F. J. Hardy 1, S. B. Weatherston 2, C. H. Hughes 3, J. Milner 4, A. E. Pike 5, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 6, A. D. Barker 7, G. Woodage, senr., 8. Also 288 Treble Bob Major: C. F. Winney 1, F. G. Perrin 2, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 3, H. T. Gowlett 4, J. Milner 5, A. D. Barker 6, W. Harlestion 7, C. F. Burden 8.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—On Sunday, August 6th, 1911, for service, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Burton 1, A. P. Wakley 2, W. Hickling 3, W. White 4, T. Squires 5, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 6. 360 Double Court: W. Hickling 1, W. White 2, A. P. Wakley (conductor) 3, W. E. White 4, J. T. Dyke 5, T. Squires 6. On handbells, 720 Bob Minor: J. T. Dyke 1—2, A. P. Wakley 3—4, W. White (conductor) 5—6.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 6th, for morning service, at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: S. R. Cooper 1, A. E. Coles 2, F. J. Rumens 3, R. W. Green 4, W. J. Kemp (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, A. D. Barker 6, A. W. Grimes 7, E. J. Woolley 8. Rung as a farewell to F. J. Rumens, who is returning to the United States.

CROPWELL BISHOP, NOTTS.—The Midland Counties Association.—On Monday, August 7th, 1911, in one hour and five mins., a date touch of Doubles (1911 changes), being 240 each of Stedman's Slow Course, Stedman, Grandsire, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, 360 Old Doubles, and 351 Plain Bob (tenor, 11½ cwt.): William E. White 1, A. P. Wakley (conductor) 2, Walter White 3, J. T. Dyke 4, T. Squires 5.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Monday, August 7th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Ladd (Pinchbeck) 1, Rev. C. J. Sturton (Fleet) 2, G. Jutson (Peterborough) 3, J. T. Hollis (Wakefield) 4, T. H. Hardy (Leicester) 5, W. Willson (Leicester), conductor 6.

WALTHAM-ON-THE-WOLDS. — On Tuesday, August 8th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor: W. Clarke 1, Miss L. A. Willson (conductress) 2, J. Harris 3, T. H. Hardy 4, R. Mount 5, W. Willson 6.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND. — Kent County Association. — On Tuesday evening, August 8th, 1911, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: J. Avis 1, J. Burles 2, G. R. Ambrose 3, F. M. Mitchell 4, R. Constant 5, F. Hayes (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the band, at the first attempt, and the first on record on the bells. Rung as a farewell to the 1st Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, who left Milton on the 12th, after a stay of three years.

TAUNTON. — On Thursday, August 10th, on the occasion of the annual flower show, 504 Stedman Triples was rung at St. Mary Magdalene's Church: S. Wyatt (conductor) 1, H. Creed 2, W. Bowden 3, J. Fowler 4, J. Routely 5, H. Reed 6, P. Merson 7, H. Mockridge 8. Also 560 Bob Major by the same ringers, conducted by P. Merson.

FARNHAM. — On Friday, August 11th, at the Parish Church, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples: G. Upshall 1, F. Laker 2, F. A. Burnett 3, E. A. G. Allen 4, T. Upshall 5, A. Baigent 6, C. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. Sherfield 8. Arranged for E. A. G. Allen, who hails from Rochester; also as a farewell to F. Laker, who is leaving Farnham for Tunbridge Wells.

WALTHAMSTOW. — Middlesex County Association.—At St. Mary's Church, Walthamstow, on Sunday, August 13th, after evensong, 1289 Stedman Caters, in 50 mins.: R. Maynard, senr., 1, C. Rollings (longest length on ten bells) 2, Fred Wilford 3, C. T. Coles (conductor) 4, J. H. Wilkins 5, J. C. Adams 6, W. J. Kemp 7, H. Rumens 8, F. C. Maynard 9, A. Chapman 10.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—Essex Association.—On Sunday, August 13th, at St. Mary the Virgin's Church, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, G. Jordan 2, W. Prior 3, J. Luckey 4, H. Little 5, H. J. Tucker 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, T. Jordan 8. The following touches have also been rung at the church recently.—On July 9th, for evening service, 448 London Surprise Major: A. Jordan 1, G. Jordan 2, T. Jordan 3, W. Prior 4, J. Luckey 5, H. F. Dawkins 6, T. J. Watts 7, W. Watts (conductor) 8.—On Sunday, July 23rd, 336 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, G. Jordan 2, J. Luckey 3, W. Prior 4, T. Jordan 5, T. J. Watts 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, A. Jordan 8.—On Wednesday, July 19th, 910 Oxford Bob Triples: W. Prior 1, F. Bird 2, T. Jordan 3, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 4, J. Luckey 5, W. Watts 6, P. Springham 7, A. Jordan 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples.

KIRKHEATON.—Yorkshire Association.—On Sunday, August 13th, evening service, at the Parish Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 30 mins.: W. Swift 1, N. North 2, F. Hardy (conductor) 3, H. Hanson 4, J. Bottom 5, J. Rangeley 6. Rung as a farewell compliment to Percy Kidd, of the junior band, who is leaving the district.

ILFRACOMBE, DEVON.—On Sunday, August 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: R. Dadds 1, F. Morgan 2, F. J. Reed 3, A. E. Morgan 4, A. W. Brighton (conductor) 5, C. Parr 6, J. Richards 7, W. Slocombe 8.—On Tuesday, August 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: R. Dadds 1, F. Morgan 2, F. J. Reed 3, A. E. Morgan 4, J. P. Foulds (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, A. W. Brighton (conductor) 6, W. Vicary 7, J. Richards 8.—On Sunday, August 20th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Filer 1, A. W. Brighton (conductor) 2, F. J. Reed 3, R. Dadds 4, W. Vicary 5, C. Parr 6, J. Richards 7, W. Slocombe 8. The brothers Morgan hail from Newport (Mon.), J. P. Foulds from Colne, Lancs, and A. W. Brighton from London.

BISHOP RYDER'S, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, August 13th, for Divine Service, in the morning, 404 Grandsire Triples: B. Devonal (Cadoxton) 1, F. J. Smallwood 2, E. Large 3, G. Taylor 4, J. T. Perry (conductor) 5, J. Collett 6, A. Scrivens 7, J. Salter (Kidderminster) 8 In the evening, 308: S. Coley 1, A. Scrivens 2, J. Collett 3, W. Webb 4, J. T. Perry (conductor) 5, W. H. Carrod 6, G. Taylor 7, J. Salter 8.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—On Tuesday, August 15th, at St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 47 mins.: G. Barrington 1, J. Lee 2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3, I. J. Attwater 4, L. Attwater 5, J. S. Daniels 6, C. Daniel 7, A. G. Freeman 8. Also recently, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: B. Goldsmith (first in the method) 1, A. J. Perkins 2, H. J. Rumble 3, I. J. Attwater 4, J. Lee 5, C. Daniel 6, L. Attwater (conductor) 7, G. Barrington 8.

OLD SOUTHGATE, LONDON — On Sunday last, 384 Superlative Surprise Major: A. R. Glasscock 1, S. Wade 2, J. Miller 3, J. Armstrong 4, F. Tegg 5, N. Tomlinson 6, J. H. Blakiston (Middlesbrough) 7, W. Pickworth 8. Also 168 Stedman Triples: S. Wade 1, G. Bester 2, H. Armstrong 3, J. Armstrong 4, W. Pickworth 5, H. Miller 6, J. H. Blakiston 7, J. Miller 8.

SHOREDITCH BELLS.

It is very gratifying to learn that something is to be done to put the bells of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, in order. A committee has now been formed to have the frame set in order, and as the churchwardens have no funds to carry out the work, an appeal is made to all persons interested in ringing for subscriptions. Sums, however small, will be welcomed by Mr. H. J. Bradley, Secretary of the Committee, the Parish Church, Shoreditch.

The record of these bells extends back to 1708 when there were five. In 1739 these were sold for £219, with which sum, aided by subscriptions, a new ring of eight was purchased, the total cost being £800. The founder was Thomas Lester, of Whitechapel. This being the first ring on his own account, he was so pleased at the honour conferred upon him that he gave a present to the parish. Two more bells were added in 1765 by Lester and Pack, and in 1823 the ring was increased to 12 at the cost of the London Cumberland Ringing Society, who in 1784 had rung a peal of 12,000 changes on the bells. In 1875 the tenor which had been cracked for many years was recast by Messrs. Blews, of Birmingham. It now weighs 28¾ cwt. with a diameter of 58 inches. It had previously been recast by Mears in 1820. Otherwise Lester's bells remain intact.

NOTICES.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Owing to the Hon. Sec. (Mr. J. Thomas) leaving Bristol, Mr. J. B. Tyler has kindly consented to act in his place. All correspondence should be sent to Mr. J. B. Tyler, Swan Inn, Midland Road, Bristol.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Goldhanger on Saturday, August 26th. Tea, 5.30, will be provided for those giving three days' notice to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

DUDLEY & DISTRICTS GUILD.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Wombourne, on Saturday, August 26th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5, with an address by the Vicar. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 177, High Street, Dudley.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames, on Saturday, August 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at sixpence per head in the parish room at 6 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited.—H. C. Chandler, Hon Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, August 26th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. G. H. Siddans). Bells available at 3.30. Tea, 6d., at 6 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited. The secretary would be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church on Saturday, August 26th, 1911. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All subscriptions due. Election of Branch Secretary and Committee men. A good attendance is requested.—T. Rollerson, Branch Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Henley-in-Arden (6) on Saturday, August 26th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. This date unfortunately clashes with the date of the Rugby Society's excursion, and it is therefore thought wiser to reserve Aston Manor as the place for the September meeting.—C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, The Parsonage, Shottery.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wedmore on Saturday, August 26th. Service, 4 p.m.; tea and meeting following (tea 6d. each). Bells available from 2 p m.—A. H. Davies, "Eastleigh," Burnham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton, on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 5.30. All members are requested to attend.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton, on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.—W. H. Shuker, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Blackpool on September 30th. Nominations are required for the following offices:—Vice-president, General Secretary, Ringing Secretary, two Auditors. Nominations to be returned on August 28th.—W. H. Shuker, J. H. Banks, Hon. Secs.

NOTICES (continued).

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available all the afternoon. Tea at the Lytton Arms, price 1s., to all who inform me by August 31st.—B. H. T. Drake, 12, Grove Road, Hitchin.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, September 2nd, at Watley (eight bells). Four to eight p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Sec., 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, September 2nd, at 6 o'clock. Business meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Rochester, on Saturday, September 16th, 1911. Further particulars next week.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Sec., 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Oldham (12 bells) on Saturday, September 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.; meeting at 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Barlow, Branch Sec., 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mrs. Walker's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

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SILVER WEDDING.

SEDGLEY—REGESTER.—On August 24th, 1886, at St. John's Church, Darlington, John William Sedgley to Georgiana Elizabeth Regester, both of King's Lynn, Norfolk. The former is District Secretary of the Norwich Association.

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At St. Michael's Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne,

The Record Long Peal of Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 Changes) was rung on Easter Monday, 1911, by the Ashton-under-Lyne Society in 8 HOURS and 39 MINUTES.

In November, 1910, all the 12 bells were repaired and the Tenor (27 cwt.) completely rehung by:—

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The Ringer of the Tenor in the Record Peal wrote:—

"Your work to this Bell is a SPLENDID CREDIT to you."

James George,
April 18th, 1911.

THE FASCINATION OF FIGURES.

The theoretical side of change ringing is closely allied to the science of methematics, and only those who have dipped into its mysteries know the fascination of it. But there are many good, practical ringers who do not know how deeply attractive a thing composition is. It is enough for them that they have bells to pull, and figures, got out by others, by which they can ring peals. At the same time there is an increasing number of members of the Exercise who like to "dabble" in composition, and it is a good thing when a conductor is able to prove for himself the peals he proposes to call.

We hope that the occasional articles which we have published, and which we propose to continue from time to time, will encourage others to take an interest in this side of the Art, because, while it is not given to everyone to be a composer in the highest sense of the word—one needs to be gifted with more than average ability to obtain in these days anything original — every conductor ought to include in his process of self-education some attempt to acquire that knowledge of figures necessary for proving peals. If he did there would be still fewer disappointments caused by ringing, occasionally, a false composition.

But those who have taken up investigation as a hobby find it irresistibly fascinating. What hours are spent with paper and pencil, and how entirely one can be absorbed in the occupation! Just as with ringing, the more a man does, the more he desires to do, so with composition, the further one ventures into the realm of figures, the more strongly is one drawn along. There are some in the ranks of the Exercise who are veritable wizzards in the art of composing, and only a comparative few can hope to reach the standard of men like Henry Dains, Charles Hattersley, John Carter, Gabriel Lindoff, and others, whose names readily come to mind.

Such composers as these have left very little new ground to be broken in practically all the popular methods, but there are other methods, equally as interesting to ring, equally as difficult to accomplish, which have not been fully investigated, and which should provide scope for those who have a desire for figure work. It is rather surprising that, instead of wasting their zeal upon those methods, the bones of which have been picked nearly clean, more attention is not turned to other methods which give a wider field. Researches into these would, no doubt, popularise the ringing of them, and would probably encourage more ringers to practise methods that are out of the ordinary ruck.

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TESTIMONIAL.

John O. Sager, Solicitor, Todmorden, December 10, 1910.
Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., Bell and Brassfounders, Smethwick.

Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH BOB COURT CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

THOMAS GORE... ... ...*Treble*	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6
GEORGE HOLLIS 2	JOHN HOLMAN 7
JOHN FLINT 3	GEORGE W. BEMROSE ... 8
THOMAS BETTISON 4	SAM THOMAS 9
WILLIAM LAMBERT 5	JOHN P. TARLTON ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

The above band stood in the same order in the false peal on the 10th of June, 1911.

This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. Smith, a member of the Chesterfield Company, and Miss Annie Kirk, the band wishing them every happiness.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ...*Treble*	CHARLES J. FRY 5
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ... 2	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... 6
HENRY W. WILKES... ... 3	KEITH HART 7
WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... 4	OWEN GILES ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES:

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS TURNER ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM ROSE... 5
ALFRED E. BOWELL ... 2	FREDERICK BRUNNING ... 6
JAMES BETTS 3	ERNEST F. POPPY 7
EDWARD EVANS... 4	ROBERT RUTH ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by E. F. POPPY.

SALISBURY, WILTS,

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

SIDNEY MACEY ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ... 5
FREDERICK PRECEY 2	ROBERT P. KNIGHT 6
JOHN S. RUMMING 3	KEITH HART 7
LEONARD HARRIS 4	CHARLES GAISFORD ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 26, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

SIDNEY F. PALMER ... ...*Treble*	TOM O'HARA 5
CLEMENT GLENN 2	R. WILFRED COLLIER ... 6
JOSEPH ATKIN 3	GEORGE HALKSWORTH ... 7
JAMES EVINSON... 4	WILLIAM BIGGIN ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

This is the first peal in the method in the County, by all the band and by the Association.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

CHARLES SAMSON ... ...*Treble*	CHARLES F. BAILEY... ... 5
ERNEST F. BAILEY 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
EDGAR H. BAILEY 3	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 7
NORMAN R. BAILEY... ... 4	*JAMES G. RUMSEY ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal of New Cambridge. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Samson.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ALFRED KNIGHT ... ...*Treble*	ALBERT V. INNS 5
ALFRED KING 2	CHARLES W. BIRD 6
ROBERT F. TURNER ... 3	DAVID L. NICHOLS 7
ARTHUR E. PAYNE 4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and
Conducted by DAVID L. NICHOLS.

* First peal of Major. Arranged for Mr. A. King, of Luton.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN, HOLLOWAY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*ARTHUR WILLIAM HART...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT 5
ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr. 3	HARRY WARNETT 7
*FRANK J. HAIRS 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. *Tenor*

Composed by the late C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in a Surprise method. Also first Surprise peal on the bells.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, August 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

OLIVER JAMES	*Treble*	WILLIAM SHORT	5
WILLIAM SHILVOCK	2	WILLIAM PAGE	6
GEORGE PIGOTT	3	*GORDON CHECKITTS	7
JAMES E. GROVES	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. KEMP	*Treble*	ISAAC G. SHADE	5
CHARLES WILKINS	2	CHARLES R. LILLEY	6
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr.	3	ERNEST PYE	7
JOHN J. LAMB	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

MACHYNLLETH, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Sunday, August 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

*WILFRED T. ASHTON	*Treble*	†E. R. TREVOR CORBETT	5
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR	2	ALFRED FULLICK	6
GEORGE J. TAYLOR	3	FRED W. TAYLOR	7
HERBERT JONES	4	WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples with an inside bell. This is the first peal on the bells, which were augmented to eight in commemoration of the Coronation of King George V.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	*Treble*	REUBEN SANDERS	5
ARTHUR J. NEALE	2	CHARLES CASTLE	6
BERTRAM PREWETT	3	ROBERT E. STAVERT	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	ALBERT J. BAYNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALBERT HARVEY	*Treble*	*WM. G. GOODBOURN	5
WM. G. MAYERS	2	WM. STEELE	6
ALFRED FUNNELL	3	GEO. H. CROSS	7
FRANK H. PHILIPS	4	GEO. MAYERS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Court, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*CHARLES SANDERS	*Treble*	JOSEPH T. DYKE	4
*ARTHUR K. HARRISON	2	JOHN HAUGH	5
E. HARRY STONELEY	3	ALBERT P. WAKLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

TODMORDEN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT CROSSTONE CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Treble, Merchant's Delight, Violet, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford, and Kent.

*D. BARNES	*Treble*	*R. W. ETHERINGTON	4
D. BRIGGS	2	*J. W. RATCLIFFE	5
J. S. LOMAS	3	J. H. BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. H. BARNES.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT 46, KING EDWARD ROAD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOHN THOMAS	1—2	GEORGE N. PRICE	5—6
HENRY HODGETTS	3—4	WILLIAM ROUGHTON	7—8

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.
Umpire: CHARLES N. LEMAN.

First peal of Stedman on handbells by the ringers of 1—2 and 7—8.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, August 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

F. DEWELL	1—2	A. E. MOORE	5—6
H. A. TURNER	3—4	F. LEVITT	7—8

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

Umpire: A. ELY.

First peal in the method by all double-handed. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and a wedding compliment to Mr. H. R. Moore, his brother ringers wishing him and his bride long life and happiness.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

The calling of the 120 Grandsire Doubles which I gave last week was, it may have been noticed, divided into two equal and similar parts, and it may have been observed further that each of the calls brought the 5th to double dodge in 4—5 up. This simplifies matters for the young conductor if he should ring the "observation" bell because, having throughout a symmetrical work, he is enabled to assist his colleagues. But while, for the general benefit of a young band, it is well for the ringer who is acting as conductor to ring an "obervation," or, as it is sometimes called, a "fixed" bell, I would warn beginners that to get into the habit of ringing nothing but the observation bell when conducting, after having gained a fair amount of proficiency, is to fall into a bad fault. The best conductors are those who can and do call from a working bell.

For the moment, however, we will content ourselves with dealing with a fixed bell. The calls in this 120 are made at each other lead, with the result that the 5th is brought into 4—5 up at each call, and is thus the fixed bell. At each plain lead the 5th is making 3rd's place, and, by working out on paper the relative positions of the other bells, the conductor can, when ringing, keep them right with tolerable ease.

Here are some of the points which he should contrive to remember. On starting, and on each occasion of dodging in 4—5 up, the treble is bell which turns him from behind, follows him down (always, of course, with one bell between) and takes him off lead. In going to make 3rd's place he strikes over the treble and the bell in the hunt, and again over the treble and the bell in the hunt in returning to lead. He courses after the bell in the hunt in going up, and, having called the bob or single, double dodges with that bell and courses it down to lead. The bell which will go into the hunt at the bob is the one which took him off the lead, after he had made 3rds. (This bell would make the double 3rd's place at a single). With such points as this in mind, and others that may be elaborated, the young conductor will be able to help his colleagues in case of trips. At the same time something more than the mere theoretical knowledge is necessary. There must be an intimate acquaintance with the "rope sight," to which I have frequently referred, and the conductor at the first sign of indecision on the part of a colleague must be quick and firm in his commands. Hesitation on the conductor's part nearly always leads to disaster.

Now there are other ways of calling 120's of Grandsire Doubles besides that which I have given. There are six with a call each other lead, three of them with the first call at the second lead (giving the 5th as the observation bell), and three with the first call at the first lead (substituting the 3rd for the 5th as the observation bell). Here is half a peal of each, given by the lead ends, the treble, therefore, not being required to be shown:

2345	2345	2345	2345	2345	2345
2534	2534	2534	— 4523	— 4523	s 5423
— 3425	— 3425	s 4325	4352	4352	5342
3542	3542	4532	— 5243	s 2543	— 4253
— 4235	s 2435	— 3245	5324	2354	4325
4523	2543	3524	s 4253	— 5423	— 2543
s 3245	— 4325	— 2435	4325	5342	2354

Each to be repeated.

There are four other ways of getting 120 with ordinary bobs and singles, and these are

	2345		2345		2345		2345
	2534	—	4523	s	5423	s	5423
s	4325	s	3245		5342	—	2354
—	2543		3524	s	2453	s	4523
s	3425	s	4235	—	5324		4352

Each to be twice repeated.

CONDUCTOR.

WORCESTER BELL RINGER'S DEATH.

The funeral of Thomas Malin, one of Worcester's well known bellringers, took place at Astwood Cemetery, on Sunday week. He was for nearly 40 years associated with campanology in the city, and for about 30 years rang the "Curfew" at St. Helen's Church, until bodily infirmity compelled his retirement. Besides members of his family attending the funeral there were present, to pay a last farewell to a departed comrade, Messrs. B. S. Hill, B. Hill, A. Hill, J. H. Hill, W. C. Jones, H. Wilkes, W. Powell, W. Banks, G. Hinton, J. Morris, J. Perry, T. Lane, C. Gregg, T. Brown, W. H. Johnson, W. Page, G. Checketts, W. Stone, N. Wale, members of the Cathedral and other Guilds of Bellringers in Worcester. At the conclusion of the service at the graveside a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, was rung by W. H. Johnson, G. Hinton, W. Powell, W. Page and G. Checketts. The effect was very solemn, and at the same time pathetic and sweet. The churchwardens, Mr. A. Harding and Mr. W. W. Harris (the latter having the charge of the "Curfew") of St. Helen's Church, also attended. On Sunday, for service at St. Helen's Church, the following ringers rang a quarter peal and other touches of Bob Major with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Malin: B. S. Hill, A. Hill, J. H. Hill, G. Checketts, J. Morris, G. Hinton, L. Longney, W. Powell, W. H. Johnson, W. Edgington, W. C. Jones, W. Page.

KIRKHEATON.—The farewell touch to Mr. P. Kidd, recorded last week, was rung on Sunday, August 20th, not 13th, as published.

WILLESDEN.—On August 9th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: A. Hill 1, G. Kilby 2, N. Alderman 3, R. Bevan 4, T. Langdon 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6.—On August 15th, for practice, 720 "Willesden Delight" (if not otherwise named), No. 13 of fourth's place delights in Legitimate Methods: E. Cassel 1, G. Kilby 2, G. Chalkley 3, T. Langdon 4, A. Hill 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6.

COMPOSITIONS.

5003 DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

By A. Knights, Chesterfield.

23456789			
65324978	1, 4, 5, 7		
35624		s6	
63524		6	
56324		6	
34256	1	s4	6
23456			—
26354		—	—
24653		—	—
62453			—
46253			—
43652		—	—
42356		—	—
32546	—		—
52436	—		—
62435		s	
45362	—	s	—
34562			—
53462			—
52364		—	—
52364	1	6	
54263	—	—	
25463		—	
42563		—	
43265	—	—	
24365		—	
32465		—	
35264	—	—	
23564		—	
54362	s	—	
35462		—	
43562		—	
42365	—	—	
45263	—	—	
24563		—	
52463		—	
53264	—	—	
25364		—	
32564		—	
34265	—	—	
34265879	5	7s	

Round in five leads.

Contains the 5th twelve times and the 6th 23 times and 4 leads behind the 9th.

First rung at Chesterfield on Saturday, August 26th; conducted by Sam Thomas.

5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By George Cross, Norwich.

23456	B	M	W	H
45236			—	—
24536				—
52436				—
42635		—		
56234		—		—
25634				—
62534				—
43526		—	—	—
65324		—		—
36524				—
53624				—
63425		—		
54326		—		—
35426				—
42356			—	—
63254		—		—
26354				—
32654				—
32546	—			—
53246				—
25346				—
34256			—	—
23456				—

The 4th and 6th the extent in sixths.

STEDMAN CATERS.

Two Peals by F. Bennett, London.

5020

123456789		
132547698	start last	
312456789	three changes	
321547698	of quick six.	
613452978	1, 3s, 4, 6s	
2354		16
4253		16
416352	5	16
2653		—
214356	—	—
6453		—
3654		—
312456	—	—
6254		—
4652		—
413256	—	—
3652	s	—
2356		—
6253		—
613254	—	
513462	4 5	—
2364		—
4263		—
415362	—	—
2563		—
214365	—	—
5463		—
3564		—
312465	—	—
5264		—
4562		—
413265	—	—
3562	s	—
2365		—
5263		—
215364879	*	
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LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Tuesday, August 22nd, for practice, 384 New Cambridge Surprise: F. Youngman 1, E. H. Bailey 2, J. M. Bailey 3, C. F. Bailey 4, E. S. Bailey 5, N. R. Bailey 6, C. Samson 7, J. G. Rumsey 8. Also 420 Stedman Triples: F. J. Smith 1, E. S. Bailey 2, J. M. Bailey 3, J. G. Rumsey 4, N. R. Bailey 5, E. H. Bailey 6, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, C. Samson 8.

WEST LYDFORD'S ANCIENT BELLS.

REHUNG AND AUGMENTED.

West Lydford bells, one of which dates from 1587, and two others from a few years later, have been rehung and augmented in commemoration of the Coronation. Originally a peal of five, they had got into bad condition, and when, a short while ago, one of the gudgeons of the treble broke, and it was necessary to call in expert advice, it was found that a thorough overhauling was required. The Rector (the Rev. W. G. Paterson, R.D.), and churchwardens, determined that the restoration should be complete, and it was decided to clear out the tower, put in an iron and steel frame for six bells, add a new treble, recast the old, and tune the other four, rehanging them with entirely new fittings. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London, and has been carried out in the most satisfactory manner. The cost of the work, together with incidental expenses, has been about £240. Towards this sum £20 has been subscribed by Mr. Colston, the lord of the manor, £70 by the parishioners, while £30 has been collected from friends. The six bells bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble, cast 1911, weighing 5¾ cwt.: "Cast by John Warner and Sons, London. To the glory of God. The Coronation of King George V. W. G. Paterson, Rector; M. S. Welchman, C. Kerton, churchwardens. God save the King. A.D. MCMXI."

Second, weighing 6 cwt., dated 1742, T. Bilbie. Recast by J. Warner and Sons, 1911.

Third, 6¼ cwt., dated 1607, Anno Domini.

Fourth, 9 cwt., dated 1587, Anno Domini.

Fifth, 10½ cwt., dated 1605, T.P. God. Anno Domini.

Tenor, 14½ cwt. 1687, Anno Domini, T.P. Thomas Young, John Sherovd.

THE DEDICATION.

The dedication of the bells took place on Friday week, when a large congregation joined in the service, which was conducted by the Venerable F. A. Brymer, Archdeacon of Wells. Amongst other clergy present were the Revs. W. G. Paterson, rector and rural dean; A. W. May (Lovington), T. Griffiths (Sparkford), G. S. Henning (East Lydford), H. Robertson (Babcary), A. B. Peacock (Barton St. David). The service opened with the hymn, "Now thank we all our God," which was sung as a processional. At the conclusion short prayers were said, and during the singing of a hymn the Archdeacon, Rector and churchwardens proceeded to the tower.

Receiving the bell ropes from the churchwardens, the Archdeacon dedicated the bells, and, delivering the ropes to the Rector, committed the bells to his care as a sacred trust to be used ever and only to the service and for the glory of God. Then, addressing the churchwardens, the Archdeacon said: "You are to take notice that these bells of the church are committed to the custody of the Rector of the parish, to be used only with his consent, subject to the ultimate control of the Bishop of the Diocese."

After further prayers, the bells were chimed, and during the singing of Psalm cl, the Archdeacon, Rector and churchwardens returned to their places. The Archdeacon afterwards addressed the congregation from the words, "For though I preach the gospel I have nothing to glory of; yea, woe is me if I preach not the gospel" (1 Cor., ix., 6), which are to be found on the great bell at St. Paul's Cathedral. The Archdeacon dwelt upon the message which the bells conveyed to each of them, the call to service and prayer; the message of happiness at a wedding, and of sorrow when tolled for a death. No matter how careless lives might be, there would come a time when the bell would be tolled for each one. He bade them, therefore, lay the message of the bells to heart, so that when in turn it tolled for them it would not give the terrible cry, "Too late, too late." Addressing the ringers, he urged them to remember that they were church workers, and that they must not absent themselves from service. In ringing the bells they must be reverent, and he advised them before ringing to join in prayer, for it would help them to bear in mind that they were doing God's service.

After the service the bells were rung by the West Lydford ringers, Messrs. M. S. Welchman (captain and churchwarden, and member of the Bath and Wells Association), C. Kerton (churchwarden), A. Thomas, W. Walker, W. Tudgay and T. Meek; assisted by members of the Bath and Wells Association: Messrs. T. G. Vincent, senr., T. G. Vincent, junr. (branch secretary of the Association), and T. Merryfield (Ditcheat), E. F. Creed (captain), H. Milborne, G. Creed, G. Goddard and H. Creed (Castle Cary), and Robt. Warner (London).

TRENT BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I find I was incorrect in stating these are the very bells which Charles II listened to when in hiding at this place. I was quoting from Ellacombe's bells of Somerset, but since writing I have seen the bells. I find the tenor was cast in 1819 by Kingston, of Bridgwater, and not by Pennington in 1626, as stated by Ellacombe. The inscriptions on the remaining four bells, are as given by him, with this exception that the 3rd is dated 1603 not 1607.—Yours truly,

W. W. GIFFORD.

STEDMAN THEORY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I certainly considered that Mr. James would, as a matter of course, have arranged his figures to suit his case. After he has stated that he carefully avoided doing so, most people will agree with him. I only used Mr. James' own block, enclosing six of the rows within a bracket to show that they are a complete B block.

Mr. James says I fail because his block D is not taken as a whole, and as a further proof he gives descriptions of the evolution of the bells at various bobs. These are correct when applied to bobs used in actual practice for producing touches and peals, but we are discussing whether there are bobs within a slow six of Stedman or not, and at present these are regarded as fixed places.

With regard to these, Mr. James still holds to his opinion that they are not bobs, and supports it by the statement that the bells are plain hunting, and by plain hunting I assume he means hunting in the order of 24531.

Now my last letter really disproved all these points, and showed conclusively that the effect of the bobs is between the rows 21435 and 24153, and that nothing which occurs either before or after these rows can affect the bobs. If you will grant me the space, I will endeavour to make the matter quite clear.

21435
12453
14235
41253
42135
24153

These six rows represent a round block, being a B block of Original Doubles. It is undeniable that it contains three successive bobs, and that the course order is changed three times between 21435 and 24153. After 1 has made third's place the original course order is restored, and then and then only do the bells begin plain hunting.

Then, if the course order is restored at 24153, the bob is completed as soon as the place is made, when 1, with the other bells, begins plain hunting, and it will not alter the fact that the place is a bob, whether she plain hunts forward or backward. That is my contention!

Now, if 1 plain hunts forward we get 21435, and the round block is completed. If she plain hunts backward we get 42513, the beginning of another B block, and five such blocks are Mr. James' block D.

Mr. James may assert that in the latter case, by some mysterious means, the bob places become plain, and there is no change in the course order between 21435 and 24153. However mere statements, whoever is the author, are not convincing.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Sunderland.

READING RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of St. Giles' Church, Reading, were invited to Linslade for their annual outing, by the Vicar of that parish (the Rev. W. S. Mahony), late of St. Giles'. The party, which numbered 20, including ladies, travelled by train to Aylesbury, and then had an enjoyable drive by brake to Linslade, where they were met by the Vicar and the local ringers. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major, were rung on the bells, and then, on the Vicarage lawn, the party were entertained by the Vicar to a splendid dinner. In the afternoon, Leighton Buzzard was visited, the ringers being met by Mr. Nicholls. On the splendid peal of ten (tenor, 27 cwts.), touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung. Afterwards the party dispersed, some going for a row on the canal, to meet again at Linslade Vicarage, where, after partaking of tea, they were photographed. The journey home was enlivened by songs, etc., and Reading was reached after midnight. The St. Giles' company desire to thank the respective Vicars for the use of their bells, and the ringers at the churches for their reception; while they particularly wish to thank the Rev. W. S. Mahony for his kind hospitality.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North Eastern District of the Essex Association was held at Goldhanger, on Saturday last, and was attended by ringers from Braintree, Booking, Maldon, Great Totham, and Tolleshunt D'Arcy, as well as by the local band. Tea was provided at the Cricketers Inn, presided over by the Rector of Goldhanger (the Rev. F. T. Gardner). The place selected for the annual district meeting was Maldon.—The Rev. F. T. Gardner was elected an hon. member of the Association, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the use of the bells, and for so kindly providing tea. Touches were rung in some eight Minor methods during the afternoon and evening, and touches of Major were also rung on handbells.

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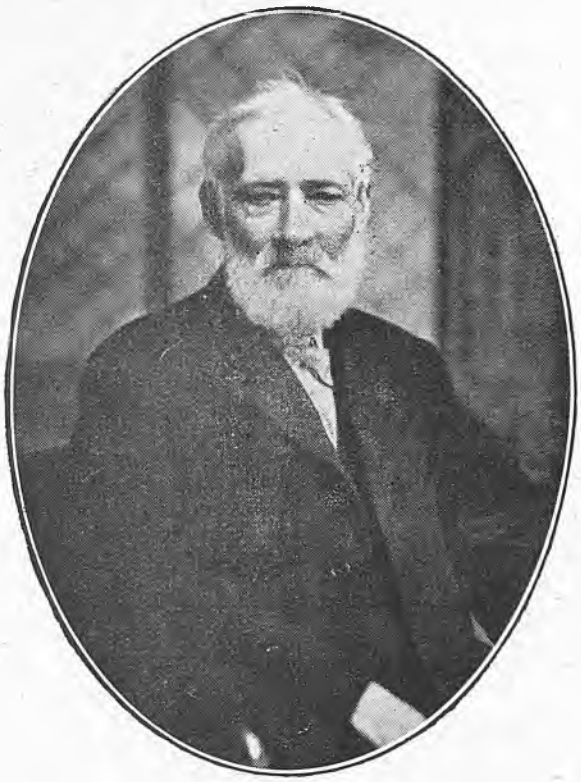
OUR ILLUSTRATION.

One of "The Old Brigade."

It is interesting to turn sometimes from a review of the doings of some noteworthy ringers of to-day to read the story of one of those who struggled years ago to help lift ringing to the elevation it now has reached. The subject of our illustration this week, Mr. John Heathorn, of Guildford, is one of those who half a century and more ago endeavoured to overcome the difficulties with which ringers in many provincial towns had to contend in those days. He is veritably one of the "old brigade," and he can claim a distinction which few other members of the



Mr. John Heathorn.

Exercise can. Born in the reign of George IV, he rang for the Coronation of George V.

If he is spared until January 11th next, Mr. Heathorn will be 88 years of age, having been born in 1824. He learnt to pull a bell at St. Mary's Church, Guildford, where there are six bells, about 1851. At that time there was very little change ringing in the neighbourhood, but this company got along fairly well with Grandsire Doubles until they broke up in the early '70's. Mr. Heathorn then went to Holy Trinity Church, and was instrumental in getting the bells rung regularly for Sunday service for some years. The bells, however, were sadly in need of the attention of a bell hanger, and when Messrs. Taylor and Co. put in the eight bells at St. Nicolas' Church in 1879, Mr. Heathorn threw in his lot with a band formed there. He was the only change ringer among them, and progress was very slow, indeed it was ten years later before they succeeded in ringing the first 168 of Grandsire. This was in January, 1889.

On May 27th in the same year, Mr. Heathorn rang his first peal—at the age of 65 years! It was a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Nicolas', conducted by Mr. G. Williams. Despite the fact that he was fast approaching "the allotted span," Mr. Heathorn went ahead with peal ringing, and as recently as his 84th birthday made an attempt for a five thousand at Hersham, but the peal was unfortunately lost. Altogether he has rung 23 peals, made up of Grandsire Triples 13, Grandsire Caters 1, Union Triples 1, Bob Triples 3, Bob Major 4, Oxford Bob Triples 1. Nearly the whole of these peals were conducted by Mr. Frank Bennett, when he was a member of the St. Nicolas' Society.

Mr. Heathorn's last peal was on October 1st, 1902, but, as mentioned above, he rang for King George's Coronation on June 22nd last, taking the 3rd to 518 Grandsire Triples, at the church with which he has been connected now for 30 odd years. He is still an hon. member of the St. Nicolas' Society, and belongs to both the Winchester Diocesan Guild and the Royal Cumberland Youths. Mr. Heathorn has done a little composing in Grandsire Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Royal and College Single Triples. He can remember seeing peal boards in the old tower of St. Nicolas' in 1850, recording peals rung on the old bells in that tower a hundred years before. What became of these interesting records no one seems to know, but perhaps they fell into the builders' hands, and were broken up.

Despite his 87 years, Mr. Heathorn is still keen of intellect and fairly active, and has recently recovered from a nasty street accident. He has been an inmate of Abbot's Hospital, Guildford's ancient almshouse, since August, 1897, and ringers will wish him health for many a year yet.

THE BELLS.

Merrily go the sweet toned bells,
Their tuneful music sinks and swells;
Each bell, each round, new sequence gives,
And change throughout melodious lives.

We will in the belfry glance,
See the ringers take their stance,
Rope in hand each man is set,
Hopeful a true peal to get.

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight,
Not one too soon, not one too late,
The bells each giving perfect sound,
Treble to tenor make their round.

But not long they follow so,
At the leader's summons "Go,"
Handstroke, backstroke changes come,
Till at last the bells ring home.

Hand and eye in close accord,
Mind attention to the word,
Bent as one man all the eight
Ne'er their efforts to abate.

Thus the perfect changes run,
Thus a well struck peal is won,
As the music of the bells
Three full hours sinks and swells.

R. H. HART-DAVIS.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

A meeting of representative members of the two dioceses is to be held at Stonehouse on September 23rd, to further improve the organisation of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

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For a collection of Biblical names among ringers in one peal, we think the performers of the 12,000 of Treble Bob, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, nearly 150 years ago—the particulars of which are given in another column—would be hard to beat. The names include James, Thomas, Isaiah, Abraham, and Malachi.

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Among the towers which have been secured by Mr. J. W. Jones, hon. secretary of the Llandaff Association, for the ringing tour in South Wales this month are: Llandaff Cathedral; St. John's, Cardiff; Newport (2), Caerleon, Llangibby, Pontypool, Llanbradach, Caerphilly, Chepstow and Caldicot. The band will reach Newport, which they intend to make their headquarters for the week, on September 10th. The arrangements are planned for two towers a day, which can be readily managed, as they are within easy distance of each other.

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They had been out ringing together, as they often had before, and met again an evening or two later. "What did your wife say to you the other night when you got home?" asked the one. "Nothing," replied the other, "she just sat down at the piano and played 'Tell me the old, old story.'"

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A good many ringers have been showing the practical side of their patriotism for their country by spending their holidays under canvas with the Territorials recently. The hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association is an ardent "Terrier," and has put in a fortnight with the regiment, of which he is an N.C.O., in Dorsetshire. On the Sunday evenings, at his disposal, he has visited Christchurch Priory church and Wimborne Minster. At Wool, the first quarter-peal on the bells has been rung, with the assistance of three Chippenham Territorials.

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The number of the clergy who now take their place in the belfry with the ringers to ring the bells for service is rapidly increasing, but we think that West Lydford, in Somerset, can claim a special distinction in the fact that both its churchwardens are ringers. At the dedication of the augmented peal both gentlemen took their places at the ropes.

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Many and varied are the causes of losing a peal, but a painful one has now to be recorded. One afternoon recently, a peal was in progress at—well, never mind where, but in a country tower. The ringing was proceeding merrily and the bells were only two courses from home, when, to the astonishment of the other seven, a howl came from the gentleman in the neighbourhood of the fourth rope; there was a flourish of arms and a rope end was snapping uncontrolled about the belfry. When the rest of the band had recovered from their astonishment sufficiently to set their bells, and inquire what was the matter, they learned that a wasp had settled upon a bald spot on the cranium of the fourth man, and inconsiderately used its sting. From what trivial causes peals are lost! But that fourth man does not agree that a wasp sting is a trifle when it is on a bald pate.

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A most successful combined practice for the Sonning Branch of the Oxford Guild was held at Binfield on Saturday week. Eighteen members were present, representing the towers of Arborfield, Hurst, Binfield, Easthampstead, Sandhurst, Yateley, and Wokingham (All Saints'). Touches in the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent, Oxford, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, and Cambridge Surprise. The Vicar kindly entertained the ringers with refreshments during the evening.

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The contract has been entrusted to Messrs. Charles Carr, Limited, Bellfounders, Smethwick, Birmingham, for the rehanging of the Broomfield Church Bells, Chelmsford, Essex, with new fittings in a new cast-iron frame, tuning of the treble, and supplying new steel girders, deadening floor, etc. The work is to be carried out to the satisfaction of the diocesan architect and surveyor, Mr. W. Chancellor, M.A., F.R.I.B.A., of Chelmsford, Essex.

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A new treble is to be added to the peal of five at Moulton, Lincolnshire, the old bells are to be tuned and the third recast by Messrs. J. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. Change ringing was introduced into the tower two and a half years ago, Mr. A. J. Farr being then the only one who had rung more than one six-score. The half-dozen recruits included the vicar, and, with commendable perseverance, the band stuck to their task and last March rang 5040 Grandsire Doubles. Since then they have been busy with Stedman and now are to have another bell to extend the scope of their activities. Any subscriptions towards the new bell would be gratefully received by Mr. Farr, who is captain of the Moulton Ringers.

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The Yorkshire Association scored a double success on Saturday, when the first peals of Double Norwich Caters and Erin Triples were placed to its credit. The former was rung to replace the false peal in the same method rung on June 11th.

OLDEST BELLS IN ENGLAND.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I noticed in an account of the visit of the Shirbeck ringers to Crowland Abbey, which appeared in "The Ringing World," that it is there stated that the Crowland Abbey bells are the oldest in England. This is not correct. It is true that, according to tradition, Crowland Abbey was the first church in England which possessed a peal of bells. But these were destroyed by fire some centuries ago, together with the tower in which they hung. The present peal of six, with the exception of the tenor, are all comparatively modern. The tenor is an old "black letter" bell, cast in the fifteenth century, and inscribed: "In multis annis resonet campana Johannis." Of the other bells, the fourth and fifth are by Edward Arnold, of Leicester, in 1788 and 1797 respectively, and the other three were all cast by Taylor, the second and third being recasts, and the treble an addition in 1903.—Yours, etc.,

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ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH.

We mentioned last week that an effort is to be made to put the bells of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, in order, and mentioned a peal of 12,000 rung on the bells by the Cumberland Society in 1784. The particulars of this peal, together with two long peals rung by the College Youths on the same bells will, we are sure, be of interest to our readers. The records are taken from peal tablets in the church.

COLLEGE YOUTHS.

This tablet was erected by the Society to commemorate an extraordinary peal rung in this steeple on the 8th February, 1777, consisting of 10,000 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Ten, and was completed in 7 hrs. 28 mins. The curious composition, the great length of time, and the masterly manner in which it was rung, may justly entitle it the most excellent performance ever achieved from the first invention of the ingenious art of ringing to the present time.

William Richards	Treble	Josh. Monk	6
James Darquitt	2	Wm. Lyford	7
William Halt	3	Josh. Holeworth	8
Chas. Purser	4	Edward Silvester ...	9
Jno. Povey	5	Saml. Muggeridge	10

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The above select performers on the 19th day of May, 1777, rung a complete peal of 11,080 in the above method (time, 8 hrs. 2 mins.), which will be transmitted to posterity as a masterpiece of the Art.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27th, 1784.

The SOCIETY of CUMBERLAND YOUTHS rang in this steeple a complete peal, consisting of 12,000 changes with 60 course ends of Treble Bob Royal, was performed in 9 hrs. 5 mins. The length of time and the masterly manner in which it was rung will remain a surviving honour to the performers. It was allowed by all competent judges in this noble Art to be the greatest performance ever done on ten bells.

The Performers were :—

George Cross ...	Treble	James Partrick	6
James Barnwell ...	2	Wm. Court	7
Francis Nay	3	Abraham Smith ...	8
Thomas Reeves ...	4	Malachi Channon ...	9
Isaiah Bey	5	Allen Grant	Tenor

William Greatham and Thomas White, Churchwardens.

This tablet was renovated by Churchwarden T. Martindill, Esq.

RINGING AT SHREWSBURY.

Mr. Ernest Jones, of Shrewsbury, writes to correct the statement in a recent issue that the muffled peal of Grandsire Triples for the late Bishop of Shrewsbury, was rung on the front eight of St. Chad's. The peal, he says, was rung on the back eight (tenor, 43 cwt.), and adds: It may not seem a very important matter, but it requires something more than a band of dummy ringers to ring a well-struck peal (as that was) on such a heavy peal of eight, even if it is only Grandsire Triples. It is better, I think, to ring Grandsire Triples than attempt a method in which the ringers are only half perfect, and in which the bells are struck anyhow, which, I believe, too often occurs. As for not following in the footsteps of our forefathers, I am sorry to admit that we are a long way off their standard, but perhaps they did not have so many grumbling parishioners as we have. It is much more difficult to keep a band together in these times of travelling in search of work, etc., than in those days when the majority of people ended their days in the same town that they were born in. But we are doing our best to improve matters, and I think we are succeeding quietly.

ERIN TRIPLES.

Mr. G. Astbury, of Stockport, referring to the remark made last week in our article upon Erin Caters, that peals of Triples require a large number of singles, writes that he was of the same opinion until a few days ago, but his views have been modified, for he now believes it is possible to get the whole 5040 with only two singles, and in proof of his contention sends the following quarter-peal, which he has composed.

1234567	3	4	5	6
365214	—			—
256314		—	—	
345126	—	—	—	—
562431	—			—
426531		—	—	
512346	—	—	—	—
264153	—			—
146253		—	—	
234516	—	—	—	—
461325	—			—
316425		—	—	
451236	—	—	—	—
163542	—			—
526413	—	—	—	—
432156	—	—	—	—

Repeated.

MR. M. SMITHER'S 100 PEALS.

The 100 peals rung by Mr. M. Smither, of Guildford, and completed by the recent peal of Bristol Surprise, at Warnham, are made up as follows :—

	Tower Bells.	Hand-bells.
Bob Minor	1 ...	
Bob Major	5 ...	1
Bob Royal	1 ...	
Grandsire Triples	3 ...	4
Grandsire Caters	1 ...	10
Stedman Triples	13 ...	11
Stedman Caters	7 ...	12
Stedman Cinques	...	1
Treble Bob Major	2 ...	
Treble Bob Royal	1 ...	
Double Norwich Major	7 ...	
Norfolk Surprise	1 ...	
Superlative Surprise	7 ...	
Cambridge Surprise	1 ...	
Bristol Surprise	6 ...	
London Surprise	5 ...	
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BELL RESTORATION AT WORKSOP.

The eight bells in the Priory Church, Worksop, were re-opened on Monday week, after a month's silence, during which they have been thoroughly overhauled and rehung in the old frame with entirely new gudgeons and bearings. The frame has been strengthened with iron brackets and long through bolts; new fittings have been provided for each bell, together with a new set of ropes. The chiming apparatus has also been adjusted, and the work which has been executed in the best possible manner, reflects great credit upon the firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who were entrusted with the restoration, which was carried out under the supervision of Mr. Daniel Gibbons. At the re-opening ceremony, at which the Vicar (the Rev. G. J. A. D'Arcy) and Mr. E. Mann (churchwarden) were present, the Vicar congratulated the ringers on having such a nice ring of bells in good order, and wished the ringers every success. During the evening several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, in which Mr. Gibbons took part.

BELL RINGER'S GIFT TO EASTON NESTON.

Mr. James Slarke, of Towcester, through whose generosity and that of his family, two new bells have been added to the peal at Easton Neston, to complete the octave, has been a ringer for 58 years. Now a septuagenarian, he commenced ringing when quite in his boyhood, his father and grandfather also being keen campanologists, as are Mr. Slarke's son and grandson, so that he is able to recollect no less than five generations of his family who have been ardent and active supporters of the belfry.

Mr. Slarke is a native of Cottesbrooke, at which parish church he became a proficient ringer by the time he reached the age of 12. For 18 years he resided at Wollas-

MR. JAMES SLARKE,
Who, with members of his family, has given two trebles to Easton Neston Church.

ton, and on removing to Towcester he at once entered as a ringer at Easton Neston Church, where he has figured regularly ever since. After a big effort the Towcester and District Association of Church Bellringers was formed about 18 years ago, thanks to Mr. Slarke's initiative, and to-day it can boast of a membership of 22 towers. After 58 years as a ringer, Mr. Slarke has, as it were, set the seal upon his life's work by completing the peal of eight bells at the pretty church at Easton Neston.

The dedication services reported in our last issue, were continued on the following Sunday, when the sermon was preached by the Rector, the Rev. R. C. Collins. Very suitable remarks were made with regard to the kindness of Mr. J. Slarke and family in giving the two new bells. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung on the bells during the day. Ringers were present from Northampton, Irthlingborough, Stony Stratford, Weston Favel, Moulton, Wicken, Bradden, Leckhampstead, and Greensnorton, as well as the local ringers, and the visitors were kindly entertained throughout the day by Mr. J. Slarke.

AN APPEAL.

Owing to a severe motor car accident over two years ago, Edward Cash, who is so well known and respected amongst bellringers, Oddfellows and others in Lancashire, has been incapacitated from work for a long time, and is now in the Salford Royal Hospital. A few friends, desirous of assisting him, have decided to make an appeal for help, and at a meeting held at Swinton, it was decided to get up a draw for his benefit. Every effort has failed to find the owner of the car. It is sincerely hoped that his many friends will make the matter widely known; and those willing to assist will oblige the committee by doing their utmost for this worthy object, either in soliciting subscriptions or selling tickets. The appeal is signed on behalf of the committee by James Barrat, Chairman, 7, College Croft, Eccles; Harry Chapman, Vice-Chairman, Plymouth Grove, Manchester; Samuel Wood, Treasurer, 44, Crowthorn Road, Ashton-under-Lyne; Charles Cash, 16, Partington Lane, Swinton, and Saml. Greenhalgh, 72, Brindle Heath Road, Pendleton, Joint Secs.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association was held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday. Ringing commenced about 4 o'clock, and continued until 5.30, when an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where handbell ringing was indulged in until tea-time.

In the absence of the Vicar, the chair at the meeting was taken by the Rev. H. E. Tilston, who, in a few well-chosen words, welcomed the Association to St. Saviour's.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) replied, proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Siddans), for the use of the bells, and also to the curate and the local ringers for their kind welcome, and to Mr. Townsend and friends, who had very kindly provided tea.—The election of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, editor of "The Ringing World," as a member of the Association, which took place prior to ringing a peal of Bristol Surprise, at Chiswick, on July 22nd, was unanimously confirmed.—Ringing in various methods, including Double Norwich and Superlative, took place until 8 o'clock, when an adjournment was made to St. Mary's, where the ringing of Stedman Caters and Kent Royal was much enjoyed, and brought a successful gathering to a close.

THE SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

The monthly meeting of the South and West District was held at Sunbury on Saturday last. A grand peal of bells and the beauty of the riverside attracted a goodly number of members and friends, some 40 or more being present from Sunbury, Hillingdon, Kingston, Wandsworth, Fulham, Ealing, Camberwell, Farnham Royal, Brockley, Old Windsor, Feltham, Isleworth, Woking, Cranleigh, Hammersmith, Twickenham, Shepperton, Wokingham, Willesden, Staines, Hounslow and Heston.

Touches in various methods were rung, and tea, followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. H. C. D. Buller (Curate-in-Charge) presided, took place in the Parish Hall. As the annual general meeting of the Association will be held at Heston on September 23rd, it was decided to hold the next district meeting in October, when, in all probability, St. John's, Hillingdon, will be available. The fine old peal of eight at this church is now being augmented to ten by the addition of two trebles.—The usual votes of thanks having been accorded and responded to, the tower was again visited, touches of Double Norwich, Stedman, Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire, bringing a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Tuesday, August 15th, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 53 mins.: C. Pidgeon 1, R. Christian 2, J. W. Kelley (Chiswick), conductor, 3, H. E. Parker (Barking) 4, E. Todd 5, G. Orford 6, H. Wright 7, D. Hayward 8, C. Fenn (Barking) 9, W. J. Lee 10. The visitors wish to thank Mr. D. Hayward and the Great Yarmouth company for the opportunity of ringing.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EXTENSION OF AREA DECIDED ON.

A special general meeting of the London County Association was held on Monday week, at the headquarters, Milford Lane, Strand. Despite the heavy thunderstorm, which swept through London about that time, a fairly representative attendance was present. Owing to the absence of the steeplekeeper no ringing could be had. The Master (Mr. George R. Fardon) was unable to be present, and the District Master (Mr. H. Ellis) was voted to the chair at the business meeting.

The arrangements for the concert, which will take place on October 14th, were considered, and it was decided to ask Mr. W. G. Matthews to act as vice-chairman, and to request Mr. J. Pryor to undertake the duties of musical director. The elections of officers at the district meetings were then ratified as follow: Southern District: Mr. H. Ellis, Master; Mr. F. A. Smith, hon. secretary; Mr. H. Mance, treasurer; Mr. C. H. Hughes, steward. Northern District: Mr. A. D. Barker, Master; Mr. W. J. Kemp, hon. secretary; Mr. T. Walker, treasurer; Mr. T. Green, steward.—Three new members were duly elected.

The following recommendations of the committee were next considered: (1) That Mr. F. Hardy be asked to become general secretary in the place of Mr. Taffender, who has unfortunately retired; (2) That it was not desirable for any member to hold dual office; (3) That business meetings of the society shall take place at the first practice in the months of January, April, July and October; (4) That all district meetings be held on the third Saturday of each month.—All these recommendations were accepted, and Mr. Young was then elected to act as steward in the place of Mr. F. J. Hardy, who accepted the secretaryship.

The Secretary read a letter from the authorities of Shoreditch Parish Church, asking for help towards a fund to rehang the bells.—After a short discussion, it was decided to open a subscription list, and the secretary will be pleased to receive subscriptions, no matter how small, from anyone who would care to contribute.

It was decided that the inaugural expenses of the districts be defrayed out of the general fund. A recommendation from the Southern District that the area of operations of the society should extend ten miles from its headquarters was next discussed. It was pointed out that towers where the society had had several good meetings, and where there were a number of members, were disfranchised owing to the present formation of the districts, while the tendency of people nowadays to live more on the outskirts of London necessitated an increased radius for the Society.—After a short discussion, the proposal was carried, and the new rules will be altered accordingly.—The qualification to vote at a district meeting led to a lengthy discussion.—It was proposed that a member shall vote in the district in which he rings, instead of the district in which he resides.—An amendment to the effect that a member could vote in the district in which he rings, if he gave three months' notice to the general secretary, was, however, moved, and, on being put to the meeting, carried.—This terminated the business.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WOOL.—The first quarter-peal of Doubles was rung on the bells at Wool Church, in 43 mins., on August 11th, when three of the 4th Wilts Territorials, from Chippenham, in camp at Bovington, assisted the local men: H. A. Runyard 1, W. Allingham 2, A. Green (Chippenham) 3, F. Hulbert (Chippenham) 4, S. Wilshire (conductor) 5, W. Riggs 6.

DERBY.—At 81, Nottingham Road, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 36 mins.: S. Vickers 1—2, J. Vickers 3—4, A. Braines 5—6, J. Pagett (conductor) 7—8. Also 504 Grandsire Caters: J. Pagett 1—2, J. Vickers, senr., 3—4, A. H. Ward 5—6, A. Braines 7—8, Bart Mitchell 9—10. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Vickers, senr.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS. — On August 19th, at St. Margaret's Church, 180 Double Court and 180 Double Oxford: O. W. Layng 1, T. Moulding 2, R. W. Hyner 3, G. W. Townsend 4, G. Lancaster 5, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 6.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO.—On Sunday, August 20th, a quarter-peal of Minor, 360 Oxford Bob, 360 College Single and 540 Bob Minor, in 48½ mins.: H. England 1, A. T. Atherton 2, J. Atherton 3, J. Caple 4, Lewis Moore 5, G. H. Gale (conductor) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Lewis Moore on the 17th anniversary of his wedding.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, August 20th, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Wood 1, C. Starkey 2, T. Verry 3, B. Starkey 4, W. Anker 5, R. Faux 6, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 7, E. Starkey 8.

STOKE POGES. — Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Thursday, August 24th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, being the first 720 of Minor rung on the bells by the local band: H. Harding (first 720) 1, J. Clark 2, J. Bateman 3, E. Garbett 4, W. Bateman 5, W. Henley (conductor) 6.

CARDIFF.—Llandaff Diocesan Association, St. John's Guild.—At St. John's Church, on August 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. (composed by James George, of Rugby): S. Williams 1, W. Biss (conductor) 2, C. O. Hobbs 3, H. Day 4, W. Millar 5, S. Dawe 6, W. Bolton 7, F. Chamberlain 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples: S. Williams 1, S. Dawe 2, W. Bolton 3, H. Day 4, C. O. Hobbs 5, W. Biss (conductor) 6, W. Millar 7, F. Chamberlain 8. Also two touches of Stedman Triples, with B. Heath taking part. These touches were rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Llewellyn Rees Morgan, solicitor, of Brynhybryd, Neath, and Miss Ada Gertrude Earl, of 96, Cathedral Road, Cardiff.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE. — The Lincoln Diocesan Guild. — In the belfry of St. Wulfrum's Church, on Friday evening, August 25th, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells, in 19 mins.: S. Proctor (conductor) 1—2, W. G. Thorpe 3—4, A. C. Darnell 5—6. Umpire, H. Thorpe. First 720 double-handed by all. Also 168 Grandsire Triples: S. Proctor 1—2, A. C. Darnell 3—4, W. G. Thorpe 5—6, H. Thorpe (conductor) 7—8. Umpire, D. B. Overton.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Saturday, August 26th, at All Saints' Church, 288 of Oxford Treble Bob and 240 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, College Exercise and Woodbine Treble Bob; also 120 of Stedman Doubles. The above touches were rung at combined practice, the following ringers taking part: A. J. Green, E. Yates, S. C. Tompkins, J. Tompkins, W. G. Tompkins, H. C. Edwards, C. A. Valentine, W. W. Bonham, A. Clark.

WOKING.—At St. Peter's Church, Old Woking, for evening service, on Sunday, August 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins.: J. Brackley 1, C. J. Hamblin (conductor) 2, D. Hampton 3, S. Pether 4, T. Strudwick 5, E. J. Hamblin 6.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, for evening service, 740 Grandsire Triples: W. Davis 1, E. Wiltshire 2, C. L. Sadler 3, W. Page (conductor) 4, C. Camm 5, J. R. Newman 6, C. Young 7, G. Gillam 8. First attempt at Triples by Messrs. Davis, Young and Gillam, the two last-named hailing from Castlemorton.

SCARBOROUGH.—On a recent Wednesday evening, the practice of St. Mary's Church was well attended by visitors to the town, and a pleasant evening was spent with the bells. Among other touches, the following were brought round: 209 Grandsire Triples, 252 and 180 Stedman Triples, and 224 Bob Major, the following taking part: J. Jones (Aston), L. E. Allen and F. H. Dexter (Leicester), C. P. Chalk (Prittlewell), H. Swan (Birmingham), J. R. Barton and H. Ferguson, of the local band, and another.

ALDRINGTON. — Sussex County Association. — At St. Leonard's Church, on Sunday last, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Rev. H. M. Ingram, formerly Rector of Aldrington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. Sharp 1, A. White 2, H. Gillam 3, T. Steele 4, J. White (conductor) 5, G. Dray 6.—For evening service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: H. Gillam 1, A. White 2, M. Broomfield 3, J. White 4, G. Steele 5, F. Steele (conductor) 6.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday last, at St. Leonard's Church, for morning service, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 41 mins. (tenor, one ton): J. Overton 1, A. Newsome 2, F. Downing 3, J. Elcock 4, B. Head 5, W. Overton (conductor) 6, W. Saunders (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 7, H. W. Overton 8.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday last, the quarterly meeting of the Dudley and Districts Guild was held at Wombourne. When the visitors arrived they found everything arranged for their comfort and pleasure by Mr. R. Cartwright, of Wombourne. At 5 o'clock the beautiful Guild service was said in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. P. Nicholas), who also gave an interesting address on bell ringing and bell ringers as church workers.

At the close of the service, an adjournment was made to the Church Institute, where the business meeing was held.—The Vicar presided, and welcomed the Guild to Wombourne, and hoped that ere long he would have the pleasure of seeing them there again.—Apologies for absence were received from Mr. S. Spittle (Master) and Mr. John Smith.

After the meeting some of the members repaired to the belfry, while others strolled round the village. The bells were kept merrily going until about 8 o'clock.—On the proposition of Mr. W. R. Small, the best thanks of the meeting were accorded to the Vicar for his kindness in conducting the service, presiding at the meeting, and for the use of the belfry and bells, and the Institute, and to the organist and choir boys for their assistance in making the service bright and enjoyable.—The Vicar briefly replied.—The best thanks of the meeting were also tendered to Mr. R. Cartwright for the trouble he had gone to in making the successful arrangements for the meeting.—It was resolved that the peals not attempted last quarter should be attempted during the ensuing quarter, while, on the proposition of Mr. D. Jones, it was unanimously decided that the next meeting be held at St. Luke's, Blakenhall.

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held at Calverley, on Saturday week. No attempt was made for a peal, but touches in various methods were rung. A peal board, recording the first peal of London Treble Bob, by the Society, and rung by the local company, was unveiled by the Vicar in the evening. The business meeting was held at the Thornhill Arms Hotel, with the president in the chair, supported by members from the following towers: Tong, Pudsey, Holbeck, Headingley, Far Headingley, Shipley, Guiseley, and the local company As the next meeting, which is to be held at Drighlington, would in the ordinary course of events fall on the same day as the Yorkshire Association meeting, it was proposed by Mr. J. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. J. Broadley, that it be postponed until the following Saturday, Sept. 23rd, and members are requested to make a note of this alteration.—Mr. W. Popplewell moved, and Mr. W. Whitaker seconded, that the arrangements for a peal attempt on that day be left in the hands of the secretary.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Calverley, and to the local company for the day's arrangements, was proposed by Mr. G. Bolland, seconded by Mr. T. Maude, and carried unanimously.—Mr. W. Popplewell responded, and afterwards courses of Treble Bob and Grandsire Caters, together with touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, were rung on handbells. The tower was again visited, and further touches rung before the lowering of the bells brought the meeting to a close.

NOTICES.

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THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting will be held at headquarters, the Parish Church, Sheffield, on Saturday next, September 2nd. Bells (12) available from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.—Sidney F. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton, on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 5.30. All members are requested to attend.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton, on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.—W. H. Shuker, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available all the afternoon. Tea at the Lytton Arms.—B. H. T. Drake, 12, Grove Road, Hitchin.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, September 2nd, at Wortley (eight bells). Four to eight p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Sec., 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, September 2nd, at 6 o'clock. Business meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Oldham (12 bells) on Saturday, September 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.; meeting at 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Barlow, Branch Sec., 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishopstoke on Saturday, September 9th. By the kindness of Henry White, Esq., members are invited to tea at his residence, "Oakwood," Bishopstoke, at 5 o'clock. The church bells will be available during the afternoon, and the gardens of "Oakwood" will also be open to members. Twyford Tower will be open in the evening. Members intending to be present at tea must let me know by Wednesday, September 6th.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Sec., 20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place on Saturday, September 9th, 3.30 p.m. Albrighton (6); 4.45 p.m. Codsall (6); 6.45 p.m. Bushbury (6).—E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., 6, Upper Foster Street, Walsall.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Skipton on Saturday, September 16th. For full particulars see Association circular.—Clement Glenn, Hon. Sec., 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury, on Saturday, September 16th. 1911. Ringing at St. Chad's at 2.30 p.m.—Rev. P. H. Green, Hon. Sec., South Hermitage, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury.

NOTICES (continued).

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Penkridge on Saturday, September 16th, 2.30 ringing; 4.45 committee meeting in vestry; 5.15 unveiling of peal board; 5.30 service in church, with address by the Vicar; 6.0 Tea, at 1s. each. Please notify intention of being present not later than Tuesday, 12th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Rochester, on Saturday, September 16th, 1911. Further particulars next week.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Sec., 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at St Leonard's, Heston, on Saturday, September 23rd. Full particulars will be given next week.—C. T. Coles, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, 1, Church Road, Heston, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Blackpool on September 30th. Nominations are required for the following offices:—Vice-president, General Secretary, Ringing Secretary, two Auditors. Nominations to be returned on August 28th.—W. H. Shuker, J. H. Banks, Hon. Secs.

"WILLIAM VERRY" COMMEMORATION DINNER.—The 7th annual dinner will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on Saturday, September 30th. Further details later.—C. Starkey, Hon. Sec.

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VARIETY IN METHODS.

Why is it, we wonder, that, with rare exceptions, peal ringing runs in a groove? It begins with Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, and, in more than ninety per cent. of cases, follows the conventional course of Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London. That is the beaten track which nearly everyone follows or attempts to follow. Why is it? We can only imagine that it is purely because of custom. In referring in this column last week to the fascination of composition, we mentioned the fact that there was scope for investigation in some of the methods which are at present out of the common ruck, and we suggested that there was a good deal of room to increase the practice of many methods as interesting and as difficult to ring as those which are at the present moment so popular. It is not altogether a question of sticking to the old rather than taking on with the new, for there are many methods older than the present generation of ringers, which are well worth ringing, and which would add variety of interest to the ringer's work. The six bell men, for their own credit's sake, do not stick to just two or three methods, why then should not the eight bell men show the same enterprise? For those who do not feel themselves equal to tackling Surprise methods, which, of course, ought to be the aim of all ringers, there are many others. There are, for instance, those Triple methods such as Court Bob, Oxford Bob, Darlaston Bob and Union which would give variety, if nothing else; while, if the practice of such methods as Double Oxford Bob Triples were taken up they would be found quite as interesting as Grandsire. Then, again, there are Major methods like Double Bob, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, which are well worth ringing.

Of the newer methods of greater intricacy which have been invented none of them have "caught on," with the notable exception of Bristol Surprise. Here and there a band has taken up a new method and rung a peal or two of it and then let it slide, but the performance of methods of this kind is always confined to a few. Such methods, for instance, as Peterborough, Yorkshire, Oxford, and Gloucester Surprise have never found any general practice. It is not because they are not worth ringing. We feel sure it is only necessary to stir up interest in some of the other good methods already in existence, but at present so little known, to bring them into popularity. For instance, since we published some peals in the method and drew attention to it several bands have taken up the practice of Erin Triples. This can only have good results to the

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John O. Sager, Solicitor, Todmorden, December 10, 1910.
Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., Bell and Brassfounders, Smethwick.

Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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Exercise, and if it were possible for ringers generally to go in for greater variety they would find that ringing was more engrossing than ever. In its palmy days, about a dozen years ago, the band at St. Peter's, Brighton, were in regular practice with eight or ten Surprise Major methods. If the majority of ringing companies throughout the country could follow this example by practising a number of methods, not necessarily Surprise, but in whatever principle they might have reached, the Art, and ringers themselves, would, we feel sure, reap a great benefit.

TEN BELL PEAL.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 31, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

STEPHEN W. STRATFORD	*Treble*	ALFRED F. HILLIER	6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON	2	JOEL HERN	7
WILLIAM STORY	3	GEORGE T. POTTER	8
THOMAS T. GOFTON	4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	9
EDWARD A. HERN	5	JOHN STEWART	*Tenor*

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and
Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	*Treble*	JAMES M. BAILEY	5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	2	ERNEST S. BAILEY	6
PETER LAFLIN	3	CHARLES F. BAILEY	7
EDGAR H. BAILEY	4	FREDK. R. BORRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 6. Tenor 21 cwt., in E.

*EDWIN J. RIDLER	*Treble*	WILLIAM KNIGHT	5
JESSE B. TYLER	2	GEORGE CONDICK, Junr.	6
HENRY PRING	3	WILLIAM A. CAVE	7
*JOHN W. JONES	4	GEORGE SEAWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman. This peal was arranged by Mr. R. J. Wilkins, for Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 29, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

ARTHUR W. DIX	*Treble*	GEORGE N. PRICE	5
THOMAS L. SIMMONS	2	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN	6
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	3	HUBERT EDEN	7
HENRY HODGETTS	4	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

This composition contains the sixty in-course course ends. It is believed to be the first time a peal of this description has been rung at an ordinary five thousand.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(RIPLEY GUILD.)

On Tuesday, August 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CRANBSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

G. ARTHUR BOWMER	*Treble*	FRED W. HILL	5
WILLIAM WAGSTAFFE	2	ALEX. HUTCHISON	6
SAMUEL WESLEY	3	HENRY GEORGE	7
HERBERT DAY	4	WILLIAM C. PILCHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL WESLEY.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Wagstaffe and Wesley, of Lenton.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE	*Treble*	FRANK HAIRS	5
ARTHUR N. HARDY	2	WILLIAM HEWETT	6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	3	JOHN H. B. HESSE	7
ALFRED W. GRIMES	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

This is the first peal of Forward Major ever rung in London and by the Association.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, August 31, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

TOM O'HARA	*Treble*	CLEMENT GLENN	5
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY	2	*HERBERT BEARDSHAW	6
EDWIN JAMES	3	*GEORGE H. SMITH	7
SAMUEL WESLEY	4	WILLIAM BIGGIN	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the new church at Woodseats, an off-shoot of Norton parish.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(OFFICERS' PEAL.)

On Thursday, August 31, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	*Treble*	*EDWARD A. G. ALLEN	5
JOHN H. CHEESEMAN	2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	6
Rev. F. J. O. HELMORE	3	ISAAC EMERY	7
EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	4	JOHN WHEADON	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

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

This is the first peal rung for the Association by a band of officers. The ringers included hon. secretary and treasurer, two district secretaries, one district representative, four Central Council representatives and two committee men.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt., in F.

EDGAR PEMBERTON	*Treble*	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	5
WILLIAM MOTTS	2	WILLIAM P. GARRETT	6
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE	3	JAMES MOTTS	7
*Rev. E. S. POWELL	4	CHARLES CRAPNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

* First peal by the Rev. E. S. Powell, who hails from Holbeton Vicarage, Plymouth, and is spending his holidays with his father, the Rev. John Powell, the respected Rector of St. Clement's, Ipswich.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs., in A flat.

HENRY WOODSINE	*Treble*	JAMES MORGAN	5
HENRY W. WILDE	2	EDWIN H. LEWIS	6
ROBERT SPERRING	3	EDWARD ALLEN	7
Rev. A. T. BEESTON	4	GEORGE JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWARD C. GOBEY, and Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LANGHAM, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. DYKE	*Treble*	ALBERT P. WAKLEY	4
JOSEPH T. DYKE	2	JOHN WILDMAN	5
JOHN J. JACKSON	3	WALTER WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

The first peal in seven methods rung in the county.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being Seven 720's. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*JAMES H. BAILEY	*Treble*	*ALFRED BATEMAN	4
*EDWARD GARBETT	2	†EDWARD HARDING	5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

This is the first peal on the bells. * First peal. † First peal of Minor.

BELTON, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

In seven methods, viz.: Single Court Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble, Kent Treble, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10¼ cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Treble*	JOHN J. JACKSON	4
WILLIAM E. WHITE	2	R. HENRY BARTRAM	5
ALBERT P. WAKLEY	3	WILLIAM WILLSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

This is the first peal upon the bells, which have been recast and two trebles added. The new bells were the gifts of Mrs. G. Ward and Mr. and Mrs. Gough. After the peal the ringers were entertained for the week-end at Belton Old Hall by Mr. J. J. Jackson. It was Mr. William Willson's 100th peal as conductor.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, two of College Single and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT	*Treble*	*JOSEPH CAPLE	4
*ALFRED T. ATHERTON	2	LEWIS MOORE	5
*JACK ATHERTON	3	GEORGE H. GALE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. GALE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal by all in three methods, and first peal of Minor as conductor by G. H. Gale. It was also the first peal on the bells, and was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

RINGING TOUR IN SOUTH WALES.

The following are the arrangements for the ringing tour in South Wales, to which reference has already been made in these columns:—

Sunday, September 10th, Llangibby.
Monday, September 11th, Caerleon and St. Woolos, Newport.
Tuesday, September 12th, Pontypool and All Saints', Newport.
Wednesday, September 13th, Marshfield and Llandaff Cathedral.
Thursday, September 14th, Pentre and Cardiff.
Friday, September 15th, Caerphilly and Llanbradach.
Saturday, September 16th, Caldicot and Chepstow.

DOWNE, KENT.—The Kent County Association.—On Sunday, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. Groombridge, senr., 1, C. F. Pike 2, W. J. Browning 3, I. Emery 4, E. Crowther 5, T. Groombridge, junr. (conductor) 6. First 720 of Kent Treble Bob by the ringer of the 2nd, and the first as conductor by T. Groombridge, junr. Also two courses of Plain Bob, and three leads of Treble Bob: W. J. Browning 1, I. Emery 2, C. F. Pike 3, T. Groombridge, senr. (conductor) 4, E. Crowther 5, W. Hewett 6. Rung on the birthday of E. Crowther, the band wishing him many happy returns.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

This week I have three or four questions to answer, and as one of them has to do with Grandsire Doubles, with which I have been dealing for the last week or two, let me reply to that first. A correspondent says that in connection with Grandsire Doubles he has heard that in addition to a bob and single there is a call named "extreme," and wants to know how it is made.

An "extreme" is something between a bob and a single, inasmuch as two 3rd's places are made, as at a bob, and 2nd's place as at a single. The bell that passes the treble in 1-2 makes this 2nd's place and goes into the hunt; and the bell that passes the treble in 2-3 makes 3rd's, but, instead of returning to lead, runs out behind. It has a somewhat curious effect upon the working of the other two bells. The bell that would have *dodged* out of the hunt at an ordinary bob or single, after lying a whole pull behind, strikes just one blow in 4th's lies another whole pull behind and hunts down to lead. This causes the remaining bell, which passed the treble in 3-4, and would, at a bob, double dodge in 4-5 up, to strike one blow only in 5th's, return to a whole pull in 3rd's and lead after the bell in the hunt. Given in figures an "extreme" is as follows:—

43521
45312
54132
51423
15432
15342
51324
53142
35412
34521

The "extreme" is but little used, except where a band, desirous of ringing 5040 of Grandsire Doubles, which, of course, requires 42 six-scores, wishes to have each 120 called differently. With the use of extremes this can be done, but in those 120's where extremes occur there are no plain leads. Here is one six-score in which extremes are introduced:—

	2345		2534		2453
—	4523	—	3425	—	5324
S	3245	S	5234	S	4253
—	4532	—	3452	—	5342
E	2534	E	2453	E	2345

Another correspondent has taken me to task for "not having adopted the now generally received classification of terms and methods." I have been guilty, it seems, of using "such old fashioned and uncouth expressions as the 'in and out of course' of rows, instead of saying that a row must be either 'odd' or 'even,' and also of teaching such an objectionable method as so-called Plain Bob Doubles, with its quite impossible four blows behind," without warning beginners that there are other opinions held upon such points.

Now as to the first of the two impeachments, it may be that I am old fashioned and have not so readily assimilated the newer terms. At present, at any rate, I have not bothered my readers, except perhaps for a passing reference, with anything about odd and even rows, but where I have done so by the expression "in-course" or "out-of-course," perhaps I may be pardoned when no less an authority than Mr. J. A. Trollope, in one of those admirable articles upon "Elementary composition" which he has contributed to this journal, found it necessary to go out of his way to explain that "even," as applied to rows, meant "in-course," and "odd" "out-of-course."

Now, as to the teaching Bob Doubles, I have been waiting for the condemnation that has now come, but I was rash enough to deal with it because it took us by an easy stage from changes on four bells to changes on six in the only method with which, up to then, we had been dealing. We ought to be up-to-date, of course, but the ban upon Bob Doubles is so recent that it has not, up to now, killed the practice of it. I have no doubt that I ought to assist in the execution, but when it comes to making learning easier, I think there is some justification for introducing it. At the same time, let me add, I quite appreciate the kindly spirit in which my correspondent offers his criticism.

"Caller."—Yes, Holt's Original *can* be rung with either Holt's Singles or ordinary singles, the only merit of using the former is that it keeps the 2nd and 6th from coming "before" at a call anywhere through the peal. Neither the 2nd nor the 6th are called "before" up to the first single, and if Holt's Singles are used they are still kept out of that position. As to how the peal can be equally true either way, you have only to prick out the changes when the treble is in front, for the last four leads of the peal, and you will see they are precisely the same, only that they occur in reverse order. Here they are:—

Holt's.	Ordinary.
1325476	1325476
1235476	1324567
1467253	1576342
1642735	1753624
1753624	1642735
1576342	1467253
1324567	1235476
1234567	1234567

CONDUCTOR.

THE BELLS OF ST. PETER'S, WOLVERHAMPTON.

The bells at the collegiate church of St. Peter have done duty for more than two centuries. The bell frame being now in a dilapidated condition, the church authorities have decided to have the ten bells re-cast, with a tenor about 35cwt., and to place a new steel and iron frame in the tower to carry twelve. The approximate cost of executing this work will be something like £700, and towards this amount about £550 has already been subscribed and promised.

The ringers in the district are anxious that the peal should be made up to twelve at the same time as the other work is carried out, the additional cost being about £120. Collecting cards have already been sent to many of the local towers, and those responsible will be pleased to receive any amount subscribed as early as possible. They also appeal to ringers and friends generally to help them to attain this object, as a peal of twelve would be a great acquisition to the town and district. The order has been placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. Amounts, great or small, will be gratefully acknowledged by: Herbert Knight, captain, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton; Robert Pickering, hon. secretary, 104, Beacon Street, Wolverhampton, and Rowland Cartwright, Wombourn, Wolverhampton.

ERIN TRIPLES.

THE POSSIBILITY OF PEALS WITH ONLY TWO SINGLES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The quarter-peal published in your last issue shows that many are becoming interested in this method and its possibilities. Will you, therefore, permit me to say a little regarding the necessity of using a number of singles to obtain the extent?

Mr. G. Astbury's composition is an excellent one in every way, but cannot be regarded as a proof of his contention that the whole peal may be obtained with two singles only. When it is analysed, although the plan upon which it is constructed is regular and symmetrical, instead of giving any indication of producing the extent when extended, it seems bound to give false rows by a regular continuation. Of course, in the short time that I have been able to give to it I may have missed some point which Mr. Astbury has in his mind, but may I say that nothing but the whole peal will prove his contention.

It would be presumption on my part to say definitely that the whole number cannot be got with two singles, for, owing to the nature of the method, proof of such a statement is impossible. However, my study of the method leaves no doubt in my mind that such is the case. My work was carried out on a systematic plan, which, if my calculations are correct, was bound to produce every possible set of true round blocks. The result was the three sets which are illustrated in the peals published in your issue of May 19th.

The set shown in the first peal is the only one from which the extent may possibly be got in the manner mentioned, and the following are its course ends :—

123456	214356
532416	432156
514236	345126
341256	513426
352146	152436
425136	241536
431526	423516
213546	354216
245316	531246
154326	125346
Repeat this block five times from the following rows :—	Repeat this block five times from the following rows :—
312564	142563
451362	453261
235461	521364
143265	234165
524163	315462

If these course ends are pricked out as plain courses, all the first, second, sixth and seventh sixes are true, and there can be no doubt that they are the only set of course ends which will produce this result. There is, however, considerable repetition in the third, fourth and fifth sixes, and these can only be rendered true by bobs alone in the following manner :—

In the first 60 courses insert bobs at 3, 4 throughout, or at 5, 6 throughout, which in either case gives 30 round blocks. In the second 60 insert bobs at 3, 4, 5, 6 throughout, which gives twenty round blocks. This bobbing admits of no variation except in the first 60, where omits and extras are permissible as in Stedman Triples. In Erin these are of no value whatever as a connection for obtaining the extent, and can only serve as a means of varying the position of the bobs. This being so, the only serviceable connection is by singles at 1, and of these at least 98 are necessary.

Of course, if shorter lengths than the whole number are required, they may be obtained by varying the bobbing of these blocks, or from other course-end plans, there being then spare material to permit of this.

For these reasons I agree with the statement that many singles are necessary, but would like to be proved in the wrong, for to see the whole peal produced with two singles only would be a great pleasure to

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

COMPOSITIONS.

5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By HENRY W. WILDE, Chester.

23456	B	M	W	H
42356				—
34256				—
62453		—		—
46253				—
46532	—			—
53462			—	—
45362				—
23564		—		—

Twice repeated.

This peal has the full extent of the combinations of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6, and the 2nd never in 5th's place.

Although the 2nd is in 6th's place at three course ends in a part, there are only fifty-four 2-8's in 7-8 in the peal which is a considerably less number than in any peal previously published in this method.

5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By HENRY W. WILDE, Chester.

23456	B	M	W	H
45236			—	—
24536				—
52436				—
52364	—			—
35264				—
35642	—			—
63542				—
56342				—
23645		—		—

Twice repeated, omitting the three bobs braced in the last part. In this peal the 3rd is never in 6th's place and the 2nd is never in 5th's place. It has the full extent of the combinations of 4, 5, 6, in 5-6, and is the first 5024 published in the method having these qualities.

It also has the advantage of having the 2nd and tenor dodging together in 7-8 fewer times than in any peal of Superlative previously published.

5184 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

Containing the 60 In-course Course Ends.

By J. Armiger Trollope.

23456	1	4	5	6	35426	1	4	5
43652	—		—		45623	—		—
64235			—		64352			—
26543			—		36245			—
52364			—		23564			—
46253	—	—			52436			—
36452		—			42635	—		—
26354		—			64523			—
53624	—			—	56342			—
43526		—			35264			—
32546	—				34256		—	—
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By John Segar.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE SECRETARY OF THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Charles Edward Borrett was born in Norwich on December 21st, 1874, and was first attracted to bells by the ringing at St. Peter Mancroft, on the occasion of the Jubilee of the late Queen Victoria. Two years later—in November, 1889—he again felt the "call" of the bells, and this time it was a muffled touch at Mancroft to the memory of the Rev. Nathaniel Bolingbroke, the honorary secretary of the Norwich Association—strangely enough the same office the subject of our sketch was destined to fill thirteen years later. This ringing made such an impression on him that he then and there determined to get into touch with the ringers. The opportunity for this

Mr. C. E. Borrett.

occurred in February, 1891, and very shortly after he was taken in hand by the Society of Norwich Scholars, who at that time did practically the whole of the ringing in Norwich. Recruits were badly wanted, and he found himself rapidly pushed on, and in 1893 was elected one of the "company" of twelve who formed—under the rules carried out by the Society from time immemorial — the inner circle of that body.

His first 5,000 was rung in 1892, and within a very few years he had become the recognised conductor for most of the ringing in the city. A few months before attaining his majority, he conducted at Mancroft a peal each of Caters and Cinques, and Royal and Maximus followed in the next year. Peals on all numbers of bells were scored in succeeding years as often as somewhat exacting hours of business allowed, and in April, 1909, with the kind co-operation of the Ipswich company, he completed his century by conducting a peal of Stedman Cinques at the Tower Church. Whatever may be said of the rules, traditions, and narrow aims of the old ringing societies, this much may be said of them—they "grounded" their youngsters well. They taught them to strike, and, in the case of Norwich particularly, they taught them to "handle" well. The ease and grace with which the old company at Mancroft—right up to their disbandment in 1906—used to handle their magnificent ring of twelve, was a sight you do not often see nowadays. Our younger societies and associations do not teach these things, and more's the pity. To this early training Mr. Borrett owes his love for good striking, and nobody regrets more than he the slackness which prevails in this respect in a great deal of the ringing done at the present time. Mention has already been made in this paper of the Norwich handbell band. For a few years, from 1893, peals of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Major, and Caters, and Bob Royal were rung, and until a few months ago they held the record for long lengths on handbells with 11,200 Bob Major, rung in April, 1894, and conducted by Mr. Borrett. Of the tower-bell peals in which he has taken part perhaps the most noteworthy was one of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus rung at Norwich, under the conductorship of Mr. James Motts. Only two peals in this method on twelve bells have been rung during the last 100 years, and both were rung by the Norwich Association.

In May, 1902, the ringers of England were staggered by the news of the terribly sudden death of the Rev. Earle Bulwer. To the members of the Central Council the loss was tremendous, but to those of the Norwich Association the removal of their beloved honorary secretary was nothing short of a disaster. Mr. Borrett had been rendering Mr. Bulwer some amount of assistance, and he was, therefore, asked to carry on the work of the Association as a temporary officer. In the end he was persuaded to undertake the secretaryship, an office he has filled ever since. The claims of such a big organisation, with 1,200 members, a huge territory, and a meagre and inconvenient train service, are very great, and so Mr. Borrett has had to curtail his practical ringing to a large extent. In spite of this, he has taken an active part in instruction work, and in 1908, when new companies were formed in Norwich, he conducted the first 720 of no less than fifteen beginners.

A year ago, on the occasion of his marriage, the members of the Association showed their appreciation of the work he had done by making him a handsome presentation. Mr. Borrett has been a member of the Central Council since 1902, and for several years served on the Analysis Committee, and he is immensely proud of the splendid position the Norwich Association has occupied for many years in the analysis.

As a chorister for over twenty-five years in one church in the City of Norwich, and as a ringer for twenty years at another church, Mr. Borrett has had a lot of experience in church matters. Like most laymen, he holds strong views on the subject of the work of the Church and the way it is carried on.

The following is his list of peals:—

				Tower Bells. Rung.	Tower Bells. Cond.	Handbells. Rung.	Handbells. Cond.	Tot.
Oxford	Treble	Bob	Maximus ...	1	—	—	—	1
,,	,,	,,	Royal ...	2	1	—	—	2
,,	,,	,,	Major ...	23	10	—	—	23
Kent	,,	,,	Maximus ...	7	1	—	—	7
,,	,,	,,	Royal ...	7	2	—	—	7
,,	,,	,,	Major ...	6	3	—	—	6

	Tower Bells. Rung.	Tower Bells. Cond.	Handbells. Rung.	Handbells. Cond.	Tot.
Stedman Cinques	3	1	—	—	3
,, Caters	1	—	—	—	1
,, Triples	6	1	—	—	6
Grandsire Cinques	2	2	—	—	2
,, Caters	7	3	1	1	8
,, Major	—	—	2	2	2
,, Triples	3	—	1	1	4
Bob Royal	—	—	1	—	1
,, Major	10	5	4	3	14
,, Triples	1	—	—	—	1
London Surprise Major (on treble)	1	—	—	—	1
Superlative Surprise Major ...	4	—	—	—	4
Double Norwich C.B. Major ...	9	2	—	—	9
Canterbury Pleasure Major ...	1	—	—	—	1
On Six Bells	2	—	1	—	3
On Five Bells	1	—	—	—	1
	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	97	31	10	7	107

The above list does not include one peal of Oxford Major and one of Kent Maximus, the compositions of which were found to be false.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

The Rev. H. Drake writes, with reference to the late Bishop of Salisbury, that Dr. John Wordsworth always took a great interest in ringers. He always watched the Diocesan Guild, and preached for it more than once. When the Guild commissioned him (the Rev. H. Drake) to prepare a form of service, the Bishop took a great interest in the work, and it is an open secret that it is owing to so much of it being his work that this service has been sanctioned for use throughout England, and is much more widely used than any other. Moreover, when it is used, ringers do not shirk the service at their meetings—a practice (may one whisper it!) not altogether unknown when more lengthy services are used.

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Extensive additions have been made to St. John's Church, Meads, Eastbourne, including the erection of a new tower and spire, rising to a height of 115 feet, with crocketed apex and four octagonal pinnacles, and provided with a clock on four faces of the tower and three beautiful bells by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Two of the bells are for use for services and one for the hour bell of the clock.

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The erection of a tower and the provision of three bells would not be very interesting from a ringer's point of view. The essence of the story is this. We are informed that a peal of twelve bells was offered to the church, but, on account of the opposition displayed and the influence brought to bear, by a few parishioners, the offer was withdrawn. Fancy a parish refusing a peal of twelve bells?

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The ring of five at High Halden, Kent, are to be rehung with steel headstocks and all new fittings and the tenor recast by Mr. Alfred Bowell, bell founder, of Ipswich. The same firm are also rehanging in a steel frame the five bells at Cretingham, Suffolk.

Mr. Frank Bennett has withdrawn the two compositions of Stedman Caters published last week, both being false. Mr. W. A. Cave, of Bristol, has also written pointing out the fact that the 5020 was false, and asking if it is recognised as legitimate to start a peal at back stroke, as he does not remember having seen it before. We believe it is quite permissible to start at any change of the six, and we know of at least one peal by Mr. H. Dains which starts at back stroke.

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Another young lady has entered the Exercise. Among the miscellaneous performances chronicled this week is a touch of 518 Grandsire Triples, in which Miss Hilda Willson, the twelve-year old daughter of Mr. William Willson, of Leicester, took part.

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The Rev. Thomas L. Bullock, for three and a half years senior curate of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, has been presented with a handsome Chippendale sideboard, and a silver rose bowl, suitably inscribed, by the parishioners as a mark of their esteem and regard, and in acknowledgment of his devoted service. Mr. Bullock has received preferment to the Vicariate of St. Mark's, Myddleton Square, Clerkenwell, and his departure will be a heavy loss to St. Botolph's.

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He has taken a keen interest in the ringers, and himself learnt to pull a bell. In October last Mr. Bullock called a meeting to take steps to form a local ringers' guild, and, with the able assistance of Mr. J. Scholes, and the wholehearted support of the Rector (the Bishop of Kensington) and Mr. Churchwarden Pridmore, a promising band, now numbering 23 members, has been formed. Some are, of course, quite raw material, but others have a good insight into method ringing, which, during the hot weather, is being practised upon handbells. The position of the band to-day is due to the Rev. T. L. Bullock's efforts, and the credit is his.

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The Lancashire meeting at Flixton, which was to have been held last Saturday, was postponed until to-morrow, owing to the bells being in the hands of the bell hangers.

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It certainly is disconcerting when a ringer in a peal lets go the rope end. It happened last Saturday at St. Margaret's, Westminster, when Stedman Caters was being attempted. The "culprit" recovered the rope and himself, but the incident upset someone else, and the peal was lost. We have heard of a peal of Cinques at St. Saviour's, Southwark, being lost in the same way in the last few minutes. *Verb. Sap.*

A DANGEROUS PRACTICE.

Mr. P. Todd writes: On visiting London I found that at many of the towers the bells were left up and set at hand stroke. I do most strongly oppose this most dangerous practice of leaving bells up, including many bells over a ton in weight, and here are my plain reasons: (1) The verger may forget the bells are up, and when he pulls one off it may take him up, an accident such as happened to the curate at Folkestone Parish Church. (2) If lightning struck the tower, or the tower gave way, or was shaken by passing locomotives, etc., the bells might perhaps be sent over with disastrous consequences to them or the fittings. I hope this practice will be done away with.

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ENGLISH RINGERS' VISIT TO THE BELGIAN CITY.

In the ancient town of Bruges,
In the quaint old Flemish city,
As the evening shades descended,
Low and loud and sweetly blended,
Low at times and loud at times,
And changing like a poet's rhymes,
Rang the beautiful wild chimes,
From the belfry in the market,
Of the ancient town of Bruges.

On Sunday, August 13th, two members of the Halesworth company of the Norwich Diocesan Association visited the famous old city of Bruges, renowned throughout the world for its magnificent belfry tower and carillon of 49 bells. August 13th and 14th, were the days fixed for the commencement of the international contest of Carillonneurs, which had been arranged by the "Die Roya" Society of Bruges, supported by the burgomaster and governing council of the city, and to the English ringers this proved most interesting. On arrival, they called upon M. Lacroix, the energetic secretary, who, with his good wife, received them most hospitably. This gentleman kindly explained the arrangements for the competition, and conducted them to the Hotel de Ville (the Guildhall), in the old-world garden of which were the seats arranged for the judges, who comprised some of the leading professors of music in the country, the President being M. Chas. Mestdagh, director of the Royal College of Music, Bruges. The visitors were then introduced to the various members of the committee, aldermen, and the reporters of the various papers, who were assembled in the garden attached to the Hospital of St. John. Here in the shade of beautiful trees, and surrounded by mediæval buildings, they had the pleasure of hearing some splendid performances by the various competitors on these famous bells.

In the market place of Bruges, stands the belfry old and brown,
Thrice consumed and thrice rebuilded, still it watches o'er the town.

The tower is extremely lofty (80 metres—260ft.—high), and the music of the bells seemed to float far away overhead, ever and anon breaking out with vigour, and then dying away with dreamy fairy-like notes utterly unlike anything resembling our own bell music. The competitors represented the following towers: Lierre, Bruges, Audenaerde, Heyst-sur-Mer, Schaerbeck, Alost, Amsterdam, Turnhout, and Diest, and, among others, selections were given from such music as "La Reine et le Berger," "Andante cantabile," "La chere maison," "Cavaleria Rusticana," "Stances Melodie," "Marche de l'Oratorio," "Sonatini" (Kuhlau), "Carmen," "La Fille du Regiment," and "Gondellied." The English visitors were also shown over the interesting museum attached to the hospital, refreshments were liberally supplied, and a most enjoyable afternoon was passed.

On the Monday morning, M. Lacroix kindly arranged for a trip up the tower, and an inspection of the bells. From the top a splendid view is obtained of the surrounding country: Ghent, Coustrai, and Dixmude, and also of the sea. The bells are hung rigid, and every quarter of an hour a tune is played on them by the chiming apparatus, the present barrel having been cast in 1748. This, however, is quite apart from the mechanism with which the carillonneur performs on them. Here are wooden pegs, after the style of an organ keyboard, with pedals, etc., which are struck by the hands and feet. The pegs are connected with wires attached to the tongues of the bells, which are moved in the way we term "clocking." The weight of the bells range from 11lbs. to 12,295lbs. M. Ed. Neut, junior, of "La Patrie" newspaper, kindly explained the working of everything in the tower, and the men in charge of the bells and clock were also most courteous. Monday afternoon was again passed in the committee garden, listening to the music of the bells. To the English ringers it all seemed good, and they were quite unable to criticise any part of the performances. At intervals between the tunes their Belgian friends, including the ladies of the party, evinced great interest in the account given them of English bells and change ringing, and it is to be hoped that before long our own Art may be introduced into the Belgian towers. One interesting feature of the Monday afternoon was the excellent rendering on the bells of "La Fille de Regiment," by Modeste de Mette, of Alost, aged 14 years, and the youngest bell ringer in Belgium.

The visitors were invited to a concert in the evening, at the Parke de Ville, in honour of the carillonneurs, and here a very pleasant time was spent, the illuminated grounds being very pretty, and the music and singing extremely good. The final result of the competition, which was concluded on August 20th, was as follows: 1st prize, 300 francs and diploma, M. Anto Nauwelaerts, of Lierre; 2nd prize of 200 francs and diploma, divided between M. Verrees, of Turnhout, and M. de Mette, senr., of Alost. In addition there were several smaller prizes.

The English ringers left Bruges with much regret, having been most kindly and hospitably treated during their stay by all with whom they came in contact, and having enjoyed an outing they will never forget.

F.C.L.

A VISIT TO BEDFORD.

The annual outing of the St. Andrew's Society, Rugby, took place in ideal weather on Saturday week, when a visit was paid to Bedford, where, on arrival, the party were met by Mr. H. S. Harlow, of the St. Paul's Society, and that gentleman very kindly acted as guide. The first item on the programme was a good sharp walk of three miles to Cardington, where a magnificent peal of eight bells was found, and these were quickly going to the tune of Superlative Surprise and Stedman Triples. The band stood as follows:—H. S. Harlow 1, W. Malins 2, H. O. White 3, J. A. Fenton 4, C. W. Wheeler 5, J. W. Chandler 6, J. B. Fenton 7, James George 8. The "go" of the bells is all that can be desired by the change ringer. Mr. W. J. Mayes, of Old Warden, having joined the party, a move was made for Elstow, a distance of two miles, where there is a splendid peal of six bells. Kent Treble Bob Minor and Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung, and then, the hour having arrived for which dinner was ordered, a hasty retreat was made for Bedford, where Host Mann provided an excellent repast.

In the afternoon a party made their way to St. Peter's. Here Mr. Clarke and his band had all in readiness, and extended a hearty welcome to the visitors. Touches of Kent Treble Bob Minor, Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Doubles were brought round in fine style, and at four o'clock the combined party visited St. Paul's belfry, where a hearty reception was accorded them by Mr. Barker and his company. Touches were rung in the following methods: Kent Treble Bob Royal, Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters, Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and Stedman Triples. An attempt was made for a course of London Surprise, but, unfortunately, it came to grief. A further party of five from Rugby arrived in Bedford at three o'clock, but while walking towards the town they had to cross the River Ouse, and the sight of the boats so fascinated them that they forgot themselves, and went for a trip up the river, and returned just in time for the "go off" at the tea table. After tea a return visit was made to St. Paul's for about an hour's ringing, and subsequently the party, now numbering 33, adjourned to a quiet spot, where the handbells were set going to the tune of Bob Major.

The Chairman (Mr. James George), on behalf of the St. Andrew's Society, proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Barker, Mr. Clarke, and to all the Bedford ringers for their untiring efforts to make the visit such a grand success. He also thanked the Rev. W. S. C. Succumbe (Vicar of Cardington), the Rev. C. F. B. Hawkins (Vicar of Elstow), the Rev. J. E. Gilbert (Vicar of St. Peter's), the Rev. Canon Lambert Woodard (Vicar of St. Paul's), for so kindly allowing them the use of the bells.—Mr. J. B. Fenton seconded, and said he

thoroughly endorsed all that Mr. George had said. One thing he would like to add was that it was a very great pleasure to meet so many ringers at Bedford.—Mr. Barker replied, and said it was a very great pleasure to make arrangements, and he wished it known that all ringers would be made welcome at Bedford.—Train time then necessitated farewells being said, and Bedford was left after a most enjoyable day.

A RINGERS' "STRIKE."

CAUSED BY A PICTURE OVER ALTAR.

The ringers of St. Clement's Church, Hastings, are on strike. The cause is said to be a picture placed over the cross on the altar in the Lady Chapel. A local newspaper thus describes the event, which occurred on Sunday week:—

"The strike broke out with dramatic suddenness on Sunday among the bell ringers of St. Clement's with the immediate result that the Old Town was bereft of the customary peals in the morning and evening, and people who have been in the habit of regulating their habits by the bells of the parish church were nonplussed, and their households thrown into a state of chaos. In fact the whole Sunday social organisation of the Old Town was thrown out of gear by the refusal of the bell ringers to perform their duties. Dinners were delayed and scores of people suffered the agony of being late for church. While many people who don't get up till they hear the bells ringing for morning service lay in bed and wondered why it was the time seemed so long that day.

"The story goes that the eight bell ringers put in an appearance as usual at the church in the morning, and noticed that a painting of the Virgin Mary had been placed during the week over the cross on the altar in the Lady Chapel. Pointing to this, their leader, Mr. L. J. Stapley, said 'Until that picture is removed I shall not ring my bell.'

"Taken aback for the moment by this dramatic action of their leader, the ringers consulted together, and then agreed that they must all stand by their leader, and refuse to ring the bells. Appeals and entreaties to perform their duties that day, and allow the matter of the picture to be settled during the week, were in vain. The ringers would not ring, but walked out of the church.

"The Old Town missed the familiar sound of the bells during the day, and fears that dire calamity had befallen the parish church filled the minds of many inhabitants. The news that a strike was responsible for the silence of the bells did not allay their anxieties, but everything has passed off quietly, and there are now hopes that the matter will settle down.

"One of the strikers interviewed by a reporter said: 'Personally I have not got any feeling about the picture at all. And I don't think many of my comrades have. But when Mr. Stapley, our leader, refused to ring, we decided to strike too, out of sympathy. That is all there is in it really. The ringers themselves have no grievance, but I think it is probable that, until the matter of the picture is settled with Mr. Stapley or he agrees to return to work, we shall remain out.

"'What shall we do if other bell ringers are imported? I would rather not say, because the question has not been discussed. But the proper thing to do would be to cut the ropes, wouldn't it?'

"'No, there is no truth in the statement that we have decided to call out all the other workers in the Old Town to strike in sympathy with us.'

"Mr. Stapley, asked for his version of the incident, said that it was a personal matter, and he would rather not say anything about it.

"The Rector (the Rev. H. C. B. Foyster) told the newspaper representative that there had been a misunderstanding with regard to the picture. 'Bell ringing during this hot weather, when the ropes ge dry and "whippy" has been very hard work,' he added, 'and I think that influenced the ringers as much as anything in refusing to work on Sunday.'

"The picture, which is said to have caused the strike of bell ringers, is a small copy of Raphael's 'La Belle Jardiniere' depicting the Virgin Mary in a garden with the Infant Christ and St. John. It hangs immediately over the cross in the Lady Chapel, and is plainly visible from all parts of the church."

STEDMAN THEORY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am in the middle of my holiday, and so cannot spare time for much this week.

The bells in the slow six, i.e., the three of them, are plain hunting backwards, and that is equivalent to dodging. Perhaps Mr. Parker will get at my meaning if I put it to him like this.

We are all agreed that three quick sixes are only a touch of Original Doubles. Let him take five slow sixes, and show that they are derived from Original Doubles, by bobs, and that the thirty rows are, therefore, a touch of Original Doubles, if he can. If he cannot, then they are a new principle which the three quick sixes most certainly are not.

H. LAW JAMES.

EDMONTON RINGERS AT READING.

A very enjoyable visit to Reading was paid by the Edmonton Band on Saturday last, on the occasion of their annual outing. The visitors, which included three ladies, arrived at Reading at 2.30, where Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Reeves were ready to show them round, a task which they did not relinquish until Sunday night. The afternoon was spent in looking round the town, followed by tea.

Of course, ringing was inevitable, and at St. Lawrence's Church Stedman Caters and London Surprise were tapped off. After this a journey was made to Caversham, where Bristol, Superlative and London Surprise and Stedman Triples were indulged in, some of the local ringers taking part

The Edmontonians were up in good time on Sunday morning, and went for a stroll by the river before breakfast. They rang for service at St. Giles', Miss Goodship, of Reading, taking part in a touch of Stedman Triples. London, Bristol and Superlative Surprise were also rung. The members of the party found many attractions in Old Father Thames during the day. In the evening, in spite of the heat, touches of Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise were rung on the beautiful bells of St. Mary's with a tenor of 28 cwt. The conducting during the outing was shared by Miss E. K. Parker, Mr. J. Parker and Mr. G. Paice.

The return journey to Edmonton was commenced at eight o'clock, and home was reached at 10.30. All those who took part wish to express their appreciation of the warm welcome which was extended to them by the ringers of Reading and Caversham. They also wish to thank the Vicars of St. Giles', St. Lawrence's and St. Mary's, and the Rev. C. Cleaver, Vicar of Caversham, for the use of the bells, and Mr. and Mrs Reeves for so kindly accommodating some of the band.

THE BELLS OF OLD WOKING.

The rehanging of the bells at St. Peter's Church, Old Woking, Surrey, has become an imperative necessity, and Messrs. Warner and Sons have been entrusted with the work. They recast the tenor in 1887. Four of the other five bells were cast in 1684 by William Eldridge, who was the last of a family of bell founders that carried on business, first at Wokingham and afterwards at Chertsey, from about 1565 to about 1715. The fourth was recast in 1766 by a founder with the initials J.F. The Vicar, in the "Parish Magazine" for September issues an appeal to the parishioners to add two trebles to complete the octave in commemoration of the Coronation.

"It is remarkable that the names appearing in the churchwardens' accounts for 1684 should be still familiar names in Woking. The names of both churchwardens are Woking names. It seems that Udal, the builder, who was paid £12 2s. 6d. for 'hanging the bells and new making the staires,' lived away from Woking, since, on two occasions, a messenger was paid 1s. for going to him, and, while working in the tower, he seems to have lodged with Goody Davy, who was paid 11s. 6d. for his diet. It may be doubted whether the 'Henery Bedford' of 1684 (his descendant is the present Parish Clerk and Sexton) had not some other business than that of a blacksmith; at any rate, on two occasions money was paid him 'for drink.' The men of 1684 seem to have been very thirsty people, for besides the numerous entries 'for drink,' 'gin,' or 'beare,' we find a mysterious entry of money 'laid out,' (which probably means 'refreshments,') accompanying nearly every transaction."

DENTON, MANCHESTER.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—At St. Anne's Church, on Sunday, August 27th, for evening service, 720 Killamarsh: W. Wilde 1, A. E. Marshall 2, Jas. Pollitt 3, W. Wright 4, E. Walters 5, J. Heckingbottom (conductor) 6. First in the method by all except the conductor.—On Tuesday, August 29th, for practice, 720 of City Delight: W. Wilde 1, W. Wright 2, A. E. Marshall 3, Jas. Pollitt 4, E. Walters 5, J. Heckingbottom (conductor) 6. First in the method by all except the conductor.

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SALOPIANS VISIT MACHYNLLETH.

On Sunday week, eight members of the Salop Archidiaconal Guild paid a visit to Machynlleth for the purpose of attempting a peal of Grandsire Triples upon the newly augmented ring of bells, two trebles having been added to commemorate the Coronation. The arrangements were made by Mr. E. R. Trevor Corbett, of Dorrington, Shrewsbury. Leaving home at 6 a.m., the party arrived at the Welsh town at 8.50, and were met by Mr. Hughes and Mr. Sadlier, two of the local ringers, who showed the party the places of interest in the neighbourhood, including Plas Machynlleth, the lovely seat of Lord Herbert Vane-Tempest, where their Majesties the King and Queen stayed after the investiture ceremony at Carnarvon. The visitors then went to the church, and with the local men rang touches of Grandsire Triples for the service, which they attended. They particularly enjoyed the singing of the choir, who, true to the national reputation, possessed those beautiful voices for which the Welsh are famous.

At the kind invitation of Mr. Trevor Corbett, dinner was partaken of at the Glendwa Hotel, which was made the headquarters for the day, and afterwards touches were rung on handbells. A start for the peal was made at 2.45 p.m., and the bells came into rounds again at 5.40, the first peal on the bells being thus achieved, as recorded in our last issue. The return journey was made in the evening, Shrewsbury being reached at 10 p.m. The visitors wish, through "The Ringing World" to thank the local ringers, who are a very promising band, and are taking great interest in the Art, for their kind reception, and the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

A GIFT FOR ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.

An interesting memento has come into the possession of the St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, a diamond scarf pin, formerly belonging to the late Mr. James Hinton, having been presented to the Guild by Mr. E. P. O'Meara, of the College Youths, to be held in memory of his old friend, who was founder of the Guild. The presentation, which took place at Evesham on the occasion of the annual outing, was made on behalf of Mr. O'Meara, by Mr. R. J. Wilkins, who said it was desired by the donor that Mr. George Staden, the oldest member, should have the use of the pin during his lifetime. He expressed the hope that Mr. Staden would be long spared to wear the pin, and felt sure he would value it for its association with two of his oldest friends.—Mr. Staden, in acknowledging the gift, referred in felicitous terms to his long friendship with Mr. O'Meara and the late Mr. Hinton.

The day's excursion was a very enjoyable one, both Evesham and Pershore being visited. At Evesham the party were met by Mr. Harry Middleton, who had made arrangements for driving to Pershore, where Bristol, Cambridge and Stedman were rung on the fine old bells at the Abbey. On returning to Evesham, the party met the St. Michael's Juniors from Gloucester, and Mr. George Fardon, of London, and after dinner touches of Stedman Caters were rung at the Abbey tower. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in viewing the town. A photograph of the party was taken by Mr. C. H. Horton. The Guild take this opportunity of thanking the clergy for the use of the bells, and Mr. Harry Middleton for the trouble he took in making arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the visitors.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

The members of the Southover, Lewes, Guild, spent a most enjoyable evening on Wednesday week, when they were entertained to a meat tea, at the King's Head, by Mr. J. T. Rickman, M.A., who is one of the most enthusiastic of their members. Before tea touches of Bob Minor and 504 Grandsire Triples were rung at the church, and afterwards touches of Bob Major, a course of Bob Royal, and three courses of Grandsire Caters, those taking part in the last-named being: G. Richardson 1, F. Sturt 2, J. T. Rickman 3, W. Pelling 4, G. Sturt 5, J. Hart 6, W. Wheale 7, A. S. Langridge 8, A. J. Turner 9, C. Errey 10. Returning to headquarters, songs and handbell ringing passed the evening merrily away, Mr. J. R. Lusted (churchwarden) proposing a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Rickman for his kind hospitality.

GAINSBOBOUGH RINGERS' GUILD.

On Saturday last, through the kind invitation of Miss Beckett, the members of the above Guild paid their annual visit to Corringham. The weather, being remarkably fine, added greatly to the enjoyment of the outing. On arrival the bells were raised and kept in motion until five o'clock, when the visitors, with Mr. Glasscodine, adjourned to the house of Mrs. Smithson, where a well-spread tea was awaiting them. Here they were met by the Rev. C. C. Fowler, who previously had given them a hearty welcome, and who presided.—Votes of thanks to Miss Beckett for so kindly entertaining the ringers, to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mr. Glasscodine for his company, and to Mrs. Smithson, Mrs. Glasscodine and Miss Smithson for waiting at the table, were unanimously carried, and duly responded to by the Rev. C. C. Fowler and Mr. Glasscodine. The ringers then returned to the church, where further ringing was indulged in until 7.30, when the bells were lowered, bringing to a close another most successful outing to be added to the enjoyable visits which the Gainsborough ringers have paid to Corringham. The methods rung during the day were: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

AXBRIDGE DEANERY MEETING.

"THE RINGING WORLD" COMPETITION WINNER CONGRATULATED.

A quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Wedmore, on Saturday, August 26th, some 30 members being present, and the majority of the towers in the branch represented. A service was held in the Parish Church. The choir was in attendance, and a splendid address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. Reeder). Afterwards the visitors sat down to tea in the schoolroom, and the business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding, in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. H. J. Kerr-Thompson.—The Rev. Reeder congratulated Mr. E. B. Crowder on being the lucky winner of a peal of handbells offered by "The Ringing World" for obtaining the largest number of subscribers to that journal, adding that Mr. Crowder would be glad to receive further orders for the paper.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Winscombe, about the end of October, and a united practice at Kewstoke during September.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Reeder for arranging the service, for the use of bells, and for presiding at the meeting.—The Vicar suitably responded, and gave the Association a very hearty welcome to Wedmore.

The new handbells were then on view, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Messrs. E. B. Crowder 1—2, Joseph Sykes 3—4, G. Chamberlain 5—6, A. G. Coles 7—8, and some tunes were also tapped off.—The tower bells were kept going to Grandsire Triples and Doubles during the evening.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Northern branch always claim Knebworth as one of the towers in their district, and arrange one of their quarterly meetings there; but it is just as easy to reach from parts of the Eastern district, and so both sides meet on these occasions. Saturday last was an ideal day, and Knebworth the right spot for a meeting, the church standing in a fine park. Ringers came from Barley, Baldock, Bennington, Hitchin, Hatfield, Luton, Walton, and Wymondley. A great variety of methods were attempted, but it was only towards the end of the meeting that some good striking was obtained. Several were ringing on eight bells for the first time, so one could hardly expect the changes to go like clockwork. The customary tea, business meeting, and votes of thanks were indulged in. Verdict: A better meeting for practice than usual.—B.H.T.D.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

A fairly well-attended meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Broughton on Saturday last, members turning up from Preston, Walton-le-Dale, Samlesbury, Leyland, Chorley, Brindle and Penwortham. Unfortunately the local men cannot be induced to take up change ringing, and none of them put in an appearance. Ringing commenced about 4 p.m., and several touches of Treble Bob were brought round, but the long draught made the ropes play curious antics and accurate striking difficult. At the business meeting, Mr. R. Sanderson presided. Scorton was selected as the next meeting-place, and members are requested to note that reduced train fares will probably be granted if a sufficient number will give their word to go. Ringing was afterwards indulged in again, the bells going to the tune of Bob Minor and Oxford Treble Bob.

A meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at Leigh, on Saturday, when 28 members were present from Bolton, Walkden, Worsley, Newchurch and Tyldesley. One new member was elected. On account of the market being in close proximity to the church, ringing had to cease at eight o'clock.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL RINGERS.

The members of the Southwark Cathedral Society, to the number of 18, had a trip to Rochester for their annual outing on Sunday. The party, who reached Rochester at 10.20, had arranged to ring at the Cathedral, but the time of arrival made this an impossibility. They were able, however, to have a touch at St. Margaret's Church for morning service. After a ramble round the castle and grounds they adjourned to the Gordon Hotel for dinner. In the afternoon the party were photographed, and then met Mr. Babbington, at the Cathedral, who conducted them round, and gave a most interesting description of the building. They then had a pull on the bells, which were half-muffled for the death of the late Precentor. Then, after tea, the party divided into two bands. One rang at Rochester, and the other journeyed to Chatham to ring at St. Mary's Church. Meeting again at 8.30 p.m., at Rochester, the Society reached home at 10 p.m. The Society wish to express their thanks to the clergy and the ringers at the above-mentioned towers for the use of the bells, and also their appreciation of the efforts of all the officers concerned for arranging the most enjoyable day's outing.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BLETCHLEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Saturday, August 12th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1 hr. 40 mins., the 2nd rope broke: T. Best 1, J. Mead 2, J. Marks 3, F. Stanton 4, C. A. Valentine 5, Harry Sear (conductor) 6, Rev. W. P. Wright 7, W. Bonham 8.—On Sunday, August 13th, 168 Stedman Triples and 336 Grandsire Triples.—On Tuesday, August 13th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Marks 1, F. Stanton 2, T. Best 3, E. Marks 4, Rev. W. P. Wright 5, H. Sear (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, August 21st, 1260 Grandsire Triples (composed by James George): F. Hedges 1, J. Mead 2, H. Sear (conductor) 3, S. Smith 4, T. Best 5, E. Marks 6, Rev. W. P. Wright 7, V. Sear 8. The above touches were arranged for the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Hemingbrough, Yorkshire.

LONG EATON.—On Sunday, August 26th, at St. Lawrence Church, Long Eaton, for evening service, 1050 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late churchwarden: T. Hutchinson 1, G. Freebrey (conductor) 2, A. Hickton 3, N. Widdowson 4, R. Hickton 5, R. Drage 6, J. Bailey 7, T. Edinborough 8.—On Tuesday, for the funeral, 504 Grandsire Triples, with the bells deeply muffled and the tenor open at back: J. Harrison 1, A. Hickton 2, R. Drage 3, N. Widdowson 4, T. Hutchinson 5, J. Ward, senr., 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, T. Edinborough 8

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.—On Saturday, August 26th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Wiffen (first in the method) 1, O. Laver 2, J. Fleuty 3, J. Turner 4, J. French 5, E. Ridgwell (conductor) 6. 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Fleuty 1, O. Laver 2, E. Ridgwell (conductor) 3, J. Turner (first in the method) 4, J. French 5, F. Claydon 6. Also 240 New London Pleasure and 120 Double Court.

EARL'S COLNE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 27th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 New London Pleasure, for 8 a.m. service, conducted by W. Scillitoe; 768 and 112 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, for 11 a.m. service, and 1008, for evening service, conducted by E. Ridgwell. Those taking part in the ringing were: S. Burst, J. Fleuty, W. Scillitoe, W. Burst, S. Fleuty, L. W. Wiffen, F. Claydon, J. French, E. Ridgwell. L. W. Wiffen hails from Ipswich, the rest are the local ringers.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Sunday evening, August 27th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Bloor 1, H. Willisford 2, G. Woods 3, E. Landon 4, C. Smith 5, L. Churton (conductor) 6, C. Page 7, H. Austin 8. The ringers of the 2nd and 5th hail from Uttoxeter.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild. — On Sunday, August 27th, at St. Peter's Church, for morning service, 546 Grandsire Triples: J. Guttridge 1, F. J. Guttridge 2, T. Smith (first 500) 3, T. Gosling 4, W. Ralph 5, E. Hooper 6, W. Welling (conductor) 7, F. Guttridge 8.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—On Sunday, August 27th, at St. Barnabas Church, for morning service, 240 Grandsire Doubles: F. Vickers 1, G. R. Goodship 2, A. Vickers 3, W Bacchus 4, C. White 5, R. Seddon 6. —For afternoon service, 336 Bob Major: W. Bacchus 1, W. Seabrook 2, F. Dedman 3, G. Tompkins 4, A. Vickers 5, J. Nicholls 6, G. R. Goodship 7, F. Vickers 8. For evening service, 120 Grandsire Doubles.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 27th, for Divine service, 1260 Bob Minor: J. Walker 1, Rev. E. V. Cox 2, H. Pickett 3, C. Wakelin 4, A. H. Harber 5, W. D. James (conductor) 6. Rung as farewell to the conductor, who is leaving the neighbourhood.

LEICESTER.—On Monday, Aug. 28th, at the church of St. John-the-Divine, 518 Grandsire Triples: *Miss Hilda Willson 1, W. Willson (conductor) 2, J. Jenney 3, T. Bottrill 4, W. H. Inglesant 5, A. Mason 6, J. Tomlinson 7, J. Smith 8. * First touch, age 12. Also three courses of Double Norwich, conducted by T. Bottrill: P. Dunkley 1, Miss L. A. Willson 3, W. Willson 8, the rest as before.

BARNES, SURREY.—On Sunday last, for evening service, 1264 Bob Major, in 45 mins.: H. Cook 1, J. P. Kent 2, F. G. Symonds 3, E. Cassell 4, J. W. Kelley 5, H. Stevens 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. F. W. Hunt 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Cook.

BATTERSEA.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Pullen 1, S. Collens 2, W. Essery 3, G. Watkin 4, A. Reeve 5, H. Burton 6, H. Mance (conductor) 7, W. Aldridge 8.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Sunday evening, 504 Stedman Triples: E. Wigg (first in the method) 1, J. Town 2, F. Newman 3, F. King 4, F. Terry 5, J. Lovell 6, W. Smith (conductor) 7, W. Meek 8.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Sunday, for evening service, at the Church of All Saints', 504 Stedman Triples: J. W. Jones 1, F. Charles 2, J. Bullen 3, F. Morgan 4, S. Jones 5, C. Greedy 6, J. Pippin 7, A. Morgan (conductor) 8.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—The Towcester and District Association.—On Sunday last, for morning service, 798 Grandsire Triples: C. Faulkner 1, J. W. Sharp 2, F. Rawlins 3, J. Green 4, T. Law 5, C. Tyrell 6, F. Hopper (conductor) 7, G. Basford 8.

NOTICES.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Oldham (12 bells) on Saturday, September 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.; meeting at 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Barlow, Branch Sec., 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place on Saturday, September 9th, 3.30 p.m. Albrighton (6); 4.45 p.m. Codsall (6); 6.45 p.m. Bushbury (6).—E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., 6, Upper Foster Street, Walsall.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight to-morrow, Saturday, September 9th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The meeting, postponed from last week, will be held at Flixton to-morrow, Saturday, September 9th. Bells ready at 5, meeting at 7.—W. H. Shuker, Branch Secretary.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Wednesday next, September 13th, at 8 p.m., when important business will be brought forward.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Skipton on Saturday, September 16th. For full particulars see Association circular.—Clement Glenn, Hon. Sec., 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury, on Saturday, September 16th, 1911. Ringing at St. Chad's at 2.30 p.m.—Rev. P. H. Green, Hon. Sec., South Hermitage, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Penkridge on Saturday, September 16th, 2.30 ringing; 4.45 committee meeting in vestry; 5.15 unveiling of peal board; 5.30 service in church, with address by the Vicar; 6.0 Tea, at 1s. each. Please notify intention of being present not later than Tuesday, 12th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The next meeting of this division will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, September 16th. Tower open at 3. Tea at 5.30 at the Bent Hotel. Those intending to be at tea please let me know by September 12th.—Robert J. Dawe, Divisional Honorary Secretary, Southover, Alfriston Road, Seaford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District).—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Rochester on Saturday, September 16th, 1911. The Cathedral tower open from 3 till 3.50. Service in the Cathedral at 4. Tea and meeting in the committee room, New Corn Exchange, at 5.30. Will those intending to partake of tea let me know not later than Wednesday, September 13th. The following towers will be open after the meeting: Cathedral and St. Margaret's till 9 p.m.; Chatham from 8 till 9.30; and Frindsbury 7 till 9.30.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

NOTICES (continued).

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, September 23rd. The bells at Heston, Norwood Green, and Hounslow will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Short service, with sermon by the Rev. F. W. A. Wilkinson, at 5.30. Tea 6d., at 6.15, to be followed by meeting. Those desirous of having tea provided for them are requested to notify either of the honorary secretaries not later than the 20th inst. Four representatives will be elected to serve on the next Central Council.—C. T. Coles, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow, and H. C. Chandler, 1, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretaries.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will take place at Grimsby on Saturday, September 23rd. Peal attempt at St. James' 11 o'clock. Bells available in afternoon and evening. At St. Andrew's in afternoon. Service at St. Andrew's at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. For further particulars see Association circular.—J. W. Seamer, Honorary Secretary, 9, Augustin Street, Grimsby.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Drighlington on the 23rd inst. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

"WILLIAM VERRY" COMMEMORATION DINNER.—The 7th annual dinner will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on Saturday, September 30th. Further details later.—C. Starkey, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Blackpool on September 30th, when the bells at Lytham, St. Anne's, and Blackpool will be available all day. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

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RINGERS WITH GRIEVANCES.

Ringers, like the rest of mankind, have their grievances, and within the last few days two correspondents, curiously enough, have written to tell us of troubles which they have, and asking for advice. One would feel inclined to shirk the responsibility were it not that there may be other churches where similar conditions prevail and a ventilation of the grievances may lead to remedial steps being taken. One correspondent, in a band where there are six ringers who can ring Stedman Triples and others who have rung peals of Grandsire, writes:—

> One of the ringers here is partly in control of the belfry. He can only ring the treble in Doubles, and does his best to prevent anything else being rung. Nearly every practice ends in a row, owing to him. The Vicar is a mere figure-head, and of no use at all. My father is parish warden, and tells me he has no control over the bells. Can you give us any advice?

It is a great pity that the Vicar in this case is but a figure head. He ought to consider it as much a duty to watch over the interests of the ringers as he, in all probability, does the choir. If he had among his choristers a cantankerous individual animated by a dog in the manger spirit the Vicar would probably take prompt steps to secure that man's early resignation. In the Vicar is vested the absolute control of the bells, and it seems to us that he could not possibly be so indifferent to securing smooth working and decorum in the belfry as to ignore a respectful but firm protest lodged jointly by the other ringers against the arbitrary actions of the so-called leader. We do not know whether our correspondent and his colleagues have tried this step, but if not it is one which we should recommend them to take and see what effect it has. If it could be backed also by the weight of the churchwardens' opinions it would be all the stronger.

Our other correspondent's complaint, or rather complaints, touch more delicate ground. The writer is attached to a Surrey church, and he says:—

> We have a new Vicar who, I am afraid, will smash our band up. He wants us to give up half-pull ringing, and go in for call changes. Then he wants us all to attend the services after ringing on Sunday. This we cannot do as the church is high and we are, some of us, broad Church and others low Church. After ringing I always cycle over to a broad church, but I cannot under any circumstances alter my views to please a man with bigoted ideas. Then again, our younger members are thinking of leaving, because our captain, who is unfortunately a hypocrite, will keep on ragging and bullying the younger ones, thus making their ringing career a misery instead of a pleasure. I for one shall not go in for "stoney," nor go to this church.

There are some rather hard words in this letter. We can quite understand that a band, having mastered the mysteries of change ringing would resent pressure to re-

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John O. Sager, Solicitor, Todmorden, December 10, 1910.
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Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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turn to call changes, and equally we can appreciate the fact that those who take up ringing as a pastime will not put up with ragging. Probably if the ringers show that they can strike half pull changes as well as they can ring "stoney," the Vicar will not insist upon so retrogressive a step being taken; while some of the older members of the band might, by a timely word, show the captain how detrimental to the success of his band are his bullying methods.

The question of the church going is a different matter. We ought all to be tolerant, and before calling a man a bigot ought carefully to examine our own position. We should be very reluctant to advise any step which would tend to break up a company, but if, as our correspondent says, he and others cannot worship in the church, we would frankly say give up ringing there. By their ringing they are calling others to a service which they would not themselves attend, and we do not think that is quite a logical position.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Saturday, September 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

JARROLD HAYWARD	*Treble*	WALTER G. MATTHEWS	6
HENRY G. MILES	2	ERNEST G. STIBBONS	7
*CLARENCE J. DOBBIE	3	JAMES R. MACKMAN	8
*GEORGE B. EDSER	4	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS	9
*WILLIAM A. GARRARD	5	WILLIAM E. GARRARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HETHERSET, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 31, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt., in G.

ALBERT G. WARNES	*Treble*	GEORGE HOWCHIN	5
GEORGE E. CROSS	2	JOHN WYMER	6
WILLIAM HEMPEL	3	ROBERT BLAKE	7
CHARLES SADLER	4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	*Tenor*

Composed by E. FRANCIS, and Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

This peal was rung as a farewell to C. Sadler, who is leaving for Canada.

LLANDUDNO, CARNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM CRANE, Senr.	*Treble*	MORRIS J. MORRIS	5
JAMES H. MIDWINTER	2	ALBERT J. HUGHES	6
WILLIAM CRANE, Junr.	3	WILLIAM T. PEGLER	7
CHARLES E. BORRETT	4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

First peal of Major on the bells, and was arranged for Mr. C. E. Borrett, of Norwich. Mr. J. H. Midwinter's 50th peal.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING	*Treble*	WILLIAM SCONCE	5
CHARLES PRICE	2	JAMES MORGAN	6
*HARRY GOUGH	3	HARRY GIBSON	7
HENRY W. WILDE	4	ERNEST E. CHANNELL	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES PRICE, and Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. H. Gibson, of Scarborough. This peal contains eleven of the 8-6-7's and ten of the 8-6's with five bobs "before," and is now rung for the first time.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

J. H. SWINFIELD	*Treble*	E. I. STONE	5
H. WAKLEY	2	L. BULLOCK	6
W. J. SMITH	3	J. GRIFFIN	7
W. W. WORTHINGTON	4	F. SHEPHERD	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. GRIFFIN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

CLEMENT GLENN	*Treble*	*JOHN W. J. COTTAM	5
TOM O'HARA	2	GEORGE NAYLOR	6
JAMES COTTERELL	3	WILLIAM BIGGIN	7
JAMES EVINSON	4	JOHN H. BROTHWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

BENJAMIN GREATOREX	*Treble*	JOHN FLOWER	5
WILLIAM FOX	2	HENRY LETTS	6
HENRY GREGORY	3	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE	7
HUGH GREGORY	4	WILLIAM TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES LIVERMORE, Junr.	*Treble*	EDWARD W. BRAY	5
*GEORGE H. HOWSE	2	ALBERT D. STONE	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	3	RICHARD F. DEAL	7
*ARTHUR D. BARKER	4	KEITH HART	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal in the method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY	...*Treble*	JAMES G. RUMSEY	5
FREDK. W. BAILEY... ...	2	ERNEST S. BAILEY	6
GEORGE WILSON	3	CHARLES SAMPSON	7
EDGAR H. BAILEY	4	CHARLES F. BAILEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung to celebrate the return to Birchwood House, Leiston, of Mr. and Mrs. W. Taylor, of Babbington House, Southwold.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 9, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS...	*Treble*	CHARLES J. HAMBLIN ...	5
ALFRED WOODROW	2	ERNEST HAMBLIN	6
WILLIAM A. WOODROW ...	3	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ...	7
*BENJAMIN MORRIS	4	FERRIS SHEPHERD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. G. Woodiss and William Shepherd.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN R. BARTON ...	...*Treble*	HENRY FERGUSON	5
THOMAS HAIGH...	2	GEORGE HALKSWORTH ...	6
HERBERT MILLNER	3	FRANK WOODHEAD	7
CHAS. JACKSON	4	THOMAS COLE	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE, and
Conducted by C. JACKSON.

The composition is now rung for the first time.

SIX BELL PEALS.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FRED WILFORD	...*Treble*	FREDERICK W. BOOTH ...	4
HENRY W. GAYTON... ...	2	FRED. J. MAYNARD	5
WILLIAM FREEMAN	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor on the bells and by the Association.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.

(ISLE OF SHEPPEY.)

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

THOMAS J. PHILO ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS JULL	4
WILLIAM SPICE...	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ...	5
ALBERT J. DAY	3	WILLIAM W. B. WILKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

First peal in the Isle of Sheppey, and also on the bells, which have been rehung and a treble added by Mears and Stainbank, the "go" and tone being perfect. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells and his kind hospitality after the peal.

LATE PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM BELLAMY ...	...*Treble*	*FRANK JOHNSON	5
ERNEST J. OLIVER	2	JOSEPH WOOLLEY	6
ALBERT COPPOCK	3	FRED J. TITE	7
WILLIAM E. WHITE	4	THOMAS HORTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM BELLAMY.

* First peal of Kent Major.

HERNHILL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	5
EDWARD TRENDELL	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
EDWARD E. FOREMAN ...	3	*CHARLES W. PLAYER ...	7
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. ...	4	JAMES E. DAVIS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, September 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

HARRY WITHERS... ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM SHORT	5
JAMES E. GROVES	2	JAMES DOWLER	6
GEORGE PIGOTT	3	ARTHUR CHAMBERS	7
WILLIAM PALMER	4	SAMUEL GROVE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR CHAMBERS.

First peal as conductor in the method. Rung in honour of the fiftieth anniversary of the consecration of the Church.

The peal of Bob Major at Norton, recorded in the last issue, should have been 5008 changes and not 5088 as reported.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

Let us this week pursue Bob Minor a little further, so that the complete 720 may now be attempted by the young band. On page 341 I explained the various positions in which the bobs were called, and showed how a touch of three courses, or 180 changes, could be got. Now, just as the 180 was obtained, so a 720 can be rung without the observation bell being concerned in making either of the bobs. In other words, the bobs are called only when the observation bell is either dodging in 5-6 down, which we know as "home" or "right," or in 5-6 up, which we term "wrong." One of the simplest 720's is to call the 6th wrong, right and wrong three times, with a single at right in the last course, and then repeat the whole. This, perhaps, may seem unintelligible at first, but let us get it into figures and look further at it. W indicates a bob "wrong," R indicates a bob "right."

	23456		34256		42356
W	23564	W	34562	W	42563
	36245		46325		26435
	64352		62453		63254
	45623		25634		35642
R	45236	R	25345	R	35426
W	45362	W	25463	W	35264
	56423		56234		56342
	62534		63542		64523
	23645		34625		42635
	34256		42356	S	24356

This is half the peal, and it is set out in columns of two courses each. It will be seen that a bob "wrong," when the 6th is the observation as in this case, is the first lead of the course, and a bob "right," the last lead, with the result that when you get R and W occurring together, it means that there will be bobs at two consecutive leads.

Now, one of the things which a conductor has got to make quite certain about is that he calls all the bobs where they are needed and does not insert any that should not be there. In the case of the touch of 180, it is the simplest thing in the world to call a bob every time the 6th is at "home," because if that be done the bells are bound to run round at the end of the three courses. But in the 720 which we have selected, while we get a bob at every "wrong" we do not get a bob at every "home," and the duty of the conductor is to know when to call a bob "home" and when to omit it. Many will, perhaps, say "Oh, I could remember that," but memory is sometimes apt to play tricks, and, when conducting, one requires a constant check upon memory. Let me give a broad example of what I mean. Suppose a conductor in some of the higher methods had to call bobs home only in three successive courses, such, for instance as in Cambridge Royal, where a course consists of 360 changes and takes from 12 to 15 minutes to ring. It would be extremely easy in such a case for him to forget, while occupied in steering his own bell through the intricate maze and looking out for trips on the part of others, to forget whether he had called one bob or two, if he had no check upon his memory.

In this 720 there is more than one good guide. It will be noticed, for example, that 5-6 come together in their natural position at the end of each two courses, so that one guide is to call a bob every lead at which the 6th is behind *except* when it is there with the 5th, but calling a single with the 5-6 behind at the half peal end. There is ample opportunity to notice the position of the 5th, because after the second bob wrong the 5th will be coursing after the 6th for four leads. Another guide is again to be found with the 5th. At the first wrong the 5th makes the bob (i.e., 4th's place), and at the next two bobs she is called to run "out," a position which she obtains to when she courses down immediately in front of the treble. So when the 6th, going to dodge in 5-6 down, passes the 5th, and then, next, the treble the conductor knows he has got to call a bob at that "home."

Since writing the above, a Wisbech correspondent has written to ask me to explain how to call a peal without an observation bell, such, for instance, as 720 of Bob Minor containing 42 singles. This inquiry comes not inopportunely at this point. There is no simple way of doing it except by learning the whole of the calls in the peal. Holt's Original, the famous one part peal of Grandsire Triples, with 150 calls, has to be learnt by heart, and so with the 720 containing 42 singles. There are various ways in which a conductor may assist his memory, by studying the relative positions of the bells, and with this subject I will deal in my next article.

"Puzzled" has sent along some figures which he has worked out, and asks if they form a method, and, if so, whether it has been previously published. It is based on the following figures:—

1234567
2143657
2416375
4213657
4126375
1462735
etc.

I do not pose as an expert upon method construction, but for the benefit of "Puzzled," the figures have been submitted to a gentleman who is a leading authority upon the subject. Here is his verdict: "The seven-bell principle is not legitimate, but neither is Union Triples. I should not think that it is original, but I do not know, and I have very little doubt that it is absolutely useless, as it would be very monotonous ringing even if a peal is composed, which I think is very doubtful." There, "Puzzled," you have the highest expert opinion obtainable.

CONDUCTOR.

THE LAST OF THE BAND.

Monks Eleigh, Suffolk, has lost the last of its old band, for we much regret to record the death of Mr. William Green, who at the advanced age of 75 years, has passed away. After having taken to his bed for only a fortnight, he died on August 26 h at his residence near the church which he loved so well, and where for upwards of 50 years he was one of the ringers. The deceased, with his two dearest ringing friends, Messrs. R. Keeble and C. Parker, was, in his early days, a frequent visitor to the towers of Lavenham, Preston, Hitcham and Bildeston, where lived the much-respected tower keepers, Messrs. Jno. Boby, Henry Symonds, Jno. Sewell, and the noted Henry Hobart. Mr. Green's last ringing was done on March 20th last, on his 75th birthday, when much to the regret of all, 720 Kent Treble Bob was lost in the last course, owing to the long draught of rope. The deceased was an excellent striker, and much respected by young and old alike. Within the last decade, death has taken from the tower the whole of the old band of six, including the deceased's son, who died thirteen months ago. The funeral took place on the 31st ult., and the remains were borne to the grave by four of the deceased's nephews. In the evening, as a last mark of respect, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 360 Oxford were rung at the church, the bells being muffled, but with the tenor open at hand: J. Poulson 1, H. Crick 2, A. Symonds 3, T. Hollocks 4, A. Keeble 5, W. Stiff (conductor) 6.

STEDMAN'S CLASSIFICATION OF METHODS.

BY HENRY DAINS.

A.D. 1668 was the date when Fabian Stedman published his first work on bell ringing, to which he gave the title "Tintinnalogia, or the Art of Ringing." In this work the method Grandsire is first published, and is described by Stedman as follows:—

GRANDSIRE ON FIVE BELLS.

"Grandsire is the best and most ingenious peal ever composed. It can be pricked or rung in some thousands of wayes." The 120 rows or changes with the making of all bobs and singles are given, which are made just as nowadays rung. He tells us the bobs and singles may be made when the treble lies behind, and, while the bobs are made behind, the singles may be made when the treble is in front, or at lead; and vice versa. An example of this is also given, and is similar to Reverse Grandsire, given on page 3 of "Legitimate Methods," published by the Central Council in 1907.

This classification is used by "The Clavis" in 1788, just one hundred years later; not in the Grandsire method, but applied to Plain Bob Minor and also in Reverse and Double form in Major.

Herein we also get a note to Superlative, to say: "The above method may be rung with bobs behind and before, like real double."

Upon another page of this "Tintinnalogia" Stedman tells us Grandsire has two sorts of bobs, one is a "single bob" and the other a "double bob." Our Grandsire 3rd's place is the single bob, while this place and our 3rd's place bob is the double bob mentioned.

"GRANDSIRE BOB ON SIX BELLS."

This is really what we ring as Plain Bob, but it is given as above in "Tintinnalogia." This, too, is described as having two sorts of bobs, viz., a single bob and a double bob. The single bob is made in 2nd's place, next the treble when at lead, and the double bob is our 4th's place bob. There is no error here, and every change of the first eighteen-score is given. But at every 4th place bob there is a line drawn through between the hand stroke and back stroke of the treble's lead. This shows an inclination towards another view and opinion of these two sorts of bobs, which appears to have led up to the "Explosion of the two bobs theory"; as when publishing his next work "Campanologia," A.D. 1677, wherein Stedman's principle first appears, this theory as to two kinds of bobs is not continued. It has, as before mentioned, exploded and vanished, while that which I describe as our 3rd's place bob in Grandsire, 4th's in Minor, goes on and is retained and continued in "Clavis" and other later works. But Stedman continues his classification in "Campanologia," as therein is first published Double Oxford, just as presented by "The Clavis," and "Shipway," and "Standard Methods" of more recent date.

MR. J. H. MIDWINTER'S 50 PEALS.

Mr. J. H. Midwinter scored his 50th peal last week with the Treble Bob at Llandudno. His total is made up as follows: Grandsire Doubles 1, Triples 15, Caters 2, Cinques 1, Stedman Triples 8, Bob Minor 1, Major 8, Maximus 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 7, Royal 1, Double Norwich Major 3, Superlative Surprise 2—total 50.

A LETTER FROM THE ANTIPODES.

THE POSITION OF RINGING IN AUSTRALIA.

We have received an interesting and welcome letter from Mr. Arthur E. Bames, of Melbourne, who, as one of the pioneers of ringing in Australia, is well known by name to members of the Exercise in this country. Unfortunately change ringing, owing to a combination of circumstances, is at a low ebb in the Commonwealth. Mr. Bames writes:—

I am sorry to say that the noble Art has not may devotees here. It never was in a prosperous condition, mainly owing to the lack of towers with bells, the want of enthusiastic men, and the apathy of the church authorities. Those who have bells seem quite content so long as they make a noise. In Melbourne we have three rings, one of 13 and two of eight. St. Paul's are in good condition, St. Patrick's want rehanging, and St. James' are unringable. As regards the men, neither society has a good band, and the interest is so lukewarm that a combined team cannot be relied upon. It is over seven years since a peal was rung in Australia, and only once since then has a peal been near accomplishment, namely, two years ago in Sydney, when a combined band of Melbourne and Sydney men attempted Holt's Original and lost it eight leads from home, owing to the tenor man failing. Since then no attempt of any kind has been made for a peal in any of the States.

HANDBELL PRACTICE.

About four years ago myself and two other members of St. Paul's met Mr. Wilde, of Dunedin, N.Z., formerly of England, and we started on handbells with Bob Major, but unfortunately Mr. Wilde left Melbourne before we could do much. The rest of the band decided to stick to it, and practised Minor. We rang all the 720's of Bob and Grandsire Minor we knew to be in existence, but we never tried for a 5040. Later on we were joined by another member, who took 7-8, and we went in for Grandsire Triples, and have rung some long lengths, the most being 2940 in 94 minutes. We hope to get Holt's Original, but the distance from one another and the demands of overtime, etc., has so far always precluded us from attempting it. Sometimes we are two months without a practice, and so we get out of form.

"OUR ONLY HOPE."

I can assure you the way of a change ringer in Australia is very hard, especially when you have to travel 600 miles to meet another band. Our only hope is, now that the tide of immigration is setting our way again, that we may be able to get a few good English ringers here to give us a much needed augmentation. We see one now and again, but they are mostly of the "stoney" brigade, or at the best "treble ringers," and the tendency is for new chums to migrate from place to place, so we soon lose them. The native born youth is not a glutton for ringing, possibly because no one in authority helps it along. If we only had a good change ringing parson here we might show better results, but I am afraid that this country will be like America, never a centre of change ringing, which is purely a British institution. I am rather surprised that this is so, as Australia is populated by a purely British stock, not like the U.S.A., a polyglot of all nations. I believe that less than 9 per cent. of the population here are of foreign extraction.

COMPOSITIONS.

5024 FORWARD MAJOR.
By J. Armiger Trollope.

123456	I	B	O	F	423516	B	O	F
562314	—	—		—	362415	—		—
542613				—	352614			—
532416				—	342516			—
263514		—		—	564213	—	—	—
243615				—	534612			—
253416				—	524316			—
465312		—	—	—	462513	—		—
425613				—	432615			—
435216				—	452316			—
563412		—		—	265413	—		—
523614				—	235614			—
543216				—	245316			—
264315		—	—	—	364512	—	—	—
254613				—	324615			—
234516				—	354216			—
463215		—		—				
453612				—				
423516				—				

Four times repeated. Omit bobs at F in last 12 courses of one part.

Rung at St. John's, Lambeth, on Wednesday, August 30th, 1911, conducted by J. E. Davis.

5024 FORWARD MAJOR.
By John Carter.

123456	H	I	B	O
432156			I	I
243156			I	
164523	2			
546123			I	I
654123			I	
145623			I	I
514623			I	
641523			I	I
561423				I
156423			I	
615423			I	
451623			I	I
215643		I	I	
521643			I	
612543			I	I
261543			I	
516243			I	I
651243			I	
165243			I	

These last 7 courses 3 times repeated produce 214563. Then the whole 3 times repeated completes the peal. Treble and 2nd never in 6th's at the course ends.

Not often do we find humour among the notices of meetings, but we fancy we can see a smile cross the face of many a reader when he notices the appeal of the Ashford district secretary of the Kent Association, who concludes his intimation that the annual meeting is to be held at Headcorn with the following: "Turn up, brothers, either by road, rail or sea." He might, in these days, have added also "or air."

RINGING IN BERKSHIRE.

A week or two ago among our "Odd Changes" we quoted a correspondent who had sent us particulars of what he called "peculiar sorts of ringing" which he had met with. Referring to Berkshire, he said that "whole pull changes from cards are rung." Mr. R. G. Rice, of Harwell, Berks, writes that this is quite a mistake on the part of our correspondent. He says: "The ringing here is either 'half pull' or else 'stoney.' I admit that ringing is in a very bad state in this county. There are some fine peals of bells, notably Appleton, St. Lawrence's, Reading, and Abingdon (ten bells), and eight at Wantage, Wallingford, Hagbourne, Blewbury, Lambourne, Drayton; St. Mary's and St. Giles', Reading; Sonning, Tilehurst; Aldermaston, Wokingham, and a few others. Owing to the fine band at Caversham, ringing is very good in the Reading district. Of the other places the only decent ringing is at Appleton on the beautful ring of ten there, but in so small a village it is exceedingly difficult to keep a competent band going. There are any amount of rings of six, but very little good ringing is done on them."

Mr. Rice goes on to complain that in his own parish, where they have a fine ring of six bells, a good Minor band could be raised, if the men only had more energy and pluck. "This is a big village," he adds, "but we can't get men with pluck enough to form a tug-of-war team, and they are all afraid to play cricket or football." This is a sad indictment of the villagers. Has the English spirit in them evaporated?

CAST IN THE "YEERE OF PLAGUE, WARRE AND FIRE."

In the quaint old village of Damerham, Wilts, is a curious Church with a very large tower, containing a ring of five bells, tenor about 9 cwt. in G, thus inscribed:—

(1) 1666. F.F. IY.
(2) G. Tiller & H. Butler Ch. Wardens
James Wells Fecit 1803 .·.
(3) OVR . THREE . BECAME . FIVE . WHEN . FEW . ELSE . DID . THRIVE . G.Y. - F.F.
(4) Mr. Edmd. Bound & Mr. Thos. Welstead.
Ch. Wds. w c 1739 A.D.
(5) I : WAS : CAST : IN : THE : YEERE : OF : PLAGVE : WARRE : AND : FIRE : MR. IOHN : BALLAM : GILES : YARDLEY : EDWARD : FOORD ; CHVRCHWARDENS : ED : 1666 : F.F.

F.F. stands for Francis Foster, a Salisbury bellfounder.

At the suggestion of Mr. Chas. W. Goodenough, of Bournemouth, who is a native of Damerham, a band of change ringers met at the church on August 26th, raised the bells in peal, rang a 120 of Grandsire Doubles, and lowered them in peal. The bells sadly need rehanging and tuning, and it was with considerable difficulty that the 120 was scored by W. W. Gifford, S. Macey, J. S. Rummins, C. W. Goodenough and Keith Hart.

"The Ringing World" is a comprehensive title, and how wide-scattered is our reading public is brought home to our notice this week by the fact that our columns include contributions from the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Australia.

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Mr. C. H. Hattersley writes that the 5056 Superlative Surprise by G. Cross, published in our issue of September 1st, is a reproduction of one by Mr. J. W. Washbrook.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE HON. SECRETARY OF THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Few young men have come so rapidly to the forefront of the Exercise as Mr. Clement Glenn, the popular hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association. Still on the right side of 30, he has won many laurels, and his brilliant talents have stamped him as the man peculiarly fitted to occupy the important post as chief executive officer of one of the largest as well as the oldest of our provincial ringing organisations.

Born at Rotherham on May 3rd, 1883, Mr. Glenn had a love for the bells from a very early age. So fascinated

Mr. Clement Glenn.

was he by their sound that he used to stand outside the tower of the Parish Church at Rotherham in all weathers listening to the bells for many a Sunday before he ventured up the steps to the ringing chamber. His first appearance in a belfry was in September, 1899, and he was taken in hand by Mr. Tom Lee. With his guidance at home pricking figures and assisted in the tower by Mr. Walter Coates, this sixteen-year-old youth quickly mastered the rudiments of the Art, and from that time he has gone ahead with rapid strides until he stands to-day among the foremost of north country ringers. Rotherham, where Mr. Glenn lived until about twelve months ago, was a noted place for good ringing 50 and more years ago; and at that time, so report goes, was, with Birmingham, the only place outside London where local bands could ring Stedman Caters.

Mr. Glenn joined the Yorkshire Association in January, 1901, and rang his first peal—Bob Minor—at Treeton in May, 1903. He has seemed especially gifted in acquiring the mysteries of the Art, and even in those early days instructed a young band to augment the senior company at Rotherham Parish Church. Change ringing on handbells specially appealed to him, and such good progress was made that on April 9th, 1905, the band rang the first handbell peal in Rotherham—Grandsire Triples—which Mr. Glenn conducted, the average age of the company being only 19. At this time handbell ringing in Sheffield district was at a low ebb, plain courses being mostly the order of the day. Mr. Glenn determined to try and improve matters, and his enthusiasm was infectious, but practically every handbell ringer in the district has to thank him for his first peal in hand. Mr. Glenn's handbell record speaks eloquently of his ability, and of the 94 peals thus rung he has conducted no fewer than 90. Those of the band who are still sticking to it hope to climb higher in the future, and progress, even if at present slow, is certainly sure. In August, 1906, Mr. Glenn conducted the first handbell peal of Stedman Triples by the Yorkshire Association, and has also called the Association's first peals of Minor and Bob Royal on handbells.

In just over six years he rang 200 peals for the Yorks Association, his double century being reached on September 25th, 1909. Although so young he was the first member to reach that total. The peal, too, was a memorable one in another way. It was Holt's Original in hand, rung in 1hr. 49mins.—record time for Triples. It was grand ringing, as indeed it had to be, for a trip while going at that speed would have meant disaster. Mr. Glenn is always ready to assist young aspirants, and has conducted scores of peals all over the county of Broad Acres. He has been privileged to call the first peal of Cater on the bells of Beverley Minster, and the first peal of Grandsire Caters upon the magnificent new ring at Selby Abbey, two of the grandest peals in the country. Incidentally, it may be mentioned, he also called the last peal—Stedman Triples—on the old eight at Selby Abbey before the lamentable fire. He conducted the first handbell peal in Lincolnshire, and the first peal of Royal on Grantham bells.

Mr. Glenn was elected honorary secretary of the Yorkshire Association in 1908, after having served on the committee. This association is not divided into districts, despite the enormous area which it covers, and as there are some 1,400 members, the work takes up a considerable amount of time, which, however, is not by any means grudged. On the occasion of his marriage in July last year, the officers and the committee of the Yorks Association presented him with a handsome silver flower stand, the base being engraved with a suitable inscription. Mr. Glenn is one of the representatives of the Yorkshire Association on the Central Council, and when the meeting was in London in 1909, thanks to the admirable arrangements of Mr. C. J. North, of Thornton Heath, succeeded, in addition to attending the meeting, in ringing six peals in six attempts during his week end visit to the Metropolis, one of them being the first handbell peal of Stedman Triples by the Surrey Association, which Mr. Glenn conducted. Another office which he holds is that of Ringing Master of the St. Peter's Society, Sheffield, and in this capacity affords assistance at the monthly meetings to those desiring to improve. When the ring of eight bells was erected at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, in October last year, Mr. Glenn was appointed instructor to the new band, and we may hope to see recorded in due time the "first peal on the bells by a local band," with the Vicar and curate standing in.

Being of a mathematical turn of mind, the theoretical side of ringing has always appealed to Mr. Glenn, and, favoured with the friendship of such a man as Mr. Charles Hattersley, he has had the advantage of that veteran's knowledge in solving many knotty points. Appended is the list of Mr. Glenn's peals :—

TOWER BELLS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire Doubles	1	1
Minor Methods	6	5
Grandsire Triples	20	18
Grandsire Caters	15	15
Grandsire Cinques	1	
Bob Major	16	10
Bob Royal	5	5
Kent Treble Bob Major (including 11,232)	16	3
Kent Treble Bob Royal	5	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1	
College Single Major	2	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	4	
Double Norwich Court Bob Royal	2	
Erin Triples	1	1
Stedman Triples	47	32
Stedman Caters	14	4
Stedman Cinques	6	
Yorkshire Surprise Major	1	
Superlative Surprise Major	1	
London Surprise Major	1	
	167	95

HANDBELLS.

Bob Minor	1	1
Bob Major	36	32
Bob Royal	1	1
Grandsire Triples	32	32
Grandsire Caters	22	22
Stedman Triples	2	2
	94	90

Total 261. Conducted 185. Rung in 50 towers and seven counties.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

The new Harrison Memorial Church at Wellasey, near Liverpool, which is to be opened about November, is to have a peal of six bells, tenor 16½ cwt., while the frame is to be made for eight, the proposal being to add the trebles later. Messrs. Warner and Sons, Ltd., have the contract.

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The same firm have also in hand the rehanging of the peal of five at King Somborne, Hants. The tenor (12 cwt.) is to be recast, and the bells are to be rehung in new iron headstocks and an iron frame constructed for six. The treble is to be added later. The work, together with the erection of a new clock, is being carried out to commemorate the Coronation.

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We hear that no more peal attempts will be allowed at Lavenham until the bells have been thoroughly overhauled. Service ringing will take place as usual and visitors will still be allowed to ring touches.

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Mr. W. Newell, of Reading, has been paying a visit to Hagbourne, Berks, where, more than a quarter of a century ago, he first taught the local ringers the Grandsire method. He rang in a quarter-peal of Grandsire for every service. It is curious to notice that there are at the present time eight men, in or near the village, who used to ring Grandsire, and who, with one exception, are all in good health, but who very rarely now pay a visit to the grand old tower for a pull on the bells. They can never have felt the real grip which ringing has upon those who really follow the Art. Unfortunately there are many more like them about the country.

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Another attempt for the ladies' peal at Cubitt Town is to be made, we hear, early in October. Ringers will wish the fair band every success when they make their second start.

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We have had two Minor methods, both of which have been rung, sent us by a correspondent for publication. We would like to point out, however, that one of them, "St. James' Surprise," is not a legitimate method, neither is it a Surprise method. It is not legitimate because, among other things, it does not retain the working bells in the same coursing order at each lead head. It is not a Surprise method, because it has not got a place made at each cross section.

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The second of the two methods is called Coronation Surprise, "by permission of His Majesty the King." The method is legitimate, but not new. It is not in the collection of legitimate methods, because it has 5th's place when the treble is not in 6th's, and these methods are excluded because "they nearly all bring up the tenors the wrong way behind in a 720, and if, by any chance, they avoid being marred by this defect, the 5th's place is in any case objectionable, even with the treble behind, and much more so with any other bell there." We quote this explanation from the preface to the collection.

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There is no question that Minor is worked out. According to expert opinion all the Minor methods worth ringing are in the collection, and all the rest have been worked out and consigned to the waste paper basket. It is simply impossible now to get a new one.

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Among the peals recorded in this week's issue is one rung at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington. A good story relating to an incident at this church was told on Monday in one of the London dailies. It does not relate to the ringers, but concerns the choir, and is certainly worth repeating.

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"Some churchgoers," runs the story, "take more interest in the choir than the pulpit, and this tendency was once sternly rebuked by the verger at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington. The present Lord Chief Justice has for years sung in the choir of this church. An American lady attending the morning service asked the verger if he would kindly point out to her the person of the distinguished chorister. The verger replied : 'Well, mum, that is the vicar, and them's the curates, and I'm the verger ; but as for the choir—as long as they does their dooty we don't inquire into their hantecedents.' "

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BELLS OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

OFFERS OF PEALS REJECTED.

From Dr. A. H. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A., we have received an interesting brochure upon the bells of Harvard College. It is a reprint of an article published in the "New England Historical and Genealogical Register" for July, and is excellently illustrated by reproductions of old prints of the college buildings.

The bell has played its part in the life of the famous New England college since 1642, and altogether there have been eight since that date. Dr. Nichols' article gives an interesting history of the successive bells, the earlier of which were cast in England. Indeed, it was not until 1808 that Harvard had a bell cast on American soil, and this came from the foundry of Paul Revere, of Boston, and weighed 434lbs. It was succeeded in 1836 by a bell weighing 450lbs. cast by George Handel Holbrook, of East Medway, Massachusetts. The present bell, the eighth of the line, if we may so designate it, weighs 550lbs., and was cast by Messrs. Meneely and Co., of West Troy, N.Z. It was first rung on January 7th, 1900.

A SCHEME THAT FAILED.

Unhappily Harvard has never had a peal of bells. Dr. Nichols says in his article: "In 1894 an appeal was made through the 'Harvard Graduates' Magazine' for a complete ring of heavy bells to be hung in the tower of the Memorial Hall, designed to facilitate the introduction of scientific change ringing, as practiced at Cambridge and Oxford Universities. In response to this appeal the entire amount necessary to defray the cost of such a peal was promptly offered, and from two different sources. The scheme, however, met with failure, for an inspection of the imposing tower by engineers disclosed the surprising fact that its walls were too unstable for even light bells swinging upon the principle of the pendulum, while all other requirements of a ringing guild, including a ringing chamber, had been omitted from the architect's designs. The Memorial Hall now contains a clock and a fine-toned bell of 3,000lbs., cast by Van Duzen & Co., of Cincinnati, the gift of the Class of 1872, installed and formally presented after commencement in 1897. It has been suggested that the sight of Old Stoughton might be appropriately marked by the erection of a loftly campanile, which would serve for clock and peal of bells. Indeed, within a few years a very large sum has been offered to the college, more than adequate to provide for the construction of such a monument.

OFFERS DECLINED.

"This offer was, however, declined from the feeling that any benefit thus accruing to the college would be hardly commensurate with the amount expended. Shortly afterwards came another offer of a ring of twelve heavy bells as a memorial of a graduate of the Class of 1847. This generous offer was likewise made in vain, one of the reasons assigned being that no tower was available for its installation.

"Incidentally, it may be mentioned that change ringing on tower bells has been systematically taught for several years at Groton School. Hence there can always be found at Cambridge (U.S.A.) graduates of this school sufficient in number to make up a guild of experienced ringers qualified to manage church bells of any weight."

LADIES IN THE BELFRY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I trust you will find space to publish the following in your paper as an instance of the views a clergyman takes as regards lady ringers. Our Vicar, I am sorry to say, has been seriously ill for some time, and has now gone away to recuperate. Meanwhile a deputy has taken his place, and he expressed a wish to meet the ringers so as to make their acquaintance. Accordingly he paid a visit to the belfry, and found we have in our band a young lady (who, I may say, has made good progress in the art of change ringing). Shortly after this, he asked to see our captain, and informed him he must absolutely forbid the young lady in question from entering the belfry under any circumstances whatever, and on being pressed gave as his reason: "The belfry is not a fit and proper place for any female, as it might lead to questionable actions taking place." In course of further conversation he stated the belfry is not, in the strict sense of the term part, of the church. This, I think, your readers will agree is absurd. It was pointed out that numerous churches in the country could boast of lady ringers, but this had no effect, and this gentleman still persists in the attitude he has taken up, with the result the young lady is debarred from following up her hobby, notwithstanding her father is captain, and she also has a brother who is a member of the band. My object in writing thus is that perhaps some of our clerical friends, and also ringers both male and female, will express their opinion on this, I trust isolated, case, so that this individual clergyman may be induced to somewhat modify the ideas he holds as regards bell ringers.—Yours faithfully,

E. J. B.

A DAY AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

The ringers of St. James' Church, Birch-in-Rusholm, Manchester, had their annual outing on Monday, September 4th, when they visited Loughborough, where they arrived shortly after 9 a.m. They immediately visited the bell foundry of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and were cordially received by Mr. J. W. Taylor and Mr. E. D. Taylor, who kindly conducted them through each department of the works. Afterwards an adjournment was made to the bell tower, and several short touches were rung on the peal of eight. Later the carrillon chamber with its 37 bells was inspected. Thanking Messrs. Taylor for their kindness, the party adjourned to the Great Central Hotel for dinner. A drive round the country occupied most of the afternoon, but time was found for a touch of 500 Grandsire Triples on the bells of Loughborough Parish Church, permission to use the bells having previously been obtained by Mr. J. W. Taylor.—After tea a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the Rector and congregation of Birch, who had once more generously provided the funds for the annual outing. After a happy and enjoyable day Manchester was reached at 10.15 p.m. The ringers wish, through "The Ringing World," to thank the Rector of Loughborough for the use of the bells.

NORTHAMPTON RINGERS' OUTING.

The annual outing of the St. Edmund's Society, Northampton, took place on Saturday, September 2nd. The party proceeded to Buckingham in the morning, and on the excellent peal of eight at the parish church, rang touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major. Going on then to Brackley, where the peal of six were found to be not in the best going order, short touches of Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung. Dinner was partaken of at the Crown Hotel, where Host Gray had prepared an excellent repast, at which the visitors, much to their pleasure, were joined by the curate of Brackley (the Rev. Chapman). After dinner the party had an enjoyable drive to Middleton Cheney, via Aynhoe and King's Sutton. At Aynhoe they found a peal of eight, recently rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., which are a credit to this noted firm. Time only allowed for a touch of Stedman Triples, but all were unanimous that a future visit must be made to the tower if at all possible. At King's Sutton they were unable to ring through insufficient notice having been given, so the party continued their journey to Middleton Cheney, where they found the Rector, the Rev. H. P. Brown (a late curate of St. Edmund's), had provided an excellent tea in the Rectory. They were joined by members of the local belfry, and a right good time was spent. After tea they adjourned to the parish church, which contains one of the heaviest peals of six in Northamptonshire (tenor, 28 cwt.), but are badly in need of the bell-hangers. The peal at present is practically unringable, but to those who know the Rector, this, with good fortune, will soon be rectified. Another visit had to be made to the Rectory for refreshments, and then, after a little handbell ringing on the lawn, the party reluctantly had to retrace their steps to Brackley, but not until they had given "three times three" for the Rector and his wife. Northampton was reached shortly after 10 p.m., and all were fully agreed that it had been one of the most enjoyable outings the society had taken part in. The members wish to thank the various Rectors for their kindness in giving permission to ring, and also the steeple keepers for having everything ready at the respective towers.

STURMINSTER MARSHALL BELLS.

DEDICATION OF AUGMENTED PEAL.

The Church of Sturminster Marshall, Dorset, has had its ancient peal of four bells augmented to six, and they were dedicated on Tuesday week. The work in the belfry has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have removed the old worm-eaten bell cage, and have substituted a steel girder frame. The four original bells are of ancient date, three belonging to the pre-Reformation period, and one was recast in 1622 by John Wallace, of Salisbury. The tenor, weighing nearly a ton, has had its handsome and decorated cannon removed, and this has been nicely worked up into a font cover—although weighing 125lbs.—and mounted on a plinth of oak taken from the old oak in the belfry. The two new bells are the gift of Mrs. S. T. Courtney, as a memorial of the long-standing connection of her family with the parish, while the cost of the new frame and the rehanging of the old four bells has been generously borne by Mr. C. E. Parke, a former churchwarden and a lord of the manor.

The inscription on the two new bells are: "Susan Courtney gave me in memory of the Mackrell family, 1911," and "R. Courtney gave me, 1911."

The dedication on Tuesday was performed by the Archdeacon of Dorset (the Ven. C. L. Dundas), the service being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Cross). After the dedication, the bells pealed out merrily, the ringers being: W. W. Gifford (Salisbury) 1, C. J. Johnston (Croydon) 2, Rev. F. Le Edwards (Kington Magna) 3, A. F. Martin Stewart (Wimborne) 4, J. S. Rumming 5, A. Osman (Wimborne) 6. The Archdeacon preached an appropriate sermon from the text, "O come let us worship," alluding to the part which music and bells played in the lives of men and worship.

After the service six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, and also 360 Bob Minor, Messrs. Lewis (Blandford), Townsend and Case (Poole), being among those taking part, Mr. C. Goodenough (Bournemouth) conducting. Some 30 ringers enjoyed the hospitality of the Vicar and churchwardens at supper, the Archdeacon and Mr. C. E. Parke being among the guests.

THE STOKE SOCIETY, COVENTRY.

The annual outing of the Stoke Society took place in ideal weather on Saturday, September 2nd, when a visit was paid to Solihull, where on arrival the party, numbering ten, were met by Mr. Martineau. After a substantial tea had been partaken of, a move was made to the tower, where the fine peal of ten were set going to the tune of Grandsire Caters, 396 being struck off by E. Johnson 1, F. Pervin 2, A. Roberts (conductor) 3, R. Bragg 4, G. Martineau 5, W. Cox 6, C. Freeman 7, J. H. White 8, J. Bragg 9, G. Webster 10. Touches of Bob Royal, Stedman Caters, Bob Major and Stedman Triples were also rung, in which Mr. T. Russam and several of the local ringers took part. An adjournment was then made to the Mason's Arms, where a pleasant hour was spent with the local men. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar of Solihull for the use of the bells, and Mr. Martineau for having them in readiness.

LANCASHIRE MEETING AT OLDHAM.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch was held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday last, when ringers from Moorside, Glodwick, Middleton, Todmorden, Milnrow, Newhey, Rochdale, Ashton, Manchester, were present, together with the local band. The bells were ready for three o'clock, but only three or four ringers turned up before the time of the meeting, which was at 6 p.m. The meeting was presided over by Mr. J. Ogden, of Moorside. One new member was elected. Todmorden Parish Church was selected as the place of the next meeting. Votes of thanks were given to the Vicar and wardens for use of tower and bells.

Afterwards touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters and Cinques, Kent Treble Bob Major and Treble Bob Royal, were rung. Mr. F. Shepherd, of Birmingham, dropped in while the ringing was in progress, and had the satisfaction of a pull on the twelve.

"OLD PRIORY BELLS."

To the Editor.

Sir,—In Mr. Walter's "Church Bells," he refers to the bells at the Priory of S. Martin-le-Grand (City). As that place was pulled down, and the old G.P.O. built on its site, I have been wondering where the peal of bells went to. There is a church opposite with a peal of six—St. Vedast, Foster Lane—but I don't know whether these were the Priory bells. Could any reader tell me? I should also like to know what peals there are in this great city. WM. DRIVER.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PLEASANT GATHERING AT BISHOPSTOKE.

The quarterly meeting of the Winchester district, held at Bishopstoke last Saturday, proved a most enjoyable one. The church bells (5) were freely used during the afternoon, and the pleasant grounds of "Oakbank," the residence of Mr. Henry White, which is close to the church, were open to members. At five o'clock tea was served on the lawn, at the close of which Mr. White spoke some words of kindly welcome on behalf of Mrs. White, his daughters, and himself, and gave some account of the trouble he and the rector had experienced to get the bells moved from the old church to the new one. He hoped that at some future time a similar gathering to this one would take place, when they might have an increased number of bells to invite members to ring on.

A vote of thanks to Mr. White and his family was proposed by the district secretary (Mr. J. W. Elkins) for their most kind hospitality, and to the Rector (the Rev. S. N. Sedgewick) for the use of the bells.—This was seconded by the Rev. W. E. Colchester, the general secretary of the Guild, who said he hoped the ring at Bishopstoke would become one of eight bells, and when it was decided to make it one of that number he was quite sure some help would be given by the Guild.

The Rector thanked Mr. Colchester, and expressed the hope that it would be possible to add to the number of bells, when he should certainly not forget the kind offer made by Mr. Colchester. One thing, he said, which struck him about ringers was their good-fellowship, and he could not sufficiently express his gratitude to the North Stoneham band for the way in which they had come forward and helped his own ringers.

Mr. A. T. King, late secretary of the Middlesex Association, congratulated the Winchester Guild on their position with regard to points for peals.

Mr. W. H. George brought his handbells, and some touches were rung on them. At a subsequent meeting of the committee, at which Messrs. Andrews, Williams, G. Smith, L. Lampard and F. Hunt were present, arrangements made by the district secretary for instruction to be given to Sparsholt and Bishop Sutton were confirmed, and the following members of the Bishopstoke band were admitted to the Guild, viz.: Messrs. Grant and Titcombe, full members; and Messrs. Ayliff, Collyer, Gillingham, Hutchens, Lewis, Snooks and Wells, probationers.

Twyford tower was open during the evening, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung on the bells. Permission has been obtained from the Dean for a peal to be rung on the Cathedral bells in the month of October, and Mr. G. Williams is getting a band together to make the attempt, probably on Saturday, October 21st.

STEDMAN THEORY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. James is evidently afraid that I cannot grasp what is meant when he states that plain hunting backwards through any number of places is equivalent to dodging. Let him be assured that I do understand what he would have us believe, but must refuse to accept his teaching until he has shown its truth.

He now asks me to show that the principle consisting of B blocks of Original is a touch of Original. Surely Mr. James cannot be serious when he says this is necessary to prove the existence of bobs, which is the point on which we are contending.

I have shown that bobs are present in a slow six of Stedman by reasoning and argument, and while Mr. James says there are no bobs, he has not troubled to show where my reasoning is unsound, but has been contented with a reiteration of the hunting backward theory.

I will, therefore, close my case by asking Mr. James to show the unsoundness of his own arguments, for if he will refer to the "Bell News" of September 25th, 1909, he will find one of his letters which concludes thus:—

"Now consider Stedman in the same way, and we arrive at a true solution of the question. The slow six contains three bobs which are complimentary, and so it is a plain six; the quick six contains only two bobs which are not complementary, and so it is a bob six.

	Course Order.	
23145	51234	
32415	51234	Bob.
23451	51423	
24315	51423	Bob.
42351	51342	
43215	51342	Bob."
34251	51234	

Will Mr. James, if he does not now agree with this, his own argument, please show where he made the mistake.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

OUR FIRST OUTING.

BY A BRADPOLE RINGER.

Everything must have a beginning, and our band, reformed on modern lines so recently as last Christmas, resolved to have an outing. The old adage of "Cutting one's coat to the cloth," had to be put into practice, for funds were low and our aims had to be accordingly modest.

However, with a little scheming, and with the cordial co-operation of the clergy whose churches we visited, a most pleasant afternoon antl evening was spent.

The party—seventeen all told—including the Vicar and one of the churchwardens, left by the mid-day train for Evershot. From the station an undulating road, skirting the leafy glades of Melbury Park, brought us to the village where we were most heartily welcomed by the Rev. Cobbett, who had most generously provided luncheon for us in the parish room. This was most welcome and duly appreciated by the party. Having thanked the Rector, we wended our way to the church, where we found a handy ring of six, with a 9 cwt. tenor, but in need of the bell hangers' attention. We rang a few touches of Grandsire Doubles, and having inspected the interesting church, bade our host adieu and started for the next tower. This entailed upwards of two miles' walking, over very loose hilly roads, but the tedium of the walk was relieved by the presence of a wealth of nuts and blackberries, which were eagerly gathered by the younger members of the party. At last, hot and dusty, we reached Rampisham, which possesses a very ornate church and a peal of five bells, tenor 17 cwt. These go very well, but are hung left-handed—a novel experience for many.

CATTISTOCK CHURCH AND BELLS.

Everyone had a pull, and then tracks were made for the far-famed tower of Cattistock, with its carrillon of 35 bells, including the peal of eight hung for ringing (tenor, 18 cwt.). The church is indeed worthy of a visit, for no money has been spared to make it beautiful, and one has to travel far before such another baptistery font and cover can be met with. The tower, too, is equally beautiful, and possesses every convenience, including a silent apparatus. Yet, although pounds are spent yearly on the clock, carillon, etc., the tenor is in such a state that it can hardly be kept up for a five hundred. Possibly this is because ringers are scarce, for with all these conveniences there are only seven in the band.

The bells are not all in tune, and the carillon is often lauded above its worth. A pleasant hour was spent in ringing and viewing the church, and then a move made to Maiden Newton (six bells). Here Canon Hankey had most thoughtfully provided tea in the grounds of the Rectory, which, needless to say, was very acceptable. But we were unable to ring owing to the canon's illness—he having had an attack of heat apoplexy. Handbells, however, beguiled the time till the return train from Maiden Newton, and we arrived home thoroughly well pleased with our afternoon.

To the clergy at whose churches we rang, and to the Rectors of Evershot and Maiden Newton for their hospitality, we tender our most grateful thanks.

A NORTH NORFOLK BELL RINGERS' OUTING.

On Sunday last a party of the Fakenham bell ringers, members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, drove over, before morning service, to the Church of St. Mary, North Creake, a six-bell tower, where they rang a 720 Bob Minor and a short touch, it being the occasion of the Harvest Festival. After staying to service, the drive was continued through Holkham Park, permission for which had been given, and which afforded great pleasure to the party. Reaching Holkham Church, a stay was made, and, meeting some of the ringers from Holkham and Wells, some short touches were rung on the beautiful bells, but owing to slight mishaps, nothing particular was accomplished. Tea was then partaken of, and the return journey commenced at 4.30. After a pleasant drive along the coast road, and a short stay at Wells-next-the-Sea, the party reached home about 7 p.m., the total distance covered having been about 30 miles. The ringers wish to thank the authorities for the use of the towers, etc.

THE PEAL OF MINOR IN RUTLAND.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to point out to Mr. Walter White and band that the peal of Minor at Langham, Rutland, was not the first peal in seven methods in that county, as the Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Southern branch) rang a peal of Minor in seven methods at Exton (Rutlandshire), the Earl of Gainsborough's Rutland seat, on Easter Monday, March 28th, 1910. We did not claim this as the first peal in seven methods at the time, as there was some doubt on the matter.

—Yours truly, F. BLOOD.

Biggleswade.

BELTON BELLS DEDICATED.

AN ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY IN RUTLAND.

Two peals, a bell-opening, various touches on handbells, besides ringing for two services, is not a bad record for five days. Such was the result of a visit to the beautiful county of Rutland by some half-a-dozen members of the Midland Counties Association. Wednesday, August 30th, saw assembled at the Old Hall, Belton, a band of ringers from Melton, Waltham, Langham, Cotgrave, Burton-on-Trent, and Wymondham, who had come together, at the invitation of Mr. J. J. Jackson, to open the new peal of six bells, and to assist at the dedication of the lych-gate.

The opening portion of the service was held in the church, and then the Ven. Archdeacon Moore, of Oakham, led a procession to the new gate, and prayers were said, and psalms and hymns sung in the churchyard. Next, the Archdeacon proceeded to the belfry, and dedicated the bells to the service of the church, immediately after which the local band raised the bells in peal. After a most inspiring sermon from the Archdeacon, and the blessing pronounced, the bells struck off as a voluntary, and "Go, Bob Minor" was called, the first 720 being brought round, after some excellent striking, in 25 minutes. Later in the evening, visitors arrived from Brington, Hunts, Oakham, etc., and the bells were rung almost continuously until 8 p.m. In the evening, a handbell demonstration and impromptu concert was given in the Village Hall, where Grandsire Caters and Triples, and tunes were heard, probably for the first time, by the villagers with great delight. Mr. Cyril Johnston was highly entertaining with some songs, and there were also contributions from Messrs. Jackson and Baker.

Thursday saw the Belton party setting out for Oakham, where hangs a fine peal of eight, recently hung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, with a tenor weighing about a ton. Here, with men standing in from Oakham, Melton and Waltham, a start was made for a peal of Bob Major, but five courses only had been rung when a shift course occurred. Grandsire Triples was then commenced, and Mr. Bartram had called almost half of the well-worn ten-part when this too came to grief. A course of Double Court on the back six, as a practice for the other peals of the week, brought the ringing here to a close.

With the coming in of September, the luck of the peal ringing turned, as will have been seen by the peal columns. A peal of Minor in seven different methods was the result of three hours good ringing at the beautiful church of Langham, a very good performance, when it is considered that four of the band had not previously rung some of the methods, and two had not rung a peal of any kind for two years. Langham possesses a very nice ring of bells, and the ringing was greatly enjoyed. After the peal, the ringers were entertained to supper at the Noel Arms by Mr. R. W. Baker, one of the churchwardens, whose hospitality was much appreciated. Sundry calls on the way home delayed the party until the "wee sma' hoors," with the result that they retired something after 3 a.m.

Saturday was the day fixed for the opening peal on the new bells, and a band, consisting chiefly of old hands, had been called together. Messrs. Bartram and Willson cycled in from different directions, and Mr. William White arrived by train. The band, which had been arranged for some weeks, was now complete, but the worthy conductor of the day before generously offered to stand out, having, as he said, won his laurels. A last minute change was, therefore, made, Mr. Dyke standing in. It was remarked that not often had a band such a good reserve, but Mr. White occupied his time in checking the peal as it was rung. Single Court was a new method to four of the band, but was got through in excellent style, and 720 after 720 was rung with almost monotonous precision, finishing with a truly magnificent 720 of Bob Minor. A grand peal was the unanimous verdict of the listeners, and a grand peal it certainly was. After supper, an adjournment was made once more to the Village Hall, where another entertainment was given.

On Sunday there was ringing for the men's service in the afternoon, and for evensong. Two 720's, one of Double Court, and one of Kent, with 360 each of Kent and Oxford Bob, were rung during the day, which wound up a most enjoyable and successful week. The thanks of the visitors are due to the incumbents at Oakham and Langham for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Baker for the trouble he took to arrange for the ringers at Langham, and for his hospitality after the peal. Lastly, but certainly not least, were they indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, who made them so welcome during the whole of their stay.

The peal of bells at Belton, four recast with additional metal, and two new trebles, given by (1) Mrs. G. Ward, and (2) Mr. and Mrs. Gough, give every credit to their founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and are almost perfect in tone. Their "go" could not be surpassed, while the sound in the ringing chamber is clear, without being noisy.

On Sunday, hymn and psalm tunes were tapped on the bells, to the delight of the neighbourhood.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—St. Mary Abbot's Guild.—On Sunday, July 13th, at St. Mary Abbot's, for evening service, 1268 Stedman Caters: J. Hayward 1, W. E. Garrard 2, C. J. Dobbie 3, W. A. Garrard 4, W. J. Daubney 5, P. G. Miles 6, E. G. Stibbons 7, J. R. Mackman 8, F. G. Miles (conductor) 9, C. H. Phipps 10.—On Sunday, September 3rd, for evening service, 1080 Kent Treble Bob Royal: J. Hayward 1, J. Thomas 2, C. J. Dobbie 3, G. B. Edser 4, W. A. Garrard 5, W. G. Matthews 6, W. J. Daubney 7, A. V. Selby 8, E. G. Stibbons 9, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 10.

IFRACOMBE, DEVON. — At SS. Philip and James' Church, on Thursday, August 17th, 720 Bob Minor: F. Morgan (Newport, Mon.) 1, H. Foulds (Colne, Lancs) 2, A. E. Morgan 3, A. Brook (Colne) 4, A. W. Brighton (London) 5, J. P. Foulds (Colne) conductor, 6.

CARDIFF.—St. John's Guild.—At St. John's Church, on August 24th, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Day 1, W. Biss (conductor) 2, E. Coles 3, W. Bolton 4, S. Dawe 5, F. Chamberlain 6, W. Millar 7, H. Burcomb 8.—On Sunday, September 9th, 518 Grandsire Triples: F. Coles 1, S. Dawe 2, S. Williams 3, W. Biss (conductor) 4, W. Millar 5, E. Coles 6, W. Bolton 7, J. Hole 8.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, August 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: W. Cox 1, W. Newell 2, W. Napper, junr., 3, J. Butler 4, T. East (conductor) 5, J. S. Napper 6, J. Dearlove 7, T. G. Warrick 8. Arranged for Mr. W. Newell, of Reading, who was on a visit, and who in the year 1884 first taught the Hagbourne ringers the Grandsire method

LAVENHAM. — Recently on handbells in the tower, 720 Victoria Treble Bob: F. Poulson 1, J. Poulson 2, A. Symonds 3—4, G. H. Symonds (conductor) 5—6. First in the method in the Ely Diocese.—On August 24th, 720 Bob Major: A. Symonds 1, F. Poulson 2, J. Poulson 3, G. Lambert 4, W. Faiers 5, Rev. R. L. Gardner 6, G. H. Symonds (conductor) 7—8.

HULL, YORKSHIRE.—On Tuesday, August 29th, at Holy Trinity Church, as a birthday compliment to Mr. Henry Jenkins, 938 Grandsire Triples (67 leads, representing his age): M. Hedges 1, T. Stockdale 2, F. Merrison 3, J. Highfield 4, H. Rodwell 5, E. Cutsforth 6, C. Jackson (conductor) 7, J. Chamberlain 8.

REDDISH, STOCKPORT.—On Tuesday, August 29th, at the Church of St. Elisabeth, 518 Grandsire Triples: A. Sumner (first 500) 1, G. A. Shawcross 2, Miss E. R. Barnes (first 500 inside) 3, A. Barnes (conductor) 4, T. Smithson 5, F. Needham 6, J. E. Barnes 7, J. Barnes 8.

GREENSTEAD GREEN, ESSEX.—On Thursday, August 31st, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: F. Claydon 1, O. Laver (first in the method) 2, G. Arnold 3, E. Ridgwell 4, J. French 5, A. Saunders (conductor) 6. Also 240 New London Pleasure.

NOTICES.

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SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury, on Saturday, September 16th, 1911. Ringing at St. Chad's at 2.30 p.m.—Rev. P. H. Green, Hon. Sec., South Hermitage, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Penkridge on Saturday, September 16th, 2.30 ringing; 4.45 committee meeting in vestry; 5.15 unveiling of peal board; 5.30 service in church, with address by the Vicar; 6.0 Tea, at 1s. each.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The next meeting of this division will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, September 16th. Tower open at 3. Tea at 5.30 at the Bent Hotel.—Robert J. Dawe, Divisional Honorary Secretary, Southover, Alfriston Road, Seaford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District).—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Rochester on Saturday, September 16th, 1911. The Cathedral tower open from 3 till 3.50. Service in the Cathedral at 4. Tea and meeting in the committee room, New Corn Exchange, at 5.30. The following towers will be open after the meeting: Cathedral and St. Margaret's till 9 p.m.; Chatham from 8 till 9.30; and Frinsbury 7 till 9.30.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, September 23rd. The bells at Heston, Norwood Green, and Hounslow will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Short service, with sermon by the Rev. F. W. A. Wilkinson, at 5.30. Tea 6d., at 6.15, to be followed by meeting. Those desirous of having tea provided for them are requested to notify either of the honorary secretaries not later than the 20th inst. Four representatives will be elected to serve on the next Central Council.—C. T. Coles, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow, and H. C. Chandler, 1, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretaries.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Crich, on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends invited (Ambergate and Whatstandwell stations).—Bart Mitchell, Honorary District Secretary, 68, Douglas Street, Derby.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea will be arranged at 5 o'clock, 1s. each, for all those who notify me not later than Tuesday, September 19th. There will be a short service in the church at 6 o'clock, to be followed by a business meeting for the election of officers, etc. An allowance of one penny per mile (single journey) will be paid to all members attending. Turn up, brothers, either by road, rail or sea!—C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will take place at Grimsby on Saturday, September 23rd. Peal attempt at St. James' 11 o'clock. Bells available in afternoon and evening. At St. Andrew's in afternoon. Service at St. Andrew's at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Albert Cafe (one minute from the Grimsby Docks Station) at 5 o'clock. Visitors cordially invited. For further particulars see Association circular.—J. W. Seamer, Honorary Secretary, 9, Augustin Street, Grimsby.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Drighlington on the 23rd inst. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting in the Church School at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Oakley, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells from 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting Oakley Parish Room at 6.—F. G. Hume, District Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Aston Manor (10 bells) on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells ready at 4 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec., The Parsonage, Shottery.

NOTICES (continued).

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Emberton, Bucks, on Saturday, September 23rd. Service at 3.30 p.m. —F. W. Booth, Honorary Secretary.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bennington on September 23rd, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. A free tea will be given by the Rev. W. Mills (Rector), in the parish room at 5.30. It is hoped that many will attend the meeting at this picturesque old-world village. All members and friends will be made welcome. —W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Sec., Little Munden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, September 30th. Tower (8 bells) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea at 5 (1s. each), both in the Grouse Inn. Those who intend being present for tea must please notify Mr. William Taylor, Northwood, Darley Dale, by Thursday morning, September 28th.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary, Cotgrave, Notts.

"WILLIAM VERRY" COMMEMORATION DINNER.—The seventh annual dinner will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Dinner 6.30 sharp. Tickets, 2s. 6d., may be had from C. Starkey, Honorary Secretary, 23, Tudor Street, Winson Green.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Blackpool on September 30th, when the bells at Lytham, St. Anne's, and Blackpool will be available all day. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

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BELLS,

CLOCKS,

CARILLONS.

At St. Michael's Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne,

The Record Long Peal of Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 Changes) was rung on Easter Monday, 1911, by the Ashton-under-Lyne Society in 8 HOURS and 39 MINUTES.

In November, 1910, all the 12 bells were repaired and the Tenor (27 cwt.) completely rehung by:—

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CHURCH BELLS AND THE LAW OF NUISANCE.

A Nottingham daily paper has published an article upon the subject of church bells and the law of nuisance. It was laid down 60 years ago, says the writer, in the case of Soltan v. De Held (1851), that the excessive ringing of church bells may be a nuisance which the Courts can restrain by injunction. But in that case (says the *Law Journal*) the bells were attached to a Roman Catholic church, and Vice-Chancellor Kindersley expressly distinguished the position from that which would arise if there were complaint of the ringing of the bells of a parish church. The latter are regarded by law as an appendage to the church, and their ringing before service is prescribed by the ecclesiastical law, and sanctioned by the State.

Recently, however, an Australian judge has granted an injunction to restrain the ringing of bells of a Church of England place of worship between 7.30 and 8 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The plaintiff in the case (Haddon v. Lynch), which was tried in the Supreme Court of Victoria, complained, with several of his neighbours, that the ringing had the effect of awakening his family, and was an unjustifiable interference with his comfort. And the judge, applying the rule as to nuisance propounded by Knight-Bruce, V.C., in Walter v. Selfe (1850), held that to be roused from sleep on Sunday morning at half-past seven by your neighbour's bell was an inconvenience materially interfering with the ordinary comfort physically of human existence; and, further, that the laudable purpose for which church bells are rung afforded no excuse. Churches are not exempt from the application of the maxim, "Sic utere tuo ut alienum non lædas."

We doubt, however, whether an English Court would be so regardful of the late slumberer on the Sunday. Apart altogether from the right of the Established Church to ring bells before each service for the purpose of summoning the people to prayer, an injunction would probably be refused on secular grounds. For unless there were something excessive in the ringing, the position would seem to be covered by the remark of Lord Selborne in St. Helen's Smelting Company v. Tipping (1865). "Are not church peals in the early morning a necessary incident of life in a village or town to which the inhabitants must subject themselves?" The Australian judge thought that they were not, and forbade the ringing at an earlier hour than 9 a.m. "Perhaps," concludes the article, "some sympathetic judge here may be found to follow his example,

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TESTIMONIAL.

John O. Sager, Solicitor, Todmorden, December 10, 1910.
Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., Bell and Brassfounders, Smethwick.

Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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and restrain night-chimed or early morning peals as useless sounds against which a man may have protection if they disturb his repose, though a hundred other men may not be disturbed by them."

We are not told whether the Australian action related to a church with a peal of bells or to one where there was but a single bell. It can easily be understood how residents might take exception to the monotonous ringing of a ting-tang. Some of the instruments which do duty as bells are sufficient to get on anyone's nerves, and those who have to endure the noise of such a bell rung for half an hour at a time may well be pardoned if they seek means of lessening the mental torture inflicted by the clanging of a bell without a particle of music in it, and more like the rattling of an old tin bucket. We seldom, however, hear of complaints about the proper ringing of peals of bells for services. Now and again an individual is to be found who takes exception even to service ringing, but generally such a one is a person of cranks and crochets. As a rule the public welcome the sound of bells on Sundays—in fact all the world looks upon the tuneful pealing of the bells as a characteristic feature of the English Sabbath. We do not think the ringing of bells for Sunday services in England is in any serious danger of being suppressed, merely for the sake of, here and there, some weak nerved individual who desires to see the world governed on lines to suit his special temperament and convenience.

TEN BELL PEAL.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT CHARLES CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOSEPH WOODLEY	...*Treble*	REGINALD DOBSON	6
HAROLD W. BENNETT	2	WILLIAM D. JAMES	7
WILLIAM G. HISCOTT	3	ERNEST W. MARSH	8
WALTER H. MARSH	4	WILLIAM FORD	9
WILLIAM RUNDLE	5	FRANCIS PURSE	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN COX, and
Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

First peal in the method as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD,

On Thursday, September 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

Rev. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	*Treble*	Rev. E. B. JAMES	5
E. M. ATKINS	2	W. D. JAMES	6
*R. O. STREET	3	†Rev. W. W. C. BAKER	7
*Rev. A. G. LANGDON	4	Rev. H. LAW JAMES	...*Tenor*

Composed by the Rev. E. B. JAMES, and
Conducted by the Rev. H. L. JAMES.

* First peal in the method.
† First in the method on an inside bell.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, September 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Rev. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	...*Treble*	R. O. STREET	5
E. M. ATKINS	2	W. D. JAMES	6
Rev. H. L. JAMES	3	Rev. E. B. JAMES	7
Rev. A. G. LANGDON	4	Rev. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ROYAL, and Conducted by the Rev. E. B. JAMES.

First peal ever rung in the method. Reference elsewhere.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT	...*Treble*	HENRY CORBETT	5
JOHN HOYLE	2	CHARLES E. READ	6
ALFRED H. WINCH	3	WILLIAM S. SMITH	7
JOHN BEAMS	4	DAVID ANSCOMBE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, September 12, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

HERBERT STANSFIELD	...*Treble*	ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM	5
CHARLES BOWER	2	SAM BOOTH	6
JOHN HARROP	3	SAMUEL WOOD	7
JOSEPH GODDARD	4	BEN THORP	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by B. THORP.

Rung to celebrate the 67th birthday of Mr. C. H. Hattersley, the ringers wishing him "many happy returns."

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 12, 1911, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26lbs., in G.

ERNEST DUMPER	...*Treble*	ALBERT MARKS	5
WALTER G. ROWE	2	ALFRED MEARS	6
HENRY W. WILKES	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
CHARLES J. FRAY	4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. G. T. Mercer, who was interred in North Stoneham Churchyard the same day.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE
LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, September 13, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

PRATT CORDINGLEY	...*Treble*	‡ERNEST MANN	5
WILLIAM BIRKS	2	‡WM. FREDK. THORPE	6
†SAM WARD	3	‡ERNEST HOYLE	7
*RONALD C. MATHERS	4	‡FREDK. WM. JONES	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. BEEVOR, and Conducted by ERNEST MANN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.
‡ First peal in the method on tower bells. First peal as conductor on tower bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 14, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS	*Treble*	ALFRED GOODRUM	5
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL	2	ALBERT G. WARNES	6
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	3	ROBERT BLAKE	7
GEORGE DAWSON	4	FRED. J. HOWCHIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEO. CROSS.

The ringer of the fourth hails from Leytonstone, and was proposed a member of the Association previous to starting.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 14, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qrs. 9 lbs., in E.

ISAAC HULTON	*Treble*	ERNEST POXON	5
JOSEPH HALL	2	CECIL J. BAKER	6
EDWARD C. GOBEY	3	HENRY HARRISON	7
SAMUEL BURGOYNE	4	ALFRED T. BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

First peal on the bells and by the local band.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

SAMUEL JONES	*Treble*	GEORGE JONES	5
*ALBERT E. RICHARDS	2	HENRY W. WILDE	6
ROBERT SPERRING	3	JAMES MORGAN	7
*FREDERICK J. USHER	4	JOHN THOMAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. F. J. Usher, who is leaving the neighbourhood for Corsham, Wilts.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES LIVERMORE, Junr.	*Treble*	GEORGE PENFOLD	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	ERNEST GOWER	6
ALBERT J. C. HARFFEY	3	EDWARD W. BRAY	7
GEORGE H. HOWSE	4	BENJAMIN HOBBS	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

QUEENSBURY, NEAR BRADFORD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 15, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY	*Treble*	EDGAR WHITELEY	5
JAMES COTTERELL	2	SAM GLEDHILL	6
CHARLES JACKSON	3	GEORGE NAYLOR	7
JONAS S. AMBLER	4	FRED SALMONS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

This was the conductor's 150th peal.

HODDESDON, HERTS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FRED C. MAYNARD	*Treble*	ISAAC CAVILL	5
GEORGE H. BARKER	2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD	6
HAROLD W. CLARK	3	REUBEN SANDERS	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	HENRY G. ROWE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

SKIPTON, YORKS.
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*JOE HARDCASTLE	*Treble*	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY	5
JAMES COTTERELL	2	CHARLES JACKSON	6
CLEMENT GLENN	3	JOSEPH BROADLEY	7
ARTHUR GILL	4	GEORGE NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the morning of the Association Meeting at Skipton.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM.
THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM	*Treble*	ISAAC SCHOFIELD	5
JOHN J. PEMBERTON	2	SAMUEL HILL	6
JOSEPH GODDARD	3	JAMES W. TAYLOR	7
SAMUEL STOTT	4	CHARLES H. MARSLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and
Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to I. Schofield. J. W. Taylor was elected a member of the Society before starting for the peal.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*ARTHUR JORDAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. PRIOR	5
GEORGE JORDAN	2	*ARTHUR B. WIFFEN	6
THOMAS JORDAN	3	THOMAS J. WATTS	7
WALTER PRIOR	4	WILLIAM WATTS	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

* First peal in the method. P. C. Wiffen, for whom this peal was arranged, belongs to Rickling.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, two 720's of Plain Bob, and three 720's of Kent, each 720 differently called.

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES JACKSON	*Treble*	FIRTH HOPWOOD	4
JAMES COTTERELL	2	JOSEPH BROADLEY	5
WILLIAM E. WALAND	3	THOMAS B. KENDALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

Chas. Jackson's 200th peal for the Association, a list of which appears elsewhere. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Triples.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, New London, Violet, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 16¾ cwt., in F.

CECIL J. BAKER	*Treble*	ARTHUR FREEMAN	4
WILLIAM HALFORD	2	EDWARD C. GOBEY	5
JOSEPH HALL	3	*CHARLES WILKINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

* First peal. This is the first peal in seven Treble Bob methods by all the band and by this Association on tower bells.

GREAT WELDON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs.

REV. T. BUSWELL	*Treble*	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY	4
ALBERT E. FOURT	2	ALBERT V. INNS	5
FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT	3	E. MAURICE ATKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

This is the first peal ever accomplished on the bells and it was rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

WOLVERLEY, KIDDERMINSTER.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB AND GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENRY J. BROOKES	*Treble*	ERNEST J. BROOKES	4
GEORGE DAVIES	2	CHAS. H. WOODBERRY	5
WILLIAM SMITH	3	JOHN SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHAS. H. WOODBERRY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for the late Mr. William Perry, who was a ringer at the above church for 57 years.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one 720 of Double Court.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES FLEUTY	*Treble*	FRANK CLAYDON	4
OLIVER LAVER	2	JAMES FRENCH	5
*FREDERICK RIDGWELL	3	ERNEST RIDGWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST RIDGWELL.

* First peal of minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING	1—2	MAURICE SMITHER	5—
CHARLES WILLSHIRE	3—4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WOKING, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. E. DAWE, "WALTON," ST. JOHN'S.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

FRANCIS E. DAWE	1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3—4	MAURICE SMITHER	7—8

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... ... 9—10

Composed by G. T. DALTRY and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: J. HUNT.

The first handbell peal and the first peal of Stedman Caters in Woking.

The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Dawe for their kind hospitality after the peal.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, September 10th, for morning service, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major, J. Withers conducting.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, for evening service, 252 Stedman Triples: E. J. Ridler 1, R. J. Wilkins 2, W. A. Cave (conductor) 3, W. Knight 4, H. Pring 5, J. Hemming 6, G. Condrick 7, G. Seward 8.—On Tuesday, Sept. 12th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 531 Stedman Caters: F. G. May (conductor) 1, C. Perry 2, A. Stowell 3, H. Stowell 4, S. Phillips 5, J. Hemming 6, J. Richardson 7, G. Wiltshire 8, J. Long 9, W. White 10. First touch of Stedman Caters, by J. Hemming, who hails from Evesham, Worcester.

THETFORD. — Norwich Diocesan Association.—On Monday, Sept. 11th, 720 Bob Minor: G. Green 1, R. Skipper 2, A. Macro 3, H. C. Gillingham (Ipswich) 4, R. Shinn 5, T. Fitzjohn (conductor) 6.

AUGHTON.—The Lancashire Association.—On Monday, Sept 11th, for practice, at Christ Church, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: C. Sharples 1, H. Fyles 2, T. Gillmour 3, H. H. Baker 4, W. Rimmer 5, J. Martin 6, J. Marsh (conductor) 7, W. Gibbons 8.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—At All Saints' Church, on Monday, Sept. 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. Knowles 1, H. Badcock 2, J. Stalley 3, T. R. Dennis 4, W. Scotcher 5, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 6. Also 240 Double Court Minor: H. Hall 1, H. Badcock 2, B. D. Buttress 3, T. R. Dennis 4, J. Page 5, J. Stalley (conductor) 6.

WESTERHAM, KENT.— — On Tuesday, Sept. 12 h, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Stone 1, G. B. Selby 2, G. A. Selby (first 504) 3, J. Heath 4, A. J. Lewis 5, G. Steer 6, H. J. Selby (conductor) 7, T. Ford 8.

THE RECORD OF THE SOUTH WALES TOUR.

The following peals were the result of the ringing tour in South Wales, which concluded on Saturday:

LLANGIBBY, MON.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, September 10, 1911, in Three Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYBI,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST PYE	*Treble*	GEORGE DENT	5
THOMAS T. GOFTON	2	JOHN HOLMAN	6
BERTRAM PREWETT	3	JOHN FLINT	7
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells and by the Association.

CAERLEON, MON.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, September 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN	*Treble*	ISAAC G. SHADE	5
REV. A. T. BEESTON	2	WILLIAM PYE	6
BERTRAM PREWETT	3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	7
ERNEST PYE	4	JAMES GEORGE	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells and by the Association. Mr. W. W. Gifford's 400th peal.

NEWPORT, MON.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, September 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
ON HANDBELLS.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

BERTRAM PREWETT	1—2	ERNEST PYE	5—6
WILLIAM PYE	3—4	THOMAS T. GOFTON	7—8
JAMES GEORGE	9—10		

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: Isaac G. Shade. First peal on handbells by the Association.

TREVETHIN, PONTYPOOL, MON.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, September 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	*Treble*	JOHN FLINT	5
BERTRAM PREWETT	2	WILLIAM PYE	6
GABRIEL LINDOFF	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
JOHN HOLMAN	4	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells and by the Association.

NEWPORT, MON.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, September 12, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE DENT	*Treble*	GABRIEL LINDOFF	5
ISAAC G. SHADE	2	ERNEST PYE	6
REV. A. T. BEESTON	3	JOHN FLINT	7
THOMAS T. GOFTON	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells and by the Association.

MARSHFIELD, MON.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, September 13, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	5
REV. A. T. BEESTON	2	JOHN HOLMAN	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	WILLIAM PYE	7
GEORGE DENT	4	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells and by the Association.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, September 13, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE	*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	5
ISAAC G. SHADE	2	JOHN FLINT	6
GABRIEL LINDOFF	3	ERNEST PYE	7
THOMAS T. GOFTON	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Bristol rung in Wales.

PENTRE, GLAM.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, September 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.

JOHN FLINT	*Treble*	THOMAS T. GOFTON	5
REV. A. T. BEESTON	2	WILLIAM PYE	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal of Major on the bells.

CARDIFF, GLAM.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, September 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF	*Treble*	GEORGE DENT	6
BERTRAM PREWETT	2	JOHN HOLMAN	7
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	JAMES GEORGE	8
WILLIAM PYE	4	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	9
REV. A. T. BEESTON	5	JOHN FLINT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

LLANBRADACH, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 15, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor, 12 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lbs.

ISAAC G. SHADE	*Treble*	REV. A. T. BEESTON ...	5
THOMAS T. GOFTON	2	BERTRAM PREWETT	6
ERNEST PYE	3	JOHN FLINT	7
GEORGE DENT	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal on the bells.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 15, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb.

ISAAC G. SHADE	*Treble*	JOHN FLINT	5
JOHN HOLMAN	2	JAMES GEORGE	6
WILLIAM PYE	3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ...	7
GABRIEL LINDOFF	4	ERNEST PYE...	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

CHEPSTOW, MON.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON... ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ...	5
WILLIAM PYE	2	THOMAS T. GOFTON	6
JOHN W. JONES	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	ERNEST PYE...	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 6th, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) Oxford Bob Triples, in 42 mins.: W. A. Jeavons 1, A. Baker 2, W. Grinsell 3, S. Pearce 4, W. Fisher (conductor) 5, S. Baker 6, B. Gough 7, R. Dunn 8. Longest length in the method on the bells, and by all except the conductor.—On Thursday evening, August 31st (for practice), ringing friends from Wednesbury, Blackenhall, and Willenhall, visited the belfry, and with the local band rang touches of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Darlaston Bob, Erin and Stedman Triples, and Plain Bob Major, conducted by Geo. Hughes (Wednesbury) and W. Fisher.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, for Matins, 352 Bob Major: W. A. Jeavons 1, A. Barnett 2, Leonard Barnett 3, S. Pearce 4, J. Roberts 5, W. Fisher (conductor) 6, B. Gough 7, R. Dunn 8. For evensong, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 41 mins.: W. A. Jeavons 1, A. Baker 2, W. Grinsell 3, S. Pearce 4, W. Fisher 5, S. Baker 6, B. Gough (conductor) 7, A. E. Law 8.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—The Chester Diocesan Guild.—On Thursday, September 7th, 1911, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: *W. Morgan 1, A. E. Richards 2, H. W. Wilde 3, *F. J. Usher 4, *W. Dunning 5, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 6, P. Smith 7, J. Thomas 8. * First quarter-peal.—On Sunday, September 10th, for morning service, 322 Grandsire Triples: S. Jones, junr., 1, W. Morgan 2, S. Jones, senr., 3, F. J. Usher 4, W. Dunning 5, H. W. Wilde 6, G. Lindoff 7, J. Thomas 8.

LONGCOTT, BERKS.—On Sept. 9th, 720 Bob Minor: J. M. Brinkworth (first 720) 1, T. Moulden 2, R. W. Hyner 3, F. Looker (first 720) 4, G. Lancaster 5, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 6.

ROMSEY.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—At the Abbey, on Sunday, Sept. 10th, for morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples: J. Smithers 1, E. B. Hinton (Christchurch) 2, F. Parkins 3, F. Hand 4, J. Walker 5, T. Cole 6, W. G. Fowler (Christchurch), conductor, 7, W. Payne 8. Also 504, J. Elcombe 2, the rest as before.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: J. Smithers (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Elcombe 2, F. Parkins 3, F. Hand 4, J. Walker 5, T. Cole 6, W. G. Fowler (conductor) 7, W. Payne 8.

LITTLE BOB MAJOR.

At Brading, in the Isle of Wight, the first peal of Little Bob Major has been rung. The method was produced about 25 years ago by the Rev. E. Bankes James, but it has had to wait until now for the first 5000 to be accomplished. The peal was rung by the Cambridge University Guild, and, appropriately enough, was conducted by the inventor of the method. We give a lead of the method, and it will be noticed that the treble goes up to 4th's place only and then down again :—

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21436587
24163857
42618375
46213857
64128375
61482735
16847253
16482735
18642735 Bob

CENTRAL NORTHANTS MEETING.

The Thrapston District of the Central Northamptonshire Association held a meeting at Twywell on Saturday week. Ringers were present from Thrapston, Raunds, Woodford, Lowick, Higham, Cranford, and Keyston, together with the local men. During the afternoon various methods of Doubles were rung, including Stedman, Grandsire, St. Simon's, and Plain Bob. Tea was served on the rectory lawn to a company numbering about 30, after which a short business meeting was held, the Rector (the Rev. F. H. Lang) presiding, supported by the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell (Islip), Mr. Fred Wilford (gen. secretary), Northampton, and Mr. Fred Stubbs, of Raunds, district secretary.—The Rector having been elected an hon. member of the Association, Mr. F. Wilford brought to the notice of the members the illness of a well-known ringer, Mr. W. Newman, of Rushden, and a collection was taken for his benefit.—Islip having been chosen as the next meeting place, Mr. F. Wilford proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the ladies who helped at the tea, and to the local ringers, and spoke of the advantage of such gatherings. The Rev. W. St. G. Coldwell having seconded and given the Association a hearty welcome to Islip, the Rev. F. H. Lang suitably replied.

Twywell bells are a light peal of five, the tenor being 6 cwts. 3 qrs. 23 lbs.

A PRESENTATION.

An interesting presentation took place at Carhampton, on Wednesday of last week, when, at an open practice, the local hon. sec. (Mr. G. Stacey) was the recipient of a birthday gift from his fellow members of the tower. The Vicar (the Rev. A. A. Bockington) made the presentation, and on behalf of himself and the other ringers wished Mr. Stacey "many happy returns of his birthday." Anyone who knew anything about secretarial work, he said, knew that to make an association successful, the secretary must be energetic, tactful, and genial, and he was glad to say that Mr. Stacey possessed all these qualities. He had been asked to present him with a silver-mounted walking stick, and silver-mounted tobacco pouch, as a token of the members' respect and appreciation of the way in which he carried out his duties.—Both stick and pouch were engraved with the following inscription: "Presented to G. Stacey, by his band of ringers, Sept. 13th, 1911."—Mr. Stacey, in acknowledging the gift, said he had been taken by surprise. It was very good of the ringers to think of his birthday, and the Vicar for coming to present such beautiful and useful gifts. He thanked them all most heartily for their good wishes and nice presents, which he should value very much. He felt that he did not deserve such attention, and he was sorry that he had not more time to devote to the work.—Afterwards some touches of Treble Bob and London Surprise Minor, and Stedman Doubles were rung on the bells.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Canford (Wimborne), on Saturday, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. George Robert Clarke Ayling, of Bournemouth, to Miss Mabel Kate Ford, of Canford, 720 Bob Minor and 120 each of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung by the following: Miss Edith K. Parker, C. Goodenough, J. G. Bennett, C. Forfitt, — Poore, E. Waters and M. Stewart. This was the first 720 on the bells, and the first in the method by Miss Parker and Mr. J. G. Bennett.

The bridegroom has been a regular member of the St. Peter's, Bournemouth, Choir for the past 18 years, and the bride belongs to an old Canford family. After ringing, an enjoyable time was spent in the grounds of Canford Manor, the residence of Lord Wimborne.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Ringing in South Wales owes a great deal to the enthusiasm and untiring energy of the honorary secretary of the Llandaff Diocesan Association. Many bands owe their progress to his fostering care, many towers possess an octave of bells that would not have had them but for his persistent advocacy with the church authorities. It is, perhaps, not inappropriate that we should this week sketch the career of Mr. John W. Jones, for the successful ringing tour in South Wales concluded last Saturday was made possible by the excellent arrangements for which he was responsible, and doubtless the result of the week's ringing under the auspices of his Association is a matter of gratification.

Mr. John W. Jones.

Born at Tidenham, Gloucestershire, on December 5th, 1865, Mr. Jones removed, at the early age of two years, with his parents to Caerleon, Monmouthshire. Although his father, in his young days, had been a ringer at Alvington Church, Gloucestershire, it was not until 1888 that Mr. Jones started to handle a bell, which he did at Caerleon tower, under the instruction of the leader, Mr. Evan Davies, who is, it may be said, the "father of change ringing" in that corner of the Principality. On September 16th of that year Mr. Jones rang his first 720 of Bob Minor, and on November 8th his first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. His first peal followed soon after, Grandsire Triples at Caerleon—the first peal on the bells and the first by all the band. Just afterwards Mr. F. E. Ward, of Cheltenham, removed to Newport, and found his way to Caerleon. His able services as conductor were quickly requisitioned, and peals soon followed, Mr. Jones ringing his first peals of Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major. Stedman was practised regularly, and several quarter-peals were rung. Attempts were made for the peal as many as 16 times in 16 consecutive weeks, but without success, although several times the end was nearly reached. Strangely enough, owing to the perverseness of fortune, Mr. Jones did not ring his first peal of Stedman until August 29th this year, this being at St. Stephen's, Bristol, where in 1901 he rang his first touch of Stedman Caters.

On February 10th and 13th, 1890, Mr. Jones took part in two melancholy peals at Caerleon and Pontypool respectively, as a mark of respect to the 177 lives which were lost in the Llanerch colliery explosion, one of the Pontypool ringers being numbered among the victims of the terrible disaster. In 1892 Mr. Jones removed from Caerleon to Newport. At that time there was only one ring of six in the town—at St. Woolos Church—and he responded to an invitation to join that band. The suggestion was already being considered of rehanging the bells and adding two more, but it was not until 1894 that this became an accomplished fact. The first peal was rung on the bells on November 12th, 1895, and was conducted by Mr. R. T. Hibbert, now of Caversham. In August, 1897, the building of All Saints' Church was commenced, and a decision to put a set of tubular bells in the tower had almost been come to, when Mr. Jones approached the authorities, and the result was that instead one proper bell was fixed which was to be the treble, later on, of a ring of eight. The church was opened on All Saints' Day, 1898, and on March 5th, 1902, Mr. Jones had the opportunity of calling a touch and hearing for the first time the new ring of bells. He began at once teaching a new band, and it was not long before they were able to ring rounds, followed later by a course of Triples. Under Mr. Jones this band continued to progress. He has each year been re-elected their leader, and also acts as steeple keeper. In 1906 Mr. Jones offered to get them a conductor for their first peal, but the band would not hear of this. He had taught them, they said, and he should call their first peal. And this he did on October 25th, 1906, it being the first peal by all except the conductor. Since then one of the band has called Holt's original and another has made a good bid for Thurstans' four-part.

Teaching new bands is, indeed, a pet hobby with Mr. Jones. He has voluntarily given his services as instructor at a great many towers in his district during the past twelve or fifteen years, and at the present time has two new bands in hand at Caerphilly and Llanbradach. Moreover, Mr. Jones is always on the alert to secure the rehanging, where necessary, and the augmentation of bells, and several eight-bell towers in the Llandaff Diocese owe the possession of the two trebles to his energy and persuasion. Mr. Jones possesses several presents, which he much cherishes, from towers where he has taught, and which have been given him to mark the ringers' appreciation and thanks.

Mr. Jones was elected Master of the Llandaff Association in 1898. In 1904 he was elected assistant honorary secretary, and in 1909 honorary secretary of the Association, which he also represents on the Central Council. A

member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Gloucester and Bristol Association and the Worcestershire and Districts Guild, he has rung 61 peals (of which he has conducted 18) in the following methods: Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire Triples, Grandsire Major, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples, Bob Triples, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major. Although he has done but little on handbells, a ringer making a call at Mr. Jones' house can be obliged with a course of Triples, for his three young daughters can take a pair each. A compliment which Mr. Jones much appreciated was paid him by the Cardiff ringers on his 43rd birthday, when they visited All Saints', Newport, and rang a peal in honour of the event. Mr. Jones' interests have not been entirely confined to ringing, for he was at one time a very keen cricketer of more than average ability, playing regularly for Newport and Monmouthshire, but he has now dropped the game, and his only hobby is in the church tower.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Owing to the great pressure on our space this week, several letters to the Editor have had unavoidably to be held over, and other matter, including the "Beginners' Corner" and many miscellaneous performances, has also been crowded out.

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The tour in South Wales must be looked upon as a huge success, for in the seven days over which the excursion extended eleven tower bell peals and one handbell peal were rung and only two peals were lost. It has given the Llandaff Association a great fillip, for, in addition to the fact that the first peal of Bristol in Wales was rung, the first peals by the Association in the following methods were also recorded: Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major, Stedman Triples and the first handbell peal.

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The ringers who took part in the peals were: W. Pye (London) 12, conducted 7; E. Pye (London) 11, B. Prewett (Bushey) 10, conducted 5; I. G. Shade (Greenwich) 9, J. Flint (Bolsover) 8, J. George (Rugby) 8, Rev. A. T. Beeston (New Mills) 7, T. T. Gofton (Newcastle) 7, J. Holman (Sheffield) 6, W. W. Gifford (Salisbury) 6, G. Dent (Harlow) 5, G. Lindoff (Dublin) 5, J. W. Jones (Newport) 1.

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The Ashton-under-Lyne Society have rung a peal to celebrate the 67th birthday of Mr. C. H. Hattersley, of Sheffield, and ringers throughout the country will join in their wish of "many happy returns." It is to such men as Mr. Hattersley, who have given so much time to the scientific side of change ringing, that the Exercise largely owes its high position of to-day.

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The late Mr. G. T. Mercer, to whose memory a half-muffled peal of Bob Major was rung on Tuesday week at North Stoneham, Hants (recorded in another column), was largely responsible for providing the peal of eight that at present hangs in the tower. In 1893 the deceased gentleman had the three then existing old bells recast and three new ones added, making a peal of six, which were hung in a new frame. He also gave a handsome contribution to the fund for increasing the peal from six to eight in 1908-9.

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Messrs Warner and Sons, Ltd., have been awarded the Grand Prix for their exhibit at the Festival of Empire Exhibition at the Crystal Palace.

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We have received an anonymous letter referring to a "ringers' strike" at St. Mary's (R.C.) Church, Clapham, but as it is not accompanied by the name and address of the sender we are unable to publish it.

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Change ringers who intend to visit Stoke-on-Trent for the Church Congress, October 2-6, and who wish to ring, should communicate with Mr. S. Churton, 24, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, who will gladly make the necessary arrangements.

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On account of the noise of the bells in the immediate neighbourhood of All Saints' Church, Nottingham, the ringers have received a quarter's notice of the intention of the church authorities that their services will no longer be required. It has been decided to instal a chiming apparatus.

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It having been pointed out that a peal of Minor in seven methods had been previously rung in Rutland, the footnote to the peal at Langham, recorded a fortnight ago, is withdrawn by the band, with apologies to the previous company.

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Most methods—legitimate methods that is—get rung sooner or later, but Little Bob has had to wait twenty-five years for a peal. The credit for the first performance goes to the Cambridge University Guild, one of whose members produced the method, and has now had the satisfaction of conducting it.

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Woking, known to most ringers as the place where "The Ringing World" is produced, and to others as the town where the first crematorium in England was established, has not a great campanological repute, but although it lacks attractions as a spot where much tower bell ringing can be obtained, the first peal of Stedman Caters has been rung in the parish. This was accomplished on handbells on Sunday. The attempt was first made beneath the apple trees in a beautiful old orchard, of which Mr. F. E. Dawe is the fortunate possessor, but the vagaries of the sound in the open air together with the fact that the light of September days would not have held out, resulted in the peal eventually being rung indoors.

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Mr. H. Wilde writes: Kindly allow me to withdraw my name from the 5088 of Superlative Surprise Major, published in "The Ringing World" for September 8th, as my friend, Mr. Lindoff, informs me it is not original, as it is a reverse variation of a peal published by Mr. Pitstow, some years ago.

STREATHAM.—The Surrey Association.—On Tuesday, Sept. 5th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 48 mins.: J. A. Lambert 1, L. Attwater 2, G. Grimwade 3, I. Attwater 4, E. R. J. Dunk 5, R. Grimwood 6, C. Daniels 7, A. G. Freeman (conductor) 8. Also touches of Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, conducted by L. Attwater.

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RINGERS' OUTINGS.

WEST GRINSTEAD.

On Monday week the West Grinstead ringers had their annual outing, joining forces with the choirs of West Grinstead and Parkridge Green. The party, numbering about 50, including the Rector and Curate-in-Charge, visited the Festival of Empire at the Crystal Palace, and had a most enjoyable day, being favoured with glorious weather. Luncheon and tea were provided at Messrs. Lyon's Restaurant, and between the meals the grounds were thoroughly explored, and most of the shows visited. At 6.30 a move was made for Penge station, and the party arrived home about 9.30 p.m., well pleased with their day's outing.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.

Rotherfield, with one of the finest peals in the county of Sussex, is a charming spot for which the members of the Southover, Lewes, Guild, have a great partiality. On Wednesday week they paid another visit to the village, and spent a most enjoyable half-day. In the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung, some of the local men joining in. An excellent meat tea was partaken of at the King's Arms, where later in the evening a smoking concert took place, the songs being interspersed with handbell ringing.—On the motion of Mr. F. Sturt, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded two of the best friends of the Guild for their kind hospitality.

STANSTED.

The annual outing of the Stansted band took place on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Tottenham was first visited, and the morning was spent in looking round the town. Dinner at the Red House Temperance Hotel followed, and full justice was done to the excellent repast prepared by Host Allin. Afterwards a move was made to St. Mary's, Walthamstow, where the party were met by Mr. Rumens, but owing to a wedding being in progress no ringing could be done, as the visitors were timed to be back to St. Ann's, Tottenham, at 3 o'clock. Mr. Ringrose had the bells ready here, and they were soon going to Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor, while a 240 Cambridge, the first on the bells, was also rung. Afterwards a visit was paid to All Hallows, where they were met by Mr. Barnard, and a short touch of Stedman Triples was tapped off.

The next move was to Edmonton, where the Vicar had kindly provided an excellent tea in the Parish Hall. Mr. J. Parker, Mr. G. Paice, Mr. H. Dains, and the rest of the local band joined the party, and after tea the Vicar, in a happy speech, said he was always pleased to give ringers a warm welcome to Edmonton.—Mr. W. Prior proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in providing tea, and also for the use of the bells, and this was heartily accorded. The tower was then visited, and touches of Cambridge, Bristol, London, Superlative and Stedman were rung on the fine peal of bells, which go like the proverbial tops. The conducting during the day was shared by W. Watts, G. Jordan and H. J. Tucker.

The members wish to thank the various Vicars for their kindness in giving permission to ring, and also the steeple keepers for having everything ready.

NUNEATON SOCIETY.

On Saturday last, ten members of the Nuneaton Parish Church Society paid a visit to Polesworth, which was reached by a pleasant drive of ten miles. They were met by two of the local ringers, and the bells, a good ring of six, with a tenor of about 16 cwt., were turned to touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor, and Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. On leaving the belfry, the visitors were met by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Trotter, who gave them a hearty welcome, and invited them to tea, a kindness that was greatly appreciated. Afterwards courses of Grandsire Caters, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded to the Vicar for his kindness and to local ringers for their attention.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

On Saturday afternoon the ringers of St. Mary's Church, Apsley End, Herts, paid a visit to Ivinghoe, Bucks. The party, including friends, numbered 21, and made the journey by brake, by way of Hemel Hempstead and Dagnall. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. T. Harvey), a few touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung by H. Holmes (conductor) 1, A. Cutler 2, H. Cutler 3, L. Latchford 4, W. Latchford 5, C. Godman 6. A substantial meat tea was partaken of at the Bell Inn, Mr. F. Cowper presiding. Afterwards, under his genial chairmanship, a musical programme was carried out. Selections on handbells were given, and songs contributed by Messrs. W. Woods, W. Negus, T. Whitehouse and H. Holmes. Mr. S. Woods officiated as accompanist. The company was swelled by the Ivinghoe ringers and friends, and the enjoyable gathering terminated with the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne," sung to handbell accompaniment. The return journey was made by way of Aldbury, Northchurch and Great Berkhampstead, the party arriving home about 10.30, after a most enjoyable outing.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

A successful meeting was held at Penkridge on Saturday, when some forty members put in an appearance. In connection with this meeting an interesting little ceremony took place, viz., the unveiling of a peal board, which the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Kempson, M.A.) had very kindly presented, recording a peal of Double Norwich Major—the first in the method on the bells. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. V. Cox, who, in the course of his remarks, expressed the hope that the record would be an incentive to others.—The Rev. J. H. Kempson, in reply, said it gave him pleasure to do what he had done, and he hoped the time was not far distant when his own band would be successful in scoring a peal, which would no doubt be recorded in a similar way.

The lettering on the board is in black, with red initials, enclosed in an Oxford frame, and surmounted by a cross—all of oak. The wording is as follows:—

"Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. On Tuesday, April 18th, 1911, the following members rang a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (consisting of 5024 changes), in 3 hrs. and 5 mins.: John Perry 1, W. D. James 2, Herbert Knight 3, John C. Adams 4, Rev. E. V. Cox 5, William Fisher 6, George Pigott 7, Joseph Pigott 8. Composed and conducted by Joseph Pigott. J. H. Kempson, M.A., Vicar. C. J. Tildesley and C. P. Russell, Churchwardens. Frank Fowke, Head Ringer."

At the service which followed, the Vicar gave a warm welcome and an encouraging address to his hearers, taking his text from Numbers x., 2. He reminded them that although they might be keen in the Art, they should not forget their duty of worship.

A substantial tea was subsequently partaken of, and at the meeting the Rev. A. T. S. Talbot was elected an honorary member. The representatives on the Central Council—Messrs. S. Reeves and R. Cartwright—were re-elected. It was proposed that a sum of two guineas be handed over to the fund for augmenting St. Peter's bells, Wolverhampton, to a peal of twelve. The next meeting is to be held at Bilston, on January 13th, 1912.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his address, for presiding at the meeting, and for the use of the bells. Thanks are also due to the organist and choir for their valuable assistance. The ringing included touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples, Plain Bob, Kent, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major.

SALOPIANS ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Salop Archidiaconal Guild was held at Shrewsbury, on Saturday, members being present from Coalbrookdale, Crewe, Shifnal, Malins Lee, Dawley, Ludlow, Wem and Whitchurch. Ringing commenced at 2.30, and the bells at the following churches were open to visitors during the day: St. Chad's (12), St. Mary's (10), St. Alkmund's (8) and St. Julian's (6). Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung.

The business meeting was held in St. Alkmund's parish room at 4.30. The Archdeacon of Salop was in the chair, and the Secretary read his annual report, which was confirmed.

After the meeting a short service was held in St. Alkmund's Church, and was very well attended. The lessons were read by Archdeacon Maude, and an appropriate address was given by the Rev. F. H. Roach.

Tea was held at St. Alkmund's parish room, at the kind invitation of the Shrewsbury ringers, and a party of 38 sat down. Subsequently a hearty vote of thanks was passed by Mr. Bowers Cooke, of Crewe, for the kind way in which the local ringers had entertained the visitors, and a vote of thanks was also passed to the ladies who waited at the tables.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Wem, early in December.

TOWCESTER ASSOCIATION.

The Towcester and District Association had a very enjoyable meeting at Pattishall, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. G. Gibson). About 20 ringers were present, and were entertained to a splendid tea by Mr. E. Groom, one of the churchwardens. In the regretted absence of Mr. Groom, who had been called to London on business, Mrs. Groom presided, and was supported by the Vicar. The towers of Easton Neston, Bradden, Wicken, Leckhampton and Pattishall were represented, and after tea a short business meeting was held.—It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Greensnorton, and cordial votes of thanks were passed to Mr. and Mrs. Groom for their kind hospitality, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells and of the schoolroom for tea.—A collection was made for Mr. Newman, a ringer who is at present laid aside by illness, and realised 10s.

CARHAMPTON.—The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—At St. John the Baptist Church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 42 mins.: W. Manning 1, J. Farmer 2, J. Sully 3, E. Parker 4, J. Watts 5, H. Moore (conductor) 6.

THE SOUTH WALES TOUR.

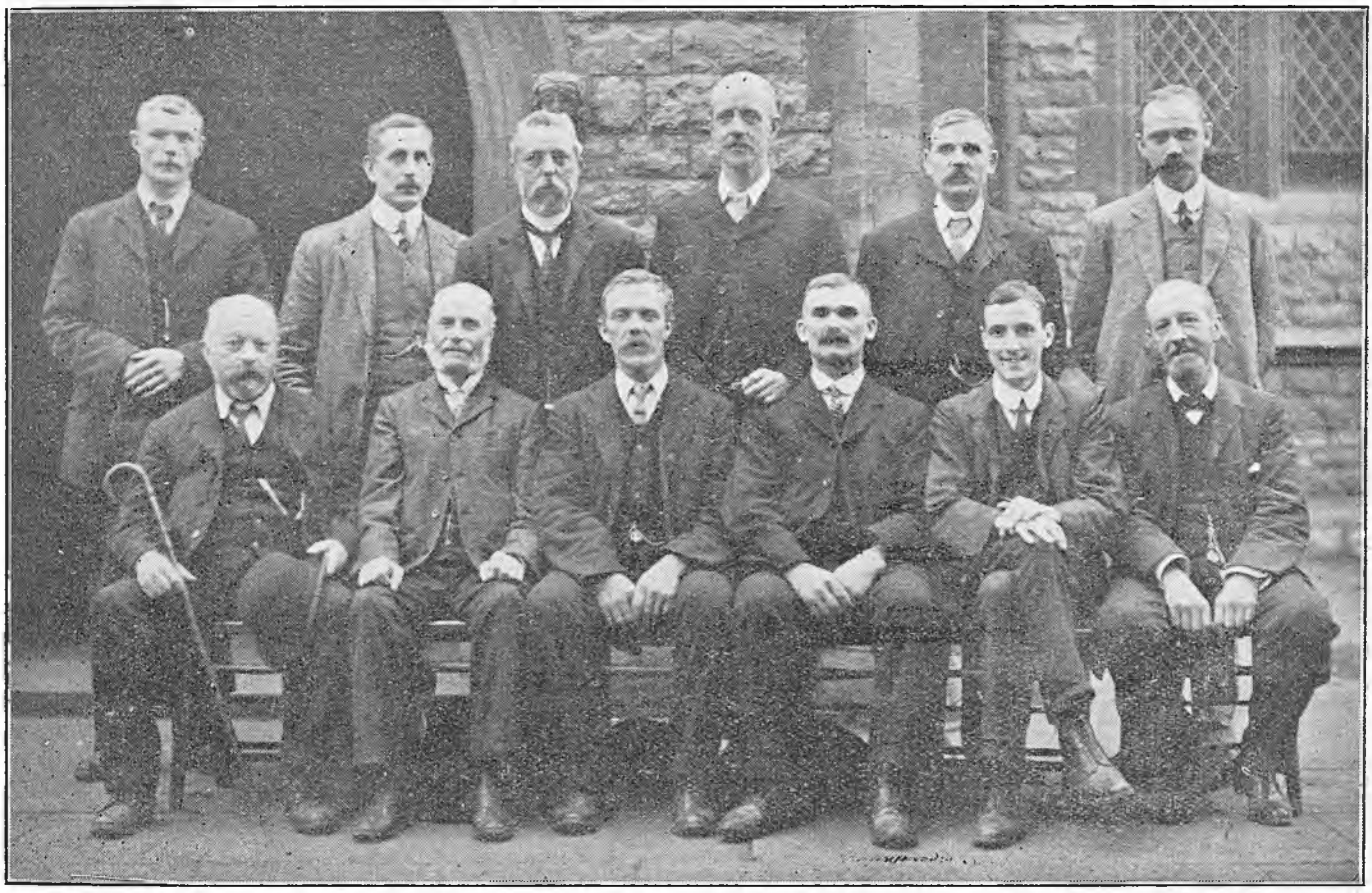
TWELVE PEALS IN A WEEK.

Ideal weather prevailed during the tour, and contributed considerably to the enjoyment of those who took part. A few arrivals early in the evening of Saturday, September 9th, enabled an impromptu arrangement for an attempt at Newport to be made. Unfortunately for the local men who stood in—one of whom was at the helm—the peal ended prematurely. Most of the visitors had arrived e'er the night set in, and after a good night's rest they met at All Saints' on Sunday morning in excellent spirits, and rang for the service. A drive to Llangibby in the afternoon resulted in an excellent peal of London being rung. More additions were made to the band during the day, and the last appeared early on Monday morning. Thus completed, the band is seen to be made up of men residing within an imaginary line drawn from Salisbury to London, thence into Essex and on to Sheffield, Newcastle, Dublin, and Stockport to Newport, a splendid testimony to the enthusiastic interest of change ringers in their Art.

the bells or the ringers were not in good order, for it would not "go," and Stedman was substituted with success. The incumbent most kindly entertained the visitors to lunch, and subsequently joined them and some of the local men in being photographed. The return to Newport was then made, and a good peal of Bristol at All Saints' was scored.

Headquarters were moved on Wednesday to Cardiff, Marshfield being visited on the way for another "go" at "Cambridge," which this time proved successful. After depositing their impedimenta at Cardiff, the party hurried off to Llandaff Cathedral, under orders to finish ringing before 5.45. Much had been told of the excellence of the ring here, and "when we came and our ears had heard," while we could not say, "the half had not been told us," yet we could say, "report had not been exaggerated." Those who rang and those who listened much enjoyed the "first peal of Bristol rung in Wales," on these bells. Thursday morning found us amongst the collieries in Pentre, where a heavy ring by Taylor (tenor 27 cwt.) hangs. Superlative was on the order sheet, and was tapped off in an enjoyable manner. There was just time for a snack before returning to Cardiff, where it had been arranged for us to make the next attempt.

The Church of St. John contains the only ring of ten in the Llan-



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THE COMPANY THAT TOURED IN SOUTH WALES.

ERNEST PYE (London). GABRIEL LINDOFF (Dublin). GEO. DENT (Harlow). REV. A. T. BEESTON (New Mills). JOHN FLINT (Bolsover). THOMAS T. GOFTON (Newcastle).
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD (Salisbury). ISAAC G. SHADE (Greenwich). WILLIAM PYE (London). JOHN HOLMAN (Sheffield). BERTRAM PREWETT (Bushey). JAMES GEORGE (Rugby).

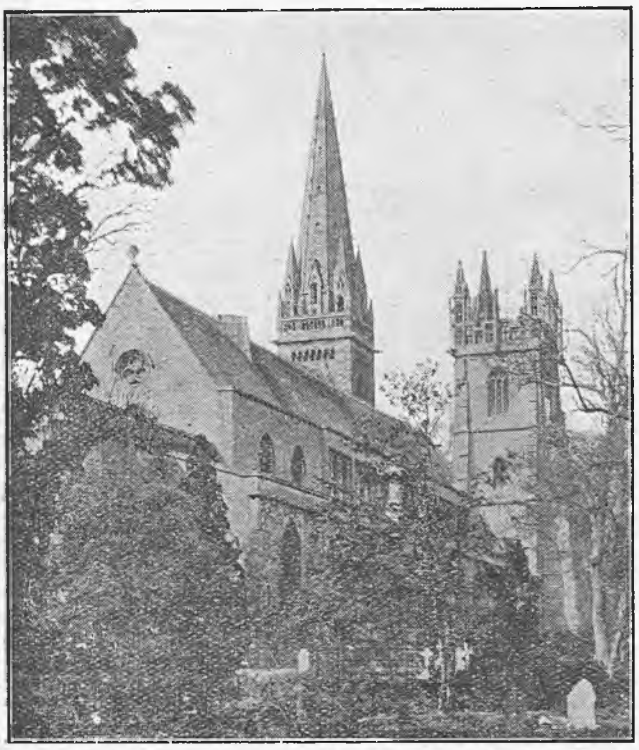
The arrangements of the tour had been placed in the capable hands of Mr. J. W. Jones, the hon. secretary of the Llandaff Association. These were now tackled in earnest. Caerleon was first visited, and a merry peal of Superlative resulted. Those not engaged, amused themselves with an inspection of the interesting contents of the local museum, under the guidance of Mr. Davies, the local schoolmaster, and brother of the well-known ringer of that name in Liverpool. St. Woolos, Newport, was the next objective, and "Bristol" the tune called. It soon became evident that to score a peal under the conditions obtaining would be a difficulty, and ultimately the attempt was abandoned. To compensate this a peal of Stedman Caters on handbells was arranged and completed in the belfry of All Saints'. "Cambridge" was called at Trevethin on Tuesday morning, but either

daff Association, and in consequence all were eager to score here. "Go" was called for Stedman Caters, and in due time the welcome, "That is all," was heard. The bells are an excellent ring, and in good order, and the ringing gave much pleasure to the critics outside. Prior to the start the band were photographed, an event which, happening at the south entrance to the church and in a busy centre, excited a wonderful amount of public interest. Friday morning found us at Llanbradach, where Bristol was secured on one of Taylor's new rings, and then came our visit to Caerphilly. Here was to take place an event of great moment to a conspicuous member of the company, viz., the attempt to score his first peal of London. The conditions were favourable: the bells, a new ring by Taylor this year; the band, a reliable one. "Go" was called, but our friend soon showed

signs of realising a material difference between London in theory, and in practice. Placed between the only brothers in the company who rendered him vigorous assistance in times of difficulty, he struggled on gamely for an hour, when a shift perforce ended the effort. Our colleague naturally was disappointed, but by no means disheartened, for it is "try again" with him.

Not to be denied a peal on this fine ring the band embarked on "Superlative," which was landed in safety after an average interval. All the company afterwards partook of the hospitality, kindly provided by the Vicar, whose kindness thus shown was much appreciated. Caerphilly possesses a fine old castle which afforded unlimited interest to the "out-of-work" members of the company. Saturday, our last day, began with packing and paying, which business done, we commenced our homeward journey, taking Caldicot on our way, where the only failure of the arranged peals was experienced. A shift well over half-way in an attempt at London brought it to an untimely end. The final effort was made at Chepstow. It was only fitting that some mark of recognition for his services on our behalf should be made to Mr. J. W. Jones, so it was decided to ask him to join us here in an attempt at Stedman. He did so, and it was a pleasure to

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL



Where the first peal of Bristol Surprise in Wales was rung.

all that we scored. Thus ended another of those gatherings which have a charm and a pleasure peculiar to themselves, and which are instrumental not only in cementing friendship, but also in confirming ringers in finding one of their hobbies "among the bells." A pleasing fact, noticeable in all the places visited, was the care bestowed on the bells and belfries. The pleasure and success of the tour, apart from the ringing, were conspicuous, and were due to the kindness of incumbents and ringing friends in the respective localities generally. Such kindness is gratefully acknowledged.

STOKE COVENTRY.—The Warwickshire Guild.—On Friday, Sept. 8th, 540 Stedman Triples: J. H. White 1, C. Freeman 2, H. Argyle 3, W. Cox 4, E. Johnson 5, F. Pervin 6, A. Roberts (conductor) 7, W. Maund 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, for evening service, 448 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Johnson 1, J. H. White 2, W. Brunsdon 3, W. Wiles 4, W. Cox 5, C. Freeman 6, A. Roberts (conductor) 7, F. Pervin 8.

WALSGRAVE-ON-SOWE, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, for morning service, 240 Grandsire Doubles: E. Johnson 1, J. H. White (conductor) 2, W. Maund 3, A. Roberts 4, W. Cox 5. Also 120 with F. Pervin 3 and A. Roberts (conductor), and 120, conducted by F. Pervin. These are the first six-scores ever known to be rung on these bells, which are an old peal (tenor about 8 cwt.).

A DAY'S CYCLING TOUR.

Members of the Sonning Deanery branch of the Oxford Guild have had an enjoyable cycle tour to towers in the Bradfield Deanery. The expedition took place on Saturday week, cyclist ringers turning up from Binfield, Easthampstead (2), Hurst, Farnham, Sandhurst (2), Wokingham and Yateley. Theale (the first tower on the list), was reached soon after 10.30 a.m., and the fine ring of six bells were soon going to Kent Treble Bob, a 240 being brought round. This was followed by a short touch of Oxford, two six-scores of Stedman Doubles, and 120 Grandsire Doubles, the latter being for the benefit of the veteran steeple keeper, Mr. H. Stevens, who helped to lower the bells in peal, his striking being an example to many a young ringer. It seems a great pity that this fine church should only possess six bells. Two good trebles would make it one of the finest eights in the county.

The next stop was at Englefield, one mile distant. This very pretty church stands in the beautiful park of Mr. Herbert Benyon, and possesses a musical ring of six bells. The party were met here by Mr. J. Abery, and an excellent 720 of Bob Minor was rung, conducted by Mr. J. Paice. A 240 Cambridge Surprise was lost in the last lead. Light refreshments were partaken of at the Working Men's Club, and then the cyclists made their way to Bradfield, an old-fashioned village famous for its college. The church is a quaint old building, with a tower capable of holding a ring of twelve. The visitors were informed by one of the local ringers that he could ring the tenor for a quarter of an hour with one hand, an opinion not entirely endorsed by the ringer who turned her in to a 720 of Kent. Owing to a wedding taking place no more ringing could be done here, so the rest of the time at disposal was spent under the church tower, while one of the number did his best to produce the group on the plate in his camera.

A cross-country ride of some four miles to Beenham, followed. The foreman of the local band, Mr. J. Hatto, was at the church to welcome the party, and helped to raise the bells in peal. A 240 of Woodbine was tapped off, followed by a touch of Plain Bob and a six-score of Stedman Doubles. During the ringing, the Vicar visited the belfry and expressed his pleasure at seeing the visitors at his church. At the People's Refreshment House, on the Bath Road, the party stopped for tea, a rather unfortunate mishap having occurred on the road. The right pedal of Mr. W. Horne's bicycle snapped off, and he had to be pushed along by two of his brother ringers.

After tea the party made their way to Padworth, and found a tiny church, snugly tucked away in a corner of the park. The ropes hang in a semi-circle round the font, the treble and tenor ringers being almost hidden from each other by a huge monument. A touch of Oxford Treble Bob was the first on the programme, followed by 240 of Cambridge Surprise. A touch each of Plain Bob and Kent concluded the ringing on this handy little peal, everyone remarking upon their smoothness of running and sweetness of tone.

Dusk was falling as the cyclists started on the five-mile run to Burghfield, the sixth and last tower on the list. They found here a rather peculiarly built church with a fine ring of six bells (tenor about 12 cwt.), upon which 360 Oxford Bob, conducted by Mr. W. Horne, was tapped off, followed by a six-score of Stedman and 240 of Kent. The falling of the bells in peal concluded the ringing for the day.

The unanimous opinion of all, as they gathered outside the church to wish each other good-night, was that it had been a most enjoyable and successful day, and hopes were expressed that it would be succeeded by many more. The last "pull" came when Mr. Horne disappeared in the darkness, towed away, not by a bell-rope, but a clothes line. The thanks of all are due to Mr. J. Moth for suggesting the idea, the various Vicars for granting permission, the steeple keepers for having everything ready, and last, but by no means least, to Mr. J. Abery for making the necessary arrangements, and for acting as pilot through the country lanes and by-ways. It is interesting to note that although all the towers visited contained six bells only, the company comprised a Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major band.—W. J. F.

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200 YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION PEALS.

Mr. Charles Jackson's 200 peals for the Yorkshire Association are made up as follows:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Stedman Caters	12	8
Stedman Triples	23	17
Grandsire Caters	4	4
Grandsire Major	1	1
Grandsire Triples	85	73
Grandsire Triples on Handbells	1	1
Treble Bob Royal	6	1
Treble Bob Major	36	21
Treble Bob Minor	1	1
Bob Royal	1	—
Bob Major	23	19
Yorkshire Court Major	2	2
Superlative Surprise Major	2	—
Peals on Six	3	1
Totals	200	149

One peal of Grandsire Major, and one of Grandsire Triples, which are false, are not included. Rung in 42 towers.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT SKIPTON.

The September meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Skipton, on Saturday last, in response to a kind invitation from the Rector and local branch put forward at the last meeting. The writer and a fellow officer arrived the previous evening, and enjoyed in the morning a pre-breakfast walk under the willing escort of Mr. Hillary. The weather was lovely, with just a touch of frost, and the beauties of the walk, in which were blended scenes of rough crag, open moor, shady wood, and running stream, were enjoyed to the full.

A peal of Stedman Triples was successfully brought round by 1 p.m. by early arrivals. It was the first in the method on the bells, and is duly recorded in its proper place. Thereafter the bells were going throughout the day in various methods by the visitors.

A large company, including a good number of ladies, sat down to a bountiful tea at 4 o'clock in the Church Schools. The weather being fine, the business meeting followed in the open-air in the courtyard of Skipton Castle, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. R. B. Barrett, J.P., the agent for Lord Hothfield. This novel and historical meeting-place was much appreciated by the visitors, as also was a walk through the castle under the guidance of the Rector, who explained its many points of interest.

The Castle dates back to Norman times, but the raiders from across the border are believed to have almost destroyed it, and it remained in a semi-ruined condition until about 1311, when Lord Clifford, the first of that line, rebuilt it. The western doorway of the inner building is the only portion left of the original structure. There are in this stronghold seven massive round towers, with a splendid courtyard surrounded by buildings of great beauty. The yew tree in the centre is reputed to be 500 years old. A natural precipice protects this castle on the north. On the other sides were a moat and drawbridge, and at the principal gateway a portcullis. Much more might be said, did space permit, of this fine old castle and its owners—of the Sailor Lord, who won the admiration of Queen Elizabeth for his gallantry in the times of the Armada, and many others.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall, president, took the chair at the meeting, supported by the hon. secretary, Mr. C. Glenn; the hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Cotterell; and the principal officers and committee. The Rector (Canon Cook) was also present. To enter into all details would be tedious, but we may mention that no less than three invitations were put forward for the annual meeting, from Calverley, Guiseley, and Holbeck.—On being put to the vote, Holbeck was carried by a large majority.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, vestries and schools, also to Mr. R. B. Barrett for so kindly placing at the Association's disposal the courtyard, and granting members the privilege of looking over the castle and grounds.—The Rector, in reply, said how pleased both Mr. Barrett and himself were to be able to again welcome the Association to Skipton. He always liked to hear the bells ring, and expressed his pleasure at listening to the peal in the morning.

We must not omit chronicling the vote of thanks to the local branch, under the secretaryship of Mr. W. Billows, for their admirable arrangements, and to the ladies who assisted at the tea-tables, a motion which was carried with acclamation.

Skipton Parish Church, which contains a peal of eight bells, with tenor 18¾ cwts., was founded about eight centuries ago, but the only part left of the original Norman edifice appears to be the Sedilia consisting of four stone seats with pointed arches and cylindrical columns in the South wall of the nave. The elegant oak screen is believed by some to have been brought from Bolton Abbey at the dissolution. Within the altar rails are three tombs of the Cumberlands. Standing at the West end the visitor is able to admire the magnificent roof—one of the finest in the country. It was erected partly at the expense of Richard III. Over the South door there is an old poker-work picture, the work of one Smith, a native of Skipton (who also painted the Royal Arms on the South wall).

MEETING AT KENDAL.

The annual meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Kendal, when ringers from Ambleside, Brathay, Broughton-in-Furness, Burton, Hawkshead, Crothwaite, Kirby-in-Furness, were present, together with the local band. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea by the Kendal ringers, and afterwards the business meeting was held, Canon Laforne (Vicar of Kendal) being in the chair. One new member was elected, and Kendal was again chosen for the next half-yearly meeting, to be held in March. Before and after the meeting touches of Bob Minor, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples were brought round. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the Kendal ringers for their kindness in entertaining them to tea.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL. — On Thursday, Sept. 14th, at the Parish Church, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Apperly 1, H. Brownjohn 2, R. Clark 3, L. Moore 4, G. Gale 5, J. Hemming (longest length in the method) 6, R. J. Wilkins (conductor) 7, J. A. Burford 8.

NOTICES.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, September 23rd. The bells at Heston, Norwood Green, and Hounslow will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Short service, with sermon by the Rev. F. W. A. Wilkinson, at 5.30. Tea 6d., at 6.15, to be followed by meeting. Those desirous of having tea provided for them are requested to notify either of the honorary secretaries not later than the 20th inst. Four representatives will be elected to serve on the next Central Council.—C. T. Coles, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow, and H. C. Chandler, 1, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretaries.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Crich, on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends invited (Ambergate and Whatstandwell stations).—Bart Mitchell, Honorary District Secretary, 68, Douglas Street, Derby.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea will be arranged at 5 o'clock, 1s. each, for all those who notify me not later than Tuesday, September 19th. There will be a short service in the church at 6 o'clock, to be followed by a business meeting for the election of officers, etc. An allowance of one penny per mile (single journey) will be paid to all members attending. Turn up, brothers, either by road, rail or sea! —C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. —The half-yearly meeting of the above will take place at Grimsby on Saturday, September 23rd. Peal attempt at St. James' 11 o'clock. Bells available in afternoon and evening. At St. Andrew's in afternoon. Service at St. Andrew's at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Albert Cafe (one minute from the Grimsby Docks Station) at 5 o'clock. Visitors cordially invited. For further particulars see Association circular.—J. W. Seamer, Honorary Secretary, 9, Augustin Street, Grimsby.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Drighlington on the 23rd inst. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting in the Church School at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Aston Manor (10 bells) on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells ready at 4 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec., The Parsonage, Shottery.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Emberton, Bucks, on Saturday, September 23rd. Service at 3.30 p.m. —F. W. Booth, Honorary Secretary.

HERTS ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — A meeting will be held at Bennington on September 23rd, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. A free tea will be given by the Rev. W. Mills (Rector), in the parish room at 5.30. It is hoped that many will attend the meeting at this picturesque old-world village. All members and friends will be made welcome. —W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Sec., Little Munden.

NOTICES (continued).

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at West Grinstead, on Saturday, September 30th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Members intending to be present please notify the undersigned by Thursday, September 28th.—H. Evans, Hon. Div. Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chaddesly Corbett, on Saturday, September 30th. Service in Church at 4.15. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, at 4.45 in the Schools. Business Meeting to follow. A Brake will leave the residence of Mr. T. J. Satter, Bromsgrove St., Kidderminster at 2.45. Return Fare 1s. Will all those intending to be present at the Tea, or go by brake from Kidderminster please let me know on or before Wednesday, September 27.—E. J. Dowler, Hon. Sec., 54, Tiverton Rd., Bournbrook, Selly Oak, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, September 30th. Tower (8 bells) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea at 5 (1s. each), both in the Grouse Inn. Those who intend being present for tea must please notify Mr. William Taylor, Northwood, Darley Dale, by Thursday morning, September 28th.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary, Cotgrave, Notts.

"WILLIAM VERRY" COMMEMORATION DINNER.—The seventh annual dinner will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Dinner 6.30 sharp. Tickets, 2s. 6d., may be had from C. Starkey, Honorary Secretary, 23, Tudor Street, Winson Green.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Blackpool on September 30th, when the bells at Lytham, St. Anne's, and Blackpool will be available all day. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, October 7th. —A. Rust, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. B. Prewett's address is now Alderbury, Oxhey Avenue, Watford.

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At St. Michael's Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne,

The Record Long Peal of Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 Changes) was rung on Easter Monday, 1911, by the Ashton-under-Lyne Society in 8 HOURS and 39 MINUTES.

In November, 1910, all the 12 bells were repaired and the Tenor (27 cwt.) completely rehung by:—

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LADIES IN THE BELFRY.

The many letters which we publish this week upon the subject of ladies in the belfry shows that the attitude taken up by the clergyman referred to by our correspondent "E. J. B." a fortnight ago is strongly resented, and with good reason. The rev. gentleman makes a reflection upon the character of ringers, which is of a most unkind nature, and one which cannot be justified by the slightest tittle of evidence. It is curious that there still remains in the minds of many people that prejudice against the belfry which the habits of olden times gave rise to. It exists, of course, only because those who retain it are totally unacquainted with the belfry proceedings of to-day, and goes to show that while the Associations of the country continue to encourage "belfry reform" they have also another duty—to educate the public, and, it seems, incidentally, some of the clergy, to the fact that ringers nowadays appreciate their calling and recognise the belfry as a part of the church. The old order of things has passed away, thanks to the beneficent influence of the ringing organisations, and we live in other days. Ringers know how to conduct themselves in the belfry, and it seems to us that the presence of ladies in the ringing chamber would, if anything, give a still greater assurance of decorum.

As to whether church bell ringing is a suitable hobby for ladies to follow is a question upon which there may be, perhaps, some divergence of opinion, but in these modern days the fair sex enter so largely into pursuits which were once looked upon as the exclusive domain of mere man that there is no need to make a special exception of our Art. Among all the correspondence which we publish this week there is only one letter which supports the view that the belfry is not a place for ladies, and the reasons given are certainly not very serious ones. Ringers need not have fears that the ladies will do them out of their hobby, as the writer suggests, or that they will have to take "a back seat" because the ladies will be given all the privileges. The ranks of the lady ringers are not so strong that they are likely to exclude the men from the belfry, while the suggestion that what the Exercise needs is a better class of men to learn the Art needs no comment beyond recalling the fact that there never was a better class of men in the Exercise than there is to-day. The belfry is no place for snobbery. There is no class distinction in the ringing chamber, and equally, it may be said, that, in the practice of change ringing in the perfectly decorus atmosphere of the belfry, there is nothing that is unfit for a lady.

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John O. Sager, Solicitor, Todmorden, December 10, 1910.

Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., Bell and Brassfounders, Smethwick.

Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF ERIN CINQUES, 5063 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

THOMAS H. REEVES	*Treble*	GEORGE HUGHES	7
THOMAS RUSSAM	2	JOHN CARTER	8
WILLIAM SHORT	3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	9
HERBERT KNIGHT	4	SAMUEL GROVE	10
ALF PADDON SMITH	5	JAMES E. GROVES	11
JAMES L. WELLS	6	REUBEN HALL	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This is the first peal of Erin Cinques ever rung. All the above are also members of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.

TEN BELL PEALS.

EWERBY, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON	*Treble*	RUPERT RICHARDSON	6
‡ARTHUR ANDREWS	2	FREDERICK W. STOKES	7
JOHN T. HOLMES	3	†JOHN H. BROTHWELL	8
SIDNEY F. PALMER	4	WILLIAM DICKINSON	9
CLEMENT GLENN	5	*THOMAS WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First attempt for a peal in any method. † First peal on ten bells and first attempt. ‡ First peal of Caters away from the tenor.

REIGATE, SURREY.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5053 CHANCES;

Tenor, 19 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lbs.

GEORGE F. HOAD	*Treble*	ISAAC EMERY	6
EDWARD F. COLE	2	FRANK BENNETT	7
THOMAS H. COLBURN	3	ROBERT J. DAWE	8
HENRY F. EWINS	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	9
*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.	5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HONITON CLYST.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE W. CHALLICE	*Treble*	WILLIAM MOGRIDGE	5
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON	2	*CHARLES G. GLASS	6
FREDERICK W. RICHARDS	3	CHARLES R. LILLEY	7
HERBERT V. RICHARDS	4	EDWIN SHEPHERD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

A. W. Brighton hails from London, and Lilley from Caversham.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. The band wish to thank the Vicar, Rev. H. B. Clarke, for the use of the bells and for his hospitality after the peal. Mr. Churchwarden Shepherd has now rung every bell to Thurstans' peal.

HAGWORTHINGHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor about 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON	*Treble*	CLEMENT GLENN	5
JOHN T. HOLMES	2	*JOHN H. BROTHWELL	6
†ARTHUR ANDREWS	3	WILLIAM DICKINSON	7
FREDERICK W. STOKES	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal on the bells. * First peal in the method with a bob bell. † First peal of Triples.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 19, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 15 lbs., in F.

BENJAMIN TREVITT	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. HANCOCK	5
WILLIAM BIBBY	2	GEORGE R. NEWTON	6
REGINALD A. CARTWRIGHT	3	EDWIN H. LEWIS	7
JOHN A. CALLAND	4	HENRY W. WILDE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

SOUTH SHIELDS, DURHAM.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt., in G.

ROBERT RICHARDS	*Treble*	THOMAS T. GOFTON	5
STEPHEN W. STRATFORD	2	EDWARD A. HERN	6
ALFRED F. HILLIER	3	WILLIAM STORY	7
JOEL HERN	4	GEORGE R. POTTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, LAMBETH, S.E.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

MIDDLETON'S COMPOSITION. Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK PERRIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM HEWETT	5
FRANK HAIRS	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	3	ALFRED W. GRIMES	7
H. RANZETTA	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS

The Conductor's 400th peal.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

HARRY BREWER	*Treble*	ALBERT ELLIS	5
FREDK. W. RICE	2	GEORGE ILLMAN	6
ALBERT HARMAN	3	GEORGE W. STOKES	7
ALBERT MITCHELL	4	*OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOSEPH SMITH	*Treble*	W. W. WORTHINGTON	5
JAMES HUTCHLEY	2	CHARLES HARRIMAN	6
ERNEST CARTWRIGHT	3	EDWARD READER	7
REV. A. F. H. BOUGHEY	4	JOSEPH POWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. READER.

The Rev. A. F. H. Boughey, for whom the appeal was arranged, hails from Cambridge, W. W. Worthington from Netherseale.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

WILLIAM PALMER	*Treble*	JOHN NEAL	5
ARTHUR CHAMBERS	2	*ALBERT J. HUGHES	6
GEORGE F. SWANN	3	†SAMUEL GROVE	7
CHARLES DICKENS	4	JAMES DOWLER	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to James Dowler. A. J. Hughes hails from Bangor.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

CHARLES MILLS	*Treble*	THOMAS FORD, Junr.	5
GEORGE ARCHER	2	CLEMENT J. MOORE	6
WILLIAM IRELAND	3	HARRY CATTERMOLE	7
ALFRED KEEBLE	4	JOHN SOUTER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

Rung in honour of the conductor's birthday. First peal in the method on the bells.

POOLE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 21, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER	*Treble*	ELI WATERS	5
GEORGE PRESTON	2	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH	6
F. W. TOWNSEND	3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	7
A. F. MARTIN STEWART	4	F. CASE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

This peal was arranged for Miss Parker, who was visiting Bournemouth, and is the first peal rung on tower bells in the Salisbury Diocese in which a lady has taken part. It was also the quickest peal on the bells.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON	*Treble*	EDWARD J. BOOT	5
ALBERT COPPOCK	2	*ERNEST J. OLIVIER	6
J. CHARLES DICKEN	3	BART MITCHELL	7
EDWARD C. GOBEY	4	WILLIAM BELLAMY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. William Bellamy.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ARTHUR EDWARDS	*Treble*	GEORGE F. MARGETSON	5
LEWIS GREEN	2	HENRY F. COOPER	6
FREDK. G. RADLEY	3	WILLIAM LINCOLN	7
PERCY LETCH	4	ARTHUR HEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

Arranged for Messrs. L. Green and G. F. Margetson, and rung as a Centenary Peal for the bells which were cast 1811.

FEERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt., in F.

PERCY LANGSTON	*Treble*	JOHN SADLER	5
WALTER SADLER	2	FRANK CLAYDON	6
*THOMAS CRANFIELD	3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH	7
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM	4	DAVID ELLIOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

* First peal in the method.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY	*Treble*	*FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	5
THOMAS KING	2	CHARLES F. BAILEY	6
JAMES M. BAILEY	3	JOHN LARTER	7
ERNEST S. BAILEY	4	EDGAR H. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by D. WOODS, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*WILLIAM FLETCHER	*Treble*	REGINALD BROUGH	5
FREDERICK J. FRENCH	2	EDWARD AUDSLEY	6
GEORGE POVEY	3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	7
RICHARD MORGAN	4	WILLIAM FLOYD	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal of Stedman.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs.

JOHN W. WHITING	*Treble*	REV. E. BANKES JAMES	5
LIONEL H. PAGE	2	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	6
HENRY W. WILKES	3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	7
GEORGE WILLIAMS	4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. P. Reading, a late member of the choir of this church.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT	*Treble*	GEORGE GOWER	5
JOHN ALDIS	2	FREDERICK MANSER	6
FREDERICK WHITHAM	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
WILLIAM STEELE	4	FREDERICK SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT, and
Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs., in A flat.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	*Treble*	EDWIN F. PIKE	5
REV. WILLIAM A. PEARSON	2	FRANK HAIRS	6
EDGAR PEMBERTON	3	JAMES MOTTS	7
SEDLEY J. COLLINS	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

FRANK KIRK	*Treble*	EDWARD CHAPMAN	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS	2	CHARLES W. BIRD	6
WILLIAM J. GILBERT	3	ALBERT V. INNS	7
ARTHUR E. PAYNE	4	DAVID J. NICHOLS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVERN, and
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10¾ cwt.

*REV. R. L. B. OLIVER	*Treble*	*NORMAN ADDISON	5
FREDERICK LAVERICK	2	*GEORGE CATTLE	6
WILLIAM RUDD	3	JOHN H. BLAKISTON	7
*FREDERICK BARKER	4	JOHN H. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and
Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

* First peal in any method. Rung as a parting compliment to the Rev. H. E. Booty, M.A., who is leaving Thornaby for Tickhill, Rotherham.

MORTIMER, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART, No. 1. Tenor 11 cwt., in G.

*GEORGE EATWELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM SHEPHERD	5
MISS ALICE WHITE	2	WILLIAM FORD	6
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD	3	CHARLES R. LILLEY	7
THOMAS NEVILLE	4	WILLIAM RAGGETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal away from tenor. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival. The band wish to thank Messrs. Ford, Neville, and Eatwell for kindly providing refreshment before and after the peal. Miss White belongs to Basingstoke, C. R. Lilley to Caversham, and the brothers Shepherd to Hersham.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HERBERT L. HARLOW	*Treble*	HENRY W. GAYTON	4
HERBERT SHARP	2	WILLIAM STAPLETON	5
CHARLES W. CLARKE	3	CHARLES A. ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

ADDINGTON MAGNA, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN COLEMAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM HAYS	4
BERT PERRET	2	DANIEL REDHEAD	5
LEONARD J. WYMAN	3	JAMES M. NICKERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

* First peal. The peal was arranged for Mr. J. Coleman.

WORFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and two each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ARTHUR NEWSOME ...	...*Treble*	BERTRAM HEAD	4
JOHN OVERTON	2	HORACE W. OVERTON ...	5
JOHN ELCOCK	3	WILFRED OVERTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs.

E. MAURICE ATKINS...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT	4
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON	2	WALTER T. WILSON ...	5
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ...	3	CHARLES W. BIRD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

HANDBELL PEALS.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 19, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT 7, THE BROADWAY.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

ALBERT V. INNS...	1—2	*E. MAURICE ATKINS	... 5—6
DAVID J. NICHOLS	3—4	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN	... 7—8

FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 9—10.

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire, R. CHAPMAN. * 5th peal as conductor.

This is the first ten-bell peal by all, and first in hand by the Association.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

(THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Friday, September 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minute

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. ARTHUR ANDREWS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	1—2	SIDNEY F. PALMER ...	... 5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	†RUPERT RICHARDSON	... 7—8

Composed by W. ROYLE, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire, JOHN H. BROTHWELL. Witness, ARTHUR ANDREWS.

* First handbell peal. † First handbell peal on eight bells.

This was Rupert Richardson's 100th peal. First handbell peal in the method by the Guild, and in the County.

LITTLE BOB MAJOR.

TWO COMPOSITIONS.

A period of 25 years elapsed between the production of Little Bob Major and the ringing of the first peal of the method. We have not had long to wait, however, for the second, which was accomplished, as our peal columns show, at Runcorn, on September 19th. A noteworthy feature of the peal is the fact that it is probably the first exact 5000 ever rung in five equal parts. Appended is the composition :—

5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR,

By E. H. LEWIS (April, 1910).

23456	3rds.	W.	5ths.	H.
35642	S		S	—
64352		—		—
36452				—
43652				—
65432		—		—
46532				—
53462		—		—
45362				—
43562				S
56432		—		—
45632				—
64532				—
53642		—		—
65342				—
36542				—
54362		—		—
35462				—
34562				S

Four times repeated.

A 5000 with more musical properties is very easily obtained, and an example with 4-5-6 each 24 times in 6th's place (also by Mr. E. H. Lewis) is here given. If called in full this would run to the 120 course ends, but 23 of the courses with the 2nd in 6th's are cut out.

23456	4ths.	W.	M.	In.	H.	
64235	—			—	—	
2346		S			—	
6243		—			3	
3642		—			3	
3426		—			2	
6324		—			3	A
2436		S			—	
6234		—			3	
4632		—			3	
4326		—			2	
42635		—			2	
64523	A, omitting the 5 sets of 3 bobs at H					
56342		—	—			
35264	A					
23456	A					

LADIES IN THE BELFRY CORRESPONDENCE.

LADY RINGERS' VIEWS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am not in the habit of rushing into print, but I must protest against the unjust insinuation brought against ringers in general by the clergyman mentioned by "E. J. B." in "The Ringing World" of Sept. 15th. I have been a ringer now over two years, and I can confidently say that I have always had the utmost courtesy and respect shown to me by all ringers, in whatever tower I have had the pleasure to ring. I see no more harm in ringing with young men than doing any other Church work where young men and young women have to work together. Perhaps the reverend gentleman is a "woman hater," and does not like to see a woman take any pleasure at all, for ringing is a very great pleasure to me. It is good for the Church that there are not many like him, and as for saying that the belfry is not a part of the church, we have always been taught that both the tower and the bells have been made a part of the church, generally by the Bishop.—Yours faithfully, E. M. G.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Referring to your correspondent's letter on "Ladies in the belfry," I should like to say a word on the subject. I have been in about 80 towers in different parts of the country, and have met hundreds of ringers, and have the greatest respect for them all. I have never heard or seen any conduct that any lady need be ashamed of, or that in any way warrants such a cruel statement as that made by the reverend gentleman, according to the letter in question. He surely cannot know what he is talking about. I feel very sorry for all the band of ringers, and especially for the lady. They must feel very uncomfortable at such words, and it is quite an insult to all ringers. I trust the reverend gentleman will soon get a better opinion of us all, and would like to suggest that he join some band, when, no doubt, he will soon alter his opinion. (MRS.) R. WHITTINGTON.

Winterfold, Cranleigh.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will you allow me to say that as an old bell ringer, I entirely disagree with the attitude of the clergyman mentioned by your correspondent "E. J. B." In this parish we have the help of one lady bell ringer, and there is not the slightest hint given of any impropriety in our so doing. Besides, why should there not be lady Churchworkers in a belfry as well as in a choir? What is the difference? No one but a "Mrs. Grundy" would ever suggest there was anything wrong in it. I regret to say that our present Vicar is leaving, and I sincerely trust that no one of the "Mrs. Grundy" stamp will find a habitation here. I think if there were more lady bell ringers it would improve still further the tone of the belfry.—Yours truly, W. THOMPSON.

South Wigston.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Having read "E.J.B.'s" letter on "Lady Ringers," I think that the Vicar is in the right, and the ringers are wrong (not because he is a Vicar, that makes no difference), but because a woman has no right in a tower which is not really a part of the church. Those towers where they ring on the ground-floor are part of the church, but no ringer is going to make me believe that a tower where you ring hidden from the church is a part of the church, it is all nonsense.

What the ringing world wants is a better class of men to learn to ring, viz., the middle-classes, then things would go better. My objections to lady ringers are these:—

1. They will do men out of their hobby.
2. They will be given all the privileges, while the gentlemen ringers will have to "take a back seat" and look on.
3. They will do as that Vicar at Quorn (Leicestershire) once said: "Cause all the trouble." ARTHUR COX.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I notice "E.J.B.'s" letter in your issue of Sept. 15th. My experience of the clergyman in question is identical. The choir and myself were refused access to the church for the Weekly Full Choir practice. He stated the church was "God's House," presumably, therefore, we were unfit persons to assemble there. As he was only acting "locum tenens," the Vicar was appealed to, and he was quickly told he had exceeded his instructions. I have been 29 years in the service of the Church, and unhesitatingly say I have never before met such intolerance. As regards our belfry, during my eight years at the church our ringers have been earnest in their endeavours to improve in the art of change ringing, an art in which I have always taken an interest, and our band is held in high esteem. Nothing could have been more unjust than to debar the lady from the belfry. As well debar the ladies who I have at times in the choir to assist with services.

THE ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER OF THE CHURCH.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The letter signed by "E. J. B.," published in "The Ringing World" of the 15th September, comes as a big surprise to all those who take part in the work of the church. That a lady should be forbidden to work in the belfry (which without doubt must be a part of the work of the church) if she so desires, one cannot understand. I should consider it a great indignity if any of my lady friends were forbidden to enter the belfry, wherein I have had the pleasure of ringing for many years. The clergyman referred to must be sadly in want of further instruction in that part of his work, and the sooner he makes himself acquainted therewith the better. The ringers it has been my pleasure to meet here and at other towers, are at all times pleased to welcome a lady whether that lady be a ringer or otherwise, and what is more, ringers generally are conceited enough to believe that we know how to comport ourselves whether ladies be present in the belfry or not, and for anyone to assert the contrary is travelling from the path of the truth. After all it is gratifying to know that some of the clergy are pleased to welcome ladies in the belfry. We here are all looking forward to welcoming a band of lady ringers for a peal in the course of the next few weeks, and I go further and say I believe the clergy would like to be the first to congratulate them on their success. I don't think it necessary to touch upon that part of the letter as to questionable actions, only to say that it is absurd.

It would be interesting, however, to have the opinion of the daughter of the Astronomer Royal, who took a lively interest in ringing with the band at St. Alphege, Greenwich, some few years ago, on the point of ladies in the belfry.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES T. CLARK.

197, Manchester Road, Cubitt Town.

[Other letters on this subject are unavoidably held over.—ED.]

A DAY AT BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH.

The annual outing of the St. Ann's Guild, Tottenham, took place on Saturday, Sept. 16th, when a visit was paid to Burnham-on-Crouch, which is famous for its oyster beds and as a centre for yachting on the east coast. The morning was spent in a pleasant ramble round the quiet old nooks which abound along the river bank, and in watching the graceful yachts getting under way. These boats, of which there are several hundreds, ranging from a 50-ton schooner down to a little 4-tonner, afforded a magnificent spectacle, and were in direct contrast to the business like motor boats, and the scene was full of interest to the visitors.

The parish church of St. Mary was next visited, and the various historic objects which it contained were examined with interest. The church is in the late perpendicular style, and has an embattled western tower. The tower was once the loftiest in this part of the country, and formed a beacon for vessels at sea, but having been blown down many years ago, it was rebuilt at a lower elevation. After inspecting the church, the visitors proceeded to the comfortable and well ventilated ringing chamber, and several touches were rung upon the new ring of six, the "go" of which was everything that could be desired. The party was then joined by Mr. Robert Warner, who motored over, and by the Rev. H. W. Watson, M.A., who takes a real personal interest in the ringers, and his bells. After the party had lined up at the foot of the tower, the local photographer got to work, and a picture was secured to complete a series depicting the history of the bells. A general move was then made to the "Welcome Sailor" where Mr. Waldock, of Cricksea (who is instructor of the band of St. Mary's), had ready a sumptuous meat tea, which was done full justice to.

Touches on the handbells followed, and the Vicar then expressed his great appreciation of the visit of St. Ann's Guild which, he felt sure, would encourage their young ringers, and thus cause greater interest to be taken in church work.—Mr. Waldock echoed the sentiments of the Vicar, and sincerely hoped that this would be the first visit of many.—The Vicar and churchwardens were thanked for the use of the bells and for their great kindness in providing tea, and the hostess for the splendid way in which the catering was undertaken.

After tea the party proceeded to the church, and more ringing was the order, including a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), which was brought round in 50 mins.: T. Sharman 1, T. C. Ringrose 2, J. Waldock 3, F. E. Ringrose 4, C. H. Ross (conductor) 5, C. Davidson 6.

Before proceeding to the station, refreshments were partaken of at "The Welcome Sailor," and "Mine Hostess" sat down at the piano and sang some splendid songs. The train was supposed to go at 8.15, and after having seen the Messrs. Warner start on their long drive, it was suddenly discerned that the train was really due away at 8.3. A wild dash was made for the station, which was reached only just in time, the train being boarded as it was starting away. It was indeed a most enjoyable day, and all felt the beneficial effect of the bracing air, combined with healthy exercise, which had been indulged in.

RINGERS' GRIEVANCES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—You have, I think, given good advice to your two correspondents with "grievances." Their cases are not exceptional, as I have reason to know from my former experience as Master of a large County Association. I was, on various occasions, appealed to, both by ringers and by clergy: and my conclusion was that at least three-fourths of the grievances brought before me were due to misunderstanding of each other's position and rights, or want of consideration for each other's point of view—in one word, to want of "tact." It is strange how many clergy do not understand their own powers and responsibilities with regard to the belfry, or fail to realise that ringers are grown men—and often rather "touchy" men—who require careful handling, and cannot be ordered about like school-boys. On the other hand, ringers are often curiously indifferent to the point of view of the clergy and churchpeople generally. For instance, in the matter of attendance at church, one of the most difficult and delicate questions that arise between the clergy and their ringers—if clergy are sometimes over-exacting, ringers seem often either quite unaware or utterly careless of the feeling with which not only clergy, but (as I well know) many laymen, see the ringers walking away from church as the congregation assembles. Tact and "sweet reasonableness" on either side is the most effective remedy. Again, ringers (especially where the clergy neglect the belfry) are often too much inclined to look on belfry and bells as belonging to them. One reads now and then that the head ringer or ringers of some church have refused admission to the belfry, as if they were masters there: and not long ago one of your correspondents, apropos of some difficulty between an incumbent and his ringers and the proposed substitution of others in their place, seemed to think that a legitimate course for the expelled ringers to take would be to cut the ropes—as if the ropes were their property, not church property, for damaging which they could be prosecuted as surely as if they destroyed the organ bellows to spite the organist!

I never had much difficulty with the ringers of my own parish church: but I found that it required quite as much tact and discretion to deal with ringers as with choirmen—and that is saying a good deal. Tact and discretion will smooth over most difficulties; but the tact must be shown on both sides, by ringers as well as by clergy.—Yours faithfully. T. L. PAPILLON.

A NOTTINGHAM TOWER CLOSED.

As we briefly noted in our last issue, the bells of All Saints', Nottingham, are to be closed for ringing. The bell ringers have received a quarter's notice of the intention of the Church authorities to discontinue the present method of ringing, and have been informed that their services will no longer be required. This marks the termination of a long series of agitations and complaints from residents in the neighbourhood. It was explained at a church meeting that, in addition to complaints of noise from the residents, the patients at the Samaritan Hospital in Raleigh Street and at a private hospital near by were disturbed, and it not infrequently happened that requests were sent just before the bells started ringing for the services for them to be kept quiet as some poor man or woman lay dying. The weekly practice night was stopped some time ago. The crisis has been hastened by the fact that the hangings of the bells were perceived to be wearing out, and an examination revealed that before long an expenditure of between £50 and £100 would be necessary to repair them. A chiming apparatus is now to be provided.

The tower is a very massive one, and would hold a heavy ring of twelve comfortably. While, in the ringing chamber, the conditions are well-nigh perfect, the bells, we are informed, are very noisy outside, despite the fact that the louvres were partly bricked up.

A correspondent informs us that it is true there are two hospitals practically in the shadow of the tower, but during his twelve years' connection with the church, the number of complaints from there was almost nil. To give an idea of the feeling of the district, one complaint is well worth recalling. At the time of the sinking of H.M. battleship "Victoria" by the "Camperdown," a half-muffled touch was being rung, when a young man requested that the bells should be stopped because his mother had the toothache. The verger suggested that he would surely not stop a muffled peal for so trivial a cause, but the young man eventually obtained his request. A little more firmness at headquarters would have prevented many of the complaints.

HERTS ASSOCIATION MEETING.

An ideal September afternoon, a pretty village, a handy and musical ring of bells, and a warm welcome for all by the Rector, the Rev. W. Mills. Such were the conditions under which the meeting of the Herts County Association held their district meeting, at Bennington on Saturday last. Members were present from ten different towers.

Tea was kindly provided by the Rector, and the business meeting was afterwards held, the Rev. W. Mills being voted to the chair. The meeting was honoured with the presence of two ringing clergymen, the Rev. A. G. Langdon and the Rev. B. H. T. Drake, a feature which a few years ago would have been considered a wonderful thing, but, happily, now becoming a more frequent occurrence. Ringing was freely indulged in, and all enjoyed the opportunity for practice.

LADY RINGER ENTERTAINED.

On Tuesday, Sept. 19th, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at St. Peter's, Dorchester, by members of the Salisbury Guild, the band being as follows: C. Goodenough 1, Miss Edith Parker (conductress) 2, F. Uphill 3, J. Benger 4, T. Wolley 5, C. B. Hurst 6, G. T. White 7, T. Hyde 8. The peal had been arranged by Mr. Martin Stewart (Master of the Guild)—who at the last minute was unable to take part—for Miss Parker, who had been spending her holiday with a lady friend at Bournemouth. Unfortunately the peal was lost, after ringing 4000 changes, the striking, which was listened to by several campanologists outside, having been excellent.

After the ringing, the band and several ringers from the district were entertained to supper by the churchwardens of St. Peter's to celebrate the occasion of the first visit to Dorchester of Miss Parker. The chair was taken by Mr. R. N. Dawes, who was supported by Mr. J. Hannah (churchwarden) and Mr. J. T. Godwin, the vice-chair being taken by Mr. C. H. Jennings (hon. secretary of the Dorchester branch of the Guild).—The Chairman, in the name of the St. Peter's Society, welcomed Miss Parker to Dorchester, and expressed a hope that she would shortly come again, and be successful with the peal.—The Vice-Chairman also welcomed Miss Parker, in the name of the Dorchester branch, and Miss Parker thanked them all for the kindness that had been shown her on her visit.—Mr. Hodges, the "Father" of the St. Peter's Society, in eulogistic terms, proposed a vote of thanks to the churchwardens for their generous hospitality.—Mr. C. Goodenough seconded, and the manner in which the vote was accorded testified to the appreciation of the ringers.—A most pleasant evening was spent.

RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

It was a merry party of twenty-five that met on the 20th inst., at "Auburn," Shakespeare Road, Hanwell, to celebrate the "silver wedding" day of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lawrence, and the coming of age of their eldest son, Stedman Lawrence. Amongst the company were several of the guests who were present at the ceremony of twenty-five years ago, some coming from long distances, to attend the happy celebration. During dinner the toast of the host, hostess, and their son was most enthusiastically honoured. Music and handbell ringing was then the order of the evening, and included amongst the band were such well known ringers as Messrs. W. and A. Shepherd (of Hersham), and Mr. G. Edser (of London), who, with the host, rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples on handbells cast by Robert Wells, of Aldbourne, in 1787. The ringing drew forth rounds of applause from the assembled company.

A PRESENTATION.

On Wednesday week, an interesting presentation took place in the Oldham Parish Church belfry, Mr. John Davies being the recipient of a gold medal, in the form of a bell, from his fellow members of the tower. Mr. Samuel Stott presided over the gathering, and the presentation was made by Mr. Edmund Mills, one of the churchwardens, in the absence of the Vicar. Mr. Mills spoke of the good work that Mr. Davies had rendered to church and schools—he had been a ringer for twenty-seven years. The medal is engraved with the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. J. Davies by the O.C.S., O.C.R., 1911." Mr. Davies left England for Auckland, New Zealand, yesterday (Thursday). An attempt was made for a farewell peal of Caters on Sunday, Sept. 24th, but unfortunately came to grief after 2 hrs. and 40 mins. ringing.

MEETING AT DRIGHLINGTON.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held at Drighlington, on Saturday. A peal of Bob Major was attempted in the afternoon, but unfortunately came to grief, after about an hour's ringing. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob were then rung by visitors. The business meeting was held in the schoolroom. The President occupied the chair, supported by members from Armley, Bolton, Calverley, Holbeck, Far Headingley, Hunslet, Wakefield, Shipley, Pudey, Tong, Leeds Parish Church, and the local company.—The President announced with regret, the death of Mr. Wm. Hollings, of Calverley, and a vote of sympathy and condolence with Mrs. Hollings was passed by all standing in silence. The final arrangements for a peal attempt at Bolton, on October 14th, were left in the secretary's hands, on the motion of Mr. J. Broadley, and seconded by Mr. J. Peacock.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Drighlington and to the local company for the day's arrangements, was proposed by Mr. J. Broadley, seconded by Mr. G. Bolland, and carried unanimously.—A vote of thanks to the President brought the meeting to a close. The tower bells and handbells were then rung until late in the evening.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

DALTON.

The Dalton Parish Church ringers had their annual outing on Saturday week, when they visited Liverpool. Going first to St. James' Church, West Derby, they were met by Mr. John Hudson, who made up a band for Minor ringing. A 720 Oxford Single came to grief, but 720 of Plain Bob was brought home by: T. R. Jackson 1, J. Hudson 2, T. Metcalfe 3, J. Huddleston 4, W. S. Forshaw 5, J. Burrows (conductor) 6.—After dinner, at which Mr. Hudson joined the company, the party visited Walton-on-the-Hill, where they were met by Mr. H. Fyles, who assisted to ring 720 Bob Minor on the handy ring of six: T. R. Jackson (conductor) 1, H. Fyles 2, T. Metcalfe 3, J. Huddleston 4, W. S. Forshaw 5, J. Burrows 6. Mr. Horrocks conducted the party to Christ Church, Bootle, where there is a ring of six steel bells, by Vickers, of Sheffield, and 720 Bob Minor was brought round, Mr. A. Jackson taking part. Mr. A. Jackson invited the ringers to tea, a kindness that was much appreciated. Afterwards the visitors enjoyed themselves in the city. They wish to take this opportunity of thanking the various Vicars for allowing them the use of the bells, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Fyles, Mr. A. Jackson and Mr. Horrocks for their assistance, and Mr. and Mrs. Jackson for their kind hospitality.

DITCHLING.

The annual outing of the Ditchling, Sussex, ringers took place on Wednesday, Sept. 13th, when they made Epsom their centre. They were joined on the excursion by friends from Burgess Hill, Keymer, Lindfield, Hurst, and Brighton, and reaching Redhill by train, drove by brakes to Merstham, where the verger kindly had everything in readiness. Touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire were brought round with difficulty, owing to the bad "go" of the tenor. On leaving the tower, the band were met by the Rector (the Rev. R. I. Woodhouse), who gave them a hearty welcome, and conducted them round the interior of the church, which dates back to 1220, and explained the history of the ancient brasses and other relics, for which the church is noted. The Rector was warmly thanked for his kindness. In descending from the tower one of the visitors missed his footing on the rather awkward staircase, and in falling, sustained a badly sprained ankle. After receiving medical assistance he was able to resume the journey, but was out of action for the rest of the day.

At Epsom dinner was partaken of, and afterwards the visitors were met by Mr. Allan Gower, who conducted them to Christ Church, the bells of which had been placed at their disposal by Canon Hunter. Touches of Bob Major and Triples were brought round, and then the journey was resumed to Reigate, where tea was partaken of, and ringing enjoyed upon the excellent peal of ten bells, which had been got in readiness by Mr. G. F. Hoad and other members of the local band. Touches of Royal, Caters, Major and Triples were rung, and then the return journey was commenced, after a very enjoyable day. The ringers wish, through "The Ringing World," to thank the Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, Canon Hunter and the Rev. F. C. Davies for the use of the bells at their respective churches, and Mr. A. Gower and Mr. G. F. Hoad for their kindness in making the visitors welcome.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

On Monday, Sept 18th, the ringers of St. Giles' Church and friends, numbering 19 in all, made an excursion to Blackpool. Two touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the beautiful bells at the Church of the Sacred Heart (R.C.), and the visitors then spent the remainder of the morning sight-seeing. After dinner, seven of the party met at St. John's Church, and with the help of one of the local band, tapped off some Grandsire Triples. Most of the party then proceeded to the South Shore, and there enjoyed the rest of the afternoon. The remainder, after a pleasant ride on the car to St. Annes, visited the parish church, where the nice ring of eight were set going to Grandsire, the touches being joined in by several of the local ringers. The ringing concluded with Bob Minor, rung by four of the local band, together with F. W. Perrens and C. Wallater. The ringers taking part during the day were: R. Baker, C. Wallater, E. Hortin, C. Beech, H. Ward, D. Appleby, L. Williams, F. Ward, J. Adams, G. Saunders and F. W. Perrens. The return journey, which commenced at 8.45, was made very enjoyable by handbell ringing, singing, etc., and Willenhall was reached at one a.m., after a most pleasant and enjoyable day's outing. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the clergy of the churches for the use of their bells, and also those who helped to arrange the ringing and make the outing so enjoyable.

RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Saturday afternoon last a visit was paid to Newport by the ringers of Rumney Parish Church. The journey was made in a pair-horse brake, and although a thin drizzling rain was falling, the drive was much enjoyed. On reaching Newport the party was met by Mr. J. W. Jones, and escorted to All Saints' Church, where a committee meeting of the Llandaff Association was held, at the close of which the bells were raised, and various touches rung. Subsequently an excellent meat tea was partaken of at the Shaftesbury Hotel, Mr. Jones joining the party. Mention was made that before long it was hoped to ring a wedding peal for "George," but it so happens that this particular individual is not in a hurry to enter the ranks of the Benedicts. At 9.30 the parting came, and the return journey to Rumney was commenced, after a most enjoyable day.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

On Sunday, Sept. 24th, the Shipley band, accompanied by H. Tourle, of West Grinstead, paid a visit to Worth Church. They were met at Three Bridges by Mr. F. W. Rice, who acted as pilot, and landed them at the tower entrance, where they were met by Mr. J. Box, the clerk, who had everything in readiness. The bells were soon running to the tune of Oxford Treble Bob, Mr. F. Rice taking part. After service another touch was brought round, and then an adjournment was made for dinner. To the surprise of some of the band the hostess proved to be a sister of one of the company, and it is not surprising, therefore, that this function went off in first-class order, as no one knows better what ringers require than their wives or sisters. After dinner a move was again made to the belfry, where a capital 720 Cambridge Surprise was brought round by W. Denman, junr., 1, T. Adams 2, R. H. Bowell 3, G. Lucas 4, J. F. Bowell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob, with H. Tourle 3, A. Cripps 4, W. Denman, senr. (conductor) 6. This concluded the day's ringing, and after tea the return journey was made. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for granting the use of the bells, the Sexton for having them in readiness, Mr. F. W. Rice for meeting them; and last, but not least, Mr. and Mrs. P. Dench for the excellent catering and the kindly welcome they extended to the party.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT GRIMSBY.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern branch of the Lincoln Guild was held at Grimsby on Saturday last, members being present from Lincoln, Gainsborough, Brigg, Louth, Kirton, Lindsey, Barton, Gosberton, Sheffield, Bolsover, together with Mr. G. Dent, of Harlow, and the local men.

Ringing commenced soon after two o'clock at St. James' Church, the intention of attempting a peal in the morning having fallen through. Several members rang their first touches of Kent and Stedman. St. Andrew's bells, by kind permission of the Vicar, were open from 2.45 to 4 p.m., and touches of Stedman and a course of Double Norwich were rung upon them. A good muster attended the service in St. Andrew's Church, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Lenton), who gave an excellent address, based on the text "But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification and exhortation and comfort," 1 Cor. xiv., 3.

Tea was served at the Albert Cafe, and the meeting followed, the President (Mr. F. F. Linley) occupying the chair. Three honorary members having been elected, the President extended a hearty welcome to the visitors from Sheffield, Bolsover, and Harlow, after which Mr. G. Dent, of Harlow, by request, gave an interesting and racy description of the recent ringing tour in South Wales, for which he was most heartily thanked.—Mr. G. Lewis cordially thanked the members for their hearty welcome, assuring them that the pleasure was not all on one side. Afterwards handbell ringing was indulged in, and a well-tapped course of Royal, by Mr. W. Allwood, which was thoroughly enjoyed by those present, brought to a close one of the most enjoyable meetings held by the branch.

VETERAN LEEK RINGER'S DEATH.

We much regret to record the death of Mr. Edwin Sherratt, a veteran bell ringer, of Leek Parish Church, who passed away on Thursday of last week, at the age of 72 years. The deceased was one of the oldest ringers in the county, having assisted in the ringing when the two trebles, hung to supplement the original peal of six, were opened in 1863. During his 50 years' association with the belfry, Mr. Sherratt assisted in ringing at the celebration of many royal events from the marriage of the late King Edward to the Coronation of King George. The funeral took place on Monday.

HARWICH.—The Essex Association.—On September 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung on handbells at the residence of Mr. A. T. Morris: G. Thompson 1—2, T. Bernard (first 720 on handbells) 3—4, A. T. Morris (conductor) 5—6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles.

STRETFORD.—The Lancashire Association.—On Friday, September 1st, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: W. Birchall 1, J. J. Moss 2, C. W. Birchall 3, T. Birchall 4, W. Wigglesworth 5, W. J. Moss (conductor) 6. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Owen, Mr. Owen being a former ringer at the above church.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—At the Parish Church, on September 5th, for practice, 704 Grandsire Cinques: C. Pidgeon 1, F. Pestell 2, R. H. Hayward (Marlesford) 3, A. Webber 4, A. G. Ellis (London) 5, W. Blyth 6, G. Howchin (Norwich) 7, J. S. White (Northampton) 8, G. Orford 9, G. E. Howchin (Norwich) 10, D. Hayward (conductor) 11, R. Christian 12. Also 593 Grandsire Caters: C. Pidgeon 1, A. G. Ellis 2, R. Christian 3, A. Webber 4, W. Blyth 5, G. E. Howchin 6, E. Todd 7, F. Pestell 8, D. Hayward 9, J. S. White 10.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE KENT ASSOCIATION.

Among the ringing societies of the country the Kent County Association occupies a foremost place, not only in regard to its membership, but because of its admirable organisation and its consistently high average of peal ringing successes. This position has only been attained by the enthusiasm of its officers, and to nothing more than to the efforts of its hon. secretary, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who, for upwards of twenty years, has occupied this responsible post with conspicuous success. Mr. Helmore is among the best known of the ringing clergy, and the

THE REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.

Kent Association is extremely fortunate in having a gentleman of such ability and practical knowledge to conduct its affairs. And yet it was quite a fortuitous circumstance that brought him into the Exercise.

Frederick John Ottley Helmore was born in London on December 2nd, 1851, and educated at St. Paul's School, where he gained one of the Mercers' Company's exhibitions in 1870, and went up to Oriel College, Oxford, taking his B.A. in 1874, and M.A. in 1877. He was ordained at Hereford, deacon 1875, priest 1876, being at the time an assistant Vicar-choral in the Cathedral. After a brief sojourn (1877-78) at Stratford-on-Avon as curate and precentor of Holy Trinity (Shakespeare's Church), he was appointed minor canon of Canterbury Cathedral, chaplain of Canterbury Union, surrogate in 1882, and precentor of the Cathedral in 1883—all of which offices he still holds.

The almost accidental circumstances by which Mr. Helmore became a ringer are certainly interesting. In the year 1882 a company of amateurs applied to Dean Payne Smith for permission to learn to ring on the Cathedral bells. This the Dean declined to grant unless they could induce one of the Cathedral clergy to superintend their practices, and he recommended them to apply to the junior minor canon. It was not until it had been clearly pointed out that their chance of pulling the Cathedral bells depended entirely upon his consent to join them that Mr. Helmore was prevailed upon to touch a bell rope. For months these amateurs attended a weekly practice, but very little progress was made, and it became evident that very few of them had any real desire to become proficient change ringers. By the spring of 1884 Mr. Helmore was heartily sick of scrambling through the plain course of Grandsire Doubles, and was preparing to give up all idea of becoming a change ringer, when, luckily, the conductor of the Cathedral ringers (the late Mr. G. Stancombe) interested himself in one or two of the amateurs, and, by getting them to practice with some of the Cathedral men at St. Stephen's, soon got them on through Grandsire Minor to ring decent touches of Triples.

Mr. Helmore rang his first peal (Grandsire) at Faversham on November 10th, 1884. In January, 1885, he was elected president of the Cathedral Company, and remains so after the lapse of a quarter of a century. In those days there was little variety in the Canterbury ringing, and the Kent County Association had no peals to its credit beyond Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Accordingly his first peal of Stedman Triples was a College Youths peal, rung at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and conducted by Mr. James Pettit on January 31st, 1887—the only peal Mr. Helmore has rung in the City of London. His first peals of Stedman Caters, Double Norwich and Superlative were scored under the auspices of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in conjunction with Mr. J. W. Washbrook and the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

On the retirement of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter in 1891, after only two years' tenure of office, Mr. Helmore became honorary secretary of the Kent County Association. For upwards of twenty years, ably assisted by his six district secretaries, he has been responsible for the management of the Association, and has had the gratification of watching its gradual growth and expansion; the number of members and of towers in union more than doubled; an all round improvement in ringers and ringing; and its funds so increased as to make it one of the richest associations in the kingdom. In 1895 he started a special "Belfry Repairs Fund" with the modest sum of £7 5s. At the end of 1910 the balance in hand was £108 11s. 7d., and yet during the fifteen or sixteen years of its existence grants have been made to the extent of £40, and another ten or twelve pounds will probably be granted in the immediate future.

Four years ago the Association presented him with a handsome oak roll top writing desk, with a silver bell in the centre panel inside, at once an eminently suitable gift to a secretary, and a genuine token of the members' appreciation of his work on their behalf. Mr. Helmore's name stands high in the list of clerical peal ringers. We understand that he is most anxious that one or more of the younger ringing clergy should obtain preferment in Kent, and so be in a position to take up the work, which he must necessarily resign before long. Altogether he has rung up to date 169 peals, all but 38 of them for the Kent Association. A peal of 5000 odd is his extent. His objection to long or "record" peals is well known to Kentish ringers, and has several times found expression in the annual reports. In that published last year he wrote: "In January a mixed company succeeded in ringing a sufficiently long

peal (10,080) of Double Norwich. An attempt by the same band in April to 'ring round the clock' was happily abandoned after four and a half hours ringing. Many of us are of opinion that these dangerous (and, as may turn out if persisted in, fatal) attempts at 'record breaking' should be steadily discouraged and even prohibited. Church bells were never intended for such vain-glorious uses. If our ringers must make 'records' let them try what they can do in the way of regularity of attendance at their own churches."

Mr. Helmore is also a member of the College Youths, London County, Oxford, Salisbury, Winchester, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan, Devonshire and Surrey Associations, and his list of peals is as follows :—

Bob Triples	1		
Bob Major	2		
Grandsire Triples	22	Conducted	11
Grandsire Caters	1		
Kent Treble Bob Major	10		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1		
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1		
Double Norwich Major	12		
Stedman Triples	97	Conducted	11
Stedman Caters	20	Conducted	5
Superlative Surprise Major	2		
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ODD CHANGES.

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In the rules which govern the proceedings of the Central Council is the following : "That . . . the business transacted at each meeting be entered in the minute book and reported to the ringing papers."

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The meeting of the Central Council took place on June 6th, and we have been favoured this week with the official minutes. As we have been asking that for the benefit of our readers we should receive equal treatment with our contemporary in regard to the official communications of the Council, we publish the minutes which have been sent us, although with the proceedings fully and accurately reported in our columns in the two weeks following the meeting there will be nothing found in the official record which was not known to our readers over three months ago.

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There are many wonderful men in the ringing world today, and it is really marvellous to what extent some of them can train their minds in the direction of change ringing. During the visit of members of the Midland Counties' Association to Rutland, Mr. A. P. Wakley, of Burton, not only astonished the natives, but many of his ringing friends as well, with the facility with which he tapped Stedman Triples on the piano.

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At Langham he played a course in a room full of people, including many ringers, but at Belton on the Sunday morning Mr. Willson called a touch which he tapped off quite correctly in perfect time, as five other Stedman ringers can testify. He also played a course of Double Norwich. This talented young man will go far in the world of ringing, and is, without doubt, a born ringer in more than one sense.

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Last week we published a lead of Little Bob Major, a method produced about a quarter of a century ago by the Rev. E. Bankes James, and a peal of which was rung for the first time just recently. Ringers will find that this method will add variety to their performances if they will study it. It will be found more interesting than the old-fashioned Plain Bob Major, and we publish this week a couple of 5000's which will doubtless enable other bands to ring peals in the method.

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This week we have enlarged "The Ringing World" to 20 pages, in order that the large volume of matter sent in for publication may appear without delay.

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It has been found impossible to arrange for the attempt for the ladies' peal at Cubitt Town until November

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The bells of the Parish Church of Brigg, Lincolnshire, are to be sent to the foundry of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, to be retuned and re-hung in a new iron and steel frame, and fitted with the most modern fittings.

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It is not often that the loss of a peal is a subject for merriment, but last Saturday afternoon at Pendleton, Lancs, an amusing incident resulted in a peal being brought to an untimely end. Eight members of the Lancs Association met to ring one of Mr. Arthur Knights' peals of Treble Bob, and all went as merrily as the proverbial "marriage bell" until the seventh course came up with two "middles" in it.

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Just as the conductor was calling the first of the pair, there came an awful row from the belfry door. Harry looked at Sam and Sam looked at Joe as much as to say "Shall we go on?" The conductor said nothing, and the ringing proceeded. Then came a piercing whistle that would have done credit to a locomotive, and next a shout, "Heigh, you chaps, will you come down?"

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The second bob was called, and was followed by an imperious thumping at the door. There was evidently something serious the matter, and the bells were set up. Dick jumped up to the window to see what was wrong, when a youthful voice exclaimed, "Will you come down and open this door? I've brought the bread for to-morrow's service." It might be explained that at Pendleton bread is given away every Sunday to the aged poor. Having stopped the bells and got into the church to deposit his load, the baker's boy was triumphant, but the faces of the peal band were a picture.

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Apropos our article last week upon the subject of church bells and the law of nuisance, an incident, showing how distracting the continuous clanging of a single bell may be, was related by the Vicar of Wool at a meeting of the Salisbury Guild. While recuperating recently at Weymouth he stayed opposite a church with a solitary bell of the bucket kind. He was driven nearly mad by its noise, and on one occasion counted the strokes. A "touch" of 634 was rung on this bell in a quarter of an hour—surely enough to drive anyone crazy, and it is not surprising that the rev. gentleman was glad to get back to the sweet sounds of his own peal of six.

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GENERAL MEETING AT HESTON.

DISTRICT BOUNDARIES DISCUSSED.

"THE RINGING WORLD" SPECIAL REPORT.

An annual meeting that was not an annual meeting was the somewhat paradoxical position of the gathering of members of the Middlesex County Association, at Heston on Saturday. Hitherto the annual meeting has been held in September, and consequently the year's work had been completed, and the time had arrived for the election of officers, etc. But the Middlesex Association, for the better conduct of its business, has decided to make its financial year terminate in future on December 31st, and to hold the annual meeting in Easter week. Consequently Saturday's meeting was one which, while for courtesy's sake termed annual, was merely of an interim nature in order to carry on the affairs of the Association on a business-like footing until next April.

The Middlesex men are proud of their Association—and no wonder. It is a remarkably successful one, and is still showing signs of vigorous growth. On Saturday the members turned up at Heston in great strength from the four corners of the populous county, and beyond. There were three towers available for ringing—Heston and St. Paul's, Hounslow, with their peals of eight, and Norwood Green, with a peal of six—and during the afternoon and evening the members practised methods, ranging from the homely Grandsire Doubles to the aristocratic Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major.

THE SERVICE.

At half-past five they gathered in Heston Church, which was bright in a festal garb of flowers, foliage and fruit, donned in readiness for the harvest thanksgiving to be held on the morrow. Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. A. Wilkinson), and the well-known hymns, "O God, our help, in ages past," "All people that on earth do dwell," and "Fight the good fight," were heartily joined in by the congregation, who also followed with close attention the address which the Vicar delivered. He first of all, in the name of the churchwardens and himself, extended to the Association a very cordial welcome to the ancient parish church of Heston. The people of Heston were very proud of their bells, and it was a great satisfaction to him that one of their churchwardens led the bell ringers, some of whom not only helped in the service of the church by ringing the bells, but also by singing in the choir. By their presence there that day the members showed their interest in ringing the bells in the service of God. England stood first and foremost as the leader of all nations in the excellence of its bell ringing, and their gathering that day indicated that, as far as they were concerned, that reputation should not be lost. Basing his subsequent remarks upon Exodus xxviii., 33—35, the reverend gentleman said this text provided the earliest reference to bells. There was no record of bells in any literature prior to this, and they would notice that this first reference to bells was in their connection with the service of God. The Jewish worship was a worship full of symbolism, and the golden bells on the garment of the High Priest were a symbol of joyfulness of heart in their service to God. As they rang forth the bells Sunday by Sunday let them regard them as joy bells, recollecting that, through the sacrifice of His Son, God had blotted out the past, that the present was provided for, and that the future opened a glorious prospect. The bells were also bells of warning. The passing bell told them of a soul departed. Last week the bells had tolled for the death of Canon Duckworth who, two years ago, had preached at their annual gathering. The call would come to all of them sooner or later; let them not forget, therefore, that while the bells were bells of love and bells of joy, they also sounded a note of warning, and let them not themselves neglect the sound of invitation. Let them see to it that they who preached, did not fail to enter into the fulness of the privileges which lay within their reach as members of the Church of the living God. The bells of gold reminded them that all that was given to the service of God should be of the very best. The very best skill they could put into bell ringing should be given for Him. The goodness of God should lead them to render unto Him the best service they could, but there was also another reason. He had given of His best to us—he gave us His only begotten Son.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

After service tea took place at the schoolroom, and the business meeting followed. Mr. F. A. Milne presided, supported by the hon. secretaries, Messrs. C. T. Coles and H. Chandler.—Mr. Coles said he had received letters of apology from Mr. A. T. King and the Rev. H. G. Bird (president).—Fourteen new members were elected, including the Rev F. W. A. Wilkinson, five from All Hallows, Tottenham, and five from Norwood Green. The confirmation of elections that had taken place in towers was also agreed to.

In view of the annual meeting which is to take place at Easter, the officers were re-elected en bloc to serve until that time, while the appointment of representatives on the Central Council was deferred until that meeting.

Mr. C. T. Coles presented an interim report, which explained the transitional state of the Association's financial year, and called attention to some of the salient features of the work since the departure of the late hon. secretary, who, though no longer actively present with them, might be relied on to take an active interest in all that concerns the welfare of the Association. The report went on to relate the proceedings of the last annual meeting, including the presentation to Mr. King. Between the date of that meeting and the end of 1910, the report continued, 25 peals (two of which, Stedman Caters and Cinques, were on handbells) were rung. They consisted of Grandsire Triples 2, Bob Major 2, Double Norwich 1, Superlative 5, Bristol 3, Stedman Triples 4, Caters 5, Cinques 3.

NOTEWORTHY PERFORMANCES.

The report congratulated the band to whom had fallen the honour of ringing the 1000th peal by the Association, a peal of Superlative Surprise at St. Mary Magdalene's, Enfield, on April 29th, conducted by Mr. Sidney Wade. It was also a great pleasure to again offer congratulations to Miss Edith Parker, this time upon being the first lady ringer to conduct a peal for the Association, a peal of Stedman Triples at Waltham Abbey on March 4th. A like tribute was also given to the band who rang the handbell peal of Grandsire Triples, after great perseverance and many disappointments, at Pinner, on May 26th, conducted by Mr. Frank Martin. During the present year the Association had rung two peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal, and had gone far in an attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, most coveted because most intricate. Out of eleven courses to ring, the band had completed seven courses and two leads in 2 hrs. and 52 mins., when the peal had to be stopped owing to the bad "go" of the tenor. This was on February 25th, at St. Giles', Cripplegate. It might be possible to renew the attempt in the coming winter, and they would endeavour once more to achieve success, if the conditions permitted of it. A peal of London Surprise Major rung at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on February 11th, was noticeable, because it was the 100th peal in that method conducted by Mr. William Pye, whom they hoped very soon to congratulate on reaching his 1000th peal. The Association had to lament the loss, by death, of Mr. Frederick Squires, who was killed at the Great Eastern Railway Works, at Stratford, on April 12th; of Arthur Keit, of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, who died on May 4th; and of Harry Spencer, of Stoke Newington, who died through being overcome by foul gasses in Abney Park Cemetery, whilst following his occupation of grave digger. The Association had also lost the increasingly useful services of Mr. A. R. Macdonald, who had gone to Vancouver. They wished him every success in his new career, and could only say he carried with him the affectionate regard of a wide circle of ringing friends.

The report was received and adopted, and at the suggestion of Mr. Coles, it was decided that the report and audited balance sheet for the period up to December 31st be printed prior to the annual meeting at Easter.

The Central Committee brought forward a proposal that the Association peal books when filled be placed in the belfry, at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon.—Mr. Coles pointed out that he had raised the question because he had these peal books at home. There were three of them, two were full up, and the other nearly so, and he did not like to have the responsibility for their safety, because there was a certain amount of danger from fire. It was, therefore, suggested to place the books in some tower, and as St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, was the President's tower, it was thought best to place them there.—Mr. Hubbard thought they should guard against the books being placed in the tower and forgotten, and moved that the books be deposited at St. Andrew's for the ensuing year, his object being to have the matter kept in view by a resolution at each annual meeting.—Mr. Carter seconded the motion, which was carried.

DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.

The question of the district boundaries was raised by Mr. Chandler. He said this had always been a sore point, for they found in the report a lot of members who resided in the South and West district who had their names in the North and East. There ought to be some definite line of division.

It appeared from the minutes of one of the early meetings of the Association that the idea was that the South and West district should consist of the Parliamentary Divisions of Uxbridge, Brentford, Ealing, Hammersmith and Fulham. — Mr. Chandler said he did not know that this minute was in existence. He expressed himself satisfied if this division of the area was adhered to.—After some further discussion, the meeting passed the following resolution: "That the members attached to towers situated in the Parliamentary Divisions of Uxbridge, Ealing, Brentford, Hammersmith and Fulham, shall be deemed to belong to the South and West district, and members affiliated to towers situated in any other Parliamentary Division of the County of Middlesex, or of the County of London lying North of the Thames shall be deemed to be members of the North and East district; that members not affiliated to a tower shall be deemed to belong to the district in which they reside; and that members outside the county shall belong to whichever district they elect."—This resolution was carried by an overwhelming majority, after an amendment to refer the matter to the Central Committee had been defeated.

It was decided that the place of the next annual meeting be left to the selection of the Central Committee, with the recommendation that it be held at Clapton if the bells are available.

Mr. Chandler announced that the next meeting of the South and West District would be at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 14th, and Mr. Coles stated that the next meeting of the North and East District would be held at Southgate on November 4th.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Rev. F. W. A. Wilkinson (Heston), the Rev. A. E. Bull (Hounslow), and the Rev. H. E. St. John Macdonald (Norwood Green) for the use of the bells of their respective churches, to Mr. Wilkinson for the bright service and earnest address which he had given, and to Mr. Carter and the ladies who assisted in serving the tea.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE LEICESTER MEETING.

On Tuesday we received for publication from the hon. secretary of the Central Council the following official minutes of the proceedings at Leicester on June 6th:—

The Third Session of the Seventh Council (21st annual meeting) was held in the Old Town Hall, at Leicester, on Whitsun Tuesday, 6th June, 1911, when there were present 51 out of 96 representative members, and 9 out of 13 honorary members, making a total of 60 members present.

The chair was taken at 11 a.m. by Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., the president.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and signed, the Hon. Secretary reported that in accordance with the resolution passed last year, he had conveyed the condolence of the Council to Mrs. Robinson, and read the reply that had been received.

At this point the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn called attention to the position of the fund for the erection of a memorial to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, and after discussion of the subject, in which many members joined, proposed that "In the event of the required amount of £300 not being in the hands of the Robinson Memorial Committee by the end of August, the Council sees no objection to the committee reconsidering what form the memorial should take." This was seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and adopted.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge proposed that "The Council having in grateful recollection the many and great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Mr. R. S. Story, do hereby instruct the hon. secretary to send a letter expressing sincere sympathy with Mrs. Story and the family in their bereavement." This having been seconded by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, and feelingly supported by the president, was unanimously adopted in silence, the members rising.

The Hon. Secretary then read the statement of accounts, of which the following is a summary: Balance from last year, £52 18s. 1d.; affiliation fees, £12; sale of publications, £2 6s. 1d. Against this there was: Expenses of last year's meeting, £2 9s. 6d.; insurance and committee's expenses, 7s., postage and printing, 12s., leaving in hand a present balance of £63 15s. 8d. He also read the principal items in the account of sales of publications, rendered by Messrs. Allen, stating that he had examined them carefully in detail, and had found them correct, that he estimated the net value of those remaining in hand at £126 19s. 6d. The accounts, which had been previously audited in detail by the Standing Committee, were passed, on the proposal of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. F. B. Tompkins.

It was proposed by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, seconded by Mr. H. White, and carried unanimously, that the Rev. E. W. Carpenter be re-elected an honorary member, the name of Mr. H. W. Wilde being also added to the list, on the proposal of Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. W. E. White.

The Hon. Secretary announced that expressions of regret for absence had been received from the Revs. H. E. Tilney Bassett and Canon Papillon, and from Messrs. C. E. Borrett, R. Cartwright, H. Dains, R. A. Daniell, J. Parker, and J. R. Sharman.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston, representing the Chester Guild, and Mr. J. W. Parker, an honorary member, were introduced to and shook hands with the president.

On behalf of the Peal Collection Committee, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported progress with regard to the Treble Bob section, and on the proposal of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. H. W. Wilde was added to the committee.

In the absence of Mr. R. A. Daniell, through indisposition, no formal report was presented in connection with the work of the Church Press Committee, but it was understood that the work was making due progress.

The Rev. H. Law James reported progress on behalf on the committee for the collection of legitimate methods.

For the Peal Values Committee Dr. Carpenter brought forward a schedule of points for peals on seven bells and upwards, founded on the formula $\frac{VN^2}{64}$, together with a schedule of points for peals of Minor, stating that the committee recommended three points for 42 six-scores of Doubles, and proposed the adoption of the whole. This having been seconded by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Griffin proposed as an amendment to the schedule of points for Triples and upward a schedule founded on the formula $\frac{VN^{\frac{3}{2}}}{8^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ the amendment being seconded by Mr. A. T. King.

The President at this point, said that if it were adopted, it would be best to refer it to the Peal Values Committee for their consideration.—It was carried in this form by 25 votes to 12.

With respect to the schedule for peals of Minor, it was agreed on the proposal of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, that it be referred to the committee, specially with reference to certain suggestions which had been put forward by Mr. J. S. Pritchett and the Hon. Secretary.

On the motion of Mr. A. T. King, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, the Analysis of Peals for the year 1910 was unanimously adopted, the thanks of the Council being accorded to the committee for their laborious and valuable work.

The Rev. H. Law James proposed, and Mr. R. Richardson seconded, "That nothing shall be recognised as a peal of Minor unless it consists of at least seven true and complete 720's, but that the 5040 may be extended by the addition of one touch of less than 720 changes, with or without extra 720's." — Mr. J. W. Parker proposed as an amendment that the first clause should read: "That the Council recommends that a peal of Minor should consist of at least," etc.—This was seconded by Mr. E. H. Lewis, and adopted unanimously, the resolution as so amended being then carried as the substantive motion.

Mr. W. Story moved that "For the purpose of representation on the Central Council only such members of any Territorial Association as are resident within the area covered by such Association shall be considered in fixing the number of representatives which such Association is entitled to elect."—This was seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave, and was lost by a large majority.

Mr. J. A. Trollope moved, and Mr. R. J. Dawe seconded, "That the Central Council give 'The Ringing World' recognition equal to that accorded to the 'Bell News' for the publication of official reports and communications, and that any peals published exclusively in 'The Ringing World' shall be counted in the Central Council's analysis."

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter moved to omit all words following "communications," and this was carried.

After much discussion, Mr. J. S. Pritchett moved the previous question, which was seconded by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, and carried.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge moved a vote of thanks to the President, and the meeting was adjourned.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PLEASANT MEETING AT WOOL.

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Wool, on Thursday week, and was combined with the celebration of the anniversary of the dedication of the bells. The Vicar (the Rev. C. A. Dobie) had sent out invitations to the members of the branch, and representatives from Dorchester, Bournemouth, West Lulworth and Wyke Regis joined a full muster of the local band to take part in the proceedings. The bells of Wool are a very musical ring of six (tenor 12 cwt.), by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and "go" excellently. They were rung during the afternoon to various methods. The business meeting of the branch was held in the schoolroom, Mr. R. N. Dawes (chairman of the branch) presiding, supported by the Rev. W. P. Schuster (general secretary of the Guild), the Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary East Dorset branch), Mr. C. H. Jennings (hon. secretary), and the officers of the Dorchester branch. Letters of regret for absence were read from Mr. Martin Stewart and the Fordington St. George ringers.

It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Puddletown, in January.—The Hon. Secretary raised the question of attempting a quarterly peal for the branch, and the suggestion was readily agreed to by the members, the arrangements being left in the hands of the hon. secretary. After the meeting members and friends, to the number of about 25, sat down to a bountiful tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, who welcomed the Guild to his parish, and remarked that he was especially glad to see his friends from Dorchester. He was always glad to see any ringing company there at any time, and they could be sure of a hearty welcome.

The Chairman proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the Rev. C. A. Dobie for his kindness, and this was seconded by the Hon. Sec., and endorsed by the Rev. C. A. Phillips, and the Rev. W. P. Schuster. Both the latter expressed pleasure at the Vicar's recovery from his recent illness.—The Rev. C. A. Dobie, in responding, related, amid laughter, an experience which he had at Weymouth, where he stayed while recovering his health. He was residing opposite St. John's Church, where they had only one bell, and that of the bucket type. He was driven nearly mad by it. On one occasion the bell started at 10.45, and was rung until 11. He counted the strokes, and there were 634 of them. He was only too glad to get back to his dear old bells at Wool. In the course of further remarks, the Vicar paid a high compliment to his own band who rang on four occasions every Sunday.

Subsequently a service was held in the church, which the ringers attended, and an excellent address was given by the Rector of Coombe-Keynes. Afterwards the tower was again visited, and the bells kept going to Grandsire Doubles until 9 p.m.

THE KENT ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT MEETING IN CATHEDRAL CITY.

The annual meeting of the Rochester district was held at Rochester on Saturday week. The Cathedral bells were raised at 3.0 p.m., to ring for the 4 o'clock service, at which some 40 members were present. The Archdeacon (the Rev. John Titley Rowe) gave a short address, taking his text from Exodus xxviii., 12—13. In the course of his address, he emphasised the great privileges of bell ringers, whose duty it was to call God's people to prayer and praise. They took the place of the priests of the early Jewish Church, who summoned the people together by the blowing of trumpets. He urged them to aim high in their religious life, with the enthusiasm that they put into their ringing.

After the service tea was served in the committee room at the New Corn Exchange, kindly lent by the Mayor (Mr. Alfred J. Knight), a party of 60 sitting down, representing Queensborough, Tunstall, Rodmersham, Borden, Newington, Upchurch, Hartlip, Rainham, Gillingham, Chatham, Swanscombe, Gravesend, Milton-next-Gravesend, Cobham and Rochester, in the district; Lyminge in the Canterbury district, Maidstone district, Dartford, Crayford, and some unattached members from the Lewisham district. At the business meeting which followed, Mr. W. Harper, of Swanscombe, was elected as chairman.—A letter was read from the Mayor extending a welcome to the city, and expressing his regret in not being present, owing to a prior engagement, and the hope that the members would have a pleasant and successful meeting.

A report of the district was read and adopted. Two new members for Queensborough were admitted. The district secretary and representative were again elected. A collection was made on behalf of the Repair Funds for Gillingham and Rainham bells, amounting to 16s.—Votes of thanks were accorded the local clergy for the use of their respective towers, the Archdeacon for his address, the Mayor for the use of the committee room, and to the chairman for presiding. Ringing was again indulged in during the evening at the Cathedral and Chatham. The methods rung were: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Superlative Surprise Major.

DEATH OF MR. E. FRANCIS, NORWICH.

Members of the Norwich Association will receive with regret the news of the death of Edward Francis, of Norwich, who passed away on September 15th, at the age of 59 years. He was born at Roydon, near Diss, and in the towers in that district he learned his ringing. He was an original member of the Norwich Association, and his first peal (7040 Oxford Treble Bob Major), rung at Diss in 1877, was the third peal scored by the Association. He removed to Norwich in 1886, and soon joined the Norwich Scholars at St. Peter Mancroft. As a composer in plain methods, he was well known in the composition pages of the ringing papers, and as a man of genial manner and high spirits, he will be greatly missed by a large circle of ringers. His last peal was one of Grandsire Caters, at Great Yarmouth on May 11th last, and, at its conclusion, he himself suggested a visit in the following September for Cinques.—"Man proposes: God disposes," was only too true in his case!

The interment took place at the Norwich Cemetery, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., and was attended by a representative gathering of ringers and fellow employes. The service was conducted by the Vicar of St. James'—under whom the deceased had served as a sidesman for some years—and handbells were rung over the open grave before the Benediction.

By permission of the authorities, the bells of St. Peter Mancroft were rung half-muffled in the evening, the members of the Norwich Scholars and of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild combining, to show this mark of respect. The "whole pull and stand" was rung by the following: C. E. Borrett 1, F. Knights 2, F. J. Howchin 3, P. C. Artis 4, B. J. Howchin 5, A. Rought 6, G. Howchin 7, S. Smith 8, F. H. Knights 9, G. Mayers 10, A. G. Warnes 11, D. T. Potter 12, and was followed by touches of Caters and Cinques, with other members standing in.

Edward Francis had just completed his half century of peals, rung as follows: Kent Maximus 4, Stedman Cinques 2, Grandsire Cinques 2, Oxford Royal 2, Kent Royal 2, Bob Royal 1, Grandsire Caters 2, Oxford Major 12, Kent Major 11, Bob Major 9, Grandsire Triples 3.

The sympathy of many ringers in Norwich and Norfolk will go out to the widow and her family in their heavy bereavement.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: E. Cassell 1, T. Bolton 2, H. Barrett 3, G. W. Honeyball 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington 6, C. F. W. Hunt (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Bolton and Hunt.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, for morning service, 544 Double Norwich: P. Tyler 1, A. J. Lewis (Westerham) 2, A. D. Mills 3, A. E. Mitchell 4, J. Rice 5, G. W. Stokes 6, O. Sippetts 7, F. W. Rice (conductor) 8.

MR. J. E. DAVIS' 400 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire and Plain Doubles	1	
Grandsire Triples*	23	5
,, Major	1	
,, Caters	16	
Bob Major	8	
Kent Treble Bob Major	32	11
,, Royal	23	14
,, Maximus	1	
Stedman Triples	42	
,, Caters	64	24
,, Cinques	9	
Double Oxford Bob Major	1	
Double Norwich Major	108	61
Double Norwich Royal	1	
Real Double Norwich Major	2	
Forward Major	1	1
Forward Royal	1	
Duffield Royal	1	
Superlative Surprise Major	34	5
New Cumberland Surprise Major ..	5	
Cambridge Surprise Major	20	2
Cambridge Surprise Royal	2	
London Surprise Major	4	
Total ..	400	123

Rung in 11 counties and 102 towers.

* Including Holt's Original non-conducted.

MR. RUPERT RICHARDSON'S 100 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Doubles in 5 methods	1	
Minor in 1 method (1 on handbells)	7	6
,, 2 methods	1	
,, 3 ,, ...	5	1
,, 4 ,, ...	3	
,, 5 ,, ...	3	1
,, 7 ,, ...	8	
,, 8 ,, ...	2	1
,, 9 ,, ...	3	
,, 14 ,, ...	1	
Grandsire Triples	4	
Stedman Triples	18	
Bob Major (1 on handbells)	11	2
Double Norwich Major	9	1
Double Oxford Major	2	
Cambridge Surprise Major	4	
Superlative ,, ,, ...	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	8	
Oxford ,, ,, ,, ...	1	
Grandsire Caters	2	
Stedman Caters	1	
Bob Royal	2	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	2	
	100	12

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CONDOVER, SALOP.—The Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—On Tuesday, September 5th, for practice, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Gurney 1, W. Passmore 2, G. J. Taylor (conductor) 3, T. W. Steadman 4, E. R. Trevor Corbett 5, W. T. Ashton 6, R. B. Wood 7, H. Davies 8.

STAMFORD HILL.—On Sept. 10th, at St. Ann's Church, for evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles: *A. Keay 1, E. Davidson 2, *S. Sharman 3, *F. Gerkin 4, S. C. Ringrose (conductor) 5, C. Davidson 6. * First 720.—On Sept. 17th, for evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles: S. Sharman 1, E. Davidson 2, T. C. Ringrose 3, F. Gerkin 4, F. E. Ringrose (first 720 as conductor) 5, C. Davidson 6.—On Sept. 24th, for evensong, 720 in the same method: F. Gerkin 1, E. Davidson 2, F. E. Ringrose (conductor) 3, T. C. Ringrose 4, W. Boutrill 5, C. Davidson 6.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, for service, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Fairclough 1, J. Garside 2, W. Robinson (conductor) 3, A. Newton 4, T. F. Hewertson 5, G. Shipp 6, J. Holmes 7, R. Satterthwaite 8.—On Tuesday, Sept. 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 51½ mins.: E. L. Bennett 1, J. Garside 2, A. Newton 3, W. E. Sharp 4, T. F. Hewertson 5, G. Shipp 6, W. Robinson (conductor) 7, R. Satterthwaite 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Hanson 1, J. Garside 2, G. Whittam 3, A. Newton 4, T. F. Hewertson 5, W. Robinson (conductor) 6, J. Holmes 7, R. Satterthwaite 8.—On handbells, on August 16th, 720 Bob Minor: W. Robinson 1—2, E. L. Bennett 3—4, W. E. Sharp (conductor) 5—6.—On August 19th, 720 Bob Minor: G. Shipp 1—2, E. L. Bennett 3—4, W. Robinson (conductor) 5—6.—On Sept. 13th, 209 Grandsire Triples: E. L. Bennett 1—2, J. Garside 3—4, W. Robinson 5—6, W. E. Sharp (conductor) 7—8.—672 Bob Major: J. Garside 1—2, E. L. Bennett 3—4, W. Robinson 5—6, W. E. Sharp (conductor) 7—8. G. Shipp hails from Pinner, Middlesex, and J. Hanson from Ramsbottom, Lancashire.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORD.—At S. Mary's Church, on Sept. 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: F. Webb, senr., 1, Walt. Judge 2, J. Franklin 3, E. H. Harding 4, J. Matthews 5, R. Judge 6, William Judge (conductor) 7, F. Webb, junr., 8. This was arranged specially for E. H. Harding, of Trowbridge.

BLACKBURN.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (by J. Sholicar, Ormskirk), in 45 mins.: W. J. Edmonson 1, H. Walker 2, F. Hindle 3, W. H. Idle 4, E. Dutson (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, J. Watson 6, W. E. Wilson 7, J. Ashton 8.

RUGBY.—St. Andrew's Society.—On Sunday evening, 672 London Surprise Major, for Divine service: W. Tayler 1, Walter Malins 2, H. O. White 3, J. A. Fenton, junr., 4, C. W. Wheeler 5, A. J. Hessian 6, J. B. Fenton (first touch of London as conductor) 7, J. W. Chandler 8. First touch of London Surprise upon the bells, and by all except J. B. Fenton.

BATHEASTON.—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—On Sunday for evening service, at St. John the Baptist's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: F. C. Rich 1, G. Janes 2, C. W. Bell 3, J. Taylor 4, S. J. Hector (Trowbridge) 5, H. Taylor (conductor) 6.

STREATHAM.—At St. Leonard's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: G. Barrington 1, J. Figgures 2, F. Smith 3, I. Attwater (conductor) 4, C. Hughes 5, J. Lee 6, E. Blatt 7, L. Attwater 8. Rung as a farewell touch to J. Figgures, who is leaving the district.

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.—On Monday, Sept. 11th, for practice, 720 Treble Bob Minor: W. E. Sharp (conductor) 1, E. L. Bennett 2, W. Robinson 3, W. Nevinson 4, J. Holmes 5, G. Shipp 6.—720 Oxford: E. L. Bennett 1, J. Garside 2, W. Nevinson 3, W. E. Sharp (conductor) 4, G. Shipp 5, J. Holme 6.

HULL.—Yorkshire Association.—On Monday last, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 49 mins.: M. Hedges 1, G. Dowling 2, F. Merrison 3, C. Jackson (conductor) 4, T. Stockdale 5, H. Rodmell 6, G. T. Miller 7, J. Chamberlain (first quarter-peal) 8.

BOURNEMOUTH. — At St. John Church, on Tuesday, Sept. 12th, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. Frampton 1, H. Frampton 2, B. Gough 3, Miss E. K. Parker 4, C. Forfit 5, H. Bennett 6, C. Goodenough (conductor) 7, F. Forsyth 8. Also 168 in same method. — 504 Stedman Triples: H. Bennett 1, G. Doel 2, C. Goodenough 3, Miss E. K. Parker (conductor) 4, C. Forfit 5, B. Gough 6, F. Townsend 7, F. Forsyth 8. —336 Bob Major: H. Frampton 1, F. Forsyth 2, H. Bennett 3, Miss E. K. Parker 4, C. Forfit 5, F. Townsend 6, B. Gough 7, C. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Wednesday, Sept. 13th, at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Williams 1, Miss N. Gillingham (conductress) 2, E. Goldstone 3, J. Hemming 4, R. J. Wilkins 5, J. Nisbett 6, W. Gillingham 7, G. Luke 8.

BRIERLEY HILL.—At St. Michael's Church, for the Harvest Festival service, on Wednesday, Sept. 13th, 240 Bob Minor, conducted by C. R. Lilley. On Sunday, 224 Bob Major and 252 Stedman Triples, before evening service, and 224 Bob Major, after service, conducted by A. E. Whatmore. The ringers taking part in these touches were: P. Harley, A. W. Whatmore, J. V. Allen, J. Whatmore, J. Lloyd, C. R. Lilley, R. Matthews, W. Potter, J. Piper, H. Hill, E. Perkins, J. Bass and J. W. Williams.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—The St. Michael's Society.—On Thursday, Sept. 14th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: T. Newman 1, F. Bird 2, P. Springham, junr., 3, H. M. White 4, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 5, P. Springham, senr., 6, W. Wilkinson 7, C. Ridgwell 8. Rung as a compliment to P. Springham, junr., on his 17th birthday, the band wishing him "many happy returns of the day." It was his first quarter-peal.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Thursday, Sept. 14th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: J. Collins 1, C. Brett 2, O. Collins 3, A. Lavender (first 720 as conductor) 4, G. Taylor 5, W. Booth 6.

BOREHAM.—The Essex Association.—In connection with the Harvest Thanksgiving services, the following 720's were rung on Thursday, Sept. 14th. Before service, 720 New London: J. Roote 1, A. Edwards 2, P. Letch 3, J. Walden 4, W. Allen 5, J. W. Wood 6.—After service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Roote 1, H. W. Kirton 2, P. Letch 3, J. Walden 4, A. Edwards 5, J. W. Wood 6.—On Sunday, for Divine service, in the evening, 720 Double Court: J. Roote 1, *A. Church 2, P. Letch 3, *H. W. Kirton 4, J. Walden 5, A. Edwards 6. * First 720 of Double Court. Each of the above 720's were conducted by A. Edwards.

MERTHYR TYDFIL. — On Thursday, Sept. 14th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Parker's twelve-part. W. D. Allan's first quarter-peal as conductor.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Friday, Sept. 15th, for practice on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter): W. Shepherd (conductor) 1—2, A. F. Shepherd 3—4, W. A. Woodrow 5—6, J. Loveridge (first quarter-peal) 7—8.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Sept. 16th, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. Day 1, R. W. Hyner 2, G. Lancaster 3, F. Looker 4, J. Tuckwell (first 720) 5, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 6. Also 180 Double Oxford, 180 Double Court and 120 St. Clement's, in which the following took part: O. W. Layng, T. Moulden, R. W. Hyner, F. Looker, G. Lancaster and C. J. Gardiner. Conducted by C. J. Gardiner and R. W. Hyner.

NUNEATON.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, for morning service, 518 Grandsire Triples and 168 Stedman Triples: J. Clarke 1, E. Stone 2, R. Pollard 3, W. Martin 4, H. Cure 5, T. W. Chapman 6, D. H. Argyle (conductor) 7, J. Greasley 8.—For evening service, 576 Kent Treble Bob: H. Argyle 1, E. Stone 2, W. Martin 3, J. Clarke 4, H. Cure 5, D. H. Argyle 6, J. Clarke, junr., 7, T. W. Chapman 8; and 336 Double Norwich: E. Stone 1, J. Clarke, junr., 2, H. Argyle 3, T. Dickens 4, H. Cure 5, H. D. Argyle 6, J. Clarke, senr., 7, T. W. Chapman 8.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, at St. Martin's Church, 293 Stedman Caters: G. Cleal 1, G. Holmes 2, L. E. Allen 3, J. Jenney 4, T. L. Allen 5, J. Buttery 6, S. Cotton 7, F. H. Dexter 8, A. Martin 9, T. Taylor 10. Also 270 Stedman Caters, with G. Pilmore 2, rest as before. First touch of Stedman Caters by Messrs. Holmes, Jenney and Pilmore.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, for morning service, 360 Oxford Bob, conducted by H. Meadows. — For evening service, 720 Double Court: E. Hodson 1, J. Pettit 2, A. Henman (first in the method) 3, M. Norton 4, A. Pettit 5, G. Lines (conductor) 6.

DEVONPORT.—At the Dockyard Chapel, on Sunday, Sept. 17th, for Harvest Festival, Brook's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: E. W. Marsh 1, H. Bennett 2, W. H. Marsh 3, W. Rundle 4, F. Hockerday 5, W. D. James (conductor) 6, W. Ford 7, H. Buckingham (first quarter-peal) 8.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, at the Parish Church, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: W. Wood 1, H. Pratt 2, A. G. Cartwright 3, C. Starkey 4, W. Anker 5, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 6, G. Verry 7, R. Speakman 8.

CLANFIELD, OXON. — On Sunday, Sept. 17th, at St. Stephen's Church, for evensong 447 Grandsire Triples: W. Farmer 1, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 2, J. Clarke 3, S. Eels 4, F. Messenger 5, G. Lancaster 6, C. J. Gardiner 7, W. Clack 8.

WHITBY.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, lost after some brilliant ringing owing to a bob being called in the wrong place, a quarter-peal was rung in 43 mins.: T. Steele 1, W. Breckon 2, F. Hodgson 3, A. Coates 4, W. Knaggs 5, G. Hill 6, W. Harland 7, W. Stapley 8.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH.—The Devonshire Guild.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, for Harvest Festival, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins., composed by Sir John Hare, of Hitchin: F. Dimond 1, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 2, J. Skinner 3, R. Snow 4, A. Snow 5, W. Hayman 6, J. Hayman 7, E. G. Stocker 8. Also 672 and 742 of Grandsire. C. R. Lilley belongs to Caversham, Oxon, and was spending a holiday in the village.

NOTICES.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at West Grinstead, on Saturday, September 30th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. Evans, Hon. Div. Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chaddesly Corbett, on Saturday, September 30th. Service in Church at 4.15. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, at 4.45 in the Schools. Business Meeting to follow. A Brake will leave the residence of Mr. T. J. Salter, Bromsgrove St., Kidderminster at 2.45. Return Fare 1s.—E. J. Dowler, Hon. Sec., 54, Tiverton Road, Bournbrook, Selly Oak, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, September 30th. Tower (8 bells) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea at 5 (1s. each), both in the Grouse Inn.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary, Cotgrave, Notts.

NOTICES (continued).

"WILLIAM VERRY" COMMEMORATION DINNER.—The seventh annual dinner will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Dinner 6.30 sharp. Tickets, 2s. 6d., may be had from C. Starkey, Honorary Secretary, 23, Tudor Street, Winson Green.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Blackpool on September 30th, when the bells at Lytham, St. Anne's, and Blackpool will be available all day. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF BELL RINGERS.—The autumn meeting will be held at Caterick Bridge and Richmond to-morrow (Saturday, September 30th), when the bells of both churches (eight) will be available all day. Tea will be provided at the Town Hall Hotel at 4.30 p.m. Members 6d. each. Non-members 1s.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, October 7th. —A. Rust, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 7th next, at Christ Church, Dore. Eight bells, tenor 11 cwt., available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting will take place at All Saints', Sheffield, on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (8) available from 5 p.m.—Sidney F. Palmer, Honorary Secretary, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Warbleton on October 7th. Ringing from 3 o'clock, tea at 5.30, 6d. each, to members letting me know by October 4th.—George H. Howse, Divisional Sec., Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of new peal at St. Ardan's, West Hartlepool, takes place on October 11th at 3 p.m. All members invited; those intending to be present please notify Charles Todd, 26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Late St. James' Society), Established 1824.—The ninth Annual Grand Bohemian Concert will take place at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C., on Saturday, October 14th. Doors open at 7.15, start 7.45. Admission by programme price 6d., reserved seats 1s., which may be obtained from all officers of the Association, or from Frederick J. Hardy, Hon. Sec., 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Charing on Saturday, October 14th, 1911. Through the generosity of the Rev. Rendell Carter tea will be provided to all members who attend, and who notify the district secretary not later than Monday, October 9th. Belfry open at 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5.30 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock, followed by the usual business meeting. Half railway fares up to 2s.—G. Moore, District Secretary, Bellville, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Lightcliffe Congregational Church on Saturday, October 14th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who order from me by October 9th.—Geo. Naylor, Honorary Secretary, 7, Bramley Lane, Lightcliffe.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton, near Bradford, on October 14th. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting at the Park Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Scorton on Saturday, October 14th. Reduced railway fares from Preston (1s. 4d. return) will be granted if a sufficient number is obtained.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, October 14th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.—W. H. Shuker, Branch Secretary, 106, Bank Street, Clayton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The annual tea party and social of the above branch will be held on Saturday, October 14th, 1911, at Heywood. Tea on tables at 5 o'clock. Social at 7 o'clock. The party will be held in the Conservative Club, York Street. Tickets, gentlemen 1s. 3d., ladies 1s.—J. H. Barton, Branch Secretary

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. M. Harvey), at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be kindly provided by the donor of the bells, J. F. Stilwell, Esq. Those members intending to be present are requested to notify me not later than the 11th. Members are reminded that all outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, October 14th. The bells of the Parish Church and St. Paul's, Fulney, will be available from 11 o'clock. Dinner at the White Hart Hotel at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Service with short address at the Parish Church at 3.30.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

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THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

In my last notes I dealt in part with the inquiry of a correspondent who wanted to know the correct way of calling a peal without an observation bell, such for instance as a peal of Minor containing 42 singles. Let me this week enlarge somewhat upon what I have previously said about the matter, because, while there is no royal road to acquiring the ability to conduct without an observation bell, there are, as I have already pointed out, certain aids to a ringer in conducting compositions from a non-observation bell.

I will deal with Bob Minor, but what I have to say may be applied with certain modifications to many other methods, whose scale of lead-ends are the same. When conducting from a non-observation bell one of the most important things for a ringer to be able to do is to be able to "transpose himself" as he goes along, that is to say, when he has called one bob, to be able to tell where he will be at the next bob, whether it is at the next or any lead. To be able to do this provides a check upon him in watching the fixed bell, and it is, after all, only working out for himself what has been already provided for him in regard to the observation bell in the figures of the composition.

First of all as to bobs at consecutive leads in Bob Minor. Just examine these figures :—

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    2 3 4 5 6
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—   2 3 5 6 4
—   2 3 6 4 5
—   2 3 4 5 6
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It will be seen that the bell that makes 2nd's place at one lead, runs "in" at the next lead if a bob be called, and repeats the operation so long as bobs follow at consecutive leads. Similarly, the bell that dodged in 3-4 up runs "out" at the next lead if a bob be called, and repeats this performance so long as bobs follow at consecutive leads. So, in transposing oneself there is no difficulty, if two bobs occur at consecutive leads, in knowing that running "in" at the first will involve running "in" at the second also, and running "out" at the first involves running "out" again at the second.

In the other three places the work comes in regular order. Following the dodge in 3-4 down, we have seen from the table that in the next lead the bell dodges in 5-6 down, and in the next in 5-6 up—that part is unaffected by bobs. If a bob be called at the lead after 5-6 up, it brings this bell to make 4th's place, or "make the bob," which is the equivalent position to a dodge in 3-4 down at a plain lead. Therefore there ought, in these positions, to be no difficulty in transposing oneself for the calls at successive leads, for the order of the work is : Dodge 5-6 down, dodge 5-6 up, make the bob.

When, however, there are plain leads between the bobs or singles—as, of course, there must be in a touch of any length—the difficulty is slightly increased, but again there are some easy guides :—

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2 3 4 5 6
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4 2 3 5 6
3 4 2 5 6
2 3 4 5 6
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These are what are known as "course ends," i.e., the last row of changes after the full course of five leads has been rung, and these particular figures are produced by a bob called each time the 6th is at "home," or "right," which is the last lead in each course. With the 5th, the calls are made at the "wrong" each time, but in the case of the other three bells their positions change at each call. Just remember these three positions in the order given, and you have what I consider is the key to the whole matter :—

In,
Out,
Make the Bob (or 4th's).

Whether you take the 2, 3, or 4 you will find that the bells do the bob work in the above order, each, of course, beginning at a different place, thus :—

4th bell.	2nd bell.	3rd bell.
In	Out	4th's
Out	4th's	In
4th's	In	Out

In a touch in which there are any courses produced by bobs at "home" only, the position of either of the three bob making bells can thus easily be ascertained by the conductor while the ringing is in progress. If a bell runs "in" at the first bob it runs "out" at the next; if it runs "out" at the first it "makes the bob" at the next; and if it "made the bob" at the first it will "run in" at the next, the work rotating, as it were, in a cycle.

A correspondent has reminded me of a 720 of Bob Minor that can be easily called without an observation bell, and I give the calling without the figures, which my readers can easily prick out for themselves. The 720 is by J. F. Penning : Call bobs at two leads and miss two, until the 5-6 come together behind, when call a bob; then call one and miss one until they come behind together again, this time with a single. This is half the peal and must be repeated.

CONDUCTOR.

"OLD PRIORY BELLS."

To the Editor.

Sir,—In answer to your correspondent, the bells of St. Vedast, Foster Lane, were certainly not those formerly at St. Martin-le-Grand. They were all cast since the great fire of 1666. Their history will be best explained by the inscriptions on them, which are as follows:—

Treble.—Glory to God on high. Iohn Darbie made me 1672.
2nd.—Feare God. King C. R. Iohn Darbie made mee 1672.
3rd.—Good Peter Pickering Churchwarden Benefactor. Iohn Darbie made me 1672.
4th.—Thomas Mears of London fecit 1797.
5th.—Iohn Venport Benefactor 50 povnds. Iohn Darbie made mee 1671.
Tenor.—Tho: Lawrence Cha: Shvckbvrgh Ch: Wns. of St. Martin . . . . . Gvl: Sleath Th: Barry Ch: Wns of St. Vedast alius Foster. R: Phelps of London fecit 1726.
Clock-bell.—The guift of Peter Pickering 1706.

It will be noticed that the names of the churchwardens elected for St. Martin's parish are placed on the tenor as well as those of St. Vedast. This was the usual practice in cases where churches had not been rebuilt after the great fire, or where they have since been demolished; wardens being elected to represent parishes where no church existed. Evidently all the bells at St. Vedast were originally cast by John Darbie, the fourth and tenor having been since recast.

—Yours faithfully, J. R. JERRAM.
Salisbury.

STEDMAN THEORY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I cannot ask you to reprint my last letter, but I must ask you to let me restate a part of it, as it seems that Mr. Parker has failed to understand it. The quick sixes can be shown to be a touch of Original Doubles, obtained from the plain course. Will Mr. Parker please prove that five slow sixes are the same; if he cannot do that, then he will realise that they form a new principle, different from Original. It is no use my saying any more at present, because an endless argument in a circle is useless, and we must clear up one point at a time.

H. LAW JAMES.

RINGING IN BERKSHIRE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your article on ringing in Berkshire, a fortnight ago, Mr. R. G. Rice is quoted as saying, "Owing to the fine band at Caversham ringing is very good in the Reading district. Of the other places the only decent ringing is at Appleton." I feel sure Mr. Rice must have overlooked the parish of Sandhurst (or he may be like a number of other ringers who do not consider six-bell ringing good), but I think the majority of the Exercise will agree that a local band (without any assistance from the places mentioned by him) that have rung 550 720's during the last four years, in eleven Minor methods, including Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, four Treble Bob and five plain methods, are worth calling good ringers. As over 50 per cent. of them were rung for services, I can assure you it was decent. If Mr. Rice had carefully read your most valued paper, he would have seen the reports of the monthly combined practices in this branch, at which most of the above methods, also Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Grandsire Triples have been rung. My object in writing is, because, if ringing in the county as a whole is bad, the places that are trying to raise the standard of it should get their meed of praise.

—Yours faithfully, J. MOTH.

Sandhurst, Berks.

A WORCESTERSHIRE CYCLE TOUR.

On Sunday, September 10th, six members of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association journeyed, by cycle, to a few of the towers situated on the extreme border of the county. Within a few minutes of the fixed time Bromsberrow was reached, several of the local ringers meeting the party, which consisted of Messrs. Page (Master), H. T. Knowles, W. Shepherd, J. Sadler, E. E. Barber and G. Camm. A fine peal of six, of the Rudall period (tenor about 10 cwt.) were found in good order, and 310 Oxford Single Bob and six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman, with the local band, were accomplished. The tower is of unusual construction, the upper portion is half-timbered and in first-class condition, as are all the other parts, showing great care by the authorities.

The next move was to Redmarley, the ride taking the party through delightful scenery of copse and enchanting hills and dales, with cottages and farms dotted here and there. The place takes its name from the nature of its principal soil, and looked very bright at this time, owing to the extreme drought. The bells here are in good order, and go well. Several short touches were rung, and the bells, which were also by Rudall, were lowered. By kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Niblett, the company were entertained to tea. Before reaching this delightful vicarage, acting upon the directions of a local worthy, to "go through a white gate," the ringers "stormed" the castle, much to the surprise of the occupier. The party had gone astray, and apologies being given, they later found their proper course, and arrived at the Vicarage to find tea awaiting them. The Vicar sat down with the visitors, who, after enjoying his hospitality, thanked him most heartily, and journeyed on to Eldersfield, the Vicar piloting them part of the way, through lanes of many twists and turns.

After a stiff climb up-hill, a surprise awaited the ringers. Here, situated in lonely grandeur, was found a tower and church of magnificent dimensions, style and durability, emblematic of the great power and strength of Christ's Gospel, which for generation upon generation had there been preached to the toilers of the land. In fitting harmony they found a truly grand ring of six (tenor about a ton) and rang 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. It is to be regretted that the inside of the tower should be used as a general storage, entirely out of keeping with the beauty of the structure. But perhaps this may soon be altered.

Once more a'wheel, the cyclists journeyed on to Longdon, but the company was depleted by the hurried departure of the "Shepherd," whose energy and perseverance in finding out all about the tenor is well known. On reaching Longdon, evening service had concluded, so with the help of a local stalwart, a few six-scores were rung. The visitors were greatly troubled with the dim light and the immense sallies on the ropes. Worcester may be noted for "sauce," but not for bell ropes, and it was suggested that this set should be disposed of at once to some swing boat proprietor, and a new lot obtained. The programme completed, the last course home was accomplished. The journey of 40 miles or so had taken the party through beautiful scenery, and they received great hospitality. To all they tender their thanks.

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MODERN WORK.

"MISSIONARY" WORK.

An extract from the Chester Diocesan Guild's annual report, published in another column, gives food for thought, and provides an example which, for the extension of the practice of change ringing and of the influence of the various Associations might well be copied far more than it is at the present time. The report says: "A very encouraging feature of the (peal) performances is the extended area over which they are distributed. In 1906—the best in this respect—the peals were rung in 25 towers; this year they extend to 35. This is in some measure due to the continuance of the practice by the Chester members of visiting parishes where change ringing is not observed, or not far advanced." The missionary work which here is indicated cannot but have good results. To the Chester Guild the advantages are already accruing, and other Associations would gain a similar benefit if they followed the example set by Chester.

From time to time we hear of some little band of enthusiasts making a tour of towers outside the pale of the associations and where change ringing is at a low ebb or non-existent. Where, upon these visits, the local ringers can be got hold of, we may rest assured that the advantages of becoming affiliated to the Association, within whose area the tower is situated, are usually fully explained, but what we should like to see is the Associations generally making a more systematic effort to bring these towers within their ranks. No Association should be content to rest upon its oars until every tower within its territory, where there are peals of bells and ringers, is brought in. This may, perhaps, be thought an impossible ideal, for the difficulties are many, but of this we are certain that in many cases a more persistent effort would have better results than those at present gained.

The independent activities of unofficial members cannot be overrated, they do good in an informal way, but the Associations themselves might do a good deal more. We are quite aware that there are many instances where those responsible for the working of the various organisations are untiring in their efforts, and where this is so the results are obvious. But, unfortunately, there are a good many towers which are judged upon a casual acquaintance, and, because there is merely a non-change ringing band, is given the "go-by." It ought to be remembered, however, that in every band, if they be but "stony" men, there may be potential peal ringers, and that none is too bad to be totally ignored. Every Association no doubt professes to search after additional towers, but, as we have already said, there is a good deal of scope still left in many of our ringing organisations for further work in this direction.

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John O. Sager, Solicitor, Todmorden, December 10, 1910.

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Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	*Treble*	THOMAS T. GOFTON	6
EDWARD A. HERN	2	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD	7
GEORGE T. POTTER	3	JOSEPH A. GOFTON	8
JOSEPH W. PARKER	4	ROBERT RICHARDS	9
JOEL HERN	5	GEORGE R. POTTER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE, and
Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

LONDON.

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

WALTER G. MATTHEWS	*Treble*	JAMES E. DAVIS	6
ARTHUR N. HARDY	2	ERNEST BRETT	7
*EDWIN F. PIKE	3	WILLIAM HEWETT	8
FRANK J. HAIRS	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	9
FRANK BENNETT	5	SAMUEL SOUTHBY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. FARDON, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. G. Matthews. This is the first peal on the bells since the tenor has been rehung by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5014 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

HENRY BROWNJOHN	*Treble*	*GEORGE SEWARD	6
HENRY PRING	2	*EDWIN J. RIDLER	7
WILLIAM A. CAVE	3	WILLIAM KNIGHT	8
ALBERT STOWELL	4	JOHN A. BURFORD	9
RICHARD CLARK	5	RICHARD CHAMMINGS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM A. CAVE, and
Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DEVONPORT, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT HIS MAJESTY'S DOCKYARD CHAPEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST W. MARSH	*Treble*	WALTER H. MARSH	5
HAROLD BENNETT	2	WILLIAM D. JAMES	6
FRANK HOCKADAY	3	WILLIAM FORD	7
WILLIAM RUNDLE	4	JOSEPH WOODLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor (aged 19), a member of the Charles' Church, Plymouth, band, who is spending a holiday in Plymouth previous to going to Cambridge.

IRTHLINGBORO'.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN J. MAWBY	*Treble*	CHARLES KELLER	5
JAMES GARRATT	2	WALTER J. GERMAN	6
JAMES S. WARD	3	WALTER PERKINS	7
J. HUBERT HORN	4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

This is the first peal of London rung in the county by an entirely local band. All the above are residents in the town and members of the belfry. Rung as a farewell peal to C. Keller, who is leaving for Auckland, New Zealand, much to the regret of the ringers. The conductor's 100th peal on the bells.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, September 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

THOMAS GORE	*Treble*	DAVID BREARLEY	5
REV. A. T. BEESTON	2	JOHN FLINT	6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	3	GEORGE THOMPSON	7
GEORGE W. BEMROSE	4	SAM THOMAS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

LONDON.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT	*Treble*	J. ARMINGER TROLLOPE	5
HENRY J. RANZETTA	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
WILLIAM HEWETT	3	ALFRED W. GRIMES	7
FRANK J. HAIRS	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is the first peal of Norfolk rung in the Metropolis, by the Association and by all the band, except the conductor, and was rung at the first attempt.

WORCESTER.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH, QUARTERLY PEAL.)

On Thursday, September 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM PAGE	*Treble*	JOHN MORRIS	5
WILLIAM RANDFORD	2	*CHARLES L. SADLER	6
GEORGE HINTON	3	*WILLIAM EDGINGTON	7
JOSEPH BRETTEL	4	GORDON CHECKETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PAGE.

* First peal of Major. The conductor's 100th peal and rung as a birthday compliment to him. It was also the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sadler.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs., in A flat.

JOHN SMITH	*Treble*	GEORGE ARCHER	5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	2	ERNEST F. POPPY	6
CHARLES MILLS	3	CLEMENT J. MORE	7
THOMAS FORD, Junr.	4	JOHN SOUTER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

ASHSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY TAYLOR	*Treble*	JOHN WYATT	5
WILLIAM H. CORBETT	2	THOMAS A. SHRUBB	6
ALBERT GOLDSMITH	3	JOHN HOYLE	7
WILLIAM COOK	4	GEORGE COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell to Mr. H. Taylor, who was elected a member of the above Association before starting.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

WILLIAM ALDIS	*Treble*	RICHARD BALDRY	5
JOHN ALDIS, Junr.	2	ALFRED FUNNELL	6
JOHN ALDIS, Senr.	3	GEORGE POYNTZ	7
FREDERICK WHITHAM	4	WILLIAM STEELE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

First peal in the method on the bells by all the band, and in the county of Norfolk.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH E. SYKES	*Treble*	GEORGE PIPER	5
*FREDERICK H. G. FEARS	2	HARRY CLARK	6
BENJAMIN THORP	3	ROBERT J. DAWE	7
COLEMAN MORLING	4	ARTHUR BANKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal with an inside bell. Mr. B. Thorp was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

EDMONTON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt., in F.

HENRY DAINS	*Treble*	JOHN T. KENTISH	5
*MISS EDITH K. PARKER	2	WILBY J. HAZELL	6
GEORGE RADLEY	3	JAMES PARKER	7
JOHN H. BENSTEAD	4	GEORGE A. CARD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

* First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the opening of the Coronation Memorial Hall, at Edmonton.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qrs. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, Senr.	*Treble*	JOHN ALDIS, Junr.	5
WILLIAM STEELE	2	GEORGE POYNTZ	6
ALFRED FUNNELL	3	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	7
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	4	ALBERT G. WARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

ASHBY-FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT CHRISTIAN	*Treble*	R. HENRY BARTRAM	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS	2	JAMES HARRIS	6
J. JAMES JACKSON	3	RICHARD MOUNT	7
T. HENRY HARDY	4	WILLIAM WILLSON	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

This peal has the 6th her extent home at nine course ends, and was rung as birthday compliment to T. H. Hardy. Messrs. Christian, Atkins and Jackson hail from Yarmouth, Cambridge and Belton, Rutland, respectively.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*THOMAS H. PARKIN	*Treble*	THOMAS SERIMSHAW	5
ALONZA W. LONG	2	CHARLES TAYLOR	6
JOHN W. SEAMER	3	ARTHUR B. SHEPHERD	7
JOHN E. KENNINGTON	4	JAMES LAMB	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES TAYLOR.

Rung on the occasion of the dedication of St. Hugh's Church by the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Lincoln.

* First peal. The tenor man is in his 70th year and the ringer of the 5th in his 66th.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. BAILEY	*Treble*	JAMES M. BAILEY	5
EDGAR H. BAILEY	2	ERNEST S. BAILEY	6
LEONARD P. BAILEY	3	NORMAN R. BAILEY	7
CHARLES F. BAILEY	4	FREDERICK J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to N. R. Bailey, it being his first peal as conductor.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

REUBEN BALDWIN	*Treble*	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL	5
EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH	6
THOMAS H. COLBURN	3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	7
SIDNEY R. ROPER	4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.

First peal of Major as conductor.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.

*THOMAS HUGHES	*Treble*	GEORGE HUGHES	5
*THOMAS HILL	2	*BERT HORTON	6
*BENJAMIN GOUGH	3	EDWIN J. TYLER	7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4	*WILLIAM HILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

The ringers of the 2nd, 6th, 7th and tenor belong to the local band; of the treble and 5th to St. Bartholomew's, Wednesbury; of the 3rd to Coseley; and the 4th to Willenhall.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Monday, September 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CHARLES E. PERKINS	*Treble*	ROBERT MATTHEWS	4
ALFRED DAVIES	2	WALTER J. BRETHERTON	5
JOHN BASS	3	CHARLES F. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Minor.

PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 26, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's differently called.

Tenor 8¼ cwt.

GEORGE JUTSON	*Treble*	*WALTER CROSS	4
*THOMAS VAUGHAN	2	FREDERICK T. COOKE	5
†HERBERT A. TRAYNAR	3	JOHN J. JUTSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE JUTSON.

* First peal. † First peal with bob bell. Rung as birthday compliment to Mrs. Jutson.

GLASBURY, BRECNOCKSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six scores.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN VIZOR	*Treble*	J. P. HYETT	4
A. G. ARNOLD	2	EDGAR JONES	5
†LEONARD LEWIS	3	*THOMAS TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by L. LEWIS.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. The above peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. R. H. Gibbon, Minor Canon of Ely Cathedral (and eldest son of the Rev. H. H. Gibbon, Vicar of St. Peter's, Glasbury), to Miss Mary Harris, St. Mary's Street, Ely, Cambridge. This is the first peal ever rung on the bells by a completely local band and was rung at the first attempt.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 30, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

THOMAS WRIGHT	*Treble*	*GEORGE COOK	4
BERNARD FISHER	2	WILLIAM JACQUES	5
*WILLIAM T. FREEMAN	3	*JACK COURT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM JACQUES.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. The ringers of the 3rd and tenor were elected members before starting.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT	*Treble*	JOSEPH H. LAMBERT	4
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT	2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	5
ERNEST C. LAMBERT	3	EDWIN LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

The above ringers are all brothers and it is their first peal together. J. A. Lambert was proposed a member of the Association before starting.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	MAURICE SMITHER ...	5—6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	3—4	JAMES HUNT	7—8

FRANK BLUNDELL ... 9—10

Composed by J. CARTER, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire, S. RADFORD.

Rung on the seventh anniversary of the conductor's wedding day.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;

JAMES HUNT	1—2	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	5—6
MAURICE SMITHER	3—4	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	7—8

FRANK BLONDELL ... 9—10

Composed by J. CARTER, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

LATE PEALS.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, September 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	...*Treble*	JOHN C. TRUSS	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	... 2	ROBERT H. YOUNG	6
FRED HAYES	3	RICHARD BUCKLAND... ...	7
RALPH COLES	4	FRANK W. BOXELL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and
Conducted by GEO. F. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells by all the band and by the above Guild.

NEW SHOREHAM.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE GATLAND ...	...*Treble*	HENRY STALHAM	5
BENJAMIN BASSETT	2	*LIONEL SEARS	6
GEORGE NORRIS	3	EDWARD LINDUP	7
JOHN SMART	4	BERT CHALLEN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. LINDUP.

* First peal in the method.

WIRKSWOKTH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK TURNER ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE BOWMER	5
REV. A. T. BEESTON ...	2	WILLIAM FOX	6
ROBERT M. BLACKWALL ...	3	BENJAMIN GREATOREX ...	7
FREDERICK JOHNSON	4	BRIAN HILDITCH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATOREX.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

OLD HILL, STAFFS.—On Thursday, Sept. 7th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief, owing to change course, through someone coming into tower: A. Davies 1, W. Webb 2, V. White 3, G. M. Cockin 4, C. Bird 5, A. Greenfield 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, C. Green 8.

WORKSOP.—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, 546 of Union Triples: C. Peck 1, H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, H. Haigh (conductor) 5, T. Bartholomew 6, T. Wilson 7, F. Hind 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, 1008 of Grandsire Triples, T. Bartholomew's longest length as conductor.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, 518 Grandsire Triples: F. Hind (longest length away from the tenor) 1, F. Willey 8; conducted by H. Haigh.

CAVERSHAM.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, 1120 of Bristol Surprise: H. Simmonds 1, A. D. Cullum 2, G. Essex 3, J. Hands 4, G. Irvine 5, C. R. Lilley 6, R. T. Hibbert 7, E. W. Menday (conductor) 8.

CARDIFF.—St. John's Guild.—At St. John's Church, on Sept. 17th, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Day 1, W. Biss (conductor) 2, E. Coles 3, C. O. Hobbs 4, C. Williams 5, W. Heath 6, W. Bolton 7, J. Hole 8.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, 504 and 251 Grandsire Triples, conducted by A. J. Perkins.—On Tuesday, Sept. 19th, 518 Grandsire Triples, conducted by B. Thorpe, and 336 conducted by G. Piper. The following ringers took part: G. Piper, B. Thorpe, C. J. Morling, J. Sykes, F. W. Harding, W. Green, R. J. Dawe, A. Banks, G. and H. Clark, and A. J. Perkins. Also 240 Bob Minor, conducted by J. Sykes.—On handbells, on Saturday, Sept. 23rd, 720 Bob Minor: Ben Thorpe (Ashton-under-Lyne) 1—2, A. J. Perkins (South Beddington) 3—4, Joe Sykes (Huddersfield) 5—6.—Also on Thursday, Sept. 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor by the same three ringers. Conducted by A. J. Perkins. Also 288 and 360 Kent.

RUGBY.—The Warwickshire Guild and St. Andrew's Society, Rugby.—On Monday evening, Sept. 18th, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1280 changes), in 55 mins.: W. Tayler 1, W. Malins (composer) 2, H. O. White 3, J. A. Fenton 4, C. W. Wheeler 5, A. J. Hessian 6, J. B. Fenton (conductor) 7, J. W. Chandler 8. First quarter-peal of London on the bells, and by the St. Andrew's Society.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Tuesday, Sept. 19th, at St. Peter's Church, 1260 Stedman Triples: J. Hickman 1, J. Woolley 2, A. Coppock 3, T. Horton 4, F. J. Tite 5, F. Johnson 6, E. J. Oliver 7, W. Bellamy (conductor) 8.

THRAPSTONE, NORTHANTS.—On Tuesday, Sept. 19th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Coleman (first in the method) 1, T. Jervis 2, L. Wyman 3, D. Redhead 4, R. Loveday 5, J. Nickerson (conductor) 6.—On Thursday, Sept. 21st, for the Harvest Festival, 546 Grandsire Triples.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for morning service, 462 and 168 Grandsire Triples, the following taking part: J. Coleman, D. Redhead, L. Wyman, T. Jervis, F. Stubbs, T. Arnold, R. Loveday, C. Arnold, R. Bland, J. Nickerson (conductor).

EXETER.—The Devonshire Guild.—On Tuesday, Sept. 19th, at St. Sidwell's Church, two 288's Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Drake 1, T. G. Bartlett 2, A. W. Brighton 3, E. Seargeant 4, A. Monkley 5, E. Shepherd 6, W. Richardson 7, C. R. Lilley 8. Also a course of Stedman Triples, with A. D. Sowell, of Kea, Cornwall (first course) 1.

MIDDLEHAM.—St. Alkelda's Guild.—On Sept. 19th, at the Parish Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. E. W. Dunn (first 720) 1, Henry Parrish 2, Wm. Sykes 3, Thos. Sarginson 4, Chris. Clarkson 5, Henry Pauli 6. Also 720, with Mrs. Pauli ringing the treble.

SAFFRON WALDEN.—Essex Association.—At St. Mary's Church, Saffron Walden, on Sept. 19th, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins.: F. Pitstow (conductor) 1, T. R. Dennis (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, F. J. Pitstow 3, J. Penning 4, J. Freeman 5, E. Pitstow 6, R. Strong 7, W. Parish 8.

LLANDAFF.—The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 19th, 446 Bob Major: S. Williams 1, J. Harris 2, J. Pritchard 3, W. Heath 4, T. Cox 5, W. Biss (conductor) 6, W. Bolton 7, J. Alridge 8.

CHESTERTON, CAMBS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sept. 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins.: H. Mansfield 1, T. W. Dickenson 2, L. G. Mallion 3, R. Rayner 4, W. Mansfield 5, W. Ensden (conductor) 6.

PLYMOUTH.—On Wednesday, Sept. 20th, at the Church of Emmanuel, an attempt was made for Hollis' five-part, which had to be abandoned after ringing 2600 changes in 1½ hours' splendid striking, owing to the tenor going badly: L. Osborne 1, W. Rundle 2, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 3, J. Woodley 4, G. H. Myers 5, H. Bennett 6, E. W. Marsh 7, W. Hobbs 8. The peal was attempted on the 41st anniversary of the church, and as a compliment to the Rev. G. B. Berry, the Vicar, who has gone to China for six months' mission.

BLETCHLEY.—On Sept. 20th, 504 Stedman Triples: S. Smith 1, J. Mead 2, J. Mark 3, W. Sear 4, T. Best 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, Wm. Crane, senr. (Bangor) 8.

HEAVITREE, DEVON. — The Devon Guild.—On Thursday, Sept. 21st, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, which came to an abrupt end in the seventh part, after 1 hr. 5 mins: A. W. Brighton 1, E. Shepherd 2, T. Laver 3, J. R. Sandover 4, W. Lethbridge 5, C. G. Glass 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, W. Boundy 8.

WIMBORNE.—At the Minster, on Friday, Sept. 21st, 575 Grandsire Caters: Miss E. K. Parker 1, J. S. Rumming 2, J. Stone 3, F. Sparshott 4, R. O. Street 5, U. Stewart 6, C. Goodenough 7, W. W. Gifford 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, A. Osman 10. Also three courses of Stedman Triples: Miss E. K. Parker (conductor) 1, H. S. Newnham 2, J. S. Rumming 3, G. Preston 4, U. Stewart 5, C. Goodenough 6, W. W. Gifford 7, A. Southey 8.

WEST DIDSBURY.—At Christ Church, for Harvest Festival, on Sept. 24th, 576 Bob Major in the morning, and 560 in the evening: H. Chantler 1, W. Holbrook 2, H. Berry (Prestwich) 3, H. Brockill 4, T. Peacock 5, F. Brickett 6, J. Leigh 7, R. Dawes (conductor) 8.

[A large number of touches are unavoidably held over until next week.]

19,440 MAXIMUS ON HANDBELLS.

INFORMATION WANTED ON AN INTERESTING RECORD.

Dear Sir,—I have before me a scrap book compiled by the late William Chrisfield, of Green Walk, Holland Street, Blackfriars Road. It was sold by him in 1859 to the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe for 30s.

The book is made up chiefly of views of churches and records of peals in various parts of the country. There is, however, one manuscript letter (amongst others), the contents of which I should be pleased if any reader could give an account, for if authentic the record deserves to be preserved. Snowden, in his treatise on Treble Bob, makes no mention of the performance, hence my inquiry. —Yours truly,

T. HERVEY BEAMS.

Bradpole, Dorset.

[COPY.]

Derby, January 23rd, 1844.

Dear Sir,

The underneath is the peal I rang on my handbells, which took me 13 hours and 43 minutes, New Treble Bob Maximus :—

23456	M	W	H		M	W	H
36452	1		2	42563	1		2
45362		1	1	56423		1	1
56342		2		62453		2	
65243	2		2	26354	2		2
24653		1	1	35264		1	1
45623		2		56234		2	
53624	1		2	64235	1		2
62534		1	1	23645		1	1
23564		2		34625		2	
32465	2		2	43526	2		2
46325		1	1	52436		1	1
62345		2		23456		2	
25346	1		2	19,440			
34256		1	1				
45236		2					
54623	2		2				
63542		1	1				
34562		2					

Elijah Roberts.

There is nothing to show to whom this note and peal was sent.—T. H. B.

A VISIT TO LLANDOVERY.

The Builth Wells ringers, who are members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, had a very enjoyable excursion on Saturday when, at the invitation of the Rev. D. Edmonds Owen, the Vicar, they visited Llandovery, Carmarthenshire, and rang several 120's of Grandsire Doubles at the Church of Llandingar. This church contains an interesting peal of six. The treble is inscribed, "When you me ring, I'll sweetly sing," the 2nd and 3rd bear the words, "Peace and good neighbourhood." "Prosperity to the parish," is the sentiment expressed on the 5th, while on the 4th is, "Jno Jones, Vicar, 1720," and on the tenor the names of five churchwardens. The ringers were entertained to tea at the Vicarage, and afterwards visited several places of interest, including Llanfair Church, where is to be seen the tomb of the late Rev. W. Williams Pantycelyn, the great Welsh author. The visitors wish to thank the Vicar for his kindness, and the local ringers for having the bells ready. Those who took part in the ringing were: F. S. Sparkes 1, W. A. Sparkes 2, F. L. Sparkes 3, C. Powell 4, R. E. Sparkes (conductor) 5, W. H. Bicknell 6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MR. J. W. TAYLOR AND LADY RINGERS.

The tower of the historic Church of Darley Dale, near Matlock, was the scene on Saturday of the activities of the Midland Counties Association of change ringers, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting. Among the places represented were Derby, Burton, Wirksworth, Loughboro', Swanwick, Ripley, Duffield, New Mills, and Matlock.

During the afternoon and evening short touches were rung in various methods, including Grandsire, Bob Major, Stedman, Double Norwich, Duffield, Superlative, and Treble Bob.

During the interval for tea, Mr. J. W. Taylor, of Loughboro', vice-president of the Association, addressed the members. He remarked that during the quarter 23 peals had been rung in 20 different towers, and the total for the year was 102, against 94 last year (applause). Referring to the question of whether ladies should become ringers, Mr. Taylor observed that some of them might think that ladies already interfered a good deal in their amusements and business, but members of the fair sex had got "push and go" in them, and he did not see why they should not ring. He was of opinion, however, that ladies ought not to attempt either long peals or the ringing of heavy bells. If ladies took up the Art, they would be quite equal to the average male ringer (hear, hear).

The Rev. R. Whittington, Rector of Darley, was admitted an hon. member of the Association.

DERBY DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Derby district was held at Crich, on Saturday week, and proved to be a very successful one, members being present from Derby, Ripley, Kirk Ireton, and Swanwick, together with the local company. On arriving about 3.30 p.m., the visitors found the bells ready, and after having a look round the church proceeded to the belfry. The bells are a very handy ring, having recently been augmented from five to six, through the kindness of a local gentleman. The work and "splice" reflect great credit upon Messrs. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough.

The ringing was very satisfactory, and consisted of Grandsire, Stedman and Manchester Doubles, Plain Bob Minor (including a 720), and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. A most gratifying feature was the fact that every touch was brought home.

At the subsequent meeting, held in the belfry, Ripley was selected as the next place of meeting for October.—Mr. A. H. Ward proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and coupled with it a vote of thanks to Mr. Brown for making such splendid arrangements.—Mr. Brown, in responding, said that on behalf of the Vicar and churchwardens he was glad to welcome the Midland Counties Association to Crich, and it had been a great pleasure to him to have the bells rung, and to meet new and old acquaintances. He also hoped that they would again pay a visit earlier in the summer, so that they could have a tour round this old and interesting village.

WEDDING BELLS.

In honour of the weddings of Mr. G. W. Ayres and Miss F. Routledge and Mr. C. Gibbons and Miss A. Routledge on Sept. 23rd, and of Mr. Davis and Miss M. Jones on Sept. 24th, the following touches were rung at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on the two days: 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Bullock 1, H. Rumens 2, W. Cooper 3, E. D. Lillywhite 4, G. Cooper 5, H. F. Hull 6, W. J. E. Jones (conductor) 7, O. L. Twist 8. 720 Bob Minor (with tenor covering) by A. Bullock, J. C. Adams, E. D. Lillywhite, C. Cooper, W. Cooper, H. Rumens (conductor) O. L. Twist; and a touch with Mr. Clayton on the 5th.

At Appledore, Kent, on Thursday, Sept. 26th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Eleanor May Clarke Johnson to Mr. William Llewellyn Colthup, of the Devonport police, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by: G. Johnson 1, C. Tribe 2, A. Johnson 3, S. W. Hills 4, E. G. Johnson 5, F. S. Brown 6, C. W. Player (conductor) 7, F. Mitchell 8. The ringer of the treble is the bride's father, the 3rd her uncle, and the 5th her brother. At a reception, afterwards held at Veness House, the residence of the bride's parents, the ringers and friends of the bride and bridegroom were entertained. The happy couple afterwards left for Birchington for the honeymoon prior to residing at Devonport.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The Midland Counties Association will have been established 30 years when next April arrives, and it has a proud record behind it. Many well-known men in the Exercise have been connected with its upbuilding, but none of its officials was ever held in higher esteem than the present hon. secretary, Mr. W. E. White, who for twelve years now has discharged the arduous duties which such an office involves. Mr. White is a native of

MR. W. E. WHITE.

Bingham, Notts, and celebrated his 47th birthday last Friday. In early life he served several years on a sailing ship, but subsequently he settled down in the lace trade in Nottingham. He was always fond of the sound of the bells, but he did not take up ringing until 1886, when a band was formed at Cotgrave, where he was then living. Not one in all the band could ring a bell when the company was got together, and, as they had no instructor, the early difficulties can well be imagined.

By dint of an enormous amount of perseverance, however, the initial obstacles were surmounted, and from 1888 to 1890 this little company became practically masters of any method for their five bells. In 1887 Mr. White was elected captain of the local band, and has been at their head since then until the present time, except for about three years from 1892 to 1894, when he resided in Nottingham, and rang at All Saints'. In 1887, also, Mr. White joined the Midland Counties Association, with which he was subsequently to be so closely identified, and rang his first peal in 1889—5040 of Minor in two methods—at Sandiacre. In that year, too, he was elected a member of the committee, and local hon. secretary for the Nottingham District in 1893. On the retirement of Mr. J. O. Lancashire from the secretaryship of the Association in 1899, Mr. White was unanimously elected to fill the office, and proudly holds that position to-day with the confidence of every member of his Association. He has been a member of the Central Council since 1906.

A staunch Churchman, Mr. White is a member of the Ruri-Decanal Conference for the Bingham Deanery, and he holds strong views upon the desirability of ringers being sound Churchmen. Mr. White has not rung a large number of peals, for living in a village where, until 1906, there were but five bells, his opportunities have not been great. He has the following 5000's to his credit:—

Doubles	4
Minor (conducted two)	7
Grandsire Triples	3
Stedman Triples	2
Bob Major	3
Double Norwich Major	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	3
Grandsire Caters	1
Total ...	24

LEEDS CHURCH BELLS, KENT.

The bells at Leeds Church, Kent, are now in good going order again. Members of the Kent County Association from Benenden, Marden, Headcorn, Linton, Lenham, Tunstall, etc., have visited the church to try the bells, and touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples were rung. The work of recasting the seventh and ninth and entirely rehanging the whole peal of ten with steel headstocks has been carried out by Mr. Alfred Bowell, bell founder of Ipswich. The verdict was, that the "go" of the bells was excellent, and that the new bells were in perfect harmony with the rest of the peal. The tenor is a beautiful bell of about 21 cwt., cast by Joseph Hatch, of Ulcombe, a parish in the neighbourhood.

These bells are somewhat historical from a ringers' point of view, for on April 7th and 8th, 1761, James Barham and the Leeds' Youths succeeded in ringing 40,320 changes of Bob Major in 27 hours. This is supposed to be the longest peal ever rung, and it is on record that 13 ringers took part in the peal, relieving one another at intervals.

The tower was built in the year 1119, and is peculiar in appearance, being little higher than it is wide. The following is a copy of the inscription on the headstone of James Barham, who is buried in the churchyard:—

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James Barham, of this parish, who departed this life January 4th, 1818, aged 93 years, who from the year 1744 to the year 1804 rung in Kent and elsewhere 112 peals not less than 5040 changes in each peal and called Bobs and S. for most of the peals, and on April 7th and 8th assisted in ringing 40,320 Bob Major on Leeds bells in 27 hours.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

A very interesting letter has been unearthed from a scrap book which came into the possession of the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe in 1859, and if its contents can be substantiated it makes hitherto acknowledged handbell records look insignificant. Signed by Elijah Roberts, it speaks of the performance of 19,440 rung on handbells in 13 hours 43 minutes, the method being New Treble Bob Maximus. Mr. T. H. Beams, who sends the letter for publication, asks for further particulars, if they are obtainable, and it would certainly be interesting to have more details of such a remarkable performance.

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Two north country ringers, whose business takes them to many parts of England, had a rather amusing experience recently in Sussex. They walked one Sunday from Seaford to the ancient village of Alfriston, where there is a peal of six. They made themselves known to the local ringers, but were not invited to have a pull. When eventually they suggested they would like to take a rope they were politely told that, as the bells *required careful handling*, visitors were not allowed to ring them.

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So there was nothing left but for the two gentlemen concerned to take themselves back to Seaford. Those bells must indeed require very careful handling if Messrs. Ben Thorpe, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and Joe Sykes, of Huddersfield, may not be trusted to ring them. But it is only an example of the exaggerated ideas which some "stony" men get when they have never pulled a bell outside their own tower.

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Mr. George Hughes, who has but one arm, the left, took part on Saturday week at West Bromwich in the first peal of Erin Cinques that has been rung. Mr. Hughes rang the seventh.

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With some of the ropes in a straight line and very close together, St. Michael's Church, Sowton, Devon, is a difficult place to ring at, although there is a musical peal of eight with a tenor of 9 cwt. On Saturday week eight members of the Devon Guild attempted a peal of Stedman Triples on the bells, but the attempt came to grief after fifty minutes first class ringing. A. W. Brighton 1, G. W. Challice 2, F. W. Richards 3, H. V. Richards 4, E. Shepherd 5, C. G. Glass 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, A. Acreman 8. Better luck next time.

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A book which should have considerably more than local interest is in course of preparation. It will contain the reminiscences of Mr. Henry Burstow, an old Horsham ringer. Quite a character is Harry Burstow, who in his younger days was a peal ringer, and who can still, though more than four score years of age, sing some 400 songs, many of them full of quaint lore. It is a tribute to his marvellous memory that he can sing any one of them at request.

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The book, which will include some account of the old bell foundry at Horsham 1590—1616, is to be published to subscribers at 2s., and the proceeds will go towards a fund to supplement the old gentleman's present meagre income. Mr. W. Albery, of 49, West Street, Horsham, the author, will be glad to receive subscriptions, so that the names of subscribers can be printed in the book, which will be published about the end of the present month.

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The band in the little Norfolk village of Saxlingham are to be congratulated upon ringing the first peal of Duffield in the county. Sixteen months ago most of them could only ring a plain course of Major by heart, but with the encouragement they received from Mr. W. Steele and Mr. Aldis they persevered with method ringing, and on October 13th last year scored their first peal of Bob Major.

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Oxford Treble Bob followed on February 14th this year, and Kent on April 22nd, while they have now added a peal of Duffield. Every man in the company lives in the village, and rings regularly for Sunday services. To start a young band and ring peals in four Major methods in just over a year is a distinct credit to them, and is an example which other young ringers will do well to emulate.

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On Friday week an attempt was made at St. Alfege, Greenwich, for a peal of Grandsire Triples as a farewell to Mr. A. S. Beer, who has left the borough for Southsea. Owing to illness one of the band had to ask the conductor to bring the bells home at halfway. All felt a pang at losing the peal, but a greater one at the loss of a colleague. They are only consoled by the fact that their loss may prove another belfry's gain, and they wish to place on record their recognition of Mr. Beer's great abilities, apart from ringing, and tender him their thanks for his services in the past, and wish him prosperity in his new venture. The half peal was rung in 1 hr. 35 mins. by A. S. Beer 1, F. Bennett 2, J. J. Lamb 3, W. Foreman 4, I. G. Shade (conductor) 5, W. Berry 6, T. Jakeman 7, H. Hoskins 8.

A NEW SOCIETY.

TO SUPPLEMENT WORK OF THE M.C.A.

A most enthusiastic and successful meeting of clergy and ringers of the Sparkenhoe II. Deanery was held on Saturday last at Barwell, Leicester, at the invitation of the Rector (the Rev. A. Titley). After some ringing, a short service was held, and an address given by the Rev. J. F. Griffiths on the influence and appreciation of the sound of church bells. A sumptuous tea, provided by the Rector, was most highly appreciated by the ringers. These were present, with their clergy, from Barwell itself, Shilton, Kirkley, Stanton, Hinckley, Higham, Stoke Golding and Drayton.

A business meeting was opened by some remarks by Rev. G. M. Edmonds on the relations of clergy and ringers as fellow church workers. It was then resolved that a society of church bell ringers be formed for the Rural Deanery, not in opposition to the Midland Counties Association, but to supplement its work, and act as a feeder for it.—The Rev. W. P. Hurrell, R.D., was appointed president, Rev. J. F. Griffiths secretary, and a committee was formed consisting of Messrs. W. Humphreys, E. H. Stoneley, T. Latkin, C. Rowley, C. Briggs, J. Needham and W. Martin. Those invited from Peckleton, Croft and Witherby were unfortunately unable to attend.

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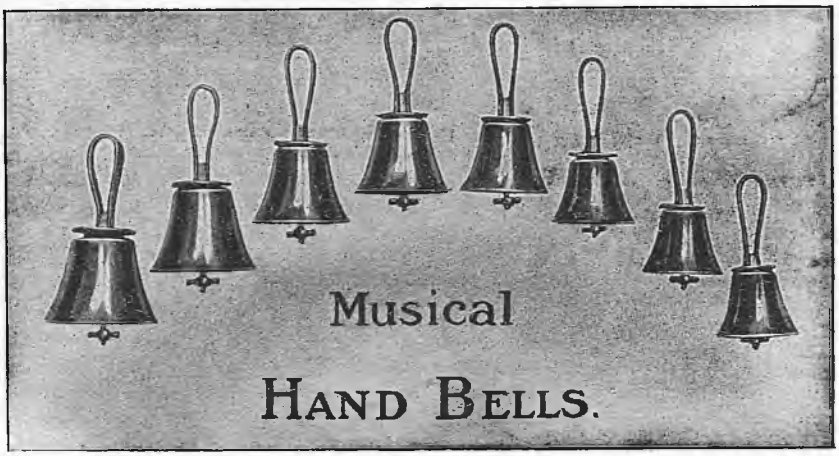

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT BLACKPOOL.

PRESENTATION TO THE LATE SECRETARY.

After a lapse of eleven years, Blackpool was again visited by the Lancashire Association for the annual meeting, which was held on Saturday. The day being fine and the town such a popular seaside resort, the meeting brought together a crowd of quite 150 members and wives, some making a full day of the trip. Four peals of eight and two rings of six bells were at the disposal of the members, the new peal at the Church of the Sacred Heart (R.C.) coming in for a fair share of criticism, and being also the most popular. Several of the visitors thought them the best and easiest to ring; although there was no fault to find with the other peals. One thing noticeable was the well-kept belfries at all the places, and also the Lancashire welcome extended to the members. The test of numbers came at 4 p.m., when all were called to St. John's for shortened evensong. The Rev. N. S. Jeffrey, M.A., Vicar, intoned the prayers, and the Rev. H. J. Elsee (President of the Association) read the lesson. The preacher was the Rev. C. B. Hulton, M.A., Vicar of Worsley, who gave a short but stirring address, based on the words, "Be ye also perfect." He urged his hearers to strive for the ideal of perfection in their ringing as also in their daily life. These annual gatherings were days of intercourse with one another to tell of their failures, and to gain encouragement from the results obtained by others. It was a practical address from a practical ringer. It was followed with rapt attention, and gave encouragement to the ringers to strive for something higher in the year that is before them.

Tea was afterwards partaken of, and what with the ringing and the sea breezes, the visitors were quite ready for this part of the programme. Only some 80 had asked to be provided for, however, and as over 140 presented themselves for tea, the caterers were put to great inconvenience, as were also those who had taken the precaution of sending in their names. Tea had to be served in two sittings, and the arrangements generally were thrown out of gear.

The meeting was in charge of the President, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, Vicar of St. George's, Bolton, and the general routine business was got through very expeditiously, and in the course of the proceedings a presentation was made to Mr. A. E. Wreaks, who was secretary of the Association for 23 years, and who had to resign his post on taking up a position in Scotland. The gift took the form of a handsome mahogany timepiece in the Queen Anne style, with a silver plate suitably inscribed. The clock strikes the Cambridge chimes on four gongs. Mr. Wreaks was unable to get down from Scotland to receive it, and his elder son received it in his father's name, acknowledging the gift in a few well-chosen remarks.

The President, in the name of the Association, thanked all retiring officers for their past services, and the meeting then proceeded to elect new ones. Mr. S. Brierley was elected vice-president, and Mr. W. H. Shuker was appointed secretary to fill Mr. Wreak's unexpired term.

Mr. J. H. Banks begged hard to be relieved of the office of ringing secretary, owing to pressure of other business, but no one would undertake the office, and he was, therefore, prevailed upon to take it again for another two years. The auditors were re-elected without opposition, but there were six names put up for the four Central Council representatives. A vote resulted in the election of the President, Messrs. H. Chapman, T. Redman and J. H. Banks. Kendal, in the far north, was fixed as the place of the next annual meeting.

The best thanks of the meeting was given to the incumbents of the different churches for the use of the bells, and to the Vicar of St. John's for use of the schools for tea and meeting.—The Rev. N. S. Jeffrey responded in a happy speech, saying he was glad to see so many present.—The bells were kept going during the day and evening in the standard methods, short touches being the order, to give as many as possible a chance of having a pull.

The committee, in their report for the past year, said the number of members is 1,268, a slight increase on the preceding year. Over 1,000 reside in the county. The worth of the society is £100 18s. The number of peals rung was 71, slightly below the total last year. Two new rings of eight have been put up in the county, also two trebles to complete an octave and a peal of eight recast. Mention was also made of members gone abroad and others that have died during the year.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 17th (the Harvest Thanksgiving), five 720's of Minor, viz.: Woodbine, Oxford, Duke of York, Kent, and Oxford Delight: N. Patmore 1, B. J. Miller 2, E. Saggers 3, N. Wallace 4, H. Wallace 5, B. Patmore 6. In the Oxford: J. Patmore 1, Nathan Patmore 2. In Duke of York: N. Patmore 1, A. G. Langdon 2. In Kent: J. Patmore 1, B. J. Miller 2. In Oxford Delight: N. Patmore 1, B. Carter 2, E. Saggers 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Woolston 5, B. Patmore 6. Conductor throughout, B. Patmore.

THE CHESTER GUILD.

A GRATIFYING REPORT.

The annual report of the Chester Diocesan Guild has just been issued and, on the whole, the doings for 1910 are looked upon as favourable. Financially, the Guild has improved its position, and the total membership at the close of the year was 749, of which 595 were ringing and probationer members.

"Never during the existence of the Guild," continues the report, "has there been such a manifestation of activity in the way of peal attempts as in the year under review. The Chester and Crewe branches have been vigorous before, but they have quite eclipsed themselves this year; while the Stockport branch has fully maintained its standard. Grappenhall branch, too, has revived a measure of its former energy, as seen in the three peals placed to its credit. The splendid total of 64 peals is the highest yet reached, and the methods, though not so numerous, are quite of average quality. A very encouraging feature of the performances is the extended area over which they are distributed. In 1906—the best in this respect—the peals were rung in 25 towers; this year they extend to 35. This is in some measure due to the continuance of the practice by the Chester members of visiting parishes where change ringing is not observed, or not far advanced. Performances deserving of special mention are the three peals of Superlative Surprise Major in the Chester district, and the peals of Stedman Triples by the Crewe members. The latter have been rung by the members of the Christ Church tower themselves; a performance not only highly creditable to them, but never before accomplished in the Guild. These peals have raised the average value of the year's performances, which, had they been in other methods, would have been disappointing; and also have placed the Guild in the 15th position among the other Associations. A fact claiming serious attention is that, excluding peals of Minor, only four peals each of Triples and Major have been rung by entirely local bands."

The total peal points obtained was 716, an average of over 11 per peal. The Bowdon and Stockport branch rang 15 peals, Chester 18, Crewe 11, Grappenhall 3, Macclesfield 2, Wirral 0, mixed bands 15. The report adds: "The formation of Guilds or Associations of Ringers has done much towards producing a marked improvement in the condition of our belfries, and in the conducting of matters appertaining thereto. It is a ground for congratulation that such improvement is traceable in our own Guild. There is, however, one belfry duty which does not appear to receive the general attention it justly demands, viz., the punctual payment of the annual subscriptions. Rule 8 requires payment in advance. But there is an increasing number of cases where payment is not made until after the year has closed. Such a practice obviously causes additional trouble to the tower secretary, and more still to the branch secretary. It is hard to believe that the spirit of brotherliness, which undoubtedly is noticeable among ringers, would allow its possessors to remain indifferent to the convenience of those into whose hands they have committed the management of their affairs."

Upon this subject also the Master has something to say. Mr. Edward Barber calls attention to the fact that there is no characteristic more essential for a ringer than punctuality and regularity. While punctuality is most important in summoning the congregation to church, in fulfilment of the first object for which the bells are provided, it is also necessary in regard to the payment of subscriptions, if the management of the Association is to be carried on successfully.

The report, which covers 44 pages, and contains a great deal of interesting and useful information, was printed at "The Ringing World" Office.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A NEW DISTRICT SECRETARY.

A quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough branch of the Central Northamptonshire Association was held at Doddington, on Saturday week. By kind permission of the Rector ringing was indulged in during the afternoon, and subsequently an admirable tea, served at the Stag's Head by Host Gibson, was thoroughly enjoyed, about twenty members being present from Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Finedon, Higham Ferrers, Rushden, Isham, Earls Barton, and some of the local ringers. Afterwards, a short business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. Geo. Randall, of Higham Ferrers.—Mr. W. Newman wrote that, owing to his illness, he was compelled to resign the district secretaryship.—The General Secretary, Mr. F. Wilford, said he was sure they were all extremely sorry at the resignation.—The Chairman (Mr. G. Randall) also made allusion to the illness of Mr. Newman, saying his place would be hard to fill. He was a splendid ringer, good company, and a man that was always ready to help in the art of ringing.—It was unanimously resolved that Mr. W. Perkins, of Irthlingborough, be appointed secretary in place of Mr. Newman.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wollaston, or failing that, Finedon.—Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, and all who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

ASSOCIATION NOTES.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.

At the 1910 annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, a letter from the then hon. secretary was read, in which he suggested that a meeting of representative members of the Association should be held to discuss the organisation of the society.

The rules of the Association had always provided for a committee, but this committee has never met (certainly not for the last 20 years), and the management has, therefore, devolved upon the few officers, i.e., the Master, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, and the Hon. Secretaries of the three branches into which the Association was, until recently, split up. The consequence has been that while the branches have been well looked after and fostered, the Association itself has been neglected, and that through no fault of the officers, but of the system.

The suggested meeting took place at Stonehouse, on Saturday week, when there were present: The Master, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies (in the chair), Messrs. J. B. Tyler, C. H. Gordon, R. J. Wilkins (Bristol), S. Moore (Cirencester), W. Hale (Painswick), J. Austin (Gloucester), F. Oakhill (Wotton-under-Edge), R. W. Hyner (Swindon), J. Wathen (Tewkesbury), and the hon. secretary, Mr. W. A. Cave.—It was decided to form a new branch at Swindon to comprise the towers in the Archdeaconry of North Wilts. This will take a few towers from the Bristol branch, and a few from the Cirencester branch, and Mr. E. Bishop and Mr. R. W. Hyner were to be asked to undertake the duties of chairman and hon. secretary respectively until the first meeting, which will probably be held near the end of the year.

On the suggestion of the Hon. Secretary of the Wotton-under-Edge branch (Mr. F. Oakhill), it was agreed to transfer the towers of Almondsbury, Alveston and Olveston, to the Bristol branch, and this will take effect from January, 1912. A useful discussion on the system of working the branches took place, Mr. W. Hale's contribution being especially valuable.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting of the Association at Cheltenham, on Easter Monday, April 8th, 1912. Cheltenham was, in years gone by, one of the strongholds of the Association, but change ringing there has recently dwindled almost to the vanishing point. It is, therefore, hoped that there will be a good attendance of members at the meeting, and that some, if not all, of the old members will rejoin.

At the conclusion of the ordinary business, Mr. R. J. Wilkins gave notice that he will move a resolution at the annual meeting with reference to discontinuing affiliation to the Central Council. The Master (who is hon. secretary of the Council) promised to strongly oppose the motion, and the debate should prove highly interesting.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The September monthly meeting was held at Aston Manor on Saturday, Sept. 23rd, and a very fair number of members attended, representing Rugby, Coventry, Aldesley, Birmingham, Sutton Coldfield, Aston, and Stratford-on-Avon. Mr. James George, the Master, was none the worse for his strenuous week's tour in South Wales, and led the ringing with his accustomed zeal. The bells were kept going from about five o'clock onwards, in the following methods: Stedman Triples and Caters, Grandsire Triples, Superlative Surprise Major and Kent Treble Bob.

A few members rang in their first touch on ten bells and, although none of the ringing was up to a high standard, some good practice was obtained, which it is hoped will make members more enthusiastic in getting about to the meetings of the Guild when they are held in the outlying districts of the county.

It was to be regretted that the August monthly meeting, fixed for Henley-in-Arden, proved abortive, only four ringers turning up, one each from Warwick, King's Norton, Birmingham and Stratford-on-Avon. The next meeting of the Guild will be the quarterly meeting and, all being well, will be held at Nuneaton, on Saturday, October 28th.

STEDMAN THEORY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—If I have failed to understand Mr. James' letter, it must be a reflection on his ability to make his meaning clear, for I am vain enough to claim intelligence. The answer to his last question is obvious, for five bob blocks of Original Doubles, connected by fifth's place instead of first, are not a touch, neither are they a new principle. They form a method, based on the Original principle, now fairly well known as "Erin." If this point is now cleared up, perhaps Mr. James will remember that he has not replied to my last letter.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

LADIES IN THE BELFRY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have read with interest the letter written you by "E.J.B.," published in this paper on 15th September. I cannot understand why such a step should be taken, more especially as her father and brother are both ringers belonging to the same band. The reason for such action, viz.: "The belfry is not a fit and proper place for any female, as it might lead to questionable actions taking place," is not only ridiculous, but absurd. In what condition can a man's mind be in to make such a statement as this? How about having females in the choir, and also female organists? As the clergyman in question contends that the belfry is not part of the church, would he please let us know what it is? The under-mentioned rule, which was an additional one added to our rules by our Bishop, who is also Rector of our church, namely, "That members recognise that the belfry is a part of the church, and thus 'sacred to the service of God' and that they will remember this in their speech and behaviour," is plain enough. I always did contend that the belfry was part of the church, and the rule before-mentioned seems to favour my contention. I hope by this time, however, the Rector has been approached, and the lady reinstated, otherwise my advice to the band is give the bells a rest; or, in plain English, do not ring. I am sure all your readers would like to know how this matter progresses. Perhaps "E. J. B." will let us know later.—Yours faithfully, THOS. V. HORNER.

Nunhead, S.E.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I should like to add my testimony of the great benefits derived socially and financially through the presence and influence of ladies in our belfries. When one pauses to think what St. Alfege, Greenwich, would have done without Miss Christabel Airey and her sister, the daughters of the late Astronomer Royal, and the Ancient Society of College Youths without Miss Macalpine Leny, one can only suggest to the objecting cleric concerned, "evil be to him who evil thinks."

H. HOSKINS.

14, Chevening Road, Greenwich, S.E.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I notice in your last issue a letter from Mr. Arthur Cox defending the action of the clergyman mentioned in "E. J. B.'s" letter on lady ringers. I regard the insinuation of the said clergyman as an insult to all intelligent ringers, who, as a rule, are men of sound moral principles, and I have no hesitation in saying that anyone violating them in a belfry would quickly receive marching orders. It is well that parsons of this type are few and far between. As to Mr. Cox's assertion that ladies have no right in a tower, I say they have as much right there as himself. Why is a belfry standing over the church not as much a part of the church as one standing on a level? I wonder if Mr. Cox considers his bedroom part of his house; the assertion that it was not so would be just as true as his contention relating to the belfry.

He says that the ringing world wants a better class of men, viz., the middle-classes; then things would go better. If he wants to create a class distinction, why not suggest the upper classes? then I should think according to his line of reasoning that things would go better still. If Mr. Cox himself is of the class he would introduce to the Exercise, I should say that the sooner the ladies oust them the better, as such snobbery will not assist in improving the quality of the ringing, nor the morals of the ringers. As to his objections to lady ringers, they may be summed up in the one word, "selfishness." Personally, I would like to see many more added to the ranks of lady ringers, and would like nothing better than to take a back seat occasionally and see them ringing touches and peals entirely on their own without the aid of mere man.—Yours faithfully,

HERBERT SHARP.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I shall not require much of your space to answer Mr. Cox's letter in your last issue. I should like him to tell me why he makes a distinction between belfries on the ground floor and those in a more elevated position, and also why a lady should not enter a belfry, even if the belfry is not part of the church. But the belfry is part of the church in the same way that Mr. Cox's brains are part of himself, although very much hidden. He wants a better class of men to ring, but why on earth does he wish to exclude women? There is room for all in the ringing world, and what is wanted is more men and women; not snobs, but good ringers, whatever their station in life.

F. J. PARKER.

Edmonton.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and District Association was held on Saturday at the pretty village of Chaddesley Corbett, the Vicar and his good wife giving a warm welcome to the visitors. Ringers were present from Old Hill, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Brierley Hill, Hartlebury, Rushall, Stourbridge, Clent, Wolverley, Chaddlesley Corbett, and Selly Oak, together with the general secretary, Mr. J. R. Newman. Service was held in the church, and a short address was given by the Vicar on bells and bell ringing in England and on the Continent. He impressed upon his hearers that after ringing the bells, calling others to church, they themselves should take their place in the House of God.—During the service, Mr. Johnson, of Old Hill, kindly presided at the organ.

After the service, a splendid tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, and presided over by Mrs. Griffith Williams, was partaken of in the schools. At the business meeting, which followed, the Vicar was unanimously elected an honorary member. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Rowly Regis, and to attempt the quarterly peal at Chaddesley Corbett, conductor, Mr. W. Short.—On the motion of Mr. A. E. Parsons, seconded by Mr. H. Mason, and supported by Mr. J. R. Newman, Mr. R. Matthews was re-elected Master. Mr. J. Pigott, representative on the Central Committee, and Mr. E. J. Dowler, secretary. The last-named remarked that the first year of the Association since its division into branches had been in every way successful, so far as the Northern branch was concerned, and the same could be said of the Western and Southern branches, although not so well situated for railways as the Northern branch.—Mr. Mason moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality, and to Mrs. Griffith Williams for presiding.—The Vicar, in responding, said how pleased he was to welcome the Association to Chaddesley Corbett, and hoped he would have the pleasure of doing so again on some future date.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major, brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

HELPING THE "LIMPING ONES."

The quarterly meeting of the Basingstoke district of the Winchester Guild was held on Saturday week, at Oakley, when ringers to the number of 33 assembled from Basingstoke (7), Overton (4), Deane (2), Rotherwick (4), Whitchurch (2), Woolton Hill (3), Oakley (9); Mrs. Steedman, of Steventon and Mr. W. Shepherd, of Hersham, also joined the party. Several were prevented from coming by the threatening aspect of the afternoon, and one, the Rev. F. N. Harvey, through missing a train.

The little six-bell tower was well-filled from 4 o'clock till 9, when an adjournment was made to the Village Room (probably to the relief of some of the villagers), and a pleasant half-hour put in on the handbells. At 6 o'clock the company sat down to a magnificent tea, provided by the kindness of Mrs. Walter, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Hume. A useful business meeting followed, at which a good report was given of the bells at Woolton Hill, now put into going order by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and steps were taken to secure instruction for this young band, three of whom cycled over 18 miles to be present at the meeting. Instruction at Whitchurch is also to be resumed.

Plain courses and touches were rung in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the tower bells; and in Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob, on handbells. The writer, a working ringer not very far advanced, is glad to record his observation of the kindness with which first class ringers (of whom there were several present at Oakley) are glad to use these smaller country meetings in helping on the limping ones who can do a little and want to do a great deal more. Nothing can be of better service to the Exercise at large than this invaluable and kindly help. The annual meeting of the district will be held at Basingstoke on November 18th.

KENT ASSOCIATION AT HEADCORN.

The annual meeting of the Ashford district of the Kent Association was held at Headcorn, on Saturday week, when about 30 members attended, representing Appledore, Benenden, Lyminge, Mersham, Sellindge, Stone, Tenterden, Willesborough, Woolwich, and a good number of the local band. Ringing commenced soon after four o'clock, and afterwards 20 members sat down to tea, the Vicar presiding. A special service was subsequently held in the church, and a short but very appropriate address was given by the Vicar. The business meeting was held in the Vestry, after the service. The hon. secretary and the district representative were both re-appointed, and one new member elected. The following meetings were arranged for 1912, viz.: Tenterden in February, Eastwell in May, Hythe in September (annual meeting).—Mr. G. Paine proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the special service and address, and for presiding at the tea and meeting. In responding, the Vicar assured the ringers that it was to him a labour of love, and he extended to one and all a hearty welcome, and promised to become an honorary member of the Association.—Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were brought round during the afternoon and evening.

COSELEY RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of the Coseley Parish Church and a few friends (including Messrs. W. Bayliss and B. Reeves, from Bradley), had their annual outing on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 23rd. The place selected was the village of Brewood. Leaving Coseley by brake at two o'clock, in gloomy weather, and driving through the Black Country capital (Wolverhampton), Brewood church was reached after two hours' ride. Here the visitors were met by Mr. J. Perry, one of the local ringers, who had previously obtained the use of the bells from the Vicar (the Rev. C. Duntley). After taking the visitors through the interior of the church, and showing them the different monuments, a visit to the ringing chamber was made. Here is a large tablet, bearing the following unique warning to ringers:—

"Ye gentlemen ringers, both far and near,
That are disposed to ring here;
To mark this law and keep it well,
The man that overthrows his bell,
Sixpence he must pay
Before he goes hence away;
He that ring with glove, spur, or hat,
Sixpence he must pay for that;
If he either curse or swear,
Sixpence must pay while you are here,
'Tis not a place to quarrel in
To curse or swear it is a sin."

J. Brewster, W. Icke, Churchwardens, 1845.

The bells (a beautifully-toned ring of eight) were raised in peal, and were soon set going to a musical touch of 264 Grandsire Triples, followed by 464 Bob Major.

An adjournment was then made to the residence of Mr. J. Perry, where, under the supervision of Mrs. Perry, a capital tea had been prepared, and to which all did justice. Afterwards a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the host and hostess, and while some of the visitors made a tour of the village, others returned to the tower, where touches of Grandsire Triples and Oxford Bob Triples were brought round, under the conductorship of Mr. Wm. Fisher, of London and Bristol Surprise fame. On leaving the tower, the ringers were introduced to the Vicar, who was heartily thanked for his kindness in allowing the use of the bells. The return drive was then commenced, and Coseley reached soon after eleven o'clock, after a most enjoyable day. The ringers desire, through "The Ringing World," to thank Mr. Perry for his efforts to make the outing such an enjoyable one.

MR. W. PAGE'S 100 PEALS.

Mr. W. Page, who has just rung his 100th peal, is probably the first Worcester man to reach the century. The peal was first attempted on Sept. 23rd, and lost after 40 minutes' ringing, through a most unusual occurrence. The tenor rope caught round the corner of the box, forced itself out of the ringer's hands, and then coiled itself round a cross beam in the top of the ringing chamber, effectually eluding recapture.

	Rung	Conducted
Minor in 4 Methods	1	—
Minor in 7 Methods	7	1
Minor in 10 Methods	1	—
Grandsire Triples on Handbells	6	2
Grandsire Triples on Tower Bells	18	10
Grandsire Major	1	1
Grandsire Caters	3	1
Union Triples	1	—
Stedman Triples	22	1
Stedman Caters	2	—
Kent Treble Bob Major	4	—
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3	—
Bob Major	11	8
Bob Royal	3	—
Canterbury Triples	1	—
Canterbury Major	2	1
Superlative Surprise Major	4	—
Cambridge Surprise Major	2	—
Double Norwich Major	6	—
Oxford Bob Triples	2	1
	100	26

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NOTICES.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, October 7th. —A. Rust, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 7th next, at Christ Church, Dore. Eight bells, tenor 11 cwt., available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Warbleton on October 7th. Ringing from 3 o'clock, tea at 5.30.—George H. Howse, Divisional Sec., Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Yaxley to-morrow, Saturday, October 7th. Tea at 4.30 p.m.—F. Cooke, Honorary Secretary.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Wednesday, October 11th. For particulars see notices sent to secretaries of companies. It is hoped that all the towers in the town will be available.—Notice of intention to be present to be sent by October 9th to C. E. Borrett, Secretary, 12, Grove Avenue, Norwich.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Late St. James' Society), Established 1824.—The ninth Annual Grand Bohemian Concert will take place at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C., on Saturday, October 14th. Doors open at 7.15, start 7.45. Admission by programme price 6d., reserved seats 1s., which may be obtained from all officers of the Association, or from Frederick J. Hardy, Hon. Sec., 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Charing on Saturday, October 14th, 1911. Through the generosity of the Rev. Rendell Carter tea will be provided to all members who attend, and who notify the district secretary not later than Monday, October 9th. Belfry open at 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5.30 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock, followed by the usual business meeting. Half railway fares up to 2s.—G. Moore, District Secretary, Bellville, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Lightcliffe Congregational Church on Saturday, October 14th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who order from me by October 9th.—Geo. Naylor, Honorary Secretary, 7, Bramley Lane, Lightcliffe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The annual tea party and social of the above branch will be held on Saturday, October 14th, 1911, at Heywood. Tea on tables at 5 o'clock. Social at 7 o'clock. The party will be held in the Conservative Club, York Street. Tickets, gentlemen 1s. 3d., ladies 1s.—J. H. Barton, Branch Secretary

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton, near Bradford, on October 14th. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting at the Park Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Scorton on Saturday, October 14th. Reduced railway fares from Preston (1s. 4d. return) will be granted if a sufficient number is obtained.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, October 14th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.—W. H. Shuker, Branch Secretary, 106, Bank Street, Clayton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells ready at 3.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at All Souls' on Saturday, October 14th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Next meeting at Lindfield, October 14th (postponed from September 16th). Tower open 3, tea 5.30 at Bent Hotel. Those intending to be at tea must let me know by Tuesday, October 10th.—Robert J. Dawe, Divisional Honorary Secretary, "Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Aberdare on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5 o'clock.—Rev. Connop L. Price and John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Honorary Secretaries.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. M. Harvey), at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be kindly provided by the donor of the bells, J. F. Stilwell, Esq. Those members intending to be present are requested to notify me not later than the 11th. Members are reminded that all outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, October 14th. The bells of the Parish Church and St. Paul's, Fulney, will be available from 11 o'clock. Dinner at the White Hart Hotel at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Service with short address at the Parish Church at 3.30.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Rolleston on Saturday, October 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 5.30—Harry Wakley, Local Honorary Secretary.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern district.—A meeting will be held at Graveley, near Stevenage, on Saturday, October 14th. Will all 6 or 5 bellringers take notice of this meeting especially arranged for them. Those who can come are requested to inform B. H. T. Drake, Honorary District Secretary, 29, Bancroft, Hitchin.

NOTICES (continued).

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will take place on Saturday, October 14th, at Newmarket. The bells of All Saints (8) and St. Mary's (5) will be available for ringing after 2 p.m. A meat tea will be supplied at Messrs. Games, Queen Street, at 6d. per head. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to attend. —T. R. Dennis, General Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—A quarterly meeting of the Association will take place at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C., on October 16th. Tower open at 8 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. Business meeting at the headquarters' room, Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, W.C., at 9.30. All members should attend.—Frederick J. Hardy, Honorary Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Croston, on Saturday, October 21st. Particulars by circular.—Rev. W. T. Bulpit and W. Bentham, Honorary Secretaries.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harborne on Saturday, October 21st. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea in schoolroom at 6 o'clock, 1s. per head, to be followed by business meeting. Bells available from 3.30 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Saturday, October 21st. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Duke, in Upper Street, at 5.30. A practice will take place at St. Martin's on Wednesday next, 11th inst., at 8 o'clock.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—Northern District. —A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, October 21st. Bells available from 3.45. All members and friends cordially invited.—William J. Kemp, Honorary Secretary, 177, Chatsworth Road, N.E.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, October 28th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

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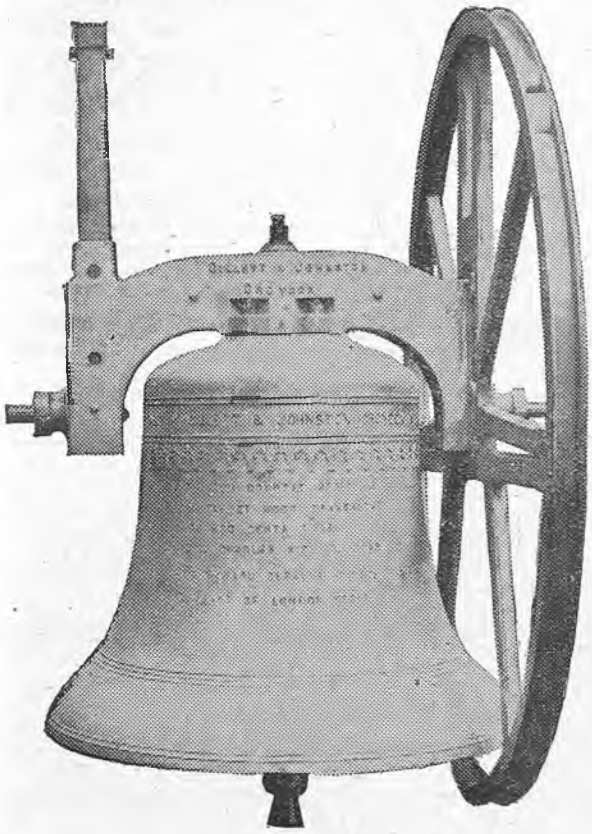

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MODERN WORK.

A FIELD FOR ACTIVITY.

In our last issue we had something to say upon the possibilities which exist for "missionary" work in the ringing world. There can be no doubt that in the area covered by nearly every Association much ground remains to be broken. Many towers are still outside our organisations, and while no one will dispute that efforts are made to bring them to the fold, these efforts are only too often of a spasmodic kind. What is wanted is a more systematic attempt to draw a much large proportion of belfries into union with the Associations.

Let us quote a few facts and figures in support of the contention. At the last annual meeting the honorary secretary of the Devonshire Guild lamented the fact that out of about 300 towers in the county, only some 50 or 60 are affiliated to the Association. Devonshire, perhaps, is a county of special difficulties, for the amount of change ringing done in that part of the country is comparatively small. But Devonshire is not altogether unique. In other areas the Associations, although they may not be quite so badly supported, have yet a very great proportion of towers outside their ranks. Let us take the other corner of England, covered by the Essex, Kent and Surrey County Associations, and the Winchester Diocesan Guild, which includes a big piece of Surrey as well as the whole of Hampshire. Between them they have 312 towers affiliated, but 480, not including a large number of five bell churches, are at present unattached. In some cases special reasons are given, presumably for their remaining outside, such as "bells unringable," or "no ringing company at the tower," etc. But there is no reason why even these should be ignored. There is work, and especially useful work, to be done in these cases, by proving to the authorities the desirability of having their bells attended to and of organising a ringing company so that the bells may be properly used and cared for.

We have no doubt that could the facts be ascertained in regard to all other Associations many of them would be worse than these, indeed Winchester is among the best of the provincial Associations in its proportion of towers affiliated. What we want to drive home is that despite the efforts that are being made there is room for much more work in this particular missionary field. Association and district meetings might very profitably discuss how best to interest the unaffiliated towers, and bring them into the ranks of the organised societies. If anything is to be done, however, it must not end in talk. There must be deeds as well as words, and the members will do a good service to the Exercise at large, as well as to their particular Association by every tower they bring under the influence of their organisation.

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John O. Sager, Solicitor, Todmorden, December 10, 1910.

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Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Four Hours and Six Minutes,

AT SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY	*Treble*	CHARLES S. BURDEN	7
EDWIN HORREX	2	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	8
SAMUEL E. JOYCE	3	HENRY R. NEWTON	9
HERBERT LANGDON	4	ALFRED B. PECK	10
HENRY SPRINGALL	5	EDWARD P. O'MEARA	11
WILLIAM E. GARRARD	6	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL	*Tenor*

Composed CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.

First peal on the bells since their restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

TEN BELL PEAL.

BRIGHTON.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

JOHN JAY	*Treble*	GEORGE ADES	6
ALBERT D. STONE	2	ROBERT J. DAWE	7
CHARLES PALMER	3	KEITH HART	8
RICHARD W. HOATHER	4	BENJAMIN THORP	9
WILLIAM PALMER	5	GEORGE BLEACH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by B. THORP.

First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for kindly allowing them the use of the bells on this occasion, after having failed on the previous Saturday.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

JOHN SMART	*Treble*	ALFRED W. GROVES	5
BENJAMIN BASSETT	2	GEORGE J. NORRISS	6
ARTHUR HUTCHINGS	3	*ROBERT C. PRIDGEON	7
EDMUND H. LINDUP	4	GEORGE GATLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT CONGRIEVE PRIDGEON.

* First peal as conductor. Mr. Pridgeon is the son of the Rector of Steyning, and was congratulated upon the way he conducted the peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ALBERT BROWN	*Treble*	EDWIN WHITING	5
CHARLES T. B. BRICE	2	GEORGE SNELLING	6
JOHN SNELLING	3	ERNEST WHITING	7
FREDERICK MANSER	4	FREDERICK BORRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method by all.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

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

Conducted by A. W. GROVES.

This peal was rung on the 38th anniversary of the present church.

SALISBURY, WILTS,

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 30, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lbs.

SIDNEY MACEY	*Treble*	GEORGE WILLIAMS	5
*HARRY C. MARSH	2	HENRY W. WILKES	6
JOHN S. RUMMING	3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	7
LEONARD HARRIS	4	GIDEON WEBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. This was the conductor's 200 peal of Stedman Triples.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 3, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*CECIL POLLARD	*Treble*	WILLIAM POLLARD	5
WILLIAM RUDD	2	JOHN W. PASSMAN	6
†CHARLES LAVERICK	3	JOHN H. BLAKISTON	7
JOHN H. JONES	4	THOMAS LANCASTER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. DAY, and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

* First peal. † First in method with a bob bell. This peal was rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Sir Samuel A. Sadler, three times mayor of Middlesbrough.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 3, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

WILFRED LLOYD	*Treble*	SAMUEL WESLEY	5
CLEMENT GLENN	2	WILLIAM BIGGIN	6
JAMES EVINSON	3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL	7
R. WILFRED COLLIER	4	WILLIAM HURST	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung on the first anniversary of the dedication of the tower, spire, and bells. Meeting short for Stedman, the above was substituted, W. Lloyd standing in and succeeding creditably in his first attempt for a peal.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 3, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES F. WHITE	*Treble*	WALTER J. BRETHERTON	5
*JOHN LLOYD	2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD	6
ROBERT MATTHEWS	3	HARRY PRICE	7
HARRY HILL	4	CHARLES E. PERKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 3, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.

JAMES KNIGHT	*Treble*	HARRY HAMPSON	5
HERBERT BARLOW	2	LUKE HAMPSON	6
FRANK CHAPMAN	3	*JOSEPH OGDEN	7
FRANK WILD	4	CHARLES PLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN THORPE, and Conducted by JOSEPH OGDEN.

* First peal as conductor.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT EMMANUEL CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM HOBBS	*Treble*	ERNEST W. MARSH	5
WALTER H. MARSH	2	*HAROLD W. BENNETT	6
WILLIAM D. JAMES	3	WILLIAM FORD	7
JOSEPH WOODLEY	4	G. HARRY MYERS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM FOX	5
*THOMAS WHITE	2	*EDWIN BLACKWALL	6
*HENRY GREGORY	3	*WILLIAM TAYLOR	7
*JAMES L. WRIGHT	4	BENJAMIN GREATOREX	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 331), and Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 5, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE PART. Tenor 9 cwt., in A.

THOMAS SMITH	*Treble*	PERCY E. JONES	5
ALFRED C. FUSSELL	2	EDGAR HANCOCK	6
*ALFRED M. LEADER	3	CHARLES R. LILLEY	7
EDWIN HOOPER	4	THOMAS SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal with a bob bell.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD	*Treble*	JOHN FLOWER	5
CHARLES DRAPER	2	HENRY GEORGE	6
*HENRY LETTS	3	BART MITCHELL	7
FRED. W. HILL	4	†JOSEPH HAYWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED. W. HILL.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 6, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

THOMAS J. BARKER	*Treble*	HENRY C. CHANDLER	5
SYDNEY CARTER	2	WILLIAM WELLING	6
BERTRAM PREWETT	3	ERNEST R. GLADMAN	7
CHARLES W. BIRD	4	ROBERT E. STAVERT	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal of Oxford on the bells, by all the band and by the Association.

KNARESBOROUGH.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt., in E.

JAMES B. BUDD	*Treble*	THOMAS T. HAIGH	5
WALTER PICK	2	JAMES METCALFE	6
*ROBERT STEPHENSON	3	†WILLIAM BROADLEY	7
JOHN G. HALL	4	THOMAS METCALFE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal in the Method. † First peal for the Association. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Guires for granting the use of the bells, also Mr. & Mrs. Budd for so kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*REGINALD SCOTT	*Treble*	JAMES OSBORN	5
†JOSEPH LORD	2	FREDERICK W. STOKES	6
‡JOHN W. LAKE	3	JOHN CRAGG	7
ARTHUR MACKEARS	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORPE, and Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal in the Method.

LLANBRADACH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 21 lbs.

CLARENCE O. HOBBS	*Treble*	FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES	5
WILLIAM B. BISS	2	JOHN W. JONES	6
FRANK MORGAN	3	SIDNEY DAWE	7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN	4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

First peal in the Method on the bells.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

FRANK SMITH	*Treble*	GEORGE TURNER	5
JOSEPH LOWE	2	RICHARD NEWTON	6
JAMES BARRETT	3	HARRY CHAPMAN	7
JOHN WELSBY	4	JOE RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOE RIDYARD.

FULHAM.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES W. DRIVER	*Treble*	†ERNEST H. COOK	5
*ROBERT HARVEY	2	CHARLES F. W. HUNT	6
*THOMAS BOLTON	3	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER	7
HENRY G. OWEN	4	*HENRY WHANSLOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

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

EASTON NESTON.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JAMES CLARKE	*Treble*	CECIL VALENTINE	5
FRED HOPPER	2	ALFRED MARTIN	6
*WILFRED SHARPE	3	FRED WILFORD	7
*CHARLES GREEN	4	THOMAS LAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED WILFORD.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells. Messrs. A. Martin and T. Law were elected members before starting for the peal.

LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 8¾ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM LAMBERT	5
ALBERT COPPOCK	2	ALBERT H. WARD	6
HERBERT DAY	3	ERNEST J. OLIVER	7
J. CHARLES DICKEN	4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK C. PERRIN	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
*EDWIN F. PIKE	2	FRANK J. HAIRS	6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
ALFRED W. GRIMES	4	HARRY FLANDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*DICK ILIFFE	*Treble*	ARTHUR PETTITT	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	FRED STANIFORTH	6
LOUIS E. ALLEN	3	*W. NEAL ADKINSON	7
FRED H. DEXTER	4	CHARLES H. FOWLER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Staniforth.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH (R.C.),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS WARD	*Treble*	*GEORGE ROBERTS	5
GEORGE PARSONS	2	*THOMAS BLOORE	6
EDWIN STRINGER	3	BERNARD W. WITCHELL	7
*BERTRAM LEEDHAM	4	JACOB SEABOURNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

* These ringers were proposed members before starting for peal.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHILVOCK	*Treble*	JAMES E. GROVES	5
JOHN BASS	2	SAMUEL GROVE	6
HERBERT KNIGHT	3	GEORGE PIGOTT	7
*REV. E. V. COX	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method and first peal in the method on the bells.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, Senr. ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK WHITHAM ...	5
JOHN ALDIS, Junr.	2	GEORGE POYNTZ	6
ALFRED FUNNELL	3	WILLIAM STEELE	7
GEORGE SNELLING	4	JOHN SNELLING... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 9, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HENRY F. COOPER ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR EDWARDS	5
ALFRED TARBUN, Senr. ...	2	HENRY W. KIRTON ...	6
FREDK. G. RADLEY	3	WILLIAM LINCOLN	7
LEWIS GREEN	4	ARTHUR HEAD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

SIX BELL PEAL.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob, and two of Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS H. VALLANCE	...*Treble*	WALTER J. HORTON	... 4
GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ...	2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	... 5
EDGAR VALLANCE	3	E. HARRY STONELEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

IN THE PARISH ROOM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM O. TALBOT	1—2	HARRY WILLIAMS	5—6
PERCY J. JOHNSON	3—4	BENJAMIN SHAW	7—8

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.
Attested by JAMES R. KEMP and GEORGE A. JOWETT.

First peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells by all except the nger of 5—6.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ALBERT V. INNS	1—2	DAVID J. NICHOLS	5—6
EDWARD CHAPMAN	3—4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT .	7—8

Composed by JOHN BARKER, and
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.
Umpire, R. CHAPMAN.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Mr. A. V. Inns.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES;

CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	1—2	MAURICE SMITHER ...	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ...	7—8

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 9—10

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire, FRANK BLONDELL.

The conductor's 50th peal on handbells.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT 31, LINCOLN STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

*JAMES COTTERELL ...	1—2	PERCY J. JOHNSON ...	5—6
†FRANK R. CUNDALE ...	3—4	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE...	7—8

*JAMES W. MOORHOUSE ... 9—10.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.

Umpire: GEORGE W. HUNT.

* First handbell peal of Caters. † First peal on an inside pair.

ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 8, 1911, in One Hour and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. F. ALEXANDER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

WILLIAM BRECKON (Whitby)	1—2
ALBERT COATES (Scarborough)	3—4
GEORGE F. ALEXANDER (Fylingdales)	5—6

Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.
Umpire, C. WATSON.

First peal on handbells by all, and first handbell peal rung by members of this Association.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX. — Handbell ringing.—On Sunday, October 1st, Penning's 720 Bob Minor (46 calls), 28 bobs, 18 singles.—On Wednesday, in the tower of the Parish Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: B. Thorpe 1—2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3—4, J. Sykes 5—6. Also 223 Grandsire Triples: B. Thorpe 1—2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3—4—5—6, J. Sykes 7—8. Also 120 Stedman Doubles: A. J. Perkins 1—2—3—4, R. Dawe 5—6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles from the position of 125463; also 240 Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

BATH.—The Bath and Wells Association.—On Sunday evening, October 1st, at St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 40 mins.: C. Densley 1, T. Hogsflesh 2, J. H. Odey 3, H. E. Lewis 4, A. Richardson 5, A. E. Seers 6, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, H. Davis 8. — On Sunday morning, October 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original (1260 changes), in 41 mins.: T. Hogsflesh 1, J. H. Odey 2, A. E. Alexander 3, A. E. Seers (conductor) 4, H. E. Lewis 5, R. J. Cousins 6, C. Densley 7, H. Davis 8.

ASSOCIATION NOTES.

MIDLAND COUNTIES.

Members of the M.C.A. are pleased to notice the advance in Major-ringing Derbyshire way. Bands are being formed at Ripley, Long Eaton, and other towers, and "local" peals of Double Norwich and Superlative may be looked for in the near future. Mr. Gobey, too, at Ilkeston, is progressing favourably, and has accomplished a peal of Grandsire Triples. Good luck go with him!

Much, too, is to be expected from the intrepid handbell band in Derby town. Youngsters who can ring Grandsire Caters double-handed, will not be easily held back from Stedman, or from Major methods. They have a capable leader in Mr. Albert Ward, who is to be depended on to persevere until the handbell traditions of the Midland Counties are revived.

A striking feature of the peal records this year has been the large increase in Minor ringing. During the twenty-nine years of its existence, the M.C.A. had up to last year rung only four peals in seven methods of Minor, but this number has been more than doubled since January last. Members of the Burton-on-Trent district, including the enterprising Newhall men, with some comparative youngsters from Burton, have made things hum lately in the six-bell world. The first peals of Minor at Horninglow, Sudbury, and Etwall, the first in six methods by the Association, and the first in seven by the district, have all been accomplished.

Speaking of Burton, reminds one of the famous eight bells in St. Paul's tower, where is still kept up the record, printed annually in the Association report, that "Peals have been rung yearly from the first year, 1882-3." It is good news to hear that this heavy ring, with one of Lord Grimthorpe's triumphs in the shape of a tenor weighing 26 cwt., and giving the note F, is to be re-tuned. A hundredweight or so taken out of the tenor, with the note lowered about a tone, should make an immense improvement. The hopes of the Burton men of seeing two trebles added have been disappointed, owing, it is said, to the instability of the tower

WINCHESTER GUILD.

The Winchester Guild ought to make a good show this year in the Analysis. The continued successes of the Guildford handbell band, chipping in almost every week with one or more peals, is building up quite a respectable tally of points, quite apart from what is being done in other parts of the diocese. Mr. George Williams also keeps "pegging away" down south, and we shall see Winchester somewhere very near the top when the table is published.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.

By the introduction of the two words "change ringing" into a sentence last week, we made it appear as if ringing at Cheltenham had reached a low ebb. What should have been indicated was that the Cheltenham membership of the Gloucester and Bristol Association had dwindled.

BOLSOVER RINGERS AT LICHFIELD.

On Saturday, Sept. 30th, the Bolsover ringers had their annual outing, and paid a visit to Lichfield. On reaching the Cathedral City, shortly after 11 a.m., they were met by Mr. F. Cope, who acted as guide for the day, and piloted the visitors round the town. After dinner, at the Gresby Arms, a visit was paid to St. Michael's, where there is a peal of six (which, by-the-way, will be made into eight before long), and Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob were rung. The party then made their way to the Cathedral, with its beautiful west front, and the tower and bells were inspected. The Dean, however, had forbidden any ringing, even for a short time, despite the fact that two applications had been made for this privilege; one by the good Vicar of Bolsover, and another by the secretary. It was a great disappointment not to be able to ring upon this splendid peal, but the party attended the service at 4 o'clock, and thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful singing. Afterwards, St. Mary's Church, with its peal of eight was visited, and here the Vicar would only grant a very short time at the bells, the party having to content themselves with a course of Superlative, and two of Double Norwich, which brought the day's ringing to a close. The best thanks of the party are due to Mr. F. Cope for the kind way in which he helped to make the outing enjoyable, and to the Vicars and steeplekeepers of the towers where the visitors were able to get a ring. Although they had keen disappointments, the outing was a very real success, and was thoroughly enjoyed.

STONE-IN-OXHEY, KENT.—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, October 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: R. Dunster 1, C. Wenham 2, H. Smith 3, A. Daw 4, F. Burt 5, C. W. Player (conductor) 6. The first 720 of Kent ever rung on the bells by a local band.

HILLINGDON'S NEW BELLS.

DEDICATION OF THE PEAL OF TEN.

The bells of St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, Middlesex, have been in a dilapidated and unringable condition for some time, a peal not having been rung upon them since November 14th, 1903 (a peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by John Basden). The bells have now been recast, and two trebles added to make a peal of ten. The old peal has been rehung in a new steel and iron frame; the louvres bricked up two-thirds, and a new double floor placed between the bells and the ringing chamber. The whole of the expense of this splendid work has been borne by Mr. J. F. Stilwell, of "Moorecroft," Hillingdon, and the parishioners of Hillingdon, with those of the neighbouring parishes and the ringing world generally, will be exceedingly grateful to that gentleman for his magnificent generosity. The work has been most successfully carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, bellfounders and clockmakers, of Croydon.

THE DEDICATION.

On Saturday last, the new bells were dedicated by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Kensington, a large congregation assembling for the service, which opened with the processional hymn, "We love the place, O God." After the Lord's Prayer and the responses, Psalms cxxii. and cl. were sung, followed by the hymn, "When morning gilds the skies." The Bishop, Rural Dean, clergy, churchwardens and ringers then proceeded to the porch, where the dedicatory prayers were offered by the Bishop, at the conclusion of which the Bishop, Rural Dean and clergy returned to the chancel while a special hymn was sung. His Lordship then delivered a most interesting discourse, basing his remarks upon the text, "The Spirit and the Bride say come." After the Blessing, the recessional hymn, "Now thank we all our God," was sung.

After the Dedication service, the bells were opened by members of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association, and in the course of the evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Bob and Bob Royal, were rung. It was then agreed on all sides that the tone and "go" of the bells were magnificent. Unfortunately there is a little too much noise in the belfry, which no doubt will soon be put right. The ringing was conducted by Mr. J. J. Pratt, foreman of the local band, and who has been keenly interested in the work of restoration. Miss Pratt also took part in the ringing.

MR. STILLWELL'S MUNIFICENT GIFT.

At six o'clock the company, to the number of about 30, sat down to a substantial tea in the schoolroom, presided over by the Rev. J. H. Wooster (curate). The tea was kindly provided by the donor of the bells, Mr. J. F. Stilwell, for which the company beg to tender their best thanks.—The Vicar, the Rev. C. M. Harvey, looked in while the tea was in progress, and addressed a few kindly remarks to those present.—Mr. Stilwell also visited the ringers, and met with a hearty reception. He expressed great pleasure at meeting so many ringers, and hoped the bells would be a source of interest and pleasure for years to come, and that they would also be a great benefit to the Middlesex Association. Mr. Stilwell gave an interesting account of how he had been prevailed upon, first, to have a "little" done to the bells, which really amounted to a new frame for 10 bells—recasting the two old trebles; then two additional trebles to make a peal of ten; and, finally, to have the whole peal recast.

The bells are in the key of E flat, the weights of which are given below. They are tuned according to Canon Simpson's principle, and are undoubtedly a great success. They are the nearest peal to London so tuned. The original inscriptions have been reproduced on the new bells, and the tenor is only 1lb. lighter than the old tenor.

The weights are as follows:—

	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.		cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble	4	0	26	6th	6	2	26
2nd	4	2	16	7th	8	3	12
3rd	4	2	22	8th	10	1	7
4th	5	0	5	9th	15	0	9
5th	5	3	4	Tenor	21	1	22

ALDERSHOT PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should be glad if those having subscription lists for the Aldershot Parish Church Bells fund would kindly return same to me as early as possible. Next week I hope to forward for publication a list of those already returned. C. EDWARDS.

Ridgway Road, Farnham.

A combined practice was held at the Aldershot Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 30th, when about 30 members were present from the following towers: Bentley, Blackmore, Shalford, Guildford, Worplesdon, Puttenham, Farnham and Aldershot. The methods rung consisted of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury, and Oxford Single Bob. Everyone was delighted with the tone and "go" of the new bells, and the hope was expressed that ere long there would be added the trebles to complete the octave.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

ST. JOHN'S GUILD, CARDIFF.

The St. John's Guild had their annual outing on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Meeting at the pier head, they left by the pleasure steamer "Lady Ismay" at two o'clock. Unfortunately one of the party, being a minute too late, was left behind. A rather rough voyage across the channel was experienced. It was intended to visit Minehead, but owing to the rough sea the boat did not stop there, so the party had to content themselves with another couple of hours roll on the beautiful waves until Ilfracombe was reached, at 5.50, much to the relief of one of the members who did not find the briny quite to his liking. The party landed at Ilfracombe, and had just an hour and a quarter's stay, but owing to the distance of the church away from the pier, and not knowing the address of any of the ringers, the idea of having a pull had to be abandoned. A meat tea was partaken of, and the party then made their way back to the boat. The voyage home was not quite so rough, but the boat rolled about too much for "our sailor." Cardiff was reached at 10.20, after a most enjoyable and amusing trip. —Mr. Boulton, one of the members of the Guild, was unfortunately laid up as the result of an accident a week or so before, and was, therefore, unable to accompany the party, who sincerely hope for his speedy recovery.

ST. BOTOLPH'S BISHOPSGATE GUILD.

On Saturday, the 7th October, the ringers of the St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, City, Bell Ringers' Guild had their first annual outing. The place selected was Waltham Abbey, Essex. Leaving Liverpool Street shortly after two o'clock, the ringers trained to Waltham Cross, and proceeded thence by 'bus to the Green Dragon, which was made the headquarters for the day. It was a fortunate circumstance that it was within a stone's throw of the Abbey, for the day was marred by a steady and relentless downpour of rain. At the Green Dragon the ringers were met by Mr. W. A. Alps (Master of the Waltham Abbey Society), and later the steeple keeper (Mr. D. Tarling) joined the party. The Abbey was then visited, and, after a brief inspection of the famous pile, with its finely preserved Norman architecture, the tower was reached, and some excellent ringing took place, considering that the Society is only just twelve months old. Afterwards an excellent meat tea was partaken of at the Green Dragon, the following sitting down: Mr. Churchwarden Pridmore (vice-president), Messrs. S. Pettitt (steward), R. Green, W. Scholes (associated with St. Botolph for the past 50 years as a ringer), A. H. Jaynes, A. D. Barker (Master Northern District London County Association), A. V. Marsh, H. G. Laver, T. V. Horner, W. Perry, and the hon. secretary (Mr. T. Walker), and Mr. Williamson, of Somersham, Huntingdon, formerly a ringer at Bishopsgate, who had travelled some 70 miles on Saturday to join the ringers from his old church. Mr. Frank Ranson also accompanied the party as guest. After tea the usual toasts were given by Mr. Pridmore. In speaking of the ringers, he said he was delighted to have been there, and regretted very much that his colleague, Dr. Beswick, was unable to be present. Reference was also made by Mr. Pridmore to the pending departure of the President of the Guild, the Rector (the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Kensington, D.D.), who will shortly be taking up his duties at Salisbury. Whilst they regretted very much the loss of their president, they wished him every success on his appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of Salisbury. At 7.30 the tower was again visited, where other ringers joined the party, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

Afterwards, a pleasant social evening was spent with the Waltham Abbey ringers at headquarters.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the churchwardens of Waltham Abbey, and others concerned, for the use of the beautiful bells during the day, and a hearty invitation given to the Waltham Society to come to Bishopsgate, which was accepted. Several touches of Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters, and Stedman Doubles and Triples, were successfully brought round on handbells by members of the various Societies. At ten o'clock the party broke up, the Bishopsgate ringers returning to London, arriving at 11.30 p.m. The bells at St. Botolph's were rung on Sunday morning, in and out, on the occasion of the harvest thanksgiving and the farewell sermon preached by the Rector.

YORKSHIREMEN'S EXCURSION.

The Yorkshire Association held a meeting at Doncaster, in September, 1903, and at the same time the bells in the adjacent church at Arksey were open for ringing. On this occasion a few members of the Tong company visited the tower, and brought away with them a great longing to make a second visit. After a lapse of eight years, this wish was gratified on 30th Sept., when Messrs. G. Bolland, C. Sallaway, E. Oddy, G. Lambert, Jas. Hepworth, accompanied by J. Peacock, of the Armley tower, and T. Maude, journeyed to Doncaster by a half-day excursion. They were met by Mr. G. Halksworth and piloted by him to All Saints' Church, Arksey. Here they received a kindly welcome from the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Jones), and some members of the local company. As time was limited, only two touches of Oxford and Duke of York Minor were rung upon this nice and well-running peal of bells, and as the ringers were departing, one was overheard to remark, "I would enjoy ringing a 5000 here. The 4 p.m. train to Arksey conveyed the party to Askern Spa—not to taste the waters, though, but to walk from thence to Campsall, where the chief objective of the visit lay. Mr. John Cordingley, of Calverley, and now in his 85th year, resides with his daughter in this pleasant village, and through their influence permission was granted for the use of the bells at St. Mary Magdalene's. First a good tea was discussed at the Old Bells Hotel, and, darkness having come on, the visitors were glad of the guidance of their friend, Mr. Pearson, of Pontefract, to show them the way to the church and belfry. Here was rung 240 each of Violet, Duke of York and Oxford in the best manner possible, as it was surmised their old friend would be taking notes. This proved to be the case, as on visiting him later, he mentioned having been to the door to listen. A course of Grandsire was rung by Messrs. Bolland, Halksworth and Pearson, but Mr. Cordingley was prevented by feebleness from taking part, as was evidently his wish.

CHELMSFORD DISTRICT.

On Saturday, Sept. 23rd, the Chelmsford and district ringers had their annual outing. The towers selected were Lavenham, Suffolk, and Great Tey, Essex. The party, 15 in number, from Writtle, Chelmsford, Great Baddow, Boreham, and Woodford, met at Chelmsford Station for the 8.12 train. Owing to a misunderstanding the party left the platform at Mark's Tey, and returned in time to see their train just leaving. A delay of nearly two hours was spent in fairly good spirits, lunch being partaken of in the interval. Arriving at Lavenham, the party were met by Messrs. S. and A. Symonds, and at once made for the tower. The pre-arranged programme was carried out, but each touch was curtailed to make up for lost time. An excellent dinner was served at the Cock Inn, Mr. A. Symonds accepting the invitation to dine with the visitors. Afterwards some good touches of Grandsire, Bob Major, Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung on the melodious bells, several of the local men taking part. Great Tey was next visited, and an excellent tea was awaiting the party at the Chequers Inn. Then a move was made to the tower, when the first disappointment came. It was found almost impossible to keep up the tenor so as to get anything like decent ringing. A short touch or two of Grandsire was got through, and then a course of Bob Major was rung with a local ringer, George Galley. It was the latter's 72nd birthday, and he would have liked to have had a decent touch, but the tenor man had had sufficient. Those taking part were: R. Wood, F. G. Radley, W. Lincoln, J. Poole, A. Head (Writtle), H. Richele, W. Newman, A. Whight (Chelmsford), A. Edwards (Boreham), H. Dawson and W. Wade (Great Baddow), L. Green (Woodford), G. F. Margetson (Chigwell Row), and two non-ringing visitors. Mr. H. F. Cooper, who had kindly pre-arranged everything, was unable to accompany the party, who wish heartily to thank him and Messrs. Symonds and Ladham for their trouble and kindness in making arrangements for meeting the visitors.

RINGING IN BEDFORDSHIRE.

To the Editor.

Sir, — I read with pleasure your article in last week's "Ringing World," on Associations not doing so much as they might for ringing in general. I have just come to reside in this district from Lincolnshire, and I find that this side of Bedfordshire is left to itself. The Association seems to never think of visiting this part. There are round about here several peals of five and six bells, also one of eight, which, I regret to say, are never rung, owing to some misunderstanding between Vicar and ringers. I have visited several towers in the district, and have met with a very warm welcome. That ought to be quite sufficient to warrant an Association visiting this area. I am sure the ringers and the clergy would be very pleased to welcome them. The bells here are practically unringable, but I have been urging those in charge to have something done. The Vicar told me only this afternoon that he was doing his best to try and have the bells put in order. I also received a very warm welcome from the Vicar of Patten, when asking for the use of his bells to attempt a peal. His message was that he would be only too pleased to grant us the bells, and to entertain us and as many of his own ringers who cared to go. I could also mention others who would do the same, but I know your space is valuable, so I only hope my letter will stir up some of those responsible for this negligence on the part of this Association.—Yours truly,

Biggleswade, October 8th. F. BLOOD.

CHESTERTON, CAMBS.—On Sept. 23rd, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Mansfield 1, T. W. Dickerson 2, L. G. Mallion 3, G. Taylor 4, B. D. Buttress 5, W. Fusden (conductor) 6.—720 Kent Minor: W. Mansfield 1, T. W. Dickerson 2, P. Taylor 3, W. Scotter 4, G. Taylor 5, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 6. Also 300 Bob Minor, in which F. Wilkins took part.

PETERBOROUGH. — At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday morning, Sept. 24th, for Divine service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Chattle 1, E. Tilley 2, H. Traynar 3, J. Dunthorne 4, J. Jutson 5, G. Jutson (conductor) 6.

MEETING AT DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

The October meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society was held at Dore, Derbyshire, on Saturday, and proved very successful. The Parish Church of Christ Church is a pretty little building situated in delightful scenery on the edge of the Peak district, and it looked well under the harvest festival decorations arranged for the next day. The tower, which is quite a small one, contains a beautiful ring of eight bells (tenor, 11 cwt.), put in by Taylor about three years ago. About 26 ringers turned up from Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Dore, Gainsborough, New Mills, North Wingfield, Norton, Ranmoor, Sheffield, and Stavely, among them being three of the South Wales tourists, the Rev. A. T. Beeston (New Mills), Mr. J. Flint (Bolsover), and Mr. Holman (Sheffield).

The bells were kept going almost continuously from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and some excellent ringing was accomplished, especially in the higher methods, London and Superlative going like clockwork. The following other methods were also rung: Cambridge Surprise Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Plain Bob Minor.—Messrs. T. Burgar (Sheffield) and W. Ayre (Gainsborough) were elected members of the Society.—A vote of thanks to the local ringers for making arrangements for the meeting closed the proceedings.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at West Grinstead, on Saturday week, and was fairly well attended, ringers being present from Billingshurst, Crawley, Pulborough, Steyning, Slinfold, Shipley and West Tarring, together with the local band. In the afternoon touches of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob Minor, and Grandsire Doubles, were brought round. Afterwards 25 sat down to tea at the Burrell Arms Hotel, the Rev. A. Davies, the curate, who is also a ringer, taking the chair, the Rector not being able to be present owing to an engagement. A telegram was received from Mr. Tompkins, Master of the Association, regretting he was not able to attend. Tea over, the usual business followed. Three of the local band were elected members of the Association.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. Evans) proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding.—Mr. Davies responded, and said he was pleased to meet the ringers and give them a welcome.—The church was again visited after tea, and the Rector (the Rev. F. H. Campion) paid a visit to the church before the ringing closed, and read prayers to the ringers present.

It may be added that these bells have recently been recast and rehung, but one inconvenience is that the ringers have to stand in the church to ring.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The autumn meeting was held at Catterich Bridge and Richmond, ringers to the number of about 40 attending from Middleham (including three ladies), Richmond, Stockton, Sharow, Ormesby, Shildon, and Darlington. Several good touches were brought round in six, seven and eight-bell methods during the afternoon, and a very pleasant ceremony took place in the Richmond tower, a peal tablet recording a 5088 of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung by the Richmond band, being unveiled. —Mr. T. Metcalfe, the Association secretary, in asking the Rector to perform the ceremony, said he was always pleased to see local bands ringing peals, and great credit was due to the company at Richmond for the way in which they had persevered in their work. He hoped they would not be very long before they rang more peals.—Canon Leish said that it was a very great pleasure to him to have the honour of unveiling the tablet. He had sat and listened to the bells being rung, and always liked to hear them, as he was very fond of bell ringing, although he had never had the courage to undertake the work. He hoped the band would not be long before they rang another peal; in fact he hoped they would go on peal ringing until they got as many peal boards as would cover the walls of the tower.—On the proposition of Mr. Kinchin, a hearty vote of thanks was given the Rector for unveiling the tablet.—The Rector replying, thanking Mr. Kinchin and the ringers.

Tea was provided at the Town Hall Hotel, the Rector presiding, in the unavoidable absence of the President, the Rev. W. D. Wright. He was supported by the vice-president, Dr. Pauli, and the secretary. After tea the Rector welcomed the Association to Richmond and district, and said that within the last few weeks he had noticed that some of his own ringers were taking a very active part in red cross work. He thought it would be a good thing if a great many more would do likewise, as it was a great church work, and would combine ringers and other churchworkers together. In this way it would also get the great art of ringing brought more before the public, and then the ringers would get to be better acknowledged than they are.—The Hon. Secretary proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Rector for presiding at the tea, and for granting the use of the bells; also to the Vicar of Catterich Bridge for the use of the bells at that tower.—Canon Leish replied, and a very pleasant meeting then terminated.

WEDDING BELLS.

In honour of the wedding of Mr. Maurice Caudwell, who was a former ringer, and Miss Welch, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Blewbury, Berks, on Sept. 20th: W. Webb 1, Miss M. W. Nightingale 2, W. J. Grace 3, C. Gregory 4, E. Aldridge 5, G. F. James (conductor) 6, C. Greenough 7, T. Aldworth 8.

On Tuesday week, on the occasion of the marriage of Dr. Wilfred Watkinson Holtymann, of Boxmoor, Herts, and Miss Violet Harwood Casson, of Worksop, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was made at Worksop Church, but after ringing 1554 changes, the bells were brought round in consequence of one of the ringers receiving an urgent message requiring his attendance elsewhere. This is the first attempt for a peal, and the following were the ringers: C. Peck 1, H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, H. Haigh (conductor) 5, T. Bartholomew 6, T. Wilson 7, F. Hind 8.

At Isleworth, on Thursday week, 720 Bob Minor, with 6—8 covering, was rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. H. P. Coles, of Woking, and Miss Thelma Ohlenschlager, of Busch House, Isleworth. The ringers were: E. Webb, G. A. Ransom (conductor), C. Dell, T. Beadle, H. Sidbetter, A. Sheard, G. Spencer, H. Beadle.

On Saturday week, Mr. E. R. Mackrill, one of the St. Paul's, Hammersmith, band, joined the ranks of the benedicts, and his fellow ringers met in the tower to signalise the event. Whilst the congregation were assembling, the bells were merrily tripping along to the old familiar strains of Grandsire Triples, a well-struck touch being brought round. After the ceremony, as the bride and bridegroom left the church, they were greeted with rounds, firing and queens, and subsequently an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which, much to everyone's regret, came to an untimely end, after an hour's good ringing, through a "change course." The ringers were: Messrs Coombes, Stevens, Cassell, Symonds, Isles, Hunt, Skevington (conductor) and Brookes.

On the previous Thursday evening, in the belfry, Mr. Mackrill was presented with a marble clock, as a mark of esteem from the ringers. —The Rev. Jones made the presentation, expressing the good wishes of the band.—Mr. Mackrill suitably acknowledged the gift.

The wedding took place at St. John the Baptist Church, Halesowen, on October 2nd, of Mr. S. J. Woodall and Miss Cockin, the bride being the only daughter of Mr. G. N. Cockin, ringing master of the Halesowen band. The ringers naturally took their share in celebrating the happy event, and rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Coley (conductor) 1, E. White 2, E. Bache 3, H. Lea 4, G. Withers 5, W. H. Webb 6, A. Hackett 7, M. Hackett 8. Congratulations and good wiches were extended to the bride and bridegroom.

At Ashover, on October 2nd, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Jos. Hopkinson, one of the local band, to Miss H. Shaw, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Revell 1, H. Hopkinson 2, Rev. J. B. Nodder 3, G. Beardow 4, W. Hopkinson 5, W. Buxton (conductor) 6, T. Dent 7, G. Garner 8.

A LEICESTER CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE.

A catastrophe has overtaken Leicester. On Thursday night in last week, a huge conflagration occurred and, in addition to involving several large factories, St. George's Church was destroyed. At the time of the outbreak, which started in a hosiery factory adjoining the churchyard, a congregation, numbering about 800, had assembled for the harvest festival, at which the Dean of Lincoln was to preach. The fire spread with great rapidity and could be seen by those inside the church, and the Vicar (the Rev. C. L. Robinson) ascended the pulpit and announced that the service would not take place. The congregation dispersed in good order. Despite the efforts of the fire brigade, the fire quickly attacked the roof of the church, and it was soon apparent that the building was doomed. The flames spread to the spire, which became a pillar of flames, and the bells crashed down one by one. Practically the whole of the interior of the church was destroyed, but fortunately the great east window, which cost nearly £1,000, has been saved. It is announced that the work of rebuilding the church, which was insured for £12,500, will be taken in hand almost immediately.

St. George's has been the most unlucky church in Leicester, having been twice struck by lightning, and once previously attacked by fire. The church was one of several built to commemorate the close of the Napoleonic war. The cost of the church was over £10,000, and was voted by the Government. The tower contained a peal of six bells, upon which, we believe, the first peal of Minor in seven methods was rung by the Midland Counties Association in 1894.

The total damage done by fire is said to be over £100,000, and about 1,000 people have been temporarily thrown out of employment.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—The Hertfordshire Association.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for early Communion service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and for morning service 720 Oxford Bob. For evening service, 720 Oxford Delight, and after service 720 each of Woodbine and City Delight, the following taking part: W. H. Lawrence, A. Wolston, F. Williams, A. Carter, B. Carter, H. Carter, A. Phillips, S. Game, B. Patmore and H. Wallace.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE HON. SEC. OF THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASOCIATION.

A leader of ringing in that city of bells, Bristol, Mr. William A. Cave, the honorary secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, has forced his way to the front by sheer ability in the belfry. He has done not a little to raise the standard of ringing in that district, while his energies are now being devoted to organising the forces of the Association throughout the two dioceses. Born on January 7th, 1877, the son of staunch church folk, Mr. Cave learnt to love the church from an early age, and

Mr. W. A. Cave.

passed through the Sunday School, Bible Class and Communicants' Guild at the Mission Church belonging to St. Mary Redcliffe. He was educated at Redcliffe School, under that excellent master, Mr. J. T. Francombe, and while attending the Mission Church, where there is a peal of tubulars, he was elected as one of the ringers. Through the good offices of the curate-in-charge, the Rev. A. M. Dewing, now Rector of Camerton, near Bath, they all learnt to ring the bells at Redcliffe. In this matter Mr. Cave soon found himself assisting the backward ones, and at one of these practices had the opportunity of ringing the tenor, as the clapper had been taken out to be lightened. He had probably little idea at that time that he would ring this famous bell to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal some years later. But this he accomplished in 1908. In those early days Redcliffe tenor was credited with being 50 cwt., but when the peal were rehung she was found to be only 39 cwt. Since that time the bell has been recast, and now weighs 50 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

Mr. Cave owes a great deal of his successful ringing career, as do many others, to the efforts of the late James Hinton. It was Mr. Hinton who first took him in hand, and introduced him to the mysteries of the Art, although Mr. Cave had been able to ring a bell for five years before that. In September, 1894, Mr. Hinton invited him to "come along to St. Stephen's," and there put him upon the right track. The band were just beginning on Stedman, and, after a while Mr. Cave took his place with the rest in the ringing for service and practice. His first peal was one of Grandsire Triples for the Bath and Wells Association at Wraxall in September, 1895. His first as conductor was one of Treble Bob Royal (the first in Bristol by a local band) on September 15th, 1897. Three attempts were made for this peal. Something went wrong the first time—what it was does not much matter. The second time the young conductor called three bobs middle, and, in his quiet way, Jim Hinton said, "You had better call 'stand' now you've called three bobs running." But at the third attempt the peal came home.

In 1910 Mr. Cave formed a guild of ringers at St. Thomas's Church, at the request of the churchwardens. This company rang their first peal on their own bells in December, 1901, with two men on the 29 cwt. tenor. They still ring regularly for service and practice, in spite of the fact that the bells do not go well. Owing to a necessary alteration in the practice night, which caused it to clash with that of St. Stephen's, Mr. Cave left the St. Thomas's band, although he still regularly attends service there. He became a member of the St. Stephen's Guild, when it was formed in November, 1894, and held the post of secretary from 1896 to 1899. In 1901 he was elected conductor, and has been re-elected every year since. He became joint honorary secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association in 1907, and since Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower gave up this year, has carried on the duties alone.

Mr. Cave has kept no record of his peals apart from the Association reports, but his total is now approximately 92. He has rung only one peal over the usual 5000 odd, that being John Carter's 7023 of Stedman Caters. It was a splendidly struck peal, and, in addition to being the longest, was probably the best peal he has rung. He took part in the only peal ever rung on Lundy Island—an experience which none of the band will ever forget. On the day of their arrival from the mainland they were unable to start owing to the bad "go" of the bells, and to the treble and the fifth slipping wheel. Repairs were effected, and the peal was rung next day. Mr. Cave has vivid recollections of the last five courses of the famous four-part. He was ringing the fifth, and she again slipped wheel, but the rope got back again all right. From that point to the end his anxiety can be better imagined than described, for on the previous day it had been impossible to ring the bell.

Mr. Cave, who is an abstainer and almost a non-smoker, has had the pleasure of watching ringing in Bristol rise from modest beginnings to its present first class standard, chiefly through the abilities and influence of the late Mr. Hinton. Whereas in 1894 Stedman was a rarity, before Mr. Hinton died in 1909 peals of Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London had been rung by local

men. Mr. Cave's interests outside his business have not been devoted entirely to ringing. In 1891 he joined the Volunteers. He has been efficient every year since, and obtained sergeant's stripes in 1901. He is also an excellent shot, and has only missed going to Bisley twice since 1896. In 1902 he won the N.R.A. bronze medal, when the Gloucestershire Rifle Association held their meeting at Bristol. He received the long service medal on the formation of the Territorial Force, and has been treasurer of the sergeants' mess of the South Midland Royal Engineers for the past three years.

His peals are as follow :—

	Rung	Conducted
Grandsire Triples	9	4
Grandsire Caters	2	
Grandsire Cinques	1	
Bob Royal	1	
Bob Maximus	1	
Stedman Triples	17	9
Stedman Caters	20	7
Stedman Cinques	5	2
Treble Bob Major	1	
Treble Bob Royal	1	1
Forward Major	1	
Double Norwich Major	7	4
Superlative Surprise Major	3	
Cambridge Surprise Major	10	9
Cambridge Surprise Royal	9	7
London Surprise Major	4	3
Total	92	46

Of these 89 (conducted 45) have been rung for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, two (conducted one) for the Bath and Wells, while the remaining one was a non-association peal.

19,440 MAXIMUS ON HANDBELLS.

ELIJAH ROBERTS' GREAT PERFORMANCE.

Mr. Alf. Paddon Smith, of Birmingham, writes, in reply to the inquiry of Mr. T. H. Beams as to Elijah Roberts' 19,440 Maximus on handbells, that the following appeared in an illustrated paper of 1862 :—

"In the manly and scientific art of change ringing Elijah Roberts . . . is the most accomplished and unparalled change ringer upon the handbells the world has hitherto produced. He commenced the study and composition of changes when about twelve years of age. In the year 1824 (then in his 17th year) he rang his first peal, which consisted of courses in various methods commencing with changes on seven bells—Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Triples, Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Triples. Changes on eight bells—Grandsire Major, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major. Changes on nine bells—Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Caters, Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Caters. Changes on ten bells—Grandsire Royal, Plain Bob Royal, Treble Bob Royal. Changes on eleven bells—Grandsire Cinques, Plain Bob Cinques, Stedman Cinques, Treble Bob Cinques. Changes on twelve bells—Grandsire Maximus, Plain Bob Maximus, Treble Bob Maximus, and finishing with a course of Double Treble Bob Major on sixteen bells, the whole containing 5186 changes in 3 hours 27 minutes, rung at Birmingham. His next peal was rung on October 14th, 1827, 5040 of Treble Bob Maximus in the Kent variation in 3 hours 22 minutes, rung at Birmingham. His third peal was 7536 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, rung at Birmingham on April 9th, 1830, in 4 hours 51 minutes. His next performance was rung on the 30th June, 1833, being a very intricate peal of that much admired and musical method, Stedman Cinques, with the bells in the tittums and every musical position, comprising 5016 changes in 3 hours 24 minutes, also rung at Birmingham."

It appears that Elijah Roberts then removed from Birmingham to the Derby Arms, Whitechapel, Liverpool, and, writing to a friend in Birmingham, he says :—

"The 19,440 of Treble Bob Maximus I rung in Liverpool on March 23rd, 1837, I commenced at nineteen minutes before four in the morning, and finished at twenty-four minutes past five in the afternoon. I am sorry that no amateur heard it. The neighbours said they thought I should never give in, for they heard the bells ringing hours before they got up, and almost until bed time again. . . . I have rung the greatest number of Treble Bob Maximus and Treble Bob Cinques in the world, and that was at St. Martin's, Birmingham. . . . The first peal I rung on the handbells was about 20 years ago. I don't know the precise date, but it was published in one of the Birmingham papers. The number of changes was between 5000 and 6000, and was composed of nothing but Plain Courses, viz., Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Triples; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Caters; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Royal; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Cinques; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Maximus. Also, one and the last course was Treble Bob Sixteen, for which I don't know what other name to give it. Now this may not be considered of much note, but I assure you that to ring three different methods, and on different numbers of bells, and as soon as one plain course is rung and the bells come round, to strike immediately into another from eight bells unto 16, is no joke."

When the foregoing particulars are read, and the job seized up by ringers of to-day, I am sure they will all endorse Elijah Roberts's sentiments—"It is no joke."

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham was tapped in the hearing of several well known ringers.

Next week we shall give something further about this wonderful handbell ringer, compiled by Mr. Wm. Snowdon, of Leeds, from material collected by the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon.

A HAMPSHIRE TOUR.

Mr. George Williams is organising a week's ringing in Hampshire, commencing on Saturday, October 21st. The programme, as at present drawn up, is as follows :—

Oct. 21—Winchester.
,, 22—Netley Abbey.
,, 23—Westmeon and Soberton.
,, 24—Privett and Eastmeon.
,, 25—Petersfield and Havant
,, 26—St. Michael's, Southampton and Romsey Abbey.
,, 27—Sherfield (Eng.) and Tytherley.
,, 28—Dibden and Stoneham.

NOTTINGHAM.—At Bulwell Parish Church, for the Harvest Festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob: T. Jennison 1, T. Hind 2, W. Spencer 3, A. Harrison 4, E. Foster 5, W. Wadsley 6.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob for afternoon service, and for evening service, 360 Violet Treble Bob and 360 College Single, in which G. Fyers, T. Jennison, T. Hind, W. Spencer, A. Harrison, E. Foster and W. Wadsley (conductor) took part.

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The ringing for harvest festival services has brought us a huge crop of quarter peals and touches for publication. Indeed, we have been almost overwhelmed with them, and many are of necessity held over for want of space this week.

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Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, Ltd., who are rehanging the bells at Old Woking, Surrey, have also been commissioned to recast the tenor and thoroughly overhaul the frame and fittings of the peal of six at St. Mary's Church in the adjoining parish of Horsell. The bells were originally cast by Robert Catlin in 1741, but the second and fifth were recast in 1886 by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The bells bear either the original founder's name or initials, and, in addition, the third wishes "prosperity to the parish of Horsell," and the fourth "health and prosperity to all our benefactors."

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Irthlingborough has had some bad luck in the last twelve months, for the tower has lost three good London Surprise ringers in that period. Death removed Mr. F. Palmer last October, Mr. W. V. Newman is seriously ill, and it is feared will not be able to ring again, and tomorrow Mr. C. Keller sails for New Zealand. The last-named only started ringing four years ago, but nevertheless has rung peals from Bob Major to London Surprise. He was also very keen on Bristol, although he was not fortunate enough to ring a peal in that method before leaving the old country. His place in the band will be hard to fill.

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Sandiacre Pleasure is to be the name of method No. 15, page 11, of the Collection of Legitimate Methods, it having been rung for the first time and named at Sandiacre, Derbyshire, on Sunday, October 1st, on the occasion of the harvest festival service. It was rung by E. W. Tansley 1, W. Halford 2, J. Hall 3, A. Freeman 4, R. Cox 5, E. C. Gobey (conductor) 6.

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St. Mary's Church, Shenfield, Essex, contains a tiny peal of five (tenor 5 cwt.), each bell of which was cast at a different date. Four different founders are also represented, viz.: Warner, tenor 1878, treble 1898; Thomas Bartlett, 2nd 1626; Miles Graye, 3rd 1637; Matthew Bagley, 4th 1715. The Vicar and churchwardens have received an anonymous offer of a new bell, and it has been decided to have the old bells recast into a new ring of six, with a tenor to weigh 8¼ cwt., and to erect a modern iron and steel frame. The work has been entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of London.

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About two months ago the tenor at St. Mary's Church, Maldon, Essex, became disabled through a broken gudgeon. It was reported to proper quarters, with the expectation of seeing it put into the bellhanger's hands, but as the church has had many expenses during the last year, it seemed as though it might be some time before this would be done. Consequently some of the ringers, being wheelwrights and mechanics, decided to "have a go at it" themselves.

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The result is that the tenor is now going in as good a condition as ever, thanks to these energetic young ringers. On Sunday the first 720 since the rehanging was rung for the harvest festival, Kent Treble Bob being the method. The ringers were J. Gozzett, A. South, H. Finch, T. Gozzett, W. Brinkley and A. Gozzett (conductor).

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A strange memorial of a tragedy of the bells exists in the church of Saints George and Lawrence, at Springthorpe, near Gainsborough. In the chancel there hangs a girl's funeral crown and gloves, cut out of paper. They serve to record the sad death of a girl named Mary Hill in 1814. Without thought of the peril, she heedlessly pulled one of the ropes, was carried up by the swing of the bell, and was immediately dashed to death.

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A combined practice for members of the Sonning branch of the Oxford Guild was held on Saturday week at All Saints', Wokingham, when 22 members were present, representing Binfield, Hurst, Arborfield, Easthampstead, Sandhurst, Wokingham (All Saints), and York Town. Touches of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

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Miss Edith Parker has few worlds left to conquer. On Saturday week, as our peal columns in the last issue showed, she conducted a peal of London Surprise Major from a working bell, and thus reached what most ringers look upon as the highest rung of the campanological ladder. Members of the Exercise generally will join in congratulating our premier lady ringer upon her success.

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The College Youths have not been ringing a great number of peals just lately, but when they do ring they have something specially worth recording. Their latest performance is a peal of Kent Maximus at Southwark Cathedral.

CAVERSHAM MEN IN LONDON.

A PRESENTATION.

The ringers of the St. Peter's Society, Caversham, had their annual outing, on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 30th, when they visited St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington. They were met by Mr. W. Garrard, who kindly escorted them to the tower, where a nice touch of Stedman Caters was brought round, this being followed by a course of Treble Ten. After another touch of Stedman Caters had been rung, the bells were lowered in peal. A nice tea was kindly provided by the St. Mary Abbott's Guild, and pipes were then set going.—The captain of the St. Peter's Society, Mr. E. W. Menday, in a few words, thanked the St. Mary Abbott's Guild for entertaining the St. Peter's Society to tea, and Mr. W. Garrard for making the arrangements.—Mr. Garrard suitably replied.

Mr. G. Irvine, having left Caversham, arranged to meet his brother ringers at Paddington for the day, and took part in the outing for the last time as one of the St. Peter's ringers. He has resided at Caversham for the last ten years, and taken part in ringing some of the finest peals ever rung by the St. Peter's Society.—Mr. E. W. Menday expressed the sorrow of the band at losing Mr. Irvine, and asked him to accept a memento of his association with them. The gift took the form of a barometer in oak case, with a brass plate, inscribed: "Presented to Mr. George Irvine by the St. Peter's Society, Sept. 30th, 1911."—Mr. Irvine having thanked the company for their kindness, the party broke up, some returning home, others to visit friends, while the rest boarded a motor 'bus, city bound, spending a pleasant time before departing for home, which was reached at midnight.

DERBY.—St. Alkmund's Church.—On Sunday morning, October 1st, for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples, and for evening service 700 in the same method: W. Beck 1, A. Braines 2, C. Draper 3, George Freebrey (conductor) 4, Geo. Robinson, junr., 5, J. Heywood 6, J. Vickers 7, A. Francis 8.

MEETING AT CONGRESBURY.

A quarterly meeting of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Congresbury, on Saturday week, when 40 members were present, representing ten towers. A short service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar (the Rev. R. H. Maunsell Eyre) officiating, and the Rev. J. A. Dodd, Vicar of Winscombe, giving a short address. A meat tea was partaken of in the schoolroom, after which the business meeting was held, the Rev. C. C. Parker (Master of the Association) presiding, supported by the Revs. R. H. Maunsell Eyre and J. A. Dodd, and Mr. C. E. Boutflower, Mr. G. Cavill, Mr. J. H. Walters, and Mr. W. Jennings. One honorary and 33 performing members were elected, and three towers affiliated to the Association. Milverton was chosen for the next meeting, which will be held early in December.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. Eyre for arranging the service and the use of the bells, to the Rev. J. A. Dodd for the address, and to the Rev. R. H. Robinson, Vicar of Yatton, for granting the use of the bells of that church.—A hearty welcome was also accorded Mr. Boutflower, who is a late Master of the Association. This concluded the meeting, and a move was made to the tower, where the fine ring of eight bells, with tenor about 38 cwt., were soon set in motion, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major being rung on them. During the evening Yatton tower was visited, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples rung.

LITTLE BOB MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Referring to the remarks on Sept. 29th, one feels doubtful as to the desirability of such a method as this being recommended to the Exercise. It is certainly a musical production, and one wonders why it was not rung immediately on its introduction, 25 years ago. Since that time, however, our knowledge of what is necessary in a legitimate method has considerably extended, and in the light of this the method appears to have one grave fault, the limitation of the work of the treble. For this reason it cannot be said to be formed from a "principle," for no principle limits the operations of one bell to half of the possible places. Is this a valid objection? If not, then we must admit the Bob Major method with the hunt bell going to 6th's place only, and not only this, but every possible method, with the Bob Major lead ends, that is to be got with these two hunts. Again it would admit of innumerable methods on the higher numbers with varying hunts.

It is, therefore, desirable to have expert opinion before method builders begin to work this wide field, or the ringing of such methods is recommended.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

IS IT A RECORD?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir, — On Sunday, Sept. 24th (harvest thanksgiving), at the Church of St. Peter, Titchfield, Hants, the local band established what we believe to be a record, no less than four 720's of Minor being brought round before the services, as follows: For 7.0 a.m., Holy Communion service, a 720 Plain Bob, conducted by L. H. Page (foreman); for 11 a.m., a 720 of Cambridge Surprise, by the same conductor; for 3.0 p.m., children's service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by Miss W. Carden; and for 6.30 p.m., evensong, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, conducted by C. H. Barton. The other ringers who took part were: Messrs. D. Beer, E. A. Collins, C. Uridge, and F. Fielder. This may possibly be a record Sunday's performance in a six-bell tower by a local band in the Winchester Guild, or possibly in the County of Hants. I should be very interested to hear from any of your numerous readers whether a similar record has been achieved elsewhere, and the date of the performance.—I am, yours faithfully,

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS,
Vicar of Titchfield, Hants, and Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

October 4th, 1911.

MEETING AT EMBERTON.

The quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers was held at Emberton, on Saturday, Sept. 23rd, when the attendance of ringers was much above the average. A bright service was held in the Parish Church in the afternoon. The Rev. G. F. Sams (Rector) read the prayers, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. C. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild. Mr. J. W. Britton presided at the organ, and the singing was heartily joined in by the congregation of campanologists. Subsequently the Rector and Mrs. Sams entertained the ringers to a splendid tea in the village Institute. A company, numbering 49, sat down, and great appreciation was expressed for the Rev. and Mrs. Sams' kind hospitality. At the meeting, which followed, business of a routine character was transacted. During the afternoon and evening touches in various methods were rung on the church bells.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild held their quarterly meeting at Melksham, on Saturday, when over 20 ringers assembled, among whom were the Rev. J. H. Burn, Rector of Great Cheverell (chairman), and Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes (hon. branch secretary), together with ringing members from Westbury, Trowbridge, Devizes, Southbroom, Great Cheverell, Hilperton, and Wootton Bassett. Tea was served at the High Street restaurant.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Hon. Secretary begged all those who conducted peals in the various towers to forward reports of the same to him, so soon after as possible, to enable him to keep a record of them, with a view to their being duly recorded in the yearly report. He also urged the correspondents of the towers in the branch upon receiving the notice cards of the meetings, to be good enough to reply to them early, so as to enable the branch secretary to make proper arrangements for the teas. After considerable discussion, it was decided to send out reply-postcard notices, printed and addressed to the branch secretary, so that the correspondents should have as little trouble as possible and no excuse for not replying.

It was proposed by Mr. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett, and seconded by Mr. Heginbotham, of Devizes, that reports of the branch meetings should be sent for publication to "The Ringing World," and to the local papers. The next meetings will be held as follow: at Keevil on 4th November; at Bishop Cannings on December 2nd; and at Trowbridge (the annual meeting) on January 13th.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Melksham for the use of the bells, which were kept going in Grandsire, etc., until 7 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—In sending in items for publication in this column correspondents are asked to write plainly and, where names are given, to take care that all appear. Frequently we have touches sent us in an incomplete state, with, for instance, seven names given for eight bells, or with the name of the place omitted. We would also point out that the unnecessary repetition of the same names should be avoided.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—Recently, on handbells, 720 Doubles, being 120 each of Original, Grandsire, Canterbury, Plain Bob, St. Dunstan's, and Old. Also various six-scores of Stedman, Stedman's Slow Course, New, and St. Simon's 240, and other touches of Bob Minor: C. Sanders 1—2, A. P. Wakley 3—4, W. Shercliff (conductor) 5—6.

MISTLEY.—Essex Association.—On Saturday, Sept. 9th, a date touch of Plain Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 6 mins.: H. Saunders 1, S. Souter 2, W. Harvey 3, J. Souter 4, F. Souter 5, W. Honeywood (conductor) 6.—On Sept. 24th, 360 Plain Bob Minor, with A. Prior 1. Also 720, with W. Harvey 2nd.—On Sept. 28th, 720 Plain Bob: H. Saunders 1, S. Souter 2, J. Souter 3, A. Prior 4, F. Souter 5, W. Honeywood (conductor) 6. Arranged for A. Prior, of Leytonstone.

KENNINGTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, at the Church of St. John the Divine, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), from Holt's Original, in 45 mins.: H. Opher 1, H. J. Walton 2, A. Walton 3, T. W. Wyatt 4, A. T. Miller 5, A. S. Miller 6, G. W. Wild (conductor) 7, K. C. Wightman 8.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS. — Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sept. 14th, 720 Bob Minor: C. Brooks 1, E. Milam 2, J. Mason 3, G. Fry, junr., 4, J. Nash 5, W. Goddard (conductor) 6. — On Sunday, October 1st, for evening service, at harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: J. White 1, G. Fry, junr., 2, J. Mason 3, E. Milam 4, G. Fry, senr., 5, W. Goddard (conductor) 6.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, a mixed band met to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells at the Parish Church, but owing to unforeseen circumstances, this could not be carried out. Touches of Bob Major and Stedman were rung during the afternoon, and a quarter-peal of Holt's Original was rung for evening service: R. Wood 1, J. Burdfield 2, H. J. Ellis 3, P. H. Doick 4, T. Attwell 5, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 6, A. Feist 7, H. Holden 8.

BATH.—Bath and Wells Association.—On Sept. 19th, at St. Saviour's Church, on the occasion of the re-opening of the women's service, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: F. C. Rich 1, E. Alexander 2, J. Taylor 3, W. J. Prescott 4, J. Fussell 5, H. E. Holder 6, C. W. Bell (conductor) 7, L. P. Smith 8.

ROSTHERNE, CHESHIRE. — On Saturday, Sept. 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Webb 1, J. Hammon 2, F. H. Cockram 3, J. Johnson 4, S. Hough (conductor) 5, A. Gidman 6.—On Tuesday, October 3rd, at Kuntsford, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor by the same band.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. W. Martin 1, O. Holmwood (first quarter-peal) 2, H. M. Smith 3, E. Bishop 4, E. Russell 5, H. R. Butcher (conductor) 6, C. Brasier 7, C. Bishop, senr., 8.

ASTON MANOR.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, 1008 Grandsire Triples, after morning service: W. Davies 1, J. Corrigan 2, F. Jones 3, W. H. Jones 4, J. Paulton 5, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 6, F. Bennett 7, T. Richards 8.—Before evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Jones 1, F. Bennett (conductor) 6, W. G. Ellis 7, W. Davies 8, the rest as before.—After evening service, 279 Grandsire Triples: W. Davies 1, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 6, F. Bennett 7, T. Richards 8, the rest as before.

ST. ALBAN'S.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, Sept. 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: E. Whitbread (conductor) 1, F. Chatley 2, E. Randal 3, F. Blow 4, R. E. Hammond 5, F. Jeffs 6, H. Hollick 7, J. Porter 8.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Major, in 44 mins.: C. Ellis 1, T. Bernard 2, T. Taylor 3, G. Taylor 4, G. Thompson 5, C. Ramplin 6, Mr. Cook, R.N., 7, A. Morris (conductor) 8.—At the residence of Mr. Morris, 720 of Kent Minor, on handbells: G. Thompson 1—2, T. Bernard (first 720) 3—4, A. T. Morris (conductor) 5—6.

SALISBURY.—At St. Thomas' Church, for Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 50 mins.: S. Macey 1, H. Marsh (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 2, F. Precey 3, L. Harris 4, J. S. Rumming 5, R. P. Knight 6, W. W. Gifford (conductor) 7, C. Gaisford 8.

GORING, OXON.—During a recent holiday, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung: J. Nicholls 1, A. Mobey 2, W. Lawrence (conductor) 3, J. Aldridge 4, W. Napper 5, J. Bower 6. Afterwards, at Pangbourne, Berks, another 720: J. Nicholls 1, A. C. West 2, J. Abery 3, R. Abery 4, W. Lawrence 5, J. Bowyer (conductor) 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—The members of St. Peter's tower have scored their first quarter-peal as a band. On Sept. 25th they rang 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 53 mins.: G. Handscombe 1, *W. Parker 2, A. J. Mawby 3, W. Sibley 4, *J. Deane 5, W. Sturges 6, W. H. Austin (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, W. Harris 8. * First quarter-peal.

BISHOP RYDER'S, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 24th, in the evening, for Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: S. Coley 1, J. Porter 2, A. T. Scrivens 3, W. Webb 4, J. T. Perry (conductor) 5, W. H. Carrod 6, J. Collett 7, T. Pearce 8.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE. — On Sunday, Sept. 24th, at St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: T. Napper 1, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 2, D. Owen 3, W. Mansell 4, J. Dance 5, T. Davies 6, T. Dance 7, G. Morris 8. Also 350, conducted by T. Dance.

OLD WARDENS, BEDS.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for morning service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 of Bob Minor, in 22 mins.: T. Webb 1, W. Newton 2, F. Blood (Biggleswade), conductor, 3, A. G. Webb 4, W. J. Mayes 5, C. A. Pratt (Clifton) 6.—For evening service, touches of Bob Minor by Job Bintner, A. G. Webb, T. Wells, W. J. Mayes, W. Newton, F. Blood (conductor), and F. Green.

NEWPORT, MON. — The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Sept. 24th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: A. E. Morgan 1, F. E. B. Charles 2, J. Bullen 3, C. Bowen 4, F. Morgan 5, C. Greedy 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, O. Jones 8.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): A. Horner 1, F. Sumner 2, A. Pritchett 3, J. Withers 4, F. Withers 5, A. Chambers (composer and conductor) 6, W. Palmer 7, J. S. Pritchett 8.

GUILDFORD.—St. Nicolas' Society and the Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 504 Stedman Triples: E. G. Heath 1, S. Radford 2, E. Raddon 3, W. Loader 4, G. W. Brion 5, T. W. Radford 6, J. Hunt (conductor) 7, S. G. Steer 8.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, at Emmanuel Church, for morning service, 1218 Bob Major: J. Woodley 1, W. H. Marsh 2, W. D. James (conductor) 3, E. W. Marsh 4, W. J. Rundle 5, F. Hockaday 6, H. Bennett (longest length in the method) 7, G. H. Myers 8.

FULHAM.—The All Saints' Society.—On Sept. 25th, for practice, on handbells, two parts of Holt's ten-part peal: L. Attwater 1—2, W. Shepherd 3—4, J. W. Driver 5—6, A. F. Shepherd 7—8. Rung on strictly non-conducted principles.

YORK TOWN, SURREY.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Tuesday, Sept. 26th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief, after ringing 1900 changes. The ringing was in honour of the thirtieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Fairie, Mr. Fairie being the recorder of peals to the above Guild: F. Marchant 1, H. W. Boyles 2, J. Rance 3, J. Moth 4, G. Miles 5, J. North 6, B. Hawkins (conductor) 7, J. Martin 8.

HANDSWORTH.—On Sept. 27th, for harvest thanksgiving service, at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Wood 1, W. G. Ellis 2, C. Starkey 3, B. Starkey 4, W. Auker 5, R. Faux 6, T. Verry 7, E. Starkey 8.

CHERTSEY.—On Sept. 27th, 210 Erin Triples, believed to be the first touch in the method on tower bells in Surrey: H. R. Stevens (Chertsey) 1, J. B. Hessey (Chertsey) 2, G. Warrington (Chertsey) 3, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking) conductor 4, C. H. Hamblin (Woking) 5, C. J. Tricker (Woking) 6, E. Hamblin (Woking) 7, J. Terry (Chertsey) 8. Also 126 in the same method, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, in which S. Petter (Worplesdon), P. Turley and P. Percy (Chertsey) also took part.

HANDSWORTH.—On Wednesday, Sept. 27th, for Harvest Festival service, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Wood 1, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 2, C. Starkey 3, B. Starkey 4, W. Auker 5, R. Faux 6, T. Verry 7, E. Starkey 8.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sept. 28th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Dore 1, W. Newman 2, H. J. Gray 3, W. Irons (conductor) 4, V. Neale 5, A. E. Creasey 6, G. Gray 7, E. Akers 8. First 504 by five of the band. Another 504, with H. Mansfield 3.

TIPTON, STAFFS.—For harvest festival, on Thursday, Sept. 28th, at the Parish Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original), in 40 mins. After service, 464 Bob Major, and three courses of Stedman Triples, by W. R. Small, J. Small, F. Bywater, J. Screen, T. Horton, R. Hall, H. S. Smith, H. P. Smith and A. Rowley (conductor).—On Sunday, October 1st, for Divine service, in the morning, 503 and 209 of Grandsire Triples. For evening service, 321 and 504 in the same method, by W. R. Small, J. Small, J. Smith, W. J. Smith, H. S. Smith, H. P. Smith, G. Williams, W. Webster, T. Groves, J. Goodman, junr., and A. Rowley, conducted by J. Goodman and A. Rowley.

GEDDINGTON.—Central Northamptonshire Association.—At the Parish Church, on Thursday, Sept. 28th, for harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins.: G. Black (conductor) 1, C. Cooper 2, C. Swan 3, E. Reid 4, R. Black 5.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—The St. Michael's Society.—On Thursday, Sept. 28th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: W. Rickett 1, F. Bird 2, T. Newman 3, H. M. White 4, F. Mumby 5, P. Springham, senr., 6, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 7, C. Ridgwell 8. Rung as a farewell compliment to F. Mumby, who is leaving Bishop's Stortford for Boston, Lincolnshire.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE. — Old East Derbyshire and Sheffield District Association.—At the Parish Church, for harvest festival, on Sept. 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. Hancock (Eckington) 1, F. Parsons (Staveley) 2, J. Morton (Eckington) 3, W. Daffin (Staveley) 4, W. J. Thompson (Staveley), conductor, 5, W. Palmer (Staveley) 6.

READING.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At St. Lawrence's Church, on Sept. 29th, for the harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: W. Newell 1, F. Alexander 2, C. Giles (conductor) 3, J. E. Hern 4, R. Runham 5, F. Newman 6, E. Denham 7, S. Bristow 8. For the Dedication service, on October 1st, 630 Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins.: R. Naylor 1, W. Newell 2, E. Bailey 3, A. Halliday 4, R. Runham (conductor) 5, F. Newman 6, E. Denham 7, S. Bristow 8.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—At St. Oswald's Church, on the occasion of the harvest festival, on Sept. 29th, 336 Grandsire Caters: R. Webster 1, F. Robson 2, W. Pillar 3, A. Webster 4, R. Stephenson 5, W. Neal 6, A. Simpson 7, F. Howcroft 8, S. Wright (conductor) 9, J. Fawcett 10. — On Sunday, October 1st, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Seagrave 1, F. Robson 2, W. Pillar 3, W. Neal 4, R. Stephenson 5, E. Burnett 6, S. Wright (conductor) 7, J. Fawcett 8; and for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: E. Burnett, conductor; longest length by W. Seagrave and J. Fawcett.

DOWNHAM, CHESHIRE.—On Saturday, Sept. 30th, on the occasion of a branch meeting, 720 Grandsire Minor: J. Ashmole 1, Thos. Bush 2, A. Johnson 3, H. Yarwood (composer and conductor) 4, A. Booth 5, Thos. Wilmot 6.

LADIES IN THE BELFRY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read the letters of "E.J.B." and others re the subject of ladies in belfries, and these, sir, are my deductions: (1) That the person who would suggest anything wrong just because there happens to be a female in the belfry must have distorted views; (2) that that particular person is not fit for the society of any female outside his own family, and certainly should not be allowed to wear the garb of a profession which stands for the uplifting and not for the damning of human nature; (3) that any lady ringer would show more brain power than the parson who suggests anything wrong, or the person who says that females should be kept out of belfries and middle-class men brought in. If the intellect that devised the objections is a sample of what we might then expect, may all belfries be preserved from it. I think that is sufficient to sum up the whole case. It would be interesting to know what some of the clergy think about the matter. They seem very reluctant to say anything. If there is any defence let them defend the accuser, if not, denounce him.—Yours sincerely,

Goole. THOS. SMITH.

NOTICES.

The charge for notices under this heading is at the rate of 2d. per line (average nine words), with a minimum of 1s. Three insertions at double the charge for single insertion (minimum 2s.).

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Late St. James' Society), Established 1824.—The ninth Annual Grand Bohemian Concert will take place at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C., on Saturday, October 14th. Doors open at 7.15, start 7.45. Admission by programme price 6d., reserved seats 1s., which may be obtained from all officers of the Association, or from Frederick J. Hardy, Hon Sec., 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Charing on Saturday, October 14th, 1911. Through the generosity of the Rev. Rendell Carter tea will be provided to all members who attend, and who notify the district secretary not later than Monday, October 9th. Belfry open at 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5.30 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock, followed by the usual business meeting. Half railway fares up to 2s.—G. Moore, District Secretary, Bellville, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Lightcliffe Congregational Church on Saturday, October 14th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m.—Geo. Naylor, Honorary Secretary, 7, Bramley Lane, Lightcliffe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual tea party and social of the above branch will be held on Saturday, October 14th, 1911, at Heywood. Tea on tables at 5 o'clock. Social at 7 o'clock. The party will be held in the Conservative Club, York Street. Tickets, gentlemen 1s. 3d., ladies 1s.—J. H. Barton, Branch Secretary

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton, near Bradford, on October 14th. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting at the Park Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, October 14th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.—W. H. Shuker, Branch Secretary, 106, Bank Street, Clayton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells ready at 3.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at All Souls' on Saturday, October 14th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Next meeting at Lindfield, October 14th (postponed from September 16th). Tower open 3, tea 5.30 at Bent Hotel.—Robert J. Dawe, Divisional Honorary Secretary, "Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Aberdare on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5 o'clock.—Rev. Connop L. Price and John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Honorary Secretaries.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. M. Harvey), at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be kindly provided by the donor of the bells, J. F. Stilwell, Esq. Members are reminded that all outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, October 14th. The bells of the Parish Church and St. Paul's, Fulney, will be available from 11 o'clock. Dinner at the White Hart Hotel at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Service with short address at the Parish Church at 3.30.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern district.—A meeting will be held at Graveley, near Stevenage, on Saturday, October 14th. Will all 6 or 5 bellringers take notice of this meeting especially arranged for them. Those who can come are requested to inform B. H. T. Drake, Honorary District Secretary, 29, Bancroft, Hitchin.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will take place on Saturday, October 14th, at Newmarket. The bells of All Saints (8) and St. Mary's (5) will be available for ringing after 2 p.m. A meat tea will be supplied at Messrs. Games, Queen Street, at 6d. per head. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to attend.—T. R. Dennis, General Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). — A quarterly meeting of the Association will take place at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C., on October 16th. Tower open at 8 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. Business meeting at the headquarters' room, Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, W.C., at 9.30. All members should attend.—Frederick J. Hardy, Honorary Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Croston, on Saturday, October 21st. Particulars by circular.—Rev. W. T. Bulpit and W. Bentham, Honorary Secretaries.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harborne on Saturday, October 21st. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea in schoolroom at 6 o'clock, 1s. per head, to be followed by business meeting. Bells available from 3.30 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Saturday, October 21st. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Duke, in Upper Street, at 5.30.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—Northern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, October 21st. Bells available from 3.45. Tea will be provided in the Vestry at 5.15 p.m., at 6d. a head. All members and friends cordially invited.—William J. Kemp, Honorary Secretary, 177, Chatsworth Road, N.E.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, October 28th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6 p.m. All

NOTICES (continued).

ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

THE HERTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, October 28th. Bells available at 4.30. Arrangements will be made for tea.—H. Eden, Honorary Secretary, Western Division.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at S. Lawrence, Thanet, on Saturday, October 28th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Room at 5 p.m. As this is the first meeting since the restoration of the bells it is hoped a large number of members will make it convenient to be present.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Fladbury, on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service, with an address, at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after service. Tea will be provided for those who notify me of being present not later than Monday, Oct. 23rd. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m.—James Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, October 28th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. Canon Hough (Vicar). Tea in the Parish Church Hall at 5.30 p.m., kindly provided by the Vicar, for those who send their names to me not later than Tuesday, October 24th. Business meeting to follow, the Vicar presiding.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on November 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on October 17th, November 7th; St. Mary-le-Bow, October 17th; St. Magnus, October 26th, November 9th; St. Paul's Cathedral, October 31st.—W. T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The meeting at Scorton is cancelled. Another tower will be arranged for as soon as possible.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mrs. Walker's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

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OLD WOKING.—At St. Peter's, on Friday evening, for the Harvest Festival, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Brackley 1, C. J. Hamblin (conductor) 2, D. Hampton 3, S. Petter 4, T. Strudwick 5, E. J. Hamblin 6.—On Sunday morning, Sept. 24th, 720 Plain Bob: E. J. Hamblin 1, J. Lloyd 2, C. J. Hamblin 3, D. Hampton 4, J. Brackley 5, T. Strudwick (conductor) 6.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP.

There are many ringers who are ready to help a deserving case, and members of the Lancashire Association appeal for assistance for Mr. Edward Cash, a well known ringer and Oddfellow, who met with a severe motor-car accident over two years ago, and, it is feared, will never be able to follow his employment again. Every effort to find the owner of the car has failed. His friends are now seeking to help him financially, and a draw has been arranged by a committee. It is hoped that ringers will make the matter widely known, and do their utmost either by soliciting subscriptions or selling tickets. Full information can be obtained from the following members of the committee:—Messrs. J. Barratt (chairman), 7, College Croft, Eccles; H. Chapman (vice-chairman), Plymouth Grove, Manchester; S. Wood (treasurer), 44, Crowthorn Road, Ashton-under-Lyne; or C. Cash, 16, Partington Lane, Swinton, and S. Greenhalgh, 72, Brindle Heath Road, Pendleton (honorary secretaries). The committee acknowledge with thanks the following donations:

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Rev. C. B. Hulton, Vicar of Worsley	0	10	0
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J. Brockbank, St. Helen's	0	10	0
T. Yates, Swinton	0	10	0
Ringers, Holy Trinity Church, Hoghton	0	10	0
Ringers, Darwen Parish Church, per Chris. Briggs	0	7	6
E. D. Taylor, Esq., Loughborough	0	5	0
Rev. C. P. Keirling, and Ringers at Todmorden	0	5	0
Ringers, St. Luke's, Heywood, per Jas. Tattersfield	0	2	6
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THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

In addition to the points which I gave a fortnight ago as aids to calling Minor from a working bell, there are one or two other helps to the young conductor which I should like to mention. I showed how, when the calls come with the observation bell at three successive "homes," there is a formula which enables the beginner, no matter in what position he may be among the bob making bells, to know not only where he is going to be at the succeeding calls, but to know also when the last of the three calls has been made. Now the "homes" do not always follow in sequence. It is necessary to have bobs "wrong," and it is the going from a "wrong" to a "home" that frequently baffles a beginner when he tries to "transpose himself." But even here there are some simple guides. Let us imagine we have a course in which the 6th is to be called W and H. Here it is:—

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  23456
 -23564
  36245
  64352
  45623
 -45236
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One of the first things to observe is your own bell's relationship in the coursing order to the 6th. After the bob wrong in this course the coursing order—the order in which the bells successively come down to lead—is 3, 2, 5, 4, 6, and except that the treble intervenes between a different pair each lead, this coursing order is continued for four leads up to the bob home. Here are some of the points worth remembering.

The bell which runs "out" at the wrong becomes the 5th's place bell, which courses immediately after the 6th, and, coming into 5-6 up at the bob H is unaffected in its work by that call.

The bell which runs "in" at the wrong becomes the 3rd's place bell, and makes the bob at the home. This position is perhaps the most difficult one to see while the ringing is going on, because it lacks the actual assistance which the others get from their closer relationship with the 6th. But a simple way out of the difficulty can be found by learning the transposition: Run "in" at the W, make the bob at H—and we shall find that this transposition holds good equally for Plain Bob, and many other methods on the higher number of bells, so it is worth remembering.

The bell that made the bob at the W will run "out" at the H, and this position is easily found because in the lead before H is called, that bell, when in 3-4 up, will dodge with the 6th, which will be in 3-4 down. When a bell has dodged in 3-4 up, of course, it has the treble coursing immediately after it for the next lead, and then, passing the treble in 1-2, it has to run straight out if a bob is called.

The bell that dodged with the 6th in 5-6 down at the W is the 4th's place bell, and courses immediately in front of the 6th for the next four leads. When the bob is called, with the 6th in 5-6 down, this 4th's place bell has to run straight in and take the treble off lead.

These are just one or two points which will help the young conductor. He will find other aids if he searches for them, but these will show him that a little careful study will reduce conducting from a non-observation bell to a fairly easy matter, providing he has reasonable powers of "reading the bells," in others words, of following their coursing order and knowing from that order what each should be doing at any particular time.

In order to keep bells right it is necessary to know the coursing order, and the conductor should continually try to follow it while ringing is in progress, and eventually, by practice, acquiring the ability to work out in advance the effect which a bob will have upon that coursing order. All these things will come with patience and perseverance, and just because it does not all come at once the beginner should not feel discouraged.

"Bob."—Neither of the methods which you have submitted are legitimate. In these advanced days a method with eight blows behind is out of the question.

CONDUCTOR.

A NEW METHOD OF DOUBLES.

BY HENRY DAINS.

The following is a new method of Doubles, built upon the plain hunt principle. The method contains the quality that no more than two successive blows are made in any place or position. The first treble lead is:

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12345
21435
24153
42513
24531
42351
24315
42135
41253
14523
15432
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Plain.	Bob.	Single.
43253	41253	41253
14523	14235	14523
15432	12453	14532

A six score can be got as follows:—

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  2345
 -2453
  3542
 -3425
  5243
 -5432
  s3245
Repeated.
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The method is reversible, and can be rung by making the interior places when the treble is in front and calling the bobs and singles when she is behind.

A WORCESTER CLAIM.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am afraid that Mr. William Page's claim, to be the first Worcester man to ring 100 peals, is not correct, as Mr. Francis A. Smith, who was born in Silver Street, Worcester, and was educated in that city, has over 120 peals to his credit. Unfortunately, Mr. Smith has not rung a peal in the Faithful City, as he left it when quite a lad. His ringing career started in the village church of Bushey, where he still resides.

BERTRAM PREWETT.

RINGING NEWS FROM VANCOUVER.

His many friends in England will, we are sure, read with interest the following extracts from a letter which we have received from Mr. Alan R. Macdonald, and which reached us on Friday. Mr. Macdonald was one of the most enthusiastic members of the Middlesex Association, and he left England for Vancouver, British Columbia, a few weeks ago. It will be remembered that we recorded the first peal in Canada, rung at the Roman Catholic Church at Vancouver, and Mr. Macdonald has come as a valuable recruit to this band. He writes :—

When I first arrived in this city I made inquiries as to where the Roman Catholic Cathedral was, and soon located it, as it is the only church in the whole city with a stone steeple capable of having a ringing peal, as nearly nine out of ten of the churches and houses are built of wood. I made inquiries at the church house as to who were the ringers, and when the bells were rung, but could get no information, except that the ringers were all from the old country and sometimes rang on Wednesday evenings. However, other business called me out of town for the first fortnight and on my return the first Sunday after I took a walk round by the church on the off chance that they might be ringing. I had best leave you to judge my feelings when I heard the back five strike up to the old familiar tune of Grandsire Doubles. You can bet I was not long before I found my way up to the ringing chamber and introduced myself. Another new ringer to Vancouver, a son of Mr. Judd, of Prittlewell, who had been for two years in California, followed me up the stairs, and, as he is stopping in the city, the Vancouver band got two recruits at once, which enabled them to talk of ringing Stedman Triples. Any way, that first Sunday evening we changed the tune from Doubles to Triples. I had put my copy of "The Ringing World," containing the account of the first peal in Canada, in my pocket when leaving my rooms, so was able to show them the first official account of their own peal. They could not understand how you had managed to record it so soon. The bells are a very good peal of eight, and go well. The tenor is about 18 cwt., and not a bad bell, though she is somewhat thin for her weight. She was cast in France.

We have quite a decent band here now, and I am pleased to say that I called the first touch of Stedman Triples last Sunday evening. It was the first in Canada, if not on the American Continent. We meet for practice Wednesday evenings, and Sundays at 6 p.m. We have, when all turn up, a band capable of ringing Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and Kent and Oxford Minor, and are living in hopes of recording the first peal of Stedman Triples on this side, if luck is kind, at no very distant date.

One thing that strikes me rather strange is that though built on to the church, the tower is not consecrated, and we can smoke and do as we like up there. Perhaps it is just as well, as they might have some qualms about letting Protestants ring their bells if it were otherwise, for the ringers are all members of the Church of England to a man. They tell me they have no complaints about the noise of the bells, and that people want to know what is the matter if they are not rung. I can understand this, as this city is one of the most English in Canada, and several men have mentioned to me how they liked to hear the bells going, as it put them in mind of home and the old country.

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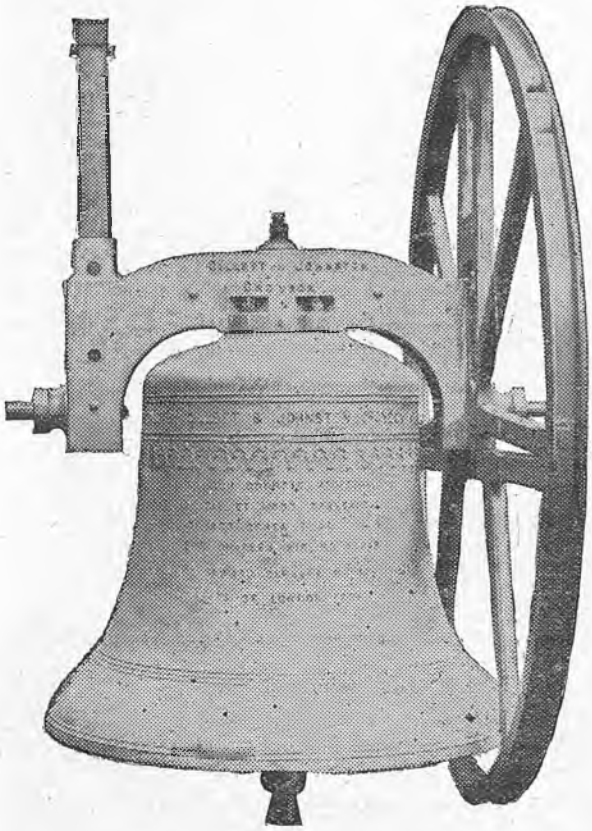

Newport Pagnell Tenor (22 cwt.) of the New Ring of 8.

MODERN WORK.

WORK FOR THE RANK AND FILE.

The importance of the question which confronts our Associations if they would attain nearer to the ideal in regard to bringing under their wing all the towers in their respective areas, cannot be too strongly impressed, and for that reason we venture to return to the subject again this week. We have urged the County and Diocesan Associations to more strenuous effort in their official capacity and that there is room for this work cannot be denied.

The task of drawing in these unattached companies is not always an easy one. It requires a good deal of patience and often no inconsiderable perseverance to bring some towers into union. There are ringers who at first fail to grasp the advantages which affiliation brings, not of a material nature alone, but in the spirit which animates those who are knitted together by the ties of membership with a parent Association. But whether a band tardily or readily sees the advantages of affiliation, one thing is certain—it needs personal touch to bring them within the fold. Many Associations, we feel convinced, would considerably swell their ranks if they would come into closer contact with the bands still outside their influence. The whole burden ought not, however, to be thrust upon the shoulders of the honorary secretaries; it is a matter in which the rank and file can and should step in and help.

With proper organisation there is no Association which might not sweep every inch of its ground by getting its members to undertake this missionary work on systematic lines. It ought easily to be possible to find men enthusiastic enough in the cause to pay special attention to the unaffiliated towers in their particular districts until they have drawn them in. And when the towers have come in it is the societies' duty to look after them and keep them there. We have known companies who have been induced to join an Association, and, after a few years, have drifted out again simply because they have been neglected, having, probably, never seen a member from a neighbouring tower or an official of the Association from the time they were elected. It may be said that if ringers are enthusiastic they will not need inducement to remain attached, but it must not be forgotten that every company is not a peal ringing company, and has not, therefore, got that great incentive. Moreover, the struggles and disappointments of some of our ringing bands are great, and there is nothing like disappointment to sap a man's interest. A district meeting at a tower once in four or five years is not in itself sufficient. The element of personal contact should enter largely into the matter and frequent visits to give a helping hand, or an invitation to a neighbouring tower on a practice night are among the little things which would stimulate enthusiasm.

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John O. Sager, Solicitor, Todmorden, December 10, 1910.

Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., Bell and Brassfounders, Smethwick.

Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, October 5, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE R. HOLMES	*Treble*	ALFRED W. GRIMES	6
HENRY SPRINGALL	2	ALFRED F. HILLIER	7
FREDK. J. HARDY	3	EMANUEL HALL	8
HERBERT LANGDON	4	THOMAS LANGDON	9
JAMES SCHOLES	5	RICHARD F. DEAL	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Messrs. Holmes and Hillier hail from Newcastle.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS	*Treble*	SAMUEL WESLEY	6
GEORGE DAVIES	2	FRANK JACOBS	7
ALBERT C. FERNLEY	3	JOHN P. TARLTON	8
CLEMENT GLENN	4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	9
FREDERICK E. SMITH	5	THOMAS W. GORE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SHIFNAL, SALOP.
SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, October 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¼ cwt.

JOHN CARTER	*Treble*	PERCY R. BAKER	5
WILLIAM H. GODDEN	2	JOHN BRADNEY	6
*ERNEST HYDE	3	CHARLES H. WATTS	7
†HENRY WEDGE	4	*WILLIAM FELTON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.
SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 10, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWIN J. PANNETT	*Treble*	BENJAMIN THORP	5
JOSEPH E. SYKES	2	GEORGE PIPER	6
FREDERICK W. HARDING	3	ROBERT J. DAWE	7
J. COLEMAN MORLING	4	ARTHUR BANKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

Mr. Ben Thorpe hails from Ashton-under-Lyne, and Mr. Joe Sykes from Huddersfield.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 10, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR	*Treble*	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN	5
THOMAS JORDAN	2	HARRY DAWKINS	6
GEORGE JORDAN	3	THOMAS J. WATTS	7
WALTER PRIOR	4	HENRY J. TUCKER	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

This is the 100th peal by Thomas Jordan.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 10, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. BUTLER	*Treble*	WILLIAM WELLING	5
WILLIAM C. PARKER	2	JOHN PRESTON	6
HERBERT R. STEVENS	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	7
CHARLES R. LILLEY	4	ALFRED HISCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

First peal by A. Hiscock, who was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs., in F sharp.

JAMES MOTTS	*Treble*	ALFRED W. GRIMES	5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	6
GEORGE ROWE, Junr	3	WILLIAM GRIMES	7
JAMES BETTS	4	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

BORDEN, KENT.
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM J. WOOD	*Treble*	WILLIAM TASSELL	5
CHARLES R. MILLWAY	2	RICHARD S. STAINES	6
FREDERICK J. STAINES	3	ERNEST J. DOBBIE	7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN	4	JOHN EXCELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. PITMAN.

First peal as conductor.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM STENNING	*Treble*	JAMES PARSONS	5
JOHN FEIST	2	HERBERT TOMSETT	6
THOMAS STRINGER	3	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	7
HENRY J. GRAVETT	4	WILLIAM ASHDOWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR W. GRAVETT.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 12, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs., in E.

JAMES MOTTS	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. GROOM	5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	2	WILLIAM GRIMES	6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
ERNEST F. POPPY	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal, as well as that at Coddenham, was arranged for A. W. Grimes, of London.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*RICHARD DARLOW	*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	5
†JOSEPH J. ALLEN	2	FREDERICK WHITE	6
FRANCIS A. SMITH	3	†MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	7
WALTER S. INWOOD	4	ROBERT E. STAVERT	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, & Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 12, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER	*Treble*	ARTHUR CHAMBERS	5
CHARLES DICKENS	2	SAMUEL GROVE	6
GEORGE F. SWAN	3	JAMES DOWLER	7
JOHN NEAL	4	JOHN WITHERS	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 12, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qrs. 10 lbs.

REV. A. T. BEESTON	*Treble*	WILFRID J. MOSS	5
REV. C. J. STURTON	2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER	6
JOSEPH TURNER	3	SAMUEL GREENHALGH	7
GEORGE E. TURNER	4	HARRY CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

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

Arranged for Rev. C. J. Sturton, of Gosberton, Lincs.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*BERTIE FRY	*Treble*	GEORGE H. CROSS	5
ALBERT HARVEY	2	WILLIAM A. HEMPEL	6
FRED J. CROSS	3	GEORGE MAYERS	7
GEORGE A. SPARKS	4	BEN. S. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by G. CROSS.

* First peal. The Conductor has now rung each of these eight bells to a peal.

GALLYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 13, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt., in F.

HARRY RICHELL	*Treble*	HENRY W. KIRTON	5
ARTHUR EDWARDS	2	HENRY F. COOPER	6
FREDERICK G. RADLEY	3	WILLIAM LINCOLN	7
LEWIS GREEN	4	ARTHUR HEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

Arranged and rung as a farewell peal for Mr. L. Green on leaving for South Africa, his brother ringers wishing him "God speed."

PULHAM, NORFOLK,
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs., in F.

JOHN ALDIS, Senr.	*Treble*	GEORGE POYNTZ	5
FREDERICK WHITHAM	2	WILLIAM ROOPE	6
RICHARD BALDRY	3	JOHN ALDIS, Junr.	7
ALFRED FUNNELL	4	WILLIAM STEELE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*JOHN MORRIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM PAGE	5
*GEORGE HINTON	2	GORDON CHECKETTS	6
WILLIAM C. JONES	3	HERBERT T. KNOWLES	7
ABRAHAM WINTERTON	4	†JAMES R. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by J. R. NEWMAN.

* First peal in the method. † First of Treble Bob Major.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR HART	*Treble*	ERNEST PYE	5
BERTRAM PREWETT	2	REUBEN SANDERS	6
WILLIAM PYE	3	ALBERT W. COLES	7
*HARRY J. RANZETTA	4	HARRY FLANDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method, also first in the method on the bells.

OSPRINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

WILLIAM E. PITMAN	*Treble*	CHARLES R. MILLWAY	5
EDWIN G. BUESDEN	2	*FREDERICK J. STAINES	6
FREDERICK G. BRETT	3	ERNEST J. DOBBIE	7
EDWARD E. FOREMAN	4	*ALFRED BONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

* First peal of Stedman.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM HORDON	*Treble*	CHARLES W. BIRD	5
ARTHUR E. PAYNE	2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT	6
EDWARD CHAPMAN	3	ALBERT V. INNS	7
ROBERT F. TURNER	4	DAVID J. NICHOLS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

First peal in the method by all (the ringers being all members of the local band), and first peal in the method on the bells.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qrs. 3 lbs., in A flat.

WILLIAM MOTTS	*Treble*	WILLIAM P. GARRETT	5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	6
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE	3	JAMES MOTTS	7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	4	ARTHUR S. BOAR	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung as a farewell peal to A. S. Boar, who is shortly leaving Ipswich to reside in London. This is his first peal in the method.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING	*Treble*	WALTER THOMAS	5
*FRANK MILTON	2	JAMES MORGAN	6
JAMES V. WRIGHT	3	GILBERT GERRARD	7
CHARLES PRICE	4	ERNEST CHANNELL	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES PRICE, and Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method. This composition contains all the 8-6's with 9 of the 8-6-7's, and is now rung for the first time.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

(SOUTHERN BRANCH),

AND ALL SAINTS AND ST. LAWRENCE GUILD, EVESHAM.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 31 cwt.

FRANK COOK	*Treble*	FREDERICK JORDAN	5
*RAYMOND G. YOUNG	2	JAMES HEMMING	6
HERBERT JORDAN	3	HARRY MIDDLETON	7
THOMAS EDWIN	4	HENRY J. PHIPPS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY MIDDLETON.

* First peal away from the treble. This was the quarterly peal for the Guild, and also the first peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells. All the above are local men.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 11¾ cwt.

RICHARD ASHWORTH	*Treble*	JAS. BROGDEN TAYLOR	5
ROBERT SANDERSON	2	FRED HARWOOD	6
EDWIN TIMBRELL	3	WILLIAM MALLINSON	7
WILLIAM T. H. TIMBRELL	4	THOMAS MOUNCEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MALLINSON.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*W. HAIR	*Treble*	†W. W. WORTHINGTON	5
W. J. SMITH	2	*D. COTTON	6
J. HOUGH	3	E. W. BEADSMORE	7
J. H. SWINFIELD	4	L. BULLOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by L. BULLOCK.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM HENLEY	*Treble*	CHARLES SMITH	5
†GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	2	RICHARD BUCKLAND	6
WILLIAM WELLING	3	‡GEORGE ALLDER	7
*CECIL C. MAYNE	4	GEORGE MARTIN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal away from the treble.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*WILLIAM G. WEBB	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. WALKER	4
GEORGE H. SPICE	2	THOMAS JULL	5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	3	ALBERT J. DAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

* First peal. Mr. Webb was elected a member previous to starting. urg on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Monday, October 9, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS ...*Treble*	JOHN BASS 4
HARRY PRICE 2	WALTER J. BRETHERTON... 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	CHARLES F. WHITE... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. It is also J. Bass' 156th peal, and his and the conductor's 150th peal together.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(MALDEN AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Wednesday, October 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

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

JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM ...*Treble*	FREDERICK WHITE 4
*HARRY LEWIS 2	GEORGE H. NEVILLE ... 5
PERCY C. SAYER 3	ARTHUR APPLETON ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. D. BUCKINGHAM.

* First peal.

BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH)

On Wednesday, October 11, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*W. E. WOODS ... ...*Treble*	A. PALMER 4
R. SCOTT 2	A. MACKEARS 5
W. WATSON 3	A. DRURY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. MACKEARS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Scott (age 15), the band wishing him the usual compliments. First peal on the bells by the local band.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and College Single. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SIDNEY GREATWICH ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM SHORT 4
WALLACE L. RODEN ... 2	WALTER HAYWARD 5
GEORGE E. JONES 3	GEORGE CASE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE CASE.

* First peal. This was William Short's 550th peal.

SILSDEN, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, New London Pleasure, Kent, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR E LAMBERT ...*Treble*	JOHN MCKELL 4
FRANK MOSLEY 2	JOHN HILL 5
CHRISTOPHER BROWN ... 3	WILLIAM D. HILLARY ...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. BROWN.

SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK TATE ... ...*Treble*	THOS. SMITH 4
*MARK TATE 2	JOHN D. BULLOCK 5
*CHARLES W. KING 3	HERBERT LUDKIN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT LUDKIN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor in three methods by all the band, and the first peal on the bells, which have been recently rehung by Mr. J. Mallaby. The "go" is excellent.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER W. BONHAM ...*Treble*	CECIL A. VALENTINE ... 4
*HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 5
EDWIN YATES 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal in seven methods with a bob bell. This peal was arranged for C. W. Clarke, of Bedford.

WATTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 18 lbs.

E. FISHER ... ...*Treble*	J. MURRELL 4
H. CROOK 2	*H. MASON 5
H. FISHER 3	W. ADCOCK ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ADCOCK.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JAMES HUNT ... ... 1—2	*JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Umpire: T. W. RADFORD.

* First peal of Triples on handbells.

The ringer of the treble in the peal at Easton Neston, reported last week, should have been James Slarke, and not Clarke as printed. It is to Mr. Slarke that Easton Neston owes its two trebles.

The ringer of the 6th in the peal at Henley, Suffolk, on September 23rd, was Frank Haies, not Hairs, as published.

FRODSHAM BELLS.

AUGMENTED PEAL DEDICATED IN CHESHIRE PARISH.

It does not seem to be known what bells there were at Frodsham before 1734. In that year a ring of six were cast at the Gloucester foundry, which supplied a good many other rings of six in the district. The facilities for carriage by water to within two miles of Frodsham Church had probably something to do with the order going to Gloucester. About twenty-five years ago the tower, as well as the rest of the church, was carefully restored, and the bells were quarter-turned and rehung in a new timber frame, made to take eight bells. Towards the end of 1910, the rehanging of the bells were under consideration, when Mr. Holbrook Gaskell, who wished to make a thank-offering to the church, offered to give two more bells to complete the octave, to have the old six tuned and put in thorough going order, and also to bear the cost of adapting the clock room for use as a belfry. This made it necessary to alter the position of the clock works, and to put in a new plaster ceiling to deaden the sound of the bells. So at the end of July the old six were taken down and sent to Loughborough to go on the lathe, and in the middle of September they came back with the two new bells. The old head-stocks have been retained, but fitted with new gudgeons, rivetted into cast-iron bed-plates, and turned up true with the stocks. The old crown-staples were removed, and new crown-staple bolts fitted through the bells and stocks. The bearings are new, and new pulleys were necessary, as with the shorter ropes the sallies will now go on to the wheels. The two trebles are cast with Messrs. Taylor's new form of canons, and have iron stocks.

The old six are immensely improved by tuning on the Simpson principle, and the trebles are, of course, in perfect tune, and form an excellent splice. The "go" of the bells leaves nothing to be desired.

The service of Dedication took place on Monday, October 9th, at 7.0 p.m. After shortened evensong, the Ven. Archdeacon of Chester, who is Master of the Diocesan Guild, gave an address upon the message of church bells. In the course of his remarks, he paid a tribute to the fine work of the Chester Guild, which existed to raise the status of ringing, improve belfries, and assist in true belfry reform. He prayed that those who rang the bells would always have God's glory and honour in their minds. They should be grateful to him who had shown his gratitude to God, for blessings showered upon him, by this generous and handsome gift to Almighty God.

The clergy then proceeded to the base of the tower, where the prayers of Dedication were offered. As the clergy returned to the chancel, the new bells were rung separately first, and then the eight were rung round by the local band.

The ringing arrangements were in the hands of the Rev. A. T. Beeston, the Diocesan Secretary. His orders were "Superlative at 2.30 sharp." But some of the band got lost, and when they arrived at 4.0 the rest were suffering too much from nerves to ring a peal of Superlative, with so much noise in the belfry—as the ceiling is not yet finished. So a quarter-peal of Stedman was rung by: A. Barnes (Reddish), the Rev. A. T. Beeston (New Mills), D. Brearley (Bolsterstone), G. R. Newton (Liverpool), H. W. Wilde (Eccleston), E. H. Lewis (Frodsham), conductor, J. Morgan (Pulford), H. Chapman (Pendleton). After tea, which was kindly provided by the churchwardens, the local band rang some Bob Minor for service. After service there was just time for Mr. Harry Chapman to call two courses of Kent before some of the visitors had to go to the station. After two or three touches of Grandsire and a course of Little Bob, with Mr. Denison Taylor, the bells were lowered.

The inscriptions on the bells are:—

Treble. Give Thanks to God, 1911 (and the foundry mark).
2. Love God. Honour the King, 1911 (and the foundry mark).
3. Peace and Good Neighbourhood. A (a bell) R, 1734.
4. Prosperity to this Parish. A (a bell) R, 1734.
5. Prosperity to the Church of England A (a bell) R, 1734.
6. We were all cast at Glocester by A. Rudhal, 1734.
7. Wm. Knowles and Thos. Lancaster, Ch-wardens. A (a bell) R, 1734.

Tenor. I to the Church the Living Call and to the Grave do Summon all, 1734

The second bell also has a medallion of the King and Queen in their Coronation robes cast on the waist. The weight of the tenor is 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lbs.

PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Peterborough District Association was held at Yaxley, on Saturday week. By kind permission of the Vicar, ringing was indulged in during the afternoon, and a short service was held in the church. Afterwards a meat tea was partaken of at the residence of Mr. Bates, a splendid meal being provided. The Vicar had a few appropriate words to say on the subject of bells and bell ringing, and he also proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Bates for the use of his room, and for the excellent tea provided. This was heartily accorded, and the members then adjourned to the vestry for a short business meeting, the Vicar presiding. Eight new members were elected, including the Vicar, who, in a very able speech, offered his services whenever possible towards the aim of bell ringing. Representatives were present from the following towers: Whittlesea, St. Mary's and St. Andrew's; Ramsey; Glinton; Peterborough, St. John's and St. Mary's. Short touches of Bob Minor, Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles were rung during the day, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting.

SUNDAY RINGING RECORDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In answer to the Rev. Charles E. Matthews as to four 720's rung on a Sunday being a record, I think we can beat that. On Sunday, July 5th, 1908, we rang three 720's, finishing up with a quarter-peal (1260); 8 o'clock Communion, 720 Plain Bob; 10.30 a.m., 720 Oxford Bob; 2.30 p.m., 720 Plain Bob for Children's Service; 6.0 p.m., quarter-peal, 720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob. The ringers taking part were members of the Central Northants Association: E. M. Atkins (conductor), F. Andrew, G. Blaxley, F. Talbutt, W. Lewis, D. Mallet and W. T. Wilson.

WALTER T. WILSON
Churchwarden, Isham, St. Peter's Church.

October 16th, 1911.

In our last issue we recorded five 720's rung on September 24th, at Little Munden, three before services and two after evening service.—Ed.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Counties Branch was held at Spalding on Saturday, when ringers attended from Walpole, Long Sutton, Fleet, Moulton, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Surfleet, Gosberton, Donington, Bicker, and Peterborough. A short service was held in the Parish Church, at 3.30, when an excellent address was delivered by the Rev. R. P. Wade, based on the words, "Active and earnest." Dinner was provided at the White Hart Hotel, presided over by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Bullock (in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of the President, the Rev. F. F. Wayet). The Chairman was supported by the Revs. H. Law James, C. J. S. Ward, C. J. Sturton, R. P. Wade, and F. K. Thompson, and about 20 ringers.—At the business meeting which followed, the retiring officers were re-elected. Moulton was selected as the place at which to hold the next meeting, the bells there having just been rehung, and a new treble added, making a nice ring of six.—Regret was expressed at the absence of the President, and a wish expressed for his speedy recovery. During the day touches were rung in the following methods: Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Little Bob Major, Stedman, Grandsire and Double Court Triples, and Bob Minor.

PRESENTATION AT TREVETHIN.

An interesting presentation took place at Trevethin on Saturday week, when, after practice, the ringers adjourned to the Mason's Arms, where a cold spread had been prepared in honour of Mr. Dan Pinney, who has been a faithful member in the belfry for 23 years, and also to celebrate his birthday.—After the repast, Mr. Sam Rogers (captain) made the presentation, and on behalf of himself and the other ringers, wished Mr. Pinney many happy returns of his birthday. He had been asked to present him with a silver-mounted umbrella as a token of the members' respect and appreciation. In doing so, he said they had heard a lot lately of record-breaking in bell ringing, but 23 years as a regular attendant at ringing for service was a record one might be proud of, as that was what bells were intended for.—Mr. Pinney, in acknowledging the gift, said he had been taken by surprise. It was good of the ringers to think of his birthday and give him such a beautiful present. He thanked them most heartily for their kind words and good wishes.

RINGERS' STRIKE AT LEEDS.

The bell ringers at St. Chad's Church, Leeds, says the Manchester "Daily Despatch," are out on strike as a result of a disagreement between one of their number and the Vicar. The trouble began one day last week when one of the ringers, Mr. Dean Swift, was asked by the Vicar, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, to sweep the belfry steps and tidy up the place generally. Swift refused, contending that his duties consisted solely of bell ringing and keeping the bells in order. The Vicar persisted, and as Swift would not give way he was discharged. A meeting of the ringers, some ten or a dozen in number, was at once called, and an ultimatum was sent to the Vicar that if Swift was not immediately reinstated the whole body would come out on strike.—Mr. Marshall replied that Swift would not be reinstated unless he would promise to obey instructions, and the men carried out their threat. Matters now are at a deadlock. The men say they are not really paid for their work, but receive only an acknowledgment, and they will not give in.

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DESTRUCTION OF A CHURCH.

FIRE HAVOC AT ST. GEORGE'S, LEICESTER.

This striking photograph illustrates something of the effects of the disastrous fire at St. George's Church, Leicester, which we recorded last week. The picture shows the interior of the belfry as it appeared after the outbreak had been extinguished and is sorrowful evidence of the completeness of the destruction which was wrought. The tenor, which, with the other bells, dropped from the steeples, can plainly be seen among the debris.

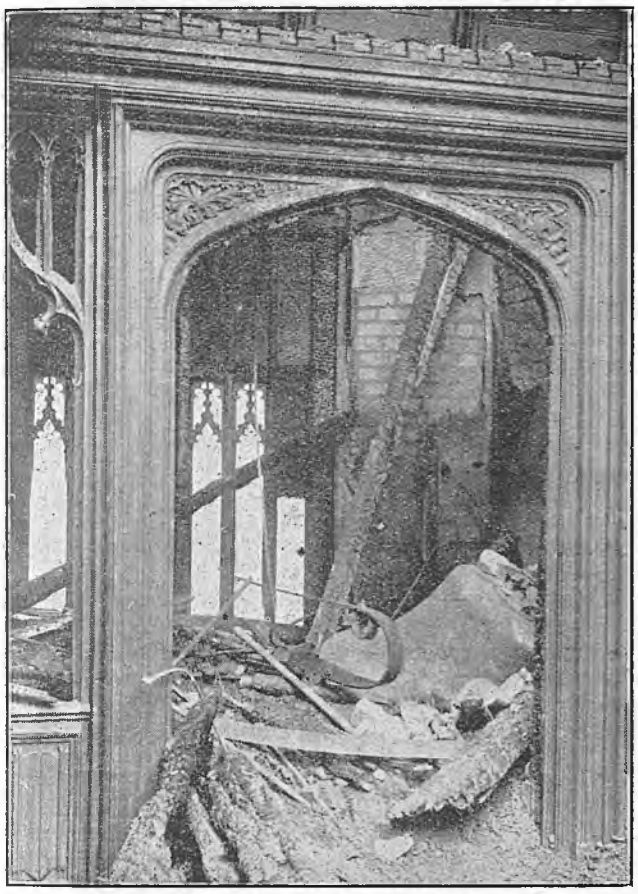

Photo by] [*Larrad, Leicester.*

The present Bishop of Taunton who showed great interest in ringers when, some years ago he was Vicar of Milverton, visited his old parish recently on the occasion of a dedication service at St. Michael's Church. He was welcomed by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells which, through his energy, were increased from six to eight. The ringers were W. Andrews, junr., 1, H. Norman 2, R. Scott (conductor) 3, E. Chapman 4, W. Chapman 5, A. J. Andrews 6, F. Norman 7, R. Chapman 8.

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A correspondent would be glad if any reader could inform him of the publisher and price of Walter's book on London bell and bell founders.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

We have departed this week from our usual custom of giving the photograph of some well-known ringer, and are publishing instead a picture which shows some of the disastrous effects of the fire which destroyed St. George's Church, Leicester. Owing to pressure on our space, a good many items are unavoidably held over, including a letter from J. W. Barker, on "Ringing in Bedfordshire."

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A preacher at a recent ringers' service described Great Paul as weighing 37,000 tons. It would require several William Pye's to ring a tenor of this weight. Of course what the preacher meant was not tons but lbs.

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The sum of £200 is needed to defray the cost of overhauling and repairing the bells of the Parish Church, Bramley, Surrey. The bells were cast in 1732, and have been in use ever since. Three of the bells are broken, and all, with the exception of the tenor, require tuning. The fittings are in a dilapidated condition, and the frame is weak through age, so that it is unsafe to ring the bells, owing to the strain being too great.

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We have had the most remarkable summer on record this year, so far as weather is concerned. But it has had its drawbacks, even from the ringer's point of view. In many a tower it has played havoc to the bell frames, and we have heard of several where the bellhanger will be required before the bells are again comfortably pealable.

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It is always a pleasure to see fresh bands swelling the ranks of those who reach the top of the ladder by ringing London Surprise Major; it is additionally pleasing when the ringers are all members of a local company. This week we record the first peal in the method by the Kettering band, who are to be congratulated upon their success. We are expecting to see another company following close upon their heels with a local peal of London—the St. Andrew's Society, Rugby.

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Inquiries.—Francis Thomas Hunt, formerly of the parish of Little Glemham, Wickham Market, Suffolk, and whose address is now the Mental Hospital, Ipswich, would like to hear from his brother, Walter Hunt, who, he says, is a ringer.

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A clerical peal of Stedman Cinques is to be attempted next Wednesday morning, when twelve clergy will meet at High Wycombe for the purpose. Success to the band.

LATE PEAL.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLNSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Sunday, October 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. OSBORN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Oxford an Kent Treble Bob.

JOHN W. LAKE ... ... 1—2 | RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3—
JAMES OSBORN ... ... 5—6
Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.
Witnesses: MRS. J. OSBORN and MISS J. HOLLIS.

ELIJAH ROBERTS.

AND HIS 19,440 TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, TAPPED ON HAND-BELLS.

(By William Snowdon).

In 1885 my brother compiled an article on this gifted ringer, extracts from which may prove interesting to many of the younger members of the Exercise to-day. The question to which it may be well to address ourselves is the following :—Was this marvellous performance truly and correctly carried through?

From my brother's data we learn much. For example : the peal was tapped at the Derby Arms, Liverpool ; it consisted of 19,440 of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, and the time taken was 13 hours and 43 minutes. We further gather that it was Reeves's composition of 13,800 Treble Bob Royal, applied to twelve bells, the calling of which will be found in Snowdon's Treble Bob, Part II., page 96. Then comes a very judicially expressed paragraph thus : "It is not known whether there was any witness to this peal, but it is reported that the inhabitants of the adjoining houses said that they heard bells ringing all that day from morning until evening."

DIFFICULTIES OF THE GREAT TASK.

All able ringers will admit that the difficulties which Roberts would have to face would be mainly three. First, he would require great mental ability, directed to tapping changes. Second, physical strength for standing such a prolonged strain as that required in giving 233,280 blows with his hammers, tending, let us imagine, to cramp in his wrists, or any type of exhaustion, such as dizziness, brought on by a taxed brain, and due to a poor constitution, or to a frame easily tired. Third, the choice of a fitting period, and a day on which he was absolutely "fit" for such an effort.

Taking first mental ability, let us see how equipped Roberts was. Remembering 1837 as the year of the record performance, we find him in 1833 tapping 5016 Stedman Cinques in 3 hours and 24 minutes. This peal he composed himself, but, doubtless to satisfy a great many ringers in an adjoining room, Henry Cooper, the well-known composer of early peals in Stedman Triples, acted as conductor. This was in Birmingham, and no less a ringer than Henry Johnson was present, who heard every change, and was satisfied with the truth and accuracy of that unique performance.

Moreover, Roberts was no mere tapper ; he was a good and skilled tower-bell ringer, and the year 1833 tells us also of a 6000 of Kent Treble Bob of his own composition, and of his own conducting, at St. Mary's, Cheltenham. But we have still further evidence of what may be termed his complete mastery of the coursing-orders of bells in various methods. For in 1824, when only in his seventeenth year, he gave a peal performance, the completion of which took 3 hours and 27 minutes, and consisted of the following plain courses :—In Triples : Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob ; in Major : the same, without, of course, Stedman ; in Caters : the same as set out under Triples ; in Royal : the same as set out under Major ; in Cinques : the same as set out under Triples ; and in Maximus : to set them out fully again, Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob. Then, the 960 changes, to complete the 5186, consisted of a course of Treble Bob on sixteen bells : "Treble Bob Sixteen In," as it may be termed.

A DETERMINED NATURE.

Thus marvellously talented in 1824, we think all will agree that in 1837, having kept up his ringing meanwhile, he would have no fear of any peal of Treble Bob Maximus, especially not of a five-part such as that of Reeves's, with its helpful sequence of figures in its part ends. Thence a unanimous verdict of complete mental ability for the task must be found for Roberts, and that without any doubt.

On the second head, physical strength, the former article gives us some considerable information. The late Thomas Day, of Birmingham, used to describe Roberts, as he remembered him in his youth, as a nice lad, with bright, keen eyes, and of a *very determined nature*. The italics are ours, as this should be well noted. We also learn that he was a brass founder by trade, a skilful mechanician, very fond of constructing clocks ; one specimen being made to play tunes on twelve bells. All this points to high general intelligence and skill, but such as may, as we all know, be possessed by a man more or less delicate. To proceed, however. In 1840 he purchased a stage coach—having accumulated money—and for eight years he drove this coach without missing a single journey, over a total distance of nearly 100,000 miles. Thinking, not of bright sunny days, but of fogs and damp, winds and heavy rains, frost and snow, this power of keeping at his post is absolutely marvellous, and we need no further evidence to prove that he was a man possessed of great physical endurance ; so again the verdict must be altogether in his favour of the possibility of his task.

(To be Continued.)

NAMING OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I notice in the "Odd Changes" in this week's "Ringing World" that Sandiacre ringers have named No. 15, on page 11, in the collection of Legitimate Methods, Sandiacre Pleasure.

I should like to point out that this method was rung at Norbury, on January 9th, 1910, and included in a peal rung at Norbury, on July 9th, 1910, and published on July 30th, under the name of "Coventry Treble Bob," and we were led to believe that it was rung previously by one of the Yorkshire societies.

It would have saved considerable errors if the compilers of the publication of the "Legitimate Methods" had named each method.—Yours truly, H. LANGLEY.

A HERTFORDSHIRE MEETING.

Graveley is but a six-bell tower, and so was chosen for a special meeting for Minor ringers from the Northern district, on Saturday. A very fair number came, several from distant towers, and enjoyed some good ringing. When it is said that the methods rung were Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Bob, Double Court, and Double Oxford Minor, and also the following Treble Bob Methods: Oxford, Kent, Woodbine and City Delight, as well as a well-struck 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor;—well, it was at any rate good practise. It was a great pleasure to have one of the churchwardens come in to ring. At the meeting, one of the local ringers was elected a member of the County Association, with more to follow shortly

THOMAS JORDAN'S 100 PEALS.

	Rung.
On six bells	21
Grandsire Triples	2
Stansted ,,	2
Penning's ,,	1
Oxford Bob ,,	1
Stedman ,,	11
Bob Major	4
Duffield Major	1
Canterbury Pleasure	1
Kent Treble Bob	7
Oxford Treble Bob	4
Double Norwich Court	6
Superlative Surprise	10
Cambridge ,,	9
New Cambridge Surprise	10
New Cumberland ,,	3
London Surprise	2
Grandsire Caters	3
Stedman ,,	2
	100

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT IPSWICH.

"The Ringing World" Special Report.

There is plenty of energy about the Norwich Association, and ringing is in a very "live" condition throughout the immense diocese. Illustration of this fact was to be found in its peal records last year, when it took the proud place at the head of the analysis with a "double first"—first in the number of points scored, and first in the number of peals rung. Further evidence of the enthusiasm of the members was to be found in the support which they gave to their Association on Wednesday week at Ipswich, when from all quarters of the two counties ringers gathered for the annual meeting. There was, however, one keen disappointment for the ringers, the fine peal of twelve at St. Mary-le-Tower were not available, owing to being in need of repair. It was only practically at the last minute, and after anxious consideration, that the authorities found it impossible to allow ringing to take place, but the risk to the fabric was considered too great. As one of the officers of the Association remarked, it was like the play of "Hamlet" without the Prince of Denmark, to visit Ipswich without the opportunity of ringing at St. Mary-le-Tower. The members, however, did their best to make up for it by utilising to the full the eight at St. Margaret's, the bells at St. Clement's (6), St. Mary, Quay (6), St. Lawrence (5), St. Matthew's (5), and St. Nicholas' (5). Admirable arrangements for the meeting were made by the energetic secretary, Mr. C. E. Borrett.

THE SERVICE.

Divine service was held at 12.45 at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, when there was a good congregation. The service—which was in the shortened form now used at the meetings of the Association, was conducted by the Rev. C. L. Kennaway, Rector of Garboldisham, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Association, the Rev. R. Gordon Roe, Rector of Leiston, reading the lesson. Canon Pigot, Vicar of St. Mary-le-Tower, presided at the harmonium.

An interesting address was given by the Rev. Gordon Roe, who based his remarks upon part of the fourth verse of the 150th Psalm, "Praise him on the cymbals." He said it was difficult to find a text applicable to bell ringing, because there was nothing at all in the Bible about bells, with the exception possibly of those which were suspended on the fringe of the vestments of the High Priest. He proceeded to outline the history of bells, and pointed out that the members of that Association, who were bound together in one homogeneous body, were Churchmen first, and ringers second; and ringing ought to bring them in more frequent contact with the Most Holy than it did. In fact, he could not help wondering why ringing did not make more people religious than it did. He mentioned with a little pardonable pride, that in his parish they had eight brothers who could ring a bell.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner and business meeting followed in St. Lawrence Hall, over 120 being present. The Rev. C. L. Kennaway presided in the unavoidable absence of the President, Mr. J. Sancroft Holmes. Among those present were: The Rev. R. Gordon Roe, Rev. J. Holme Pilkington (Framlingham), Canon Pigot, Rev. E. C. J. Bowen (Stoke Ash), Rev. H. Drake (Braiseworth), Rev. W. C. Pearson (Henley), Rev. W. A. Partridge (Westhorpe), Mr. A. Coleman (North Walsham, and late hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Editor of "The Ringing World"), Mr. Chas. E. Borrett (secretary), Mr. P. Sadler (Norwich), etc.

After the loyal toast, Mr. A. Coleman proposed "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese." He thanked the clergy of Ipswich for the use of their bells that day, the Rev. Gordon Roe for his splendid address, and Canon Pigot for arranging the service.

The Rev. Gordon Roe, in response, said their Bishop at present was on newly-trodden ground, but he was tackling the situation with a great deal of zeal, energy, and tact, and had already won golden opinions from those who came in contact with him. The clergy were, as far as in them lay, in the great majority of parishes endeavouring seriously and earnestly to look after the souls of those with whom they were brought in daily contact.

Canon Pigot also responded, observing that they were all pleased to see the members of the Association in Ipswich. No one regretted more than he did that they had been unable to ring the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower. It was only within the last two or three months that the bells were found to require renovation, and the architect, Mr. J. S. Corder, had assured him there would be a risk in ringing the bells that day. The cost of the renovation would be £65. Canon Pigot went on to propose "Success to the Diocesan Association of Ringers." He was sure the diocese looked upon their Association as a very useful one. He supposed that one day the Norwich diocese would be split into two, and then the Association would have to do the same. But that was still in the future. The clergy heartily wished the Association all the success it richly deserved, and he was glad that the attendance that day was above the average.

The Chairman, in acknowledging the toast, said the Association was going on most satisfactorily, and he trusted it would continue to do so.

A GRATIFYING REPORT.

The Secretary (Mr. C. E. Borrett) then presented the report, which was as follows: We have pleasure in presenting to the members our 33rd annual report, and although we have no startling things to put before you, yet what is perhaps more satisfactory, we have to repeat what we have said now for a good many years—that our work has gone steadily on in all directions. There is no appearance of slackness on the part of our members, nor is there any falling off in our general efficiency—in fact, the contrary is the case. Possessing as we do, a long list of members, it is almost inevitable that each year our report has to mention the names of some taken from us by the hand of death. This year two of our honorary members have passed away—the Rev. E. S. Finch, Vicar of Laxfield, and Mr. F. J. Burrage, of Diss—and three performing members—Henry Bowell, of Ipswich, Edward Francis, of Norwich, and Joseph Gower, of Tunstead. These three belonged to that fast diminishing circle of original members of our Society, and we record their removal from our ranks with sincere regret.

After referring to the various meetings held during the year, at which 114 new members were added to the Association, including new companies at Holbrook and Wingfield, bringing the total membership to 1,125 at the close of 1910, the report added:—

NOTABLE PERFORMANCES.

Our peal performances during the past twelve months were again both interesting and encouraging. In the Council analysis for 1910 we occupy the premier place in the list both for number of peals rung, and for their total point value. We thus repeat our 1905 triumph, for the scoring of a "double first" is undoubtedly a triumph since we are the only Association in the county able to boast of it. During the present year we have more than held our own, and at the present moment are well ahead of our figures for the corresponding part of 1910. Since our last annual meeting there have been many performances of a noteworthy character, and it is impossible here to mention all of them. The Pulham men are to be congratulated upon scoring the first peal of Bristol Surprise in the Diocese with a resident band. This is supposed to be the most complex method in existence, and we, therefore, welcome such a peal by our own men. The Ipswich company have added yet another new method to our list by ringing Duffield Major at Henley, and they have also helped us with peals of Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London Surprise, and Sedman Cinques. The Leiston men have also done splendidly, scoring Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, and New Cambridge, and now we are all waiting for them to create an entirely fresh record by ringing a peal in which all the performers are brothers. Members of companies at Palgrave, Diss, Debenham, and Framsden, have been active, and the young companies at St. John de Sepulchre, Norwich, and Saxlingham, have both placed several peals to their credit. The last-named have quite recently scored the first peal of Duffield, in the county of Norfolk.

A number of our non-resident life members have scored at St. John's, Waterloo Road, London, a peal of Norfolk Surprise Major—the first by the Association, and the first in the method rung in London. Our six-bell men at Tibenham, Wickham Skeith, Thornham, Blaxhall, Tunstall and Pettistree, have also enriched our records with some good performances. Two peals were rung in honour of the Coronation at Hevingham and Leiston, and first peals have been rung on the bells at Blo' Norton, Buxton, Rockland, Shropham, Watlington and Watton. Before we leave this part of the report we would like to offer our thanks to some of our men who carry on a very valuable work for us—work done quite unobtrusively, and away from the glare of the limelight. We refer to men like Mr. Fitzjohn, of Thetford, and Mr. Lambert, of Halesworth, and others like them. Much of their time is spent in helping on others, and the influence they exert, and the good they do, is perhaps only known to those behind the scenes. We must admit to a feeling of disappointment at the comparatively small amount of restoration work carried out this year in our belfries. We naturally expected in a year of great national rejoicing such as this has been, that our church bells should not be overlooked, when schemes of celebrating the Coronation were being considered. And rightly so, for bells are undoubtedly the most lasting memorial a parish can possess. We had hoped that restorations and additions to some of our belfries would be carried out to mark this historical year—but it has not been so.

THANKS.

After mentioning the various works of renovation carried out during the year, the report concluded: We offer our thanks to the hon. secretaries of the various districts, into which the Diocese is divided, for their kind help and work during the past year, and we are again indebted to Mr. G. P. Burton, of Norwich, for his careful auditing of our accounts. As will be gathered from this review, we have cause for thankfulness at our position in the change ringing world. We have helped to sweep away practically all the abuses which undoubtedly existed in our belfries when this Association was founded, and it must be remembered that abuses were by no means confined to the belfry. We are in the truest sense church workers, and have thoroughly earned the recognition we now receive from those in authority in the Church. Our particular work is beset with difficulties, struggles,

and many disappointments, and all we ask is that the fullest sympathy and encouragement may be extended to us by the clergy under whom we serve.

The Rev. J. Holme Pilkington proposed the re-election of the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, the Secretary, the Auditor, and the Committee.—The motion was seconded, and carried.—Several new members were elected.

The Secretary said Rule 6 had not been enforced, and he moved that it be altered, so that the certificate of membership should be supplied upon application for one shilling a copy.—A suggestion that the amount should be sixpence was accepted, and the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Borrett proposed "The Visitors," and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith who, as Editor of "The Ringing World," had a very cordial reception, replied.

The members afterwards dispersed to the various churches and rang touches in various methods till late in the afternoon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO THE DONOR OF HILLINGDON TREBLES.

A most successful meeting of the South and West district was held at St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, on Saturday last. As stated in these pages last week, the old peal of eight has been recast, and two trebles added, making a very fine ring of ten. Heard from a short distance, they are most musical, and reflect great credit on the founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. Ringing commenced at 4 o'clock, and touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal, were rung, also a touch of Double Norwich on the back eight. Subsequently an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a sumptuous tea had been provided by the donor of the bells, Mr. J. F. Stilwell.

The Rev. H. G. Bird, President of the Association, occupied the chair, supported by Mr. J. F. Stilwell, Mr. A. A. Johnston, the Rev. J. H. Wooster and Mr. T. Beadle (the District Master), upwards of eighty members and friends sitting down, together with some sixteen choir boys.

The Chairman heartily thanked Mr. Stilwell for his kindness in providing tea, and on behalf of the Middlesex Association, thanked him most warmly for providing the old Parish Church of Hillingdon with such a splendid peal of bells.—Mr. Stilwell, who had a most enthusiastic reception, spoke of the great pleasure it gave him to see so many ringers present, and trusted the bells would prove of good service to the district, and to the Middlesex Association. He also hoped when the monthly meetings came round the members would not forget Hillingdon, where they would be assured of a hearty welcome. He referred to the great assistance he had received from Mr. J. J. Pratt.

Mr. A. A. Johnston (of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) also addressed the meeting, and spoke of the kindly feeling existing between his firm and Mr. Stilwell. No expense, he stated, had been spared to make the peal a success, and he ventured to hope this had been accomplished, and that in the future the people of Hillingdon would be able to look back with pleasure on what had been done for them and their old Parish Church by Mr. Stilwell. On behalf of the firm, he then asked Mr. Stilwell to accept a small present, in the shape of a miniature bell, engraved with the following inscription: "Cast from the same metal as Hillingdon bells, and presented to J. F. Stilwell, Esq., J.P., by the founders, October 7th, 1911."—In accepting the gift, Mr. Stilwell, who was visibly surprised, warmly thanked Mr. Johnston, assuring him that he should always treasure it as a valuable memento of the occasion.—He then left the meeting to the tune of "He's a jolly good fellow," and rousing cheers.

The business meeting was then held, and the following were elected members of the Association: Mr. A. A. Johnston (hon. member), Messrs. W. H. Joiner, L. F. Taylor and T. H. Colburn (life members), Mr. A. C. Fussell, and the Rev. J. H. Wooster (ringing members).—The secretary was instructed to write for the Feltham tower for the November meeting.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.—The members repaired to the tower, and the bells were kept going in various methods until 9 p.m. The success of the meeting was in a large measure due to Mr. J. J. Pratt, who worked untiringly to make everyone comfortable, and to him the Association accord their best thanks.

WORCESTER'S CENTURY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. B. Prowett re above, I do not consider Mr. F. A. Smith a Worcester man, from a ringing point of view; of his own showing he has never touched a rope in Worcester. I was taking into account men who lived, and done their ringing or at least commenced in the city. Will you add what was omitted from the report, that the peal was rung at St. Helen's Church.—Yours, etc.,

W. PAGE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT ECCLES.

The old Church of Eccles, a town noted for its cakes, was the place of meeting of the Manchester branch of the Lancashire Association on Saturday, when members from Didsbury, Manchester, Pendleton, Stockport, Walkden, Wolverhampton, Worsley, and the local company, to the number of 20, were present to meet the genial Mr. J. Barratt, and, incidentally, to have a pull on the bells under his care, and give him some good-natured chaff on his charges. Kent Minor and Major, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, were rung. The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. C. H. Hulton, Vicar of Worsley, when Brookfield, Gorton, was chosen as the next place of meeting, and the election of a branch secretary to succeed Mr. W. H. Shuker was postponed till then. Ringing was kept up till 8.30, when, after an hour's chat on old times, the party broke up.

BOLTON BRANCH.

A fairly well attended meeting was held at All Saints' Church, on Saturday last, but owing to a concert being held in the schools adjoining, there was not much ringing. The next monthly meeting is to be held at St. Saviour's.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

On Saturday, the members of the Rochdale branch had their eleventh annual tea party and social, at the Conservative Club, Heywood, about 150 members and friends sitting down to a substantial meat tea. The social evening was presided over by Mr. S. Brierley, President of the Rochdale branch, and singing, dancing and handbell ringing was the order of the evening. In an interval, the Rector of Heywood spoke a few words on the subject of bells and ringers, and said it was no doubt a great disappointment to them that they could not have the bells rung that day, on account of sickness near the church.—Mr. C. Johnston, of Croydon, also spoke of the bells and the Heywood ringers. He mentioned that in the southern counties they had their quarterly meetings and dinners, but he preferred the tea and social of the Rochdale branch.—Mr. Johnston contributed two songs to the enjoyable programme, and in the course of the evening, Mr. Brierley moved a vote of thanks to the promoters and artistes.—Milnrow was selected as the place for the next annual party.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S CONCERT.

The London County Association held their ninth annual Bohemian smoking concert at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, City, on Saturday. A very large number of distinguished ringers and their friends, including a large proportion of ladies, were present, and the resources of the management and the officers were taxed to their utmost to find seating accommodation. The event is becoming more popular every year, and can be looked upon as one of the principal social gatherings connected with ringing. The Master, Mr. George R. Fardon, presided, and with such an able musical director as Mr. J. Pryer, there was hardly a dull moment. Mr. S. A. Wright, at the piano, contributed an overture, and Mr. R. A. Ellis sang "The Veteran's Song," which was much appreciated, as was also "The Moonlight Promenade," by Mr. A. D. Barker. The Chigwell Handbell Ringers delighted the company with a selection of pieces; and a violin solo by Mr. Daubney was a great success. Comic songs by Mr. Will Scott and Mr. H. E. Carter were also well rendered, while that old favourite, Mr. Jack Welch, as usual, kept the company laughing the whole while. A course of Stedman Caters, on handbells, was brought round by five members of the Association to the satisfaction of a somewhat critical audience. A pianoforte duet by the Misses Rous was ably rendered, and Mr. Dan Carter, with songs and clog dancing, quite captivated the audience, and received a great ovation. There were songs by Mr. S. T. Green, and "The Galloping Major," by Mr. Pryer, who nearly "brought the house down." God save the King brought to a close an evening which many will remember for a long time to come. Many lingered behind after the concert, renewing old acquaintances, and making fresh ones.

F.J.H.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex Association was held at Lindfield, on Saturday, and was very well attended, about 30 members, representing the following towers, being present during the afternoon and evening: Aldrington, Cuckfield, Bolney, Burgess Hill, Burstow, Crawley, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Seaford and the local band. Tea was held at the Bent Hotel, and was presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. E. F. Dauvergne), who heartily welcomed the Association to Lindfield. At the business meeting which followed, Mr. Cumberledge and Mr. Alban were elected as hon. members, and Mr. Statham proposed, and Mr. Walder seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells, and also for providing tea. There being no other business, the tower was again visited, and various touches in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Major rung till about 8.30, everybody seeming well pleased with the outing.

LADIES IN THE BELFRY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On this question, after your article of Sept. 29th, there appeared to be little more to say—but more is being said; and in answer to the challenge last week, may I ask if the character and respectability of ringers in these days are of so doubtful a quality that we need all this whistling through clenched teeth, as if to keep up our courage? Do we want to show the outside world how deeply some imputation made locally has gone home all over the country? As a ringer who mixes with ringers on the least opportunity, I decline to believe it. Most of your correspondents have written obviously without first-hand knowledge of the particular case which has roused their wrath, and without such knowledge it is impossible to form a just opinion. Every case of the kind will have to be judged on its own merits. On the principle of admitting and welcoming ladies to the belfry there is, I imagine, no difference of opinion—or very little. And yet there may be circumstances which render it advisable, and even necessary in the interests of the ringers, and possibly of the ladies themselves, to say "No" to their being admitted. This is from no apprehension about the behaviour in the belfry. We know the ringers and can trust them. But there are some outside the belfry in more senses than one whom we do not know and cannot trust; who, we fear, if the belfry were thrown open, would find a welcome opportunity of bringing the belfry into ill-repute. And since the belfry, as your correspondents have pointed out, is part of the church, this risk cannot be run. Consequently, strange as it sounds, while welcoming lady ringers on principle, I have recently made a rule that they shall not be allowed in the belfry under my control. I may tell you, sir, in confidence, that the object of this rule is by no means to exclude any of that happily increasing number of ladies who are bonafide anxious to ring. No one knows better than I do that parsons make frequent mistakes, and often misjudge, yet I know also that these things are done sometimes with the best intentions, and the most disinterested motives. The general tone of this correspondence does not argue strongly for the self-control of all who have contributed to it, and the existence of self-control was what it set out to prove. If a false imputation has been levelled against we ringers as a body, perhaps we do well to be angry, but do not let us over do it. It is not easy to prove that a false accusation has been made wilfully. One point stands out from this correspondence. It is that ringers resent the idea that the belfry is not part of the House of God. Very well, sir; as those who frequent that House let us "keep our feet and be not rash with our mouth, but let our words be few." Which reminds me that though I close at once, it can only be by signing myself "INCONSISTENT."

It is now pretty generally well known that the incident which has given rise to so much indignation among ringers occurred at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Dagenham. The "Essex Times" last week devoted some attention to the matter, and referred to our article upon the subject, as well as the letters which we published from two lady ringers. The reverend gentleman who took the step of excluding the lady was the Rev. J. Ferguson, who was curate-in-charge during the absence of the Vicar.

The Rev. H. Drake, of Braisworth Rectory, Eye, has been in communication with Mr. Ferguson, and is now in correspondence with the Vicar, with a view to getting a statement for publication.

FRAMLAND SOCIETY, NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE.

The half-yearly meeting was held at Waltham-on-the-Wolds, on Saturday. There were bands present from Melton Mowbray, Hose, Long Clawson, Croxton Rerrial, Eaton, and Waltham (Croxton), which are all in the Framland Deanery, and ringing visitors were also present from Cotgrave (Notts), and Belton (Rutland). About 40 ringers sat down to an excellent meat tea, which was provided out of the society's funds. The Rev. J. P. Seabrook (Rector of Waltham) presided, and after tea, made a breezy little speech, in which he welcomed all the ringers, and complimented them on their improved ringing. Although all the bands were good, he thought his own men must be the best, because they were practising so often. Anyway, the course of lessons given by Mr. W. Willson, of Leicester, some years ago to all the bands in the society had borne ample fruit. Before the advent of Mr. Willson, change ringing was practically unknown in the society, but now every band participated in it. He hoped they would soon be able to augment their peal of six into eight, but there was one rather necessary item required—the money to pay for them.

Toasts were given and responded to by Messrs. J. H. Wildman, Croxton Rerrial; R. H. Bartram, Melton Mowbray; and J. J. Jackson, Belton; and the Rector was thanked for the cordial reception he had given to all.

Touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob Minor, and Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles, were rung on the bells.

DEDICATION OF WEST HARTLEPOOL BELLS.

On Wednesday, October 11th, the 21st anniversary of the Consecration, the Bishop of Durham dedicated the new tower, clock and bells of St. Aidan's Church, West Hartlepool. The tower is built of Grosmont brick and Dunhouse stone, and is 84 feet high, with an inside measurement of 14 feet square, and consists of porch, ringing chamber, clock chamber, and bell chamber. The eight bells are a very musical peal, with a tenor of 13 cwts., and are by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. They are in memory of—

Treble. St. Oswald. Given by Mr. J. Beach.
2. St. Cuthbert.
3. St. Alban.
4. St. Hilda.
5. St. George.
6. St. Aidan. Given by those confirmed, 1887-96.
7. Bishop Westcott. Given by those confirmed, 1898-1911.
Tenor. Bishop Lightfoot. Given by those confirmed, 1898-1911.

The clock has been installed by Messrs. Potts and Sons, of Leeds, and has the Westminster chimes.

There was a crowded congregation at the Dedication service, and the Bishop gave an eloquent and appropriate address.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Knowlden), invited the members of the Durham and Newcastle Association to take part in the ceremony and ring the opening touch, and, as the Bishop and clergy descended the tower, the bells were raised in peal, and a short touch rung. After the Dedication, the Vicar kindly entertained the ringers to tea, after which the bells were rung for festal evensong.

Amongst those who took part in the opening and later ringing were: Mr. C. L. Routledge (president of the Association), Mr. Chas. Todd (secretary), Mr. T. Metcalfe (secretary of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association), the Rev. B. Jealous, and Messrs. Taylor, Lowrey, Webster, Stephenson, Howcroft, Gofton, R. C. Hudson, R. W. Falconer, Jas. Baxter, Green, and ringers from Darlington, Stockton, Bishop Auckland and West Hartlepool.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The annual meeting for the Archdeaconry of Totnes provided a most enjoyable day's outing, ringing taking place at Whitchurch, Sandford Spiney, Meavy, Sheepstor and Walkhampton. The district selected is one of lovely scenery, pure air, and rugged grandeur, and this, combined with some excellent ringing—the striking being of a high order—made the meeting a memorable one. The only disappointment was at Sandford Spiney, where the peal of five go badly, and are without stays. These were quickly left behind. Tea took place at the Vicarage at Walkhampton, having been arranged by the Rev. R. H. Lucas, at his private schoolroom. The Rev. Maitland Kelly (President of the Association) presided, supported by the Rev. E. S. Powell (Holbeton), the Rev. R. H. Lucas (Walkhampton), Mrs. and Miss Lucas, and 31 members.—The President expressed his pleasure at the size of the gathering. Change ringing was growing. He had watched its steady advance, not so fast as some of them would wish, for there were great difficulties in the way of helping the outlying districts with instruction.

It was decided to hold next year's meeting at Lifton.—The President thanked the hon. secretary for successfully organising the meeting, and the Rev. R. H. Lucas and Mrs. and Miss Lucas for kindly arranging the tea.—After a vote of thanks to Mr. Kelly for presiding, ringing at the tower was again indulged in until late.

EAST RETFORD RINGERS' OUTING.

On Thursday week, the East Retford Society had their annual outing, when they visited London. Leaving Retford at 11.50 a.m., by Eason's Great Northern express excursion, the city was reached at 2.25 p.m., the party having had an excellent four-course dinner served on the train. A wagonette and pair then conveyed them upon a most enjoyable drive through many of the principal thoroughfares, and visits were made to St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey, the only regret being that time did not allow of a longer stay. From Westminster they went on to Buckingham Palace to see the memorial recently erected of the late Queen Victoria, and here they were fortunate enough to have a good view of Queen Mary as she entered the gates of the Palace, and, with the rest of the crowd, they waved their hats in welcome to Her Majesty. Tea was partaken of at Lyons' popular cafe, in Piccadilly, and in the evening the Palladium was visited. The return journey from King's Cross was commenced at 11.50 p.m., a good supper being served on the train, and Retford was reached at 2.40 a.m. The day being beautifully fine, the outing was much enjoyed by all who took part.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church, for harvest festival, on Sunday, October 1st, morning service, 360 Plain Bob. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Bullock 1, P. R. Hislop 2, G. W. Cooper 3, W. J. Cooper 4, W. J. E. Jones 5, E. O. Lillywhite 6, H. Rumens (conductor) 7, O. L. Twist 8. After evening service, 840 in same method standing as before, P. R. Hislop, conductor.

NOTICES.

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LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Croston, on Saturday, October 21st. Particulars by circular.—Rev. W. T. Bulpit and W. Bentham, Honorary Secretaries.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harborne on Saturday, October 21st. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea in schoolroom at 6 o'clock, 1s. per head, to be followed by business meeting. Bells available from 3.30 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Saturday, October 21st. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Duke, in Upper Street, at 5.30.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—Northern District. —A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, October 21st. Bells available from 3.45. Tea will be provided in the Vestry at 5.15 p.m., at 6d. a head. All members and friends cordially invited.—William J. Kemp, Honorary Secretary, 177, Chatsworth Road, N.E.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Nominations for a committeeman for the above branch must be sent to the secretary not later than October 27th, 1911. The election will take place at the meeting at Todmorden on October 28th.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Ripley on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends invited.—Bart Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 68, Douglas Street, Derby.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wickham on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at parish room, 5 o'clock; meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly inform me by the 25th.—J. W. Whiting, District Sec., Fareham.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, October 28th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged if members who intend to be present will let me know by Tuesday the 24th. Business meeting after tea.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec., The Parsonage, Shottery.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Dodderhill, Droitwich, on Saturday, October 28th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea provided for those sending names in not later than 25th inst., first post.—H. T. Knowles, Hon. Sec., Grove Villa, Howsell Road, Malvern Link.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, October 28th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

THE HERTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, October 28th. Bells available at 4.30. Arrangements will be made for tea.—H. Eden, Honorary Secretary, Western Division.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at S. Lawrence, Thanet, on Saturday, October 28th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Room at 5 p.m. As this is the first meeting since the restoration of the bells it is hoped a large number of members will make it convenient to be present.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Fladbury, on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service, with an address, at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after service. Tea will be provided for those who notify me of being present not later than Monday, Oct. 23rd. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m.—James Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual festival will take place at Durham on Saturday, October 28th. Committee meeting at 12 noon at the County Hotel. Service in the cathedral at 1 p.m. Dinner at the County Hotel at 2 p.m. Will members intending to be present please notify Charles Todd, Honorary Secretary, 26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, October 28th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. Canon Hough (Vicar). Tea in the Parish Church Hall at 5.30 p.m., kindly provided by the Vicar, for those who send their names to me not later than Tuesday, October 24th. Business meeting to follow, the Vicar presiding.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Staveley on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Church of St. John the Baptist, 8 bells (tenor 18 cwt.), available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. —J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Sec., 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Ringing in the afternoon and evening. Those intending to come should write before Nov. 1st to Rev. B. H. T. Drake, 29, Bancroft, Hitchin.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on November 11th, at 6.30 p m. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, October 26th, November 9th; St. Paul's Cathedral, October 31st; St. John's, Hackney, Nov. 7th.—W. T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

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THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association was held at Aberdare, on Saturday, and was well attended. The bells were set going by the members from Merthyr, who were the first to put in an appearance, everything having been got in readiness by the leader and the local ringers, a forethought which was much appreciated. This is one of the few call change towers in the Diocese, but as hearty a welcome was given to the Association as though it was an affiliated tower.

On the arrival of the Cardiff and Newport contingent, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung until five o'clock, when service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. H. Green), assisted by the Rev. K. O. Carter, the latter gentleman also giving an excellent address.

At the conclusion of the service, the Vicar led the way to the Memorial Hall, in Seymour Street, where he had arranged for the business meeting to be held.

After welcoming the members to Aberdare, the Vicar said he regretted not being able to preside at the meeting, as a previous engagement compelled him to leave. Before doing so, however, he invited all present to partake of tea in the adjoining room. The thanks of the members having been accorded the reverend gentleman by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones), the Vicar took his leave.

At the conclusion of the tea, the business meeting was held, the Rev. K. O. Carter taking the chair.

Arising out of the minutes, the Hon. Secretary explained that he had carried out his instruction in reference to St. Fagan's Church bells. He read the correspondence with the Earl of Plymouth, who had promised to inquire into the matter as regards the rehanging, and hoped the matter would soon be put right.—Mr. Dawe reported upon the instruction given at Radyr tower, and Mr. Jones on Caerphilly and Llanbradach towers.

The Hon. Secretary made an appeal to the local ringers to become members of the Association, explaining the advantages.—The local men decided to join, and to arrange a meeting between themselves before submitting the names to the hon. secretary.—Members of the Merthyr tower promised to go and help them in change ringing immediately they joined.—A letter was read from Shoreditch, London, appealing for funds for the rehanging of the twelve bells which at present cannot be rung.—The question was deferred until the annual meeting.

A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close. The tower was again visited, and Stedman Triples rung, and a most enjoyable and pleasant meeting then terminated.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Wimborne branch was held at Sturminster Newton, on Saturday, for the first ringing on the tenor, after rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The Vicar and chairman of the branch, the Rev. J. C. M. Mansel Pleydell, the Rev. F. Edwards, and Mr. W. W. Hughes D'Aeth, were unfortunately all away on holiday, and the Master of the Guild, Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, had to wire regrets at the last minute. There were present: Major Hughes D'Aeth, the Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary), and members from Blandford, Bournemouth (St. Peter's), Hilton, Okeford Fitzpaine, Shillingstone, Sturminster Newton, West Lulworth, and Wimborne. Service was held at 4.30, and tea followed at the White Hart Hotel. Numerous touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, Bob Minor, and Kent Treble Bob, the latter conducted by Mr. J. Thomas, were rung during the afternoon and evening. The "go" of the tenor, which is about 21 cwt., is pronounced perfect.

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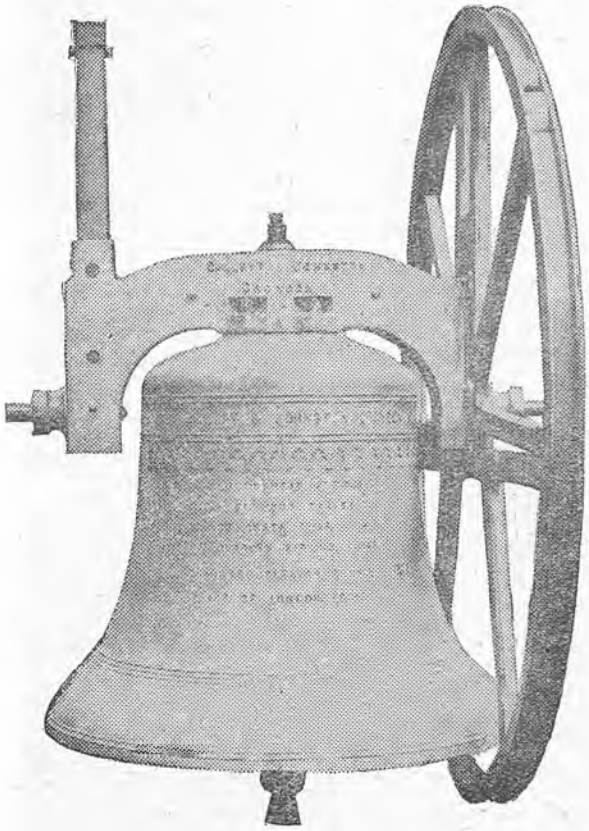

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MODERN WORK.

A FAMILY PEAL.

The unique performance of the Baileys at Leiston last Saturday, when eight brothers succeeded in ringing a peal of Bob Major, will arouse widespread interest. It has been no uncommon thing to see half-a-dozen or seven members of this talented family taking part in a 5,000 together, but now they have put up an entirely new record, for they are the first band of eight brothers to ring a peal. The performance is remarkable in many respects. In the first place it is an extraordinary thing to find so many members of one family keenly interested in the same pursuit ; still more unusual is it to find so many brothers remaining long enough in their native village to reach a standard of skill that would enable them to ring a peal together.

So far, of course, as numbers go the Bailey brothers have eclipsed anything hitherto recorded, and their performance recalls other celebrated families of ringers. The name of Pye is a name to conjure with in the Exercise. No family has ever produced three more clever ringers than William, Ernest, and George R. Pye, and with their brother, who wore the King's uniform for so many years, they have accomplished a peal on handbells. The Wightmans, of Suffolk, are another large family of ringers who have rung a peal on six bells with a band of six brothers in 1898, while the Graters, of Devon, scored a family peal of Grandsire Triples in 1894. Only a week or two ago six brothers Lambert scored a 5040 of Minor at Lamberhurst in Kent. There is still another company who have achieved success in family peal ringing, and these are the Goftons, of Whitley Bay, Northumberland, who have rung Stedman Triples together on handbells.

These are some of the instances of the way in which whole families have taken up ringing as a pastime and have been successful in reaching the ringer's goal of ambition, but the Baileys have certainly put up a record that will require a good deal of beating. There is an old and expressive saying : "First catch your hare." For a performance such as that at Leiston you have first to find your eight brothers. There is no other such number of members of one family on the active ringing list, so that the Baileys need fear no rivals for the present. There are three other brothers in the family, and if it ever comes to needing a greater performance to retain the record, the Leiston men may be expected to train at least two more and score a peal on ten. But for the present the Bob Major is quite enough, although as several members of the band are already Surprise Method ringers, we may in the future look for something higher than Plain Bob by this wonderful company of eight. Ringers will follow their progress with interest.

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Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX	*Treble*	WILLIAM TRUSS	7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	2	JOHN THOMAS	8
HENRY SPRINGALL	3	ALFRED B. PECK	9
RICHARD F. DEAL	4	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	10
FREDERICK J. HARDY	5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL	11
*ARTHUR D. BARKER	6	WALTER PRIME	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 19, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS	*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	6
ALBERT D. STONE	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	3	KEITH HART	8
CHARLES T. COLES	4	ERNEST PYE	9
GEORGE R. PYE	5	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells. Messrs. Hart and Stone hail from Brighton, and were elected members of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON	*Treble*	*ALBERT H. WARD	6
*EDWARD C. GOBEY	2	JOHN FLOWER	7
*NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON	3	ERNEST J. OLIVER	8
J. CHARLES DICKEN	4	BART MITCHELL	9
*JOSEPH BAILEY	5	*GEORGE ROBINSON, Senr.	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal of Caters. First peal as conductor in the method. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hickling.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

JOSEPH WEST	*Treble*	JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.	6
WILLIAM GOODMAN	2	SAMUEL SPITTLE	7
HERBERT SHEPPARD	3	BENJAMIN GOUGH	8
THOMAS WATTON	4	HARRY GOODMAN	9
JOHN GOODMAN, Senr.	5	CHARLES FAULKS	*Tenor*

Composed by the late WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT, and Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Dr. V. Gray Maitland, M.O.H., Nuneaton, son of the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley; also as a birthday compliment to Herbert Sheppard.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRED. P. HOWCROFT	*Treble*	R. ALDER GOFTON	6
*ALBERT SIMPSON	2	ALBERT A. HUGHES	7
JOHN G. HALL	3	*SAMPSON T. WRIGHT	8
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	4	THOMAS METCALFE	9
THOMAS T. GOFTON	5	*WILLIAM BROADLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. GEORGE, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Alder Gofton.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 10, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lbs.

ALBERT CLEGG	*Treble*	JOSEPH OGDEN	5
GEORGE H. BEEVER	2	HERBERT BARLOW	6
HARRY HAMPSON	3	LUKE HAMPSON	7
FRANK WILD	4	CHARLES PLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by HARRY HAMPSON.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ALFRED SHEPPARD	*Treble*	OWEN W. PORTER	5
PERCY W. WITHAM	2	JESSE HISCOCK	6
ARTHUR HISTEAD	3	GEORGE CLEAVE	7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	4	WILLIAM COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Friday, October 13, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor $15\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. 0 qrs. 7 lbs.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	5
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES	2	ARTHUR D. BARKER	6
WILLIAM TRUSS	3	RICHARD F. DEAL	7
LOUIS ATTWATER	4	FREDERICK J. HARDY	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung half-muffled, as a mark of respect to Mr. Sidney F. Gowlett, a member of the local company, who died on July 31st. The peal could not be previously attempted, the church being under repair.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE,

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIS	*Treble*	GEORGE CONDICK, Senr.	5
JESSE GILLETT	2	JOHN AUSTIN	6
*CHARLES H. AUSTIN	3	†THOMAS NEWMAN	7
THOMAS BALDWYN	4	JOSIAH STEPHENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal as conductor.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 32 cwt.

*WILLIAM BUTLER	...Treble	†JOSEPH CAPLE	5
LEWIS MOORE	2	†HERBERT KNIGHT	6
GEORGE H. GALE	3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN	7
ERNEST B. CROWDER	4	HENRY BRIDLE	...Tenor

Conducted by GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. This peal was arranged by G. H. Gale for Gabriel Chamberlain and Ernest B. Crowder, of Burnham.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, October 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN DYSON	...Treble	JAMES T. SHAW	5
DAVID BREARLEY	2	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH	6
ARCHIE BREARLEY	3	*HARRY SAMPSON	7
JOHN R. BREARLEY	4	WILLIAM HARRISON	...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

* First peal of College Single.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.,

GEORGE N. PRICE	...Treble	*WILLIAM WARD	5
THOMAS L. SIMMONS	2	FREDERICK WHITE	6
ARTHUR W. DIX	3	HUBERT EDEN	7
HENRY HODGETTS	4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

* First peal in the method.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 18, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

RICHARD DARLOW	...Treble	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY	5
*HENRY J. RANZETTA	2	FREDERICK EDWARDS	6
FRANCIS A. SMITH	3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	ROBERT E. STAVERT	...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, & Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVERT.

* First peal in the method.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

*JOHN W. WATSON	...Treble	*SANTLEY J. WOLFE	5
GEORGE FLINTHAM	2	GEORGE CHESTER	6
*TOM PYLE	3	*JOHN A. FREEMAN	7
EDWARD LLOYD	4	*JAMES MUSSON	...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method by a local band and Mr. Freeman's first peal as conductor.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 19, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt., in E.

*ROLAND POLLARD	...Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	5
JAMES F. CLARKE, Junr.	2	†E. HARRY STONELEY	6
*ERNEST STONE	3	HARRY ARGYLE	7
†GEOFFREY STONELEY	4	JOHN BALLARD	...Tenor

Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Messrs. G. and E. Stoneley hail from Stoke Golding.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 19, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

AN IRREGULAR TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JESSE B. TYLER	...Treble	HARRY BROWNJOHN	5
GEORGE SEWARD	2	GEORGE CONDICK	6
CHARLES H. GORDON	3	WILLIAM A. CAVE	7
EDWIN J. RIDLER	4	WILLIAM KNIGHT	...Tenor

Composed by the late REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

For composition see "Stedman," p. 64. The peal has all the 6-7s at back stroke.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALLAN F. BAILEY	...Treble	NORMAN R. BAILEY	5
FREDERICK W. BAILEY	2	ERNEST S. BAILEY	6
LEONARD P. BAILEY	3	CHARLES F. BAILEY	7
JAMES M. BAILEY	4	EDGAR H. BAILEY	...Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

This is the first peal ever rung by eight brothers.

EASTBOURNE.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8¾ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE	...Treble	JOSEPH SHARP	5
BENJAMIN THORP	2	GEORGE PENFOLD	6
ERNEST GOWER	3	ALFRED J. TURNER	7
GEORGE H. HOWSE	4	JOSEPH E. SYKES	...Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Rung on Trafalgar Day.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	...Treble	HARRY FRANCE	5
JOSEPH TURNER	2	BENJAMIN GILL	6
TITUS BARLOW	3	JOSEPH RIDYARD	7
ROBERT WALLWORK	4	HARRY CHAPMAN	...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE	*Treble*	HERBERT CURE	5
E. HARRY STONELEY	2	D. HAROLD ARGYLE	6
THOMAS DICKEN	3	JAMES F. CLARKE, Junr.	7
THOMAS VALLANCE	4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL, and Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung on Trafalgar Day. Messrs. Stoneley and Vallance hail from Stoke Golding, Leicestershire.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt., in E.

GEORGE W. BEMROSE	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. SEVIER	5
THOMAS W. GORE	2	WILLIAM LAMBERT	6
*GEORGE DAVIS	3	SAM THOMAS	7
FRANK JACOBS	4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

W. J. Sevier hails from Gloucester. Rung after meeting short for Erin Caters. W. Lambert's 250th peal. * First peal in the method.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6176 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lbs.

HAROLD LAWTON	*Treble*	SAMUEL STOTT	5
GEORGE H. BEEVER	2	JOSEPH OGDEN	6
HARRY HAMPSON	3	LUKE HAMPSON	7
FRANK WILD	4	CHARLES PLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and Conducted by HARRY HAMPSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Frank Wild. The ringers wish to thank Mr. William Terry for his kind hospitality after the peal.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 37 cwt.

*ERNEST NIDD	*Treble*	†DAVID B. OVERTON	5
†HARRY THORPE	2	ALBERT C. DARNELL	6
WILLIAM CAWTON	3	SIDNEY PROCTOR	7
†WILLIAM G. THORPE	4	*THOMAS H. HALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. Rung on the Patronal Festival of the Church. It is the first peal on the bells by a local band since the year 1881, W. Cawton having taken part in both these peals.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED H. MARTIN	*Treble*	JAMES T. WARD	5
FRED. WILFORD	2	J. HUBERT HORN	6
WALTER J. GERMAN	3	WALTER PERKINS	7
ANDERSON Y. TYLER	4	*GEORGE DOWNING	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal. Rung in memory of F. Palmer.

ILKLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED HARDWICK	*Treble*	FRANCIS WOODHEAD	5
*WILLIAM TOWNSEND	2	FREDERICK W. DIXON	6
WILLIAM WOODHEAD	3	*JOHN MCKELL	7
WILLIAM B. SMITH	4	*WILLIAM D. HILLARY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Woodhead.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SNAITH, YORKS.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, two of Kent, and three of Plain Bob.

F. TATE	*Treble*	T. SMITH	4
M. TATE	2	J. D. BULLOCK	5
C. W. KING	3	H. LUDKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

First peal on the bells. This peal was rung by five ringers from the Goole Parish Church, and J. D. Bullock, captain of the Snaith band. The bells have recently been re-hung by J. Mallaby, of Barnby Don.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 14½ cwt., in F.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT	*Treble*	HENRY F. COOPER	4
ARTHUR H. TOOK	2	JAMES HOWARD	5
CHARLES MOSS	3	ALBERT LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

First peal on the bells since being augmented to six. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. A. R. Upcher, vicar, and arranged for the ringer of the 4th who hails from Chelmsford.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY W. GAYTON	*Treble*	PEARL INSKIP	4
FRANK SKEVINGTON	2	HERBERT ROBINSON	5
WILLIAM STOCK	3	GEORGE THEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7¼ cwt.

PERCY WEBB	*Treble*	WILLIAM L. DARLOW ...	4
ALBERT GILBERT	2	ERNEST BONNETT	5
ROBERT WILKERSON... ...	3	ROBERT G. KING	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT G. KING.

P. Webb, who was elected a member previous to starting, hails from Ickleton, Camb.; the rest are members of the Royston Society. First peal on the bells, which have lately been rehung, two of them recast and a new treble added by Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. The "go" and tone is splendid and reflects great credit on the firm.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE H. F. WEST ...	*Treble*	HENRY W. GAYTON... ...	4
FREDERICK J. MYNARD ...	2	WILLIAM FREEMAN	5
JOHN LOVELL	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION & THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and one of Double Court. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ARTHUR E. MOORE	*Treble*	FREDERICK DEWELL ...	4
JOHN SPARROW	2	WALTER RADLEY	5
*FRANK LEVITT	3	CHARLES WOODCOCK ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

* First peal on tower bells.

STICKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 17, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five 6-scores of Stedman, four each of St. Simon's, Canterbury and Plain Bob, ten of Grandsire and fifteen of St. Dunstan's.

J. T. CLARKE	*Treble*	A. SHARPE	3
WM. METCALF	2	EDWARD DODDS...	4

H. LANCASTER... ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by A. SHARPE.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	JAMES HUNT	5—6
MAURICE SMITHER ...	3—4	FRANK BLONDELL... ...	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: S. RADFORD.

Rung on bells, size 21 in D.

LONDON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(YORK TOWN DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, October 19, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT 52, SHIRLAND ROAD, PADDINGTON, W.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE B. EDSER ...	1—2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD...	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	3—4	FREDERICK G. WOODISS	7—8

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	MAURICE SMITHER ...	—6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	3—4	*THOMAS W. RADFORD...	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: S. RADFORD.

* First peal on handbells and first attempt.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. OSBORN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Single Oxford and two 720's each of Plain Bob and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

JOHN W. LAKE	1—2	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	3—4

JAMES OSBORN ... ... 5—6

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

Witnesses, MRS. J. OSBORN and MISS J. HOLLIS.

SKENFRITH, MON.—The Hereford Diocesan Guild. — On Sunday, Sept. 17th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, and 720 of Grandsire Minor, the following taking part: J. Taylor, H. Taylor, G. Taylor, G. Harris, C. Powell, A. Kitson, W. H. Young (conductor).

DEEPING ST. JAMES', LINCS. — On Sunday, September 24th, for the harvest festival, 720 Grandsire Doubles: H. Crowson 1, G. Hollis 2, A. A. Crowson 3, G. Wells 4, J. W. Lakin (conductor) 5.—Also on Wednesday, September 27th, for practice, several six scores of Bob and Grandsire Doubles, the following taking part: Messrs. Crowson, Wells, Bennett, Smeath, Lakin (2), Woollaton, Hollis, etc.

ELIJAH ROBERTS.

AND HIS 19,440 TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, TAPPED ON HAND-BELLS.

(By William Snowdon).

Coming now to the third part of our examination, the choice of a suitable period, and of a day on which he was absolutely fit: On this head, remembering that at 17 he could tap plain courses; even to "sixteen in" of Treble Bob; that at 26 he rang the peal of Stedman Cinques heard by Henry Johnson, we must admit that at 30 years old—his age at the date of this world record performance—he must have been in the very prime of life, ready for making this great effort. He would at this age embark on his task with no nervous flutter, as he would long since have learnt that youthful excitement would not help him through, and that nothing but calm and methodical work would assist him to accomplish his great undertaking. That he was methodical is proved by his time keeping, for his changes-per-minute in his performance of plain courses, and his well authenticated peal of Stedman Cinques ran to about 25, whereas in his great peal they were slowed down to less than 23¾. This is just what one would have expected, as a long sustained effort was before him; one that certainly could not be rushed, the time chosen being that of a peal with a tenor of some 30 cwt. or so.

THE FINAL EFFORT.

Probably on many occasions he would have had preliminary canters, may we call them, of ten thousand or so, and he would estimate from his comparative tiredness whether he could ultimately accomplish his task or not. Of one thing we may be certain, namely, that on certain days he would find himself in better trim than on others, and on some particular occasion, possibly unexpected, he would find himself "going strong" at the third part end, and "bucking up" as the American says, he would make a grand final effort—a "now or never" struggle—and the feat would be done. This may well be put forward as the reason why no witness or umpire was in attendance. Indeed we can believe that the presence of any such companion, waiting as it were for the end, might bring on just the nervousness which would render his success out of his reach; and certainly he would need no conductor.

It is not without interest to note that the date of the letter referred to by your correspondent, Mr. T. Hervey Beams, is 1844, which is about half way through his coach driving career, which coach ran from Derby, from which the letter is dated, and from which town the coach started each day, leaving him, doubtless, a little time each evening for his correspondence.

We have now examined every point we set out for, and are of an opinion that every fair minded reader will give his judgment in favour of the peal having been truly accomplished. In this connection I fully believe that my brother's judgment was quite in its favour, as may be gathered from the spirit of the article itself.

Would it not be unthinkable that such a manifestly talented man would wish to "fake" such a peal, when all he had to say was that he had never quite succeeded and thought it impossible—for he had no rival, bear it in mind. Again, could he, or would he, in the middle of his coach running, when he must have been very busily employed, take up a pen, some seven years after, and endeavour to confirm an untruth, and that with such exact detail and absolute coolness. No, we may all safely judge Elijah Roberts as one who at the time of the peal would think and act in the spirit of Shakespeare's grand words:—"To thine own self be true, and it shall follow thou shalt be false to no man."

There let us leave it, as a really wonderful feat of a marvellously gifted man, even though there be no exact proof on which one can put one's finger, having entire faith for once in one's fellow man.

(Concluded.)

READING RINGERS AT BASINGSTOKE.

On Saturday, Reading St. Mary's ringers spent a very pleasant half-day at Basingstoke. The party, 17 in number, assembled at Reading Station at 1.40, under the leadership of their worthy captain, Mr. J. Swain. Basingstoke was reached about 2.30. Mr. Henry White and his daughter, Miss Alice White, were at the station to welcome the party, and conducted them to the belfry, where they found everything ready. The bells were soon going to 354 Superlative Surprise, the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and Mr. H. White, taking part. Both, however, had to take a hasty farewell of the ringers, having to leave for Winchester for the first peal of the Hampshire tour. Next came 336 Stedman Triples, 416 Double Norwich, 220 Stedman Triples, and 336 Double Norwich, in which Miss Alice White took a rope, 180 Stedman Triples, and a plain course of Kent Treble Bob. The party then adjourned for tea, Mr. W. Pole Routh, who kindly entertained the party, being in the chair. After the cloth had been removed, a few songs were sung, and a recitation given by the renowned Reading star, Mr. J. E. Hern. Another visit was then paid to the belfry, and a plain course of Superlative Surprise, 420 Stedman Triples, 240 Double Norwich, and 167 Grandsire Triples, were rung, the conducting being shared by Messrs. C. Giles, A. E. Reeves, A. W. Pike and W. Shepherd. The ringers, through the medium of "The Ringing World," wish to thank Mr. H. White for having everything ready, Mr. W. Pole Routh for kindly entertaining them to tea, and the Rector of Basingstoke for the use of the bells.

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EIGHT BROTHERS RING A PEAL.

A remarkable performance, unique in the annals of ringing, was accomplished at St. Margaret's Church, Leiston, Suffolk, on Saturday, when eight brothers Bailey rang a peal of Bob Major. There are eleven boys in this wonderful family, but it is no less extraordinary that so many of them should have taken up the Art. They are excellent ringers and strikers, and we may expect to see further Bailey peals before long. In the peal of Bob Major, the treble was rung by Allan, the youngest of the eight brothers, and the rest stood in the order of their ages, Edgar, the eldest, ringing the tenor, which is a bell of 20½ cwt. The peal was attempted the previous week, but was lost, after more than an hour's ringing.

	Allan	Frederick	Leonard	James	Norman	Ernest	Charles	Conducted	Edgar
Bob Minor				1	4	5	7—3		5
Grandsire Triples			1	1	1	1	1—1		1
Bob Major	1	5	5	9	12	10	12—10		7
Kent T. B. Major		1	1	8a	13a	17a	20a—9		22a
Oxford T. B. Major		1	1	6	8	8	9—7		9
Double Norwich		2	4	8b	25b	25b	26b—19		24a
Double Oxford				1		1	1—1		1
Superlative			1	19	18	21	20—20		20
Cambridge			1	11	12	13	13—13		12
New Cambridge				4	4	4	4—4		4
Kent T. B. Royal				1		1			1
	1	9	14	69	97	106	113—96		106

a Includes 7003. b Includes 11,040.

Further interest attaches to the performance last Saturday, as it was the 27th anniversary of the opening of the bells, and the peal brought the total number rung in the tower to exactly 100. Ringers generally will join in the congratulations already extended to the eight brothers by the residents of Leiston, who are very proud of their bellringers.

Allan F. Bailey was born April 30th, 1896, and commenced ringing only last year. This was his first peal.

Frederick W. Bailey, born April 19th, 1894, commenced ringing in 1909, and scored his first peal in 1910.

Leonard P. Bailey was born April 5th, 1892. He also began ringing in 1909, and scored his first peal in 1910.

James M. Bailey, born January 30th, 1890, learned to pull a bell in 1906, and rang his first peal in 1907.

Norman R. Bailey was born Sept. 30th, 1887, began ringing in 1903, and rang his first peal in 1904.

Ernest S. Bailey, who was born January 13th, 1882, learned to ring in 1900, and accomplished his first peal in 1902.

Charles F. Bailey was born December 28th, 1879. He began ringing in 1896, and rang his first peal in 1900. He has been the conductor of the family, and as will be seen from the list of his performances, has called 87 of the 113 peals he has rung.

Edgar H. Bailey was born November 26th, 1877, learned to ring in 1895, and scored his first peal in 1898.

Appended is a list of the peals rung by each of the brothers.

Photo by] [*Waddell, Leiston.*

THE EIGHT BROTHERS IN THE BELFRY.

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NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Thursday, September 28th, a 720 London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal Treble Bob.—On Tuesday, October 10th, 720 Duke of Norfolk and Islington, rung on the principle advocated by the Rev. H. Law James: W. Fernley 1, J. Fernley 2, H. Langley 3, H. Williamson 4, H. S. Gordon 5, J. W. Hartley 6.

MAXEY, NORTHANTS.—On September 23th, for the harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins.: E. Wright (Maxey) 1, G. Hollis (Chesterfield) 2, G. Wells (Deeping, St. James) 3, J. H. Roden (West Deeping) 4, H. Woollaton (Deeping, St. Nicholas) 5, J. W. Lakin (Deeping, St. Nicholas) conductor 6.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

In reply to a correspondent, the Rev. C. E. Matthews writes to say that "London Church Bells and Founders," by Walters, is not a separate book, but a paper printed in the transactions of the St. Paul's Ecclesiological Society, volume vi., part 2 (1907). Mr. T. Falconer, 11, Hart Street, W.C., will supply a copy of this paper for 5s.

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The ranks of the lady ringers are growing. At a Sussex Association district meeting, four of the fair sex, including the Rector's two daughters, were admitted to membership.

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It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Charles McGlinn, who passed away on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the age of 76 years. Deceased had been a ringer for sixty-two years, for the last forty of which he had been secretary to Christ Church Cathedral Society, Dublin. He was much respected by his colleagues, and was well known to many ringing visitors from England.

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There are not many Nonconformist places of worship which possess peals of bells, but Lightcliffe Congregational Church is one of them. Here, on Saturday week, the Halifax Association held their annual six-bell contest. The minister of the church afterwards joined the members at the general meeting, and presented the cup to the winners of the competition.

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A good deal of local interest in bells might be stirred up in many parishes by a lantern lecture on the subject. Mr. J. W. Simpson, of West Hartlepool, has an excellent series of slides upon the subject of church bells, which can be had for use at any time free of charge, the borrower to pay carriage both ways. Communications must be sent to Miss Simpson, 8, Mitchell Street, West Hartlepool and a stamped, addressed envelope enclosed for reply. It would save time and trouble if an alternate date on which they are required is given.

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Mr. Gabriel Lindoff writes: Mr. Dains is going a distance back for his "new" method of Doubles published in a recent issue of "The Ringing World." The method will be found in, I think, the 5th edition of "Monk, on Ringing," and was known as St. Clement's Doubles.

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We are asked to state that the subscription list for the benefit of Mr. W. V. Newman, of Irthlingborough, will close on November 11th. Subscriptions to the fund should be forwarded as early as possible to Mr. W. Perkins, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

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The annual meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association, which had been fixed for November 4th, has been postponed until November 11th. As will be seen from the notice the gathering will be held at Southgate.

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Three hours nine minutes for 5040 Double Norwich Major is very good time for a 24½ cwt. tenor. This was the performance at Chesterfield on Saturday, with Mr. Arthur Knights on the tenor.

An interesting record of a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, rung at Arksey, near Doncaster, comes to hand, the ringers being all church workers in another capacity: F. Garner (organ blower) 1, Rev. A. Rhys James (Vicar) 2, H. Woodhouse (organist) 3, E. Arrand (sidesman) 4, G. Clark (choirman), conductor 5, H. Trout (choirman) 6.

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A peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham has just been lost by an unfortunate contretemps. There had been an hour's good ringing, when one of the curates, who had been showing someone round the church, switched out the belfry light in mistake as he left. The ringers' feelings can be better imagined than described.

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The bells at Bemfield, near Oundle, Northants, are being rehung in a steel frame, and a new treble added to make a peal of six. The work is being carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

BACK TO THE OLD HOME.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION MEETING AT CLERKENWELL.

A meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held on Saturday last at St. James', Clerkenwell—a very fitting place for a gathering of the kind, as the society derives its original name (the St. James' Society) from the fact that its first meetings were held there. Its headquarters remained in the parish for some years. It is doubtful whether the ringers who formed the St. James' Society in 1824 thought that it would ever reach the popular stage it has done, and become one of London's leading associations. The meeting was fairly well attended, considering the fact that another meeting was being held at a neighbouring tower, and some good touches were rung in the various methods. Tea was partaken of in the vestry, after which the business meeting was held, Mr. E. A. Young presiding in the absence of Mr. A. D. Barker, the District Master. One new member was elected and St. Dunstan's, Stepney, was decided upon as the place of the next meeting in December, or, failing that, All Saints', West Ham. After the meeting a visit was again made to the tower, the bells being kept going until 8.30.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT NOTTINGHAM.

On Thursday evening of last week a peal board, recording the first district peal of Double Norwich rung in the City of Nottingham, was unveiled in St. Peter's belfry. The Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Dewick, exhibiting great interest in the event, held a short service in the church previous to the ceremony, and, basing his address on the text "I was glad when they said, we will go into the House of the Lord," interpreted the music of the bells as extending, to all who heard them, an invitation and a hearty welcome to attend and worship the Lord.—After ascending the tower, Mr. J. Hickman, in his introductory remarks, spoke at length on the varying conditions of the belfry, both from a social and a scientific standpoint, during his 46 years connection with ringing, adding that the present band and ringing room were a credit to any church.—Mrs. A. W. Dewick, the Vicar's wife, then unveiled the board, which is of wood, in gothic style, painted black, and nicely written in gold.—The customary thanks and acknowledgments were exchanged, embracing speeches by Mrs. Dewick, the Vicar, Mr. H. R. Cobbin, Mr. W. E. White and Mr. A. Coppock, the conductor of the peal, who expressed thanks to the Vicars of both St. Peter's and Beeston, for facilities freely granted for practice, without which the peal could not have been scored. Nearly 30 ringers and friends were present, including Nottingham's lady ringer, Miss Woolley. All were pleased to hear the Vicar state that he himself had practised the Art in his younger days, and that only pressure of work kept him from the belfry now.

STEDMAN THEORY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—For some reason my copy of "The Ringing World" of October 6th has only just arrived. In it appears a letter from Mr. Parker, in which he has at last given an answer to my original question—an answer which shows that Mr. Parker has not yet taken the trouble to study the difference between a principle and a method, and yet he has been writing to you, sir, to question my proofs. Now, this is hardly fair either to you, to the Exercise, or to me. Whatever the seven slow sixes are, they are not a method, and if Mr. Parker will study the report of the Methods Committee in Rules and Decisions of the Central Council he will see his mistake.

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RINGING IN BEDFORDSHIRE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As a member of the Bedfordshire Association, who is well acquainted with the district in which Mr. Blood resides, I think that I may be permitted to reply to him. He writes that he has only resided a short time in the district; it is then a pity, for his own sake, that he has been so impetuous in advertising his name, together with his lack of knowledge, regarding the work of the Bedfordshire Association. Had he communicated with the Rev. A. Rust, hon. secretary, or any ringers in the Bedford district, he would have been a wiser, and, alas! perhaps a sadder man. But, for the good intentions, we can and do forgive him, and I hope that we will secure his co-operation in furthering the objects which he and we desire.

The Clifton district—all the towers he mentions are within a radius of six or seven miles—is a bad district to get at. The train service is of no use unless a ringer loses part of his morning's work, and, excluding Sandy, there is a considerable distance to walk to any of the towers. Meetings of the Bedfordshire Association have been, and, I believe will again be, held in the district. On a great number of occasions individual ringers and bodies of ringers have visited the district. Change ringing was planted firmly at Old Warden (six bells), and at Clifton (eight bells); good progress was made with method ringing; members of both companies have rung peals and made attempts, in their own towers and others, with Association members that have visited the district. But to go further, the Bedfordshire Association about four years ago departed from its usual practice, and passed a resolution authorising the expenditure of a certain sum per annum for arranging monthly meetings in that and other districts, if the local ringers would take it up. The resolution is not rescinded. If any band requires an instructor, and a person is found willing to take up the duties, the Association is willing to pay part of the expenses.

Now, sir, an Association is a body of persons united by mutual interest for a common purpose; in this instance the promotion of belfry reform and the propagation of scientific change ringing. Every member is as responsible for the work as is the hon. secretary or committee. The Association had a duty to perform to the members; and I can assure you that the Bedfordshire Association has faithfully endeavoured to carry out that duty. On the other hand, the member has a duty that he owes to the Association. He should not expect the other members to continually run to him, but it is his duty to "associate" with the other members; also, individually to carry forward and spread the principles of the Association. He should remember that he, as much as other ringers, is the Association, and that if he complains, he finds fault with himself. In the Bedfordshire Association the member has golden opportunities four times yearly, to bring forward schemes, suggestions and invitations to spread our principles, and I can assure you, sir, sympathetic attention is given by the other members. The spade work of an Association is carried out by individual effort, and I wish that every member of an Association would recognise his individual responsibility to his Association. Now, sir, is not Mr. Blood finding fault, not with the Bedfordshire Association, but with the members in his district? These remarks are addressed not personally to him, but to those members of any Association who love to have a grumble at their societies. I could, sir, write pages about the spade work that has been done in this county. An ounce of local and individual effort is worth a pound of outside help. If ringers would only make some effort to grasp the ounce that is offtimes offered they would without any effort gather tons of experience and knowledge. I can assure Mr. Blood that if he will, or can find a ringer who will, arrange monthly meetings in his district, satisfactory arrangements would be made with the Rev. A. Rust, Husborne Crawley, hon. secretary of the Bedfordshire Association, with regard to the expenses of arranging, and a postcard to Bedford would bring one or more ringers to those meetings. In our Association the subscription is 1s. per annum, and the rules allow half-fare to be paid to those members who attend any or all the four general meetings of the Association. A ringer to take advantage of all benefits is expected to be competent to ring the treble to 120 Doubles. Probationers are welcomed and accepted.—Yours very truly,

24, St. Leonard's Avenue, Bedford. JOHN W. BARKER.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Hoghton on Saturday last, and was fairly well attended. In the afternoon Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Minor were rung. At the business meeting, Mr. F. Harwood presiding, details were given by the secretary regarding a new arrangement of the meetings, which was recommended by the branch committee, and accepted. This provides that business meetings shall in future be held quarterly, the intervening ones being meetings for practice only. One new member was elected, and Higher Walton was agreed to as the next meeting place.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Vogwill, the tower keeper, for having all in readiness. Ringing was afterwards again indulged in, and, though the methods rung, were not of a high order, good work was done in helping on the novices.

SIX-BELL CONTEST.

BRIGHOUSE SUCCESSFUL FOR THE TENTH TIME.

The general meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Lightcliffe Congregational Church on Saturday week, when the bells and schools were kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the minister, the Rev. W. David Ffrench. Eight companies entered for the contest, each set ringing 600 changes of Oxford Treble Bob, preceded by three leads for practice. The judges were Mr. Peacock, of Armley, Mr. Hardcastle, of Bradford, and Mr. Peckett, of Lightcliffe. The draw for order of ringing took place at 2.45 p.m., the competition being completed about 8 p.m. During the afternoon a splendid tea was served to the visitors, who numbered about 80.

The general meeting was held in the schoolroom at the conclusion of the ringing, the president (Mr. Lawson) being in the chair, supported by the Rev. W. David Ffrench and the society's officers.—A kind invitation for the next meeting from the Earlsheaton branch was accepted, on the motion of Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Hardy.—A letter was read with regard to funds for rehanging the bells at the Parish Church, Shoreditch, but it was decided to take no action in the matter.—A vote of thanks to the minister and deacons for the use of their bells and schools, and also to the local company and the ladies for so kindly entertaining the visitors, was proposed by the Chairman, who said he hoped the friendly relations between the Church of England and the Congregational Church would continue.—The motion was seconded by Mr. Bolland, and carried by acclamation.

The judges decision was then announced by Mr. Peacock, as follows:

Heptonstall	209 Faults.
Tong	Rung out.
Armitage Bridge	Rung out.
Earlsheaton	227 Faults.
Lightcliffe	180 Faults.
Halifax	157 Faults.
Brighouse	94 Faults.

Brighouse were, therefore, declared the winners.

The Rev. W. D. Ffrench, in responding to the vote of thanks, and in presenting the cup to the winning team, expressed his pleasure in being present that night. He had been in the tower on two occasions for lessons on bell ringing, and he found it was a very dangerous task, as the first time he was nearly taken to the ceiling of the ringing chamber. He was not one of those cranks who were always grumbling about the bells ringing. He was fond of hearing their sweet sounds. He expressed his appreciation of the real service which ringers were doing in the country in calling people to worship. He was glad to be among ringers of the Church of England, and he hoped they would try to work in unison together. He had hoped Lightcliffe would win the competition, and he thought if his own ringers had been competing they would have been successful, but, as the cup was going to near neighbours, he had great pleasure in handing it over to Mr. Drake, the conductor of the winning team.—Mr. Drake, in thanking Mr. Ffrench for making the presentation, said he was proud to accept the cup. It was the tenth time he had conducted the winning team. He had been told by one of the local ringers that Mr. Ffrench had said, on being asked if he would present the cup, that he would do anything he could to help. This showed that the authorities were working hand in hand with the ringers. Mr. Drake then proposed a vote of thanks to the judges, who, from his point of view, had done very well.—Mr. Sharman seconded the motion, which was carried.—Mr. Drake then moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, which Mr. Sharman seconded, and the Chairman, having replied, another very successful meeting was brought to a close.

MEETING AT WEST LYDFORD.

A quarterly meeting of the Castle Cary Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association was held at West Lydford on Saturday last, when between 30 and 40 members were present, representing the following towers:—Bruton, Babcary, Barton St. David, Butleigh, Castle Cary, Charlton Ham, Ditcheat, Street, West Lydford, King Weston and Taunton. A short service was held in the Parish Church, the Rector (the Rev. W. Paterson) officiating, and the Rev. Moss, of Charlton Ham, giving a most interesting address. After the service the ringers were entertained to tea, very kindly provided in the church room by the Rector and the churchwardens (Messrs. M. S. Welchman and C. Kerton). At the subsequent business meeting the Rev. W. Paterson presided, supported by the president of the branch (Mr. T. G. Vincent, senr.), Messrs. M. S. Welchman, C. Kerton (churchwardens), Mr. Burgess, etc. The Rev. Paterson welcomed the ringers to West Lydford, and stated that sometimes little places like West Lydford were left out by Associations, but he was pleased to say such was not the case with them. Twenty performing members were elected, and one tower affiliated to the Association. Batcombe was chosen for the next place of meeting, which will be held early in January.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. Paterson for arranging the service, and for the use of the bells, to the Rector and churchwardens for their kindness in entertaining the ringers to tea, to the ladies who presided at the tables, and to the Rev. Moss for the interesting address given at the service.—Afterwards the tower was again visited, and Stedman, Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor rung.

RINGERS' WEDDINGS.

An exceedingly pretty wedding was solemnised at the Church of St Laurence, Hawkhurst, Kent, on Saturday, 14th October, the contracting parties being Mr. Thomas Ashenden, sixth son of Mr. Arthur Ashenden, and the late Mrs. Frances Ashenden, of Northiam, and Miss Ellen Amelia Pankhurst, third daughter of Mr. George and Mrs. Agnes Pankhurst, of East View, Station Road, Hawkhurst. The bridegroom at one time resided at Rye, Sussex, and was closely connected with the church in that old cinque port town, being a bellringer, choirman and member of the Choral Society. In change ringing he was of valuable assistance to the Rye Society, and possessed three very important factors that many campanologists fail to bring into operation—punctuality, regularity and perseverance. His work as a choirman was carried out thoroughly, and he was very popular among his fellow-choristers. He also was a regular attendant at the practices of the Rye Choral Society, and was held in high esteem and regard by the members of that body.

The time came when he had to leave Rye to take up a position at Hawkhurst. The Rye ringers presented him with a silver miniature bell, as a token of their gratitude for his services. His departure was much regretted by the church folk, but Rye's loss was Hawkhurst's gain, for he immediately joined the church choir, with which he is still associated. He has had no opportunity, however, of continuing the art of ringing at Hawkhurst, as, although there is a fine tone peal of eight bells there, the local ringers have no inclination to take up change ringing. In spite of this, he has not altogether been lost sight of, for he attends the monthly meetings of the Romney Marsh and District Guild, of which he is a member, and pays occasional visits to the Rye tower. He belongs to the Sussex and Kent County Associations.

The wedding ceremony was performed by the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Waldebrand-Evans, M.A.), and Mr. A. Adams presided at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a dress of cream colienne, in the Princess robe fashion, with silk trimmings. In addition to this, she was adorned with a beautiful veil and wreath of orange blossoms. She also wore a magnificent gold locket, and carried a splendid bouquet of choice white flowers, gifts of the bridegroom, and was attended by three bridesmaids, Miss Elizabeth Pankhurst (sister), Miss Annie Ashenden (sister of the bridegroom), and Miss Akehurst. They looked very becoming in mauve dresses and black picture hats, trimmed with white feathers. They carried Prayer Books, the gifts of the bridegroom. The bridegroom wore a gold albert, a present from the bride. His brother, Mr. John Ashdenden, of Hawkhurst, acted in the capacity of best man. As the bridal procession left the church the "Bridal March" from Lohengrin was played by the organist, who, although totally blind, is a skilful musician. Subsequently a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, the guests numbering nearly thirty, among them being Mr. G. Billenness, of Rye, Master of the Romney Marsh and District Guild of Change Ringers. Members of this society had decided to start for a peal of Grandsire Triples at Appledore Church the previous evening in honour of the event, but could not do so, owing to serious illness in the vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashenden spent their honeymoon at Folkestone, and have been the recipients of about 80 handsome and useful presents.

At Holy Trinity Church, Coalbrookdale, Salop, on Saturday, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but, unfortunately, came to grief, owing to a change course, after ringing just over 1200 changes: J. Hanley 1, J. York 2, F. S. Wilson 3, W. Weatherby 4, F. S. Downing 5, W. Saunders (conductor) 6, H. Overton 7, H. Aston 8. As there was not time to start for the peal again, ringing was kept up for another hour, and several good touches of Stedman Triples were brought round—the ringing being in honour of the wedding of Mr. Charles Arthur Hammond, son of the Rev. Canon C. E. Hammond, of Edenherriot, Cornwall, and Miss Edith Wilan, of London, the ringers wishing them every happiness. Messrs. Weatherby, Overton and Wilson hail from Market Drayton, Bridgnorth and Ludlow respectively, and the rest of the ringers belong to the local band.

On the occasion of the wedding of G. Gumbrell, a member of the Henfield, Sussex, band a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes) was rung: E. Lish 1, S. Burt 2, G. Gander 3, G. Payne 4, J. Burt 5, J. W. Allis 6, L. Payne (conductor) 7, W. Markwell 8.

WORCESTER'S CENTURY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As an outsider, I should say that Mr. F. A. Smith, being born in Worcester is a Worcester man, but certainly not a Worcester ringer. The late James W. Hinton was born in Worcester, and, I believe, started his ringing there, and has rung at least one peal there. Although he did not keep a detailed record of his peals, it was generally believed that he exceeded the century. By the aid of Association reports and a list made out by him on the back of two old handbells, dated 1890, I traced 99, but I expect the total was nearer 110 if the truth were known.—Yours truly,

W. A. CAVE

Bristol.

BIRMINGHAM MEMORIES.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD AT HARBORNE.

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held at Harborne on Saturday last.

Harborne is a delightfully rural suburb of Birmingham, and it is difficult to imagine that it is so close to a large city—only three miles separating it from the New Street Station. It is indeed actually within the city boundary, and is shortly to be linked up by an electric tramway. The low, old-fashioned tower contains a light but musical ring of eight, tenor about 10 cwt., and has for many years been a centre of change ringing.

The late John Day was a regular ringer here up till the time of his death, and now lies within the shadow of the church he loved so well, along with those other worthies of a bygone day—William Chattell, John Perks, and Thomas Day.

The guild's form of service was taken in church at 5 o'clock, and an address was given by the Rev. Rees-Jones, who was, as a boy, in the choir at St. Martin's. In the course of conversation he told how, more than twenty years ago, he used to creep up the tower there and watch with awe and wonder the ringers at work. He remembered one particularly stout man, who usually rang "one of the big ones," and was interested to know that the stout man still rang there as regularly as of yore, though not now always "one of the big ones." A splendid tea was partaken of in the schoolroom, and was followed by the business meeting. Most of the business was of a routine character, but a proposal by Mr. Russam that Rule 4 be altered provoked a discussion that would have done credit to the Mother of Parliaments itself. An amendment proposed by Mr. Dowler that rules be only altered at the annual meeting was eventually carried by a majority of four, and Mr. Russam then gave notice of his intention to bring his motion before the members again on that occasion.

The chair was very ably filled by Mr. Churchwarden Tilley, who is himself a ringer at Harborne. The Vicar, Canon Price, was unavoidably absent, but the Guild wish to express their thanks to him through the medium of "The Ringing World" for the use of the bells and schoolroom. During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in various methods, including Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge and London. Later the members gathered at the Bell for a social hour, when the proceedings were considerably enlivened by the handbell performances of Messrs. Verry and Starkey (2), of the Handsworth band.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday last a meeting of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild was held at Croston, about 40 members attending. A short service was held, the prayers being read by Canon Howson, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Southport, and a practical address given by the Rev. E. C. Collier, Vicar of St. James', Birkdale, who spoke of the inscriptions upon the bells of Croston Church, and gave an explanation of them. The interesting address was listened to with rapt attention. After service the members adjourned to the Lord Nelson Hotel, where an excellent tea was provided. At the subsequent business meeting the Rev. E. C. Collier presided (Canon Howson having to leave early owing to a prior engagement). The Chairman stated that the Master, the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, had unfortunately met with an accident whilst in London, and was now an inmate of Guy's Hospital.—A vote of sympathy was carried, and a telegram despatched to the worthy Master, expressing the hope that he would soon be restored to health and be amongst his lads again.—The other business was of a routine character, and the usual vote of thanks brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

THE RINGERS' STRIKE AT LEEDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue of last week you report a "ringers strike" at St. Chad's, Leeds. I feel sorry that such a discreditable exposure should have appeared in a Manchester daily paper. Ringers are supposed to be loyal church workers, and payment for Sunday ringing is only a small part of their object surely! But such an action as "a strike" is discreditable to any ringers, and especially to the reputation which Leeds ringers hold. One would have thought the Vicar's position over the church (including the tower) would have been enough to secure loyalty, and his position as president of the great Association of which his ringers are members makes their action the more discreditable. Untidiness of the ringers' place is again discreditable to ringers. Paid ringing is, as a rule, discreditable to ringers; but it will be interesting to hear more about the affair.—Yours truly,

H. C. PAULI.

Middleham, Yorkshire.

CRANSLEY, NORTHANTS.—Central Northamptonshire Association.—On Sunday, October 1st, at St. Andrew's Church, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Minor (1260 changes), consisting of 360 each of Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Oxford Bob, and 180 Plain Bob: E. Lenton 1, F. C. Wolley 2, P. J. Lenton 3, George Holland 4, A. E. Wykes 5, H. W. Sharman (conductor) 6.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

HELP FOR SHOREDITCH BELL FUND.

A most successful meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths was held on Saturday last at St. Mary's, Islington. In the afternoon touches of Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich, Stedman and Cambridge were rung. Tea was served at the Duke Restaurant, and at the subsequent meeting the Master (Mr. J. D. Matthews) was in the chair. Mr. R. Brough, of Crayford, was elected a member of the society. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on the third Saturday in January. A photograph of the society's medal was handed round, and it was resolved to have post cards of the same printed for sale among the members, the secretary being open to receive orders from anyone desirous of possessing a copy.—The Shoreditch Bell Fund was discussed, and it was thought the society ought to do all in their power to assist in this object.—On the proposition of Mr. J. Parker, seconded by Mr. E. F. Cole, it was decided that collecting cards be sent to representative Cumberlands throughout the country, so that sums, however small, might be received.—The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mr. J. Barry for the use of the bells at St. Mary's.—A return was then made to the tower, and various methods rung until 8 o'clock, when the bells were lowered. Afterwards a pleasant hour was spent at the King's Head, the time being enlivened by songs and touches on the handbells.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FOUR LADIES ELECTED AS MEMBERS.

Despite a very wet afternoon, the meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association at Warbleton was very well attended, some of the members present having walked long distances in the downpour to have a pull on this nice ring of six. The following towers were represented: Heathfield, Mayfield, Chiddingly, Christ Church, Eastbourne, and the local band, which included the Misses Hennings, the Rector's daughters, who rang touches of Bob Doubles in good style. The way the ladies handled the bells was an example to some of the sterner sex. During the afternoon and evening touches in Bob Doubles and Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung, the striking being exceptionally good. The service at 5 o'clock was well attended. The singing was heartily joined in, and Mr. Holt, organist of Cross-in-Hand, who presided at the organ, gave a short recital after the service. Subsequently the company sat down to tea, the Rector (the Rev. C. Hennings) presiding. The Honorary Secretary (Mr. G. Howse) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hennings for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, for presiding at tea, and for arranging such a nice service.—The motion was carried by acclamation, and a similar vote was accorded Mr. Holt, the organist. — The Rector, in replying, said nothing gave him greater pleasure than to hear the bells well rung. He mentioned the fact that his ringers always rang the people out of church after the evening service on Sundays and festivals, and wondered if it was done at any other church in Sussex.—Mr. Holt also briefly replied, and both these gentlemen then took their leave. —Mr. Arthur Miles, of Mayfield, having been voted to the chair, the business meeting was proceeded with, and the following were elected members of the Association:—The Misses Maud and Daisy Hennings, the Misses Betsy Cott and Mabel Barrow, and Messrs. G. Dann and H. Jarvis, all of the Warbleton Band.—Mr. Miles was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for presiding, and some of the members then returned to the tower, and rang their first touches in the various methods attempted.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A largely attended district meeting was held at Newmarket on Saturday week, when 30 members assembled from Cambridge, Bury St. Edmunds, Ipswich, Ely, Newmarket, Thetford, Mildenhall, Fulbourn, Ickleton, and Stetchworth. Amongst those present were the Revs. A. H. F. Boughey and H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. T. R. Dennis (general secretary), P. Webb and A. Pilgrim (district secretaries), G. Taylor, J. Taylor, F. E. Kempton (Cambridge), A. Bowell (Ipswich), B. A. Buttress, J. Stalley (Fulbourn), F. C. Turner and R. Lathbury (Newmarket), etc.—An excellent tea was provided by Messrs. D. Game. The Vicar of All Saints (the Rev. Douglas Hamilton) was present during the meal, but regretted his inability to stop for the business meeting, owing to previous engagements. He warmly welcomed the members, and hoped next time they visited Newmarket he would be able to be present at the meeting.—The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson was, thereupon, voted to the chair.—Thirteen new members were elected—a very satisfactory feature of the proceedings.—It was decided to hold the next meeting for the Ely District at Ely, and for the Archdeaconry of Ely at Foxton and Barrington.—Votes of thanks were passed to the chairman for presiding, and to the incumbents for the use of the bells.—During the afternoon and evening touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent and Plain Bob Major were successfully brought round at the eight bell tower, and 120's of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles on the five bell peal, a very enjoyable afternoon being spent by all.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Burton-on-Trent District was held at Rolleston on Saturday week, but, owing to various causes, rather a small number of ringers were present. However, those attending enjoyed ringing on the six bells, which are in splendid going order. Touches of Doubles and Minor in various methods were brought round. The business meeting was presided over by the Hon. the Rev. L. H. Tywhitt, Vicar of the parish. Horninglow was selected as the place for the next meeting, and, on the proposition of Mr. W. C. Wakley, seconded by Mr. P. Sudale, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting.—The Vicar, in reply, said he was very pleased to be present at the meeting, and to allow the members of the Midland Counties Association to use the bells. He was sorry that, owing to being away from home, he had not made arrangements to provide some hospitality for the visitors, but hoped to do so on some future occasion, if they would like to hold another meeting at that place.—The business over, the ringers again visited the belfry.

A CORONATION PEAL TABLET.

An interesting ceremony took place at the Parish Church, West Clandon, on Saturday evening, when the Rector (the Rev. G. F. Dalton) unveiled a handsome marblette peal tablet, the gift of himself and churchwardens, to commemorate the peal of Surprise Minor rung by the Clandon Society on Coronation Day. The tablet bears the following inscription:—"The Winchester Diocesan Guild. On Thursday, June 22nd, 1911, a peal of Surprise Minor was rung on these bells, being 720 each of Chester, Carlisle, London, Wells, Durham, York, Cambridge, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. William Savage treble, Joseph Goacher 2, Henry Blackman 3, Reginald Blake 4, William Day 5, Frederick Bennett tenor. Conducted by Frederick Bennett. Rung in honour of the Coronation of their Majesties King George and Queen Mary. Rev. G. F. Dalton, Rector. A. H. Wood, T. W. Goacher, churchwardens."

The Rector said that the ceremony was doubly interesting to Clandon people because the King and Queen, when Prince and Princess of Wales, had worshipped in the church.

Visitors were present from Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas', Guildford, Woking, Shalford and Merrow. The bells were kept going in various Treble Bob and Surprise methods during the evening.

THE "WILLIAM VERRY" DINNER.

The "William Verry" commemoration dinner, held at the Red Lion Hotel, Handsworth, was attended by about 30 ringers and friends, Mr. J. S. Pritchett presiding. After an excellent repast the loyal toast was honoured, and subsequently the toast of "The late William Verry" was submitted by the Chairman, and drunk in silence. During the evening songs were rendered by Messrs. H. Butcher (who also acted as accompanist), E. Starkey, H. Starkey, F. Ward and T. Verry. Selections on handbells were given by the Handsworth ringers. Mr. Harry Withers delighted the company with his dulcimer playing, while his touches of Stedman Triples and Caters on the instrument were much appreciated. A vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Mr. Godden, and seconded by Mr. Faux, brought an enjoyable evening to a close.—Several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung at the Parish Church in the afternoon.

BASINGSTOKE.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, October 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 44 mins.: Alice White 1, H. White (conductor) 2, F. Wilson 3, C. F. Hansford 4, J. Ward 5, A. Burgess 6, J. E. Ballard 7, H. Knight 8.

SALISBURY.—On Sunday, October 1st, at the residence of Mr. W. W. Gifford, 518 Grandsire Triples, on handbells: Mrs. George Williams 1—2, G. Williams (conductor) 3—4, W. W. Gifford 5—6, S. Macey 7—8.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On Sunday morning, October 1st, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 50 mins.: C. Boreham 1, A. J. Lewis 2, G. B. Selby 3, R. Stone 4, J. Heath 5, G. Steer 6, D. Wright (conductor) 7, T. Ford 8. For afternoon children's service, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Fright 4, H. J. Selby 8, the rest as before. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: R. Stone 1, A. J. Lewis 2, G. B. Selby 3, A. E. Headey (Tonbridge) 4, J. Heath 5, M. Whatley 6, D. Wright (conductor) 7, G. Steer 8.

DOWNE.—The Kent County Association. — At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, for Divine service, on Sunday, October 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. W. Evitt 1, T. H. Colburn 2, J. W. Browning 3, T. Groombridge, junr., 4, S. Roper (conductor) 5, T. Groombridge, senr., 6.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—The London County Association.—On Sunday morning, October 1st, for harvest festival, 720 each of Double Oxford and Oxford Bob: E. Dane 1, T. Langdon (conductor) 2, L. Porter 3, G. Chalkley 4, H. Kilby 5, A. Hill 6. In the evening, 720 each of "Willesden Delight Treble Bob" and "Old Oxford Modernised Treble Bob": L. Porter 1, G. M. Kilby 2, G. Chalkley 3, T. Langdon 4, A. Hill 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Ripley on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends invited.—Bart Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 68, Douglas Street, Derby.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wickham on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at parish room, 5 o'clock; meeting after.—J. W. Whiting, District Sec., Fareham.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, October 28th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged if members who intend to be present will let me know by Tuesday the 24th. Business meeting after tea.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec., The Parsonage, Shottery.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Dodderhill, Droitwich, on Saturday, October 28th. Service at 4 p.m.—H. T. Knowles, Hon. Sec., Grove Villa, Howsell Road, Malvern Link.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, October 28th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

THE HERTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, October 28th. Bells available at 4.30. Arrangements will be made for tea.—H. Eden, Honorary Secretary, Western Division.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at S. Lawrence, Thanet, on Saturday, October 28th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Room at 5 p.m. As this is the first meeting since the restoration of the bells it is hoped a large number of members will make it convenient to be present.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Fladbury, on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service, with an address, at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after service. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m.—James Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual festival will take place at Durham on Saturday, October 28th. Committee meeting at 12 noon at the County Hotel. Service in the cathedral at 1 p.m. Dinner at the County Hotel at 2 p.m. Will members intending to be present please notify Charles Todd, Honorary Secretary, 26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, October 28th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. Canon Hough (Vicar). Tea in the Parish Church Hall at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow, the Vicar presiding.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Staveley on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Church of St. John the Baptist, 8 bells (tenor 18 cwt.), available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. —J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Sec., 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Ringing in the afternoon and evening. Those intending to come should write before Nov. 1st to Rev. B. H. T. Drake, 29, Bancroft, Hitchin.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford, on Wednesday, November 8th, 1911. 4.0 p.m., S. Nicolas (10) bells available. 5.45, Service. Preacher: Rev. F. C. Hill, M.A., Rector of Shere. 6.30, Tea at the "Star" Hotel, followed by Business Meeting. Tickets for tea free to members, 1s. to visitors.—John J. Jones, Hon. Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on November 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, October 31st; St. John's, Hackney, Nov. 7th; St. Magnus, November 9th.—W. T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne, on Saturday, November 11th, 1911. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting, 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Croydon on Saturday, November 11th. Meet at the Bell Foundry, at 2.45 p.m., by invitation of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Tea at 5. Ringing after at St. John's (Parish) and St. Peter's Churches. Notice to representatives in due course. Will unattached members intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Monday, November 6th.—Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the members of the above district will be held at Southampton on Saturday, the 11th day of November. St. Michael's tower will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5.15, in St. Michael's Parish Hall, and business meeting immediately after. Members intending to be present at the tea will oblige by letting me know by Wednesday, the 8th November. — Jas. W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish, on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7. Business: Election of Branch Secretary. A good meeting is requested.—W. H. Shuker, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Peploe), on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock, 9d. each. Will those intending to be present inform me not later than November 8th. Members and

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friends cordially invited. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid before this meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting will take place at the Parish Church, Sheffield, on Saturday, November 4th, 1911. Bells (12) will be available from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Sidney F. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on November 11th. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting in the Schoolroom at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mrs. Walker's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol. Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

SITUATION VACANT.

WANTED Improver to the general harness making and saddlery trade, to live in. An abstainer and good ringer on six and eight bells preferred; state age and wages to R. G. King, Saddler, Royston, Herts.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—In sending in items for publication in this column correspondents are asked to write plainly and, where names are given, to take care that all appear. Frequently we have touches sent us in an incomplete state, with, for instance, seven names given for eight bells, or with the name of the place omitted. We would also point out that the unnecessary repetition of names should be avoided.

GRANTHAM. — The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, October 1st, for harvest festival evening service, at St. Wulfram's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins.: E. Nidd 1, H. Thorpe 2, W. Cawton 3, W. G. Thorpe 4, F. Turner (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 5, A. C. Darnell 6, S. Proctor (conductor) 7, T. Hall 8.

PRESTWICH, LANCS. — On Sunday, October 1st, at the Parish Church, for the harvest festival, a 720 Bob Minor, with 6—8 covering: J. Gratrix 1, H. Eckersall 2, W. Bullough 3, H. Berry 4, W. Ford (conductor) 5, S. Roberts 6, R. Bent 7, V. Bellerby 8.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, October 1st, for evening service, 336 and 560 of Bob Major: H. Perkins 1, H. Thompson 2, W. Wiffen 3, W. Underwood (conductor) 4, A. Ives 5, D. Gridley 6, E. Perkins 7, G. Moore 8. Also 720 of Bob Minor, 7—8 covering: W. Wiffen 1, H. Thompson 2, G. Moore 3, P. Johnson 4, H. Perkins 5, D. Gridley (conductor) 6, E. Perkins 7, G. Ince 8.

SITTINGBOURNE. — On Sunday, October 1st, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor: R. Kilney 1, P. Hewett 2, J. Spooner 3, P. Millard 4, C. Millard 5, H. Millard (conductor) 6. Rung with bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. J. Edmed, a former churchwarden, and Mr. J. Wills, both of whom were much respected in the village.

CHATHAM.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, on Sunday, October 1st, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43¾ mins.: H. Springate (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Burles (Milton) 2, H. Hogarth 3, F. Riordan 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, E. Sills (first quarter peal with a bob bell) 6, J. Hunt 7, G. Lawrence 8.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, October 1st, for morning service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: E. Goodsell 1, S. Stone 2, W. Hollman 3, P. H. Doick 4, A. B. Corden 5, H. Holden 6, A. Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8. W. Hollman's first quarter-peal on a bob bell. Arranged for Mr. H. Holden, of Chiddingfold, who was spending a holiday at Pulborough.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 1st, 616 Grandsire Triples: J. F. George 1, E. C. Gobey (composer and conductor) 2, J. H. Iliffe 3, S. Burgoyne 4, E. Poxon 5, H. Fletcher 6, H. Harrison 7, A. T. Baker 8.

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MODERN WORK.

ANOTHER RECORD.

From time to time we are able to direct attention to noteworthy performances which appear among the peal records; performances which are the outcome of high skill and superabundant enthusiasm. The bounds of keenness must, however, surely have been reached when we find a band ringing six peals on handbells in six consecutive evenings. Such is the performance which we record in this issue by the Guildford men, and it constitutes a record of its kind. Every night from Monday to Saturday last week they scored a peal of Stedman Caters in hand—a really remarkable accomplishment, which will be fully appreciated by those who realise the exacting nature of the task.

There are those, perhaps, who may say that the continual ringing of peals in the same method must give the ringers such a grasp of it that anything, almost, ought to be possible, but double-handed ringing cannot be quite reduced to the more or less automatic level that is possible on tower bells by those well versed in a method. Great powers of concentration are necessary, and a peal "in hand" is so very easily lost. We believe that among those who are competent to judge, there is a strong feeling that a peal on handbells ought to be given more points than a peal in the same method on tower bells. It is certainly a greater mental task, and for this reason the more one thinks about the performance at Guildford the more praiseworthy does the achievement appear. Variety, so far as variety could be introduced into six peals in the same method, was introduced. In each case there was a different composition, a different length, different handbells and different place of meeting, but, although the five ringers rang the same pairs each time, more than one start had to be made on most of the evenings. The band certainly deserve the heartiest congratulations, for the performance reflects the greatest credit upon them, and particularly upon their brilliant conductor, Mr. A. H. Pulling, whose ability in this direction is really something to marvel at.

It is somewhat curious that the week's ringing at Guildford should have coincided with the Winchester Guild tour in Hampshire, and these two batches of peals will give the Guild a useful lift in the "Analysis." There is, at any rate, among those Associations who can count upon being in the first flight, a good deal of keenness in regard to which may not inaptly be termed the championship table, and while many ringers do not care a straw about the points so long as they can ring a good peal, the Associations officially think a good deal—and naturally so—of the honour of reaching the top end of the table. The six peals at Guildford and the nine in Hampshire should be very helpful to the Winchester Guild.

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John O. Sager, Solicitor, Todmorden, December 10, 1910.
Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., Bell and Brassfounders, Smethwick.

Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE STOKE ARCHIDEACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' REVERSED. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE A. SMITH	...*Treble*	JAMES E. GROVES	5
CHARLES MORLEY	2	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, Junr.	6
HARRY WASHBROOK	3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK	7
WALTER R. WASHBROOK	4	JOHN DARLINGTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE STOKE ARCHIDEACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY WASHBROOK	...*Treble*	WALTER R. WASHBROOK	5
GEORGE A. SMITH	2	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, Junr.	6
ARTHUR CLAY	3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK	7
WILLIAM TITCHFORD	4	JAMES E. GROVES	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

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

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM C. WAKLEY	...*Treble*	GEORGE BULL	5
*J. JAMES JACKSON	2	EDWARD I. STONE	6
ALBERT P. WAKLEY	3	GEORGE ROBINSON	7
JOHN N. SWINFIELD	4	*DAVID COTTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT P. WAKLEY.

*First peal in the method. This, and the peal at Newhall were arranged to oblige J. J. Jackson, who hails from Belton, Rutland.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

*HAROLD W. CLARK	...*Treble*	REUBEN SANDERS	5
*ARTHUR J. NEALE	2	ERNEST PYE	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	BERTRAM PREWETT	7
ALBERT W. COLES	4	ROBERT E. STAVERT	...*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVERT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Neale, wife of the ringer of the 2nd.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF S. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

WILLIAM FLETCHER	...*Treble*	PERCY E. BEX	5
REGINALD BROUGH	2	EDWIN BARNETT, Junr.	6
GEORGE POVEY	3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	7
EDWARD AUDSLEY	4	WILLIAM FLOYD	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and
Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and by the Association.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

*GEORGE RICHARDSON	...*Treble*	JOSEPH E. SYKES	5
FRANK S. STURT	2	BENJAMIN THORP	6
ALBERT W. WHEALE	3	ROBERT J. DAWE	7
ALFRED S. LANGRIDGE	4	ALFRED J. TURNER	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Sykes and Langridge, and on the anniversary of the latter's wedding. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. Turner for arranging the peal at short notice.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RALPH COLES	...*Treble*	ARTHUR G. JAMES	5
FRED HAYES	2	JAMES W. WILKINS	6
*JAMES W. NEIGHBOUR	3	ROBERT H. YOUNG	7
JOHN GRANSBURY	4	FRANK W. BOXELL	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE	...*Treble*	HENRY J. RANZETTA	5
FRANK HAIRS	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
ALFRED W. GRIMES	3	*THOMAS LANGDON	7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First Surprise peal. First peal in the method by the Association.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 26, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

HEBER DERBYSHIRE	...*Treble*	FRED. DERBYSHIRE	5
REV. C. B. HULTON	2	PERCY DERBYSHIRE	6
JAMES H. RIDYARD	3	JOSEPH RIDYARD	7
ARTHUR RIDYARD	4	WILLIAM JONES	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and
Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

The first peal in the method by all, and by the Lancashire Association.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.
NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in E flat.

CHARLES MILLS	...*Treble*	JAMES MOTTS	5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	2	CLEMENT J. MORE	6
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT	3	WILLIAM J. NEVARD	7
JOHN O'NEILL	4	JOHN SOUTER	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

***A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR,**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

I. SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	S. STOTT	5
J. LEES	2	E. B. SHAW	6
E. GEARY	3	J. W. TAYLOR	7
†S. M. BUTTERWORTH	4	A. CLEGG	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR.

† First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Geary.

* This peal was sent without the number of changes.—Ed.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN ALDIS, Junr.	*Treble*	GEORGE MAY	5
GEORGE S. SOAME	2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	6
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	3	WILLIAM STEELE	7
GEORGE HOWCHIN	4	*GEORGE WHITEHAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED. J. HOWCHIN.

* First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Triples ever rung on the bells, which have been a ring of eight since 1742.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

ALWYN CHARMAN	*Treble*	*CECIL CHARMAN	5
†HORACE CHARMAN	2	THOMAS WORSFOLD	6
ROBERT WHITTINGTON	3	WILLIAM CHARMAN	7
HENRY TIDY	4	*HARRY LEDGER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM CHARMAN.

* First peal. † First peal on a bob bell. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Jack Elliott, parish clerk, who is leaving the country.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lbs.

RUEBEN FLAXMAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	2	WILLIAM WELLING	6
JOSEPH J. PARKER	3	JOSEPH GUTTERIDGE	7
WILLIAM C. PARKER	4	WILLIAM RALPH	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. WELLING.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY LEA	*Treble*	HARRY PRICE	5
VICTOR WHITE	2	ALFRED DAVIES	6
ALBERT E. PARSONS	3	WILLIAM H. WEBB	7
WILLIAM BIRD	4	*ALFRED HACKETT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. WEBB.

First peal as conductor in the method. * First peal in the method. W. Bird rang his last peal in 1898, and A. E. Parsons his last peal in 1902.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HARRY DICKENS	*Treble*	GEORGE F. SWANN	5
JOHN WITHERS	2	SAMUEL GROVE	6
ARTHUR CHAMBERS	3	JAMES DOWLER	7
CHARLES DICKENS	4	JOHN NEAL	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

* First peal in the method. First Surprise peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Neal.

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*WILLIAM SHARPLES	*Treble*	EDWIN TIMBRELL	5
JAMES ARMSTRONG	2	FRED HARWOOD	6
E. ROGER MARTIN	3	ALBERT WOODHOUSE	7
WILLIAM T. H. TIMBRELL	4	EDWARD ARMSTRONG	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and
Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal.

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILBY J. HAZELL	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER	2	JOHN H. BENSTEAD	6
JOHN T. KENTISH	3	JAMES PARKER	7
GEORGE RADLEY	4	GEORGE PAICE	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18¾ cwt., in E.

PERCY LANGSTON	*Treble*	JOHN SADLER	5
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM	2	ERNEST NEWMAN	6
JAMES FLEUTY	3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH	7
FRANK CLAYDON	4	DAVID ELLIOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE,
Tenor 12 cwt.

COLEMAN J. MORLING	*Treble*	ROBERT J. DAWE	5
BENJAMIN THORP	2	*WILLIAM GREEN	6
ALFRED J. TURNER	3	†GEORGE PIPER	7
JOSEPH E. SYKES	4	AUTHUR BANKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PIPER.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal as conductor.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

RICHARD MOUNT	...Treble	FRED W. HERBERT	5
J. JAMES JACKSON	2	R. HENRY BARTRAM	6
WALTER WHITE	3	JAMES HARRIS	7
JAMES HOUGHTON	4	WILLIAM WILLSON	...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal of Major on the bells and first in the method in the County of Rutland. The band, with the local men, beg to thank Mr. Churchwarden Phillips for his kind hospitality after the peal.

WHITWORTH, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICKER'S SIX-PART.

JAMES TAYLOR	...Treble	ORMEROD EASTWOOD	5
*WILLIAM SMITH	2	WALTER TAYLOR	6
SAMUEL LORD	3	JAMES B. TAYLOR	7
*JAMES HEPTONSTALL	4	JOHN W. ORMEROD	...Tenor

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

* First peal in the method. W. Smith hails from Loughborough and was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

PENN, STAFFS.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN RAY	...Treble	GEORGE CLAYBROOK	5
JOHN BROWN	2	DANIEL JONES	6
WILLIAM LAWLEY	3	ALFRED FALLON	7
ANDREW JONES	4	*CHARLES DARBY	...Tenor

Conducted by A. FALLON.

* First peal.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.
BOROUGH OF GLOSSOP ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt., in G.

JAMES BUCKLEY	...Treble	*JESSE NEAL	5
EGMONT T. MALKIN	2	ELI GARSIDE	6
HERBERT BRADLEY	3	JOSEPH BENTLEY	7
*JOSEPH PEMBERTON	4	ARTHUR LAWTON	...Tenor

Composed by THOMAS LOCKWOOD, and
Conducted by JOSEPH BENTLEY.

* First peal. This peal has all the 8-6's and 6-7-8's.

KELSALE.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE HARDY	...Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY	5
JAMES G. RUMSEY	2	JAMES M. BAILEY	6
FREDERICK J. SMITH	3	NORMAN R. BAILEY	7
EDGAR H. BAILEY	4	ERNEST S. BAILEY	...Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal of New Cambridge on the bells.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BIGGIN	...Treble	†CLEMENT GLENN	5
GEORGE LEWIS	2	R. WILFRED COLLIER	6
*EDWIN JAMES	3	WILLIAM DICKINSON	7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	...Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Oxford as conductor. First peal of Oxford on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. James.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, Senr.	...Treble	GEORGE POYNTZ	5
WILLIAM STEELE	2	RICHARD BALDRY	6
JOHN F. WILSON	3	FREDERICK WHITHAM	7
ALFRED FUNNELL	4	JOHN ALDIS, Junr.	...Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. F. Wilson.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 25 cwt., in E flat.

*F. SILLS	...Treble	C. NORRIS	5
*J. HUNT	2	F. BELSEY	6
G. RIORDAN	3	S. SHELLOCK	7
*F. RIORDAN	4	C. MUNGEAN	...Tenor

Conducted by F. BELSEY.

* First peal. This peal was rung on the 8th anniversary of the Dedication Festival.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt., in F sharp.

RICHARD DARLOW	...Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT	5
JOSEPH J. ALLEN	2	*FREDERICK EDWARDS	6
*THOMAS R. SCOTT	3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	7
FRANCIS A. SMITH	4	ROBERT E. STAVERT	...Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal of Superlative. First peal of Superlative rung by an entirely local band at this church.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, October 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

COX'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HARRY WARD	...Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS	5
†EDWARD HORTON	2	†RALPH BAKER	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	*CHARLES BEECH	7
TOM W. DAY	4	JAMES ADAMS	...Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

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

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-seven-and-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN HOUGH	*Treble*	JOHN H. SWINFIELD	4
ALBERT P. WAKLEY	2	HERBERT HURDMAN	5
J. JAMES JACKSON	3	DAVID COTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID COTTON.

First peal of Minor as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Oxford Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain bob.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN HOYES	*Treble*	SIDNEY WHALEY	4
JOHN H. HAYNES	2	JOHN W. WOOD	5
ARTHUR MACKEARS	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

This is the conductor's 100th peal for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury, Newcastle, Carlisle, London, Wells, York and Cambridge.

Tenor 17¼ cwt., in E.

FREDERICK DAY	*Treble*	JOSEPH GOACHER	4
WILLIAM SAVAGE	2	WILLIAM DAY	5
HENRY BLACKMAN	3	FREDERICK BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK BENNETT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Earl of Onslow, who was interred at Merrow on the above date.

FULBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN W. WOOD	*Treble*	FREDK. W. STOKES	4
JOSEPH LORD	2	*CHARLES ELSE	5
GEORGE SCOTT	3	ARTHUR MACKEARS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

* First peal.

BINFIELD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Single Oxford and two 720's each of Plain Bob and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH WHITE	*Treble*	ERNEST C. LAMBERT	4
JAMES NORTH	2	WILLIAM J. PAICE	5
JOHN RANCE	3	HARRY BUNGAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. NORTH.

First peal in four methods on the bells and by all but the ringer of the 4th, who was elected a member previous to starting.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER W. BONHAM	*Treble*	ALBERT J. GREEN	4
HERBERT C. EDWARDS	2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS	5
EDWIN GATES	3	CECIL A. VALENTINE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

First peal on the bells. First peal of Treble Bob by the Association. Messrs. E. Gates and T. C. Tompkins were elected members before starting for the peal. The ringers desire to thank the Vicar (the Rev. G. Gibson) for so kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal and for the use of the bells.

BALDERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Single Court and three 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*ARTHUR TAYLOR	*Treble*	WILLIAM G THORPE	4
†HARRY THORPE	2	ALBERT C. DARNELL	5
†DAVID B. OVERTON	3	SIDNEY PROCTOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. The ringer of the treble was elected a member of the Guild before starting. First peal on the bells since they were rehung in 1909, by Messrs. White & Son, the "go" being excellent.

BRADDEN.
TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*SAMUEL BATES	*Treble*	*CHARLIE FAULKNER	3
FRED. HOPPER	2	WILFRED SHARP	4

GEORGE BASFORD ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by FRED. HOPPER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Sharp, also to Mr. James Slarke, the founder of the above Association.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

On Wednesday, October 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. NARBOROUGH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

HERBERT GOAKES	1	WALTER H. FREEMAN	4
THOMAS HAINES	2	RALPH NARBOROUGH	5
HORACE BANHAM	3	CHARLES GOAKES	6

Conducted by CHARLES GOAKES.

First peal by all except the ringers of the 4th and 6th. First peal of Bob Minor ever rung in Wisbech, and rung at the first attempt. The tower bells being unpealable, the attempt was made on handbells.

DERBY.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT 81, NOTTINGHAM ROAD, DERBY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE PART.

SAYWELL VICKERS... ...	1—2	WALTER WALLACE ...	5—6
ALBERT H. WARD ...	3—4	JOHN VICKERS, Junr. ...	7—8

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Referees: BART MITCHELL and JOHN VICKERS, Senr.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(YORK TOWN DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, October 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT "LEYLAND," QUEEN'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK G. WOODISS	1—2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD...	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	3—4	WILLIAM A. WOODROW	7—8

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpires: R. J. POLLEY, J. LOVERIDGE and F. SHEPHERD.

WINCHESTER'S WEEK.

The following peals were rung by members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild during the Hampshire Ringing Week, October 21st to 28th, 1911.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY AND ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE MARTIN	6
KEITH HART	2	RICHARD BUCKLAND... ...	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ...	8
Rev. E. BANKES JAMES ...	4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ...	9
JOHN EVANS...	5	Rev. C. W. O. JENKYN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung on the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

SOBERTON, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	...*Treble*	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	5
HENRY WHITE	2	GEORGE MARTIN	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS	3	Rev. C. W. O. JENKYN...	7
RICHARD BUCKLAND	4	KEITH HART	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

PRIVETT, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 24, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 15 lbs., in F.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	...*Treble*	JOHN EVANS	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	2	Rev. C. W. O. JENKYN...	6
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
GEORGE MARTIN...	4	KEITH HART	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was the conductor's 800th peal.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

RICHARD BUCKLAND ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE MARTIN	5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	6
JOHN EVANS...	3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ...	7
GEORGE WILLIAMS	4	KEITH HART	*Tenor*

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

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

HAVANT, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt., in E.

GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	...*Treble*	RICHARD BUCKLAND... ...	5
HENRY WHITE	2	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ...	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS	3	KEITH HART	7
JOHN EVANS...	4	GEORGE MARTIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt., in D.

KEITH HART	...*Treble*	JOHN EVANS	5
HENRY WHITE	2	RICHARD BUCKLAND... ...	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS	3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ...	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	4	GEORGE MARTIN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The Rev. J. B. Danbury, Vicar of the parish, met the band in the belfry before the peal and wished them success.

ROMSEY, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLEDA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. 0 qrs. 8 lbs., in D.

KEITH HART	...*Treble*	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	2	JOHN EVANS	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	Rev. C. W. O. JENKYN ...	7
RICHARD BUCKLAND... ...	4	Rev. C. A. CLEMENTS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Rev. C. W. O. JENKYN.

Mr. G. F. Williams' 100th peal.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 1 lb., in A.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	...*Treble*	JOHN EVANS	5
KEITH HART	2	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	Rev. C. W. O. JENKYN	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The first Surprise peal on the bells.

DIBDEN, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	...*Treble*	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	... 5
*RICHARD BUCKLAND ...	... 2	GEORGE MARTIN	 6
HENRY WHITE	... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	... 4	KEITH HART	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal in the method. First Surprise peal on the bells.

Handbell Peals.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. NICOLAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5025 CHANCES;

Handbells, Size 18, in G.

MAURICE SMITHER	... 1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	JAMES HUNT	7—8

FRANK BLONDELL... ... 9—10

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: T. W. RADFORD. Witness: S. RADFORD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT KING EDWARD VI. GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

Handbells: Size 14, in D.

MAURICE SMITHER	1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	JAMES HUNT	7—8

FRANK BLONDELL ... ... 9—10

Composed by J. GEORGE, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire: T. W. RADFORD.

M. Smither's 50th peal on handbells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss E. M. Radford, eldest daughter of the umpire.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT 21, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Handbells, Size 15, in C.

MAURICE SMITHER	... 1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	JAMES HUNT	7—8

FRANK BLONDELL ... ... 9—10

Composed by C. CHARGE, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire: S. RADFORD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANCES;

Handbells, Size 18, in G.

MAURICE SMITHER	... 1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	JAMES HUNT	7—8

FRANK BLONDELL ... ... 9—10

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpires: D. HAYWARD and S. RADFORD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT COMMERCIAL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

Handbells, Size 16, in B flat.

MAURICE SMITHER	... 1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	JAMES HUNT	7—8

FRANK BLONDELL ... ... 9—10

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: S. RADFORD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH INSTITUTE, FOXENDEN ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

Handbells, Size 21, in D.

MAURICE SMITHER	... 1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	JAMES HUNT	7—8

FRANK BLONDELL ... ... 9—10

Composed by J. CARTER, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpires: S. RADFORD and E. RADDON.

WINCHESTER GUILD MEETING.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT WICKHAM.

Wickham, in Hants, the birthplace of William of Wykeham, founder of the Colleges of Winchester and Oxford, and one of the early Bishops of Winchester, was the venue of the quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester Guild on Saturday. Ringers were present from Swanmore, Fareham, Curdridge, and Wickham, as well as Messrs. J. W. Whiting (hon. district secretary), G. E. Chappell (assistant secretary), and A. T. King, of Southsea, formerly hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association. After ringing in the afternoon, the members sat down to tea in the Parish Room, the Rector (the Rev. E. H. Duke) presiding. At the business meeting, which followed, the Rector welcomed the members to Wickham, and referred to the pleasure which the ringing of the bells gave him.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of the bells and institute, and for presiding at the meeting; also to Mr. A. T. King and Mr. Langford for their presence.—In responding, Mr. King urged the members to rally round the secretary, and to give him more encouragement, by turning up regularly at the meetings.—The Hon. Secretary said he had corresponded with 18 towers with regard to the meeting, but had received replies from only three. He hoped the members would rouse up and assist him by replying to his letters.—The Rector also replied, and the ringers then returned to the tower, where two 720's of Kent and one of College Single were rung, as well as touches in other methods, including six-scores of Stedman Doubles, to which the Rector rang the tenor.

The 720's were rung by the following:—College Single: J. W. Whiting, W. Singleton, W. Cooper, W. Linter, H. Beckett, G. E. Chappell (conductor). Kent Treble Bob by W. Linter, W. Singleton, W. Cooper, H. Beckett, G. E. Chappell (conductor), W. F. Churcher, A. Mears, H. J. F. Smith and A. Millard.

The mill in the village of Wickham, is an object of interest to a large number of visitors, particularly Americans, as it contains the timbers of the old U.S. frigate "Chesapeak." After the fight with the "Shannon" in 1813, it was brought to England and dismantled, and the owner of Wickham Mill used some of the beams as rafters. Shot holes in the timbers are still visible.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—On Tuesday, October 10th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Willey 1, J. Semper 2, E. R. Semper 3, H. Bowcock 4, C. Semper 5, F. W. Stokes (conductor) 6.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—The Chester Diocesan Guild.—At the Parish Church on Thursday, October 12th, 720 of Bob Minor in 28 mins., with tenor covering: W. Morgan 1, A. E. Richards 2, W. Dunning 3, P. Smith 4, H. Thomas 5, H. W. Wilde (conductor) 6, J. Powis 8.

KENT MEETING AT LEWISHAM.

Lewisham, with its fine peal of eight bells, was the scene on Saturday of the annual meeting of that district of the Kent Association which takes its name from the populous suburb. Ringers gathered during the afternoon from all parts of the district, and from outside it, too, and it was a most pleasant reunion. The bells were kept merrily going with short touches, the methods ranging from Grandsire to Superlative, and there was quite a large attendance at the service, conducted by Canon Hough. Despite the fact that there was no organ to lead them, two hymns were heartily sung, and the short service consisted of appropriate prayers. Canon Hough gave a very homely address, welcoming the Association to Lewisham, and expressing his high appreciation of the work which the ringers did. He always felt, he said, that they were not recognised as they ought to be as church workers. The calling of a ringer needed a great amount of real skill, patience and perseverance, and he thought the way in which ringers loved the bells was wonderful. They delighted in ringing, and he reminded them of the higher motive that lay behind their work, and the pleasure they got from it—God's honour and glory.

Tea, to which about 90 sat down, was kindly given by the Vicar in the Parish Room, Canon Hough and his wife, who assisted in waiting upon their guests, having at the last minute to provide for half as many again as were at first expected, owing to those who had failed to notify the hon. secretary of their intention to be present by the required date. Such forgetfulness is rather inconsiderate and much upsets the catering arrangements. Canon Hough presided at the subsequent business meeting, when two Lewisham ringers and one Croydon ringer were elected members of the Association, and four elections in the belfry were ratified.—St. Nicholas', Deptford, was selected as the place for the next quarterly meeting.

A GOOD RECORD.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. T. Groombridge), in his annual report, said the district kept in a very flourishing condition. The quarterly meetings had been successful, and the higher methods had been practised at these gatherings. Twenty-eight peals had been rung in the district during the year, and members had taken part in 21 outside the district, including one on handbells, in which Miss Elsie Bennett took part, being the first lady to ring a peal for the Association. Thanks were due to the various incumbents for granting the use of the bells for peals and meetings, and to those who had given addresses at the services.—The Secretary also returned his best thanks to those who had assisted him in arranging the meetings, and making them most successful.—The report was adopted.

The appeal from the Shoreditch Bell Restoration Committee was read, and, while it was felt that Kent churches should have the first claim on the Association, it was recognised that this was a tower of more than ordinary interest, and on the motion of Mr. Jefferies, seconded by Mr. E. Barnett, it was decided to make a collection in the room. As a result £1 0s. 6d. was received for the fund.

Mr. T. Groombridge was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary—no better man could possibly be found for the post—and thanked for his services.—Mr. Jefferies was re-elected district secretary, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Canon Hough for granting the use of the bells, holding the service, and providing the tea.

On Saturday the Canterbury district of the Kent County Association held a meeting at St. Lawrence, Thanet. The Rev. B. Heald was present to welcome the members. Touches in Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich, were attempted. Tea was partaken of by 38 members, and afterwards the election of Mr. J. Freeborn was confirmed, and eight new members were elected. The tower of St. Stephen's, Canterbury, was accepted into union through the exertions of Mr. E. G. Buesden, district representative. The question of holding Divine Service at meetings was introduced by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, but no decision was come to. The tower was again visited, and further practise indulged in.

THE BELLS OF BARKING, SUFFOLK.

OLD PEAL RECAST.

The Bishop of Norwich has dedicated the recast peal of six at Barking Church, Suffolk. There was originally a ring of five old bells in the tower, three belonging to the fifteenth century, and two to the sixteenth Mr. A Bowell, of Ipswich, has recast them into six, and rehung them in entirely new fittings. The new tenor, which is 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs., bears the old Latin inscription copied from the former tenor, and the names of the Rector and churchwardens. It is said that the old bells were not rung for a period of between 50 and 70 years, but the parishioners have now a peal of which they may justly be proud. The work has been admirably carried out, and a large congregation attended the dedication service. The Bishop, in the course of an appropriate address, based on the words, "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the House of the Lord," said it was gratifying to know that the work of the Church still flourished in their midst. There were people who said that church work had by this time become old-fashioned and obsolete. They (the congregation) and he did not think so. Again, others spoke as if the Church owed all its endowments and prosperity to the piety of men of past generations. The restoration of these bells, which they had secured by the sacrifice of their own time and money, was a distinct contradiction to false statements of that kind. He was pleased to know they had entered into the spirit which told them that it was a poor thing, and a mean thing, for a man to live upon the past, to enjoy for himself the work—and its results—of his ancestors of long ago, and to simply survive as a relic of worthy men. Their ancestors had done everything for them in the building of their beloved church, but they were glad, in their generation, to contribute to the life and successful progress of the church, and all for which it stood in their midst. People forget that if the work in Christ's Church is to be successful, it must be done by men in this generation. They there had proved themselves worthy sons of those who endowed that church, by making in their own lifetime some further contribution to its support, whether to the fabric or to its activities. He believed they were largely led to do this by the love they bore the church, and the restored bells would again and again call them within those sacred walls.

At the close of the service touches of Bob Minor and Double Court were rung, and a well-struck 720 Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by W. Souter, of Stowmarket. Ringers attended from Ipswich, Stowmarket, Lavenham, Coddenham, Buxhall, Otley, Great Bentley, Henley, etc., one and all expressing their entire satisfaction with the tone and "go" of the bells.

A VILLAGE "CATHEDRAL."

SALISBURY GUILD RINGERS' MEETING.

Driving along the Exeter Road between Bridport and Charmouth, the traveller passes one of the finest bits of land and seascape to be seen anywhere in the south of England.

"Look round
Upon the variegated scene, of hills
And woods, and fruitful vales and villages
Half hid in tufted orchards, and the sea
Boundless, and studded thick with many a sail."

Thus wrote William Crowe in 1788, in speaking of this scene and of Marshwood Vale in particular, with its

"Verdant pasture, where the kine
Returning with their milky treasure home
Store the rich diary."

Situated in this West Dorset vale is one of those veritable village cathedrals—the parish church of Whitchurch Canonicoram.

This is one of the few places in Britain which can boast of possessing the shrine of a British Saint in situ. The identity of the remains contained in the leaden reliquary upon which, in raised letters, are the words: "Hic requesct reliqe sce wite" has long been a matter of dispute. The church is dedicated to St. White or Candida and the Holy Trinity. It is a cruciform building embodying much Norman and Early English work. The tower is perpendicular, and has a very fine west window. There is also a fine peal of six bells (tenor about 23 cwt.), with pits for two trebles.

This was the meeting-place for the W. Dorset branch of the Salisbury Guild on Saturday. Representatives assembled from Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Lyme Regis, and Netherbury, and they were met by the local band. Ringing was indulged in till 5 p.m., when a service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. — Welsh). Afterwards 36 sat down to tea, among the company being the Revs. Langford, Jacobs and Urquhart. After tea, the Chairman of the branch (the Rev. C. F. Langford) welcomed all, and spoke of the growing interest taken in the Guild since its sub-division into smaller branches.—The Secretary reported that since the last branch meeting the following towers had joined: Loders, Lyme Regis, Rampisham, and Shipton Gorge. The Whitchurch band also expressed their willingness to become members. The time and place of the next meeting was fixed for Bridport on Saturday, December 9th.—The usual votes of thanks terminated the meeting, after which the tower was again visited. Nothing very noteworthy was accomplished in change ringing, but a lot of spade work was done, and two unattached change ringers discovered, and their addresses duly noted. These will form useful additions to the slowly growing number who are, as the locals term it, "learning the scientific way of ringing."

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 15th, for morning service, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes): G. Webster 1, E. Johnson 2, J. H. White 3, W. Wiles 4, W. Cox 5, W. Maund 6, C. Freeman 7, A. Roberts (conductor) 8. For afternoon service 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by F. Pervin. Also for evening service 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, in which A. W. Flowers (Bournemouth) and F. Pervin took part.

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THE HON. SEC. OF THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The list of secretaries who have served the Durham and Newcastle Association includes the names of men who have rendered great service to the Exercise in the North. Among them have been Mr. G. J. Clarkson, of Stockton; Mr. L. Newton, of Durham; Mr. Thomas Hudson, of Bishopwearmouth; Mr. C. L. Routledge, of Newcastle; and Mr. A. M. C. Field, of Blackhill. To this list of able officers has now to be added Mr. C. L. Todd, of Darlington, who succeeded Mr. Field on May 31st, 1909, and has brought all the enthusiasm and energy of youth to bear upon the work. Mr. Todd is a native of Darlington, his

MR. CHARLES TODD.

father and grandfather having both been well-known townsmen, and he also belongs to a family of ringers, for two of his uncles and a brother have been connected with St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, for many years. A member of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries, London, Mr. Todd is a very busy man, and does not find a great deal of time for peal ringing, but he is very keen upon the duties of his office, and just as it is generally found that the busiest men are those who make time for such work, so Mr. Todd readily devotes his limited leisure to discharging the secretarial duties of the Association for the two northern dioceses.

Although his relatives were associated with St. Cuthbert's, Mr. Todd has always favoured the bells of his own church, Holy Trinity, and from the time he stood and listened to them on the night they were opened in 1891, he was ambitious to become a ringer. It was not until 1896, however, that he began ringing at Holy Trinity, and although he was amazed at the amount he had to learn before he could even ring the treble, he spent all his spare time in pricking out changes, in which his aptitude for figures—he was generally at the top of his school form in mathematics—stood him in good stead. He was fortunate also to be associated with a number of very keen ringers and was brought on rapidly. He called his first touch in 1900. He served upon the executive sub-committee of his Association, and prior to being elected secretary in 1909, filled the office of hon. auditor.

The inauguration of Ferry's scheme for recording Sunday service ringing in 1902 gave a great stimulus to ringing in the Association, and it was on this subject that his voice was first heard in the committee meetings of the Association. He was secretary of his tower from 1902 to 1910, during which period the Holy Trinity company won for three years in succession the first certificate awarded under Ferry's scheme—the second occasion being with a score which has never been equalled.

Most of Mr. Todd's ringing has been done in a six-bell tower, but his abilities are not limited to that number, as his peal list shows, and, although he has up to now rung but 19, he has, we hope, many years before him to swell considerably this number. His peals are made up as follow:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Seven Minor Methods	2	2
Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods	2	1
Seven Surprise Minor Methods	3	2
Grandsire Triples	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	4	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	
Stedman Triples	4	
Double Norwich Major	1	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1	
Total	19	5

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Saturday, September 30th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman was lost in the 12th course: J. Ward 1, A. Tyler 2, W. German 3, H. Horn 4, J. Mawby 5, J. Garratt 6, W. Perkins (conductor) 7, G. Downing 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. C. Keller to Miss L. Chambers. The ringers were afterwards entertained to supper, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.—On October 1st, for harvest festival, touches of Bristol, London, Superlative, Double Norwich, Forward Major. Stedman and Grandsire were rung by: A. Tyler, A. Perkins, J. Garratt, W. Perkins, H. Horn, C. Keller, J. Ward, W. German, J. Mawby, F. Jones and G. Downing.

COSELEY, STAFFS.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—On Sunday, October 1st, for the harvest festival services, the local society rang at the Parish Church the following touches:—Early celebration of Holy Communion, 224 Bob Major and 84 Grandsire Triples. For Choral Communion, 560 and 464 Bob Major. For evensong, 377 and 504 Grandsire Triples and 210 Oxford Bob Triples, also a short touch of Grandsire Triples after service.—On October 7th an attempt was made for a peal of Darlaston Bob Triples, but, after ringing 1470 changes in 50 minutes, the bells were brought round: W. A. Jeavons 1, A. Blundell (Wednesbury) 2, W. Grinsell 3, S. Pearce 4, B. Gough 5, W. Fisher 6, G. Hughes (conductor) (Wednesbury) 7, R. Dunn 8.—On Sunday, October 8th, for morning service, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Hughes (Wednesbury) 630 Oxford Bob Triples. For evening service touches of Bob Triples and Bob Major.—On October 12th, for practice, 630 Erin Triples: S. Baker 1, W. Fisher 2, B. Gough 3, S. Pearce 4, J. Goodman, junr. (Dudley) 5, Tom Hughes (Wednesbury) 6, George Hughes (Wednesbury) (conductor) 7, A. E. Law 8. Longest touch in the method on the bells, and by the ringers of the 1st, 4th and 5th; 336 Bob Major (J. Goodman conductor) and 210 Oxford Bob Triples (Wm. Fisher conductor) were also rung.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

One or two letters to the Editor are unavoidably held over this week.

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In connection with the "Bailey" peal it is interesting to recall the particulars of some of the other family peals which we briefly referred to last week. The peal of Grandsire Triples by the Grater family was rung at Tiverton in 1894 by Richard and his sons Richard, Ben, James and Samuel, and John and his sons William and John. Richard, senr., and John, senr., were brothers. This band were the first to ring a peal with all names alike.

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The Wightmans were the first to ring a peal with all brothers. This was Treble Bob Minor, including four Surprise methods, at Brandeston, in 1898. The brothers are William, Edgar, George, Alfred, David and Stephen. With their father, Stephen, senr., and J. Durrant they had previously (1897) rung a peal of Treble Bob Major.

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One family peal was overlooked last week, and that was the peal of Grandsire Triples rung on handbells last year by the Shepherds, of Hersham, father and three sons ringing a pair each.

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And talking of families, the Washbrooks are coming along. It would not be surprising if some day father and three sons were to put up a new performance by ringing eight tower bells between them to a peal.

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A fortnight ago, at Silverdale, Staffs, two courses of Grandsire Triples were rung for service by five ringers. J. E. Groves 1-2, J. W. Washbrook, junr., 3-4, J. W. Washbrook 5-6, W. R. Washbrook 7, Harry Washbrook 8. As we remarked, they are coming along.

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The good folk of Ashton-under-Lyne are displaying a good deal of energy in regard to the rehanging of bells in their district. Following on the work done to the peal of 12, St. Peter's eight (tenor 19 cwt.) are now to be rehung, Messrs. Warner and Co., of London, having been entrusted with the contract.

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There is a proposal afoot to place a peal of six in the church at Perranarworthal Church, Cornwall, where at present there are three bells, one of which is of the pre-Reformation period.

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We record this week the first peal of Erin Triples both by the Kent and the Lancashire Association. Erin Triples is booming.

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An apparatus by which a peal of bells is rung by electricity, a distinction possessed by no other church in England, has been installed by the Rev. R. K. Harris, Rector of Runwell, Essex.

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A peal board recording two muffled peals, one to the memory of Mr. W. Micklewright, senr., and the other to the memory of Mr. W. Micklewright, junr., has been unveiled at St. Thomas', Dudley, where both these ringers did so much good service.

The Collegiate Church at Tettenhall, near Wolverhampton, now possesses a peal of eight bells, two trebles having just been added by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. As long ago as 1604 a peal of five bells was hung in the tower and replaced by a ring of six in 1841.

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Mr. H. Stenton writes to say that the method recently named "Sandiacre Pleasure" was composed by one of the Anston Company, and rung at that Church on June 10th, 1906. As it happened to be Trinity Sunday, they called the method "Trinity Sunday."

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Seven members of St. Peter's company, Northampton, had an enjoyable half day at Piddington, where they rang with two of the local men on the five bells of the Parish Church, enjoyed an excellent meat tea at the Spread Eagle, and spent a pleasant musical evening with songs and handbells.

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On Tuesday week Mr. Fred Dixon, leader of the Guiseley ringers, read a most interesting paper on campanology, illustrated by lantern slides, to the Guiseley branch of the C.E.M.S. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and, after a few turns on handbells from Mr. Dixon, a hearty vote of thanks was given him by the meeting. The churchwardens, who were present as C.E.M.S. members, spoke in terms of high appreciation of Mr. Dixon, his paper and his work as head ringer.

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Subscription lists for the provision of the two trebles to make the peal of eight at Aldershot Parish Church, have been sent in by Mr. W. H. Fussell, Slough, £1 10s.; F. Mathis, Battle, 10s. 9d.

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It has been decided at a vestry meeting at Guildford, to put the bells of Holy Trinity Church, which now need the attention of a bell hanger, into a thoroughly satisfactory condition. The work is estimated to cost over £300, and an appeal is to be issued to the parishioners and townspeople generally.

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We desire to impress upon correspondents that peals rung up to and including the Saturday of each week should reach us not later than first post on the following Tuesday morning—earlier when possible—and peals rung after Saturday not later than the first post Wednesday. Reports of all Saturday meetings, etc., should also reach us by Tuesday morning to ensure insertion in the next issue. Attention to these particulars will frequently save disappointment.

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In aid of the bells repair fund of Shoreditch Church, a concert is to take place in the Parish Rooms on Saturday, November 18th. A specially good programme is being arranged, and will include an exhibition of handbell ringing by a party of Cumberlands. The repair fund is gradually progressing, and sums, however small, will be welcomed. Contributions to the fund should be sent to H. J. Bradley, the Parish Church, Shoreditch, from whom, also, tickets for the concert can be obtained.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—Ely Diocesan Association.—At St. Vigor's and All Saints' Church, on October 2nd, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor: E. Webb 1, H. Hall 2, H. Badcock 3, L. G. Mallion 4, J. Stalley 5, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 6, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in which J. Page took part.—October 8th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: A. Knowles 1, H. Hall 2, J. Stalley 3, W. Scotcher 4, J. Page 5, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 6.

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ASSOCIATION NOTES.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE.

The success of the annual festival, which was held in the City of Durham on Saturday last, was somewhat discounted by the fact that the Cathedral bells were not available. The beauties of the ancient city appeal to members just as much as to other people, but being near at hand, may be enjoyed at other times. Not so with the bells, for it is only during the Association's visit to the city that ringers have the chance of a pull. And what an attraction these bells are! The beginner has joyful anticipations of a creditable performance; and the additional pleasure of informing his friends, with an important air, that he has rung at the Cathedral. The more expert enjoy the fine tone of the bells, and, as they require a bit of handling, a well-struck touch is something to be proud of.

Small wonder then if those who regard ringing as the object of festival stayed away, and that the number present did not come up to expectations. Those who did attend showed their loyalty to the Association, and recognised that the business of the meeting is sufficiently important to require their presence.

They enjoyed to the full a helpful service and address, a good dinner, a well-conducted meeting, and the greetings of ringing friends from different places. Afterwards a few indulged in handbell ringing, and a welcome cup of tea, while others struggled with the only ring then available, the six of St. Nicholas, which, like all the Durham bells, could do with the attentions of a bell hanger.

It is surprising that in this, a Cathedral and University city, all the bells should be in indifferent order, and change ringing a dead letter. Many attempts have been made to remedy this, especially by trying to interest the undergraduates in the Art, but in vain. The place which, above all others in the Diocese, should be a teaching centre, sending out ringers to all parts of the kingdom, remains indifferent, and neglectful of its bells.

From what was heard during the day, there is evidently a strong feeling that the place of the festival, usually held at Durham, should be changed, at least occasionally. The Wednesday half-holiday members are to have a quarterly meeting fixed on that day to suit them. This ought to give general satisfaction.

The annual report shows that the Association is losing ground as regards peal ringing. This ought to be remedied, for there are plenty of men who are good enough and game enough for anything. Why not have regular peal ringing bands to ring the higher methods, and the simpler methods with one or two beginners in, alternately? It only needs a leader for each with time and energy to make the arrangements, the men are willing.

The awards for Sunday service ringing deservedly placed a six-bell tower, St. Ignatius, Sunderland, at the top, for they showed absolute regularity and ringing of a high quality. The return made by the Whitley Bay band, which secured third place, is a remarkable record. During the 52 Sundays they rang 720's in all the legitimate Surprise Minor methods, excepting Superlative which does not run to 720. This performance stamps them as the most talented six-bell band in the kingdom.

St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, is where the late R. S. Story loved to ring for service, and he was very desirous to have the octave completed, but his long illness delayed its fulfilment. However, his wish is soon to become an accomplished fact, through the generosity of Mr. T. T. Gofton. He is giving the two new bells, and his brothers and the other ringers are giving a portion and raising the remainder of the amount required to recast and rehang five bells. The remaining bell is to be recast and rehung by the Association as a memorial to the late Mr. Story.

It is said that St. John's, Newcastle, are going to ring the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major by the Association. They have not been heard practising it yet, and will need to hurry, for it will soon be rung at Whitley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES.

A monthly ringing meeting of the Derby District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Ripley on Saturday, and although it was an ideal day, with the local fair as an additional attraction, there was not a large attendance. The following towers and places were represented (the strongest contingent turning up from Derby, as usual): Alfreton, Darley Dale, Denby, Derby, Duffield, Eastwood, Ilkeston, Lenton, Swanwick, Wirksworth, and the local company.

At the subsequent meeting held in the belfry, the Rev. O. R. Plant in the chair, Duffield was selected as the next place of meeting in November.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and a similar compliment was then accorded to Mr. George for making the arrangements.—The Rev. Plant was elected an hon. member of the Association, and in thanking the meeting for asking him to become a member, remarked how interested he was in the bells, and said he would be glad to help in any way to further the good work the society was doing.—The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Duffield, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major, being brought round.

It is to be regretted that these meetings are not better attended, seeing that they are mainly for the benefit of those whose chances are few, and who are no doubt as anxious to ascend the topmost rung of the ladder as they were to score their first touch of Doubles. The writer can name several instances where young aspirants in country districts have had the opportunity of getting a touch of Stedman Triples or Double Norwich at these gatherings, where they otherwise would have had to wait a long time for the opportunity to present itself. In conclusion, let me give all a hearty invitation to the Duffield meeting, and make it a great success. Particulars, etc., will be given in a later edition.

A reference in this column a week or two ago to Mr. E. C. Gobey having rung a peal of Grandsire Triples at Ilkeston, has brought a somewhat satirical letter from Mr. Gobey informing the writer that he rang a peal of Grandsire Triples several years ago, which was called at the first attempt, and he has conducted peals of his own composition in other methods. He did nothing, he says, but call the peal at Ilkeston; the band knew Grandsire before he started to ring, and the ringer of the tenor was his instructor in ringing when he started on three bells. The Ilkeston band have other methods on their programme, and he contends that a peal of Grandsire well struck compares favourably with the methods practised by bands being formed in the district when they are struck in an indifferent manner. Mr. Gobey, we think, has misconstrued the spirit and the sense of the paragraph to which he refers

OXFORD GUILD.

A combined practice for members of the Sonning branch of the Oxford Guild was held at Finchampstead on Saturday week, 25 members being present, representing the towers of Binfield, Hurst, Arborfield, Sandhurst, Easthampstead, Finchampstead, Wokingham (All Saints), Hawley and Yateley. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Grandsire Minor, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford, Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob and Cambridge Surprise were rung.

A CORONATION PEAL BOARD.

UNVEILING AT WOOTTON BASSETT.

A special service was held at Wootton Bassett Parish Church last Saturday week for the purpose of unveiling a peal board recording a peal rung in commemoration of the Coronation of his Majesty, King George V. The service, which was fully choral, was of a bright and hearty description, and was attended by a good number of ringers, together with several parishioners who were interested in the proceedings. The Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Stewart Matthias, in the absence of the Rev. C. E. G. Peters, through indisposition, gave an appropriate address from the text, "In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, Holiness unto the Lord." At the conclusion of the service, the Vicar and choir proceeded to the ringing chamber, where the unveiling ceremony was performed. The board, which is of polished oak with three panels, is of Gothic design, and is a beautiful piece of workmanship. It was prepared by one of the local ringers, who had devoted a great deal of his spare time to the work. The inscription, carried out under the supervision of Mr. E. Lansdowne, is worded as follows: "To the glory of God and to commemorate the Coronation of King George, June 22nd, 1911, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on these bells in 3 hrs. and 4 mins.: 1 J. M. Brinkworth, 2 A. Lawrence, 3 R. W. Hyner, 4 O. J. Hunt, 5 L. A. Wilson, 6 H. W. L. Wells, 7 C. J. Gardiner, 8 R. Roberts. Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by R. W. Hyner. Rev. J. C. Stewart Matthias (Vicar), F. Mundy, H. Bevir (Churchwardens)."

A short touch of Grandsire Triples was then rung by the ringers who took part in the peal. An adjournment was afterwards made to the Angel Hotel, where the Vicar and churchwardens had generously provided tea, the catering of Mrs. Tayler giving every satisfaction.—Mr. L. A. Wilson, on behalf of the ringers, thanked the donors for their kindness and the interest they had displayed.—The Vicar briefly responded.—During the evening the tower was again visited, and the finishing touch to a pleasant day was an excellent quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by O. J Hunt (first quarter-peal) 1, O. W. Laying 2, A. Lawrence 3, R. W. Hyner 4, L. A. Wilson 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, J. M. Brinkworth 8.

MESSRS TAYLOR'S GIFT.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have just cast a bell for the new Church of St. Peter, which is in course of erection at Loughborough. The bell is a gift from the present members of the family in memory of the widow of the late Mr. John Taylor.

The bell, which is a fine example of the bell founders' art, is to hang in a gable opening. The weight is 5 cwts. 3 qrs. 10 lbs., in D flat. The inscription on one side, as can be seen in the illustration, is :—

"TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN MEMORY OF ELIZA TAYLOR
WHO DIED 2 APRIL, 1910, WIDOW OF
JOHN WILLIAM TAYLOR, BELL FOUNDER.
GIVEN BY HER SONS JOHN & DENISON.
1911."

and on the other :—

HARRY PERKINS — VICAR.
ROBERT J. STURDEE, WALTER C. BURDER — WARDENS.

FOUR SHIRES RINGING COMPETITIONS.

The half-yearly meeting of the Four Shires Guild was held at Shipstone on Thursday week, when ringers were present from Blockley, Campden, Todenham, Longborough and Moreton-in-Marsh. Competitions were held in the afternoon for rising and sinking, round ringing and call changes, and resulted as follows:—

Rising and sinking: 1, Longborough, 52 points; 2, Blockley, 36.
Round ringing: 1, Campden, 97; 2, Todenham, 90.
Call changes: 1, Campden, 92; 2, Blockley, 90.

Some 40 ringers attended service in the church, which was conducted by the Rev. Lloyd (Vicar of Shipstone), an address being given by the Rev. Spencer Jones, Rector of Moreton-in-Marsh.—Tea was partaken of at the White Hart, and at the business meeting which followed, the President of the Guild (the Rev. Canon Houghton) wrote expressing regret at his absence, and wishing the Guild success.—The Vicar of Todenham (the Rev. Drew) was voted to the chair, and, upon the invitation of the Vicar of Campden, it was decided to hold the next meeting at that place.—The tower was afterwards visited and Stedman and Grandsire rung.

CLERICAL RINGERS AT HIGH WYCOMBE.

THE ATTEMPT FOR STEDMAN CINQUES.

With the view of attempting a peal of Stedman Cinques, twelve of the ringing clergy, representative of eleven counties in England, met at High Wycombe on Tuesday, October 24th, the peal attempt being made on the following day. The occasion was an absolutely unique one, inasmuch as so great a number of clergy had never before met to ring together. The names and the positions in which they stood for the peal attempt are as follow:—Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (Cambridge), treble; Rev. C. W. O Jenkyn (Caversham, Oxon), 2nd; Rev. J. F. Hastings (Martley, Worcs.), 3rd; Rev. A. T. Beeston (New Mills), 4th; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (Canterbury), 5th; Rev. E. V. Cox (Walsall), 6th; Rev. C. D. P. Davies (Fretherne, Glos.), 7th; Rev. C. Carew Cox (Stratford-on-Avon), 8th; Rev. H. A. Cockey (Oldland, Bristol), 9th; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne, Berks), 10th; Rev. C. A. Clements (Hale, Liverpool), 11th; Rev. W. W. C. Baker (Dunstable), tenor. A practice took place on the bells in the evening preliminary to a start for the peal in the morning, a course of Stedman Cinques being rung for the first time by clergy only. About 9 o'clock on Wednesday, the peal, consisting of 5014 changes, and the first of Cinques ever composed by a clergyman (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) was started for, under the conductorship of the Rev. C. C. Cox. Unfortunately the attempt came to grief after one hour and five minutes' ringing, owing to a shift-course. Afterwards the first course of Superlative Surprise Major by a band of clergy was rung on the back eight bells. The band consisted of the Revs. H. A. Cockey, treble; G. F. Coleridge, 2nd; F. J. O. Helmore, 3rd; A. T. Beeston, 4th; E. V. Cox, 5th; C. C. Cox, 6th; H. S. T. Richardson, 7th; C. W. O. Jenkyn, tenor, after which a quarter-peal (1318 changes) of Stedman Cinques was attempted, but was lost three courses from the end.

The band wish to record their expression of gratitude to the Vicar (the Rev. C. P. S. Clarke) for placing the bells at their disposal, and to the local ringers for their welcome. Hospitality was accorded to the whole band by residents in the town, of which kindness the visitors will always retain a very high appreciation. Not the least pleasing event of the outing was the welcome accorded to the band at the Abbey, where, by kind invitation of the Headmistress, they were entertained to dinner. In the Central Hall, before the assembled school, change ringing was performed on the handbells, kindly lent by the local ringers, a well-struck course of Grandsire Triples being rung double-handed by the Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn 1—2, C. C. Cox 3—4, H. S. T. Richardson 5—6, E. V. Cox 7—8, an accomplishment which seemed to be much appreciated. Before leaving, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, in the rame of the visitors, thanked Miss Whitelaw for the hospitality extended, and referred to the practical interest now taken in change ringing by ladies. It is only fair to the band to say that at the last moment, the Rev. H Law James, one of their original number, was unable to come owing to the illness of a member of his family, and a substitute had to be provided, and although the substitute was quite an efficient one, the order of the band in the belfry could not be arranged quite as originally intended. With a slight alteration of the band, another attempt for the peal will be made again after Easter, probably in Gloucestershire, when they hope to meet with success, for although the real object of their visit was not attained, yet the combined practice which the ringing afforded will be found to have been very useful, for the striking on the Wednesday was, on the whole, distinctly good.

A photograph of the band will be given in our next issue.

MR. E. HORREX'S 250th PEAL.

The peal of Stedman Cinques, rung at Cornhill, on Saturday, October 21st, and recorded last week, was the 250th by that veteran, Mr. Edwin Horrex, the steeple keeper at St. Michael's. His total is made up as follows:—

Grandsire Triples	28
Stedman Triples	34
Grandsire Major	2
Kent Treble Bob Major (including three 8000's)	38
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1
Double Norwich Major	7
Superlative Surprise Major	2
Grandsire Caters	17
Stedman Caters (including an 11,000)	41
Kent Treble Bob Royal	24
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1
Double Norwich Royal	1
Stedman Cinques	35
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	18
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1
Total	250

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—In sending in items for publication in this column correspondents are asked to write plainly and, where names are given, to take care that all appear. Frequently we have touches sent us in an incomplete state, with, for instance, seven names given for eight bells, or with the name of the place omitted. We would also point out that the unnecessary repetition of names should be avoided

HORSMONDEN.—On Sept. 29th, on handbells, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Marshall 1—2, A. Relf 3—4, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 5—6, W. W. Marshall 7—8. Longest length by all except conductor.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On Sunday, October 1st, 720 of Bob Minor, 6-8 covering: W. Coveney 1, A. B. Robson 2, E. E. Bridges 3, *G. Beeby 4, *T. Eades 5, F. Harris 6, H. Baker (conductor) 7, G. Coveney 8. *First 720.

SWAINSWICK.—On Sunday, October 1st, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 41 mins.: H. Bond 1, Miss G. Grant 2, T. Grant 3, S. White (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, J. Crocker (first quarter-peal) 5, J. Burston 6.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.—The Chester Diocesan Guild.—On Monday, October 2nd, at St. Andrew's Church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: G. R. Newton 1, J. W. Bell 2, E. Breese 3, W. Davies 4, J. Martin 5, J. Morgan 6, R. Sperring (conductor) 7, J. Allen 8.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Monday, October 2nd, at St. Giles' Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: G. Petty (first 720 in any method) 1, H. Tucker 2, A. Clark 3, W. Bonham 4, E. Yates (conductor) 5, T. Tompkins 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Clark 1, H. Tucker 2, H. Edwards 3, E. Yates 4, T. Tompkins 5, C. Valentine (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all.—On Sunday, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 College Pleasure, with W. Bonham taking part.

LEDBURY. — Hereford Diocesan Guild. — On October 2nd, at the Parish Church, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: T. Napper 1, T. Williams 2, D. Owen 3, W. Mansell 4, J. Dance 5, T. Davis 6, T. Dance (conductor) 7, G. Morris 8.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On October 2nd, 448 Superlative Surprise Major: E. J. Oliver 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, W. Clifford 3, F. S. Price 4, J. C. Dicken 5, W. Clifford, junr., 6, E. J. Boot 7, P. Price 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of our Lady, on October 3rd, 640 Kent Treble Bob: G. Taylor 1, T. Dennis 2, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (conductor) 4, B. D. Buttress 5, W. B. Kempton 6, T. W. Dickerson 7, W. Eusden 7, F. Kempton 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples.

MORPETH.—At the Old Clock Tower, on Tuesday, October 3rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: A. O. Bowman 1, F. Nichol (first with a bob bell) 2, C. C. Armstrong 3, J. Nichol 4, T. Oram 5, J. Armstrong (conductor) 6.

PENGE, KENT.—At St. John the Evangelist's Church, on October 3rd, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: W. G. Conn 1, E. Pobgee 2, J. Town 3, S. Hopkins 4, W. G. Conn, junr. (first on an inside bell) 5, G. Wickens (conductor) 6.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On October 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples for practice: T. Crook 1, E. Watkinson 2, J. Watkinson 3, B. A. Knights (conductor) 4, H. France 5, S. Watkinson 6, E. Banister 7, J. Harrison 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Wednesday, October 4th, for harvest festival, at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: A. E. Newick (first quarter-peal) 1, I. Emery 2, G. Durling 3, A. Bygrave 4, G. Huxley 5, S. Marshall (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, A. James, senr., 7, F. Sear 8.—Also on Sunday, October 8th, after service, 504 Stedman Triples, and 240 Grandsire Triples.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—The Essex Association.—On Wednesday, October 4th, at the Parish Church, for practice, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. Prior 1, G. Gordan 2, J. Luckey 3, W. Watts 4, T. Jordan 5, T. J. Watts (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, October 8th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, T. Jordan 2, G. Jordan 3, H. J. Tucker 4, T. J. Watts 5, H. F. Dawkins 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, A. Jordan 8.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On handbells, on Thursday, October 5th, 720 Bob Minor: M. Duck (aged 15 years) 1—2, C. Watson (aged 17 years) 3—4, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 5—6. The first 720 on handbells by Messrs. Duck and Watson.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On October 5th, after the funeral of the late Joshua Grundy, who had been a member of the choir at Worsley Parish Church for the last 38 years, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins., with the bells half-muffled: H. Derbyshire 1, Rev. C. B. Hulton 2, F. Derbyshire 3, J. H. Ridyard 4, R. Ridyard 5, P. Derbyshire 6, Joe Ridyard (conductor) 7, W. Jones 8.

POTTEN, BEDS.—On Thursday, October 5th, for the harvest festival service, a 360 Reverse College Single and 360 Single Oxford. — On Sunday, October 8th, 720 Reverse College Single and Single Oxford: F. Carter 1, W. Inskip 2, A. Bailey 3, C. A. Pratt (Clifton) 4, W. Compton 5, F. Blood (Biggleswade) conductor 6. This is the first 720 on this principle by all except the conductor, and the first on the bells.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—At St. Lawrence's Church, Oct. 6th, a quarter-peal of Darlaston Bob Triples (1260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Simkin 1, G. Morgan 2, W. Smith 3, H. Belcher 4, T. Lowe 5, E. Unitt 6, J. A. Brown (Bilston) conductor 7, J. Foster 8.

CANNING TOWN.—At Holy Trinity Church, Barking Road, on Friday, October 6th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: G. L. Joyce (first in the method) 1, A. Fiddes 2, E. Wigg 3, W. Doran 4, T. Cranfield (conductor) 5, R. Sanders 6.

BUILTH WELLS, BRECONSHIRE.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On October 7th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: F. S. Sparkes 1, W. A. Sparkes (first 720 on an inside bell) 2, F. R. Sparkes 3, C. Powell 4, R. E. Sparkes (first 720 as conductor) 5, W. H. Bicknell 6.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Saturday, October 7th, at St. Leonard's Church, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, which unfortunately came to grief owing to a mis-call, after ringing just over 3000 changes: A. Newsome 1, J. Overton 2, F. S. Wilson (Ludlow) 3, J. Elcock 4, B. Head 5, W. Overton 6, W. Short (conductor) 7, E. Foxall 8.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL.—The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—On Saturday, October 7th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: F. Craddock 1, R. Scott (first in the method) 2, R. Richardson 3, J. W. Lake (conductor) 4, J. Osborn 5, A. Mackears 6.

COLSTON-BARRETT.—On Saturday, October 7th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was made by the following: W. C. Wakley (Burton-on-Trent) 1, J. J. Jackson (Belton, Rutland), 2, W. E. White (Cotgrave) 3, W. White (Cotgrave) 4, A. P. Wakley (Burton-on-Trent) conductor 5, R. H. Bartram (Melton Mowbray) 6, T. Squires (Cotgrave) 7, R. W. Baker (Langham, Rutland) 8. The attempt, however, was abandoned, owing to the bad going of the tenor, after about two hours good ringing.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBRIDGE.—On Oct. 7th ringers from Cambridge, Chesterton, Fen Ditton and Great Shelford visited Stapleford, and rang two 120's of Grandsire Doubles, and one of Bob Doubles: W. Mansfield 1, P. Pigg 2, A. Dean 3, O. W. Shelton 4, W. Eusden (conductor) 5, F. White 6. Also 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Mansfield 1, E. G. Hibbins 2 (first 720 in the method), L. G. Mallion 3, P. Pigg 4, O. W. Shelton 5, W. Eusden (conductor) 6. Also 720 Bob Minor by: T. R. Dennis 1, E. G. Hibbins 2, L. G. Mallion 3, W. Mansfield 4, A. Dean 5, W. Eusden (conductor) 6.

EDENBRIDGE.—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, October 8th, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: E. Leigh, junr., 1, A. Belton 2, R. Jenner 3, W. Leigh 4, G. Malyan 5, T. Wallis 6, J. Heasman (conductor) 7, E. Leigh 8. First quarter-peal on the new bells by the ringers of 3, 5, 8. The band are all local men.

LONG EATON.—At St. Lawrence's Church, 504 Stedman Triples, for evening service, on October 8th: N. Widdowson 1, J. Harrison 2, A. Hickton 3, R. Drage 4, J. Ward 5, J. Andrews 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, T. Edenborough 8.

BUSHEY.—The Hertfordshire Association.—On Sunday, October 8th, for evening service, 576 Superlative Surprise Major: R. Darlow 1, J. J. Allen 2, T. R. Scott 3, B. Prewett 4, F. A. Smith 5, F. Edwards 6, M. F. R. Hibbert 7, R. E. Stavert (conductor) 8.

LEYTONSTONE. — At St. John the Baptist Church, on Sunday, October 8th, 720 Chelsea Surprise: W. Theobald 1, S. Hayes 2, G. A. Black 3, G. Dawson 4, J. Moule 5, H. Torble (conductor) 6.

BRIERLEY HILL.—On Sunday, October 8th, before morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: P. Harley 1, J. Whatmore 2, W. Potter 3, A. Prestridge 4, J. Lloyd 5, F. V. Allen 6, J. Piper (conductor) 7, J. W. Williams 8. In the evening, 504 in the same method, with A. E. Whatmore taking part.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 8th, at St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 42 mins.: F. Colclough 1, J. Harper 2, T. Lowe 3, W. Smith 4, J. Foster 5, J. Adams 6, J. A. Brown (conductor) 7, T. Justice 8.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.—Midland Counties Association.—On Sunday, October 8th, for evensong, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 London Surprise: E. Quinney 1, E. Vallance 2, G. Stoneley 3, W. Horton 4, T. Vallance 5, E. H. Stoneley (conductor) 6.

HARWICH.—The Essex Association.—On October 8th a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 45 mins.: J. Alderton 1, T. Bernarch 2, C. Ellis 3, T. Taylor 4, G. Thompson 5, G. Taylor 6, A. T. Morris (conductor) 7, W. A. Cooke 8.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, on October 8th, for harvest festival, 910 Grandsire Triples: D. Anscombe 1, W. H. Corbett 2, A. Goldsmith 3, G. Wyatt 4, J. Wyatt 5, J. Hoyle 6, W. Cook (conductor) 7, G. Cook 8.

READING.—At St. Lawrence's Church, on Sunday, October 8th, for evening service, 532 Grandsire Triples: F. Longshaw 1, F. Alexander 2, E. Bailey 3, W. Newell 4, R. Runham 5, F. Newman 6, E. Denham (conductor) 7, S. Bristowe 8. Rung as a farewell to F. Newman, who has left Reading for Leicester, the ringers wishing him every success.

PORTSEA. On October 8th, at St. Mary's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Hayward (first 504) 1, C. Groves 2, S. Thomas 3, J. Wheeler 4, A. Collins 5, J. Symonds 6, J. Harris (conductor) 7, J. Harding 8. —For harvest festival, on September 27th, 1134 Grandsire Triples, longest length by J. Wheeler.

NEWCHURCH.—On Sunday, October 8th, at St. Nicholas Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 39 mins.: Jas. Taylor 1, R. Leach (Ramsbottom) 2, J. Hanson (Ramsbottom) 3, J. Heptonstall (Waterfoot) 4, W. Taylor (conductor) 5, J. B. Taylor (Waterfoot) 6, J. T. Wright 7, J. W. Ormerod 8.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On October 8th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for morning service: W. F. Smith 1, H. W. Gayton 2, C. Mortimer 3, H. Sharp 4, H. L. Harlow 5, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 6, W. Webb 7, E. Lathall 8.

HARWELL, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, October 8th, 720 Grandsire Minor: A. R. Bosley 1, W. Hitchman 2, R. G. Rice (conductor) 3, G. C. Rice 4, V. R. Hitchman 5, R. F. Deal 6.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 8th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. James 1, G. Biggin 2, E. James 3, J. Biggin 4, J. Linley 5, Pte. G. Rose (1st Coldstream Guards) 6, W. Biggin (conductor) 7, G. Smith 8.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, October 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): E. Webb 1, G. A. Ransom 2, T. Beadle 3, W. H. Bigg (first quarter-peal) 4, G. Spencer (conductor) 5, C. Dell 6, F. G. Goddard 7, H. Beadle 8.

NORTH CRAWLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, October 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, after evensong, in 45 mins.: W. Inwood 1, E. Lathall 2, W. F. Smith 3, F. C. Tompkins (conductor) 4, W. Brown 5, F. C. Mapley 6.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 8th, for harvest festival, 756 Grandsire Triples: J. Buckby 1, J Waterfield 2, E. Morris (composer and conductor) 3, D. Iliffe 4, J. Bolton 5, W. N. Adkinson 6, F. Staniforth 7, E. Leech 8. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples, in which J. T. Taylor and H. Cutler took part. Also after service 280 Grandsire Triples.

SHIPLEY.—The Sussex County Association.—On Sunday, October 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Bowell 1, T. Adams 2, W. Peirce 3, G. Lucas 4, W. Denman, junr., 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6. In the afternoon 720 Bob Minor: W. Peirce 1, T. Adams 2, R. J. B. Frank 3, R. Bowell 4, J. Bowell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6. Arranged for Mr. Frank from the adjoining parish of West Grinstead. It was his first attempt beyond a plain course.

WORKSOP.—On Sunday, October 8th, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Peck 1, H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, J. T. Bartram (West Stockwith) 5, H. Haigh (conductor) 6, T. Wilson 7, F. Hind 8.

SOUTHGATE.—On Monday evening, October 9th, on the occasion of the opening of the new choir vestry by the Bishop of Islington at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor, with tenor covering: G. Bester 1, H. Armstrong 2, A. R. Glasscock 3, J. E. Miller 4, J. Armstrong (conductor) 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, A. Dodson 8.

TWERTON.—The Bath and Wells Association.—On Tuesday evening, for practice, at St. Michael's Church, Twerton-on-Avon, the first quarter of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 43 mins.: F. C. Rich 1, W. J. Prescott (conductor) 2, R. J. Cousins 3, E. King 4, C. Collier 5, H. W. Brown 6, T. F. King 7, L. P. Smith 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON.—On October 10th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: G. Pilmore 1, S. Cox 2, J. Clarke 3, A. Bell 4, H. Brown 5, P. Carter 6, C. Fowler (conductor) 7, W. Thompson 8.—On October 15th 504 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Thompson 1, S. Cox 2, J. Clarke (conductor) 3, A. Bell 4, J. Britchfield 5, G. Huddlestone 6, J. Willson 7, W. Thompson 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Tuesday, October 10th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: W. Farey (conductor) 1, H. Rainbow 2, E. Harriss 3, J. Mackey 4, J. Hensman 5, F. Hopper 6, W. Allen 7, J. S. White 8.—On Sunday, October 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1280 changes): G. Freeman 1, A. P. Hensman 2, E. Harriss 3, J. S. White 4, J. Hensman 5, W. Farey 6, H. Blundell 7, W. Allen (conductor) 8.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On October 11th, at Holy Trinity Church, 840 Stedman Triples: J. Hanly 1, F. S. Downing 2, H. Bailey 3, W. Short (conductor) 4, J. York 5, H. Aston 6, W. Saunders 7, J. Garbett 8. This is the longest length of Stedman in which seven Coalbrookdale ringers have taken part.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Southern branch was held at Fladbury on Saturday last, and, although unfortunately the Western branch meeting was held on the same day, was well attended. Ringers were present from Evesham, Pershore, Little Comberton, Cropthorne, Wolverhampton, Bretforton, Badsey, etc. The bells are a pretty peal of six, but badly in need of the bell hanger. Touches of Grandsire, Canterbury, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Minor, were rung. At the service, the Rev. A. G. Petigrew gave an interesting address on bells, his text being part of Ephesians v., 19, "Singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord."—Tea was provided in the Parish Club Room, between thirty and forty sitting down, the Rector, the Rev. C. J. Hunt, and the Rev. A. G. Petigrew, taking tea with the visitors.—The Rector welcomed the members to Fladbury, and referred to the belfry customs of years ago, and the belfry reform of the present time.—Afterwards the visitors were photographed by flashlight, and at the subsequent business meeting the Rector presided, and was elected an hon. member, as was also the Rev. H. Wilkinson, Vicar of Cropthorne.—The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Ringing master, Mr. H. Middleton; secretary, Mr. J. Hemming; representative on Central Committee, Mr. F. Jordan.—It was decided to make an attempt for the quarterly peal at Cropthorne, with Mr. J. Hemming, conductor.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Blockley.—On the proposition of Mr. J. Hemming, a hearty vote of thanks were accorded to the Rector for presiding, and for providing such a splendid tea, to the ladies for attending to the visitors' needs, also to the Rev. A. G. Petigrew for his very interesting address.—The Rector briefly replied, and the belfry was then re-visited. Cropthorne bells were available for an hour, afternoon and evening, and this privilege was appreciated.

WESTERN BRANCH SECRETARYSHIP.

The third quarterly meeting of the Western branch was held on Saturday at Dodderhill, Droitwich. At the service, the Vicar gave a short but very interesting address on bells and their effect on people. There were people, he remarked, who disliked the sound of bells, and he thought the real reason was that the sound of bells brought them back from the gaiety of life to its more serious side.—Tea was provided in the Parish Room, about 30 members being present.—The Vicar (the Rev. Canon Price) presided at the business meeting, when twelve new members were proposed and accepted. Worcester was selected for the next place of meeting, on February 10th. The quarterly peal is to be attempted at St. Andrew's, Droitwich, with Mr. Checketts, conductor. —Mr. Page was re-elected Master.

For the office of hon. secretary, Mr. Ranford, Suckley, and Mr. Edgington, Worcester, were nominated. After two votes had been taken, the first resulting in a tie, Mr. Ranford was elected by nine votes to seven, 12 not voting.—The Vicar was, on the proposition of Mr. Page, thanked for his service and address, also for providing the tea and presiding at the meeting.

The late secretary, Mr. H. T. Knowles, before the meeting closed, said he thought he was fully entitled to know from what cause or reason he had forfeited their good opinions. He had been a member of the society for nearly 25 years, and had assisted in forming the society into branches. He had taken up the work of hon. secretary of this branch, and the inevitable disappointments of new work at any time caused disappointments and difficulties. He was not aware that his services had not been acceptable to the members. He had always tried to do his best under all circumstances. He thought the members were lacking in courtesy in not asking him to resign or giving him some intimation that a change was desirable. His first intimation was when others were nominated. He would remind them that it was the duty of every man to look after his living first, and that the secretaryship was purely voluntary. He felt his position very keenly. —The Vicar, on rising to return thanks, said the late secretary was fully entitled to all he had asked, but as little good could be done in prolonging the meeting, he declared it closed.

PRESENTATION AT IRTHLINGBOROUGH.

On Monday, October 10th, an interesting presentation took place in the Irthlingborough belfry, Mr. C. Keller being the recipient of a silver cigarette case from his fellow-members of the tower. The presentation was made by Mr. A. Y. Tyler, who wished him every prosperity in his new sphere.—Mr. Keller thanked the ringers for their kindness, and said he should always think of the happy hours he had spent in the tower at Irthlingborough. The cigarette case is engraved with the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. C. Keller by the I.B.R." A 576 Bristol Surprise Major was afterwards rung: J. J. Mawby 1, A. Perkins 2, J. T. Ward 3, A. T. Tyler 4, C. Keller 5, W. German (conductor) 6, J. Garratt 7, W. Perkins 8. Mr. Keller left for Auckland, New Zealand, on October 13th.

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NOTICES.

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SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Staveley on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Church of St. John the Baptist, 8 bells (tenor 18 cwt.), available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. —J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Sec., 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Ringing in the afternoon and evening —Rev. B. H. T. Drake, 29, Bancroft, Hitchin.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Martin's on Wednesday, November 8th, at 8 o'clock.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on November 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing will be Southwark Cathedral from 3.30 to 5 o'clock for evening service, and St. Magnus, London Bridge, from 4 to 6 p.m. Practices: St. John's, Hackney, Nov. 7th; St. Magnus, Nov. 9th.—W. T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne, on Saturday, November 11th, 1911. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting, 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Croydon on Saturday, November 11th. Meet at the Bell Foundry, at 2.45 p.m., by invitation of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Tea at 5. Ringing after at St. John's (Parish) and St. Peter's Churches. Notice to representatives in due course. Will unattached members intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Monday, November 6th.—Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the members of the above district will be held at Southampton on Saturday, the 11th day of November. St. Michael's tower will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5.15, in St. Michael's Parish Hall, and business meeting immediately after. Members intending to be present at the tea will oblige by letting me know by Wednesday, the 8th November. — Jas. W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish, on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7. Business: Election of Branch Secretary. A good meeting is requested.—W. H. Shuker, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Peploe), on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock, 9d. each. Will those intending to be present inform me not later than November 8th. Members and friends cordially invited. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid before this meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting will take place at the Parish Church, Sheffield, on Saturday, November 4th, 1911. Bells (12) will be available from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Sidney F. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on November 11th. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting in the Schoolroom at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, November 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—W. H. Peabody, District Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready at 4.—Walter Hughes, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Winscombe on Saturday, November 11th. Tea 4 p.m., meeting and service following (tea 6d. each). Bells available from 2 p.m.—A. H. Davies, Honorary Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, November 18th. Bells (8) from 4 o'clock; service 5.30; tea and meeting at Church Cottage 6.15.—F. G. Hume, District Secretary.

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DEATH.

POPPY.—On Oct. 31st, at Moorhall Farm, Eye, Norah Amelia, the beloved wife of Ernest F. Poppy, aged 35.

The fixing of the new frame and bells at Machen will be completed during the next few weeks.

The Vicar of Marshfield has made an appeal in his Parish Magazine for funds to rehang the six bells in Peterston Church, which have not been rung for many years.

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THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

A correspondent who can ring Stedman Triples has asked me to explain how to call it. He is getting his band on to the method; but their efforts are limited because not one of them really understands how it is called. In cases like this I am always glad to give what assistance I can, and this week I will devote the space at my disposal to this interesting method. I am assuming, of course, that those for whom these particular notes are intended, are acquainted with the method itself, that is to say, that they know how to ring it. All I need do is to remind would-be conductors of Stedman that the bob is made at the first change of a six. Instead of using the terms "wrong," "middle," "home," etc., the places where the bobs are called have a numerical designation, 1, 2, 3, 4, etc., for the successive six-heads (where the bobs are made). As the bob is made at the first change of the six, and it is necessary to call it a whole pull or nearly a whole pull before, it follows that the call is actually made during the 5th change of the preceding six, so that a bob at 3 is really called in the second six, a bob at 4 in the third six, and so on. Let me give an example, with the seventh the observation bell. We want a bob at 3, and for the purposes of illustration we start with the 7th dodging in 4-5 down, which is the second six of the course, because we must remember that the actual starting point of a course is the first change with the seventh dodging in 6-7 down.

3rd change of 2nd six	6 4 3 2 7 1 5
	6 3 4 7 2 5 1
Call bob in this change	3 6 4 2 7 1 5
Six-end	3 4 6 7 2 5 1
Make bob in this change	4 3 7 6 2 1 5
	3 4 7 2 6 5 1
	etc.

In touches and peals where one of the bells, customarily the 7th, is a fixed bell, we find that it is usual to place the bobs at 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8—which are the sixes in which the 7th is below 6-7 for the slow work—and 12, 13—when the 7th is below 6-7 for the quick work. Bobs called at any other six, i.e., 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, or 14, would upset the 7th in pursuing the plain course work. To find the exact spot at which to call the bobs, my readers can easily prick out the course for themselves, remembering that the first six starts after the change 2 3 1 4 5 6 7. Now, from the young ringer's point of view, matters are simplified by calling the bobs in pairs, because the alternate order of slow and quick work is not changed. As a matter of fact most of the peals of Stedman are based upon this plan of even numbers of bobs. The famous peal known as Thurstans' Four-Part, and the many variations of it, are constructed in this way.

Touches may be got by the following :—

One course, call bobs at 3-4, 7-8, 12-13.

Two courses: 3-4; or 5-6; or 7-8; or 12-13; 3-4, 7-8, or 3-4, 12-13; etc., repeating the calling in each case.

Three courses: 3-4, 3-4-5-6, 5-6.

A quarter-peal based on Thurstans' peal is as follows :—

2 3 1 4 5 6 7			
2 4 6 3 5 1 7	got by bobs at	3-4	7-8
4 3 2 5 6 1 7	got by bobs at	3-4-5-6	12-13
3 4 2 5 1 6 7	got by bobs at	5-6	

The three courses called five times produce rounds at the end of 1260 changes.

There is another way of indicating these bob places in composition where the calls come in even numbers. The 3-4 is sometimes indicated by S (meaning going in slow); the 5-6 by H (meaning the half turns), the 7-8 by L (meaning the last whole turn), and the 12-13 by Q (meaning bobs when going in and out quick). Thus the quarter-peal given above might also be shown.

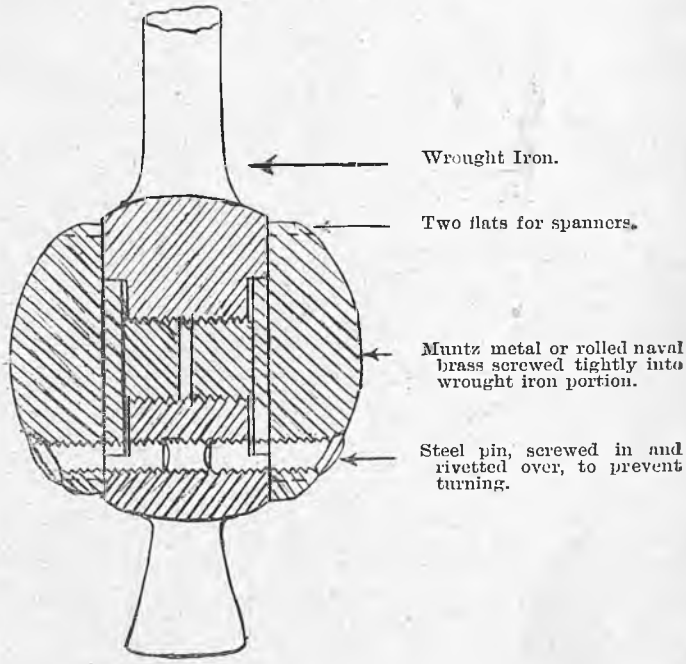
2 3 1 4 5 6 7	S.	H.	L.	Q.
2 4 6 3 5 1 7	x		x	
4 3 2 5 6 1 7	x	x		x
3 4 2 5 1 6 7		x		

B. Morris.—Your method of Triples on the Forward principle is interesting but not new. Mr. John Carter got out similar figures many years ago, but the method is worthless, as it will not run to the extent; only two-thirds of the 5040 being obtainable.

CONDUCTOR.

A NEW BELL CLAPPER.

Mr. B. C. Dixon, of Gateshead, has designed an improved bell clapper, which, in the long run, should save much expense in towers if bell founders adopted the idea. It is well known that wrought iron clappers in general use have the effect of wearing a depression in the bell which they strike. In time this may cause the bell to crack or necessitate its being quarter turned. Mr. Dixon's idea is



that if the clapper were made of some softer material than bell metal, such as Muntz metal, then, instead of the bell wearing, the clapper would wear, and, when worn, could be much more cheaply and easily replaced than a bell. It would be interesting to know if anything of the kind has been tried before, and, if it has, with what success.

ALDERSHOT.—On October 1st, at the Parish Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: W. Fisher, senr., 1, C. Edwards (conductor) 2, A. Croucher 3, J. Hall 4, H. Kingsland 5, W. Waterman 6. Another 720: R. Keeble 1, W. Fisher, junr., 2, H. Kingsland 3, C. Edwards (conductor) 4, G. Fisher 5, R. Jonas 6. First 720's by the local ringers.

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No. 1.

12345678
21436587
24135678
42316587
43215678
34126587
31462857
13648275
13462857
31648275
36142857
63418275
64312857
46138275
41683725

Stedman Bob

34126587
31462578

Single

34126587
31462587

No. 2.

12345678
21436587
24135678
42316587
43215678
34126587
31462857
13648275
13462857
31648275

Bob Major Bob

13648275
16342857

Single

13648275
13642857

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The handbell men at Guildford have loomed large this year in the eye of the Exercise, but last week they eclipsed all their previous performances by ringing six handbell peals of Stedman Caters on six consecutive evenings. They began on Monday and finished on Saturday, and "bagged" a peal every night. It was not an instance of being at sixes and sevens in their particular case. It was all sixes: Six days, six peals, six different composers, six different lengths, rung in six different places on six different sets of handbells, and after, curiously enough, six false starts. On the Monday night from the first round to the coming home there was not a hitch; on Tuesday a bob at 5 crept in a course too soon and a second start had to be made. On each of the next three nights, in order to ensure perfectly clean peals, a second start was made with the going-off course, and the last peal of all was rung at the third attempt. The result was six excellent peals verified by four umpires. At the conclusion, the band congratulated Mr. A. H. Pulling upon the skilful way he conducted the week's ringing, and thanks were also accorded the umpires, especially Mr. S. Radford, for their services. All the peals were rung with the first half in the tittums and the second half in the handstroke position.

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The twelve clergy who met at High Wycombe for the peal of Stedman Cinques undertook a big task, and it is a pity that they were not successful. Even the clerical peal of Stedman Caters was not, we believe, rung at the first attempt, but perseverance brought its ultimate reward, and eventually it was recorded at Warwick. We hope this will be the case with the Cinques. There are a good many obstacles in the way of peals by clergy, the greatest being the difficulty of getting a band together. "Ringing parsons," though their number is increasing, are not so numerous that a peal company can be collected with ease. Of the twelve who met for the Cinques, nine took part in the Caters, and, while it would be possible to mention a few other good clerical ringers, it only helps to prove how limited are the really qualified clergy.

Moreover, not one of the band that met at High Wycombe is regularly in practice in twelve-bell ringing—indeed, some of them get no ringing at all except at an occasional meeting or peal attempt. The fact that the twelve ringers were collected from eleven counties, and from places as far apart as Liverpool, Bristol and Canterbury shows what difficulties were presented in getting together a company good enough for the peal. Then, too, there was the difficulty of the actual ringing to be faced, for, however well men may know a method theoretically, there can be no doubt that the twelve-bell beat and twelve-bell ropesight are things entirely apart, when considered with ringing on other numbers. It was, therefore, particularly plucky of the clergy to meet as they did, and when, as every ringer will hope they may, they eventually bring off the peal of Cinques the performance will be a highly meritorious one.

Apart from the fact that such a peal would set up an interesting record, it is one of the things that ought to do good in the Exercise, and for the reason that it should do something to encourage other clergy to advance in the Art. There is a very considerable number of clergy to-day who have taken up ringing, but the majority—if one may judge from the confessions one hears at meetings—do not get beyond a very elementary stage. The number of actual peal ringing clerics is comparatively few, and the Exercise would benefit if the ranks of these latter were swelled. Those who are now content with the knowledge of how to pull a bell would have their interest stimulated by such a performance as a peal on twelve bells rung by clergymen, and we hope when next the attempt is made, as we understand it will be during a tour in the west, after Easter, that success will attend their efforts.

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The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

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On Tuesday, October 31, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY MOORE	*Treble*	WILLIAM JONES	6
GEORGE VAUGHAN	2	CHARLES R. LILLEY	7
EDWARD LLOYD	3	SAMUEL MEADOWS	8
JOHN CLUTTON	4	EDWARD ROWLAND	9
ROBERT JONES	5	WILLIAM WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HALEY, and
Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. First peal of Caters as conductor by C. R. Lilley, who was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS	*Treble*	*ALFRED W. GRIMES	6
ERNEST PYE	2	ALBERT W. COLES	7
GEORGE R. PYE	3	JAMES E. DAVIES	8
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	HARRY FLANDERS	9
CHARLES T. COLES	5	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal in the method on the bells.

ASTON MANOR.
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(ASTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt., in E.

*WILLIAM DAVIES	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	6
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS	2	†JOHN PAULTON	7
WILLIAM H. JONES	3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS	8
JOHN CORRIGAN	4	‡BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM	9
JAMES JONES	5	†CHARLES ALLEN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters. ‡ First peal of Caters with a bob bell. W. Davies was elected a member before starting for the peal.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt., in E flat.

THOMAS H. COLBURN	*Treble*	*CYRIL F. JOHNSTON	6
*THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.	2	ALFRED TRAPPITT	7
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	3	WILLIAM GROVES	8
WALTER S. WISE	4	FRANK HOLDER	9
SIDNEY R. ROPER	5	CHARLES KIPPEN	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT, and
Conducted by FRANK HOLDER.

* First peal of Caters.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*WILLIAM BROADLEY	*Treble*	ALEXANDER MACFARLANE	6
FREDERICK P. HOWCROFT	2	JOHN G. HALL	7
*FREDERICK STEPHENSON	3	ALBERT SIMPSON	8
ERNEST BURNETT	4	SAMPSON T. WRIGHT	9
WILLIAM HOLMES	5	THOMAS METCALFE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE, and
Conducted by T. METCALFE.

* First peal of Royal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¾ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE	*Treble*	GEORGE ADES	6
GEORGE BLEACH	2	JOHN CAPP	7
WILLIAM PALMER	3	HENRY STALHAM	8
HERBERT RANN	4	CHARLES PALMER	9
EDMUND LINDUP	5	BERT CHALLIN	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS, and
Conducted by H. RANN.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 24, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. THYNG	*Treble*	CHARLES H. BIRD	5
N. SHORT	2	A. B. MOSS	6
WILLIAM MILLER	3	GEORGE VAMPLEW	7
*T. P. HOCKNELL	4	*HENRY STRICKLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by N. SHORT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	*Treble*	CHARLES COLLIER	5
GEORGE TEMPLE	2	HENRY W. BROWN	6
WILLIAM DAVIS	3	THOMAS F. KING	7
EDMUND KING	4	*LUTHER P. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS F. KING.

This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. A. E. Hudd (a member of the above company) and Miss Ada James. * First peal of Triples.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BULWER'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

*HENRY W. GAYTON	*Treble*	SIDNEY SMITH	5
FRANK BOSWELL	2	FREDERICK G. MYNARD	6
WILLIAM FREEMAN	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE	7
*BERNARD FISHER	4	*GEORGE THEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal of Stedman.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY BOTTRILL	*Treble*	WALTER TARLING	5
WALTER HOBBS	2	JOHN SMITH	6
HARRY SMALE	3	JOHN CONDELL	7
GEORGE DENT	4	ISAAC CAVILL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP, and
Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

Rung on the sixth anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

PETER INCE	*Treble*	JOHN MAKIN	5
JOHN NUTTALL	2	ROBERT BARLOW	6
GEORGE PINCOTT	3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON	7
THOMAS BLEAKLEY	4	PETER NUTTALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by P. INCE.

First peal by the ringer of the 2nd, who is only 15 years of age.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HALEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 6½ cwt., in B flat.

RICHARD LANE	*Treble*	WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON	5
JOHN OLDHAM	2	ERNEST CARTWRIGHT	6
JOHN W. TAYLOR	3	EDWARD READER	7
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	4	JOSEPH POWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. READER.

The ringer of the 4th is from Cambridge, the 5th from Netherseale.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

LINDOFF'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HORNEY	*Treble*	JAMES PARSONS	5
ERNEST E. BISH	2	ALFRED TOMPSETT	6
JOHN FEIST	3	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	7
HENRY J. GRAVETT	4	WILLIAM STENNING	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR W. GRAVETT.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt., in F.

GEORGE DYMENT	*Treble*	THOMAS J. HOPWOOD	5
*WILLIAM LLOYD	2	HERBERT JONES	6
*EDWIN PIERCY	3	CHARLES R. LILLEY	7
WILLIAM SHORT	4	SAMUEL BIRKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. Arranged for Mr. C. R. Lilley, of Caversham, Oxon.

SWINDON, WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 0 lbs.

OWEN W. LAYNG	*Treble*	ERNEST BISHOP	5
ALFRED LAWRENCE	2	*HENRY W. L. WELLS	6
ROBERT W. HYNER	3	*GEORGE LANCASTER	7
GEORGE W. TOWNSEND	4	CHARLES J. GARDINER	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES J. GARDINER.

* First peal in the method.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS WHITE	*Treble*	ALFRED WALLACE	5
HUGH GREGORY	2	EDWIN BLACKWALL	6
EDWARD ELLIOTT	3	WILLIAM TAYLOR	7
JAMES FEARN	4	HENRY GREGORY	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt., in F.

*JOHN POOLE	*Treble*	HARRY RICHELL	5
HENRY W. KIRTON	2	ARTHUR EDWARDS	6
FREDERICK G. RADLEY	3	ARTHUR HEAD	7
*HARRY SMALE	4	†HENRY F. COOPER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by HENRY F. COOPER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Canon Papillon, who was preaching at his old parish for the All Saints' Dedication Festival. Also in honour of the christening of a daughter of the conductor.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED BECKWITH	*Treble*	FRED HOPPER	5
WILLIAM JACQUES	2	†FRANK ROLLINGS	6
*FRANK BURGESS	3	WILLIAM ROBERTS	7
*THOMAS FREEMAN	4	*GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM JACQUES.

* First peal. † First peal on eight. First peal in the method as conductor.

BARKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22¼ cwt.

*WILLIAM G. JACKSON	*Treble*	GEORGE W. FAULKNER	5
*ALBERT W. BEARD	2	JAMES NORRIS	6
ALBERT C. HARDY	3	CALEB FENN	7
ROWLAND FENN	4	†REGINALD BLAKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S ONE-PART.

*GEORGE SIMMONDS	*Treble*	*THOMAS H. HAWKINS	5
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	2	*GEORGE V. RAWLINGS	6
*EDWARD E. RICHARDS	3	GEORGE H. DAYNES	7
THOMAS G. DEAL	4	*ARTHUR PAPWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 100th peal. This is the first time this composition has been rung by the Association.

WOOLWICH.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE	*Treble*	HARRY BECKFORD	5
JOHN J. LAMB	2	ISAAC G. SHADE	6
EDWIN F. PIKE	3	WILLIAM PYE	7
HAROLD W. CLARK	4	ALBERT N. BANGAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt., in F.

HAROLD SKUSE	*Treble*	JAMES ELDERFIELD	5
GEORGE H. GUTTRIDGE	2	*JAMES BLACKMORE	6
JOSEPH J. PARKER	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
GEORGE BASDEN	4	WILLIAM BATEMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

* First peal in the method.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 5, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt., in F.

FREDERICK W. RICE	*Treble*	ALBERT ELLIS	5
ALBERT HARMAN	2	GEORGE ILLMAN	6
JOHN RICE	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS	7
ALBERT E. MITCHELL	4	GEORGE W. STOKES	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HALEY, and
Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICE.

Rung as a farewell peal to G. W. Stokes, who is leaving Crawley for Worthing.

The peal at Havant published last week was conducted by Keith Hart, and that at Southampton by George Martin.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Bob Minor, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford, and Kent.

*LEONARD CLARKSON	*Treble*	JOSEPH PRESTON	4
†JOHN FARRALL	2	CHARLES PRESTON	5
CLEMENT POINTON	3	DANIEL PRESTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. PRESTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor with a bob bell. J. Farrall comes from Burslem.

LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 1, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE MATTHEWS	*Treble*	JOHN NEWMAN	4
HAROLD HUNT	2	SAMUEL ROBERTS	5
JOHN EVANS	3	WILLIAM SHORT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal in the six methods by all except the conductor.

STEBBING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED BARKER	*Treble*	HARRY P. EMERY	4
*GEORGE P. SCHLUETER	2	GEORGE WILLIAMS	5
J. THOMAS BARKER	3	EDWARD CLAYDON	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD CLAYDON.

* First peal on an inside bell.

BRENT KNOLL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CHARLES BIRD	*Treble*	CLIFFORD LANG	4
BERT HAM	2	WILLIAM WEBBER, Junr.	5
ALFRED WEBBER	3	WILLIAM WEBBER, Senr.	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. WEBBER, Junr.

First peal on the bells. First peal by all the band except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Grandsire, Oxford and Kent, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

J. T. WELLS	*Treble*	GEORGE CHESTER	4
COOK WELLS	2	JAMES S. BETTS	5
GEORGE FLINTHAM	3	ISSAC VICKERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES S. BETTS.

First peal on the bells.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 23 cwt., in E.

HERBERT L. HARLOW	*Treble*	FRED MORTIMER	4
CHARLES W. CLARKE	2	WILLIAM STAPLETON	5
HENRY W. GAYTON	3	HERBERT SHARPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. R. Gardner, captain of the local band.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford, Kent, College Exercise, College Bob IV, Willesden Delight and Old Oxford Modernised.

GEORGE M. KILBY	*Treble*	HARRY KILBY	4
GABRIEL CHALKLEY	2	ALFRED HILL	5
*LAWRENCE B. PORTER	3	THOMAS LANGDON	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in seven methods by all.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, October 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK G. DEWELL	1—2	ARTHUR E. MOORE	5—6
HARRY A. TURNER	3—4	*FRANK J. LEVITT	7—8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

* First peal in the method. Also first peal in the method by residents.

Umpires: Messrs. J. SPARROW and C. WOODCOCK.

LONDON.
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT 3, HART'S LANE, NEW CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT	1—2	FRANK BENNETT	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	3—4	*FRANK J. HAIRS	7—8

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
Umpire, Mr. F. G. WOODISS.

* First peal on handbells. First peal of Bob Major on handbells by the Association and by Miss Bennett, who is the first lady to accomplish this performance. Also the first peal the conductor has called from a pair of bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 3, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING	1—2	JAMES HUNT	5—6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE	3—4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire: T. W. RADFORD.

Rung after meeting short for Caters.

A handbell peal at Sheffield will be found under another heading.

THE FIRST DOUBLE-HANDED HANDBELL PEAL.

CENTENARY CELEBRATED AT SHEFFIELD.

On wedensday Evening October 30th 1811 was rung A peal of 8 hand bells at the house of M William Booth, Bailey Lane, Sheffield, A complete peal of Oxford treble bob major 5088 Changes 2 hours and 34 minutes by the four following Artists viz:—

Treble & 2	Mr William Hudson
3 & 4	M William Booth
5 & 6	M Henery Grayson
7 & Tenor	M George Hudson

The Conductor of this peal Mr George Hudson

The above is copied from an old manuscript book originally the property of Mr. William Booth, and now in the possession of his grandson, Mr. C. H. Hattersley. This was the first handbell peal ever rung with bells retained in hand. In order to carry out the similitude of the original performance as far as possible, inquiries were made with a view to the centenary peal being attempted within the same four walls, but owing to the house being turned into a business concern, this was found to be impracticable. Mr. C. H. Hattersley therefore invited the band to ring at his residence, and it may be interesting to note that the grandfather clock which timed the original peal is in Mr. Hattersley's possession, and was utilised for the same purpose on the present occasion.

CENTENARY HANDBELL PEAL.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF Mr. C. H. HATTERSLEY, 38, DOVER ROAD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN THORPE	1—2	GEORGE LEWIS	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	SIDNEY F. PALMER	7—8

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire: Mr. C. H. HATTERSLEY.

First handbell peal in the method by all the band, and first attempt. First handbell peal of Oxford T.B. Major in Sheffield since the original above. The ringers of the original peal were members of the St. Peter's Independent Youths; and the ringers of the centenary peal are members of the St. Peter's Amalgamated Society.

After the peal the ringers were entertained to supper by Mr. Hattersley, to whom best thanks were accorded for his kind hospitality.

The figures of the centenary peal:

23456	M	B	W	H	continued	M	B	W	H
32654	2			2	65243		—	1	2
56234			2	2	42563			2	2
45362	2		1	2	24365		—	1	2
52364	2	—	1	2	23645	1	—	2	2
53624	1	—	2	2	52436	2		1	2
25346	2		2	2	54326	1	—	2	2
56342	1			2	23456			2	2

Now rung for the first time.

Contains the 4th and 6th their extent in 5-6 with eleven out of the possible twelve 8-6's.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT DURHAM.

The members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association met at Durham on Saturday week for their annual festival. They attended service in the Cathedral, where the Rev. F. Peacock, of Holy Trinity, Darlington, gave a practical address, basing his remarks upon Hebrews x., 25. The preacher urged ringers to become members of the Church of England Men's Society, and do something for the Church as men who had a right to the membership of that great society.

The annual dinner was subsequently held at the County Hotel, the President (Mr. C. L. Routledge) being in the chair, supported by the Rev. F. Peacock (Darlington), the Rev. W. Bothamley (St. Nicholas', Durham), the Rev. A. Allwork (Whickham), the Rev. T. H. Perkins (Consett), the Rev. B. Jealous (Herrington), Messrs. J. Baxter, J. Stuart, A. Payne, J. W. Payne, J. W. Parker, W. H. Porter, R. Stephenson, and Chas. Todd (hon. secretary). After dinner the loyal toast was duly honoured

THE REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary submitted the 34th annual report, in which he stated that he regretted to have to record a falling off in many respects, instead of the forward movement which was anticipated at the close of last year. He hoped, however, that it was only a temporary set back, and that at the next meeting they would be able to congratulate themselves on more satisfactory progress. The number of towers affiliated was now 35, showing an increase of one upon last year, Blaydon and Corbridge having joined their ranks, and Sunderland Holy Trinity having dropped out. There were 36 new members elected during the year; but they had lost, through removals and other causes, 27, leaving a net gain of nine. Financially, there was only a small balance in hand at the end of the year, but "arrears" was still a big word. In peals and Sunday service ringing the records were below last year, and perhaps this was partly due to the abnormal summer, and to the very unsettled state of the country, which had tended to produce a lack of enthusiasm, without which peals would not be rung, nor good service ringing accomplished. Income during the year had been £39 1s. 1d., as against £46 9s 10d. for 1910; and the expenditure £40 4s. 7d., against £56 17s. 1½d., leaving a balance in hand of 11s. 8d. Taking into consideration the number of members on the books, the income from subscriptions should be over £30, whereas they had only received £21 18s. for the past year. Twenty-one belfries had made returns this year in connection with service ringing, being the same as last, Whitley Bay and Stranton coming in, and Jarrow and Tanfield dropping out. The average number of points per belfry had fallen from 606 to 473, and very few six-bell towers had exceeded 10,000 changes in one method. Winlaton were the heaviest sufferers, and they only lost 29 points, and that was through ringing practically nothing but Bob Minor.

CERTIFICATE WINNERS.

The three certificates had been won by:—1st, St. Ignatius, Sunderland, 1,907 points; 2nd, North Shields, 1,768 points; 3rd, Whitley Bay, 995 points. The number of peals rung during the year was 20, or less than half last year's total. These had been rung in nine methods, and the average points per peal was 18.50. Three of these peals were rung in honour of King George and Queen Mary. The old warrior, Alf. Hillier, was head of the list with ten peals to his credit. There had been ten conductors, and Mr. T. Gofton was again top with six. It was with deep regret that they recorded the death, on the 20th April, of Mr. R. S. Story, the late president of the Association. Mr. Story joined the Association in 1879, and held the office of president for 22 years, with great credit to himself and untold benefit to the Association. They also had to record the death of the Rev. W. D. Hoelas, of Benwell, who had been an hon. member since 1892. Individual belfry reports showed that progress generally was slow, owing to so many ringers leaving their respective districts when they were beginning to be of benefit in Sunday service and peal ringing. He would like to remark, in conclusion, upon the unfortunate frequency of disputes between ringers and the authorities of the churches. Luckily, in that Association such occurrences were few; but he thought Associations such as theirs ought to take a very strong line in these matters. One of their objects was to secure recognition of the church bell ringer as a church worker, but he thought it only right that the ringer, on his part, should always be ready to acknowledge the authority of the Vicars. It should also be remembered that bells were not put in for the sole use of the ringer, but were part of the church.

The report was adopted, and the hon. secretary complimented upon the able manner in which it had been drawn up

The Rev. A. Allwork then presented the framed certificates for Sunday ringing as follows:—(1) St. Ignatius, Sunderland; (2) North Shields; (3) Whitley Bay. He expressed his great pleasure at being present that day, and promised a hearty welcome to the members of the Association if ever they came to Whickham (hear, hear).

Mr. Parker, of Sunderland, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral for service; to the Rev. W. Bothamley and the Rev. C. R. J. Loxley for the use of the St. Nicholas and St. Oswald belfries; to the Cathedral organist; and to Minor Canon Dolphin for conducting the service. It was a matter of regret, he said, that they were not able to have the use of the Cathedral bells.—Mr. R. Stephenson, of West Hartlepool, seconded, and the vote of thanks was carried with acclamation.—The Rev. W. Bothamley, in responding, said he always granted the use of his church bells with a cheerful heart, because he was proud to think they were valued by those who applied for them.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the officers of the Association for their work during the past year, on the motion of the Rev. B. Jealous, seconded by Mr. Porter. The following officers were then elected: President, Mr. C. L. Routledge; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. T. Gofton, J. Stuart, A. Pigg, and E. J. Titt; hon. secretary, Mr. Chas. Todd; hon. auditor, Mr. R. W. Falconer; Central Council representatives, Messrs. C. L. Routledge, W. Story, and C. Todd.

The Chairman announced that the following had been elected to serve on the sub-committee: Messrs. G. T. Potter, J. W. Parker, G. W. Park, and J. B. Dobson; and that meetings would be held during 1912 at Whickham, on February 17th; West Hartlepool, on May 27th; Corbridge and Hexham, on July 27th.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

RINGING IN BEDFORDSHIRE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry Mr. Barker has looked upon my letter on ringing in Bedfordshire in the way he did, for, when I wrote it, what he accuses me of never entered my head. I do not wish to advertise my name, as he would have your readers think, but my idea in writing that letter was to try and get some recognition for the ringers in this district. I am very pleased Mr. Barker has been kind enough to tell us of the advantages we can obtain by being members of the Bedfordshire Association. He says, had I communicated with the Rev. A. Rust, hon. secretary, or any Bedford ringers, I should have obtained all the knowledge I required regarding this Association, and perhaps I should have been a wiser man and a sadder man. I might have been wiser, but I cannot see why I should have been sadder. I hope my letter has done some good already, if only in getting the information. Mr. Barker goes on to say that change ringing was firmly planted at Old Warden and Clifton, but there are only one or two ringers belonging to the Association at each of these places. He also states there has been, and hopes there will be again, meetings held in this district. I have made enquiries in my visits to the various towers in the district, and I have been told it is years since there was a meeting more than six miles this side of Bedford. Mr. Barker also gave us a lot of information about the spade work of the Association, and about ringers not taking the ounce of outside help that is oft-times offered, but never grasped. That may be so in some cases, but not all. If it is never given it cannot be grasped. I have been over to Bedford myself and met the ringers at both the churches, and expressed a wish to become a member of this Association as soon as an opportunity offered itself. Mr. Barker also says I am finding fault, not with the Association, but with the members in my own district. My reply is, certainly not, as there are not sufficient of them to find fault with—about six members, perhaps less, in about a dozen towers of five, six and eight bells. You cannot blame them. Mr. Barker also hopes to have my co-operation to further the Art in this district, and I can tell him he can look for me to do all that lies in my power to further the cause of change ringing, either in Bedfordshire or wherever else I may be. I shall be very pleased to have some communication with Mr. Barker, or any official of this Association, as I think our cause can be better served by doing so, now that interest has been aroused in regard to this part of the county. I am trying to arrange a meeting, and if Mr. Barker will kindly try and meet me, with several of my ringing friends, we may be able to improve change ringing in this part of Bedfordshire.—Yours truly, F. BLOOD.

Hitchin Street, Biggleswade

RESTORATION OF CHESHUNT BELLS.

The bells of the Parish Church of St. Mary, Cheshunt, have been badly in need of repair for the last few years, and although this was pointed out to the authorities the repairs were never done. When, however, the present Vicar came to live in the parish, Mr. H. G. Rowe at once drew his attention to the state of affairs, and the Vicar, with the churchwardens, at once took steps to have the bells restored. Tenders were asked for, and the work, which includes the addition of two trebles, has been given to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, the total cost being £400, towards which £366 has been promised or subscribed. The work was begun last week, and will be completed about the middle of January. The bells are a fine peal of six (tenor 16 cwt.), and only one peal has been rung on them—in January, 1902. Particulars as to the date of opening will appear in these columns. The present band of ringers are practising Grandsire Triples on the handbells, under the instruction of Mr. H. G. Rowe, and we look forward to seeing peals rung by them in standard methods in the future.

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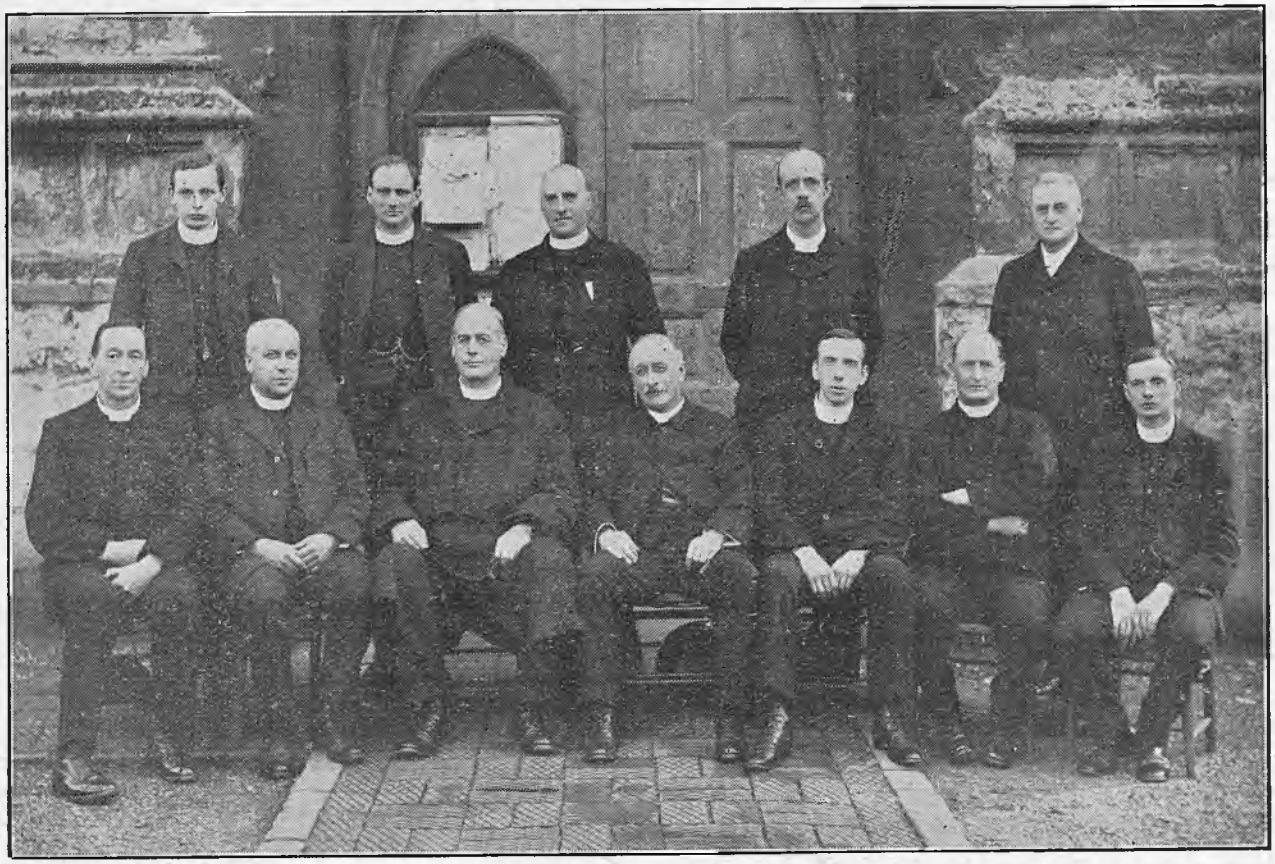
THE ATTEMPT FOR STEDMAN CINQUES BY CLERGY.



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This photograph was taken at High Wycombe, when, for the first time, twelve clergy met to attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

It is certainly unusual, and therefore noteworthy, that at a meeting of the Sheffield District Society, on Saturday, at Staveley, no fewer than seven Surprise methods were rung by mixed bands, viz., Bristol, London, Peterborough, Yorkshire, Norfolk, Cambridge and Superlative.

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The 250 peals rung by Mr. Edwin Horrex include a 15,840 Kent Treble Bob rung at Bethnal Green in 1868. This fact was omitted from the list sent us last week.

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There is a very young band at Tasburgh, Norwich They have just rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles and another of Bob Doubles, the average age of the ringers being 14½ years.

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Another young ringer has to be added to the list of those who have scored a peal in the early "teens." At Bolton, John Nuttall, at the age of fifteen, has rung the second to a peal of Grandsire Triples.

It is always pleasing to see a new band scoring their first success in the peal ringing line. The local company at Brent Knoll, Somerset, have rung their first peal at the first attempt after only seven months instruction by Mr. E. B. Crowder, of Burnham. The bells have recently been rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Stokes and Son, of Woodbury, and a new treble (cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) added. The "go" of the bells is a great tribute to the workmanship of Messrs. Stokes.

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Mr. Albert T. Simpson, of West Hartlepool, is leaving England to take up missionary work in Canada. On Saturday a farewell peal was rung, and he departs for his new field of labour with the good wishes of all his ringing friends. The peal was also rung to inaugurate a ten days' mission in the town.

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Another ringer off to New Zealand. Mr. E. J. Hamblin, of Woking, sailed yesterday for Napier, where his brother, also a ringer, is now living. A farewell peal of Bob Minor was attempted last Saturday by the Woking band at Ottershaw (their own bells being under repair) but it was unfortunately lost in the fourth 720. D. Hampton 1, J. Brackley 2, C. J. Hamblin 3, T. Strudwick 4, S. Petter (conductor) 5, E. J. Hamblin 6.

Messrs. Warner and Sons have been entrusted with the rehanging of the bells—a peal of six, tenor 14cwt.—at Fontmell Magna Church, Dorset.

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In the article last week on Messrs. Taylor's gift of a bell to St. Peter's Church, Loughborough, the name of the Vicar should have been Robert J. Sturdee, and that of the churchwardens, Messrs. Burder and Perkins.

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Under the heading "Cathedral Bells in a Parish Church," the "Sunday Companion" relates that the peal of eight at Christ Church, Southgate, were intended for St. Paul's Cathedral. "The story goes," says this journal, "that in the first place, they were made for London's great cathedral. However, they were too small to call the millions of the metropolis to worship, and the people of Southgate were fortunate enough to secure them for their own church. Needless to say, the bells are beautiful in tone, and though they have missed being one of the most famous sets of bells in the country, they nevertheless sweetly call the people of Southgate to worship. 'It is an ill-wind that blows nobody good,' and the mistake in connection with St. Paul's Cathedral led to a happy result for Southgate Church."

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A very pretty story, truly, but it is only a story. The real facts are that Southgate bells were originally cast for Youlgrave, Staffs, but the tenor was found to be about 3 qrs. short of the required weight, viz., 25 cwts., so another peal had to be cast for that church. It so happened, however, that the rector and churchwardens of Southgate visited the Whitechapel Foundry at the time, and were shown these bells. On hearing their beautiful tone, the Rector remarked, "We will have these bells or none at all." And have them they did, first the back six and later, the two trebles, completing what is one of the best rings of eight in the kingdom.

RINGING PROGRESS IN CANADA.

From Mr. Alan R. Macdonald we received by the last mail an account of the ringing done at the R.C. Cathedral Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, during the month of September. A touch of 168 Stedman Triples by: A. C. Limpus 1, G. W. Foster 2, F. N. Bressy 3, W. Judd, 4 G. Pearce 5, A. R. Macdonald (conductor) 6, R. J. Carrier 7, F. Jones 8. This is the first touch of Stedman Triples rung in the Dominion of Canada, and believed to be the first on tower bells on the American Continent. 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. C. Limpus 1, W. Judd 2, A. R. Macdonald 3, F. N. Bressy 4, M. G. Bennett (conductor) 5, G. W. Foster 6; also some courses of Kent and Plain Bob Major; a course of Oxford Treble Bob Minor and several touches of Grandsire Triples.

It is hoped before long to record another peal from Vancouver. Touches of Grandsire Triples on the handbells are frequent, and good progress is being made with Stedman in hand.

Mr. Macdonald, whose address is now, "The Kitchiner Hotel, Powell Street, Vancouver, B.C.," wishes to thank the members of the Middlesex Association for the kind reference made and the good wishes extended to him at the annual meeting at Heston.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—On Sunday, October 15th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Clark 1, H. C. Edwards 2, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 3, E. Yates 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, C. A. Valentine 6.

THE LATE MR. R. S. STORY.

THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association propose to commemorate the life-long work of their late president in connection with bells and belfry reform. For more than twenty years the late Mr. Robert Spencer Story was president of the Association, and its present prosperity is largely due to his influence and energy.

The six bells he loved so well in the tower of St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, where he rang as a Sunday ringer for twenty-six years, and beneath the shadow of which he now lies buried, are about to be recast and augmented to a peal of eight. Mr. T. T. Gofton (the leader of the ringers at Whitley) is giving the two extra bells, and the Whitley ringers (mostly Mr. Gofton's brothers) have subscribed £72 towards recasting the old six.

Some nine years ago Mr. Story himself drew up the scheme which is being now carried out, but lack of funds prevented its furtherance at the time. In these circumstances it is felt that the most fitting memorial to the departed president would be to help in this good work. The cost of recasting one bell will be about £22, and the proportion of cost towards a new frame £10, making £32 in all. An appeal is, therefore, made not only to all members of the Association, but to Mr. Story's many other friends, to support a fund so eminently appropriate to the commemoration of the life of one who spent his best years for the good and welfare of his fellow-men. The following, which have been appointed to act as a committee, will gratefully receive subscriptions: Mr. C. L. Routledge (president), 62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Mr. T. T. Gofton, 11, Windsor Road, Monkseaton, Newcastle; and Mr. J. E. R. Keen, 88, Hotspur Street, Heaton, Newcastle.

"LITTLE STEDMAN"

The Rev. E. Bankes James writes:—I was sorry to see the name "Little Stedman" adopted by Mr. Pagett for his new method, as I long since bestowed it on the subjoined "little" method. However, Mr. Pagett is the first in the field, and I submit the matter to his judgment. If he thinks my method, which contains the whole of the Stedman slow, more worthy of the name, well! If not, let those who first ring this method christian it, as was done at my request in the case of Bristol Surprise.

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By the way it may interest the Exercise to know that the first of the "little" methods, of which I have a large variety, was Little Court, produced in 1891. Ring Double Court Bob on the front six and let the treble make sixths, and you have it.

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ASSOCIATION NOTES.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

Somewhat slowly, but nevertheless surely, ringers turned up at Nuneaton on Saturday week for the quarterly meeting of the Guild. The bells are a handy ring of eight, and go well, and there is always a warm welcome for ringers from Mr. Chapman and his company. It was pleasant to see so much young blood in the belfry. Mr. Harry Argyle's son and heir is developing into quite a capable young ringer, and yet another of the same family was far enough advanced to have a pull in rounds. The Stoke Golding men, too, appear to have the greater part of their lives in front of them. They are an instance of a really progressive six-bell band, thoroughly keen, and most of them capable of taking a working bell in Double Norwich and Superlative Major. It was gratifying to be able, later on in the afternoon, to welcome them as members of the Guild, as previously they have confined their energies to the Midland Counties Association.

The total attendance of members during the afternoon and evening numbered about thirty, and represented Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton, Rugby, Coventry, Berkswell, Stony Stanton, Stoke Golding and Stratford-on-Avon. Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung before six o'clock, and then the business meeting was held in the belfry, with Mr. James George, Master, in the chair. Nine new members were elected, including Mr. Briggs, of Stony Stanton, and the before-mentioned Stoke Golding men. The next quarterly meeting was fixed to be held at St. Nicholas', Warwick, failing that tower, at Emscote.—A vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Chapman for his arrangement for the meeting, and then the bells were set going again for the remainder of the evening.

A Warwickshire Guild peal was attempted in London a few Saturdays ago, at the Church of St. Mary, Battersea. The method was Superlative Surprise Major, but unfortunately it came to grief, after nearly an hour's ringing. We shall look for its accomplishment at some future date, but, meanwhile, the peal ringing members of the Guild in Warwickshire must not neglect their local opportunities. There is, at present, a good deal of leeway to be made up if the peal records of the Guild are even to keep up to the same level as in past years.

TRURO.

Ringing at Truro Cathedral, under the auspices of the Diocesan Guild, has been very regular, and touches of Triples and Caters rung. All members of the Guild will be welcomed at the Cathedral tower on ringing nights, which is the first Tuesday in each month, from 7.45 to 9 p.m. Ringers have every reason to be grateful to the Dean and Chapter for having caused a second floor to be put in the bell chamber. Before this was done the noise was so great that it was almost impossible to hear the calls made. Now, however, there is no cause for complaint.

The band at St. Kea, although they have lost two of their best ringers, has been recruited by six new ringers, including a lady, who, although not a member of the St. Kea band, is attached to the tower, her services being available nine months out of twelve. Certificates of merit have been awarded to three out of the six ringers, and the others are making excellent progress.

LANCASHIRE.

The Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association elected the Vicar of Todmorden as a life member of the Association at the district meeting on Saturday week. Three other new members were also elected. The meeting, which was attended by members from Oldham, Moorside, Middleton, Colne, Milnrow, Rochdale, Shore, Walsden, and Todmorden, was presided over by Mr. J. Brierley.

ESSEX.

Mr. F. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, has been re-elected Master of the North-Western District of the Essex Association. Mr. F. Penning has resigned the secretaryship, and Mr. W. Watts, of Stansted, has been elected to fill the office.

The bells of St. Michael's, Bishop Stortford, which were last overhauled in 1820, have got into such a condition that peals upon them are now forbidden. It is estimated that the repairs will cost £200, and that the work will shortly be taken in hand. Saffron Walden bells also require about £80 spent upon them.

BINFIELD.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At All Saints' Church, on October 11th, 720 Bob Minor: S. Gearing 1, *A. Pierce 2, E. Bungay 3, E. C. Lambert 4, J. Rance 5, H. Bungay (conductor) 6. *First 720.

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Thursday, October 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins., to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Westmacote, of Calcutta, and Miss Caroline Mary Lawson, of Pershore: J. Dolphin 1, C. Camm 2, E. Wilkshire 3, W. Need 4, G. Dolphin 5, F. Godfrey 6, G. Checketts (conductor) 7, W. Charlwood 8.

ACTIVITY AT LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY.

There is a good deal of activity at Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s foundry at Loughborough. During the last month or two they have erected the following new peals, viz.:—

Middleham, Yorkshire, a peal of eight, tenor, 18 cwt.
West Hartlepool, St. Aidan's (8), tenor, 14 cwt.
Llanbradach, Glam. (8), tenor, 12¼ cwt.
Launceston, St. Thomas', Cornwall (6), tenor, 10½ cwt.

They have also sent a chime of 25 bells (two octaves chromatic) to Appingedam, Holland; a chime of 13 bells (tenor, 29 cwt.) to Peterborough, Ontario, Canada; hour and four-quarter bells to Hastings Post Office, New Zealand.

The chief works they have in hand at the present time include the following:—

New rings: Stratton, Cornwall, a new ring of eight; Miles Platting, Lancs., recast old ring of six into a ring of eight.

New chimes: Carbisdale Castle, Ross-shire, a heavy chime of six; Caius College, Cambridge, a new chime of five; Pelton, Co. Durham, a new chime of six; Westport Post Office, New Zealand, hour and four quarter bells; Waimate Post Office, New Zealand, hour and four quarters.

Restorations and additions: Cambridge, St. Mary the Great, rehang the ring of twelve and recast the two trebles.

Iddesleigh, Devon, rehang the old four, recast second and augment to six.

Benefield, Northants, rehang the peal of five and augment to six.

Colsterworth, Lincs., rehang the peal of four and augment to six.

Waterfoot, Lancs., rehang the peal of six.

Roos, Yorkshire, rehang the three and augment to five.

Netheravon, Wilts., rehang the ring of five and recast treble and tenor and augment to six

Barnard Castle, Co. Durham, rehang the peal of eight.

Weekley, Northants, rehang the peal of five and augment to six.

Atherington, Devon, rehang the ring of six.

East Portlemouth, Devon, a new peal of six except the tenor.

Bedford, Leigh, Lancs., one hour bell hung for ringing, and two quarters.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT STAVELEY.

A very successful meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Staveley, on Saturday. About 40 ringers turned up from Beighton, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Dore, Eckington, Killamarsh, Mansfield, North Wingfield, Ranmoor, Sheffield, Staveley, and Worksop.

The bells are a nice toned peal of eight (tenor about 19 cwt.), and have lately been rehung and retuned on the Simpson principle, by Messrs. Taylor, the "go" being all that could be desired. The tower, though rather low, is very roomy, and there is ample space for two or more additional bells, indeed the addition of two trebles would make an admirable peal of ten. The walls of the ringing chamber are thick with records of past peal performances, and Staveley seems to have been a favourite place for peal attempts at one time.

On Saturday, the bells were kept going from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., with an interval for service from 6.45 to 7.15. Some excellent ringing was accomplished, no less than seven Surprise Major methods being rung, viz.: Bristol, Cambridge, London, Norfolk, Peterborough, Superlative, and Yorkshire, and some good striking was heard. Other methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Court Bob, and Kent Treble Bob Major.

A short business meeting was held during the evening, when the following new members were elected: Messrs. G. Parkin (Beighton), W. J. Gevier (Chesterfield), W. Fowler (Penistone), R. Booth, P. Jervis, E. Bolsover and J. Humphries (all of Eckington).

The Secretary drew attention to an appeal for funds for the restoration of Shoreditch bells.—A vote of thanks to the Rector (Rev. Canon Molyneux) for granting the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for making all arrangements for the meeting, was proposed by Mr G. Bemrose (Bolsover), seconded by Mr. J. Holman (Sheffield), and carried unanimously.—Mr. W. Palmer replied for the local company, and this closed the proceedings.

WORCESTER'S CENTURY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—After reading Mr. W. Cave's letter, I should like to say how glad I am to take second place to such a man as the late Mr. J. Hinton, if he rang a hundred peals. It seems to me a great pity no record has been kept of the doings of a man with such a distinct personality as the late Mr. Hinton, and I hope something may be done to collect all available matter. I feel sure such a collection would prove very interesting reading. With that object in view I am asked to say that if any ringers or secretaries of ringers who have any authentic information of ringing done by Mr. Hinton, and will send at an early date to his brother, Mr. J. G. Hinton, 43, York Place, Britannia Square, Worcester, he will be glad to tabulate and publish it. He will be glad to have the peals, the methods, and whether conducted; also, if possible, the number of societies he belonged to, and any other useful information.—Yours truly,

37, St. John's, Worcester. W. PAGE.

UNVEILING CEREMONIES.

WHITCHURCH.

On Saturday week, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of Whitchurch Parish Church, near Cardiff. Ringers from Llandaff Cathedral, St. John's, Cardiff, and St. Augustine's, Penarth, met for the dedication of a peal board, on the second anniversary of the first peal rung on the bells. The tablet was presented by Mr. F. J. Bailey, and on it in white letters on a black background is the following:—

"St. Mary's, Whitchurch.—On October 30th, 1909, a peal of Bob Minor (5040 changes), in 3 hrs., being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor, 14¼ cwt.: David Thomas treble, Frank J. Bailey 2, William B. Biss 3, Tom Cox 4, Fred Chamberlain 5, Sidney Dawe tenor. Conducted by D. Thomas."

A short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. L. L. Lloyd Davies, M.A., who, addressing those present, said it was a double interest for him to have the pleasure in unveiling the tablet which was the work of the donor, whom he thanked. He also congratulated Mr. D. Thomas, who had the satisfaction of conducting the first peal. —The latter suitably responded.

It had been arranged that the same band should go for a peal of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, but unfortunately business prevented one of the company getting to the tower in time.

The bells were raised, and a 720 of Plain Bob was brought round: D. Thomas 1, W. B. Biss 2, F. J. Bailey 3, F. Chamberlain 4, T. Burcombe (first 720) 5, S. Dawe, 6. Another 720 was rung, with F. Middleton on the treble, and S. Dawe conducting.

Then followed a 720 of Kent Treble Bob by: D. Thomas 1, W. B. Biss (conductor) 2, F. J. Bailey 3, T. Cox 4, F. Chamberlain 5, S. Dawe 6. Touches of Oxford Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles were also brought round.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells brought a pleasant event and ringing evening to a close.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.

On Wednesday week, the festival of the dedication, a peal board was unveiled at All Saints' Church by Miss Pickin, about 100 parishioners being present.—The Rector gave a short address, pointing out, amongst other things, that bell ringers were as important a part of parochial machinery as any other church workers, and that the belfry should be treated with the same reverence as the rest of the church.—Special prayers were used, and after the unveiling of the board, the Doxology was sung.

The peal board, which is of oak, with eight panels, has been made by one of the local ringers, at the expense of the Rector and churchwardens, whose kindness is highly appreciated.

The peals at present recorded on the board are a peal of Bob Minor (the first peal on the bells) and a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor, rung with the bells half-muffled to commemorate the death of his Majesty King Edward VII.

PORTMADOC.

A special service was held in St. John's belfry on Sunday, for the purpose of unveiling a peal board recording a peal rung to the memory of the late Mrs. F. S. Percival, wife of the donor of the tower and bells. The service, which was attended by all the ringers, together with several parishioners who were interested in the proceedings, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. E. Williams, in English and Welsh. The tablet was unveiled by Miss Davies, of Bodawen, Portmadoc, on behalf of Mr. F. S. Percival, who, she stated, was unable to attend owing to illness.—The Vicar then dedicated the tablet, and touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung by the ringers, who took part in the peal. The board, which is of black marblette, with engraved lettering, gilded with pure gold, bears the following inscription: "On Tuesday, 9th May, at St. John's Church, Portmadoc, a peal of Grandsire Doubles (5040 changes), 42 six-scores, was rung in 3 hrs. (tenor, 12½ cwt.): 1 J. McMillan, 2 John Owen, 3 H. McMillan, 4 Jack Parsons, 5 H. Wakefield, 6 Evan R. Jones, 7 W. H. Evans, 8 Idris Thomas. Conducted by John Owen. First peal of Grandsire Doubles, fully muffled, rung in Wales. Rung as a last tribute of respect to the late Mrs. F. S. Percival, wife of the donor of the bells, who passed away on the 4th May, 1911, and was laid to rest at Llanbedrog on 9th May, 1911. Rev. J. E. Williams, Vicar. F. S. Percival, President."

STEDMAN THEORY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is so customary for Mr. James, when cornered, to attribute lack of knowledge or training to his opponents, that his last letter does not surprise me. It is hardly worthy of notice, but bearing in mind the "Rules and Decisions of Council," I should just like to repeat, for his benefit, that Erin is a method of connecting rows or changes which is based on Original, and no new principle is involved. It is evidently useless drawing Mr. James' attention to the fact that internal bobs is the question between us, so following his lead, may I say that he has shown such lamentable ignorance as to the difference between a B and a P, that it is useless continuing the discussion.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—In sending in items for publication in this column correspondents are asked to write plainly and, where names are given, to take care that all appear. Frequently we have touches sent us in an incomplete state, with, for instance, seven names given for eight bells, or with the name of the place omitted. We would also point out that the unnecessary repetition of names should be avoided

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.—On October 7th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples had to be brought round after ringing over 3,000 changes, owing to the bad go of the tenor: W. C. Wakley 1, J. J. Jackson 2, W. E. White 3, W. White 4, A. P. Wakley (conductor) 5, R. H. Bartram 6, T. Squires 7, R. W. Baker 8.

NEWMARKET, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.—On Saturday, October 14th, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. E. Moore (conductor) 1, H. F. Moore 2, F. Levitt 3, J. Sparrow 4, F. Dewell 5, W. Radley 6, H. R. Moore 7, H. A. Turner 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples and 224 Double Norwich Major.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On Saturday, October 14th, a peal of Erin Triples was abandoned half-way owing to a shift course: L. Price 1, F. S. Price 2, E. J. Boot 3, W. Clifford 4, W. Clifford, senr., 5, J. C. Dicken 6, A. Coppock (conductor) 7, P. Price 3.—On Sunday, October 15th, 384 and 576 Superlative Surprise and 144 Erin Triples by: W. Clifford, senr., 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, J. C. Dicken 3, A. Lowe 4, F. S. Price 5, W. Clifford, junr., 6, E. J. Boot 7, P. Price 8.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, October 15th, for evening service, on the Norman Tower bells, 480 Kent Treble Bob Royal: H. Smith 1, H. F. Moore 2, F. Levitt 3, J. Sparrow 4, F. Dewell 5, R. Wilding 6, A. E. Moore (conductor) 7, W. Radley 8, H. R. Moore 9, H. A. Turner 10.

ABBEY WOOD, KENT.—On Sunday, October 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with bells half-muffled, in token of respect to the late Mr. C. Harvey: H. Corbel 1, T. Cranfield 2, W. Truss 3, J. Scholes 4, A. Scambler 5, W. Theobald 6, W. Aldridge (conductor) 7, A. Bangay 8. The six first-named belong to West Ham.—On October 22nd, touches of Grandsire Triples by the local ringers.

ASTON MANOR.—On Sunday, October 15th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: W. Davies 1, J. Jones 2, F. Jones 3, H. Jones 4, J. Paulton 5, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 6, F. Bennett 7, C. Allen 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Jones.

NEWPORT, MON.—At All Saints' Church on Sunday, October 15th, for morning service, 504 Stedman: A. E. Morgan (conductor) 1, F. E. B. Charles 2, M. Selby 3, C. Bowen 4, T. Jones 5, F. Morgan 6, J. W. Jones 7, S. Baiss 8

STICKNEY.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—At St. Luke's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles was rung in 45 mins. by local men: F. E. Metcalf 1, J. T. Clarke 2, A. Sharpe (conductor) 3, Wm. Metcalf 4, Ed. Dodds 5.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, October 15th, for evening service, 320 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. H. Took 1, J. O'Neill 2, C. Moss 3, E. Easter 4, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 5, J. Howard 6, H. F. Cooper (Chelmsford) 7, A. Lee 8.

PONTEFRACT.—The Yorkshire Association.—On Sunday, October 15th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: T. Watkinson 1, *J. E. Pickard 2, W. Pearson 3, S. Brook 4, F. E. Moody 5, H. C. Walters (conductor) 6, T. Holder 7, A. Strangward 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE. — Stoke-on-Trent Association.—On Sunday, October 15th, for Holy Eucharist, 720 Violet: G. E. Lawrence 1, W. C. Taylor 2, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, B. Pegg 5, F. T. Dawson 6. For Matins 720 Woodbine, with J. F. Ryles 5, the rest as before, W. C. Lawrence conductor. For evensong 720 Killamarsh Surprise, standing as before, F. T. Dawson conductor. The above were rung in honour of the new Rector (Rev. E. Kenworthy-Browne) taking the charge of the services of the Parish Church for the first time after his induction, and also to celebrate the wedding of Mr. John Turner, one of the local ringers, which took place on the above date, his brother ringers wishing him and his bride much happiness.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.—On Sunday morning, October 15th, for harvest festival, 720 Kent Minor: F. Garner 1, G. Johnson 2, G. Clark (conductor) 3, E. Arrand 4, F. Beardsmore 5, H. Trout 6. For evening service 720 Kent by the same band, F. Beardsmore conductor.

BATTERSEA.—On Sunday, October 15th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 41 mins.: A. F. Ashman 1, A. Newman 2, H. Burton 3, H. Mance 4, E. A. Reeve 5, W. Essery 6, G. F. Williams (conductor) 7, J. Pullen 8.

BUILTH WELLS.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, October 15th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 38 mins.: F. S. Sparkes 1, W. A. Sparkes (first quarter with a bob bell) 2, F. R. Sparkes 3, C. Powell 4, R. E. Sparkes (conductor) 5, W. H. Bicknell 6.

CHELSEA.—On October 15th, at St. Luke's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 50 mins.: W. Essery 1, G. Watkin 2, W. Dean 3, H. Burton 4, A. Newman 5, F. Smith 6, E. A. Reeve 7, W. J. Barber 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9, J. Pullen 10.

HANDSWORTH.—On Sunday, October 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: E. Wood 1, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 2, C. Starkey 3, B. Starkey 4, W. G. Anker 5, R. Faux 6, T. Verry 7, E. Starkey 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to B. Starkey.

HULL.—Yorkshire Association.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, October 15th, 464 Bob Major: Jos. Morton (Eckington) treble, C. Jackson (conductor) 2, M. Hedges 3, T. Stockdale 4, J. Highfield 5, E. Culsforth 6, G. T. Miller 7, D. W. Brown 8.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On Sunday, October 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Whibley 1, T. Skinner 2, A. Wiles 3, A. Denton 4, E. King 5, E. Bridger 6, E. Everest (conductor) 7, *W. B. Knott (Bromley) 8. *Longest length.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—At St. Barnabas Church on Sunday, October 15th, for evening service, 336 and 210 Grandsire Triples, in which W. Bacchuss, H. Sear, F. Vickers, W. Jeffs, A. Vickers, T. Best, W. Sear, J. Sear, and the Rev. W. S. Mahony took part

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—On October 15th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 52 mins.: G. Basford 1, F. Rawlins 2, A. J. Green 3, R. Christian 4, W. Sharp 5, C. Faulkner 6 F. Hopper (conductor) 7, T. Denney 8.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On October 16th, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 Bob Minor: J. Tuckwell 1, C. J. Gardiner 2, G. Lancaster 3, F. Looker 4, T. Moulden 5, R. W. Hyner (first 720 as conductor) 6. Also 120 St. Clement's Doubles, conducted by C. J. Gardiner.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On October 17th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor: C. Sanders 1—2, A. P. Wakley 3—4, W. Shercliff 5—6 (conductor). Also a plain course of Single Court.—On October 22nd, 180 Double Oxford, 120 each of Oxford Bob, Double and Single Court, and two courses of Grandsire Triples, the following taking part: C. Sanders, H. Wakley, A. P. Wakley, J. J. Jackson, and W. Shercliff.

HAUGHTON, STAFFORD.—On Tuesday, October 17th, 1080 Doubles, in 40 mins, eight six-scores of St. Dunstans, and one of Grandsire: L. Johnson 1, B. M. Duke 2, C. Smith 3, G. Booth 4, J. Taylor (conductor) 5

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—The London County Association.—On Tuesday, October 17th, for practice, a date touch (1911 changes) in eight methods, being 231 of Plain Bob, and 240 each of Woodbine, Oxford, Kent College Exercise, College Bob IV., Willesden Delight and Old Oxford Modernised: G. M. Kilby 1, G. Chalkley 2, L. Porter 3, H. Kilby 4, A. Hill 5, T. Langdon (composer and conductor) tenor.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On October 17th, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the opening of the Transporter Bridge by His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught, K.G., 1920 Superlative Surprise Major: C. Pollard 1, W. Pollard 2, F. Laverick 3, C. Laverick 4, J. H. Jones 5, J. W. Passman 6, J. H. Blakiston (conductor) 7, T. Lancaster 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal in the same method.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.—On October 17th 1248 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Crook 1, E. Watkinson 2, J. Watkinson 3, A. Robinson 4, H. France 5, S. Watkinson 6, E. Banister 7, B. A. Knights (conductor) 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On October 17th, at Christ Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Tazwell 1, A. Lawrence (conductor) 2, R. W. Hyner 3, F. Looker (first 504) 4, G. W. Townsend 5, C. J. Gardiner 6, G. Lancaster 7, A. E. W. Smith 8.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—Midland Counties Association.—At the Parish Church harvest thanksgiving a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Wood 1, T. Wright 2, H. Wright 3, H. Briggs 4, W. H. Inglesant (conductor) 5, J. Garratt 6, C. Briggs 7, N. Walker 8.

SPARKBROOK, BIRMINGHAM.—St. Martin's Guild.—At 130, Watford Road, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples upon handbells in 35 mins.: T. Russam 1-2, J. Carter (conductor) 3-4, *P. Laflin 5-6, *A. Walker 7-8. *First quarter-peal on handbells.

GAINSBOROUGH.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—On Wednesday, Oct. 18th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 46 mins.: F. S. W. Butler (conductor) 1, C. H. Baker (first quarter-peal on an inside bell) 2, P. Ballance 3, J. C. Tinker 4, J. T. Ladd 5, W. Ayre 6, H. Torr 7, R. S. Lakin 8. The above is the composition of the Rev. G. H. Ridout, Johannesburg, S.A., formerly assistant priest at St. John the Divine, Gainsborough, and was rung on the occasion of the wedding at All Saints' Church of Miss A. Tinker, daughter of the ringer of the 4th.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On October 18th 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: M. Ireland 1, *J. Burdfield 2, *R. Wood 3, J. Newman 4, G. Matthews 5, A. Feist (conductor) 6. *First 720 Treble Bob. First 720 of Treble Bob by a local band for 12 years. Rung on the 34th anniversary of the wedding of P. Wood, a member of the band.

Mr. Rupert Forbes Bentley, a member of the Beckley, East Sussex, band, and a sidesman at the church, has been presented with a silver half-hunter watch, a writing desk and stylographic pen by the parishioners of Beckley and Northiam, in recognition of the services which he has rendered the village in many capacities. Mr. Bentley has taken up a position at the Ilford Aeroplane Works.

IN MEMORY OF MESSRS. MICKLEWRIGHT.

TRIBUTE TO THEIR WORK.

An eloquent tribute to the late Mr. William Micklewright, senr., and his son, was paid by Mr. Samuel Spittle at the unveiling of the peal tablet at Dudley, briefly recorded in our last issue. The tablet records the muffled peals at the deaths of the two ringers, and was unveiled by Mrs. Maitland, wife of the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley, and President of the Dudley and District Guild. Mr. Spittle pointed out that it might be said of Mr. Micklewright, senr., that he was the pioneer of the art of ringing in Dudley. He came to the town about 1851 at a time when the ringers knew nothing about the art of change ringing. He taught the younger members to ring by method, and as a result of his efforts they rang their first peal of Grandsire Triples in November, 1852—a muffled peal on the day the Duke of Wellington was buried. It was conducted by Mr. Micklewright, who remained a member of the band until he went to reside at Stafford, where he died. The son inherited the love of bell ringing, and became even more illustrious in the Art than his father. He was a safe ringer, a sure conductor, a good composer, and an indefatigable teacher. He was the representative of the society at the Worcestershire Association meetings for a number of years, and hon. secretary of St. Thomas' Guild from its formation in 1899 until his death. He rang his first peal at Dudley on July 1st, 1877, and his last peal in that tower on April 17th, 1909. During that 32 years he rang 144 peals on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells, in seven different methods, and he conducted 63 of them. It was to keep alive the memory of these two brother ringers that the tablet had been erected in the belfry. To the older members of the band it would keep green the recollection of happy days spent in their company. To the younger members, he trusted, it would be an incentive to persevere and make themselves proficient in the Art.

Mrs. Maitland afterwards unveiled the tablet, which the Vicar dedicated and accepted for the church as a gift from the ringers. He thought it such a happy way to show their love and respect to their departed brethren. It also showed the true brotherly feeling which existed among the band when they so willingly subscribed in order to erect such a beautiful monument of their affection for those who had gone to their rest. Theirs was a spirit much to be admired and fostered, and so long as that spirit existed among them there would be no difficulty in keeping the band together to go on and fulfil their duties in the future as loyal churchworkers, with as much credit to themselves and satisfaction to the authorities of the church as they had done in the past.

Mr. Nichols and Mr. Naylor (churchwardens) also spoke, expressing their appreciation of the ringers' work, and the proceedings terminated with votes of thanks.—A short touch of Grandsire Caters was afterwards rung.

SUNDAY RINGING RECORDS.

Mr. E. Butler, of Chadwell Heath, writes with reference to Sunday ringing records, which have been previously mentioned in these columns, that on Easter Sunday, March 27th, 1910, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Dagenham, six 720's were rung for service and one after, the seven being made up as follows:—8.30 a.m., early celebration, 720 Plain Bob; 11 a.m., matins, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Double Oxford; 3 p.m., children's service, 720 College Single; 6.30 p.m., evening service, 720 Double Court and 720 Double Oxford; after evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. The conducting was shared by R. Miles, G. Playle and A. Chaplin. The others taking part were E. Hawkins, A. Playle, F. Freestone and E. Butler. Is this a record?

THE SALISBURY GUILD.

The Devizes branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild held their monthly meeting at Keevil, on Saturday, when over 30 ringers attended, among whom were the Rev. J. H. Burn, Rector of Great Cheverell (chairman), and Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes (hon. branch secretary), together with ringing members from Trowbridge, Westbury, Hilperton, Upavon, Great Cheverell, Southbroom, Keevil, St. John's, Devizes, Seend, Bath, Urchfont, and Chirton.—A company of 32 sat down to tea at the Beach Arms Inn, and at the business meeting which followed, one new member from Hilperton was elected.—Upon the secretary mentioning that the bells of Bishop Canning's Church would not be available for the next meeting, it was decided to hold the December meeting at Holt, the usual notices of which will be issued in due course.—The bells at Keevil, which are a capital ring of six, hung in a good iron frame and "go" exceedingly well, were kept going with Grandsire and Stedman Doubles from 3 o'clock till 7 p.m., when a very pleasant gathering was brought to a close, with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

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LINCOLNSHIRE RING AUGMENTED.

On All Saints' Eve, in connection with the Patronal Festival, at the beautiful Church of Moulton, in South Lincs., Canon Bullock, Vicar of Spalding, and Rural Dean, dedicated a new bell which has been added to the existing peal of five. After the dedication, Canon Bullock chimed the new bell, then it was raised, and the ringers rang 12 changes whilst the choir, who had proceeded to the West End for the dedication, returned to their seats in the chancel. This part of the service proved to be most impressive, and all present could not fail to realise the sacredness of the bells, and of their message. Canon Bullock preached an excellent sermon on the text, "The trumpet shall sound, dwelling upon the fact that the bells are a continual call to worship and a reminder of the last trump.

The new bell bears the inscription: "To the glory of God and in memory of King Edward VII. Edward King, Bishop 1866—1899. The Johnson family, Patrons. The Rev. J. R. Jackson, Vicar 1866—1899."

Besides the provision of the new bell, the old 3rd has been recast, the whole of the peal tuned, and various minor repairs effected, at a total cost of about £125.—The date of the oldest bell is 1588, one was added in 1626, two more in 1769 and 1785, and the tenor, which is 15 cwt. 2 qrs. 29 lbs. in weight, in 1805.—The whole of the work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The Rev. H. Law James describes the peal as "the finest peal of six in the district."

Many ringers from Spalding, Pinchbeck, Surfleet, Fleet, Clenchwarton, attended the Dedication service, and rang touches on five bells before the service, and on all six afterwards; they all expressed delight at the "tone" and "go" of the bells. Four of the five clergy present—the Rev. H. Law James, Surfleet; the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Gosberton; the Rev. G. Harris, Clenchwarton; and the Rev. C. J. S. Ward, Moulton—are ringers.

THE BELLS OF LAVENHAM.

APPEAL FOR AN ANCIENT SUFFOLK CHURCH.

Lavenham bells, one of the finest rings of eight in the country, are sadly in need of repair, and an appeal is being made for £250 for the rehanging of the peal and for repairs to some of the old oak screen work. The architectural beauties of the building have been described as among "the most accomplished pieces of art in Christendom." During the seventeenth century Sir Christopher Wren stated that "every individual horny-handed craftsman who had toiled upon that building was in his own trade a consummate artist." No record is preserved of either the architects or builders, but, except for the chancel, which belongs to the Decorated period (fourteenth century), the church remains one of the finest specimens of late perpendicular. Among those who have at various times given freely towards the work of building and beautifying may be counted Thomas Spring, merchant clothier, who died in 1486, leaving a sum equal to about £5,000 of our money for the building of a tower; his grandson, known as the "rich clothier"; and John de Vere, thirteenth Earl of Oxford. Both inside and outside the de Vere arms and the merchant mark of Thomas Spring, along with his arms newly granted by the King, are profusely displayed.

Within the last four years the oak screen work in the Spring Chapel and the "Parclose" has been restored by the Irish descendants of "the Rich Clothier," while the Oxford Parclose has been similarly dealt with by the Rector of the parish, who has collected and spent over £2,500 on the church, thus exhausting all local resources. Early in the present year one of the bells fell, and when it was being rehung so that the peal might be rung for the Coronation it was discovered that all the others were in need of attention. The tenor is one of the chief glories of the famous church; its "birthday" on June 21st is always celebrated by the ringing of the whole peal. It is hoped that money will be forthcoming in order to put these celebrated bells again into proper ringing order.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on November 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing will be Southwark Cathedral from 3.30 to 5 o'clock for evening service, and St. Magnus, London Bridge, from 4 to 6 p.m. Practices: St. Magnus, Nov. 9th.—W. T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne, on Saturday, November 11th, 1911. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting, 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Croydon on Saturday, November 11th. Meet at the Bell Foundry, at 2.45 p.m., by invitation of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Tea at 5. Ringing after at St. John's (Parish) and St. Peter's Churches.—Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the members of the above district will be held at Southampton on Saturday, the 11th day of November. St. Michael's tower will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5.15, in St. Michael's Parish Hall, and business meeting immediately after.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish, on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7. Business: Election of Branch Secretary. A good meeting is requested.—W. H. Shuker, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Peploe), on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock, 9d. each. Will those intending to be present inform me not later than November 8th. Members and friends cordially invited. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid before this meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on November 11th. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting in the Schoolroom at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, November 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—W. H. Peabody, District Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready at 4.—Walter Hughes, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Church on Saturday, November 11th, at 6 o'clock.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Winscombe on Saturday, November 11th. Tea 4 p.m., meeting and service following (tea 6d. each). Bells available from 2 p.m.—A. H. Davies, Honorary Secretary

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, November 18th. Bells (8) from 4 o'clock; service 5.30; tea and meeting at Church Cottage 6.15.—F. G. Hume, District Secretary

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Canon Rivington), at Putney, on Saturday, November 18th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 8d. each in the Mission House at 6.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, November 18th. Bells at 4. Short service at 5.30. Tea in the Church House 6 o'clock; 6d. each members, 1s. 6d. others. All who wish for tea kindly notify me not later than first post 15th inst. By so doing they will greatly assist in the arrangements.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Milnrow Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James's Society, established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, November 25th, at St. Mary's, Lewisham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

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A HIGH SHERIFF'S GIFT.

The new peal of eight bells of Appledore Parish Church, North Devon, are to be dedicated on Monday, November 27th, at 11.30 a.m. by the Lord Bishop of Exeter. Invitations will be sent to the various ringers in the neighbourhood by the Rev. G. Scholey, M.A. The bells, which were cast at the foundry of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, London, bell founders to H.M. King George V, are the gift of Mr. W. J. Tatem, High Sheriff of Glamorganshire, and a native of Appledore, in memory of his father and son.

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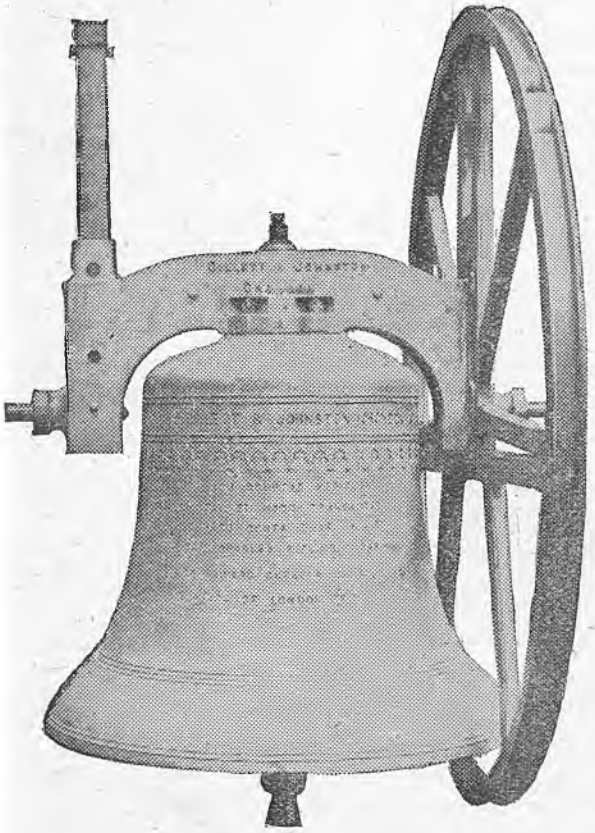
MODERN WORK.



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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER.

First in age, the College Youths can certainly lay claim to the premier social gathering of the ringing year, and when the members assemble round the festive board to celebrate their anniversary, the proceedings are always of the happiest and most convivial nature. Last Saturday's dinner was no exception to the rule. The company was thoroughly representative as well as numerous, the speeches were full of interest, and the social intercourse which the gathering permits of was one of its most pleasing features. Old friends meet from all quarters upon this occasion to do honour to the ancient society and to cement still further the acquaintanceships of many years.

Under such circumstances it is not surprising to find the speakers reminiscent, and in the speeches of Saturday evening many a tale of bygone days was told. The Rev. G. F. Coleridge and Sir Arthur Heywood also made a fairly exhaustive survey of the present position of ringing, and, in the words of the gentleman referred to by the Archdeacon of London, who, falling from the sixteenth storey of a New York sky-scraper, was heard to remark as he passed the fourth floor window, "All well so far," we may take it that, whatever else may be wrong with the world, ringing as an Art is still going ahead. And in this connection one cannot but emphasise the words of Sir Arthur when he pointed out that upon the College Youths there lies a peculiar responsibility for maintaining the fair fame of the Exercise, owing to the fact that its corporate existence far exceeds that of any other ringing organization in the country.

The men who were foremost in the society a generation ago are dropping out. Many who laid the foundation of the ringing of to-day have been gathered to their fathers, others, like James Pettitt and Matthew Wood, have been compelled by age to stand aside. The fortunes of the society are in younger hands, but these younger men may safely be trusted to uphold the traditions of this grand old institution.

Ancient though it is, the Society of College Youths has advanced with the times, as the performances, to which Sir Arthur Heywood specially referred, prove. London Surprise on the back eight at Bow, and Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Cornhill, show that the spirit of progress is as active in the ranks of the oldest society as it is in the more youthful, and in some respects more energetic, organisations. There are plenty of men of real ability to fill the gaps when a veteran falls by the wayside, and while the society is officered by ringers such as now direct its fortunes and has behind it the support of so much promising young blood, its position and its reputation need never give cause for anxiety.

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John O. Sager, Solicitor, Todmorden, December 10, 1910.

Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., Bell and Brassfounders, Smethwick.

Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt., in C sharp.

FRED G. MAY	*Treble*	HENRY HOWELL	6
ALBERT STOWELL	2	JOHN H. B. HESSE	7
WILLIAM LANSDOWN	3	JOHN THOMAS	8
WILLIAM KNIGHT	4	WILLIAM STOWELL	9
GEORGE SEWARD	5	ISAAC LONG	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by F. G. MAY.

This is the first peal on the bells since the adding of the four trebles and the rehanging of the whole peal by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The tone and go and evenness of the clappering are perfect.

The above peal was also rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector's wife, Mrs. Ashdown.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JESSE B. TYLER	*Treble*	REV. C. CAREW COX	6
REV. E. V. COX	2	WILLIAM KNIGHT	7
GEORGE CONDICK, Junr.	3	THOMAS F. KING	8
EDWIN J. RIDLER	4	JOHN A. BURFORD	9
HARRY BROWNJOHN	5	GEORGE SEWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT	*Treble*	WILLIAM PYE	6
JOHN J. LAMB	2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	7
WILLIAM J. KEMP	3	REUBEN SANDERS	8
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	9
HARRY J. RANZETTA	5	ALBERT W. COLES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

*ALGERNON P. G. STONE	*Treble*	EDWARD I. STONE	6
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY	7
HARRY WAKLEY	3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN	8
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY	4	GEORGE ROBINSON	9
GEORGE BULL	5	WILLIAM WILLSON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ERNEST MARSH	*Treble*	THOMAS BURTENSHAW	5
EDMUND LINDUP	2	HENRY STALHAM	6
ELLMAN BROWN	3	BERT CHALLEN	7
JOHN BOYD	4	LIONEL SEARS	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. STALHAM.

* First peal away from tenor. Rung as a birthday peal to Mr. Ellman Brown.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

On Monday, November 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs.

*EDWARD EDWARDS	*Treble*	ROBERT SPERRING	5
HENRY WOODFINE	2	HENRY W. WILDE	6
FREDERICK THOMAS	3	JAMES MORGAN	7
GEORGE PIERCE	4	RICHARD JONES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

* First peal.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY M. KEBBY	*Treble*	JOHN PERRY	5
FREDERICK RIDGWELL	2	GEORGE E. WILSON	6
EDWARD BENDIX	3	HENRY T. WILSON	7
WILLIAM DUDLEY	4	WILLIAM H. JUDD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by W. H. JUDD.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Harry Garron, of Prittlewell. G. E. Wilson's 50th peal.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 16. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES WYATT	*Treble*	JOHN CRAWFORD	5
JOHN HOYLE	2	*RICHARD KENDALL	6
WILLIAM H. CORBETT	3	WILLIAM COOK	7
JOHN WYATT	4	GEORGE COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Mr. F. Haseman, Junr., son of the verger of the church.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Tuesday, November 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART.

J. HERBERT BENFIELD	*Treble*	EDMUND J. HYLAND	5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT	2	JOSEPH PIGOTT	6
WALTER PIGOTT	3	GEORGE PIGOTT	7
ALFRED THOMAS HYLAND	4	HORACE HOWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*G. GIBSON	*Treble*	*G. APPS	5
F. HOUNSELL	2	F. ATTWATER	6
*G. GODSMARK	3	E. ATTWATER	7
W. GIBSON	4	A. E. MITCHELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. ATTWATER.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Hounsell and Attwater, the former being 69 years of age.

LLANGOLLEN.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

SAMUEL MEADOWS	*Treble*	ROBERT JONES	5
*JOHN CLUTTON	2	EDWARD ROWLAND	6
*GEORGE VAUGHAN	3	ALFRED LEA	7
HARRY MOORE, Junr.	4	WILLIAM WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY WILDE, and
Conducted by HARRY MOORE, Junr.

* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK DAVIS	*Treble*	EDWIN F. PIKE	5
WILLIAM HEWETT	2	*HENRY J. RANZETTA	6
FRANK HAIRS	3	ALFRED W. GRIMES	7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt., in E.

*GEORGE DAVIES	*Treble*	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	5
WILLIAM J. SEVIER	2	*THOMAS W. GORE	6
*FRANK JACOBS	3	SAM THOMAS	7
JOHN C. DICKENS	4	SAMUEL WESLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

MIDDLESBROUGH.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt., in G.

CYRIL POLLARD	*Treble*	WILLIAM POLLARD	5
GEORGE PICKERING	2	JOHN W. PASSMAN	6
FRED G. LAVERICK	3	THOMAS LANCASTER	7
CHARLES A. LAVERICK	4	JOHN HENRY JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN HENRY JONES.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Gladys Hedley and Dr. Body.

DIBDEN, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

*HENRY J. MARTIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM CHAMBERS, Junr.	5
WILLIAM J. RYVES	2	WILLIAM RAWLINGS	6
*GEORGE CLASBY	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
HERBERT PAYNE	4	JACK CURTIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. The ringers of 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 are members of the local band.

HENLEY.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qrs. 3 lbs., in A. flat.

WILLIAM FRELAND	*Treble*	THOMAS FORD, Junr.	5
Rev. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	2	JAMES MOTTS	6
CHARLES MILLS	3	CLEMENT J. MORE	7
JOHN SOUTER	4	WILLIAM J. NEVARD	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung as a birthday peal for Thomas Ford, junr., who was 16 on November 4th. It was his 16th peal, and first rung away from home.

CODDENHAM.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs., in F sharp.

JAMES MOTTS	*Treble*	WILLIAM FRELAND	5
Rev. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	2	CLEMENT J. MORE	6
CHARLES MILLS	3	WILLIAM J. NEVARD	7
THOMAS FORD, Junr.	4	JOHN SOUTER	*Tenor*

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

It is a pathetic coincidence that this peal was rung on the day of the composer's death.

IPSWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND
ST. MARY-LE TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Thursday, November 9, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt., in F.

WILLIAM MOTTS	*Treble*	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM	5
WILLIAM P. GARRETT	2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	6
Rev. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	3	JAMES MOTTS	7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	4	CHARLES CRAPNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 9, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

ARTHUR J. NEALE	*Treble*	HAROLD W. CLARK	5
REUBEN SANDERS	2	ROBERT E. STAVERT	6
THOMAS CRANFIELD	3	ALBERT W. COLES	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	CHARLES J. CLARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT W. COLES.

First peal as conductor. Rung on the coming-of-age of Miss E. E. Neale, daughter of the ringer of the treble. C. J. Clark is home on a visit from Canada.

STRANTON, WEST HARTLEPOOL.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 10, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

*CHARLES LAZENBY	*Treble*	ROBERT STEPHENSON	5
ALBERT SIMPSON	2	WILLIAM NEAL	6
ALBERT R. WEBSTER	3	THOMAS METCALFE	7
JOHN G. HALL	4	CHARLES E. S. WILSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN G. HALL.

* First peal. This peal was rung as a farewell to A. Simpson, who is leaving to take up missionary work in Canada, the ringers wishing him every success in his new sphere.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Friday, November 10, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lbs.

CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES	*Treble*	JAMES SCHOLES	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	6
HENRY T. GOWLETT	3	WILLIAM TRUSS	7
WALTER G. MATTHEWS	4	FREDERICK J. HARDY	*Tenor*

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 10, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING	*Treble*	JAMES MORGAN	5
CHARLES R. LILLEY	2	HENRY W. WILDE	6
WILLIAM SCONCE	3	WALTER THOMAS	7
CHARLES PRICE	4	JAMES V. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES PRICE, and
Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. It was also his 100th peal for the Guild. This composition contains all the 8-6-7's with nine of the 8-6's and is now rung for the first time.

SPELDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 10, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE THOMPSON	*Treble*	GEORGE TURLEY	5
HERBERT MARKWELL	2	JAMES MAYNARD	6
STEPHEN PERKINS	3	CHARLES CHAPMAN	7
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE	4	WILLIAM LATTER	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

Rev. F. Helmore's 170th peal, and was arranged for him while on a visit to Speldhurst Rectory.

PLYMPTON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAURICE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*WARREN HORNBROOK	*Treble*	JOSEPH WOODLEY	5
ERNEST W. MARSH	2	WALTER H. MARSH	6
FRANK HOCKADAY	3	WILLIAM FORD	7
WILLIAM RUNDLE	4	WILLIAM HOBBS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

* First peal.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES	*Treble*	CHARLES GREEDY	5
JESSE GILLETT	2	JOHN BUTLER	6
JOHN AUSTIN	3	JOHN W. DAVIES	7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN	4	GEORGE CONDICK, Senr.	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and
Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

DAVID J. NICHOLS	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. PAYNE	5
*GEORGE FARROW	2	ALBERT V. INNS	6
*WILLIAM G. MACE	3	CHARLES W. BIRD	7
EDWARD CHAPMAN	4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

* First peal and first attempt. Fiftieth peal by D. Nichols and F. Sawfoot.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN'S,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt., in F sharp.

*JOHN CHILTON	*Treble*	ROBERT STEPHENSON	5
WILLIAM T. ROBSON	2	FRED P. HOWCROFT	6
ALBERT R. WEBSTER	3	JOHN LOWERY	7
ARTHUR TEMPLE	4	ALBERT SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and
Conducted by ALBERT SIMPSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Further reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

SEDGLEY, STAFFS.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BIDDLESTONE'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

J. RAY	*Treble*	H. JEAVONS	5
F. EVANS	2	T. WATTON	6
*W. MILLS, Junr.	3	W. MILLS, Senr.	7
T. GRIFFITHS	4	B. FULLWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. WATTON.

* First peal.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt., in F.

WILLIAM ROOT	*Treble*	WALTER BURST	5
*OLIVER LAVER	2	FRANK CLAYDON	6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM	3	JAMES FRENCH	7
JAMES FLEUTY	4	ERNEST RIDGWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and
Conducted by ERNEST RIDGWELL.

* First peal of Major.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(MARLBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs.

LOUIS A. WILSON	*Treble*	GEORGE LANCASTER	5
OWEN W. LAYNG	2	HENRY W. L. WELLS	6
ROBERT W. HYNER	3	ERNEST BISHOP	7
CHARLES J. GARDINER	4	W. SAMUEL LAWRENCE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by ROBERT W. HYNER.

Rung after meeting short for Bob Major. George Lancaster was elected a member of the Association before starting the peal.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 33 cwt.

*F. C. RICH	*Treble*	H. W. BROWN	5
A. K. HARRISON	2	C. W. BELL	6
S. J. HECTOR	3	T. F. KING	7
G. H. HARDING	4	L. P. SMITH	*Tenor*
		†F. J. MOORE	

Conducted by G. H. HARDING.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. Messrs. F. C. Rich, L. P. Smith and F. J. Moore were elected members before starting.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SAMUEL REEVES	*Treble*	DAN. JONES	5
WILLIAM R. SMALL	2	JAMES E. GROVES	6
JOHN CARTER	3	HERBERT KNIGHT	7
WILLIAM H. GODDEN	4	JOHN SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

A note to this peal will be found in another column.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD	*Treble*	J. CHARLES DICKEN	5
NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON	2	EDWARD C. GOBEY	6
ERNEST J. OLIVER	3	CHARLES E. HART	7
CHARLES DRAPER	4	WILLIAM TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

The band thank the Rector for the use of the bells. J. C. Dicken's 50th peal.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt., in E.

GEORGE HARDY	*Treble*	ERNEST S. BAILEY	5
JAMES M. BAILEY	2	FREDERICK J. SMITH	6
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	3	NORMAN R. BAILEY	7
CHARLES F. BAILEY	4	EDGAR H. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

ORMESBY.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs., in E.

*THOMAS STEEL	*Treble*	JOHN G. HALL	5
*WILLIAM A. BRECKON	2	*GEORGE P. HILL	6
GEORGE F. ALEXANDER	3	*WILLIAM HARLAND	7
ALEXANDER MACFARLANE	4	THOMAS METCALFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN G. HALL.

* First peal in the method.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*FRANK SMITH	*Treble*	GEORGE W. PARK	5
†RICHARD MONCASTER	2	‡THOMAS CLARK	6
JAMES BAXTER	3	CHAS. TODD	7
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	4	WILLIAM H. PORTER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. PORTER.

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

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH)
AND ALL SAINTS AND ST. LAWRENCE GUILD, EVESHAM.

On Sunday, November 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

FRANK COOK	*Treble*	FREDERICK JORDAN	5
HERBERT JORDAN	2	JAMES HEMMING	6
*FRANK MOSS	3	HARRY MIDDLETON	7
THOMAS EDWIN	4	†ARTHUR KEYTE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY MIDDLETON.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. F. Moss was elected a member previous to starting.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lbs.

*GEORGE PIERCE	*Treble*	RICHARD JONES	4
ROBERT SPERRING	2	JAMES MORGAN	5
WALTER THOMAS	3	JAMES V. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday peal to R. Jones, the ringers wishing him the usual compliments. First peal on the bells.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

WALTER WILLEY	*Treble*	HARVEY BOWCOCK	4
JOHN SEMPER	2	CHARLES SEMPER	5
EDWARD R. SEMPER	3	FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDERICK SMITH	*Treble*	DAVID HORNE	4
ERNEST GIBBS	2	ARTHUR HADLEY	5
CHARLES HORNE...	3	WILLIAM SHORT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR HADLEY.

Quickest peal on the bells.

SURFLEET.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's:—i Hereward, Double Oxford and Single Oxford; ii Double and Single Court; iii Double and Single Bob; iv College Single; v Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob; vi Cambridge Surprise; vii Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. HUGH RICHARDSON ...	*Treble*	*C. WILLIAM SMITH	4
Rev. H. LAW JAMES ...	2	*WILLIAM RICHARDSON ...	5
*Rev. C. J. STURTON ...	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal in twelve methods.

SOUTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

GEORGE PIPES	*Treble*	ARTHUR KENWORTHY ...	4
JOHN HALL	2	THOMAS STIMPSON	5
JOHN BROOK...	3	FRED WATKINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. Wm. Booth, captain of the local band.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT C. EDWARDS ...	*Treble*	WALTER W. BONHAM ...	4
ALBERT J. GREEN	2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ...	5
EDWIN YATES	3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

LITTLE COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Plain Bob, and one each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Grandsire.
Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY COLLEY...	*Treble*	FREDERICK JORDON	4
THOMAS EDWINS	2	HENRY MIDDLETON	5
JAMES HEMMING	3	HUBERT SALISBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. SALISBURY.

First peal as conductor. First peal in six methods on the bells and first peal on the bells for 14 years.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM POWELL	*Treble*	ERNEST GIBBS	4
ANDREW LAYTON	2	*E. W. TURNER...	5
CHARLES LAYTON	3	GEORGE JORDON	*Tenor*

* First peal with a bob bell.

[No conductor mentioned.—ED.]

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGA,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich and Killamarsh Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine and Oxford.

EDWARD BRADSHAW	*Treble*	ERNEST TIGWELL	4
WILLIAM WHEELDON ...	2	HENRY CARNWELL	5
JOHN E. WHEELDON... ...	3	ISAAC MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY CARNWELL.

E. Tigwell hails from Biddulph, W. Wheeldon from Bucknall, and J. E. Wheeldon from Norton-in-the-Moors.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(MALDEN AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Woodbine, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM ...	*Treble*	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ...	4
GEORGE H. NEVILLE... ...	2	CHARLES J. MANN	5
FREDERICK WHITE	3	FRED CHALK	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. D. BUCKINGHAM.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 13, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM G. WEBB	*Treble*	GEORGE H. SPICE	4
WILLIAM E. SPICE	2	ALBERT J. DAY...	5
THOMAS JULL	3	WILLIAM SPICE, Senr. ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SPICE, Senr.

All are members of the Tunstall Band.

MALDEN.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(MALDEN AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Monday, November 13, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, New London, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRED CHALK	*Treble*	FRED WHITE	4
HAROLD FINCH	2	JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM ...	5
ALFRED SOUTH	3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. J. MANSFIELD.

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 9, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

*NATHANIEL HAYES	*Treble*	ROBERT HOWARD	3
HARRY HOWARD...	2	HARRY SLATER...	4

WALTER MANSFIELD ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

*First peal. First peal as conductor.

PASSENHAM, NORTHANTS.
TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt,

HERBERT CARTER	*Treble*	*HARRY RIDGWAY	3
PERCY WARNER	2	*EPHRAIM WYATT	4

LEONARD SMITH... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD SMITH.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. First peal as conductor.

The ringer of the 3rd at West Hartlepool, on Nov. 4th, was Robert and not Frederick Stephenson as published.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD,

On Monday, November 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOMS, TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Rev. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	1—2	Rev. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	5—6
*E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	3—4	Rev. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE	7—8

Composed by J. FLEMING, and
Conducted by the Rev. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.
Umpire: WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal of Treble Bob in hand, and 50th peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	JAMES HUNT	5—6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	3—4	FRANK BLONDELL	7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Umpire: CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

Mr. Hattersley afterwards congratulated the ringers on the splendid peal they had rung.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. RILEY, 9, SOUTH ROAD, NEW NORTH ROAD, N.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

WILLIAM SHEPHERD... ...	1—2	GEORGE R. PYE	7—8
WILLIAM PYE	3—4	ERNEST PYE	9—10
BERTRAM PREWETT	5—6	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ...	11—12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: A. W. COLES.

This composition contains the 6th 14 courses behind the 7th in the tittums, and 24 courses behind the 8th in the hand stroke home position. The above is the conductor's 50th peal of Stedman Cinques, and was rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Riley.

A RINGER FOR THE MISSION FIELD.

The peal of St. Aidan's, West Hartlepool, was arranged as a farewell to Mr. Albert Simpson, of Stranton Parish, West Hartlepool, who leaves on Thursday next to take up missionary work in Canada. A farewell peal has been obtained on each of the three towers at West Hartlepool, viz., Saturday, November 4th, Treble Bob Royal at St. Oswald's; Friday, November 10th, Grandsire Triples at All Saints', Stranton; and Saturday, November 11th, Treble Bob Major at St. Aidan's. A little over five years ago West Hartlepool did not possess a peal of bells, now there are three, the latest being that of St. Aidan's, which was dedicated on October 11th last, and this is the first peal recorded upon them, and was rung at the first attempt. Furthermore, it was by an entirely local band drawn from the three towers. The the "go" good, they having been thoroughly overhauled by Mr. Bowell Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

Mr. Simpson carries with him the best wishes of all the ringers, and it is earnestly hoped that God's good blessing will attend his labours. It will not be for lack of enthusiasm or energy on his part, as whatever he undertakes he does with whole-heartedness, whether it be bell ringing, church work, Sunday school or club matters.

MEETING AT HEADINGLEY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday. A peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted in the afternoon, but unfortunately was not successful. Touches in various methods were afterwards rung, and the meeting was held in the Schoolroom. The President (Mr. P. J. Johnson) occupied the chair, supported by members from Bolton, Holbeck, Hunslet, Shipley, Armley, Mirfield, Leeds, Rothwell, and the local band. Mr. H. Dransfield and Mr. A. North, of Mirfield, were elected members.—It was decided that the same band, who had been unsuccessful in the peal attempt that day, should try again at the next meeting, to be held at Holbeck on December 9th.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Headingley and to the local band, for the use of the bells and making the day's arrangements, was proposed by Mr. W. Powell, seconded by Mr. H. Dransfield, and carried unanimously.—The Rev. C. C. Marshall responded, and extended a hearty welcome to the society. He would be pleased to see them at any time they wished to visit Headingley. The tower was then again visited.

"RINGERS' STRIKE" AT LEEDS.

Dean Swift, of Far Headingley, writes protesting against the tone of Dr. Pauli's letter on this subject, and adds: "He condemns men he has never met for their disloyalty. I may remind him that the ringers of Leeds will no doubt compare very favourably with those of elsewhere, both as regards cleanliness of belfry, body and mind; also for their loyalty to God and Church. If Mr. Pauli wishes to practise the Christian virtue I have spoken of, he should ascertain the real facts of the case, which cannot by any stretch of imagination be called a 'strike.'"

[This letter has been delayed in publication through not being sent direct to the Editorial Office of this paper.]

BURTON-ON-TRENT. — On Sunday, October 22nd, at St. Paul's Church, for morning service, 416 Double Norwich: J. Griffin 1, J. J. Jackson 2, H. Wakley 3, G. Robinson 4, G. Ball 5, L. Bullock 6, A. P. Wakley 7, J. H. Swinfield 8.—For evening service, at St. Modwen's, 408 Stedman Triples: W. J. Smith 1, H. Kendrick 2, J. Brittan 3, J. J. Jackson 4, A P. Wakley 5, F. Shepherd 6, L. Bullock 7, T. Smith 8. Also 251 Grandsire Triples.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The most flourishing branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild is the Guildford district. Of the twenty-seven towers in the district containing peals of bells, only one (Wonersh) is at present unaffiliated. In addition, Guildford has this year made a great name for itself in the campanological world by the brilliant successes, particularly on handbells, which has placed it in the forefront of the various ringing centres of the country. It was not surprising, therefore, that there was a large gathering of members on the occasion of the annual meeting at Guildford on Wednesday week, representatives to the number of nearly 100 being present. The proceedings began with ringing on the ten bells of S. Nicolas' Church, where subsequently a shortened form of the Guild's special service was held, and a very appropriate address delivered by the Rev. F. C. Hill (Rector of Shere). Subsequently the members sat down to high tea at the Star Hotel, the Rev. E. C. Kirwan (Rector of Holy Trinity) presiding, supported by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (Gillingham, Dorset), the Rev. W. Fleet (Woking), Mr. J. Jones (hon. sec.), Mr. C. Willshire (chairman of committee), etc., while the octogenarian ringer, Mr. J. Heathorne, was also present.

The Rev. E. C. Kirwan presided over the first part of the business meeting, until the arrival of General Sir Edmond Elles, who had been detained in London. The Rev. F Ll. Edwards and Mr. Doick (Pulborough) were elected non-resident life members, and Mr. F. W. Westlake (Guildford) an hon. member, while new members were elected from Farnham (3), Clandon (1), and Aldershot (2).

The Hon. Secretary presented the annual report, which stated that the past year had been chiefly remarkable for the phenomenal records of the Holy Trinity, Guildford, band. According to the last diocesan report, the strength of the district showed a slight falling off in hon. members (3), but a gain in ordinary members of 30, the figures being: Twenty-six towers affiliated, 43 honorary and 260 ordinary members. The accounts were not yet complete, but at present there was a balance of about £9 on the right side.—The report, which was considered very satisfactory, was adopted.

The officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman of committee, Mr. C. Willshire (Guildford); representatives on the Central Committee, Messrs. R. Whittington (Ewhurst) and J. Hunt (Guildford); auditor, Mr. W. H. Tunnell (Merrow); chaplain, the Rev. W. Fleet (Woking); ringing master, Mr. A. H. Pulling (Guildford); hon. secretary, Mr. J. J. Jones.—The Ringing Master's report stated that during the year there had been rung in the district 27 peals on tower bells, including the first peals of Bristol Surprise and Norfolk Surprise by the Guild; and 47 peals on handbells, the most notable of which were the first peal of Stedman Caters on handbells, and the only peal of Cinques ever rung by the Guild.

It was arranged to hold the meetings for the ensuing year as follows: December, Wonersh; February, Farnham; April, Crondall; July, Cobham; September, Chiddingfold; November (annual), Guildford; and, in addition, it was left with the ringing master to arrange for visits to be made to other towers to encourage ringing in the higher methods.

A letter was read from the Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne), who was attending the Oxford Diocesan Conference, regretting that he was unable to be present, and congratulating the Guildford band upon their records of Stedman Caters and other notable performances.—An apology was also received from the Rev. F. C. Hill for his absence from the meeting.—The Rev. E. C. Kirwan laid before the members the appeal which has been issued in connection with the fund for the restoration of Holy Trinity bells.

General Elles was elected an hon. member of the Guild, and the meeting terminated with votes of thanks. A smoking concert was subsequently held, songs and handbell ringing passing a pleasant evening.

On Tuesday week, some of the Cranleigh (Surrey) ringers paid a visit to the neighbouring tower of Wonersh, mainly with the idea of getting the local men interested in change ringing, and to try to get them to join the Winchester Diocesan Guild, as Wonersh is the only six-bell tower in the Guildford district that is not affiliated. The church has a rather heavy ring (tenor about 19 cwt.), and the "go" is none of the best, but a look round by a bell hanger would no doubt effect a great improvement. However, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung by: H. Charman, T. Streeter (Shalford), A. Charman, C. Charman, R. Whittington, W. Charman (conductor); and 120 Grandsire Doubles by Mrs. R. Whittington, W. Charman, T. Streeter, A. Charman, R. Whittington, H. Ledger. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles, in which two of the local band took part, S. Simmonds ringing the treble, and S. Horsell the tenor, it being the first time they had ever taken part in anything except "call changes." There is, however, a young band at Wonersh, and they would soon make progress with practice and a little help, which they might avail themselves of by joining the Guild.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

The members of the Winchester district held their annual meeting at Southampton on Saturday Touches of Double Norwich, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, were rung on the bells of Holy Rood and St. Michael's Churches during the afternoon and evening. By the kind permission of the Vicar, tea was served in St. Michael's Parish Hall, the Rev. R. Merrick (Vicar of Holy Rood) presiding. There were also present the Rev. E. Banks James, Rev. E. W. Suart (Hursley), Rev. W. E. Colchester (general secretary of the Guild), and members from Winchester, Twyford, Hursley, Kingsworthy, North Stoneham, Dibden, Southampton, Bishopstoke and Bishop Sutton.

At the business meeting, which followed, the balance sheet showed receipts £20 10s. and expenditure £7 14s. 5d., leaving a favourable balance of £12 15s. 7d.—Mr. Wilfred Andrews and Mr. G. Williams were re-elected to represent the district on the Central Committee, Mr. J. W. Elkins was re-elected district secretary, and Mr. G. Smith, auditor for the district.—It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Romsey, on the first Saturday in November, 1912.—The Rev. E. K. Brown, of North Stoneham, having expressed his desire to entertain the members at the vicarage, it was left to the district secretary to arrange a special meeting to accept his kind invitation.—Thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Holy Rood for presiding, and for the use of his bells, and to the Rev. J. W. Danbury for the use of St. Michael's bells and the Parish Hall.—Apologies were received from the Bishop of Southampton and the Rev. Canon Braithwaite.

At a subsequent meeting of the committee, at which Messrs. Williams, Andrews, G. Smith, Oxenbury, Hunt, and the district secretary were present, the Rev. Canon Braithwaite was re-elected chairman for the ensuing year, and it was decided to hold the first quarterly meeting in 1912, at Alton, to include Froyle, in February, the second at Hursley in May, and the third at Upham in September. These meetings are to be held on the first Saturday in the month. It is also intended to arrange meetings at outlying places, to increase interest in change ringing.—Messrs. C. H. Hattersley, G. Martin, J. Evans, R. Buckland, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the Rev. H. Law James and the Rev. C. A. Clements, having joined the Winchester Guild during the past year, the secretary was directed to add their names to the compounding members' list.—Six new members of the Bishop Sutton band were also admitted as probationers, and Mr. J. Neville was advanced to full membership.—As it is desired, that, if possible, all bands should be represented at committee meetings, it was decided, that in future, the secretary be empowered to request any member of a band, who may be present, to represent the band at that particular committee meeting, if the duly elected representative is unable to be present, and has not sent a deputy.—Holy Rood band being desirous of making progress in change ringing, Mr. G. Williams was appointed to give them a course of instruction.

YORKTOWN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Yorktown district, which was held at Hawley on Saturday last, was, in spite of bad weather, fairly well attended. During the afternoon touches of Grandsire Triples and Forward Major were successfully brought round. Twenty-three members sat down to tea, representing Hawley, Yorktown, Bagshot, Woking, Ottershaw, Yateley, Hersham, Farnham, Aldershot, Staines, Surbiton, and London. After tea a plain course of Bob Royal was rung on handbells, and was much appreciated by the meeting. The Vicar of Hawley presided at the business meeting, when the annual report and balance sheet were read by the secretary, Mr. G. B. Edser, who was congratulated by the chairman upon the clear and concise way in which he had presented them to the meeting. A resolution, thanking the secretary for the work which he had done for the district throughout the year, was carried with applause.

The Ringing Master (Mr. W. Shepherd) reported that, although only eight peals had been rung during the year, good work had been done at the combined practices. It was not always wise to judge the standard of the district upon the number of peals rung, but upon the efficiency of the local bands.—Three new members were elected.—Upon the proposition of Mr. F. Nye, all the retiring officers of the district were re-elected.—Bagshot, Horsell, Yorktown, and Hersham were the places selected for the next four meetings, it being mentioned that, perhaps, an early visit to Bagshot would be the means of getting two new trebles added to the peal of six.—A resolution was passed, giving the secretary authority to advertise meetings in "The Ringing World" as well as in the fixture cards. A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for presiding.—The Chairman thanked the members for their kindness, and read a letter from Mr. Stillwell, the Guild's president, regretting that he could not attend the meeting on account of illness.—Afterwards two touches were rung on the handbells.

RINGING IN BEDFORDSHIRE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—After reading the latest letter of Mr. Blood, every sensible ringer would be aware that there is no further need for public correspondence. I am communicating direct with him, and I hope that any movement that takes place will meet with more hearty response than I have found in that district in the past. I must now say that I strongly object to correspondence of this nature being public. Bitter experience has taught me to avoid it as much as possible. I must here, on behalf of the members of the Bedford district, express the pleasure it gives to us to feel that another worker-for-others has appeared in Bedfordshire, and we hope that good fellowship may always prevail, and the cause of change ringing may be materially advanced.—Yours truly,

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A LINK WITH PAST GENERATIONS.

One of the geniuses of the Exercise is Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley, known to his earlier associates as Harry Hattersley, who was born at Sheffield September 12th, 1844. His name has been closely associated with ringing for the past half century, and he, in a way, is an interesting link with a bygone generation of change ringers. Along with his brother, Thomas (recently deceased), he inherited the impulse for change ringing from their maternal grandfather, Mr. William Booth, who was born at Sheffield,

MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY.

1783, and died October 6th, 1849, and who, in his day, was an eminent ringer and composer. Mr. Booth commenced ringing, and made his mark at an early age. In 1804 he took part in the last 5000 on the old peal of ten, at the Parish Church, Sheffield, and he also rang in the first 5000 on the present peal of ten in the same year. In 1809 he rang a 5003 of Grandsire Caters at All Saints, Derby, amongst the band being Joshua Short and other well known Birmingham ringers of that early period. There is a special interest in this owing to the fact that quite recently Mr. Hattersley called a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, and thereby established another connecting link in the same family, between the Birmingham and Sheffield ringers upwards of one hundred years afterwards.

Mr. Booth rang 3-4 in the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus ever rung on the handbells retained in hand, the first, to which reference was made last week, being on October 30th, 1811, and the other two on December 3rd, 1811, and November 24th, 1816, respectively. In 1814 he took part in the opening of St. Nicholas' peal of twelve at Liverpool, and two days afterwards rang a peal of Grandsire Cinques, which was accomplished by the united effort of Birmingham, Sheffield and other ringers, who were presented with twenty guineas and a silver cup on this unique occasion. In 1816 Mr. Booth paid a visit to London, which at this period was a three days' stage coach journey from Sheffield, and rang on June 16th a 5080 of Oxford Treble Bob Royal at St. Leonard's, Shorditch (then named "Jane Shoreditch"), in which peal the late George Gross, and the famous William Shipway took part. Mr. Booth, on this occasion, was made a member of the Royal Cumberlands, and Mr. Hattersley has in his possession that society's emblem bearing William Booth's name, and also the autograph of William Shipway as "beadle," June 9th, 1816.

Mr. Hattersley can well remember being taken to the Sheffield Parish Church belfry by his grandfather, Mr. Booth, and there for the first time saw ten bells rung by the local company. This was in the year 1848, Mr. Booth dying after a prolonged illness in 1849. In 1851 William Hudson, another worthy Sheffield ringer, died. He was, so Henry Johnson used to say, the founder of the groundwork of Thurstans' peals of Stedman Triples. These two eminent men dying so close together left a great blank, and it was not until the early sixties that Sheffield began to wake up a little! Mr. Hattersley's first introduction to change ringing proper was at the reopening of Wakefield ten bells on Easter Monday and Tuesday, 1862, in which he took part. Six or seven ten-bell companies were present on this occasion; and it was, in a way, a prize ringing contest with some high class change ringing.

Prior to this, however, he, as a youth, with much older members of the Sheffield society, was in full practice with Stedman Caters, and it was in this year, 1862, that he rang his first peal, a 5079 in this popular method. In 1811 there was rung at Sheffield a 5040 of Bob Royal, in which one Robert Daft rang the 9th. In 1863 a second peal was rung, the same Robert Daft ringing the 4th, with Mr. Hattersley at the 2nd, thus making him again a link with the past and the present generations of change ringers for exactly one hundred years!

In 1864 Mr. Hattersley was made a member of the College Youths on the occasion of ringing a 5040 of Stedman Triples at Bethnal Green with his old friend, Mr. Matt. Wood, and the late Mr. Haley and Mr. George Muskett. In 1867 he paid his first visit to Birmingham, and made the personal acquaintance of that very genial individual, Mr. Henry Johnson, who gave him a very hearty welcome. In 1886 he had the honour of presenting Mr. Johnson with his portrait, which had been subscribed for by the change ringers of England. Mr. Hattersley has rung a moderate number of peals in and around Birmingham. His first in the district being at Aston in 1869—a 5271 Stedman Caters, conducted by that local character, Mr. William Chattell. His last peal, in that district, as previously mentioned, was Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, November 22nd, 1910.

Mr. Hattersley has rung close on 200 peals, including Grandsire Triples, Major, Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Kent Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, Oxford Major, Bob Major and

Royal, Duffield Royal, Double Norwich, New Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise. He has conducted a good many of these peals from working bells, and practically all of them are beyond criticism as to truth and excellence in striking, for it is known that irregular ringing with him is soon at an end. Mr. Hattersley joined the Yorkshire Association in 1879, and is a vice-president and trustee. He conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples, and composed and conducted the first peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques, and also the first peals of Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise ever rung by that Association.

As a composer (and there is evidence of his interest in this direction from 1855) he has an interesting and varied collection of compositions in Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Duffield, Superlative, Bristol and London Surprise. His sixty course-end peals of Stedman Caters are complex purposely to interest the advanced "bob caller." Others in the same method having the coursing order of 4, 6, 8, and the extent of 2, 4, 6, 8 and 3, 5, 6, 8, with 9, 7, 8 course ends, are exceedingly musical compositions. He was the first to produce a 5019 of Stedman Cinques, having three bells their extent in fifth's place in the last thirty-six natural courses, and also the rounds at hand in a homing course with calls at 2, S13, S15. His fourteen course peals of Treble Bob Major with the 5th and 6th extent in 5-6 were the first ever composed in 5024 changes, having eleven out of the possible twelve 8-6's, and with its numerous variations showing 4th and 6th extent in 5-6; also peals in the same method with 4th and 6th extent in 6th, and 5th and 6th extent in fifths with all the 8-6's. This latter peal was the first ever rung in the Isle of Man. He also conducted Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples in Manxland, both peals being rung at Peel on the same day in July, 1888.

He composed the first peal of Superlative Surprise as a 5056, containing all the possible changes with the 6th and tenor together, without the 2nd being in 6th's place. He also introduced a twelve course set with the 6th the extent in this method with interchangeable calls, which has been the means of increasing the variety of compositions. He has also evolved a new eleven course set to Stedman Caters, which is also applicable to Double Norwich, Bob Major, Superlative, etc., these also being the means of increasing the scope and variety of compositions. In London Surprise he has peals with the 4th and 6th extent in sixths, and 5th and 6th extent in fifths. These are amongst the first ever composed in this precarious method.

Mr. Hattersley's most notable performances include a 9238 of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, 1881, in 6 hours and 48 minutes; a 6006 in five different methods on ten bells at Rotherham, 1881; a 6595 of Stedman Caters (sixty course ends) at Sheffield, 1886, in 4 hours and 45 minutes; a "non-conducted" peal of Stedman Triples, the first ever rung on tower bells, at Burton-on-Trent, 1886; also an "all-conducted" peal of Stedman Triples at the same church, 1887; a 13,041 of Stedman Caters at Cheltenham, 1888, in 8 hours and 20 minutes; a 15,227 of Grandsire Caters, also at Cheltenham, 1889, in 9 hours and 43 minutes. He also rang nine peals in five days in the same year, in which Sir Arthur Heywood, the Revs. F. E. Robinson, George F. Coleridge and W. W. C. Baker and Messrs. John W. Taylor, of Loughborough, and J. W. Washbrook took part. In 1890 he was elected a member on the Central Council for the Yorkshire Association, and in 1893 was one of the representative ringers present at the opening of the Imperial Institute by the late Queen Victoria. It is not in human nature for a man to maintain the same strength of practical energy for the space of fifty years, but in spirit Mr. Hattersley has the same interest as ever. He is always willing to encourage the young aspirants to higher qualifications, and thereby enable them to understand and appreciate the merits of composition, and also to explain to the extent of his wide knowledge the apparent difficulties of the noble Art. His sociable and companionable nature is proverbial, and has made him many friends both in business and private life.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

At a reception and luncheon at the Crystal Palace, where, under the presidency of the Earl of Plymouth, a company of 200 guests, including leading members of the commercial world within the Empire, the awards to the successful exhibitors at the Festival of Empire Exhibition were distributed. In the section devoted to music, Mr. Robert Warner, representing Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of London, bell founders to H.M. the King, was presented with the highest award, "The Grand Prix," for their exhibit of church bells, which, in the opinion of the judges, composed of the leading architects, engineers and musical experts of the day, showed very high excellence in quality of tone and finish, and the embodiment of the best engineering principles in the design of the iron and steel framework. An illustration of the Grand Prix appears on another page.

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A correspondent from Alfriston, in a somewhat belated communication upon a paragraph, which appeared in this column on October 6th, relating to the experience of two visitors to the village church, says the two gentlemen "apparently failed to grasp the true position when they were politely told that 'the bells required careful handling.'

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"The facts are these. They arrived at the time when the bells were being rung for service; they were courteously received, and it was explained to them that, owing to the position of the ringers (in the centre of a cruciform church) great care had to be taken as the members of the congregation passed by the ropes to take their seats in the transepts. Serious accidents have happened in this respect in days gone by, and a rule has been made and its observance strongly insisted on by the Vicar, that no stranger be allowed to ring during assembly of the congregation for Divine service. The visitors, who were so amused at the conduct of our 'strong men,' were politely invited to come over on the following Tuesday evening to the weekly practice and 'have a pull.'

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"Referring to your comments, the Alfriston ringers wish to state that they have no 'exaggerated ideas,' and that they frequently accept invitations to ring in the neighbouring towns and villages, where they are always welcomed. They also endeavour at all times to give a cordial reception to any members of the ringing fraternity who visit Alfriston."

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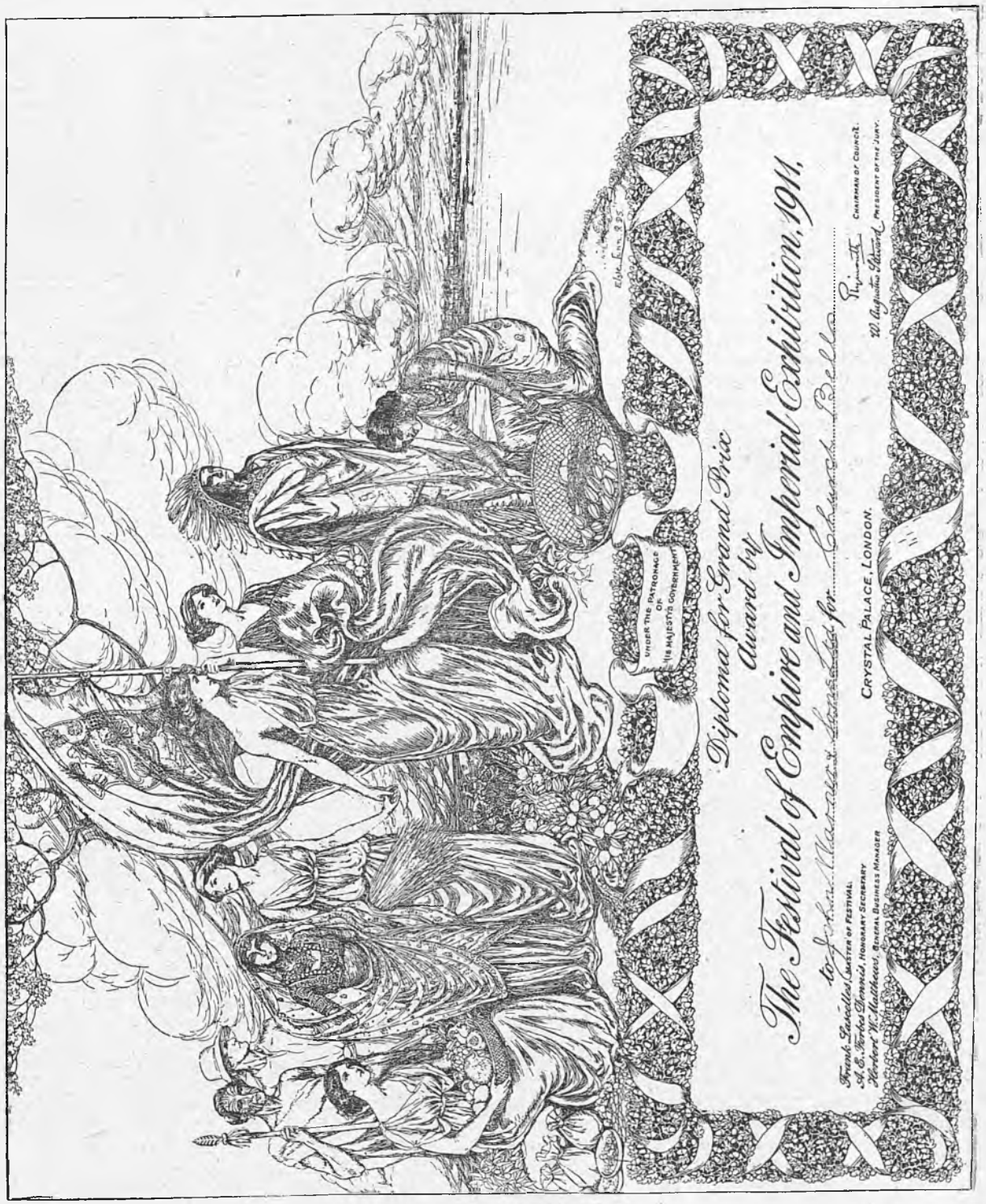
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We are, of course, sorry if we misconstrued the attitude of the local ringers, but it is certainly a breach of belfry etiquette to refuse "a pull" to competent visitors, while merely to invite them to come the next practice night is very little consolation to those who have walked miles in order to ring. Incidentally Alfriston is one of the most isolated of all the Sussex churches, and, if we might give the local men a hint, we would suggest that they should join the County Association, and see that in the annual report an intimation is inserted that visitors are precluded from service ringing. It might save fruitless journeys in the future.

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It is seldom we find a ringer waiting until he is 75 years of age before ringing his first 504, yet Mr. W. Cope, of Uttoxeter, has just rung his first touch of that length. Although he is five years past the "allotted span," we hope we may soon have the pleasure of recording his first 5040.

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The bells of Bidston, Cheshire, have been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the work has been carried out in a manner distinctly creditable to the celebrated firm. The first touches on the bells after the rehanging included Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and were rung by J. Griffiths, C. E. Wilcox, H. Rogers, C. Rimmer, D. Gibbon (from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank), S. Wood, W. Wilcox and J. Stanley.

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Two Spalding ringers now serving in the Army are shortly leaving for Gibraltar with their battalion, the 2nd Lincolnshire Regt., and on Sunday evening a farewell quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Spalding Parish Church: F. Bennett 1, J. Locke 2, R. Smith 3, Corpl. G. Mackman 4, R. Mackman, senr., 5, M. E. G. Mackman 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, Pte. R. Mackman 8.

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Chesterfield Parish Church Council have invited two ringers to become members, and Mr. A. Knights and Mr. F. Jacobs have been elected by the local company.

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The peal at Tipton, Staffs, on Saturday, was Mr. Wm. R. Small's 100th peal of Stedman and his 303rd peal in all. It was rung on the eve of his 72nd birthday, and he received the congratulations of the band. It is very gratifying to see him in such good health, and still able to take his part in a peal. A pleasant social evening was afterwards spent, touches and courses of Stedman and Grandsire Triples being rung on handbells. Mr. Small's 100 peals of Stedman are made up of Cinques 14, Caters 15, Triples 71. The peal was the first on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham.

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The rehanging and augmentation of the Parish Church bells at Machen, Mon., is now completed. The bells were tried by a band of ringers from Newport last week, and various touches rung. An excellent job has been done by Llewellins and James, Ltd. The dedication and opening is not definitely fixed, but it is expected to take place in about a month's time.

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The Ottley ringers held their annual supper on November 4th at the Three Horse Shoes, and spent a very enjoyable evening. The loyal toast, "Health to the Subscribers," and "The Host and Hostess" were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable musical programme was carried out.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

ANNUAL DINNER—AN ENJOYABLE RE-UNION

"THE RINGING WORLD" SPECIAL REPORT.

Of all the social events in the campanological calendar, the chief is the annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths. There are few gatherings which attract ringers from so wide an area, and last Saturday a party, numbering about 150, assembled round the festive board to celebrate the 274th anniversary of the society. The dinner was held at the historic London Tavern, in Fenchurch Street, and there was a very representative company. The Master (Mr. Alfred Peck), who presided, was supported by Miss Macalpine Leny, the Ven. Archdeacon of London (Dr. Holmes), Sir Arthur Heywood (President of the Central Council), the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and Lieut. G. Mackinnon. The vice-chair was filled by Mr. E. A. Davies, of Barking, and the officers of the society present were: Mr. Arthur Hughes (treasurer), Messrs. Challis F. Winney and Walter Prime (trustees), W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary), and J. C. F. Bayley and T. Faulkner (stewards). The provinces were well represented. From Sheffield there came Messrs. C. H. Hattersley, Sam Thomas, W. Burgar and G. Holmes, and from Bristol, Messrs. W. A. Cave, J. H. Wilkins and C. Gordon. Mr. John Taylor, of Loughborough, Mr. W. W. Gifford (Salisbury), Messrs. A. H. Pulling and C. Hazelden (Guildford), J. Wyatt (Ashtead), Mr. Bowen (Ilfracombe), W. J. Nevard (Bentley), G. Woodiss and J. H. B. Hesse (Teddington), were also among the company and others present, who are more closely associated with London, included Messrs. G. N. Price, E. P. O'Meara, H. R. Newton, E. Horrex, C. S. Burden, G. R. Fardon, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, F. Dench, F. E. Dawe, C. Christie (Messrs. Warner and Sons), J. C. Truss, W. Truss, H. Passmore, Mr. J. Brown (senior verger of St. Paul's), etc. After an admirably served repast, the loyal toast was submitted from the chair, and enthusiastically honoured.

THE CHURCH.

The Master then proposed "The Church," and in a felicitous speech, pointed out what a vital part the Church played in their lives, and how much indebted to the Church they were. Indeed, if there were no Church, he said, there would be no grand societies such as theirs. He reminded the ringers that they rang the bells, first for the service of God, and not for their own gratification, and he appealed to his fellow ringers to rally round and endeavour to bind the Church and themselves still closer together, not only by ringing regularly for services, but also by attending those services, as did other church workers; and, being true Britishers should do all in their power to uphold their revered Church (applause). The Master added that they missed the presence of their old friend, the late Archdeacon of London, who used to be with them every year, but they welcomed his successor, who, he hoped, would honour their dinners for many years to come (applause).

The Archdeacon of London, who was received with loud applause, responded to the toast, and addressed the company as "fellow church workers," because, he said, he looked upon ringers as every bit as much church workers as he was himself—and very hard church workers they were. Proceeding, he said, that if church bell ringers did their work in the right spirit, they made every bit as much an offering to God as the clergy did when they visited in the parish, or were taking a service. They were a real brotherhood together. Everybody in these days, the speaker added, seemed to be taking a thoroughly pessimistic view of everything and everybody else. Everything was supposed to be going down hill, and they were supposed to be at a very low ebb in England. Personally, he did not believe for one moment that there was the slightest need for pessimism, and so far as bell ringing was concerned it was going ahead (applause). The bell ringers of the provinces and of London rang out the same message of brotherhood to country and town. An essential necessity in these days was that London should understand the country, and that the country should understand London, and one way of doing this was by listening to the message which the bells had to teach them, that there was one great central point for everyone, and that was the one common God, in whose honour they in London and in the country were ringers. All things were possible if they believed that with right down honest enthusiasm (applause).

THE TOAST OF THE EVENING.

Sir Arthur Heywood, who was received with great cordiality, proposed the toast of "The Ancient Society of College Youths.' Although the society was not the only good or the only hard-working society in England, he said yet the two centuries and three-quarters that it had existed as a united body had probably done more to keep up the Exercise of church bell ringing in this country than anything else that had supported it (hear, hear). Therefore, upon that society lay a peculiar responsibility. He had learnt with immense satisfaction from their indefatigable hon. secretary of the successes of the past year. He supposed that the peal of London on the heavy ring of bells at Bow was one of the greatest performances that had been done by this many-

performances society, and he desired to testify his sincere admiration of his friend Mr. Newton, who through that peal tackled the tenor (applause). Then there was the Cambridge Maximus at Cornhill. Cambridge Major had been enough for him, but he admired the performance of such a method on such a ring of bells. Then there was the thing which came much nearer home to him, and that was the peal of Treble Bob Maximus at Southwark. It was really a great gratification to him to feel that these bells had once more been put in order. They were the most historical peal in London, and the peal upon which, he believed, more notable performances had been achieved than any other. However, that might be, it was a great thing to have got that ring of bells in thorough going order (hear, hear). Then Mr. Cockerill had told him that the attendance at the practices had been most satisfactory, and that they had a number of young ringers coming on who appeared to be going to do justice to the Art. That, after all, was one of the most important things. They had to see that the great reputation of the society was in no way impaired. Sir Arthur then became reminiscent, and referred to his experiences when he began ringing fifty years ago.

SIR ARTHUR AND "THE RINGING WORLD."

Turning to the future of ringing, Sir Arthur alluded to the advent of "The Ringing World." "We have two ringing papers, now," he said, "instead of one. That has exercised me a good deal. The 'Bell News' was a very good paper so far as it went, but a lot of us had a great deal of fault to find with it. Now we have got a new paper. The new paper is better printed, and it is cut, for one thing, which I like. I am not quite sure whether it is not taking the wind out of the sails of the old one, but at the same time I have got a sort of old affection for 'Bell News.' I am not at all certain what the result of this competition will be. I doubt whether there is really a sufficient amount of support amongst ringers to run two papers; if there is, well and good, and no doubt the competition will result in the improvement of both papers. But I am a little bit doubtful whether such a comparatively small number of people for newspaper purposes as ringers are, can properly run two papers in their interests. There is another point which I have not the slightest doubt that a great many of you gentlemen, who are busy men, as I am, feel, and that is it is an intolerable nuisance to have to read through the pages of two papers which are almost exactly alike each week, in order to be quite sure that you do not miss any important information about ringers, and I should hope that in the future these two papers might possibly caress and let us have one really good paper which will have the confidence of the whole Exercise."

DISESTABLISHMENT IN WALES.

Next Sir Arthur turned his attention to the grave outlook in Church matters, by the probable introduction of disestablishment in Wales. It had not been contradicted, he said, that if this be carried out the income of the Church in Wales will be reduced by 18s. 6d. in every £1. The result of this would be that church work must inevitably suffer. There would be no funds available to pay ringers where ringers were now paid, and, more than this, there would certainly be no money to keep church bells in order—a matter which closely concerned them as ringers. He, therefore, urged them as Churchmen to unite in opposition to the proposal of the government under which the Welsh clergy would be handicapped and church work would suffer. Unless something came about to prevent that shameful perversion of the income given by pious people for church purposes, he did not know how they would see their way through the difficulties. He asked those who were present to carry into every part of the country with them the fact that that great society was pledged by its origin, by its standing, and by its long record of honourable work for the Church, to stand up for the Church in its coming difficulties (hear, hear).

Mr. A. Hughes, who responded to the toast, thanked Sir Arthur for the kind things he had said about the society which had gone on for over 270 years, working in connection with the Church—the finest institution in our country. At the present day there was a sort of revolutionary craze to upset all our old institutions. They had to adapt themselves to altered circumstances, but he thought if they rallied round the Church they would save that, at all events. Mr. Hughes added that the officers were very pleased to see so many old friends that evening, among them Miss Leny (applause).

Mr. Cockerill was also called upon, and replied in a short speech.

THE PROVINCIAL SOCIETIES.

Mr. E. A. Davies proposed "The London and Provincial Ringing Societies" in an admirable speech, and referred with pleasure to the fact that many fine peals of bells which had been silent for years had now been restored. It was particularly gratifying to know that all the peals of twelve in London, except one, were now in ringing order, and that steps were being taken to put Shoreditch in order.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, whose name was coupled with the toast, was in his happiest vein in replying. Last year, he said, he was able to tell them that ten parsons had managed to ring a peal of Stedman Caters for the Ancient Society. He had hoped that night to be able to tell them that they had been successful with Stedman Cinques. That, however, was not to be, but he hoped they would be successful next May (hear, hear). He could give them a very good report from the provinces. They had only to look back to the ringing papers of a week ago, and they would find that 56 peals had been rung during the week. Two of these were by London Societies, and no less than 54 by 17 different provincial societies. A remarkable part about the record was that one particular Guild—the Winchester—scored no less than eighteen of those peals, nine during the week in Hampshire, three by other bands, and, to cap the whole thing, that marvellous performance of six peals of Stedman Caters on six successive days in six different places by five men of the Guildford band (applause). They had present that evening, the conductor, and they would all join in congratulating him on the performance. He trusted by this time next year they would be able to congratulate him and his band, augmented by one more, upon six peals of Cinques on six successive nights (hear, hear). Mr. Coleridge next turned to the statement that in some places ringing was unpopular with those near the Church, and read extracts from a letter he received last year from Mr. William Banister, who told him that at Woolwich, where over fifty years ago there were neighbours who objected to the noise of the bells, he and his brother made ringing popular by giving their services at charity concerts where they rang handbells. One such concert, which took place in the Arsenal, in aid of the widows and orphans of the men who died in the Crimean War, realised, clear of expenses, £192 (applause). Mr. Coleridge had several amusing stories to tell, and, in conclusion, apologised for the absence of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who was attending a district meeting at Islip.

Mr. A. A. Hughes submitted "The Visitors," and read a letter from Dr. Nicholls, of Boston, U.S.A., who said his thoughts would be with them on that occasion.—Lieut. Mackinnon made a breezy reply, and this concluded the speech-making.

During the evening, apologies were read from the Dean of St. Paul's, the Archdeacon of Southwark, Archdeacon Sinclair, Canon Bell (St. Michael's, Cornhill), the Rev. R. Peek (St. Magnus), Mr. R. A. Daniell, Capt. Mackinnon, and the Rector of Barking.

The St. George's Glee Union were the principal contributors to a most enjoyable programme, their glees and part-songs, admirably rendered, being much appreciated. The songs by Mr. C. W. Palmer ("The toilers" and "Annie Laurie") and Mr. S. Blackmore ("Thora" and "The dream of Paradise"), were received with warm applause, as were also the handbell solos ("The promise of life" and "The lost chord") by Mr. J. Cubitt Smith. Some brilliant handbell selections were given by Sheffield men, and a critical company admired the double-handed London Surprise by Messrs. A. C. Hardy, C. Fenn, T. Faulkener and R. Fenn, of Barking, and the course of Stedman Cinques by Messrs. Taffender, Winney, Pulling, Passmore, Golding and Cockerill. A thoroughly enjoyable evening terminated with "Auld Lang Syne."

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A small but enthusiastic party of ringers braved the elements on Saturday last to attend the annual meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association at Christ Church, Southgate, and to have the pleasure of hearing this famous peal of bells. In spite of the unfavourable state of the weather, and of the other ringing attractions in London, some 30 members attended. Touches in various methods, including Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Superlative and London, were rung.

There was a short service for the ringers at 5.30, followed by the tea and meeting. Four new members were elected, and the elections of three members prior to ringing peals were confirmed. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:—Master, Mr. J. Armstrong; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. A. Milne; hon. secretary, Mr. C. T. Coles; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. W. J. Kemp. The following members were elected to serve on the Central Committee: Messrs. G. B. Lucas, S. Wade and J. Waghorn, senr. Messrs. W. Pickworth and J. E. Miller were appointed auditors.—Two appeals for help towards bell restoration were considered, and a sum of £3 3s. was voted to St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, a tower affiliated to the Association, and a sum of £2 2s. to St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, towards the cost of rehanging the famous peal of twelve bells there.—It was resolved to hold an occasional meeting for six bell ringers, and it is to be hoped that these meetings will be well supported.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the hon. secretary to the Rev. C. F. Peploe for the use of the bells, coupled with an expression of regret for his long illness, and a hearty wish for his complete recovery. Thanks were also given to the Rev. T. Smart, who conducted the service, to the local ringers for their kind welcome, and also to the organist and choir for their help in making the short service in church a bright and attractive one.

SAFFRON WALDEN BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your Association Notes last week, in commenting upon the condition of the Bishop's Stortford bells, it is stated that "Saffron Walden bells also require about £80 spent upon them." This, doubtless, arises from a remark made at the meeting of the North Western District of the Essex Association, held at Bishop's Stortford lately, that it was very desirable that two bells should be added to the existing eight, the cost of which would be about £80. We are pleased to say that the bells of Saffron Walden are in excellent condition, and the "go" good, having been thoroughly overhauled by Mr. Bowell last year.

J. F. PENNING.

WRINGTON BELLS DEDICATED.

A MAGNIFICENT PEAL.

All Saints' Day, 1911, will long be remembered in Wrington, as marking the dedication of the four new treble bells to make a peal of ten, and the re-hanging and re-tuning of the old peal of six. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the result leaves nothing to be desired. The bells are hung in two frames of iron. The top frame carries the treble, 3rd, 4th, 6th and 8th, and is mounted on three 12ft. by 6ft. steel girders, built into the walls, and carried also on stone corbles. It is very efficiently cross-braced, and all the castings are of massive proportions, and are very well designed. The bottom frame carries the 2nd, 5th, 7th, 9th and tenor. This frame is naturally much heavier, and is mounted on four steel girders, 16ft. by 6ft., built into the walls, and also carried on stone corbles, and well cross-braced. All the stocks are of cast iron, and are of improved design. The gudgeons and bearings are all of ample size; the bearing caps are somewhat out of the common, being provided with an extra side to protect the inside of the bearing and gudgeon from dust, while the bearings of the 9th and tenor are provided with syphon feed lubricators; these, when filled, take about four hours to empty themselves, and hold rather more than a large egg cup of castor oil. All the rollers are provided with means of lubrication, and all are fitted with bronze brushes running on turned and ground steel pins. The clapper tops, also, are provided with easy means of lubrication, special holes being drilled for the purpose on the cross member of the clapper. The whole job is on thorough engineering lines, the "go," the tone and the clappering being all that could be desired. A double floor has been provided under the bottom bells, and the space filled up with silicate of cotton.

The church on the opening day was filled long before the time appointed for the service, viz., 3.0 p.m. The dedication ceremony was performed by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the clergy present including the Venerable Archdeacon of Bath, the Rev. Prebendary Vaughan (Rural Dean), the Rev. G. M. Lambrick, the Rev. G. M. Ashdown, Rector of Wrington (donor of the 3rd bell, together with Mrs. Ashdown), Prebendary Hayes Robinson, Prebendary Gilbert Smith, Rev. R. H. Edwards (Burrington), Rev. C. E. Browne, D.D. (Burcombe), Rev. C. Hartley (Cleeve), Rev. T. Dowling (Weston-super-Mare), Rev. J. W. Allcock, Rev. A. F. Creery (Langford), Rev. K. A. W. Todd (Red Hill, Wrington). The Rev. J. W. Allcock acted as Bishop's Chaplain. Amongst the large congregation were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wills, donors of the treble and 2nd; Mr. Egerton Harrison, donor of the 4th; Mrs. Richardson, of Langford Court; Mrs. C. L. F. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Ivie Dunlop, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hesse, Mrs. J. H. B. Hesse, Dr. and Mrs. Bristowe, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Organ, Mr. and Mrs. Bethel, Mr. Phillot (Cheltenham), Mr. W. Baber (Claverham), and Miss Baber, Mrs. and the Misses Biggs, Mr. Boucher (Clevedon), Mrs. H. W. Collins (Haslemere), Miss Christie, Miss Connor, Mr. F. Cole, Mrs. Drew, Mr. and Mrs. Goodfellow, Mr. and Mrs. Hewett, Mrs. Hardwick, Mrs. and the Misses Lucas, Mrs. Lock, Miss Wigan, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Robinson, Mrs. Tyssen, Mr. and Mrs. Thatcher, Mrs. W. Walters and the Misses Walters, Mr and Mrs. F. Wood, Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. T. Williams (Blagdon), Mr. and Mrs. Peebles, Mrs. de Courcy Lyons (Combe Down), Mr. and Mrs. Bath (Glastonbury), Mr. Cotgrave, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Gill (Exmouth), Mrs. F. E. Lawder, Mrs. Parsons (Churchill), Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield, Mr. William Lane, Mr. Browning, Dr. and Mrs. Vincent Wood, and Mr. James Chidgey.

THE SERVICE.

The church was decorated, and the service was of a most impressive character, the musical part reflecting great credit upon the choir and the organist (Mr. P. P. Wheeldon, F.R.C.O.). While the congregation was assembling, Mr. Wheeldon played the Grand Solemn March and the Andantino in D minor. Psalm cl., "O Praise God in His Holiness," was sung to a setting by Stanford, and the appropriate hymn, "Lifted high within the Steeple," was sung to Smart's beautiful tune. After this the dedication ceremony was performed by the Bishop, who proceeded in procession to the tower, and at this point Messrs. F. G. May, W. Lansdown, C. H. Gordon, W. Knight, W. Stowell, G. T. Dalty, H. Howell, J. H. B. Hesse, J. Binfold and J. Long rang a plain course of Stedman Caters, the ringers all being members of the Bath and Wells Association. The Lord Bishop gave an appropriate address, and reminded the congregation that both rich and poor had given to this most worthy work.

Amongst the ringers present were Mr. and Miss Gillingham (Portishead), who both took part in the ringing, Mr. Phillot (Cheltenham), Mr. Shepherd (Wolverhampton), Mr. Coles (Bridgwater), Mr. T. Francis, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Staddon, Mr. C. Wiltshire, the Messrs. Court, Yatton, and others. At 6.0 p.m., a very substantial meat tea was provided for the visiting and local ringers, including all those who had been ringers in the parish in past years, the guests being ably waited upon by Mrs. Ashdown, Mrs. J. H. B. Hesse, Mrs. Walter Organ, and Mrs. Vincent Wood.

THE BELLS.

During the evening touches of Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters and Treble Bob Royal were brought home, the local ringers, Messrs. F. W. Nipper, G. Collins, E. Andow, D. Wood, A. Lane W. Perry, taking part in the ringing in a most creditable manner. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank were well represented by Mr. Hughes, Mr. A. Hughes, and last, but by no means least, those who hung the bells, Messrs. H. Hutchins, J. Thomas, and H. Browning.

All the ringers present were unanimous in their praise of the peal and the excellent "go" and tone, and the perfect way in which the bells had been tuned, all the old bells having been slightly flattened. The weights are as follow: Treble, 7 cwt. 1 qr. 0 lbs.; 2nd, 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 4 lbs.; 3rd, 8 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.; 4th, 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 0 lbs.; 5th, 10 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.; 6th, 10 cwt. 3 qrs. 25 lbs.; 7th, 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 19 lbs.; 8th, 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.; 9th, 20 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lbs.; tenor, 37 cwt. 0 qrs. 0 lbs., C sharp. The front five bells are by Mears and Stainbank, the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th by Bilbie, of Chew Stoke, and the tenor by Mears and Stainbank. The day was a most successful and happy one, and one that will be long remembered by the inhabitants of Wrington.

A LEICESTER RINGERS' DEPARTURE.

At St. Martin's Church, Leicester, on Sunday evening, November 5th, a special touch of 831 Stedman Caters were rung as a farewell to Mr. George Cleal, who is leaving the district to take up a position at Carlow, Ireland. Mr. Cleal has been associated with St. Martin's since he came to Leicester, nearly twenty years ago, and he has been mainly the cause of raising both the standard of ringing in Leicester, and the St. Martin's Society to the premier position it holds to-day in the district. St. Martin's is the only church in Leicester which has no week-night practice, the only practice being one hour before service on Sunday evening, but any visitor can be certain of a touch of Stedman Caters.

On behalf of the band, Mr. Martin thanked Mr. Cleal for his energy in doing so much for them, and wished him success in his new sphere. —Mr. J. Buttery also said a few words, and Mr. C. H. Fowler aptly put it as St. Martin's loss and Ireland's gain.

It might be mentioned that Mr. Cleal rang a pair in the first silent handbell peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques ever rung, these performances being rung by all Leicester men. The touch above-mentioned was rung by George Cleal, Lenard Allen, Louis Allen, Harold Jenney, Charles Fowler, John Buttery, Samuel Cotton, Fredk. Dexter (conductor), Alfred Martin, Thomas Taylor. Messrs. Pilmore and Holmes were also present.

STEDMAN THEORY.

REV. H. L. JAMES' PROBLEM FOR THE THOUGHTFUL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Parker's letter in last week's "Ringing World" is very disappointing to me. If there is one thing I dislike, it is pointing out other people's mistakes in the public Press. Mr. Parker attempted to upset my theory by stating that there are three bobs in a slow six. Now this is a fallacy and, instead of directly saying so, I asked him a question in order that he might have the satisfaction of finding out the fallacy and correcting it himself. Unfortunately he not only did not do this, but he first of all failed to see that the question had anything to do with the matter, and secondly, gave me an answer which showed that he did not understand the Methods Report in Rules and Decisions of the Central Council. I then directed his attention to the Methods Report, and this week he gives the same answer and mentions the report, showing that he still does not understand it. This leaves me no alternative but to point out this second fallacy.

In the Methods Report a "principle" is defined as "a system of producing changes in which all the bells do the same work." A method is "founded upon a principle, and has one or two hunts and three or more working bells." Now, the five slow sixes have five bells all doing the same work; they are, therefore, a principle and not a method, and so Mr. Parker's answer is wrong.

I now return to Mr. Parker's statement, that there are three bobs in a slow six. This is a fallacy, and if Mr. Parker will try to answer my question, "What is a slow six?" he will be able to find the fallacy for himself. I might leave the matter at this point, or I might give the analysis. I prefer to do neither, but to indicate certain points which must be remembered in order to get a complete analysis.

Remember: 1. The definition of a bob in the "Glossary," examine it and follow it to its logical conclusions. 2. The slow six is only one of a group of five, and so six rows do not show all the work of the principle. We must use at least seven, and seven are sufficient, for they show everything. 3. The definitions of a plain lead, a bob lead, and a single lead in the Methods Report in Rules and Decisions. 4. A lead in a method is equivalent to a division in a principle.

Finally, I shall publish the correct analysis next week, so that anyone who cares to can compare his own analysis with it, and I adopt this method of procedure in order to get people to think for themselves.

H. LAW JAMES.

WELSHPOOL, MONTGOMERY.—The Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, October 22nd, for morning service, 630, and for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: L. Gittins 1, W. Maddox 2, A. Jones 3, T. Meredith 4, W. Short (conductor) 5, C. Williams 6, A. Grice 7, J. Beadles 8.

ASSOCIATION NOTES.

LANCASHIRE.

A well-attended meeting of the Bolton branch was held at St. Saviour's Church on Saturday, when some good touches of Stedman Plain Bob and Treble Bob were rung. The next meeting will be held at Walkden.

Owing to the schools being engaged at Brookfield Gorton, the monthly meeting of the Manchester branch could not be held there on Saturday. Mr. Barnes, however, kindly came to the rescue and got the use of Reddish bells, a nice ring of eight, in good going order, which could not perhaps be said of the others, although an improvement in the near future is looked forward to. There was a good attendance from 14 or 15 towers in the district, about 30 members and friends being present. The business meeting was presided over by Mr. W. E. Ryder, and the most important item was the election of branch secretary, Mr. W. H. Shuker having to resign the office owing to the fact that he is now general secretary of the Association. Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, kindly consented to undertake the duties. After the business he signalised his admission to office by calling a touch of Grandsire Triples. Other methods rung were Stedman and Erin Triples, Kent Major, and some Minor. One of the best meetings came to a close with thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for meeting the visitors.

A very successful meeting of the Blackburn branch was held at Colne Parish Church last Saturday. The Rev. S. P. Duval, M.A., presided, and three new members, two belonging to Colne and one to St. Peter's, Burnley, were elected. The next branch meeting is to be held at St. Peter's, Burnley, on December 16th, and a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major is to be attempted at Todmorden on December 2nd. —Mr. Watson (branch secretary) mentioned that that day was the 79th birthday of Mr. Heaton, of Colne, and he was only voicing the feeling of his brother ringers in wishing Mr. Heaton "Many happy returns of the day."—Mr. Redman supported the good wish, and Mr. Heaton, in reply, said he had been connected with the Colne bells for sixty years, and was glad to be amongst them again after his recent illness. He hoped to cover a peal of Stedman Triples with the Blackburn lads soon.—Mr. Redman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and wardens for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having all in readiness.—After the meeting the bells were kept merrily going to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble and Plain Bob Major.

TRURO.

Some members of the Diocesan Guild met for the monthly practice at the Cathedral. It was hoped that a long touch of Caters might have been rung, but owing to the rough night the company were short-handed, and had to be content with Grandsire Triples on the back eight. Three touches were brought round, the longest being 500.

HERTFORDSHIRE.

Wednesday, November 1st, was an important day at Hitchin Parish Church, as a number of gifts and repairs were then dedicated by the Bishop of Colchester. These included a new ringers' gallery in the tower, which has greatly improved the ringing conditions. Time would not allow much ringing for the Dedication service, but in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 49 mins., by L. Fidler 1, A. Squires 2, C. Cannon 3, Rev. B. H. T. Drake 4, J. Hare 5, C. Hare 6, J. F. Foster (conductor) 7, W. Spicer 8. Several musical services had been planned to exhibit the powers of the rebuilt organ, so the authorities felt that music should be made outside as well as inside the church. Therefore, a district meeting of the Herts Association took place on Saturday, November 4th. Members were present from Royston, Baldock, Wymondley, Graveley, Barley, Great Munden, Little Munden, Cambridge and Luton. The Vicar and three churchwardens kindly provided an excellent tea for the 30 members present. This kindness is always highly appreciated. Six new members were elected. The ringing included a good variety of methods, but there is still room for improvement in the average striking.

MIDLAND COUNTIES.

A meeting of the Chesterfield District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Bolsover on Saturday. There was a good attendance, the following towers being represented: Bolsover, Chesterfield, Worksop, Staveley, Palterton, North Wingfield, Mansfield and Mansfield Woodhouse. The methods rung were: Norfolk, New Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, Bob Major, Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.—The Vicar visited the tower during the afternoon, and spoke a few words of encouragement to those present. —The business was very brief. Chesterfield was chosen for the next meeting in January.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local company for making the necessary arrangements, concluded the meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

TUNSTALL, STAFFS.—On Thursday, October 19th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, and after 1 hr. 48 mins. of splendid striking the light suddenly went out: A. Clay 1, G. A. Smith 2, H. Washbrook 3, W. Washbrook 4, J. W. Washbrook 5, J. W. Washbrook, junr., 6, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 7, Tom Shone 8.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On October 19th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. by: J. Phipps 1, H. Reeves (conductor) 2, W. Streeter 3, A. Gear 4, H. Hoad 5, W. Smith 6, H. Edwards 7, A. Creasey 8. Rung as a farewell to J. Phipps, who, to the regret of all, sailed for Australia on October 28th.

FIVEHEAD.—For practice, on October 19th, several 120's Grandsire Doubles, including 360 by Rev. J. Rigbye 1, T. Pope 2, T. J. Lloyd (conductor) 3, Gilbert Lenton 4, Jos. Louch 5, Wm. Pester 6. The ringers of 1, 4, 5 and 6 are members of the local band, and these were the first 120's by them.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.—On Saturday, 21st October, after meeting one short for peal, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Smith 1, J. W. Washbrook 2—3, Harry Washbrook 4, J. Darlington 5, W. Washbrook 6, J. W. Washbrook, junr. (conductor) 7, T. Shone 8. The ringers of the 4th, 6th and 7th rang blindfolded.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—Midland Counties Association.—On Saturday, October 21st, in commemoration of Trafalgar Day, an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was made, but abandoned after ringing 3400 changes, owing to the indisposition of one of the band: A. Pettitt 1, L. Allen 2, F. Dexter (composer and conductor) 3, W. Inglesant 4, G. Cleal 5, E. Morris 6, R. Bartram 7, C. Fowler 8, E. Reader 9, J. George 10. Also 380 Stedman Caters.

MALDON, ESSEX.—In a peal attempt, on Saturday, October 21st, at St. Mary's Church, the conductor called "stand," through a change course, after ringing 720 each of Double Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, and 96 of Woodbine, in 1 hr. 40 mins.: E. W. Finch 1, H. Finch 2, F. Chalk 3, A. South 4, T. Gozzett 5, H. J. Mansfield (conductor) 6.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.—Worcestershire Association.—On Saturday, October 21st, an attempt for a peal of Erin Triples came to grief in the 110th course, owing to the bad going of the tenor; there were only 400 more changes to ring. Time, 2 hrs. 36 mins.: W. Massey 1, J. Faulkner 2, H. Hill 3, A. Greenfield 4, H. Price 5, A. Prestidge 6, A. Davies (conductor) 7, J. Massey 8. All members of the Netherton band.

BERKELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Trafalgar Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.: O. Thomas 1, S. Cornick 2, W. Lewis 3, J. Austin (conductor) 4, W. Fisher 5, J. Thomas 6, J. W. Davis 7, F. Sandford 8. Also several short touches in which some of the local ringers took part.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, October 21st, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by J. Larter.—On Sunday, October 22nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, conducted by J. Spencer. The following ringers took part: G. Bertram, A. J. Naunton, G. E. Naunton, L. Naunton, F. W. Naunton, E. Nunn, J. Spencer, J. Larter, C. F. Woods.

BRAINTREE.—The Essex Association.—For Divine service on Sunday evening, October 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins.: H. Coote 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, F. Webb 3, H. E. Hammond 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Eley 6, H. J. Collins 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

DERBY.—At St. Alkmund's Church, on Sunday, October 22nd, for evening service, 1050 Grandsire Triples in 40 mins.: W. Beck 1, Geo. Freebrey (conductor) 2, A. Braines 3, J. Haywood 4, George Robinson, junr., 5, C. Draper 6, Geo. Robinson, senr., 7, A. Francis 8. Longest length by all as a local band.

DENTON, LANCS.—During October the local band rang 720 each of Duke of York, Kent, Violet, Plain Bob and Woodbine. The following took part: W. Wilde (first 720's of Kent, Violet and Plain Bob), J. Walters (first 720's of Duke of York, Kent and Violet), A. E. Marshall (conductor), J. Pollitt (first 720 Violet), E. Walters (first 720 of Kent and Violet), W. Wright (first 720 Violet), and J. Heckingbottom. The last-named rang in only the Plain Bob and Woodbine in place of W. Wright.

WORKSOP.—On Sunday evening, October 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: C. Peck 1, H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, H. Haigh 5, T. Bartholomew (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, T. Wilson 7, F. Hind 8.

TASBURGH, NORWICH.—On Sunday, October 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Duffield 1, E. Duffield 2, G. Cross (conductor) 3, W. Duffield 4, F. Copeman 5. Also 1260 Bob Doubles: J. Duffield 1, E. Duffield 2, W. Duffield 3, F. Copeman 4, G. Cross (conductor) 5. The average age of these ringers is 14½ years.—On handbells, 224 Bob Major and 120 Bob Minor; also two courses of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. These were conducted by G. Cross.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 22nd, for evening service, 720 London Surprise Minor: J. Neal 1, J. W. Lake (conductor) 2, J. Osborn 3, A. S. Allen 4, A. E. Larkinson 5, R. Richardson (Surfleet) 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY. On Sunday, October 22nd, at 21, Stoke Road, on handbells, 504 Stedman Triples: A. H. Pulling (conductor) 1—2, C. Willshire 3—4, M. Smither 5—6, D. Hayward 7—8. First 504 Stedman on handbells by Mr. Hayward, of Yarmouth.

NOTICES.

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WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, November 18th. Bells (8) from 4 o'clock; service 5.30; tea and meeting at Church Cottage 6.15.—F. G. Hume, District Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Canon Rivington), at Putney, on Saturday, November 18th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 8d. each in the Mission House at 6.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, November 18th. Bells at 4. Short service at 5.30. Tea in the Church House 6 o'clock; 6d. each members, 1s. 6d. others.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—District meeting at St. Mary's Walthamstow, on December 2nd, at 4 p.m. Meetings for practice at St. John's, Hackney, on November 21st, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, November 23rd, St. Paul's Cathedral, November 28th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Milnrow Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James's Society, established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, November 25th, at St. Mary's, Lewisham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Horninglow on Saturday, November 25th, next. Bells ready at three o'clock. Business meeting at 5 p.m.—Harry Wakley, Local Honorary Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Central Division.—Next meeting to be held at Aldrington, November 25th. Tower open at 3 o'clock; tea at the Railway Hotel at 5.30; 6d. each to those who let me know by Tuesday, the 21st.—Robert J. Dawe, Divisional Honorary Secretary, "Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Duffield on Saturday, November 25th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—Bart Mitchell, Honorary Secretary, 68, Douglas Street, Derby.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Wem, on Saturday, December 2nd, 1911. Ringing at the Parish Church at 2.45 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT'S GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Luke's, Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Vicar. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Maldon on Saturday, December 2nd. Tea (6d. each to members) will be provided in St. Peter's Parish Room at 5.50 p.m. for those sending notice to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next monthly meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, December 2nd, at Barnsley, Church of St. Mary, 8 bells (tenor about 14 cwt.) available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. — J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary's, Newington, Sittingbourne, on Saturday, Dec. 9th, 1911. Tower open at 3.30. Business meeting at 6 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. J. W. Parker's address is now 5, Amberley Street, Sunderland. The address of Mr. A. E. Wreaks is now 7, Kerr Street, Paisley, Scotland.

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THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

With sundry excursions into other realms, for the benefit of those who are not quite beginners, I have up to the present dealt with the Plain Bob and Grandsire methods. Let us now turn our attention to a method a step further in advance, viz., Treble Bob. This is a method in which the treble has a dodging hunt instead of a plain hunt, that is, it dodges in each place up and down: In Minor, 1-2 up, 3-4 up, 5-6 up, 5-6 down, 3-4 down, 1-2 down. In other words, instead of having a straight path to and fro, the treble goes as far as 2nds, and comes back a step, goes on to 4ths and back a step, then on to 6ths and back a step into 5ths before lying the whole pull behind. In hunting down it reverses the process, and goes back a step on reaching 5ths, 3rds and treble's place, respectively, this last being called a snap at lead, or a "snapping blow." The dodging by the treble, as will be noticed from the figures, envolves a similar kind of work being done by the other bells as they hunt to and fro, but, to prevent a repetition of the changes, place making has to be done, not only when the treble leads, as in Bob Minor, but each time she dodges as well. The places when the treble leads are made in 3rds and 4ths, and, when the treble is dodging in the other places, in 2nds. This latter it will be noted is done by the same bell each time all through the lead, the bell, after dodging with the treble, leading and making 2nd's place alternately until the treble comes back to dodge with it again. The work is known as the slow work, and is done by each of the bells in turn. The method which I have given here is that known as the Kent variation, which is most rung in Treble Bob on the higher numbers of bells, and it will do my young friends no harm if, from the lead given above, they proceed to prick out the whole course, which runs to 120 changes. Of the five working bells one, of course, is in the slow and the other four do a dodging hunt up and down, except in 1-2. After dodging in 3-4 down it will be noticed that each bell runs straight in to lead and straight out to dodge in 3-4 again. The only "dodging on the front"—as dodging in 1-2 is called—is when it is with the treble. In order to know when to make places in 3-4 and when to dodge the following may be learned:

123456
213465
124356
214365
241635
426153
421635
246153
264513
625431
624513
265431
256341
523614
526341
253614
235164
321546
325164
231546
213456
123465
214356
124365
142635

Dodge with the treble in 5-6, or pass the treble in 4-5, make 4ths and 3rds going down; dodge with the treble in 1-2 up, or pass the treble in 2-3, make 3rds and 4ths going up.

Thus, in each lead, two bells make 3rds and 4ths and two make 4ths and 3rds. All these places are made at "back and hand," i.e., the first blow in each place is at backstroke and the second at handstroke. It should be noticed that the bell that dodges in 5-6 up with the treble, and, in reality, has the treble for its course bell that lead, goes into the slow work after making the places in 4ths and 3rds

In reply to another inquirer, touches of London Surprise Minor can be got by utilising bobs at W and H as in Plain Bob Minor. The touches would of course be twice the length of Plain Bob.

CONDUCTOR.

THE CROYDON FOUNDRY.

VISITORS SPEND AN INTERESTING AFTERNOON.

There was a large gathering at the Croydon bell foundry on Saturday, when, in conjunction with a meeting of the Surrey Association, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston invited a number of representative ringers to inspect their establishment. Some 200 made their way to Whitehorse Road during the afternoon, and were cordially received by Mr. Johnston, senr., and Mr. Cyril Johnston. Members of the staff courteously conducted them round the works, where there was much to see and a great deal to be learned. The firm, which has long occupied a prominent place in the manufacture of clocks, has in recent years, by sheer merit, leapt to the forefront in bell casting and hanging, and the visitors saw practical examples of the excellent work which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston turn out in both departments.

The clock factory, of course, was full of interest, but it was the bells and all the modern appliances for their manufacture that principally attracted the attention of the visitors. The works are about the last word in up-to-date equipment, and equally there can be no question as to the tone of the bells cast by the firm, for the peal of ten (tenor 34 cwt.) which are about to be hung in St. Peter's, Collegiate, tower, Wolverhampton, and the peal of six ready for the belfry at Durweston, Dorset, that were erected in their frames for inspection, proved the excellence of the work in this respect. Both peals have been tuned on the Simpson principle, and their beautiful tones were much admired. On the tenors of the Wolverhampton peal are new-fashioned lubricating boxes, which so regulate the supply that the oil would last for many hours. The massive frames were the acme of perfection in workmanship. The advantages of the tuning on the Simpson principle were demonstrated by contrast between the bells of Bishop Auckland, now at the foundry to be recast, and the Durweston peal.

The event of the afternoon, however, was the casting of two bells, the third and fourth of a peal of six, weighing 8 cwts. and 11 cwts. respectively. The visitors gathered, closely packed, in the grimy foundry, where behind the furnace door 25 cwts. of copper and tin were smelting. Mr. J. Johnston took the opportunity of welcoming the guests, and explained the operation of casting bells. He exhibited a photograph taken at the casting of the 68 cwt. bell for the Law Courts, 25 years ago, and it was interesting to learn that two of the men employed in that task were still in the service of the firm, and were taking their part in the operation of that afternoon. It was one of these two who tapped the furnace and directed the proceedings. Into a huge bucket, suspended from a travelling crane, the incandescent stream was run, then, after the old friend, evidently quite a character in his way, but on this occasion very intent upon the business in hand, had taken the dross from the molten mass, it was hoisted aloft and poured into the waiting moulds. After the 11 cwt. bell had been cast, there was a little excitement among those who were having their first experience of a bell casting. A final escape of gases from the mould caused a miniature volcano of flying metal, which fell harmlessly to the floor, but gave a bit of a scare to some of the nearer onlookers.

After the casting, as before, Mr. Cyril Johnston who, like his father, was indefatigable in looking after the entertainment of the guests, chimed tunes upon the Wolverhampton ten, in which altogether there is 6¼ tons of metal. The visitors then partook of tea, and the Surrey meeting followed in St. Michael's Parish Room, after a most interesting and instructive afternoon, Messrs. Johnston being cordially thanked for their kindness.

DEATH OF MR. TOM LOCKWOOD.

It is with much regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Tom Lockwood, of Leeds, who passed away, after a long illness, on Wednesday week. He was one of the first members of the Yorkshire Association at its foundation in 1875, and the first president of the Leeds and District Society. He was a composer of much ability in Treble Bob, and an excellent ringer. He had rung over 100 peals in methods on 8, 10 and 12 bells, and had completed exactly a century for the Yorkshire Association. For some years he was an hon. member of the Central Council, but ill-health compelled his retirement from active ringing a few years ago.

WORKSOP.—On Sunday, October 22nd, for Divine service, and also in honour of the Duke of Newcastle's birthday, the local company rang 504 of Union Triples, and also a quarter-peal (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: C. Peck 1, H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, H. Haigh (conductor) 5, T. Bartholomew 6, T. Wilson 7, F. Hind 8. The first quarter-peal by all the first in the Association, and the first in the method on the bells. The 504 was conducted by T. Bartholomew.

THE OCCASIONS OF PEAL RINGING.

THE CLAIM OF THE CHURCH'S FESTIVALS

To the Editor.

Sir,—The subject of the relations between the Church and her bell ringers is one that is often brought forward in the columns of your paper; sometimes in one way, sometimes in another. It is an important subject, and it is well that it should be dealt with from time to time. But there is one matter certainly coming within the scope of this subject, which so far as I know receives no attention, namely, the occasions when peals should be rung. An inspection of the foot-notes to peals will show a variety of reasons why they have been rung; some of which are very good, and others which are somewhat trifling and might be left out with advantage. But how rarely as one looks through these reasons does one find that a peal has been rung in connection with a festival of the church. It is true there have been two lately, but still it is an exceptional thing. This is scarcely as it ought to be.

One of the first things that we as ringers have to remember is that we have the Church to thank for the exercise of our Art, and were it not for the towers of the churches, there would be practically no ringing at all. Besides this we look upon our ringing as a branch of church work, and the performance of peals as our greatest accomplishments.

Bearing all this in mind, would it not be more creditable to us as Churchmen and ringers if we linked our peal ringing as far as possible with the festivals of the church? In saying this, I do not wish for a moment to suggest that peals should not be rung at any other time, but that the great days of the church should have the first claim, or at any rate not be neglected as they are now. It is, I know, sometimes impracticable to ring a peal on a Saint's Day or other Festival, owing to church services, but it would be possible perhaps on the evening before, or at least within the octave. It is true, of course, that a great many peals are rung on the day after three great festivals, namely, Easter, Whit-Monday and Christmas, but that is due to the fact that Bank Holidays follow those particular days. Were it otherwise, Ascension Day would not be passed over as it is.

As an illustration in this connection, I would refer to the peals rung on May 24th of this year. I think there were six or seven recorded in your columns. In every case, I believe, reference was made to the fact that the peal was rung for Empire Day. Had it not been Empire Day it is safe to conclude, I think, that the peals would not have been attempted. But May 24th was also the Eve of the Ascension, one of the church's great festivals. Would it not have been far better if the foot-notes had recorded that the peals were rung to honour the Festival of the Ascension, or words to that effect. Of the two events, the Ascension ought to take the first place in our minds as Churchmen, and not be overlooked in the way it is.

Perhaps, sir, it would be a good thing for the Exercise generally, if clergy in charge of bells would make it a first condition of peal ringing, that peals should be attempted as far as possible in connection with the church's festivals, though, of course, not excluding other times. Were this done, it would raise the tone of peal ringing very considerably, and eliminate some of the intense subjectivity as regards the ringing of peals, which shows itself so often in the foot-notes when performances are recorded. What we suffer from is not a scarcity of peals, but want of better judgment as to the occasions when they should be rung.

It is scarcely right, if we come to think about it, that a domestic event of mere personal interest should be honoured by a peal, and a great day of the Church passed over with, perhaps, no ringing at all.

Much also might be said with regard to more ringing of "In Memoriam" peals for the illustrious dead, and for the stricter observance of Lent as a non-ringing season, but I feel I ought not to trespass on your space further. I do not wish to be narrow-minded about this matter, but I feel it is time a protest was made on behalf of the Church's claims upon our loyalty, and upon our abilities.

If something more could be done on the lines which I have rather imperfectly indicated, I believe we should not only strengthen our own Churchmanship, but help to impress upon others the place which Festivals and Holy Days occupy in the life of the Church.—Yours truly,

BERNARD JEALOUS.

New Herrington, Co. Durham. November 4th.

CHEDISTON. — At St. Mary's Church, October 23rd, 1080 Bob Minor: F. Peck 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, E. Hurren 3, H. Pratt 4, T. Crane 5, L. Hammond 6.

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MODERN WORK.

THE OCCASIONS OF PEAL RINGING.

Churchmen will, we think, generally agree with the views put forward by the Rev. Bernard Jealous in our last issue upon "the occasions of peal ringing." Ringers make all sorts of events the opportunity for attempting peals, but we do not so frequently see the festivals of the Church made the opportunity of peal ringing, unless, perhaps, by coincidence. The use of the bells in the Church's service ought to be the first consideration. Their primary object is to call to worship, and in olden times in this country, as to-day in other lands, the bells were rung to celebrate the great festivals and to mark the chief events in the Church's calendar. This latter use is now almost dead in this country, but its revival might do something to preserve the right of ringing. None can shut their eyes to the fact that in these days of highly strung nerves there are folks here and there who would like to put an end altogether to the ringing of church bells, but if ever steps were taken to this end it would be infinitely harder for them to suppress that which was an established custom than something for which no precedent could be offered. This is certainly one reason which, from the ringers' point of view, should be worth consideration.

But, apart from this view of the question, which is, perhaps, a personal one, there remains the fact that the ringing of bells upon festivals and their vigils would, if the custom became anything like general, emphasise the part which the bells are intended to play in connection with the Church, and, among the public, would give an added meaning to their use. The ringing need not necessarily be of long duration, for in ringing quite as much as in other things, a spirit of moderation ought to be shown. At the same time it would give opportunities for ringing to which less exception could be taken than to many of the occasions at present seized upon.

It may not be practicable to carry out the suggestion made by Mr. Jealous in all churches or at all times, but his communication certainly furnishes food for thought. As ringers it is, and should be, our first concern to serve the Church, and here is an opportunity by which the bells might be enabled to extend their message as was done in days of old. The fact that the festivals now pass by unobserved so far as the ringing of the bells is concerned is not, of course, all the fault of the ringers. It is a thing for which the clergy are in great part responsible. If the incumbents of our churches were to interest themselves in the matter they would, we feel sure, have no difficulty in interesting the ringers and ensuring their assistance in the revival of a custom which is full of sacred meaning, and which would increase the present uses of church bells.

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John O. Sager, Solicitor, Todmorden, December 10, 1910.
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Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

WALTHAMSTOW, N.E.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

HARRY FLANDERS	*Treble*	JAMES C. ADAMS	6
ALFRED W. GRIMES	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
ALBERT W. COLES	3	*WILLIAM BOTTRILL	8
CHARLES T. COLES	4	WILLIAM PYE	9
HENRY J. MAYNARD	5	FRED C. MAYNARD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5175 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY	*Treble*	THOMAS R. HENSHER	6
*EDWARD C. GOBEY	2	*ALBERT COPPOCK	7
*NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON	3	ERNEST J. OLIVER	8
J. CHARLES DICKEN	4	WILLIAM BELLAMY	9
ALBERT H. WARD	5	*PERCIVAL PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM BELLAMY.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman as conductor. E. C. Gobey's 50th peal. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Miss E. Wesley, daughter of the ringer of the treble. The ringer of the 7th is the great-grandson of Mr. James Coppock, who took part in the 10,260 Grandsire Caters rung at this Church in 1778.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

ROBERT E. CHICHESTER	*Treble*	GEORGE HOWCHIN	5
FREDERICK KNIGHTS	2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	6
*BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	3	FREDERICK R. BORRETT	7
CHARLES E. BORRETT	4	GEORGE WHITEHAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

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

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lbs., in F sharp.

WILLIAM BIBBY	*Treble*	GEORGE R. NEWTON	5
EDWIN H. LEWIS	2	HENRY W. WILDE	6
REV. A. T. BEESTON	3	JAMES MORGAN	7
ROBERT SPERRING	4	HARRY CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and
Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

This is the first peal on the bells since the addition of two trebles to complete the octave.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 13, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE	*Treble*	THOMAS BEADLE	5
FREDERICK G. GODDARD	2	WILLIAM WELLING	6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	3	GEORGE SPENCER	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	WILLIAM WARNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROBERT ETHERINGTON	*Treble*	JOHN CRAWFORD	5
ALFRED MANN	2	THOMAS TUTTE	6
†WILLIAM ROBINSON	3	RICHARD KENDALL	7
WILLIAM H. CORBETT	4	GEORGE COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal with bob bell.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

WILLIAM ORSLER	*Treble*	JOHN SELF	5
STANLEY BONNEY	2	WILLIAM BURGESS	6
E. HOBART SMITH	3	WILLIAM FLORY	7
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Composed by THE REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Supposed to be the first short course peal of Bob Major ever rung.

KIDDERMINSTER.
WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, November 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

THOMAS J. SALTER	*Treble*	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY	5
GEORGE DAVIES	2	JOHN WOODBERRY	6
NOAH DAVIES	3	JOHN SMITH	7
ERNEST J. BROOKS	4	JAMES BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

The conductor's 250th peal. The first peal by a local band since February, 1901.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lbs.

BERTRAM PREWETT	*Treble*	JOHN J. PRATT	5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	2	ARTHUR HARDING	6
RICHARD BUCKLAND	3	EDGAR HANCOX	7
ROBERT E. STAVERT	4	HENRY H. CHANDLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ACTON, W.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER G. MATTHEWS	*Treble*	LOUIS ATTWATER	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	6
HENRY S. ELLIS	3	*ARTHUR D. BARKER	7
FREDERICK J. HARDY	4	RICHARD F. DEAL	*Tenor*

Composed by O. LANG, and
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

*First peal in the method.

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

On Thursday, November 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

*REGINALD G. STONE	*Treble*	GEORGE BULL	5
GEORGE ROBINSON	2	EDWARD ISAAC STONE	6
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY	3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN	7
†ALBERT P. WAKLEY	4	JOHN H. SWINFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

*First peal of Major. † Fiftieth peal.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF S. PHILIP, HULME,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. COOPER	5
WALTER BROWN	2	RICHARD NEWTON	6
WILLIAM HOLBROOK	3	FREDERICK PAGE	7
ALFRED BARNES	4	HARRY CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

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

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM PALMER	*Treble*	JOHN CAPP	5
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	2	OLIVER SIPPETTS	6
ALBERT D. STONE	3	WILLIAM C. HART	7
CHARLES PALMER	4	KEITH HART	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 15¾ cwt.

*FRANK KENNINGTON	*Treble*	JOHN W. SEAMER	5
CHARLES TAYLOR	2	CHARLES KENNINGTON	6
HAROLD RUSHBY	3	ARTHUR B. SHEPHERD	7
ALONZA W. LONG	4	JAMES LAMB	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

* First peal.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*HENRY C. CHANDLER	*Treble*	JOHN H. B. HESSE	5
*THOMAS J. BARKER	2	CHARLES J. EDWARDS	6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	3	*GEORGE A. GLADMAN	7
*CHARLES S. BIRD	4	*ERNEST R. GLADMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, Bart., and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th and 6th.

SALISBURY, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lbs.

*SIDNEY MACEY	*Treble*	ERNEST PYE	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS	2	BERTRAM PREWETT	6
*JOHN S. RUMMING	3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	KEITH HART	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HARRY WAKLEY	*Treble*	EDWARD I. STONE	5
WILLIAM J. SMITH	2	*JOHN HOUGH	6
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON	3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN	7
HERBERT HURDMAN	4	JOHN H. SWINFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

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

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 0 qrs. 8 lbs.,

*DANIEL REDHEAD	*Treble*	REGINALD LOVEDAY	5
FRANK KIRK	2	†JAMES NICKERSON	6
FREDERICK STUBBS	3	WALTER GILBERT	7
WILLIAM J. GILBERT	4	FRED WILFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by F. WILFORD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on an inside bell.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN E. ADAMS	*Treble*	JOHN BASS	5
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	GEORGE PIGOTT	6
GEORGE HUGHES	3	CHARLES F. WHITE	7
REV. E. V. COX	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

ROTHERHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

*JOHN H. BROTHWELL	*Treble*	JAMES COTTERELL	5
JOHN THORPE	2	GEORGE NAYLOR	6
JOSEPH ATKIN	3	†CLEMENT GLENN	7
SIDNEY F. PALMER	4	*R. WILFRED COLLIER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

LLANBRADACH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 22 lbs.

*JAMES SMITH	*Treble*	WILLIAM D. ALLEN	5
FREDERICK B. STEDMAN	2	WILLIAM ROBERTS	6
†CHARLES PALEY	3	ALBAN E. SLATTER	7
FRANK CHAVE	4	‡P. C. JOHN COLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK B. STEDMAN.

* First peal away from the tenor. ‡ First peal. † First peal away from the treble. First peal as conductor. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar, the Rev. E. Edwards, for the use of the bells and getting everything in readiness.

TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

Correspondents should bear in mind that reports of peals, meetings, etc., should reach the Editor's Office by first post Tuesday morning to ensure insertion in the following Friday's issue.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTON ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

JAMES WARD	*Treble*	JOHN MAWBY	5
ALFRED EVERRITT	2	*PEARL INSKIP	6
FRED CAUSBY	3	ALFRED H. MARTIN	7
ANDERSON TYLER	4	ARTHUR CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. PRICE, and
Conducted by ANDERSON TYLER.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. Davidson, who is leaving the parish for Woodford, Northants.

WORTLEY, NR. SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAM THOMAS	*Treble*	JOHN R. BREARLEY	5
DAVID BREARLEY	2	FRANCIS WARD	6
*GEORGE LEWIS	3	*JOHN DRONFIELD	7
ARCHIE BREARLEY	4	WILLIAM BIGGIN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

* First peal in the method.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 11 cwt., in G.

SAMUEL PEARCE	*Treble*	SAMUEL BAKER	5
ARTHUR BAKER	2	JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.	6
WALTER GRINSELL	3	HORACE BELCHER	7
ALBERT E. BLUNDELL	4	BENJAMIN GOUGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Walter Grinsell. A. E. Blundell comes from Wednesbury, J. Goodman from Dudley, H. Belcher from Darlaston. The remainder belong to the local Parish Church.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 15 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL	*Treble*	GEORGE ROBERTS	5
*JOSEPH A. FENTON, Junr.	2	THOMAS BLOORE	6
ALFRED J. HESSIAN	3	JOSEPH B. FENTON	7
EDWIN STRINGER	4	GEORGE PARSONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

* First peal in the method. This peal was arranged by the Ringing Master (Mr. James George), who, unfortunately, found at the last moment that he could not attend.

FULHAM, LONDON, S.W.
THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM J. TROUGHTON	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. WOODISS	5
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	2	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER	6
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD	3	SEDLEY J. COLLINS	7
LOUIS ATTWATER	4	JAMES W. DRIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells since Feb. 3rd, 1883.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES E. READ	*Treble*	ROBERT GRIMWOOD	5
JOHN HOWES	2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.	6
Dr. A. B. CARPENTER	3	JOSEPH A. LAMBERT	7
THOMAS COLBURN	4	JOHN H. B. HESSE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. BARNETT, and
Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

First peal in the method by all the band, by the Association, and in the county.

WRAXALL, SOMERSETSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and one Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

GEORGE H. GALE	*Treble*	JOHN WINSOR	5
FREDERICK ILEY	2	LEWIS MOORE	6
HERBERT KNIGHT	3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN	7
JOSEPH CAPLE	4	ARTHUR C. RUMBLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

GEORGE BESTER	...*Treble*	REUBEN SANDERS	5
JOHN ARMSTRONG	2	ALBERT W. COLES	6
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ...	3	JOHN E. MILLER	7
ALFRED W. GRIMES	4	ERNEST PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIELL LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

This is the Conductor's 150th and R. Sanders' 100th peal for the Association.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 4, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Reverse College Single and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qrs. 9 lbs.

RICHARD W. PORTER...	...*Treble*	CHARLES ELSE...	4
*CHARLES W. BAINES ...	2	JOSEPH NORTH	5
*CALEB L. SIMCOCK	3	GEORGE SCOTT... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

* First peal.

TIBENHAM.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Netherseale Surprise, Sandiacre Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single and Double Court. Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH ...	...*Treble*	FREDK. MANSER	4
JOHN SNELLING	2	GEORGE SNELLING	5
BERTIE TURNER	3	FREDK. SEAGER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. MANSER.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qrs. 26 lbs.

PERCIVAL J. STOKES ...	...*Treble*	*GEORGE SCOTT	4
FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	2	JOHN CRAGG	5
ARTHUR MACKEARS	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*ROBERT H. YOUNG ...	...*Treble*	GEO. F. WILLIAMS	4
RICHARD BOLTON	2	RICHARD BUCKLAND... ...	5
FREDERICK BOLTON	3	JAMES BLACKMORE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEO F. WILLIAMS.

*30th peal. First 5040 Treble Bob on the bells.

ASHILL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

ERNEST FISHER	...*Treble*	HERBERT FISHER	4
HARRY CROOK	2	EDGAR HUNT	5
JOHN MURRELL	3	WILLIAM ADCOCK ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ADCOCK.

This is the first peal on the bells.

BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*JOHN PEAL	...*Treble*	ARTHUR MACKEARS	4
ARTHUR DRURY	2	ARTHUR PALMER	5
REGINALD SCOTT	3	JOSEPH LORD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector of Barrowby, the Rev. C. C. Nation. First peal on the bells since being rehung by J. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. The "go" is splendid.

SURFLEET.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF S. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's:—i Sandal, Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Kingston Treble Bob; ii Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise; iii Reverse Hereward, Double and Single Court; iv Plain Bob and Double Bob; v Hereward, Double and Single Oxford; vi College Single; vii Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. HUGH RICHARDSON	...*Treble*	C. WILLIAM SMITH	4
Rev. H. LAW JAMES ...	2	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ...	5
Rev. C. J. STURTON ...	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

This is the first time that seven true and complete 720's have been rung in sixteen methods. Rung for the conductor's birthday.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, AND THE THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AND SURPRISE MINOR, 5760 CHANGES

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and College Bob IV. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES CLARKE, Junr.	...*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY...	4
THOMAS H. VALLANCE ...	2	WALTER J. HORTON ...	5
EDGAR VALLANCE	3	E. HARRY STONELEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by the Warwickshire Guild, First in eight Treble Bob methods by the Midland Counties Association, by all the band and on the bells.

ALLSELEY, COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Bob Minor. Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD H. JOHNSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. COX	4
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	2	FRANK PERVIN	5
JOSEPH H. WHITE	3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

The ringers take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. H. Kettle for their hospitality after the peal.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's of Canterbury.

Tenor 5¾ cwt.

*CHARLES E. WILCOX	*Treble*	*CHARLES RIMMER	4
*JAMES GRIFFITHS	2	WILLIAM WILCOX	5
*HAROLD ROGERS	3	†SMITH WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. WILCOX.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells by a local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Rogers.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 19, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 9¾ cwt.

EDWIN LEATHERBARROW	*Treble*	THOMAS COOPER	4
GEORGE POWNALL	2	JOHN YATES	5
ARNOLD NUTTER	3	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOS. LEATHERBARROW.

First peal by the local band, and second peal on the bells. This peal was attempted on November 3rd, but owing to a shift course near the end of the sixth 720 the attempt was lost.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes

AT 21, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

ALFRED H. PULLING	1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE	5—6
MAURICE SMITHER	3—4	THOMAS W. RADFORD	7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: S. RADFORD.

C. Willshire's 60th peal on handbells and the conductor's 100th peal of Stedman.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF S. NICOLAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES;

MAURICE SMITHER	1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3—4	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN	7—8
SEPTIMUS RADFORD	9—10		

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Umpire: F. BLONDELL.

A SOMERSET TRIP.

The four following peals, rung during five days in Somerset, were arranged by Mr. E. C. Spencer, of Winsham:—

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt., in E flat.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY	*Treble*	EDGAR E. BURGESS	5
THOMAS DOBLE	2	*GEORGE H. YENDELL	6
*ALFRED J. WYATT	3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	7
JOSEPH MADDOCK	4	EBENEZER PRIDDLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

* First peal in the method.

CHARD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM D. WHITE	5
THOMAS DOBLE	2	EDWARD J. WYATT	6
FRANK MILLARD	3	JOSEPH MADDOCK	7
PERCY MERSON	4	HENRY BOSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

WINSHAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 19, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY	*Treble*	FRANK MILLARD	5
THOMAS DOBLE	2	PERCY MERSON	6
ERNEST C. SPENCER	3	EDWARD J. WYATT	7
JOSEPH MADDOCK	4	WILLIAM D. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. 0 qrs. 7 lbs., in D flat.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY	*Treble*	PERCY MERSON	5
ERNEST C. SPENCER	2	EDWARD J. WYATT	6
JOSEPH MADDOCK	3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	7
*WILLIAM S. DOBLE	4	THOMAS DOBLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

* First peal in the method.

[The Rev. H. Law James' "Analysis of a Slow Six" is unavoidably held over until next week.]

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE NEW MASTER OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The honour of the Mastership of the College Youths for the ensuing year has fallen upon Mr. Thomas H. Taffender, one of the ablest of London's younger ringers, whose enthusiasm for the Ancient Society has been equalled only by the work which he has done in extending the operations of the old St. James' Society, now known as the London County Association. Mr. Taffender, who was elected to the principal office of the College Youths last week, was born on St. James' Day, July 25th, 1877, in the parish of St. Mary, Newington. He first learnt to pull a bell at the end of the year 1892 in the adjacent parish church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, under that able and experienced 12-bell ringer, Mr. Fred Bates, who was at the time the steeplekeeper. He advanced to round ringing at Holy Trinity, Newington, under the instruction of Mr. E. P. O'Meara, but, after a time, little ringing was done at either of these two churches. Mr. Taffender was elected a member of the College Youths on December 2nd, 1893, and rang his first peal, on the tenor, behind, at St.

Mr. T. H. Taffender.

John's, Waterloo, on December 14th of that year, the band including that veteran, Mr. C. F. Winney, whose ever watchful eye was on the young ringer, and who at the present day is one of his strongest supporters and staunchest friends. Mr. Taffender afterwards went to St. John's, Waterloo, where he first learnt to ring Grandsire Triples under the Waterloo Society. He well remembers his first touch inside, with Mr. Fred G. Perrin standing behind him.

Mr. Taffender helped to found the present St. Margaret's, Westminster, Society, in April, 1894. He holds advanced ideas on society and association working, and in the year 1893 was elected hon. secretary to the St. James' Society. His activity soon extended the interest in this old society. He was chiefly instrumental in enlarging its sphere of work, so that under its new title the organisation has now attained to the dignity of a county association. In this work Mr. Taffender received the cordial support and valued assistance of Mr. R. A. Daniell. The increase in the secretarial work, however, forced Mr. Taffender to resign that office, owing to lack of time, but this year he again undertook the position temporarily, while he pushed forward and saw carried into effect the scheme of dividing the Association into districts.

Only a few years ago he had the great honour of being elected a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral band, on the resignation of that veteran, Mr. W. Cooter. A vacancy seldom occurs in this company, and is much sought after. For many years previously, however, he was a regular substitute there in the place of Mr. J. R. Haworth. At St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, one of the few London churches with a local band, Mr. Taffender, who is the Master, first teaches the young ringers Stedman, and in February last they rang their first local peal—Stedman Triples. It was Carter's odd-bob composition, and it was, we believe, the first time this composition has been rung, conducted from a non-observation, on tower bells in London. The peal was scored at the first attempt. Until recently Mr. Taffender's irregular hours of business prevented him taking part in many peals, and unfortunately he has not kept a complete record. He has, however, conducted more than 50 peals of Stedman Triples, and has taken part in some notable performances.

The first peal he ever attempted to call—Thurstans' one-part—was rung at the first attempt without any other conductors in the band. He was the third person to accomplish the feat of calling that peal from every bell, and he also arranged and took part in the same composition when it was rung unconducted on tower bells at St. George's, Southwark, on October 31st, 1901. He took part in the first Surprise peal in the City of London, Superlative, rung at All Hallows, Great Tower Street, on October 22nd, 1898. He conducted the "Thomas" peal at St. Thomas' Church, Brentwood, on St. Thomas' Day, December 21st, 1901, when eight Thomases rang Thomas Thurstans' one-part peal of Stedman Triples. He also conducted the first peal of Stedman Caters rung by a band of the same Christian name at St. Magnus, London Bridge, on May 14th, 1905. He also took part in the first peal on the bells at the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, which was rung for the Coronation of the late King Edward VII. He was in the 11,008 practice peal of Double Norwich at South Wigston on April 4th, 1904, and in the record peal in the same tower, 17,104 on December 27th, 1904, which is still the record length in any method on eight bells. He rang in the 6048 Treble Bob Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on January 23rd, 1909, and this year has taken part in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on January 28th, and on March 22nd achieved the distinction of ringing the tenor at St. Mary, Whitechapel, the second and longest peal of Major on the bells, while a few weeks ago he was in the peal of Treble Twelve at Southwark Cathedral.

He is a member of the London County Association, Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Oxford Diocesan Guild, Sussex County Association, Yorkshire Association, the Waterloo Society, the St. Margaret's, Westminster, Society, and the St. George-the-Martyr Society, Southwark.

LITTLE HORSTED BELLS.

The bells of the Parish Church of Little Horsted, Sussex, have been rehung in an iron frome by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, to commemorate the Coronation of King George V, the cost of the work having been defrayed by Mr. Francis Barchard. At the dedication, special psalms and hymns were sung, and, after a few rounds had been rung by the local band, a short address was given by the Rector. Subsequently a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by W. Pierpoint 1, A. J. Pierpoint 2, A. Cosham, junr., 3, A. Cosham, senr., 4, J. A. Hart (conductor) 5, E. Montgomery (longest length) 6. Afterwards the ringers were kindly entertained to supper by Mr. Barchard, whom the ringers wish to thank for his kind hospitality.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

There is a point of more than passing interest in the peal of Minor at Surfleet last Saturday. It is the first time that seven true and complete 720's have been rung in 16 methods, and what is more remarkable is that one of the 720's was actually rung in four methods, viz., Sandal, Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; two others were rung in three methods and two in two methods. The Rev. H. J. James is certainly giving six-bell ringers the lead in what he advocated at the Central Council meeting.

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At the annual meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths, held on Tuesday week, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; treasurer, Mr. A. Hughes; senior steward, Mr. T. Faulkner; junior steward, Mr. E. G. Fenn; trustees, Messrs. C. F. Winney and W. Prime; honorary secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

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November 12th is the birthday of Messrs. Harry Chapman, of Pendleton, and J. Barratt, of Eccles, and the event has been annually celebrated by an attempt for a peal since 1888. This year arrangements were made for a peal at Eccles, but at the last minute it had to be transferred to Pendleton. The band was made up of the two gentlemen whom it was sought to honour and Messrs. J. Ridyard, R. Newton, S. Greenhalgh, G. and J. Turner and W. Holbrook. An attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but the ropes would not stand it, and one came down after 2 hours 10 minutes good ringing.

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It was naturally a disappointment, but the good wishes were just as hearty, and the hope was expressed that the band would meet annually "for the next fifty years," with better luck. It was regretted that the conductor of several of these birthday peals, Mr. R. Ridyard, was ill, and unable to take a rope in the attempt, and his speedy recovery is looked forward to. The band represented Manchester Town Hall, Didsbury, Eccles, Worsley and Pendleton. It is interesting to note that the attempts made since 1888 have resulted in eight peals of Kent Treble Bob, one of Stedman and one of Superlative being rung.

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We are asked to say that any half-pull ringers visiting Torquay will receive a hearty welcome at Cockington. Practice night is Thursday.

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A society of voluntary ringers has been formed for Truro Cathedral, and will be affiliated to the Diocesan Guild. In due time they will aspire to change ringing. Instruction has been commenced without delay, and there is every hope that the ten bells may, after a while, be worthily handled.

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Among those who took part in ringing for Mayor's Day at Wednesbury, Staffs, was Mr. Jos Bates, who, though 81 years of age rang the 7th for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. Another "youngster" who "took a rope" in a touch was William Smith, who has passed his 70th birthday.

A correspondent sends us some peals in methods new to us. There is "Triples Bod Mazor" and "Bod Mazor." We wonder if he is "pulling our leg."

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John Peal has rung his first peal, *vide* the report from Barrowby.

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Mr. E. M. Atkins writes to point out that the number of changes in the handbell peal at Cambridge published in the last issue was 5120, not 5088 as stated. He adds that the mistake has arisen through a misprint in Snowdon's "Treble Bob," Part II., page 85, and thinks it well to point this out, because, he hears, it is not the first time the mistake has been made.

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What about this for a noteworthy performance: "On Monday, at Brewood, Stafford, on handbells retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1260 changes) in 35 minutes, being 120 in each of the following methods: Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Clement's, Stedman Slow Course, New Doubles, Grandsire, St. Dunstan's, Reverse Plain Bob, Reverse Grandsire, and Grandsire Bob, and a plain course of Stedman. J. Perry (conductor) 1-2-3, T. Perry 4-5-6." Not a "soft job" this.

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A combined practice of the Sonning branch of the Oxford Guild was held at Hurst on Saturday last. Owing to the bad state of the weather only eleven members turned up, representing Binfield, Easthampstead, Sandhurst, Wokingham (All Saints) and Hurst. The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) was also present. Some good touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

STEDMAN THEORY.

MR. PARKER'S REPLY TO MR. JAMES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I would not have troubled you but for the fact that Mr. James, in your last issue, endeavours to mislead your readers. He would have them believe that I am indebted to him for efforts to hide my alleged mistakes. Certainly I am grateful to him for his good intentions, but he has unconsciously been acting contrary to them, and this leads him to make statements which are incorrect.

He states that instead of saying directly that I was mistaken regarding the internal bobs, he asked me a question. Now, his first letter in reply to me, in your issue of August 25th, is wholly devoted to show me in the wrong, and no question is asked. The question came later, and I said Mr. James could not be serious when he considered an answer necessary to show the existence of bobs, and on this he bases the irresponsible statement that I failed to see the question had anything to do with the matter. But when I said that Erin Doubles is not a new principle, Mr. James got such a shock that he quite forgot his kindly intentions regarding me. After a delay of two or three weeks, due to the loss of his paper, not to the shock, he has said in effect that I am unable to understand the Central Council's definition of a principle. Whether this is so I leave to the judgment of your readers. Mr. James interprets the definition to mean that all regular methods of connecting rows, which have all the bells doing the same work, are necessarily new principles in producing changes. I disagree!

One wonders if it can have occurred to Mr. James that he may be the mistaken party. He assumes infallibility and talks a lot of my mistakes, but is he justified? Let us see! He says the idea that there are three bobs within a slow six is a fallacy. Then this shows that he is not infallible, for, as I have before pointed out, he proved in 1909 that there are three bobs in it. This being so, and assuming that his teaching at that time influenced the thoughts of some members of the Exercise, is it not due to them that he should show where the method he then adopted of deducing course order and the presence of bobs is wrong? Until he can show the flaw in the proof that the bobs are there, it is useless falling back on the "Glossary" and "Rules and Decisions" to show their non-existence. In doing so he is in his turn wasting your space, and being unfair to all of us.

Had you the following in your mind when you inserted the heading, "Rev. H. L. James' problem for the thoughtful":—If there were three bobs in a slow six in 1909, and none in 1911, how many will there be in 1913?

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LITTLE STEDMAN.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have perused the Rev. E. B. James' letter in your issue of Nov. 10th, and I observe the Stedman slow work as pointed out. On examining this slow work, I note the treble is a quick bell in every quick 6, and thus all bells are not doing the quick and slow work in the usual way. I also note two sets of imperial places are made in every section. I, therefore, submit to the author the query: Is this Stedman? Upon further consideration of these "Little" methods, I have arrived at the conclusion that they are but innovations. I, therefore, submit another query to the author, viz.: Are these methods within the meaning of all our rules, regulations, and working custom? HY. DAINS.

P.S.—I fail to find the Stedman in Mr. Pagett's innovation, either bob or otherwise.—H.D.

Mr. Dains sends with his letter the following method:—

IMPERIAL OR STEDMAN MAJOR.

12345678
21354687
23145867

32418576
34281756

43287165
42378615
24387651
23478561
32487516
34278156

43271865
42317685

24136758
21463578
12436587

14263857

BOB.

12436587
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This method is built upon the lengthening lead plan, and plenty of touches are thus obtainable for practise from the Treble Bob scale of course ends. Every lead of it contains four of the Stedman quick sixes. The treble, being a plain hunt bell, is a quick bell in half the number of these sixes, and compositions may be made upon the lines of Treble Bob previously mentioned.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Replying to the Rev. E. Banks James' letter, as to the title of my new method, I take it Mr. James thinks the name more worthy to be adopted for his method. Whilst agreeing that his method contains the full slow work of Stedman, I maintain any name may be given to it, irrespective of what may be most appropriate to the method. I am sorry Mr. James did not publish his method earlier, and thus claim "Little Stedman" as its title. My only course, then, would have been to choose another name for my method, or to adopt Mr. James' suggestion, let those who first ring the method christen it.—Yours truly, JAMES PAGETT.

107, Abbey Street, Derby.

MR. G. E. WILSON'S 50 PEALS.

The peal at Prittlewell, Essex, published in our last issue, was Mr. G. E. Wilson's 50th peal. His total is made up of Grandsire Triples 5 (conducted 1), Bob Triples 1, Stedman Triples 10, Bob Major 7, Kent Treble Bob Major 10, Double Norwich Major 6, Grandsire Caters 3, Stedman Caters 4, Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 3.

CORONATION BELL AT CHEDISTON.

THE KING'S MESSAGE.

A new treble, cast and hung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, has been added to Chediston Church, Suffolk, as a Coronation memorial, making a peal of six. The cost has been defrayed by subscriptions of parishioners, friends, and ringers of the neighbourhood, supplemented by a grant from the funds, in the hands of the Vicar and churchwardens, left by the late Misses Tuck. Over 60 ringers of the Norwich Association assembled for the dedication, which was performed by the Bishop of Norwich in the presence of a large congregation. Ringers were present from Norwich, Beccles, Bungay, Ipswich, Southwold, Halesworth, Wenhaston, Wrentham, Chediston, Wissett, Westhall, Rumburgh, Huntingfield, Bramfield, Wingfield, Kelsale and Saxmundham. After the dedication ceremony the bells were rung by H. Hopson (Beccles), aged 81, treble; F. C. Lambert 2, A. Bowell 3, H. Pratt 4, T. Crane 5, R. Ruth tenor. The Bishop delivered an appropriate address, and read the following letter from Buckingham Palace:

"Dear Sir,—I am commanded to thank you for your letter of the 6th November, giving an account of the bell erected in the tower at Chediston Church in celebration of the Coronation, which is to be dedicated by the Bishop of Norwich on Saturday next. I am further commanded to convey to you and the people of Chediston the expression of their Majesties' thanks for the good wishes contained in your letter.—Yours very faithfully, STAMFORDHAM."

After the service the clergy, ringers and other friends were entertained to tea in the schoolroom, and the Bishop expressed the pleasure it gave him to see so many ringers present, proving the great interest they took in this branch of church work.—The Rev. Upcher, on behalf of himself and the churchwardens, thanked all who by their subscriptions had made it possible to complete the peal of bells, especially mentioning the liberal donations which had been received from the ringers of the various towers in the neighbourhood.

After tea ringing was resumed, touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire, being brought round on the tower bells, and courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples on the handbells. The bells of Halesworth and Wissett were also rung in the evening, and the gathering proved a most happy and enjoyable one to all those present.

THE WILLIAM V. NEWMAN APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The appeal which the Irthlingborough company have been making privately amongst ringers, on behalf of Mr. William V. Newman, has now been closed, with very satisfactory results. Mr. Newman has been suffering from cancer for twelve months, and his many friends will be sorry to hear that he is very ill. On behalf of the Irthlingborough company I have to tender our hearty thanks to all subscribers and those gentlemen who so kindly took charge of lists, to each of whom a receipt has been sent for the amount collected. The total sum handed to Mr. Newman, after deducting the necessary expenses, was £20 19s.—Yours truly, W. PERKINS.

The following is the list of subscriptions: Higham Ferrers, per Mr. J. B. Martin, £3 4s. 9d.; London, per Mr. J. D. Matthews, £2 9s. 6d.; London, per Mr. R. Sanders, £1 10s.; Irthlingborough, per Mr. W. German, £1 7s.; Wilby, per Mr. E. Hitchcock, £1 5s.; Sharnbrook, per Mr. A. J. Barcock, 17s.; Earls Barton, per Mr. F. Jones, 15s.; Great Bentley, per Mr. W. J. Nevard, 14s.; Irthlingborough, per Mr. R. Featherstonehaugh, 13s. 3d.; Wellingborough, per Mr. W. Wood, 10s. 6d.; Fowcester, per Mr. F. Hopper, 10s. 6d.; Twywell, per Mr. F. Wilford, 10s.; Bedford, per Mr. C. W. Clarke, 10s.; Northampton, per Mr. R. Howard, 10s.; Finedon, per Mr. A. Smeathers, 10s.; Kettering, per Mr. D. J. Nichols, 8s. 6d.; Ipswich, per Mr. J. Motts, 8s. 6d.; Bolsover, per Mr. J. Flint, 8s.; Northampton, per Mr. F. Wilford, 7s. 6d.; Olney and Emberton, per Mr. T. J. Mynard, 7s. 6d.; Burton Latimer, per Mr. W. B. Meadows, 7s.; Harrold, per Mr. H. Gayton, 7s.; Northampton, per Mr. F. Hopper, 6s. 6d.; Isham, per Mr. E. M. Atkins, 6s. 6d.; Easton Manditt, per Mr. E. Jones, 6s. 6d.; Northampton, per Mr. W. Fairy, 5s. 6d.; Doddington, per Mr. F. Gibson, 5s.; Cranford per Mr. J. Saddington, 3s. 6d.; Northampton, per Mr. J. W. Mettherall, 3s. 6d.; Mr. G. Dent, 5s.; Mr. E. D. Taylor, 5s.; Mr. W. J. Hazell, 5s.; Mr. D. Hayward, 2s. 6d.; total, £21 5s.

MR. NEWMAN'S THANKS.

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to express my gratitude to the large number of ringers who have so kindly helped the subscription list promoted on my behalf by the Irthlingborough ringers. I am extremely grateful for the help thus rendered, and wish it were in my power to thank each subscriber individually.—Yours sincerely,

W. V. NEWMAN.

MR. A. P. WAKLEY 50 PEALS.

Doubles in 3 methods, 1, conducted, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 1; Minor in 5 methods, 1, conducted, 1; Minor in 6 methods, 1; Minor in 7 methods, 6, conducted, 2; Grandsire Triples, 1, conducted, 1; Stedman Triples, 21, conducted, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 2; Duffield Major, 4, conducted, 1; Superlative Surprise, 4; Cambridge Surprise, 1; New Cambridge Major, 1; London Surprise, 3; Stedman Caters, 2; total, 50, conducted, 9. Rung in 16 towers and six counties.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT CROYDON.

The quarterly meeting of the Surrey Association was held at West Croydon, on Saturday week, after the interesting visit to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's bell foundry. Over 170 guests were kindly entertained to tea by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and afterwards, on the motion of Mr. Cyril Johnston, seconded by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicars and churchwardens of St. John's and St. Peter's churches for so kindly allowing members and friends the use of the bells.—The Rev. Canon White-Thomson, in replying, offered a cordial welcome to the ringers to Croydon.—The Rev. A. A. Reeve, Vicar of St. Peter's, who was then voted to the chair, said he had received a letter from the Bishop of Croydon regretting his inability to attend the meeting, and sending his greetings to the members.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. Cyril Johnston) reported that five peals had been rung since the last meeting. The election of Messrs. Wise and Loven as members was ratified, and Messrs. Harry Taylor (Ashtead), F. Canning and R. Gommo (Cheam), and H. C. Chandler (unattached) were elected performing members, while Mr. Goad (Cheam) was elected an honorary member, and Mr. H. G. Rowe, of Cheshunt, a non-resident life member.

The Hon. Secretary gave notice that at the next meeting he would, on behalf of the committee, bring forward a proposition to give effect to the committee's recommendation as to the formation of a South Surrey branch with separate secretary and management, similar to the arrangements prevailing in other ringing societies.

Mr. J. A. Lambert (Mitcham) gave notice that at the next meeting he would move for an alteration in Rule X., so that it shall read, "otherwise peals shall not be recognised as Association peals," instead of "otherwise peals will not be entitled to entry in the peal book of the Association."

Mr. E. L. Miles thanked the members for their response to the appeal on behalf of Mr. Harry Brookes, and asked that any further outstanding amounts might be remitted so that he could close the fund.—Dr. Carpenter proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Reeve for presiding, to which the chairman replied.

Hearty cheers were accorded Mr. A. A. Johnston and his family in recognition of the unsparing pains they had taken during the afternoon and at the tea to entertain their many visitors who had apparently thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Croydon.

The remainder of the evening was given up to some capital ringing at the two towers named.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING.

A meeting of the Central Committee was held at the house of the hon. secretary, The Precincts, Canterbury, on Saturday, the Rev. P. A. L. Clarke, Master of Eastbridge Hospital, and Rector of St. Alphege, Canterbury, being in the chair. It was decided to hold the annual meeting on Whitsun Monday, May 27th, 1912, at Westerham. Messrs. P. Hodgkin (Headcorn) and J. Willis (Canterbury) were reappointed to serve on the committee for three years. — From the Belfry Repairs Fund grants of £5 5s. were made to St. Mary Magdalene's, Gillingham, and St. John's, Deptford; £3 3s. to All Saints', Eastchurch; and £3 3s. to St. Margaret's, Rainham, to be increased to £5 5s. if the scheme to add two trebles to complete the octave be carried out.—An interesting paper was read by Mr. C. H. Drake (Ospringe) on the subject of "Divine Service at District Meetings." The committee decided to recommend, that, where convenient, a short service should be held on the occasion of district meetings, and authorised the chairman and hon. secretary to draw up a "Form of Service" for use on such occasions, "to be approved by the Ordinary." The question of an address at the service was left to be settled locally. —After tea, short touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal, and a course of Superlative Major, were rung on the Cathedral bells.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the South Eastern district was held at Brentwood, on Saturday, and in spite of the wretched weather, ringers turned up from Gt. Totham, Braintree, Bentley, Boreham, Romford, Widford and Galleywood. The members attended service at St. Thomas' Church, part of the Association's form for such occasions being added to the usual evening service. The members afterwards partook of tea, and at the subsequent business meeting, Mr. Howard presided, and Mr. Edwards, the Master, and Mr. Cooper, the hon. secretary, were unanimously re-elected to their posts. Springfield was selected for the next meeting place.—The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Newton) for the use of the bells and for the service.—Mr. Howard seconded, and also thanked Mr. Harris for having the bells ready, and urged him to make an effort, together with his fellow ringers, to take up the art of change ringing. If a combination of South Weald, Bentley, Brentwood, and, later on, Shenfield, could be arranged, he could not see why change ringing should not become popular in the district.—Mr. Harris, replying, assured those present he would do his best to entice his fellow ringers to take up the art, and join with the towers mentioned, so that change ringing might be introduced into his own belfry.

SHOREDITCH BELLS.

On Saturday last, a concert in aid of the funds to repair the bells of Shoreditch Church was held in the parish room, and was a splendid success. The Royal Cumberland Youths brought a course of Grandsire Caters and a course of Bob Major to a successful issue, and the house was "brought down" by the tune ringing of Messrs. Frank Hall and G. B. Lucas, who had to respond to three encores. Thanks are also due to Messrs. Tom Malvern, Frank Flook, J. P. Stevens, and Misses L. Batten, Rosie Le Roy and N. Barnett, who kindly supplied the vocal part of the programme; also to Mr. Shirley Beckley, who raised roars of laughter with his wit.

The Vicar, from the chair, explained the close connection of the Royal Cumberland Youths with Shoreditch, for it appears that the Cumberlands were practically born in this tower. Tradition says that the London Scholars in 1746 were ringing to welcome the Duke of Cumberland on his entrance into London, after quelling the Jacobite rising. The Duke afterwards presented the badge to the society, and turned its name to that of the Royal Cumberland Youths.—Interesting remarks were also made of the keen controversy that then existed between the Cumberlands and College Youths (as the peal boards, which were on exhibition in the room, showed). Representatives were present from the Cumberland Youths, College Youths, London County and Middlesex Associations, and the Bishopsgate, St. Sepulchre's and other Guilds.

A vote of thanks was moved by the Vicar to the Cumberlands and artistes for kindly helping with the programme, and the Master (Mr. J. D. Matthews), in replying, said it was a great pleasure to him and his society to be there. They could promise substantial help to the fund, and it would be a great pleasure to hear these historical bells once again ringing at, he hoped, a not far distant date.

The singing of "God save the King" brought a very successful and enjoyable evening to a close.

The fund is gradually growing, but subscriptions are still earnestly asked for. In a neighbourhood like Shoreditch (where there are only too many poor people) money to any extent is very difficult to raise.

Sums, however small, will be welcomed by H. J. Bradley, Secretary, Parish Church, Shoreditch, or the Vicar, the Rev. E. R. Ford, M.A., The Vicarage, Shoreditch, E.

DEATH OF THE VICAR OF BOLNEY.

A gloom was cast over the village of Bolney, Sussex, on the morning of Sunday, the 12th inst., when it became known that the Vicar, the Rev. T. Austen Holcroft, had suddenly passed away during the night. The deceased gentleman, who was 63 years of age, had been Vicar of the parish for nearly 15 years. He was a life member of the Sussex County Association, was very fond of the church bells, and a generous supporter of the local band of ringers. He had been troubled with a throat affection during the last few years, which had necessitated his taking a rest on several recent occasions. In August last, while on a holiday in Hampshire, which had apparently done him good, the news came that his only son, aged 21, had died at Seaford, after only two days' illness. From this heavy blow the Vicar never recovered, and although he had resumed his duties at the church for a few weeks previous to his death, he had felt that he could not go on, and had already tendered his resignation of the living.

The funeral took place on Tuesday week, amid sincere manifestations of respect and sympathy from all classes and denominations. The Bishop of Lewes officiated. Numerous floral tributes were placed on the grave, including one from "the ringers." Immediately after the funeral (which was attended by the choir and ringers), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, by the following, in 46 mins.: W. Vincent 1, W. Wheeler 2, J. Newman 3, F. Stoner 4, T. Gasson 5, G. Lewry 6, W. Walder (conductor) 7, W. H. Packham 8.

The bells remained half-muffled until after Sunday, when touches of Grandsire Triples were rung previous to both morning and evening service, in which the following took part, in addition to the abovenamed: J. King, G. Packham, G. Weller, A. Absalom and G. Walder, junr. The deceased leaves a widow and three daughters to mourn their loss.

MR. J. C. ADAMS 100 PEALS.

The 100 peals rung by Mr. J. C. Adams, of Bloxwich, are made up as follow: 5 Minor methods, 1; 7 Minor methods, 1; Grandsire Triples, 23 (conducted 10, one non-conducted); Grandsire Major, 2 (conducted 1); Grandsire Caters, 15 (including 11,563); Bob Major, 13 (conducted 4); Bob Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Triples, 20 (one with conductor blindfolded); Stedman Caters, 13; Double Norwich Major, 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 1; Cambridge, 1; Bristol, 2; Double Oxford Bob Royal, 1; total, 100, conducted 15.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

The annual district meeting of the Basingstoke District took place at Basingstoke, on Saturday, at the Church Cottage, kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the Vicar, who is also the president of the district. The weather was unfavourable, but 34 members turned up, including the President, and representatives from the towers of Basingstoke, Bramley, Deane, Heckfield, Sherfield, Overton, Oakley, Rotherwick, Whitchurch and Woolton Hill, and a visitor from North Stoneham. The ringers attended service in the church, and afterwards partook of an excellent knife and fork tea. At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. Dr. Boustead was unanimously re-elected president; and the Rev. F. G. Hume, hon. secretary and treasurer; Miss Alice White, representative on the Central Committee; and Mr. H. White, auditor. The absence of Mr. White, through illness, was a source of unfeigned regret to all. His interest and knowledge make him indispensable to the meetings; and, without his ability as conductor, ringers are quite at sea in the belfry. Everyone secretly or openly hoped that this, as it was the first, so it would be the last time that the district would hold an annual meeting, at any rate, without their "Ringing General."—Three new members were elected. Touches were rung or attempted in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles; Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples, both tower bells and handbells being used.—The next (quarterly) meeting was fixed for Thursday, January 11th, at Whitchurch, when the accounts will be submitted, in readiness for the annual Diocesan meeting, and promise to show a substantial credit balance.

BELFRY ETIQUETTE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On opening my "Ringing World" this week, I was interested to see the defence of the Alfriston ringers to the paragraph which appeared in your paper of the 6th October last, and your comments thereon. Some time ago my brother and I were in the neighbourhood of Manchester, when we met with an experience similar to that of the visitors to Alfriston, and can, therefore, quite understand their annoyance. Being competent ringers on 8 and 10 bells in about a dozen methods, we thought we would like to visit a belfry in the neighbourhood and have a pull with the local ringers. We, therefore, got an early tea and hurried off to the church—a mile or so from where we were staying—and waited for the arrival of the ringers. We were asked by one of them what methods we rung and what we would have, and were invited to take a rope, but, to our great surprise and annoyance, on the arrival of the conductor, we were more or less politely told by him they were going to ring a method which we did not then understand, and were informed that if we wanted to ring we must come again. Naturally, of course, this "generous" offer was declined. Your opinion, I see, coincides with mine that this treatment of visitors was a gross breach of belfry etiquette.—Yours, etc.,

OBSERVER.

WEIGHTS OF TENORS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I notice in the account of a peal of Grandsire at Bradford-on-Avon, on November 11th, the tenor is given as 33 cwt. Her exact weight is 30 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs. If she were 33 cwt she would be the heaviest bell in the county, whereas Westbury, which is 31 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs., is the heaviest.

When at Taunton a few days ago, Mr. Doble showed me Mears' list, which states the tenor at St. Nicolas', Bristol, was cast in 1804, and that her weight is 33 cwt., not 36 cwt., as is generally supposed.—

Yours truly, W. W. GIFFORD.

Salisbury.

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THE BELLS OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON.

AN APPEAL.

It was found necessary, some months back, to cease ringing the bells of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on account of the great movement of the frame, which, naturally, endangered the fabric of the tower. It has now been decided to have the frame strengthened with wrought steel angles and bolts in the joints, and the whole eight bells rehung in new fittings. It is also proposed, owing to the numerous complaints hitherto received, to take some step to prevent the sound crashing down upon the immediate neighbourhood, and thus allow more peal attempts to be made than has previously been possible. The device used, however, depends upon the money available, and an appeal is made to ringers generally for contributions towards the restoration fund. An appeal is also being made to the parishioners, but, unfortunately, there is coupled with this an appeal for £600 to repair the organ, and this will, of course, make it a much harder matter to get the money for the bells than would otherwise have been the case. Contributions, however small, will be gratefully received, and should be sent to the Vicar, the Rev. O. R. Dawson, St. Matthew's Vicarage, Upper Clapton, N.E., who is taking a great interest in getting the bells put into ringing order. The work will be carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

DEATH OF A THORNBURY RINGER.

The death has taken place, at the residence of his father, Mr. Frank K. Howell, Moreton, Thornbury, Gloucestershire, of Mr. Henry Evans Howell, a promising member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. The deceased, who was a victim of that dreaded disease, phthisis, was ill for only a few weeks. He was 22 years of age.

The interment took place in the Thornbury Cemetery, amid many expressions of sincere sorrow and deep respect. The service was impressively conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Cornwall), M.A., and, in addition to the family mourners, there were also present ringing representatives from the towers of Thornbury, Wotton-under-Edge, Stone, and Berkeley. The floral tributes were many, and the appropriate inscriptions showed how deeply this young man had endeared himself to all he had been associated with.

The deceased, who was an only son, was a very promising young man, his future being assured, as he had become an almost indispensable asset in the carrying on of his father's business. As a ringer he was an esteemed and valued member of the Thornbury Parish Church Guild of Ringers, and had shown his interest by having mastered the ground work of change ringing and made himself proficient in Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, while he often visited Bristol to take part in touches on the higher number of bells, but he had not been successful in ringing a peal. His brother ringers of Thornbury contributed a handsome floral device, representing a bell, and they also rang muffled peals on the Parish Church bells after the funeral service.—R.I.P.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I see that the Leeds and District Society are to ring a peal at their next meeting. Would it not be better for the others who are members if the idea was let go by so that some of the rest could get to practice. Every month it is the same, "peal attempt at 2.30," and nobody else can get a chance. There is grumbling enough at the meetings; it is time somebody took it up. E.B.B.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, October 22nd, at St. John's Church, Deritend, after morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 46 mins., to celebrate the birthday of the ringer of the 5th: S. Coley 1, A. T. Scrivens 2, E. Large 3, J. T. Perry (conductor) 4, J. Porter 5, W. Webb 6, J. T. Collett 7, W. E. Ellis 8.

WILLENHALL.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, October 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: E. Hortin 1, H. Ward 2, C. Beech 3, T. Day 4, L. Williams 5, R. Baker (first as conductor, 6, C. Wollater 7, J. Adams 8. L. Williams' first quarter-peal away from the tenor.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.—On Sunday, October 22nd, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (from Thackrah's work): W. Collins 1, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2, P. Tidy 3, S. Heath 4, E. Hoad 5, L. Tidy 6. On handbells, on Wednesday, October 18th, two 720's of Bob Minor (16 bobs, two singles and 22 singles) respectively: E. Hoad 1—2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3—4, A. A. Jarrett 5—6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob.

MINCHINHAMPTON.—Gloucester and Bristol Association.—On Sunday, October 22nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: E. Harris 1, E. Jeffries 2, G. Packer (conductor) 3, F. Ponting 4, J. Roberts (first 720 in the method) 5, H Cleverly 6.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—The Lancashire Association.—On October 22nd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Burrows 1, J. Huddleston 2, W. H. Dennison 3, T. Suart (conductor) 4, C. J. A. Cushing 5, W. S. Forshaw 6. Also for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure: J. Huddleston 1, J. T. Thompson 2, T. Medcalfe 3, T. Suart (conductor) 4, W. S. Forshaw 5, J. Burrows 6.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, October 22nd, at St. Martin's Church, 252 Stedman Triples, and in the evening seven courses of Stedman Caters: G. Cleal 1, A. Pettitt 2, L. Allen 3, C. H. Fowler 4, T. L. Allen 5, J. Buttery 6, S. Cotton 7, F. H. Dexter 8, A. Martin 9, T. Taylor 10. Also two courses of Stedman Triples, with G. Pilmore.

BATH.—The Bath and Wells Association. — On Sunday, October 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 45 mins.: A. E. Seers (composer) 1, *R. E. Waterson (Norwich) 2, *A. E. Alexander 3, *F. Hogsflesh 4, J. Odey 5, H. E. Lewis 6, R. J. Cousins (first in the method as conductor) 7, C. Denshey 8. * First quarter in the method.

CANNING TOWN.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, October 22nd, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: J. Waits 1, G. L. Joyce (first away from treble) 2, A. Playle 3, E. Butler 4, G. Playle (conductor) 5, F. Freestone 6.

PENARTH.—The Llandaff Diocesan Association. — At St. Augustine's Church, on Sunday, October 22nd, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: C. O. Hobbs 1, D. Thomas (conductor) 2, W. B. Biss 3, S. Cox 4, F. Bartlett 5, S. Dawe 6. Also 720 Plain Bob: C. O. Hobbs 1, D. Thomas (conductor) 2, W. B. Biss 3, T. Cox 4, A. J. H. Boyton 5, S. Dawe 6.

MARSHFIELD, MON.—On Monday, October 23rd, for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples: T. Pembridge 1, J. W. Jones 2, H. Pitman 3, H. Edwards 4, L. Brown (conductor) 5, W. Edwards 6, W. Waters 7, G. Williams 8. Longest length in the method for all except the ringer of the 2nd.

LUDLOW, SALOP.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Monday, October 23rd, at St. Lawrence's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: G. D. Acton (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Humphries 2, F. S. Wilson 3, W. Short 4, W. Peachy 5, G. Acton 6, W. R. Nash (conductor) 7, A. Nason 8.

NEW CROSS, LONDON, S.E.—The Kent County Association.—On Tuesday, October 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, on handbells (1259 changes): Miss E. L. Bennett 1—2, W. Shepherd (conductor) 3—4, F. Bennett 5—6, F. G. Woodiss 7—8, F. J. Hairs 9—10. First quarter-peal of Caters in hand by all except the conductor, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Bennett, who is the first lady to score a quarter-peal of Caters on a pair of changing bells.

SAXLINGHAM, NORFOLK. — On Tuesday, October 24th, 1008 Double Norwich Major: J. Aldis, senr., 1, J. F. Wilson 2, R. Baldry 3, F. Whitham 4, J. Aldis, junr., 5, A. Funnell 6, G. Poyntz 7, W. Steele (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by all except the conductor.

WHITCHURCH. — At St. Mary's Church, on October 24th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: T. Middleton (first 720) 1, D. Thomas (conductor) 2, W. Biss 3, Joe Bailey 4, F. Chamberlain 5, S. Dawe 6.—720 Kent Treble Bob: S. Dawe 1, D. Thomas (conductor) 2, W. Biss 3, J. Bailey 4, T. Cox 5, F. Chamberlain 6. Also 360 Plain Bob, L. Wright taking part.

RAINFORD.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild. — On Thursday, October 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): R. Woods 1, H. Hesketh 2, J. Schofield 3, T. Ellard 4, R. Smith 5, S. Cadwallender 6, J. W. Hall (conductor) 7, R. Hall 8.

ST. KEA, TRURO.—On October 26th, a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: E. Ham 1, A. W. Brighton (conductor) 2, W. Davey 3, P. A. Harfoot 4, E. C. Freund 5, H. C. Harris 6, J. Thomas 7, C. E. Gallehawk 8.

BATH.—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—On Sunday, October 28th, at St. Mary's Church, Bathwick, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: R. E. Waterson 1, R. C. Cousins 2, C. Densley 3, A. E. Alexander (conductor) 4, J. H. Odey 5, H. E. Lewis 6, A. E. Seers 7, E. J. Alexander 8.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—On Thursday, Nov. 9th, at the Parish Church, in honour of the Mayoralty of Alderman A. E. Pritchard, the following quarter-peals and touches were rung: 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 51 mins.: T. Burkitt 1, Tom Hughes 2, Wm. Fisher 3, W. E. Brittan 4, A. E. Blundell 5, H. Belcher 6, Jos. Bates 7, Geo. Hughes 8, Ben Gough 9, T. Myatt 10. Great credit is due to Mr. Jos. Bates, who is 81 years of age, for the way he rang the 7th through this quarter-peal. 1260 Erin Triples, in 45 mins.; 1360 Bob Major, in 55 mins.; 210 Court Bob Triples, in which W. Smith (70 years of age) rang the treble; and 420 Stedman Triples. The ringing was conducted by Mr. Geo. Hughes. Messrs. Fisher and Gough belong to Coseley; Messrs. Belcher and Smith to Darlaston, and the remainder to the Parish Church.—On Sunday, Nov. 12th (Mayor's Sunday), for morning services, touches of Oxford Bob Triples, Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples, were rung.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On November 11th, 720 College Exercise: S. Killick 1, W. Cheeseman 2, F. Bashford 3, T. Leeson 4, E. Snelling 5, W. Bashford (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. Walter Hawkins, who was for many years a ringer and chorister at the above church.

NOTICES.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Milnrow Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James's Society, established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, November 25th, at St. Mary's, Lewisham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Horninglow on Saturday, November 25th, next. Bells ready at three o'clock. Business meeting at 5 p.m.—Harry Wakley, Local Honorary Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Central Division.—Next meeting to be held at Aldrington, November 25th. Tower open at 3 o'clock; tea at the Railway Hotel at 5.30.—Robert J. Dawe, Divisional Honorary Secretary, "Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Duffield on Saturday, November 25th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—Bart Mitchell, Honorary Secretary, 68, Douglas Street, Derby.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—District meeting at St. Mary's Walthamstow, on December 2nd, at 4 p.m. Meeting for practice at St. Paul's Cathedral, November 28th.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Wem, on Saturday, December 2nd, 1911. Ringing at the Parish Church at 2.45 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT S GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Luke's, Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Vicar. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Maldon on Saturday, December 2nd. Tea (6d. each to members) will be provided in St. Peter's Parish Room at 5.50 p.m. for those sending notice to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next monthly meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, December 2nd, at Barnsley, Church of St. Mary, 8 bells (tenor about 14 cwt.) available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. — J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting will take place at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held immediately afterwards in the vestry. —Sidney F. Palmer, Honorary Secretary, 87, Bradley Street, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on December 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary's, Newington, Sittingbourne, on Saturday, Dec. 9th, 1911. Tower open at 3.30. Business meeting at 6 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Holbeck on December 9th. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting in the Parish Room at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

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THE "EDWARD CASH" FUND. — Will those friends who have kindly sold draw tickets on behalf of Edward Cash please return money and duplicates to the secretaries at their earliest convenience and oblige the committee?—Charles Cash, Samuel Greenhalgh, Secretaries.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Leonard Bullock has removed from Burton-on-Trent to 7, Albion Street, Newark-on-Trent.

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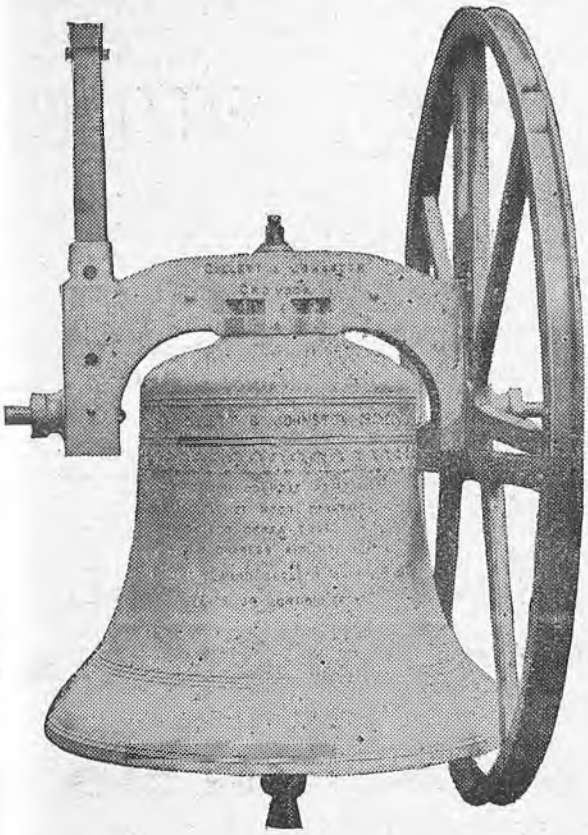

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MODERN WORK.

A BARONET AND BELLRINGERS.

At Easton Neston, where, through the generosity of Mr. J. Slarke and members of his family, the bells have been recently augmented to eight, there is already an endeavour being made to stir up opposition to ringing, and in the local Press some very exaggerated stories have appeared as to the amount of ringing done. Here for instance is an example. The writer is Sir Thomas Hesketh, who, in the course of his letter to the *Northampton Independent*, says :

"At Easton Neston the church is quite close to the house, and there are eight big bells which are often rung continuously for four and six hours. The noise and effect on the minds of the people living in the house can well be imagined. The servants say there is no rest. Whether anyone is suffering from nerves, is sick, or dying is a matter of supreme indifference to bell ringers. The ringing of bells requires only a low order of intelligence, consequently the more noise and discomfort they can inflict on their neighbours the greater heroes they consider themselves to be."

Here are the facts : Since the bells were augmented to eight some months ago one peal only has been rung on them. There is a practice of one hour each week, and the bells are rung for 45 minutes on Sunday for one service only. The tenor is 10½ cwt.

The absolute distortion of facts in the baronet's letter is thus on a par with his ignorance of ringers and ringing. Probably this county magnate does not know that the ranks of ringers include one of the judges of His Majesty's High Court, barristers, doctors, scores of clergy, and men who, in there ordinary vocations of life, have to exercise the highest type of intelligence. We wonder, for instance, whether Sir Thomas himself possesses sufficient intelligence to master the intricacies of London Surprise or Cambridge Maximus, whether his mental capacity could comprehend the mathematical problems which are presented in the highest standard of composition, whether he could even learn the calling of such a peal as Carter's odd-bob one-part of Stedman Triples? But what we do know, is this, that it requires only a low order of intelligence to indite a letter that contains no foundation of fact. Ringers, however, will laugh at the baronet's stupid gibe at their intelligence, but the letter of "terminological inexactitudes" only affords another instance of the crass ignorance that still exists in the lay mind as to bell ringing and bell ringers. No doubt Sir Thomas will get his answer in the local paper, and while the Vicar has only these gross exaggerations to deal with he will be well advised to treat them with the contempt they deserve when appealed to to stop the ringing of the bells.

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Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Four Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 0 qrs. 21 lbs.

REUBEN SANDERS	*Treble*	ALBERT W. COLES	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	2	HARRY FLANDERS	8
GEORGE R. PYE	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	9
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	JAMES GEORGE	10
CHARLES T. COLES	5	ERNEST PYE	11
ALFRED W. GRIMES	6	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

E. Pye's 8ooth peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. George.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, November 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5014 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. HARDY	6
WILLIAM TRUSS	2	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	7
HERBERT LANGDON	3	EMMANUEL HALL	8
ALFRED W. GRIMES	4	THOMAS LANGDON	9
JAMES SCHOLES	5	GEORGE BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. P. BRADLEY, and Conducted by H. SPRINGALL.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. T. H. Taffender upon his election as Master of the Ancient Society.

BRISTOL.

THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

FRED G. MAY	*Treble*	*WILLIAM WHITE	6
CHARLES PERRY	2	GILBERT WILTSHIRE	7
ALBERT STOWELL	3	SAMUEL PHILLIPS	8
WILLIAM LANSDOWN	4	ISAAC LONG	9
NORRIS WAY	5	HENRY T. HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

* First peal.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

CHARLES FAULKS	*Treble*	WILLIAM GOODMAN	6
WILLIAM MILLS	2	SAMUEL SPITTLE	7
HERBERT SHEPPARD	3	JOHN GOODMAN, Senr.	8
HARRY GOODMAN	4	BENJAMIN GOUGH	9
THOMAS WATTON	5	JOHN GOODMAN, Senr.	*Tenor*

Composed by the late WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT, and Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Goodman and Mrs. Herbert Sheppard. This composition is now rung for the first time.

EWERBY.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH LORD	*Treble*	JAMES OSBORN	6
RUPERT RICHARDSON	2	JOHN T. HOLMES	7
FREDERICK W. STOKES	3	ARTHUR MACKEARS	8
JOHN W. LAKE	4	WILLIAM DICKINSON	9
WILLIAM RICHARDSON	5	REV. H. LAW JAMES	*Tenor*

Composition taken from T. SIBSON'S MS.
Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

First peal of Oxford Royal in the county and by all the band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs., in F.

†FREDERICK ROOPE	*Treble*	ERNEST WHITING	5
CHARLES W. BAKER	2	*FREDERICK MANSER	6
EDWIN WHITING	3	WILLIAM ROOPE	7
CHARLES ROOPE	4	FREDERICK BORRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by F. ROOPE.

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

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, November 15, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

GEORGE E. HAYWARD	*Treble*	JOSEPH WALKER	5
ERNEST A. PARISH	2	JESSE SCREEN	6
THOMAS HORTON	3	THOMAS H. REEVES	7
REUBEN HALL	4	FRED H. TROTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

This was rung as a wedding peal to the Rev. R. Cynfelin-Jones, of Nevin, and Miss A. M. S. Hansen, of West Bromwich, who were married at Christ Church, West Bromwich, the same day.

DISS.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN SMITH	*Treble*	WILLIAM IRELAND	5
THOMAS FORD, Junr.	2	CLEMENT MORE	6
CHARLES MILLS	3	ELLIS HAYWARD	7
ARTHUR LEEDER	4	JOHN SOUTER	*Tenor*

Composed by B. SMITH, and Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

This peal was rung the first time at Redenhall, on Nov. 17th, 1876, and the ringer of the treble of the above peal, who is in his 74th year, rang the 7th in that of 35 years before.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

FRANK HOLDER	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. JOINER	5
WILLIAM STATES	2	WILLIAM GROVES	6
SIDNEY R. ROPER	3	WILLIAM S. SMITH	7
AMOS CLARKE	4	JAMES WARWICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. S. SMITH.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE W. STEEL ...	...*Treble*	SIDNEY BARRON	5
HAROLD BROWN	2	FIRTH HOPWOOD	6
DICK THORNTON, Junr. ...	3	FRANCIS BARKER	7
SMITH COLLINSON	4	SAMUEL PALFRAMAN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS BARKER.

WOLVERHAMPTON.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES BAYLEY ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE CLAYBROOK... ...	5
JOHN BROWN	2	WILLIAM LAWLEY	6
DANIEL JONES	3	ALFRED FALLON	7
ANDREW JONES	4	CHARLES DARBY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. FALLON.

DRAYTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

A. H. WHITE	...*Treble*	F. BARRETT	5
G. HOLIFIELD, Junr. ...	2	E. HUMPFREY	6
H. HOLIFIELD	3	G. HOLIFIELD	7
A. LOCK	4	F. WHITE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, Junr.

MIDDLESBROUGH.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt., in G.

CYRIL POLLARD	...*Treble*	WILLIAM POLLARD	5
WILLIAM RUDD	2	JOSEPH E. SYKES	6
FRED LAVERICK	3	JOHN H. BLAKISTON ...	7
JOHN H. JONES	4	THOMAS LANCASTER...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.
Mr. J. E. Sykes hails from Huddersfield.

BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR AINGE	...*Treble*	JOHN PALFRAMAN	5
SAMUEL B. NORFOLK	2	FIRTH HOPWOOD	6
BERNAL E. HOWE	3	JOSEPH BROADLEY	7
ARTHUR GILL	4	THOMAS B. KENDALL	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Miss Eleanor King (daughter of the Vicar, the Rev. C. H. King), who was interred on the same day at Undercliffe Cemetery.

SALISBURY, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lbs.

*FRANK W. ROMAIN ...	...*Treble*	GILBERT NEALE	5
FREDK. PRECEY	2	ROBERT P. KNIGHT	6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ...	3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ...	7
LEONARD HARRIS	4	ALBERT SOUTHEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

* First peal.

LONDON.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 22, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

*J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
GEORGE P. BURTON	2	*FRANK J. HAIRS	6
HENRY RANZETTA	3	*JAMES E. DAVIS	7
*HENRY ELLIS	4	*ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of New Cambridge, and first in the method on the bells. Mr. Burton, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Norwich.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF GREAT ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

WALTER PRIOR	...*Treble*	WILLIAM SABAN	5
THOMAS JORDAN	2	WALTER TARLING	6
WILLIAM T. PRIOR	3	WILLIAM WATTS	7
ISAAC CAVILL	4	HENRY J. TUCKER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

First peal of Stedman on the bells; also the quickest peal on the bells. The ringers wish to take the opportunity of thanking the Vicar, the Rev. E. O. Beverley for the use of the bells.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 23, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
E. TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*THOMAS WILSON ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM EDWARD WILSON	5
WILLIAM BRIGGS	2	JOHN WATSON	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON... ...	3	†EMMANUEL DUTESON ...	7
FREDERICK HINDLE... ...	4	JAMES ASHTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EMMANUEL DUTESON.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. Peter Duteson, father of the conductor.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.)

On Friday, November 24, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

†WILLIAM H. LIDBETTER ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE SPENCER	5
GEORGE A. RANSOM... ...	2	†WILLIAM J. NEW	6
CHARLES DELL	3	FREDERICK GODDARD ...	7
THOMAS BEADLE	4	*HARVEY BEADLE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and
Conducted by GEORGE ALFRED RANSOM.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells by entirely local ringers. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, contains 96 calls and is in six parts. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of Mr. G. Spencer.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY T. GOWLETT	*Treble*	ARTHUR D. BARKER	5
*WILLIAM J. KEMP	2	GEORGE W. FAULKNER	6
WALTER G. MATTHEWS	3	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	7
RICHARD F. DEAL	4	ALBERT TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. PARKER	5
JOSEPH J. PARKER	2	JOHN PRESTON	6
WILLIAM HENLEY	3	WILLIAM WELLING	7
ARTHUR BLAKE	4	JOSEPH GUTTERIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. WELLING.
This is the conductor's 50th peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

ALBERT V. MOORE	*Treble*	WILLIAM LAMBERT	5
JESSE J. MOSS	2	THOMAS RILEY	6
GEORGE W. MOSS	3	GEORGE W. BEMROSE	7
WALTER ROBINSON	4	JOHN FLINT	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN FLINT.
All the ringers belong to the local company. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and by the Association. Sixteen years ago on the above date G. W. Bemrose rang his first peal, and 18 years on the same date W. Lambert rang his first peal.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY, AND GLOSSOP ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs., in F.

JAMES BUCKLEY	*Treble*	EGMONT T. MALKIN	5
THOMAS JACKSON	2	ELI GARSIDE	6
HERBERT PRADLEY	3	RICHARD NEWTON	7
FRANK GARSIDE	4	JOHN LAWTON	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by JAMES BUCKLEY.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

CHAS. TODD	*Treble*	THOMAS CLARK	5
RICHARD MONCASTON	2	WILLIAM H. PORTER	6
ROBERT STEPHENSON	3	G. J. LUNGLEY	7
JAMES BAXTER	4	GEORGE W. PARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. PORTER.

FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt., in F sharp.

JOHN W. WHITING	*Treble*	GEORGE E. CHAPPELL	5
LIONEL H. PAGE	2	HENRY W. WILKES	6
GEORGE GRAFHAM	3	EDWIN J. HARDING	7
SIDNEY CHURCHER	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
Mr. A. T. King was also present, but insisted on standing out for Mr. Grafham.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*WALTER A. WEBB	*Treble*	*CHARLES COX	5
HENRY TUCKER	2	ARTHUR W. PIKE	6
ALBERT E. REEVES	3	CHARLES GILES	7
*FRANK MARTIN	4	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by CHARLES GILES.
* First peal of Superlative. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD, BRISTOL.
On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

*WILLIAM WHITE	*Treble*	*FREDK. OAKHILL	5
WILLIAM LANSDOWN	2	GILBERT WILTSHIRE	6
JAMES J. POOLE	3	ISAAC LONG	7
FRED. G. MAY	4	HENRY T. HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.
* First peal of Major.
The peal was arranged and rung muffled as a last token of respect for the late Harry E. Howell, who so recently died at Thornbury.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHARINE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN J. PRATT	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
FREDERICK G. GODDARD	2	GEORGE SPENSER	6
*JOSEPH LOCK	3	ARTHUR HARDING	7
*ADOLPHUS H. J. DENFORD	4	ERNEST RIDGLEY	*Ten*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First attempt for peal of Stedman. This peal was especially arranged for the Patronal Festival.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

*FREDERICK W. BAILEY	*Treble*	CHARLES F. BAILEY	5
ERNEST S. BAILEY	2	JAMES M. BAILEY	6
NORMAN R. BAILEY	3	CHARLES LAMSON	7
EDGAR H. BAILEY	4	FREDERICK J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.
* First peal in the method. N. R. Bailey's 100th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. H. Bailey, Secretary of St. Margaret's Society.

GODALMING, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE	*Treble*	FRANK BLONDELL	5
SEPTIMUS RADFORD	2	CHARLES HAZELDENE	6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE	3	JAMES HUNT	7
MAURICE SMITHER	4	ALFRED H. PULLING	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18¾ cwt.

FRANK WEBB	*Treble*	*EDWARD CLAYDON	5
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM	2	FRANK CLAYDON	6
*JOHN T. BARKER	3	WILLIAM GRIMWADE	7
ERNEST NEWMAN	4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW	*Treble*	HARRY LEAR	5
JOHN W. BARKER	2	ARTHUR CHAPMAN	6
†CHARLES MORTIMER	3	WILLIAM G. MAZES	7
WILLIAM J. LIGHTFOOT	4	CHARLES W. CLARKE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. HUGHES, and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

† First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

WILLIAM FLOYD	*Treble*	RICHARD MORGAN	5
WILLIAM FLETCHER	2	FREDERICK FRENCH	6
GEORGE POVEY	3	EDWIN BARNETT, Junr.	7
REGINALD BROUGH	4	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by E. BARNETT, Senr.

E. Barnett, Junr's, 150th peal.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON	*Treble*	TOM WILDE	5
HAROLD JACKSON	2	GEORGE D. WARBURTON	6
ALFRED BARNES	3	ALLEN S. GORDON	7
WILLIAM JACKSON	4	HARRY CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

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

1 [illegible] peal of Major on the bells.

BERKELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

OLIVER E. THOMAS	*Treble*	JOHN W. JONES	5
JOHN AUSTIN	2	THOMAS BALDWIN	6
JESSE GILLETT	3	CHARLES L. SADLER	7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN	4	JOHN W. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

The tenor has recently been rehung by Messrs. Llewellins & James with new headstock and fittings, and the "go" is all that can be desired.

KINGS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER	*Treble*	ARTHUR CHAMBERS	5
FRANK WITHERS	2	SAMUEL GROVE	6
CHARLES DICKENS	3	JAMES DOWLER	7
GEORGE F. SWANN	4	JOHN WITHERS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

Rung on the 83rd birthday of Mr. F. Palmer, many years tower keeper at the above church. Arthur Chambers' 100th peal.

HERTFORD.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.
(ST. ANDREW'S BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

*REGINALD DORE	*Treble*	*HERBERT J. GRAY	5
HERBERT W. MANSFIELD	2	HENRY G. ROWE	6
GEORGE SMITH	3	†GEORGE GRAY	7
WILLIAM IRONS	4	*ALFRED E. AKERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

* First peal. † First peal with bob bell. Mr. H. G. Rowe's 40th peal as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of Double Court. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR E. MOORE	*Treble*	FREDERICK DEWELL	4
JOHN SPARROW	2	WALTER RADLEY	5
FRANK J. LEVITT	3	CHARLES WOODCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

First peal on the bells.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lbs.

*HARRY THOMAS	*Treble*	RICHARD JONES	4
ROBERT SPERRING	2	ALBERT E. RICHARDS	5
*JOHN DUNNING	3	JAMES MORGAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

* First peal. J. Dunning was elected a member previous to the peal.

HUISH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 22, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

T. JEANES ... ...*Treble*	T. W. CREED 4
*A. WHEADON 2	*G. LOCK 5
T. J. LLOYD 3	*F. VILE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. J. LLOYD.

* First peal. The ringers are all members of the Langport band, but their tower being under repair, the Vicar of Huish kindly gave them permission to use his bells. This was the first peal by the ringers as members of one band.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Grandsire, and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILLIAM C. WAKLEY ...*Treble*	JAMES F. GODFREY ... 4
JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... 2	JOHN HOUGH 5
DAVID L. COTTON 3	JAMES PAGET ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN HOUGH.

* First peal of Minor

LYTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FYLDE BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, November 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Merchant's Return, Violet, New London Pleasure, Oxford and Kent.

C. H. KERR ... ...*Treble*	JOHN TIPPING 4
*E. TIPPING 2	J. HARDMAN 5
D. MCLELLAN 3	T. ALLANSON ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN TIPPING.

* First 5040. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Fell, captain of the local company.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

GEORGE WOLFE... ... ...*Treble*	CHARLES V. HARE 4
*REV. B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE 2	GEORGE T. CROFT 5
JOHN HARE... 3	WILLIAM J. CROFT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. CROFT.

* First peal in seven Minor methods.

WORLE, SOMERSETSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN WHITE... ... ...*Treble*	J. BURROWS 4
ALFRED WHITE 2	JAMES WHITE, Junr.... ... 5
A. B. BADCOCK 3	FRANK WHITE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WHITE.

The peal was rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Vicar, the Rev. F. W. Bentley, who died suddenly, 25th November, 1910. This is the first muffled peal ever rung on the bells.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

WILLIAM THORNLEY ... ...*Treble*	ARTHUR FREEMAN 4
WILLIAM HALFORD 2	*ERNEST J. OLIVER 5
JOSEPH HALL 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Minor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Bob IV, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER J. HORTON ... ...*Treble*	REV. R. P. FARROW ... 4
GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ... 2	EDGAR VALLANCE 5
THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rev. R. P. Farrow hails from Bardon Hill, Leicestershire.

BELTON, RUTLAND.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

WILLIAM WILLSON ... ...*Treble*	WALTER WHITE 4
ALBERT P. WAKLEY 2	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... 5
J. JAMES JACKSON 3	*THOMAS SQUIRES ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung as a welcome home to Mr and Mrs. Gough, of Belton, who gave the new second bell.

CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH),
AND THE ALL SAINTS AND ST. LAWRENCE GUILD, EVESHAM.
On Sunday, November 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Bob, and one each of Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire. Tenor 10½ cwt.

RAYMOND YOUNG ... ...*Treble*	FREDERICK JORDAN 4
THOMAS EDWIN 2	JAMES HEMMING 5
HERBERT JORDAN 3	HARRY MIDDLETON ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

WORKTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 18, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

G. HENRY PATRICK ... ...*Treble*	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 3
HORACE PATRICK... 2	MATTHIAS HOBBS 4

HORACE SHARMAN ... *Tenor.*

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

GRISTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 30 six-scores of Grandsire, and 12 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 0 qrs. 10 lbs.

HARRY CROOK ... ...*Treble*		*ERNEST FISHER...	3
EDGAR HUNT	2	JOHN MURRELL...	4

WILLIAM ADCOCK ... *Tenor.*

Conducted by HARRY CROOK.

* First peal away from the treble. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. T. MORRIS, 5, KING'S HEAD ST.,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*FRED A. HOLDEN	1—2	†THOMAS BERNARD	5—6
‡GEORGE THOMPSON ...	3—4	‡ARTHUR T. MORRIS... ...	7—8

Composed and Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.
Umpire, THOMAS WRIGHT.

Rung at the first attempt. * First peal as conductor on handbells. † First peal. ‡ First peal on handbells.

DERBY.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT 10, GOODALE STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALBERT H. WARD	1—2	ARTHUR BRAINES	5—6
WALTER WALLACE	3—4	CHARLES DRAPER	7—8

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.
Umpire, CHARLES E. HART.

The ringer of the treble at Henley and the 5th at Coddenham, on Nov. 8th, was William Ireland and not Freland as published.

TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

Correspondents should bear in mind that reports of peals, meetings, etc., should reach the Editor's Office by first post Tuesday morning to ensure insertion in the following Friday's issue.

COSELEY, STAFFS.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—On Thursday, November 9th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to Mr. Joseph Smith, for many years vestry clerk and clerk to the Coseley Council: W. A. Jeavons 1, A. Baker 2, L. Barnett 3, W. Grinsell 4, R. Dunn 5, B. Gough 6, S. Pearce (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, A. E. Law 8.—On Sunday, November 12th, for Matins, a touch of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Sam Baker; and for evening service, 464 Bob Major and 210 Oxford Bob Triples, conducted by W. Fisher.

SHROPHAM.—The Norwich Diocesan Association.—On Thursday, November 9th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1320 changes), in 50 mins., consisting of eight 120's of Grandsire and four of Plain Bob: H. Crook (conductor) 1, E. Hunt 2, E. Fisher 3, W. Adcock 4, H. Mason 5.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On November 10th, at 75, Calais Road, a quarter-peal of Doubles in eleven methods, being 60 Stedman, and 120 each of Original, New, St. Simon's, Stedman's Slow Course, Cotgrave, Canterbury Pleasure, Old, Plain Bob, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire. Also, recently, two 720's of Bob Minor (i. 30 singles and 6 bobs, and ii. 32 bobs and 2 singles): C. Sanders 1—2, A. P. Wakley (conductor) 3—4, W. Shercliff 5—6.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

Stedman Doubles is what I have been asked to explain by a band who are tired of ringing only Grandsire, and want to get on to another method. In the space at my disposal I will do my best. The foundation of Stedman is the work of the three bells on the front, the method, instead of being divided into "leads," being split up into blocks of six changes, which comprise all the rows that can be got upon the three bells, without taking into account the bells in 4-5. Now these rows are arranged in two ways:—

123	123
132	213
312	231
321	321
231	312
213	132

and these come alternately, one bell going out into 4-5, and another coming from 4-5 into the front at "the parting the sixes," as it is called. This gives the bells what is known as a "slow work" (extending over five sixes) and a quick work (which occupies one six only). What the beginner must first do is to learn thoroughly the "slow work." Unless this is completely mastered he will never *ring* Stedman. It is the crux of the whole method. In order to make the work quite plain, I give here some figures which show the complete course of the 4th through the slow work. I have, so to speak, cut off the dodging bells because they do not for the moment concern us, and I have shown "the parting of the sixes" by a line. Now let us see what the 4th does after it has finished dodging in 4-5 down. It makes 3rd's (two blows) leads a whole pull wrong (back-stroke and hand-stroke) strikes one blow in 2nd's, then leads a whole pull right (hand-stroke and back-stroke). This goes to make up what is known as the "first whole-turn." Then a whole pull in 3rd's place is made (at back and hand) and the bell proceeds to lead one blow at hand-stroke. This is known as the "first half-turn." Next, the bell lies another whole pull in 3rd's place (at hand and back), and leads one blow at back-stroke. This is known as the "last half-turn." Once more a whole pull in 3rd's is made (back and hand), and then a whole pull right at lead (hand and back) one blow in 2nd's, and a whole pull wrong (back and hand), a whole pull in 3rd's place—which completes what is called the "last whole turn"—and the bell comes away from the front to dodge in in 4-5 up.

231	45
324	15
234	51
243	15
423	51
432	15
342	51
435	21
453	12
543	21
534	12
354	21
345	12
431	52
341	25
314	52
134	25
143	52
413	25
142	35
124	53
214	35
241	53
421	35
412	53
145	23
415	32
451	23
541	32
514	23
154	32
513	42

That is the "slow work" in Stedman, and I leave it with my readers to learn thoroughly before I proceed to deal with the rest of the method. All I will add this week is a few points that may help my young friends to assimilate this portion of the lesson. Examine the figures carefully, and observe that in beginning and ending the slow work 3rd's place (a whole pull) is made, and that 3rd's place is also made between the different "turns." Notice,

also, that divided at the 3rd's place which occurs between the first half-turn and the last half-turn, the two halves of the complete work are the reverse of each other. Then, remember the order in which these "turns" come :—

First whole-turn.
First half-turn.
Last half-turn.
Last whole-turn.

A whole-turn requires two whole pulls at lead, with one blow in 2nd's place sandwiched between ; a half-turn is but a single blow at lead.

Another inquirer is asking for information as to St. Dunstan's Doubles. I will deal with this after I have finished with Stedman Doubles.

CONDUCTOR.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the Marlborough branch was held at Colne on Saturday afternoon. In addition to the local ringers, there were members present from Bremhill, Compton Bassett, Hilmarton, Marlborough, Stratton St. Margaret, Swindon and Wootton Bassett, numbering altogether 23. A short service was held in the Parish Church, and the Vicar of Colne (the Rev. E. J. Bodington) gave an address. Tea was subsequently partaken of at the Church House, and a short business meeting followed.—The Branch President, the Rev. A. E. G. Peters, was unfortunately unable to be present, and in the circumstances the Rev. E. J. Bodington presided. Several new members were elected. Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon and evening, but the bells do not go as well as could be wished, consequently very little half-pull ringing was done. Hilmarton Church was also visited, and two six-scores of Grandsire and 120 Stedman Doubles were rung by the following: J. Butler (Marlborough) 1, R. W. Hyner (Swindon), conductor, 2, L. A. Wilson (Wootton Bassett) 3, G. Lancaster (Stratton St. Margaret) 4, C. J. Gardiner (Swindon) 5, E. Long (Bromhill) 6. This was J. Butler's first attempt at Stedman on tower bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch was held at Milnrow on Saturday last, when about thirty members were present from Moorside, Middleton, Todmorden Parish, Todmorden Unitarian, Oldham, Glodwich, Rochdale, Balderstone, Worsley, and the local company.—Mr. Samuel Brierley presided at the meeting, when Shore was selected as the place for the next meeting.—A vote of thanks was given to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the tower.—The bells were kept going until nearly nine o'clock in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major.

ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, READING.

On Saturday week, several members of the St. Mary's Society, Reading, paid a visit to Southstoke and Goring. At the former place there is a grand old church and a peal of five bells, and the idea of visiting the tower was to encourage the local ringers who have lately taken up change ringing, with the assistance of the Vicar's daughter, Miss E. O. Nind. Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles were rung, most of the locals taking part. Later on Goring was visited, and the pretty peal of six were soon going to Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Minor. Then, having to wait some time for a train, the party adjourned to the Queen's Arms Hotel, where, with Mr. A. Watmore in the chair, several songs were rendered.

RINGERS' GATHERING AT BROXBOURNE.

The ringers from St. Mary's, Harlow, and St. Mary Magdalene's, Harlow Common, paid a visit to Broxbourne on the 15th ult., and were joined by members from Cheshunt, Hertford and Roydon, and the local band. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob were brought round at St. Augustine's Church, the conducting being shared by Messrs. G. Dent, W. Hobbs, H. G. Rowe and I. Cavill, about 30 ringers being present. Afterwards a pleasant social hour was spent. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, and Mr. G. Radley for having everything in readiness.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On November 9th, in honour of the election of the Marquis of Anglesey as Mayor of the borough, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins., by J. Hicklin 1, H. Kendrick 2, J. Brittain 3, T. Dicken 4, W. J. Smith 5, F. Shepherd 6, W. W. Worthington (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, C. A. Beels 8. It is interesting to note that Mr. Worthington's uncle was the first Mayor of Burton in 1878.

THE ANALYSIS OF A SLOW SIX.

By the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

A	B	C	D
12345	*12345*	*12345*	*12345*
2*1*435	2*1*435	*21*435	*21*435
24*15*3	24*15*3	*12*453	12*45*3
425*13*	421*35*	*21*543	142*35*
45*23*1	41*25*3	*12*534	41*25*3
54*32*1	142*35*	*21*354	421*35*
5*34*12	124*53*	*123*45	*241*53

Glossary, Page 11.
Bob (a) . . . .
(b) The evolution performed by these bells.

A is Original Doubles.

B is obtained from A by means of two bobs, which are made by the treble and 2nd, the 3rd's place in each case being substituted for 5th's. This is a quick six.

C is obtained from A by means of three bobs, 3rd's place being substituted for the lead.

D is the slow six; what is it?

At first sight one might be tempted to say that it is three bobs, but if so it ought to be the same as C, which is undoubtedly three bobs, but it is obviously not the same, and, therefore, it cannot be said to be derived from Original Doubles by means of three bobs. You may start ringing Original Doubles, or Reserve Original Doubles, and the conductor may call bobs where he pleases. He can produce B or C, but he cannot produce D, so that we cannot say that D is only a touch of Original Doubles.

Starting from 12345 we produce 21435; this is Original Doubles and nothing else. We get the next row by making 3rd's place; this is a three-bell shunt, and it may be a bob or not. If it is a bob we are still ringing Original Doubles, and the next row must be 21543, but the next row is actually 14235, that is to say the 4th bell, after making 3rd's place, goes on down to lead, instead of up behind, which she would have done if she had made a bob. This row 14235 is obtained by leading a whole pull instead of a whole pull in 5th's. The next row 41235 is obtained by again making 3rd's place, and it looks more like a bob than the first 3rd's place, because the 2nd comes up from lead makes 3rd's place, and returns to lead. But compare it with the place in C, where the 5th is undoubtedly making a bob, and it is at once apparent that it is not a bob, but its reverse variation, that is this place is again a three-bell shunt, but not a bob. The next 3rd's place is like the first.

This is a complete analysis of the six rows, and proves that they contain three three-bell shunts, which are not bobs. But we can get the same result in another way, as there are two possible ways of looking at these rows.

We can look at them as two groups, one of three bells and the other of two, thus:—

123	45
214	35
124	53
142	35
412	53
421	35
241	53
425	13

Now the first step is Original Doubles, which gives us 21435. We then ring six rows on the three bells, while the others dodge, and these six rows are Original Singles rung backwards; that is to say the six rows are produced by hunting backwards on three bells. Now hunting backwards is not making bobs, so that looked at in this way we cannot find any bobs.

If we look at the seven rows in this second way we can describe it as derived from Original Doubles by ringing one row of Original from rounds, then dividing the five bells into two groups, one of three, which hunt backwards, and one of two, which dodge, until the three have completed six rows. If we look at them in the first way, we look at them as one group of five bells, which is derived from Original by three three-bell shunts which are not bobs.

Finally, I must point out that while every bob which has ever been used is a three-bell shunt, every three-bell shunt is not a bob; a fact which can be easily proved by anyone for himself, by writing out all the examples of bobs in common use, when it will be found that the bell which makes the bob always returns to the place from which she came.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—On Saturday, November 11th, a quarter-peal of Minor, in 42 mins., being 720 of Plain Bob and 360 and 180 Oxford Bob: W. Stock 1, W. A. Norman 2, H. W. Guyton (conductor) 3, P. Inskip 4, H. Robinson 5, G. Thew 6. Also touches of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, with A. J. Burrock standing in.

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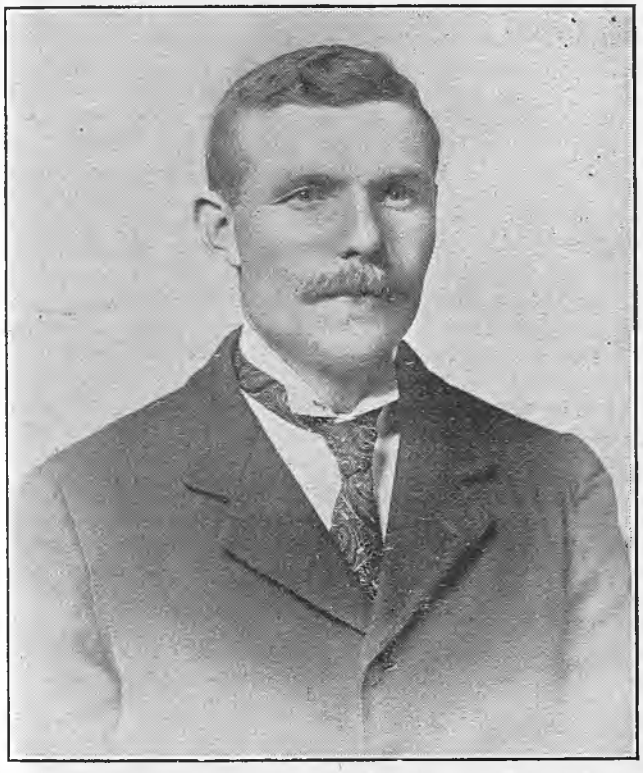
OUR ILLUSTRATION.

MR. E. PYE AND HIS EIGHT HUNDRED PEALS.

A record of 800 peals is really a wonderful performance and members of the Exercise generally will join in congratulating Mr. Ernest Pye upon reaching a total which only three other ringers have equalled. Singularly endowed with gifts as an exponent of our noble Art, Mr. Pye comes of a ringing family whose fame is known throughout the Exercise. One has only to ring in peals with him to appreciate his great skill, both in the handling of a bell, and in the ringing of a method, however complex. Indeed, even that is hardly necessary, for his list of peals is an eloquent tribute to his remarkable ability.

Born at Chadwell Heath, Essex, on September 20th,



MR. ERNEST PYE.

1876, Mr. Pye is one of six brothers, all of whom have been change ringers, although the eldest and youngest never got beyond Grandsire Triples. Ernest learnt to ring on a peal of five at Little Heath at the age of twelve years, and it was not until some three years later that he commenced to ring on eight, his first touch of Grandsire Triples inside being on his fifteenth birthday at Romford. His first peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Barking on February 27th, 1892, but it was not until 1898 that he did really a lot of peal ringing, as previously his employment only allowed him to get away on Bank Holidays. He joined the Romford company in 1898, when they were struggling with Grandsire Doubles, and has been a member ever since, rarely missing ringing for the Sunday services. During that time peals have been rung in all the standard methods, and, until recently, there were eleven members in the company who had rung peals of Bristol Surprise. Unfortunately, however, some have now left the neighbourhood.

Like his brothers, Mr. Pye is of a retiring disposition, and his soul is in the Art. As an all round ringer and striker he is the personification of perfection, and is equally at home from treble to tenor on eight, ten or twelve bells. Of more than average height, he is blessed with abundant muscular strength, but he rings a bell without any apparent effort. He has a perfect style in handling a rope which is delightful to watch, and which many of the present generation would do well to try and copy. He takes a delight in ringing the 9th in Stedman Caters and the 11th in Stedman Cinques, and in that capacity has no superior. He once rang the 9th to a peal of Stedman Caters at both Edinburgh and Newcastle Cathedrals on the same day. One of the most memorable peals he ever took part in was the Stedman Caters at Exeter Cathedral, when he rang the 9th, and his brother William the tenor single-handed. The day previously Ernest was so ill that he had to go to bed, and was unable to take any food. It was only the wonderful skill and judgment which he displayed in the great task that carried him through. He has rung every bell to a peal in the following methods: Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Double Norwich Major, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise and Kent Treble Bob Royal.

He has taken part in many ringing tours, and once rang twelve peals in a week, without a break, the lightest bells having a tenor of 21cwt., and the heaviest 72½cwt. In most of these peals he was at the heavy end, and came out with scarcely a blister. He is a member of 19 different associations, and has rung peals in no fewer than 256 towers in 43 different counties in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and a peal of Stedman Caters in hand on the Irish Sea. He has taken part in the following record lengths: 15,072 Double Norwich, 11,111 Stedman Cinques and also in 14,112 London Surprise, as well as in 10,464 Kent Treble Bob Major. Needless to say, the Double Norwich has since been superseded by longer lengths. Unfortunately illness kept him out of the 18,027 Stedman Caters—the world's record—at Loughborough. He rang in the first peals of Cambridge and New Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol and London Surprise Major out of England; the first peal of Treble Bob Royal in Ireland, and the first peals of Stedman Caters and Double Norwich in Scotland. He has also taken part in the only peals of Cambridge, London and Bristol ever rung double-handed, and the only Surprise peal ever rung by four brothers. Curiously enough he has never taken calling very seriously, having been content to leave that department to his brothers, but he can always be depended upon to call a peal if required, while, in rectifying mistakes in any method on eight, ten and twelve bells his equals could easily be counted on the fingers of one hand. Ernest Pye is one of the marvels of the ringing world.

His 800 peals are made up as follow:

	Tower Bells Rung	Tower Bells Cond'd	Handbells Rung	Handbells Cond'd
On Six Bells	1			
Grandsire Triples	7		3	
Grandsire Caters	3			
Grandsire Cinques	1			
Stedman Triples	117	4	30*	2
Stedman Caters	107		24	
Stedman Cinques	41a		9	
Bob Major	5			
Double Norwich Major	58b		4	

Double Oxford Major	1			
Duffield Major	1			
Kent T. B. Major	12c		6	
Kent T. B. Royal	26		4	
Kent T. B. Maximus	6			
Oxford T. B. Major	2			
Oxford T. B. Royal.....	2			
Superlative Surprise Major ...	138	2	7*	1
New Cumberland Major	1			
Cambridge Major	16		3	
New Cambridge Major	20			
London Major	92d		4	
Bristol Major	39		3	
New Cambridge Royal	3			
Cambridge Royal	4			
Totals ...	703	6	97	3

a Including 11,111 (record). b Including 15,072. c Including 10,464. d Including 14,112 (record). *Including one non-conducted.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

The bells of Langport, Somerset, are to be rehung in a new oak frame, and it is hoped to add two more bells to complete the octave.

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The amount granted from the Kent County Association Belfry Repairs Fund to St. John's, Deptford, is £3 3s.

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In part of our edition last week the name of "Imperial or Stedman Major" was given to the new method by Mr. H. Dains. The name should be "Imperial Quick-Six Major."

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A new ringing floor, which considerably shortens the draught of rope, and is expected to prove a great convenience in the ringing of the bells, has been erected in St. Paulinus' Church, Crayford, and was dedicated on Tuesday of last week by the Bishop of Rochester.

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Mr. W. Pye writes: I see in your last issue, in the footnote to the peal of Bob Major rung at Framlingham, it states that it is believed to be the first short-course peal of Bob Major ever rung. I think there have been several rung, but I am not sure about the number. I took part in a 5760 at Writtle, Essex, on April 3rd, 1893, with the extent of the 4th, 5th and 6th in 6th's place.

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A serious accident happened in the belfry at Southover, Lewes, on Sunday afternoon. The steeple keeper (Mr. A. S. Langridge) went up among the bells while they were up to adjust the muffles, which had been put on owing to the death of the Rev. E. D. Stead, when he got in the way of the tenor, which was being tolled, and was knocked into the pit. Fortunately the bell did not strike him, but the slide bar hit him on the knee, and, as was afterwards ascertained, fractured his knee cap.

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Only two ringers were in the ringing chamber below. On finding something wrong they hurried to the bell floor, where they found Mr. Langridge in the pit. With difficulty they extricated him from the perilous position, and got him down the steep ladder and stairs to the church below. Thence he was taken home, and afterwards to the hospital, where he will have to remain for some time.

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The accident again illustrates the danger of going among bells when they are up, and particularly when any of them are being rung. Too much care cannot be exercised both by those who find it necessary to go among the bells and by those who may at the time be in the belfry below.

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Another well known ringer is shortly leaving these shores for the Colonies. At the end of the year Mr. Richard Deal, who is prominent in London ringing circles, leaves for Melbourne, Australia.

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We much regret to announce the death of Mr. W. V. Newman, who passed away after a long illness, at Rushden on Saturday last. He was a valued member of the Irthlingborough company, and esteemed by a large circle of friends.

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The peal at Newchurch, recorded last week, is an excellent example of what may be done with perseverance. For over 30 years "call changes" were rung at the church, but the old hands were superseded in September, 1910. Five out of six had never been into a belfry before, but with the help of some of the progressive spirits they can now ring several methods on five and six bells. Two of the band who took part in the peal have only learned to ring since last Easter, when two of the original members resigned.

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The company in the peal was made up of ringers whose ages were respectively 16, 18, 16, 18, 18, 22, and so enthusiastic are this young band that they are agitating now to get their bells increased from six to eight.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your correspondent E.B.B. is quite right. An attempt to ring a peal will be made on the afternoon of our next meeting, at Holbeck. Quite right, too, sir, as my long experience teaches me that if no peal is arranged there will not be sufficient members turn up before 5.30 to ring at all; so the alternative to no peal means no ringing, and I am sure this would tend to increase the grumbling your correspondent speaks of. The vast amount of grumbling spoken of must be of a very unusual kind, as it is very silent, and I should suggest to E.B.B. that he speaks out, and lets us see where this enthusiasm for practice emanates from. I am sure, sir, if it is genuine it will be welcome and received with open arms. Yours, etc.,

Shipley. GEO. A. NETTLETON.

MR. E. BARNETT, JUNR.'S, 150 PEALS.

Stedman Cinques, 2; Double Norwich Royal, 1; Duffield Royal, 1; Forward Royal, 2; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 4; Stedman Caters, 12; London Surprise, 2; New Cumberland Surprise, 3; Cambridge Surprise, 14; Superlative Surprise, 13; Double Norwich Major (conducted 1), 45; "Real" Double Norwich Major, 3; Double Oxford Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major (conducted 1), 15; Bob Major, 3; Erin Triples, 1; Stedman Triples (conducted 2), 20; Union Triples, 1; Grandsire Triples (conducted 1), 6; total, 150; conducted, 5. Rung in 51 different towers and in seven counties.

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THE OCCASIONS OF RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is quite refreshing to read Mr. Jealous' letter in your issue of the 17th. With all the increased attention to bells and bell ringing that the last half century has produced, little account has been taken of the proper use and meaning of the bells, and it is in that direction that the next great advance in belfry reform should be made. Since the troublous times that our Church passed through at the period of the Reformation, the ancient Catholic traditions as to the use of bells have become almost extinct in our country, and a state of general chaos has prevailed. I know of only one belfry, where the old customs have continued to the present day, and one other, where the correct usage has been restored during recent years. Consequently we have to look to other countries for light on the subject, where the customs, common of old to practically the whole of Europe, have gone on without interruption, though isolated and fragmentary survivals in England throw an interesting side light on the old English use.

The first essential towards bringing about a return to the Church principles is to disabuse our minds of the vulgar notion that the main object of church bells is to notify the hours of Divine service. For this purpose a single bell would suffice, as directed by the prayer-book in the rules laid down "concerning the service of the Church." But the legitimate purpose of peals of bells is to form a musical adjunct to Divine worship (like the silver trumpets in Numbers x.), and as such to do honour to the Feasts and Holy Days of the Church, also to celebrate occasions of public rejoicing and thanksgiving.

Now one point in your correspondent's letter is of special interest. He refers to peals on the eve of the Ascension, and suggests the ringing of a peal "on the evening before" a Saint's Day or other Festival. That is just the point, at which the much-needed revival should begin. By the primeval usage of the Church of Christ every Feast Day is regarded as beginning the evening before. Hence the Rubric ordering "that the Collect appointed for every Sunday, or for any Holy Day that hath a Vigil or Eve, shall be said at the evening service next before." In accordance with this principle, it is the immemorial tradition of the Church to ring not only on every Sunday and Holy Day, but also on Saturday afternoon and evening, and on the Eve of every Feast Day. This ancient custom has become almost obsolete in England, except on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, and the reformer's first object should be to restore the same.

Bearing this principle in mind, we naturally refer to the "Table of Feasts" in the prayer-book, and are easily enabled to produce the following list of proper occasions for ringing throughout the year: Christmas, Easter, Ascension Day, Whit Sunday, and their Eves: The Circumcision (New Year), Epiphany, Purification, Annunciation, and all Sundays and Saturday evenings; all Saints' Days and their Eves. Also "a Solemn Day," that of the King's Accession. Add to these Coronation Day, the chief Royal Birthdays, St. George's Day, Empire Day, and any local Festival or national commemoration, also the days immediately following the Great Festivals, up to the Octave of each, and we find abundant opportunity given for ringing peals with a meaning and purpose, instead of aimlessly or on some trivial pretext.

The supreme requirement that church bells should be rung on all or most of these occasions, whether touches or peals, is a matter for the ringers concerned, subject to the control of the clergy. Ringing on these or all four of the Great Festivals and on Sundays is now becoming fairly general, though there are still Cathedrals and other churches with glorious rings of bells, which are silent or tapped with a futile machine Sunday after Sunday. The first necessity now is to revive the custom of regularly ringing on Saturdays and the Eves of Saints' Days and other Festivals, at any convenient hour after 12 noon.

By a proper and systematic use of the bells ringers have a great opportunity as Churchmen of reviving and quickening church life in their several parishes. Especially they may, as your correspondent suggests, do much to restore the great Feast of our Lord's Ascension to its due place of honour in our land. They will naturally wish sometimes to practice on other days as well, but their first aim should always be to fulfil their part as church officers by celebrating, according to ancient custom, the Festivals and Holy Days of the Church.

21st November, 1911. F. Ll. E.

RINGING ON GOOD FRIDAY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In pursuance of the letter of Mr. Jealous, and your own remarks upon it, with which I strongly agree, may I venture to make one further suggestion? It is for the ringing of muffled peals or touches on Good Friday. I hope that most church ringers make a point of attending one or more services on Good Friday, and of devoting serious thought to the great message of the day. But in addition to this, the act of ringing in a suitable manner, either before or after any service, will, I think, be an excellent thing for them. It may possibly even induce some of them to attend a service from which they would otherwise have been absent.

But what I have chiefly in view is the effect of muffled ringing on Good Friday on the many thousands who may be passing near a church on that day. It cannot, unfortunately, be denied that the great masses of our population pay little heed to the sacredness of the day, and look upon it as a mere holiday to be spent in amusement. They do not enter a church, but the sound of the bells reaches them outside. More than that, the sound of muffled bells has a wonderfully impressive and appealing effect on most minds. They may not acknowledge it; but I firmly believe that many careless hearts will be touched, and attention drawn to the Death so commemorated after nearly two thousand years.

My own opinion is that, for this purpose, the bells should be fully muffled, and of course rung slowly: also that odd-bell methods, such as Triples or Caters, are far more effective than even-bell methods: the untrained ear is particularly impressed by the regular boom of the tenor at the close of each round. It is not a day for "showing off"; difficult methods are not required, but simple and well-struck ringing.

Cambridge, November 25th, 1911. A. H. F. BOUGHEY.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—The Chester Diocesan Guild. — On Thursday, November 9th, at the Parish Church, 720 of Bob Minor, in 29 mins.: H. Thomas 1, W. Morgan (first 720 with a bob bell) 2, S. Jones 3, W. Dunning 4, A. E. Richards 5, H. W. Wilde (conductor) 6. Rung on the back six bells, tenor 27 cwt.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—The St. Mary's Society.—On Saturday, November 11th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 49 mins.: T. H. Green 1, P. J. Rowke 2, S. Pools 3, A. J. Ross 4, F. J. Herbert 5, W. Williams 6, J. B. Fenton (conductor) 7, W. Tilcock 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples: J. B. Fenton (conductor) 1, P. J. Rowke 2, S. Pools 3, A. J. Ross 4, F. J. Herbert 5, A. J. Hessian 6, J. A. Fenton 7, W. Tilcock 8.

WEAVERHAM.—Chester Diocesan Guild, Northwich Branch.—On the occasion of a branch meeting, on Saturday, November 11th, the members stood as follows in 720 Bob Minor: E. Roberts 1, S. Moore 2, A. Booth 3, A. Johnson 4, H. Yarwood (conductor) 5, J. Ashmole 6. 720 Grandsire Minor, with T. Bush 2, J. Ashmore, conductor. The ringer of the treble is a member of the local band, who have only recently commenced to learn change ringing, and are making good progress.

LONG EATON.—At St. Lawrence Church, for evening service, on November 12th, 504 Grandsire Triples: T. H. Edinborough 1, J. Harrison 2, R. Drage 3, N. H. Widdowson 4, J. R. Ward 5, T. Hutchinson 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, R. Seneschall 8.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, November 12th, at St. Helen's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Hinton, senr., 1, *G. Hinton, junr. 2, J. Morris 3, B. Hill 4, *W. Banks 5, A. Hill (conductor) 6, W. H. Johnson 7, J. H. Hill 8. * First quarter-peal.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.—St. Andrew's Society. — On Sunday, Nov. 12th, for morning service, at St. Andrew's Church, 447 Grandsire Triples: G. Watson 1, R. Watson 2, H. O. White 3, J. B. Fenton 4, J. A. Fenton, junr., 5, W. Malins 6, A. Bearnall (conductor) 7, W. H. Cole 8. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. For evening service, 800 London Surprise Major: W. Tayler 1, W. Malins 2, H. O. White 3, J. A. Fenton, junr., 4, C. W. Wheeler 5, A. J. Hessian 6, J B. Fenton (conductor) 7, J. W. Chandler 8.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, November 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major, in 43 mins.: *J. Woodberry 1, *G. Davies 2, N. Davies 3, W. H. Smith 4, *E. J. Brookes 5, T. J. Salter 6, *J. Smith 7, C. H. Woodberry conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal of London. After morning service, 504 Erin Triples: N. Davies 1, G. Davies 2, E. J. Brookes 3, J. Smith 4, W. H. Smith 5, J. Woodberry 6, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 7, H. Martin 8. First 500 of Erin by all the band. After evening service, 738 Bob Major, W. H. Smith, conductor.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Sunday, November 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. (taken from "Troytes"): A. Sheppard 1, W. Wicks 2, O. Porter 3, A. Histead 4, W. Cook 5, J. Hiscock 6, G. Cleave (conductor) 7, J. Goodger 8.

BATH.—Bath and Wells Association.—At St. Mary's Church, Bathwick, on Sunday, November 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 41 mins.: R. E. Waterson 1, T. Hogsflesh 2, A. E. Alexander 3, A. E. Seers 4, J. Odey 5, C. Densley 6, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, H. Davis, 8.

HARBORNE, STAFFS.—On Sunday, November 12th, at the Parish Church, for Divine service, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 33 mins.: A. Beecham 1, J. W. Tilley 2, A. J. Cartwright 3, H. Pratt 4, H. Grosvenor (conductor) 5, T. Hyland 6, G. Hitchman 7, E. Grice 8.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On Sunday, November 12th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in honour of the re-election, for the third time as Mayor, of Councillor T. H. Cartwright, and to show the ringers' appreciation of his kindness to them in the past: J. Jennings 1, A. Allsopp 2, C. Waithman 3, B. Claydon 4, T. Bloore (composer) 5, W. Allsopp 6, G. Roberts 7, B. Leedham (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major ever rung on the bells by a band of all service ringers.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday evening, November 12th, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor, with the six and eight covering: J. Gratrix 1, H. Eckersall 2, W. Bullough 3, W. Ford 4, H. Berry (conductor) 5, W. Foster 6, R. Bent 7, V. Bellerby 8.

SAMLESBURY, PRESTON.—On Sunday, November 12th, for afternoon service, 576 Kent Treble Bob: *J. G. Scholes 1, A. Bailey 2, E. R. Martin (conductor) 3, J. Bailey 4, R. J. Armstrong 5, J. Armstrong 6, E. Armstrong 7, *R. Broughton 8. * Longest length in the method.

HINCKLEY.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Nov. 12th, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Woodward 1, B. Ridgway 2, J. Tansey 3, A. Moore 4, T. White 5, F. Cotton (conductor) 6, G. Thompson 7, W. Watkin 8.—On November 13th, 336 Stedman Triples: W. Humphreys 1, T. Buswell 8, rest as before. First 336 by local band on the bells.

CARDIFF.—St. John's Guild.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, November 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Williams 1, H. Day 2, W. B. Biss 3, C. O. Hobbs, W. Millar 5, F. Chamberlain 6, H. Rowley (conductor) 7, C. Oram 8.

MARDEN.—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, November 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42½ mins.: S. E. Sone 1, D. Hodgkin 2, P. Hodgkin 3, F. Hodgkin 4, F. Sharp 5, G. Hadaway 6, C. H. Sone 7, W. Robbins 8. Conducted by C. H. Sone. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Sharp.

LUTON, BEDS.—For morning service, on Mayor's Sunday, November 12th, which was also the 980th anniversary of the consecration of the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1386 changes), in 49 mins.: J. Shaw 1, J. Rookwood 2, B. Wilson 3, H. Walker 4, H. Shepherd 5, W. Payne 6, A. King (conductor) 7, H. Shaw 8.

DIBDEN, HANTS.—On Sunday, November 12th, for Divine service, 168 Grandsire Triples: W. Chambers 1, H. T. Martin 2, G. Clasby 3, A. Prince 4, W. Chambers, junr., 5, W. Rawlings 6, Herbert Payne (conductor) 7, J. Curtiss 8. This is the first touch of Triples ever rung on the bells by an entirely local band.

BARNET.—Middlesex Association.—On November 12th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): P. Chandler 1, W. J. Baldwin 2, J. F. Chandler 3, J. Sumpster (conductor) 4, W. Childs 5, R. Roffey 6, W. Soer 7, A. T. New 8.

MAKER, CORNWALL.—Devon Guild.—On Sunday, November 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: F. Purse 1, J. Gluyas 2, W. Davey 3, W. Linnell 4, H. Bennett (conductor) 5, G. T. Smith 6. First quarter-peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Briggs for the use of the bells.

WOOD GREEN.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. — On Monday, November 13th, at St. Paul's Church, Wood Green, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes) was rung in 45 mins., the band standing as follows: C. Tyler 1, *T. Brooks 2, A. Wallater 3, T. Hill 4, *A. Plant 5, B. Horton 6, E. J. Tyler (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 7, *E. Roberts 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.—Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Association.—At Christ Church, on November 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins., also 672 in the same method: Sam Thomas (conductor) 1, W. Bingham 2, J. Taylor 3, G. Thorpe 4, A. Fisher 5, F. Green 6, T. H. Greaves 7, L. Thorpe 8. Longest length by all except the conductor.

BURSLEM, STOKE-ON-TRENT.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, on Tuesday, November 14th, two differently called 720's of Oxford Bob Minor, being the first 720's of the method rung on the bells since rehanging: *W. Bourne 1, *L. Pennington 2, *T. Hurd 3, John Farrell 4, *T. Hilditch 5, D. Preston (Bucknall), conductor, 6. * First 720 in the method.

TWYFORD, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Tuesday, November 14th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: P. Rooke 1, F. Oxenbury 2, L. Lampard 3, W. Carter 4, C. Abraham 5, S. Wateridge 6, T. Spratt (conductor) 7, F. Abrahams 8.

SALTBURN. — At the Parish Church, on Wednesday, November 15th, 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major: Rev. R. L. B. Oliver 1, J. Appleton 2, R. Mossom 3, T. Beckwith 4, F. Barker 5, N. Kidd 6, J. H. Blakiston (conductor) 7, E. Milburn 8. Also 336 Plain Bob Major, with J. T. Graves (first touch of Major), and G. Peck taking part.

SALISBURY, WILTS. — At St. Martin's Church, on Wednesday, November 15th, in 44 mins., 1260 Stedman Triples: W. Romain 1, H. C. Marsh 2, S. Macey 3, L. Harris 4, G. Neale 5, F. Precey 6, R. P. Knight (conductor) 7, A. Southy, 8.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.—On Friday, November 17th, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: J. Hurren 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, H. Saffell 3, S. Ellis 4, G. Pearce 5, G. Eastaugh 6. Also 360, with W. Levers 4.

NEWCHURCH. — Lancashire Association.—On Friday, November 17th, for practice, 1440 changes of Plain Bob Minor (two 720's called differently), in 48 mins. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: E. Leatherbarrow 1, G. Pownall 2, A. Nutter 3, F. Cooper 4, J. Yates 5, J. Leatherbarrow (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

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SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Wem, on Saturday, December 2nd, 1911. Ringing at the Parish Church at 2.45 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT S GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Luke's, Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Vicar. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Maldon on Saturday, December 2nd. Tea (6d. each to members) will be provided in St. Peter's Parish Room at 5.50 p.m. for those sending notice to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next monthly meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, December 2nd, at Barnsley, Church of St. Mary, 8 bells (tenor about 14 cwt.) available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. — J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on December 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on December 5th and 19th, Southwark Cathedral on the 5th, St. Magnus on the 7th and 21st, and at St. Mary-le-Bow on the 12th. The subscription of 1s. 8d. is now due.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Holbeck on December 9th. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting in the Parish Room at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Cheddington, Bucks, on Saturday, December 9th. Tower open 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting.—F. W. Booth, Honorary Secretary, Emberton, Newport Pagnell, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walkden on Saturday, December 9th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 9th. Bells ready at 4. Tea at 5.30. Members intending to be present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

NOTICES (continued).

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, December 9th. Ringing at the Minster, 3.15 to 4.30, 6.15 to 7.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 (followed by Business Meeting) at Church House. Fuller particulars next week.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary's, Newington, Sittingbourne, on Saturday, Dec. 16th, 1911. Tower open at 3.30. Business meeting at 6 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Milverton on Saturday, December 16th. Service in the church at 3.30 p.m., meeting in the Church Room at 4 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on December 16th. The bells will be available from 3.45 to 7.15. Meeting to follow.—Reports ready.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

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Of those who reached this stupendous total before Mr. Ernest Pye there have been but three or four. First was the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, whose 1,250 peals included nearly a thousand peals of Stedman Triples. Next comes that remarkable ringer, Mr. William Pye, who is now close upon four figures, and whose performances include some of the greatest achievements, both physically and mentally, ever accomplished by a member of the Exercise. Quite recently Mr. George Williams, who was perhaps more prominent ten or fifteen years ago even than he is to-day, and who in skill as a ringer and conductor has had few equals, passed his eighth century. Writing from memory we are not quite sure whether Mr. Isaac G. Shade is not also included in this select circle, but that is certainly the extent of the list, although other well-known men are rapidly coming up.

A good deal might be said on the personal side of these peal ringing records, where they run into several hundreds, particularly as to the great ability of the men concerned. But there is undoubtedly in the performances a lesson in energy and perseverance for the young ringer. Depend upon it these remarkable achievements could never have been brought about but for efforts of the men themselves. They have had largely to make their own opportunities, and to pursue the task with a tenacity that one would like to see more of among those who are associated with the Exercise. Too many there are who wait for the opportunities to be made for them, and who are content to grumble because nothing is done for their special benefit. Energy and perseverance in the face of frequent disappointment are the only means by which young ringers can hope successfully to attain the top rung of the ladder.

There is just one other point upon which comment may well be made. It is frequently said of men who devote much time to peals that they seldom trouble about service ringing. From a wide experience we can say that nothing is further from the truth. The man who is keenest on peal ringing is usually the most regular and punctual in his attendance for service ringing, and, although there may be here and there an exception, those who ring the most peals are the most anxious to see that the bells of their respective churches are regularly and properly rung on Sundays.

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On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36½ cwt.

WILLIAM PYE	*Treble*	JOHN ARMSTRONG	7
GEORGE R. PYE	2	REUBEN SANDERS	8
BERTRAM PREWETT	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	9
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	10
CHARLES T. COLES	5	WILLIAM J. NUDDS	11
FRANK BENNETT	6	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

TEN BELL PEALS.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (SOUTHERN BRANCH), AND THE ALL SAINTS AND ST. LAURENCE GUILD, EVESHAM.

On Wednesday, November 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

*HENRY J. PHIPPS	*Treble*	THOMAS EDWIN	6
*RAYMOND YOUNG	2	*FREDERICK JORDON	7
FRANK COOK	3	*JAMES HEMMING	8
*HERBERT JORDAN	4	HARRY MIDDLETON	9
*FRANK MOSS	5	†WILLIAM SPIRES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by HARRY MIDDLETON.

† First peal. * First peal on ten bells. First peal on ten bells as conductor. First peal of Caters on the bells by a local band, all the above being Sunday Service Ringers. Great credit is due to the tenor man, this being the first attempt for a peal.

GRANTHAM.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES	*Treble*	*ARTHUR MACKEARS	6
*WILLIAM G. THORPE	2	*ALBERT C. DARNELL	7
RUPERT RICHARDSON	3	*SIDNEY PROCTOR	8
*HARRY THORPE	4	WILLIAM DICKINSON	9
*DAVID B. OVERTON	5	*THOMAS H. HALL	*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal of Caters. The ringers of 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, & 10 belong to the local band.

WEST HAM, E.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5025 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt., in D.

THOMAS FAULKNER	*Treble*	FRANK C. NEWMAN	6
GEORGE W. FAULKNER	2	EMMANUEL HALL	7
HENRY TORBLE	3	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	8
ALBERT C. HARDY	4	JOHN MOULE	9
JAMES SCHOLES	5	REGINALD BLAKE	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ORMESBY.

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs., in E.

ROBERT ALCOCK	*Treble*	THOMAS T. GOFTON	5
JAMES W. NEWTON	2	WILLIAM NEWTON	6
JOHN G. HALL	3	ALEXANDER MACFARLANE	7
*ERNEST BURNETT	4	THOMAS METCALFE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

* First peal in the method.

WOMBOURNE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, November 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 0 qrs. 12 lbs., in G.

GEORGE SMITH	*Treble*	JOSEPH CORNS	5
THOMAS THORNE	2	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT	6
WILLIAM ROGERS	3	HORACE SADLER	7
G. HARRY SADLER	4	SAMUEL GARDNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. CARTWRIGHT.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. Henry Deans, a member of the local society, who was interred the previous Saturday.

BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARY'S GUILD, BATHWICK.)

On Tuesday, November 28, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 0 qrs. 7 lbs.

THOMAS HOGSFLESH	*Treble*	†JOHN H. ODEY	5
*ROBERT E. WATERSON	2	†HERBERT E. LEWIS	6
†ALBERT E. ALEXANDER	3	RICHARD J. COUSINS	7
ALBERT E. SEERS	4	CHARLES DENSLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT E. SEERS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

MERTHYR TYDVIL, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK CHAVE	*Treble*	EDWARD THOMAS	5
WILLIAM ROBERTS	2	FREDERICK B. STEDMAN	6
WILLIAM D. ALLEN	3	ALBAN E. SLATTER	7
CHARLES PALEY	4	JAMES SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBAN E. SLATTER.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. S. M. Davies, Chaplain to the Rt. Hon. Lord Islington, and Miss Ruby Ermyne Rees, third daughter of Mr. T. Aneuryn Rees (Town Clerk of Merthyr Tydvil) and Mrs. Rees.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lbs.

JOSEPH OGDEN	*Treble*	FRANK WILD	5
HARRY HAMPSON	2	HERBERT BARLOW	6
*JOSEPH SHAW	3	LUKE HAMPSON	7
FRANK CHAPMAN	4	†CHARLES PLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. HARRISON, and Conducted by CHARLES PLATT.

* First peal. † First peal in the method as conductor.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24½ cwt., in E flat.

SAMUEL WESLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. SEVIER	5
FRANK JACOBS	2	CLEMENT GLENN	6
*FREDERICK E. SMITH	3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	7
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY	4	GEORGE DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Triples.

DERBY.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HAROLD INCKLE	*Treble*	BART MITCHELL	5
GEORGE WARD	2	CHARLES E. HART	6
ALBERT H. WARD	3	SAMUEL MASKREY	7
ERNEST CLARKE	4	WALTER WALLACE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WALTER WALLACE.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor; also first peal in the method rung in Derby by an entirely local band. Rung on the eve of St. Andrew's Day, and to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Clarke.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¼ cwt., in G.

ROBERT H. YOUNG	*Treble*	FRANK BOREHAM	5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	2	RALPH H. BIGGS	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	3	RICHARD BUCKLAND	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	4	JOHN EVANS	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. 0 qrs. 10 lbs., in E flat.

GEORGE B. SELBY	*Treble*	CYRIL F. JOHNSTON	5
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE	2	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN	6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN	3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	7
EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	4	RICHARD GOODBOURN	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

First peal on the bells.

CAVERSHAM.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Friday, December 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

HARRY TUCKER	*Treble*	ALBERT D. CULLUM	5
HUBERT HATTO	2	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	6
RICHARD T. HIBBERT	3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN	7
ERNEST W. MENDAY	4	JOSEPH HANDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by the REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS LINCOLN	*Treble*	ALFRED TARBUN	5
HENRY W. KIRTON	2	HENRY F. COOPER	6
FREDERICK G. RADLEY	3	HENRY HEAD	7
*ARTHUR HEAD	4	WILLIAM LINCOLN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by HENRY W. KIRTON.

* Fiftieth peal.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE. Tenor 19½ cwt., in E.

ALBERT LONGLEY	*Treble*	EDWARD BRIDGER	5
ARTHUR WILES	2	GEORGE EDWARDS	6
ELGAR KING	3	HARRY SEAL	7
SIDNEY HUNTLEY	4	ERNEST EVEREST	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Archie Denton, a member of the local band, and Miss Rose Ingram, of Hildenboro', the company wishing them long life and happiness.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S NO. 1.

ALBERT H. WARD	*Treble*	EDWARD C. GOBEY	5
NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON	2	ERNEST J. OLIVER	6
CHARLES E. HART	3	BART MITCHELL	7
J. CHARLES DICKEN	4	*R. ALLEN HICKTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal of Stedman.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in D.

NORMAN KIDD	*Treble*	JOHN H. JONES	5
WILLIAM RUDD	2	THOMAS LANCASTER	6
*WILFRED ADDISON	3	JOHN H. BLAKISTON	7
†FREDERICK BARKER	4	EDMUND MILBURN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

* First peal. † First in the method.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

ALFRED H. MARTIN	*Treble*	GEORGE BROWN	5
FRED CAUSBY	2	ARTHUR CHAPMAN	6
LEWIS CHAPMAN	3	JOHN B. MARTIN	7
ALFRED EVERITT	4	HARRY PETTIT	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. B. MARTIN.

The above peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late William V. Newman, who was a member of the Higham Ferrers company, and who was interred on Nov. 28th at Rushden Cemetery.

IRTHLINGBORO'.
CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*FREDERICK JONES	*Treble*	JOHN J. MAWBY	5
JAMES GARRATT	2	WALTER J. GERMAN	6
WALTER PERKINS	3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER	7
JAMES T. WARD	4	J. HUBERT HORN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

* First peal away from the tenor. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. V. Newman.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 0 qrs. 8 lbs.

ALFRED KIRK	*Treble*	FRANK KIRK	5
FRED STUBBS	2	WILLIAM J. GILBERT	6
HENRY STUBBS	3	JAMES NICKERSON	7
DANIEL REDHEAD	4	*WALTER GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by WALTER GILBERT.

* First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half muffled to the memory of the late Mr. W. V. Newman.

EDMONTON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt., in F.

*EDWIN J. RIDLER	*Treble*	GEORGE A. CARD	5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER	2	JOHN THOMAS	6
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr.	3	JAMES PARKER	7
JOHN H. BENSTEAD	4	GEORGE PAICE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

* First peal of Major.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt., in F.

GEORGE HAYES	*Treble*	WILLIAM HARPER	5
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN	2	WILLIAM LANE	6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	7
JOHN H. CHEESEMAN	4	ALFRED THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of the Association.

CHILVERS COTEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

JAMES F. CLARKE, Junr.	*Treble*	WALTER MARTIN	5
*ROWLAND O. POLLARD	2	HERBERT CURE	6
HARRY E. STONELEY	3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	7
HARRY ARGYLE	4	ALFRED HANCOCKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

* First peal with a bob bell.

HODDESDON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

*ARTHUR HURN	*Treble*	GEORGE GRAY	5
GEORGE RADLEY	2	HENRY G. ROWE	6
JESSE PUPLETT	3	WILLIAM SABAN	7
ARTHUR CAINS	4	*CHARLES W. HALFHIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

* First peal. Rung in honour of Her Majesty, Queen Alexandra's 67th birthday; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. W. Halfhide. This is the conductor's 60th peal in the method.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	JOHN P. FOULDS	5
*LUKE SUTHERS	2	*WILLIAM CRABTREE	6
*ALFRED BROOK	3	WILLIAM MALLINSON	7
FRED HINDLE	4	JOHN WATSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MALLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS	*Treble*	JAMES R. NEWMAN	5
WILLIAM SHILVOCK	2	SAMUEL GROVE	6
GORDON CHECKITTS	3	CHARLES F. WHITE	7
WILLIAM PAGE	4	WILLIAM SHORT	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung after meeting short for Norwich Caters.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TFURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

HENRY STALHAM	*Treble*	GEORGE ADES	5
JOHN JAY	2	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	6
WILLIAM PALMER	3	KEITH HART	7
CHARLES PALMER	4	RICHARD STREDWICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 3, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt., in F.

*JOHN RICE	*Treble*	ALBERT ELLIS	5
FREDERICK W. RICE	2	*FRANCIS T. HOAD, Junr.	6
*ALBERT HARMAN	3	ALFRED D. MILLS	7
*ALBERT E. MITCHELL	4	*OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs., in G.

JOHN ALDIS, Senr. ...	...*Treble*	JOHN ALDIS, Junr.	5
*REV. R. W. PITT	2	ALFRED FUNNELL	6
JOHN F. WILSON	3	GEORGE POYNTZ	7
RICHARD BALDRY	4	WILLIAM STEELE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

* First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Reverse Cambridge, Cambridge, Durham, Wells, Lichfield and Chichester.

*LEONARD CLARKSON ...	...*Treble*	DANIEL PRESTON	4
*JOSEPH PRESTON	2	CHARLES PRESTON	5
*CLEMENT POINTON	3	WILLIAM WHEELDON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. WHEELDON.

*First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor. Rung at the first attempt.

GREAT BARTON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs.

FREDERICK DEWELL...	...*Treble*	FRANK LEVETT	4
*ERNEST STURGEON	2	CHARLES WOODCOCK ...	5
*ERNEST W. BISHOP ...	3	†HORACE W. FOULGER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE W. FOULGER.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lbs.

SAMUEL R. MUMBY...	...*Treble*	JOHN W. BURRIDGE... ...	4
*HENRY C. WATTS	2	HORACE HARRISON	5
JOHN B. HALLIFAX	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, November 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

LIONEL HAMMOND ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT PRATT	4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ...	2	THOMAS CRANE...	5
CHARLES MOSS	3	JOHN PUNCHARD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung on the eve of, and to celebrate St. Andrew's Day.

COLSTERWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's:—i London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal Treble Bob; ii Durham Surprise; iii York Surprise; iv London Surprise; v Cambridge Surprise; vi Oxford Treble Bob; vii Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON	...*Treble*	JAMES OSBORN	4
REV. H. LAW JAMES ...	2	ARTHUR I. HOLMES	5
JOHN W. LAKE...	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Rung immediately after the dedication of the new tenor and treble by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Sandal, College Exercise. Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 20 lbs., in E.

REV. C. A. CLEMENTS	...*Treble*	GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	4
WILLIAM LOWERY	2	EDWIN H. LEWIS	5
REV. A. T. BEESTON	3	HENRY W. WILDE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

Rung immediately after the consecration of the new church.

THE CHART, LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt., in G.

DAVID WRIGHT	...*Treble*	*GEORGE TROTH...	4
PERCY TIDY	2	LEONARD A. TIDY	5
EDWARD J. HOAD	3	ALFRED A. JARRETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED A. JARRETT.

* First peal. First peal of Treble Bob by all the band.

SHROPHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 3, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES,

Consisting of 30 120's of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HARRY CROOK	...*Treble*	ERNEST FISHER...	3
EDGAR HUNT	2	HORACE ALLEN	4

WILLIAM ADCOCK ... ... *Tenor.*

Conducted by HARRY CROOK.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the niece of Mr. Edgar Hunt, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT 14, TRUMPINGTON STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	1—2	†REGINALD O. STREET...	5—6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	3—4	*WILLIAM D. JAMES ...	7—8

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

† First peal away from 7—8. * First handbell peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT 21, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	5—6
JAMES HUNT	3—4	MAURICE SMITHER ...	7—8

SEPTIMUS RADFORD... ... 9—10

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Umpire: J. W. RADFORD.

The composition is now rung for the first time and is based upon an original set of courses.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF Mr. A. H. PULLING.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	*SEPTIMUS RADFORD ...	5—6
MAURICE SMITHER... ...	3—4	FRANK BLONDELL ...	7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal on an inside pair.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 3, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FREDERICK A. HOLDEN	1—2	THOMAS BERNARD... ..	5—6
GEORGE THOMPSON ...	3—4	ARTHUR T. MORRIS ...	7—8

Composed and Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.
Umpire: THOMAS WRIGHT.

This composition was rung for the first time.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 3, 1911, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT 21, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' ONE PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	JAMES HUNT...	5—6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	3—4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ...	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire: M. SMITHER.

The ringer of the 7th in the peal at Leiston recorded last week was Charles Samson, and not Lamson as published.

BATTERSEA.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, November 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: W. Ambrose 1, W. Essery 2, J. Barber 3, A. Reeve 4, G. Watkin 5, H. Mance 6, H. Burton (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. Pullen 8.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—Ely Diocesan Association.—On the Norman tower bells, on November 4th, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins.: *G. Sparrow 1, *E. Hunt 2, J. Sparrow 3, F. J. Levitt 4, W. Radley 5, A. E. Moore 6, H. A. Turner (conductor) 7, J. Levitt 8. * First quarter-peal.—On Sunday, November 5th, 720 Double Court Minor, with C. Woodcock and F. Dewell standing in.—For evening service, 593 Grandsire Caters: F. Dewell 1, W. Radley 2, H. Smith 3, J. Sparrow 4, F. Eaton 5, F. J. Levitt 6, J. Levitt 7, A. E. Moore (conductor) 8, H. R. Moore 9, R. Moore 10. Also on handbells, 740 Kent Major: J. Sparrow 1—2, F. Dewell 3—4, F. J. Levitt 5—6, A. E. Moore (conductor) 7—8; 293 Grandsire Triples, with C. Woodcock 7—8; a course of Double Norwich, with W. Radley and C. Woodcock in; also 270 Grandsire Caters, with J. Sparrow, A. R. Moore; and 384 Bob Major, with W. Radley 7—8.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

UNPUBLISHED PEAL RECORDS.

From various correspondents we have received requests to insert peals which were rung in the early part of the year, before the appearance of *The Ringing World,* but which have not been published. It has been pointed out by a member of the Analysis Committee that no peals can be included in the table that have not appeared in one or other of the ringing papers. In order, therefore, that all peals shall be included in the analysis for the year, thus making the table complete, we have decided to open our columns for the insertion of any peals rung between January 1st and March 24th of this year, and WHICH HAVE NOT ALREADY BEEN PUBLISHED. The records of these peals must REACH US NOT LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20th, and, for reasons of space, we rely upon our readers to send us only those which have not yet appeared in a ringing paper. Our object is to enable every peal rung this year to be included in the Analysis for 1911.

NEW GLOUCESTER SURPRISE.

BY THE REV E. BANKES JAMES.

12345678
21435687
12346578
21436587
24135678
42316587
241 6857
42318675
24381657
42836175
42381657
24836175
42386715
24837651
42836715
24387651
23478561
32745816
23748561
32475816
23745186
32471568
32745186
23471568
32417586
23145768
32415678
23146587
21345678
12435687
21346578
12436587
14263857
Bob
14235678

Those who remember Gloucester Surprise in its original form will see that there is only a slight alteration in the above, Kent places in 5-6 being substituted for Oxford places in 3-4. The advantage of this alteration is, that we can now use a Fourth's place bob and all Oxford and Kent Treble Bob peals go true.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

It requires a man with a good deal of energy to fulfil the somewhat onerous duties involved in the secretaryship of such a large Association as that which brings within its sphere the county Palatine. Mr. William H. Shuker, who now holds the important office, is a man of energy and enthusiasm, and he is proving himself an able successor to Mr. A. E. Wreaks, who occupied the post

MR. W. H. SHUKER.

with so much ability for such a long period. Mr. Shuker is a native of Salop, having been born on August 9th, 1870, at Market Drayton, where he learnt to pull a bell on the restoration of the peal and the addition of two trebles in 1887. It was not until six years later, however, that he learnt change ringing, his introduction to the Art being at Cheddleton, near Leek, Staffs, in 1893. About 14 different methods were practised on the six bells, and although no peal was attempted, a date touch was rung in 1896.

In 1897 Mr. Shuker removed to Manchester, where he got into touch with the Pendleton company, and rang his first peal on August 23rd of that year. The men who ring regularly at this church are enthusiasts every one, for the majority live a distance from the belfry. Mr. Shuker himself has to go five miles, two others live four miles away, one three and a half miles, and three more than a mile away. But, as with the rest of keen ringers, distance counts for little. Mr. Shuker, who is also a member of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society, was elected hon. secretary of the Manchester branch in 1905, and held that position until recently, his resignation being due only to the fact that since Mr. Wreaks' removal to Scotland in January last the more onerous and responsible duties of association secretary have fallen upon him, Mr. Shuker being elected for another term at the last annual meeting in September.

Mr. Shuker has rung 33 peals, eighteen of them having been scored at Pendleton, where he took part in the first peal of Cambridge in Lancashire, and the first peals of Oxford, Kent and Superlative on the new bells.

Grandsire Triples	1
Grandsire Caters	1
Bob Major	1
Stedman Triples	5
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	15
Superlative Surprise	8
Cambridge Surprise	1
Total	33

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Neasden Delight is the name given to No. 16 of the fourth's place Delight methods (Legitimate Methods, page 17) by the Willesden band, who have rung a 720: L. Porter 1, G. Kilby 2, G. Chalkley 3, T. Langdon 4, H. Kilby (conductor) 5, A. Hill 6.

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The bells of Rickling, Essex, had not been rung for 30 years. Mr. F. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, has, however, recently rehung them, and various six-scores of Doubles have been rung upon them.

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The re-opening and dedication of the bells at Machen, Mon., will take place on Saturday, December 16th, at 4 p.m. The ceremony will be performed by the Bishop of Llandaff.

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If Mr. William Keeble, late of Bolsover, will communicate with Mr. W. Lambert, 55, Carr Vale, New Bolsover, Chesterfield, he will hear something to his advantage.

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No time has been lost in ringing a peal on the bells at St. Nicholas Church, Wallasey. The new church, with its bells, was dedicated on Wednesday, and in the evening a peal of Minor was rung upon them. The bells were cast and hung by Messrs. Warner and Sons, Ltd., of London.

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The first peal on the bells at Wrotham, Kent, was rung last week. The bells were recast and rehung in a new iron H frame, and tuned on the Simpson principle, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. They were rung for the first time on Coronation Day, and great credit is due to the founders for the excellent job they have made of the work; the go and tone being perfection. The tenor was rung last week by Mr. R. Goodburn, who, although he has seen 70 summers, was fresh enough at the finish of the peal to start for another.

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The peal was rung at the third attempt. The first was lost in the 34th course owing to a shift, and the second

failed in the 32nd course. On each occasion the band was most hospitably entertained by Mr. Churchwarden Francis, to whom the band tender their best thanks.

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In the biographical sketch of Mr. Ernest Pye last week we stated that he had taken part in the only peals of Cambridge, London and Bristol rung on handbells. We are now reminded that a peal of New Cambridge was rung double-handed at Bolsover on July 2nd, 1910. But Cambridge is not New Cambridge.

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Some little time ago inquiries were made as to the largest number of 720's rung for services on a Sunday. A correspondent now sends us a list of no fewer than eleven, rung at Bourne, Lincolnshire, on Easter Day, 1908. For 7 a.m. service 720 Kent, 11 a.m. 720 Plain Bob and 720 Reverse College Single, for evening service two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob, and 720 each of Single Court and Reverse College Single. The ringers were: J. T. Woolley, J. Neal, A. S. Allen, A. E. Larkinson, J. W. Lake (conducted 9), J. Osborn and F. Blood, of the local band, and the following visitors: W. Wadsley, Bulwell (conducted one), G. Hollis, Chesterfield (conducted one), and C. Neaverson, Empingham.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

This week I have to continue the explanation of Stedman Doubles. In the last notes I mentioned that the work in the front included a "slow work" and a "quick work," and I showed how the former, which extends over five sixes, was rung. Now let us turn to the "quick work," which occupies one six only. It is merely this, that after completing the dodging in 4-5 down the bell runs straight to the front, leads a whole pull at hand and back strokes, and then goes straight out to dodge in 4-5 up. Nothing could be simpler than that part of the work, which can be seen at a glance by tracing the course of the 5th in the figures on the side. Now, as to the dodging. This is perfectly symmetrical and consists of a double dodge in 4-5 up, followed by a double dodge in 4-5 down, each time a bell gets behind. The slow work and the quick work come alternately, so that we have the following order to be observed:—

342	51
435	21
453	12
543	21
534	12
354	21
345	12
431	52

Slow work ..... (five sixes).
Double dodge 4-5 up ..... (one six).
Double dodge 4-5 down ... (one six).
Quick work ..... (one six).
Double dodge 4-5 up ... (one six).
Double dodge 4-5 down ... (one six).
Ten sixes, or 60 changes.

There is one peculiar thing about the method, and that is that it does not start at the beginning of a "six." On starting from rounds the last two changes of a six have to be rung.

12345
21354
23145
32415
23451
etc.

Thus, in going off, the bells in 4-5 finish the dodging; the treble (completing the quick work) goes straight out to 4-5; the 2nd begins at the last whole-turn, and the 3rd strikes one blow in 3rd's place, and does the first half turn. The result of beginning in this way is that the bells come round at the fourth, instead of the last change of a six.

As shown above, there are 60 changes in the plain course, or just half the full extent on five bells. Two singles, therefore, are required to ring the 120, and these singles can be made by any pair of bells, so long as the same bells make both of them. Figures will, perhaps, best illustrate how these singles are made, and we will let the 5 and 3 make them:

First Single		Second Single	
413	25	415	23
142	35	142	53
124	53	124	35
214	35	214	53
241	35	241	53
421	53	421	35
412	35	412	53
143	25	145	23

It will be seen that the bell that comes from the front goes up as far as 5th's, where it strikes one blow, then lies two blows (hand and back strokes) in 4th's, strikes once in 5th's and returns to the same work (either slow or quick) as it came from. The other bell which has already dodged in 4-5 up, lies a whole pull behind, strikes one blow in 4th's, a whole pull behind (over the bell making 4th's), has one more blow in 4th's, and lies another whole pull behind—just as if she were completing the dodging in 4-5 up—and dodges in 4-5 down, and goes back to the same work (either quick or slow) that it came out from.

CONDUCTOR.

NEW PLAN FOR 5,007 STEDMAN CATERS.

By C. H. Hattersley.

231456	5	16	Continued	5	16
413562*			415362	s	
312564	—		514263	—	—
213465	—	—	513462		—
315462	—		315264	—	—
513264	—	—	314562		—
314265	—		412563	—	
415263	—		213564	—	
514362	—	—	312465	—	—
512463		—	215463	—	
215364	—	—	512364	—	—
214563		—	214365	—	
412365	—	—			

* By Bobs at 1, 3, 5, 6, 11, 16, 18, 24.

Repeated, calling the first course of the second half 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 15, 19.

The first half is in the tittums, the second in the handstroke home position. The peal has the same consecutive order of course-ends in each half, and contains an original set of calling, which is new to compositions of this class. First rung at Guildford, on handbells, on November 29th.

MARLOW, BUCKS. — On Wednesday evening, November 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. J. Green 1, W. E. Taylor 2, W. E. Coster 3, R. Atkins 4, W. Ayres 5, J. C. Truss 6, J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 7, C. J. Horne 8.

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The crowning glory of a fine peal of eight bells has been added to the new tower of Appledore Church, Devon, by the generosity of Mr. W. J. Tatem, a native of Appledore, and the present High Sheriff of Glamorganshire. The tenor of the new peal is about 10¼ cwt. in G, and everyone who has heard the bells has been struck with their sweetness and beauty of tone. They are from the foundry of John Warner and Sons, Ltd., bell founders to the King, who secured the Grand Prix at the Festival of Empire at the Crystal Palace, thus repeating the recognition they received at the same building when erected in Hyde Park in the great exhibition of 1851. The bells have been hung in their iron and steel frame, under the personal superintendence of Mr. Robert Warner, and the work of positioning them in the rather small space has been admirably carried out. A chiming apparatus has also been provided.

THE DEDICATION.

The new bells were dedicated on Wednesday week by the Lord Bishop of Exeter, the arrangements for the event, in which the whole parish joined with great heartiness, having been made by a committee of the Church Council, comprising: The Vicar (the Rev. G. Scholey), chairman; the churchwardens (Dr. A. W. Valentine and Mr. G. H. Cork), and Messrs. S. H. Martin, P. K. Harris and W. Beara. As the Appledore ringers are at present but beginners, for the dedication the bells were rung by ringers from Bideford and Northam.

The church was crowded long before the time fixed for the morning service, at which the surpliced clergy present were the Lord Bishop of Exeter (Dr. Robertson), the Rev. R. W. Sealy, Abbotsham, R.D., acting Chaplain to the Bishop; Rev. Preb. Dimond-Churchward (Northam), the Vicar of Appledore (the Rev. G. Scholey), and the Revs. Maitland Kelly, President of the Devonshire Guild (Ottery), L. Whyte Atkins (Instow), J. F. Anderson (Westward Ho!), H. Pigot (West Down), J. B. White (Instow), T. P. Dimond Hogg (Fremington), C. J. Eckett (Fremington), W. T. Ll. V. Jenkins (Instow), and the Revs. H. C. A. S. Muller, R.N., H.M.S. King Alfred (Devonport), and R. H. F. Trevaldwyn (Barnstaple), the two latter being former curates at Appledore. The High Sheriff of Devon (Mr. A. L. Christie), and the donor of the bells, Mr. W. J. Tatem and Mrs. Tatem, were among the congregation.

The Vicar conducted the service, which opened with the hymn, "O God our help in ages past." The special psalms were 84 and 150. The Rev. Preb. Dimond-Churchward read the first lesson, and the Rev. R. W. Sealy the second. While the hymn, "We love the place, O God," was being sung, the Bishop and clergy, preceded by the churchwardens, walked to the church tower, where the bells were solemnly dedicated by the Lord Bishop. The bells were rung while the Lord Bishop returned and ascended the pulpit. Preaching from Hebrews x., 25, his Lordship said it was a day of rejoicing for the whole parish that the work of the tower, dedicated some time ago, had received its proper completion and crown by the dedication of the peal of bells presented to the church by a generous donor, a native of the parish whom God had blessed, and who, out of God's bounty had made that offering to the church. Referring to the lessons which the church bells taught, his lordship said it was no use rejoicing in the sound of the bells unless they were prepared to obey the summons. The bells were beautiful and harmonious in sound, but that beauty and harmony could not be produced without a certain amount of skill on the part of those who rang them. Those people carried out a duty that went to make up the ministry of God. They were calling people to prayer, but let them see that they were themselves men of prayer.

The service, which was joined in by all with much heartiness, closed with the hymn, "Lift the strain of thy thanksgiving," and the dedication of a mural tablet which bore the inscription:—

To the Glory of God, and in loving memory of his Father, Thomas Tatem, who died at Appledore, October 21st, 1868, aged 27. And his beloved son, Thomas Shandon Tatem, who died at Cardiff, June 15th, 1904, aged 6. These Bells were given to the Parish Church by W. J. Tatem, Esq., High Sheriff of Glamorganshire, in the year 1911.

COMPLIMENTARY LUNCHEON.

At the conclusion of the service, a luncheon was held at the Public Rooms to welcome the donor of the bells. The Bishop of Exeter presided, and the attendance, which numbered about 120, included the clergy present at the service, the Sheriff of Devon (Mr. A. L. Christie), Mr. J. W. and Mrs. Tatem, Mrs. Scholey; Mr. A. L. Davis, Miss Evans, Mrs. Gibson, Miss Gibson, from Cardiff, and Mr. Robert Warner; Mr. J. L. Round and Mrs. Round, Capt. Fishwick, Mr. W. J. Land (chairman, Northam District Council), the Rev. J. J. Nelson (Baptist, Appledore), Messrs. E. R. Berry Torr, J. H. and F. G. Cocks, Molesworth Hepworth, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Heywood, S. H. Martin, L. Lawday, S. Fulford, the churchwardens, sidesmen and officials of the church, etc.

After the toast of the King had been honoured, Dr. Valentine, on behalf of the parishioners, presented Mrs. Tatem with a handsome bouquet.

The Rev. Preb. Dimond-Churchward proposed "The Bishop," and remarked that as they had perilous times ahead, it was well they had one at the head of the diocese whose lead they could conscientiously follow—one who in the hours of anxiety before them would lead them straight and boldly to face that question of disestablishment which was coming before them before very long.

THE BISHOP AND DISESTABLISHMENT.

The Lord Bishop, responding, said it did one good to see their little church crowded as it had been that day, and after all the keen interest there was shown in Church work was the best answer they had to make to any who out of a disinterested zeal for the spirituality of the church wished to relieve them of any worldly advantages they might possess. He ought not to talk about public affairs that day, because they had met to thank God for His goodness to the parish, but without going fully into the matter alluded to by Prebendary Churchward, he would say he fully agreed with what the Prebendary had said. They could not at this time separate the interests of the English Church from that of the four Welsh dioceses. As one Church they had existed for centuries, and as one Church they desired to exist to the end (applause). They strongly resented any proposal made in Parliament or elsewhere which would have the effect of saying to them, the Church body, that they must let those four dioceses drop and submit to the spiritual bond which united them being arbitrarily cut in two by the clumsy sword and heavy cudgel of State (applause). He thought it would be in the highest degree mean and ungenerous to let their Welsh brethren go at this time (hear, hear). On the contrary, they must draw closer to them than ever, and he welcomed the Appledore bells from across the Bristol Channel as a speaking proof of the thorough identity which bound together the Church on either side of the water (applause). His lordship, in conclusion, congratulated the Vicar and Mrs. Scholey on the energetic work they were doing in Appledore, the evidence and fruit of which was so manifest on every side.

The Rev. R. W. Sealy and the Rev. J. J. Nelson also responded, and the Bishop of Exeter then proposed the toast of the afternoon, "The healths of Mr. and Mrs. Tatem." Mr. Tatem he regarded as a living embodiment of more interesting things than one. He stood for the gratitude of the great predominant partner, England, because the Principality of Wales sent many of her sons to occupy positions of greater or less importance in England, and in Mr. Tatem they had a proof that England sent good men to Wales in return (applause). And then in Mr. Tatem they had not only a representative of the great commercial city of Cardiff, but the High Sheriff of the County of Glamorgan, the people of which comprised quite one-half the principality of Wales. It was a proud day for Appledore that one of its fellow citizens should be the high sheriff of one of the most important, populous and productive counties in the whole of the British Isles (applause). They had every reason to be proud of Mr. Tatem and the generous gift he had given to Appledore was one more proof of the old sentiment embodied in a quotation from Goldsmith's "Traveller":

My heart untrammelled
Fondly turns to thee.

Dr. Valentine, on behalf of the parishioners of Appledore, thanked Mr. Tatem most heartily for his generous gift, and referred to the many ways in which he had shown his practical interest in Appledore. —Mr. W. J. Land and Mr. P. K. Harris also supported the toast, which was drunk with musical honours.

THE DONOR'S REPLY.

Mr. Tatem, received with loud applause, thanked the Lord Bishop for the very kind manner in which his lordship had proposed the toast, and added: Needless to say I have a close attachment for Appledore as my native place, and whenever here I feel that I am at home—not that I have spent a great deal of my life here—it is one of the hard facts of Westcountry life that our young men who wish to enter upon a commercial career must leave home whilst young to start battling with the world. Consequently, I was compelled to leave Appledore at an early age, and in these competitive times it is not often con-

venient to secure the leisure away from business to enable one to renew an acquaintance with the old place. However, it is not altogether a disadvantage to have to face the world so early in life, and I am more than thankful to say that I have not been altogether unsuccessful in the career I set out upon, and I am also proud to testify that Devonians on the whole are not behind hand in holding their own against the keen competitors of commerce (hear, hear). I, therefore, feel I owe a great debt of gratitude to my parents, and I am sorry my mother is indisposed and unable to be here to-day. Well, now while I express my pleasure in being amongst you, the occasion of my visit to-day is one that has other thoughts. It awakens within me memories of loved ones who were near and dear to me. I cannot feel it in my heart to speak upon the lives and love of those of whom I have lost, but they are memories which I earnestly desire to perpetuate in the most appropriate and sacred way. And in asking my Lord Bishop on your behalf to accept this peal of bells in remembrance of my father and my little son, whose loss has been felt very acutely in my home, I trust the bells may be found to be of some usefulness, and that their sound may carry to the ears of many of our brave sailors when crossing the Bar in all kinds of weather (applause). I trust you will accept the gift in the spirit in which it is made, and in concluding these few remarks, I desire to express the hope that you, my Lord Bishop, may be graciously blest in all your work, and that the Divine benediction will prosper the life and labours of those committed to your charge (loud applause).

On behalf of the Church Council, the Vicar then handed Mr. Tatem a choice painting of the Church, the work of a lady, and an enlargement of a photo by Miss Spring of the bells before they were hung.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, on the motion of Mr. F. G. Cock, and cheers for Mrs. and Miss Scholey closed this part of the proceedings.

Subsequently there was a public tea and concert, Mr. Tatem presiding, about 400 school children being entertained by Mrs. Tatem.

ABBOTSHAM BELLS REHUNG.

A BISHOP'S ADVICE TO RINGERS.

The six bells at St. Helen's, Abbotsham, have been rehung in a steel frame, with entirely new fittings, as a Coronation memorial. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Harry Stokes and Son, of Woodbury, and has been carried out in highly praiseworthy manner. The peal has a tenor of 12 cwt., and this is a pre-Reformation bell. There was a large gathering on the occasion of the dedication, which was performed by the Bishop of Crediton. Ringers were present from Abbotsham, Bideford, Buckland Brewer, Parkham, Alwington, Wear Gifford, Monkleigh, Littleham and Northam, and the bells were well used throughout the day, Messrs. Stokes and Son's work being much admired. The ringers were entertained to luncheon, at which complimentary speeches were made, the Bishop of Crediton, in the course of his reply to the toast of "The Bishop and Clergy," urging the ringers to take up the scientific side of the craft, adding that if there was a band of ringers at Abbotsham which kept together they would enjoy their ringing ten-fold more if they aspired a little to the higher class of ringing which prevailed through the Diocesan Guild, a body which was always ready to help to teach and show the way. All over North Devon, it seemed to him, ringers were full of life, and were doing their utmost to make the bells sound over the Devonshire hills and valleys, to ring in good time and good tune. He was listening to some of the ringing as he drove up to Abbotsham, and he must say he thought it was very well done. He hoped they would go on and do their best, for there was nothing that put a brighter happiness into them on a Sunday than to hear the bells ringing on their way to church. He most heartily congratulated them upon what they had done in that parish.

The Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Sealy), who proposed a vote of thanks to the subscribers, visitors and local committee, announced amid applause that the total cost, about £130, had been entirely met, almost without any asking. They were re-opening the bells not only absolutely free from debt, but would have enough to utilise the old oak that was coming out to make some beautiful furniture or chairs for the church (applause). There must be a good many in the room who remembered that only about 25 years ago they had a similar gathering for the putting in of some new bells and an entirely new cage. It did not seem quite long enough for that to have lasted, but they had to take things as they were, and when it was found that the ringers had not a day thread on them after ringing, it was thought necessary to have the bells rehung and the work made easier. The work had been excellently done to time according to promise, and he asked the ringers of the Deanery to come, and it was a very great pleasure to him to be able to greet so many ringers. Mr. Sealy paid a tribute to the committee who had so efficiently made the arrangements.

Mr. C. G. Carnegie replied for the subscribers, the Rev. W. W. Arthur (Arthering'on) for the visitors, and Mr. Hooper for the committee and ringers.

The dedication service was largely attended, the Bishop giving an eloquent and appropriate address upon the lessons of the bells.—The day was concluded with a social gathering in the schools, at which a large number of parishioners were present.

ASSOCIATION NOTES.

MIDLAND COUNTIES

A meeting of the Derby district was held at Duffield, on Saturday week. There was only a moderate attendance, the following places being represented: Alfreton, Derby, Etwall, Swanwick, and the local company. Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Netherseal, was among the visitors, and took part in touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Double Norwich and Treble Bob Major.—It was decided at the meeting, held in the belfry, that the meetings be held over until March, owing to the bad weather, etc., and that the first of the meetings for 1912 should take place in Derby in March.

The many friends of St. Andrew's Society, Derby, will no doubt be glad to see the progress this band are now making. On Wednesday, November 29th, they rang their first peal of Superlative, this being the first Surprise peal by all except the conductor, while it was also his first in the method in that capacity. It was rung at the second attempt, the first one, about three or four weeks ago, coming to grief after two hours' good ringing. We hear from a good source that Cambridge Surprise is to be the next on the agenda. It is fortunate for St. Andrew's that they possess one or two good "reserves," as there are some people who, we hear, are not altogether reliable.—("Verb Sap.")

Hearty congratulations to the Bolsover band, who rang their peal of Norfolk Surprise last week. There seems to be nothing too much for them to tackle.

LANCASHIRE.

The members of the Preston branch held a meeting, for practice, at Higher Walton on Saturday last, but owing to the inclement weather there was only a moderate attendance. Ringing commenced at four o'clock, and was kept up till seven p.m., the methods rung being Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob and Double Court. The next meeting will be held in January, 1912, at Leyland Parish Church.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Central Division at Aldrington on Saturday week was rather poorly attended, only 18 members being present at the tea, which was presided over by the Rector (the Rev. E. J. Morgan). —A hearty welcome to Aldrington was given to the Association by the chairman.—Mr. H. C. Castle, of Deal, was elected a life member. —A letter from the committee for the restoration of Shoreditch bells was referred to the annual meeting of the Association. — On the motion of the hon. secretary (Mr. R. J. Dawe) a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the tea and meeting.—During the afternoon and evening touches in various six-bell methods were rung at the parish church.

WHERE CHANGE RINGERS WILL BE WELCOMED.

On Saturday evening last, a party of ringers from Nunburnholme paid a visit to Market Weighton Church, and rang several touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, including a 240 in each method. The ringers taking part were: A. Ankers, A. Keeling, W. Brigham, G. Wilkinson, F. Wilkinson (conductor), J. T. Richardson and J. W. Kneeshaw, the two last-named being Market Weighton ringers. On leaving the church the ringers were met by the Vicar (the Rev. A. A. R. Gill, late curate at St. George's, Leicester, and also at Loughborough), who complimented them on their ringing. The old custom will be carried out at Market Weighton of ringing every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, up to New Year's Eve, and any ringer or band of ringers will be welcome on these occasions. With the exception of the two already mentioned, the local men are not change ringers, and a visit from other towers might do a good deal towards inducing them to take up the Art. At present, half-pull changes are rung from papers.

A SALISBURY GUILD MEETING.

The Devizes branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild held their monthly meeting at St. Katherine's Church, Holt, on Saturday last, but owing doubtless to the very unpleasant state of the weather, only a small number of members attended from Westbury, Bath, Southbroom, Devizes, Urchfont, Seend and Holt. Some very good touches of Bob Singles and Grandsire Doubles were performed, and at five o'clock the company sat down to an excellent tea at the New Inn, Holt.—A short business meeting followed, at which, owing to the unavoidable absence of the chairman (the Rev. J. H. Burn), Mr. Sydney Hillier was voted to the chair. He was supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West, the hon. branch secretary.—Three new ringing members from St. Mary's and two from St. James', one life ringing member from Bath, and two more ringing members, were elected.—It was decided that the next meeting should be held at Devizes, on January 13th, 1912.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Holt for the use of the bells.—Further ringing in the tower then took place, and brought a short but pleasant meeting to a close.

THE LATE MR. W. V. NEWMAN.

HIS RINGING CAREER.—THE FUNERAL.

By the death of Mr. W. V. Newman, of Rushden, briefly recorded in our last issue, the Exercise loses a well-known and highly-respected member, and an excellent ringer. Born at Isleworth, Middlesex, on April 29th, 1878, Mr. Newman went to reside at Irthlingboro' with his family when about five years of age. He first learned to ring in 1895, scoring his first peal—Bob Major—in November, 1896. In 1897 he rang his first peals of Double Norwich and Stedman, the latter being conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. In January of the following year he took part in his first peal of Superlative.

In 1900 business took him to Colchester, and very soon he found his way to Ipswich, where he rang 1—2 in a peal of Bob Major on handbells, while in November he rang his first peal of Treble Bob Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower. He called his first peal of Bob Major at Colchester, and during the two years he lived in Essex he rang peals at Bury St. Edmunds, St. Mary's, Ardleigh, and Great Bentley. In 1903 he returned to Irthlingboro', and with Mr. W. J. Perkins, who had just left Finedon to reside at Irthlingboro', greatly strengthened the band of that town when on January 10th, 1903, the first peal of London Surprise Major was rung in the county. In the same year,

Mr. Newman also rang two peals of London with the Brothers Pye, and took part in the first peals of London, Superlative and Double Norwich, in Northampton. He rang 3—4 in the first peal of Bob Major on handbells in the county, and also rang in the only peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. His longest length was the 9312 Superlative at Irthlingboro'. In September, 1903, he married Miss Mullicent Betts, of Rushden. He afterwards joined the Higham Ferrers company, and could always be found at his place in that belfry for the Sunday services. In 1908 he called his first peal of Grandsire Triples at Higham Ferrers, and was always a great help to that band, by whom he will be greatly missed. In 1910 he rang in a peal of Stedman at Higham Ferrers, with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. This was Mr. Newman's 100th peal for the Association. He also rang in three peals of London Surprise Major in April, 1910, at Irthlingboro' and Higham Ferrers, and a peal of Stedman at the latter place for King Edward's funeral. His last peal at Irthlingboro' was also a muffled peal of Double Norwich, for F. Palmer, and these two ringers are greatly missed from the Irthlingboro' company, for they could be relied upon to go through a peal without making a mistake. Mr. Newman's last peal was one in seven Minor methods at Harrold, Beds. He was a man full of humour, always willing to stand in a peal, especially to help a young band. Nobody was more delighted to help beginners. He was not a heavy bell ringer, and he never troubled much about conducting, being content to leave that part to others. He was much liked by everyone who knew him.

The deceased was a member of the Norwich, Essex, Midland Counties, Bedfordshire and Central Northamptonshire Associations, and had rung 129 peals in 25 different towers, made up as follows: Doubles, 1; Minor, in one method, 2 (conducted 1); in seven Methods, 7; Bob Triples, 1; Grandsire Triples, 7 (conducted 2); Stedman Triples, 18; Bob Major, 4 (conducted, 1); on handbells, 2; Bob Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5; Oxford, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; Maximus, 2; Double Norwich Major, 35; Superlative, 34; Cambridge, 1; London, 6; total, 129; conducted, 4.

Mr. Newman had suffered for the last twelve months from that dread disease, cancer, to which he succumbed on Saturday week. The funeral took place at Rushden Cemetery, on Tuesday of last week, amid manifestations of sorrow and regret. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. F. Braley (curate), and the deceased was carried to his last resting place by eight of his fellow ringers, four from Irthlingboro', and four from Higham Ferrers. Ringers were also present from Finedon, as well as others from the two towers mentioned, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by W. Perkins 1—2, A. H. Martin 3—4, A. Y. Tyler 5—6, J. J. Mawby 7—8. Wreaths were sent by the Irthlingboro' and Higham Ferrers ringers, and many were from other friends. Muffled peals were rung on Saturday last, as our peal columns show, at Irthlingboro', Higham Ferrers, and Raunds, and at the former tower the bells were rung half-muffled on Sunday also.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NEW MASTER OF THE NORTH EASTERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting for the North Eastern district was held at Maldon, on Saturday, and was attended by 50 members, from various towers of the district, some coming a distance of 20 miles. A short form of service, adopted by the Association, was held in All Saints' Church, an excellent discourse being delivered by the Vicar.—At the subsequent meeting four new ringing members were elected.—The District Master (Mr. F. Rudkin) having intimated that he was unable to again serve in that capacity, Mr. D. Elliott, of Coggeshall, was elected to fill that position, the District Secretary (Mr. A. Shufflebotham) being re-elected.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Braintree, in January.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. L. Hughes, Vicar of All Saints', for his excellent address, and for the use of the bells; to the Rev. E. L. B. Kevill-Davies for use of the bells at St. Mary's Church; and the district officers for their services to the Association.—The bells of both All Saints' (6) and St. Mary's (6) Churches were kept going until 9 p.m., after which the handbells were brought into use. The meeting was one of the most successful ever held in the district.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

In connection with the complaint of E.B.B. on the peal attempts by the Leeds and District Society, on the occasion of the monthly meetings, the President (Mr. Percy J. Johnson) writes: "I take this opportunity of answering E.B.B.'s queries. He asks if it would not be better to let the monthly peal attempt go by. This I must answer in the negative. During former experiments without it, the attendance dwindled almost to nil. There are still two or three hours available for practice, even when the peal attempt is successful, but as at least fifty per cent. are failures, in many cases the bells are available for five or six hours. E.B.B.'s next complaint is that there is 'plenty of grumbling at the meetings, and that it is time someone took it up.' Well, I am sorry the grumblers have not found a more ardent champion, than one who is so bashful as to be ashamed of his own name, and who is evidently much misinformed. I have yet to hear the 'grumbling enough' which he mentions, and should much like to know of any specific instance. If he desires any further information, I shall be pleased if he will communicate with me direct, or, if he joined the society and attended some of the meetings, he would have an opportunity of studying whatever information he needed, first hand."

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held at Wem, on Saturday, members being present from Shrewsbury, Shifnal, Coalbrookdale, Condover, Malins-Lee, Dawley, Bridgnorth, and the local ringers. The members were pleased to welcome a new visitor to the Salop meetings, in the Rev. E. V. Cox, of Walsall. Ringing commenced with a touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by the Rev. E. V. Cox, followed by touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. The business meeting was held in the vestry, the chair being taken by the Vicar (the Rev. the Hon. A. Parker). Several new ringing members were elected, as well as honorary and life members.—On the proposition of Mr. Bradney, of Shifnal, it was agreed that a leather case should be provided out of the funds for the Guild, for the beautiful peal book which the Guild possessed. The case is to have a handle affixed, so that it can be carried to the meetings.—Afterwards the members partook of a splendid meat tea at the Temperance Hotel, at the kind invitation of the Vicar. About 25 members sat down, and after tea, Mr. Trevor-Corbett proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality, and also for the use of the bells.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Shifnal, about the second week in February.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION'S NEW BRANCH.

The first meeting of the Swindon branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Swindon last Saturday. There were ringers present from Bishopstone (Wilts); All Saints', Bristol; St. Andrew's, Clifton; Grittleton; Stratton St. Margaret; Christ Church and St. Mark's, Swindon, Wootton Bassett and Wroughton, the total number being 36.

Mr. E. Bishop explained the object for which the meeting had been arranged, and said that a branch of the Association had been formed for the Archdeaconry of North Wilts. He added that in order to encourage the art of change ringing meetings would be held monthly, so that it would be possible to visit each tower at least once a year.—Mr. W. A. Cave, hon. general secretary of the Association, also gave practical and valuable advice.—Mr. E. Bishop was elected president, and Mr. R. W. Hyner was appointed hon. branch secretary.

One of the most satisfactory features of the meeting was the election of ten new members. The next meeting will be held at Chippenham, in January. Tea was provided by Messrs. A. J. G. King and Son, and the parish church bells were available for ringing in the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich being rung. St. Mark's tower was also visited in the evening.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT FINEDON.

About 40 members of the Central Northamptonshire Association visited Finedon on Saturday week for the quarterly meeting, which was very successful. By kind permission of the Vicar, the Finedon bells were placed at the disposal of the visitors during the afternoon, members being present from Kettering, Irthlingboro', Wellingborough, Higham Ferrers, Rushden, Wilby, Earls Barton, Burton Latimer and Barton Seagrave, together with the local ringers. Tea was served in the Star Hall, where a short business meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar. The members much regretted to hear of the death of Mr. W. V. Newman, and passed a vote of condolence with Mrs. Newman in her sad bereavement.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Wellingborough.—The Rev. A. I. Greaves was elected an hon. member of the Association.—The Vicar said he was very pleased to welcome the Association to Finedon.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the churchwardens and the Rev. A. R. Godfrey for their attendance, and also to the local ringers for their kindly welcome.—The Vicar and the Rev. A. Godfrey and churchwardens suitably replied.

NEW PEAL OF EIGHT AT STRATTON.

St. Andrew's Day, the patronal festival of the church, was chosen for the dedication of a new ring of eight bells at Stratton, North Cornwall. The old peal of eight have been recast, and more metal added, the result being a fine octave, with tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat. The work of casting and rehanging was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and both the tone and "go" of the bells are excellent.

A special band of the Truro Diocesan Association was delegated to attend, and before the service rung a 504 Grandsire Triples in splendid style, Dr. Symons, of Penzance, ringing the 3rd, and J. Jordan, the captain of the local band, the tenor. The church was crowded at the Dedication service, when the Ven. the Archdeacon of Bodmin gave an impressive address, especially emphasising the important office that ringers held as church workers.

At the conclusion of the service, 504 Stedman Triples was excellently struck by the following: E. W. Marsh (conductor) 1, H. Myers 2, W. H. Marsh 3, W. Rundle 4, H. Bennett 5, W. G. Hiscott 6, W. Ford 7, J. Woodley 8. The bells were kept going for the rest of the day in call changes and rounds by the local bands. In the evening, previous to leaving, the special band rang 160 Bob Major and 168 Erin Triples.

AN APPEAL.

An earnest appeal is being made for help for Mr. A. W. Reeves, of 78, Queen's Road, Caversham, and a member of the Caversham Society and Oxford Diocesan Guild, who for three years past has been unable to follow his employment, and for two years has been confined to his bed. He is suffering from that terrible disease, cancer. Being only a working man, the drain upon the family resources has been very great, and he is now getting only quarter pay from the friendly society to which he belongs. The result is he is almost entirely dependent upon the generosity of friends, and he will shortly have to find his quarterly subscription to ensure the continuance of his club benefits. This is a most deserving case, and ringers are appealed to to assist by contributing to the fund that has been formed. Amounts, however small, will be gratefully received, and should be sent to Mr. A. W. Osborne, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Guild, 17, Dorothy Street, Reading.

MEETING AT BARNSLEY.

The December meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society was held at Barnsley on Saturday, but was not well attended. The Parish Church of St. Mary contains an old and musical ring of eight bells (tenor 14 cwt.). The back six were cast in London in 1762, and two trebles were added a few years later. The "go" is excellent, though the "Yorkshire rope ends" are apt to be a little puzzling to those not used to them. Ringers were present from Barnsley, Bolsover, Rammoor and Sheffield, though not in sufficient force to enable any of the higher methods to be attempted, and those present contented themselves with Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire until 8 p.m., when the bells were lowered.—A vote of thanks was passed to the local ringers for their preparations, and the remainder of the evening was spent in social intercourse.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

PATRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.—720 Bob Minor: A. Cuthbert 1, J. Dexter 2, R. Andrew 3, E. Pickering 4, H. Andrew (conductor) 5, E. T. Found 6. First 720 on the bells by a local company.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—The Essex Association.—On November 1st, at the Parish Church, for practice, 960 Oxford Treble Bob Major: W. Prior 1, G. Jordon 2, T. Jordan 3, W. T. Prior 4, J. Luckey 5, W. Nice 6, T. J. Watts 7, W. Watts (conductor) 8.—On Sunday, November 5th, for morning service, 420 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, T. Jordan 2, J. Luckey 3, W. Prior 4, G. Jordan 5, T. J. Watts 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, A. Jordan 8.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—North Notts Association.—On November 1st, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: *E. Halley 1, E. Collingburn 2, G. W. Metcalfe 3, C. Jones 4, H. Warburton 5, A. T. Winter (conductor) 6, G. R. Winter 7, R. Miles 8. * First quarter-peal. Also 1260 Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: R. Miles 1, G. W. Metcalfe 2, E. Collingburn 3, C. Joynes 4, A. T. Winter 5, G. R. Winter 6, H. Warburton (conductor) 7, T. Spurr 8.—On November 9th, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 52 mins.: G. Swannack 1, T. Spurr 2, E. Collingburn 3, G. W. Metcalfe 4, R. Miles 5, A. T. Winter 6, C. Joynes (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, G. R. Winter 8, J. B. Joynes 9, H. Warburton 10.

CARDIFF.—The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, on November 2nd, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Mr. A. W. Sargeaunt, who for 36 years was the much-respected Vicar's warden, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: E. Coles 1, W. B. Biss 2, C. O. Hobbs 3, H. Day 4, W. Miller 5, F. Chamberlain 6, S. Dawe (conductor) 7, J. Hole 8. Rung after an attempt for Carter's twelve-part (W. B. Biss conducting), which came to grief in the second part, through a change course.—On October 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Williams 1, J. Harris 2, W. Biss (conductor) 3, H. Day 4, F. Chamberlain 5, E. Coles 6, S. Dawe 7, C. Oram 8.

STRETFORD.—The Lancashire Association. — On Thursday, Nov. 2nd, 1440 Bob Minor: W. Birchall 1, J. J. Moss 2, C. W Birchall 3, T. Birchall 4, W. E. Dale 5, W. J. Moss (conductor) 6.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—Winchester Guild.—504 Grandsire Triples: H. L. White 1, C. Groves 2, S. Thomas 3, J. Wheeler 4, J. Symnos 5, W. Reynolds 6, J. Harris (conductor) 7, J. Matthews 8.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Friday, November 3rd, 720 Bob Minor: ‡J. Baldwin 1, ‡H. Lambert 2, W. Clements 3, *W. Watkins 4, ‡T. Bridgewater 5, A. Tomkins (first as conductor) 6. ‡ First 720. * First with bob bell. First as conductor. Ringers of 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 belong to the local band.

LANDULPH, CORNWALL.—The Devonshire Guild.—On Saturday, November 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: G. T. Smith (first quarter in the method) 1, W. Davey (first on inside bell) 2, J. Gluyas 3, W. T. Linnell 4, H. Bennett (conductor) 5, F. Purse 6. The ringers wish, through "The Ringing World," to thank the Rector for the use of the bells.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, November 5th, at St. Andrew's Church for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 52 mins.: J. Gluyas 1, A. Newcomb 2, W. Mitchelmore 3, W. H. Marsh 4, H. Bennett 5, G. Parr 6, W. Hamlyn 7, W. Shears 8, E. W. Marsh (conductor) 9, T. Linnell 10. First quarter-peal by St. Andrew's Society.

CORSE.—At St. Margaret's Church on November 4th.—A quarter-peal of St. Dunstan's Doubles, in 37 mins.: H. Hayes (conductor) 1, W. Roberts 2, W. Curtis 3, J. Barnfield, junr., 4, A. Martin 5, G. Parsons, junr., 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday evening, November 5th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 47 mins.: F. Skuse 1, W. J. Prescott 2, A. K. Harrison 3, E. King 4, C. W. Bell 5, G. H. Harding 6, S. J. Hector 7, T. F. King (composer and conductor) 8. The ringers of the 3rd, 6th and 7th hail from Trowbridge.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, November 5th, for the Dedication service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 46 mins.: T. Taylor 1, F. Bendall 2, G. Griffiths 3, C. Cotterell (Erdington) 4, *W. Reynolds 5, W. Cooper 6, A. Mills (conductor) 7, E. Pagett 8. * Longest length.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday evening, November 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): W. Cox 1, H. Bishop 2, W. Napper 3, J. Butler 4, T. East (conductor) 5, J. S. Napper 6, J. Dearlove 7, W. Warwick 8.

DAGENHAM.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on Sunday, November 5th, for evening service, 120 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Playle 1, E. Butler 2, A. Playle 3, C. Rochester 4, G. Playle 5, E. Hawkins 6; and 720 College Single, D. Chaplin for C. Playle, others as above. After service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, A. Chaplin for D. Chaplin, and F. Freestone for E. Hawkins, others as before. These were conducted by G. Playle, and arranged for C. Rochester, who was paying a visit to Dagenham.

BELTON, RUTLAND.—Touches by the local band.—On November 8th, the first 360 of Bob Minor was rung by J. Goocock, C. Reeve, F. Bindley, T. Atkin, J. Jackson (conductor), A. Jarman. The same band rang the first 720 on November 16th.—On Sunday, November 26th, 240 Bob Minor: Mrs. Jackson, C. Reeve, W. Wilson, T. Atkin, J. Jackson (conductor), A. Jarman. 240 Oxford Bob, with W. White and A. P. Wakley for J. Jackson and W. Willson. Also 180 Bob Minor, with R. H. Crabbe, treble. The above touches are the first by all the Belton men except J. Jackson, who has trained his band in the short space of three months, the six bells being dedicated on August 30th last.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—The Essex Association.—On November 9th, at the Parish Church, three courses of Bristol Surprise Major and 168 Stedman Triples: A Jordan 1, G. Jordan 2, T. Jordan 3, W. Prior 4, J. Luckley 5, T. J. Watts 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Watts (conductor) 8. —On Sunday, Nov. 19th, for morning service, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor.

COCKINGTON, DEVON.—On November 9th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: J. Olding 1, R. Peel (longest length) 2, A. W. Bowers 3, W. Stones (conductor) 4, T. Stevens 5, F. W. C. Nash 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on November 14th, 336 Bob Major.—On November 21st, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Lawrence 1, L. A. Wilson 2, R. W. Hyner 3, F. Looker (first touch in the method) 4, G. Lancaster 5, G. W. Townsend 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, A. E. W. Smith 8.

HARLESTONE.—On November 18th, 240 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob: J. W. Craddock 1, T. Law 2, F. Rollings 3, G. Parker 4, H. Clarke 5, F. Hopper (conductor) 6.

NEWHALL.—On November 18th, 720 of Grandsire Doubles, in 24 mins.: *S. Simnet 1, C. Brown 2, W. Holden 3, W. Orme 4, O. Cotton (conductor) 5, *T. Bird 6. * First 720.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.—On November 18th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. R. Borrett (conductor) 1, C. Parnell 2, E. Whiting 3, G. Baxter 4, F. Smith 5, E. Lincoln 6. Rung on the back six after meeting short for a peal.

BROMYARD.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On November 18th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles: A. Tomkins 1, *W. Lock 2, *T. Palmer 3, W. Short (conductor) 4, T. Bowers 5, *J. Hinksman 6. * First quarter-peal.

HUNSLET, LEEDS.—On November 18th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, which unfortunately came to grief, owing to a change course, after 2 hours and 25 mins'. good ringing: W. Woodhead 1, *H. Smith 2, J. Teale 3, G. Tingle 4, F. Woodhead 5, W. Powell 6, W. E. Ash (longest length as conductor) 7, *G. Smith 8. * Longest length in the method.

BREDENBURY. — Hereford Diocesan Guild. — On November 18th, 720 Bob Minor.—On November 19th, for morning service, 360, 240, 120 Bob Minor, 360 Grandsire Doubles. In the evening, 540 Bob Minor, 360 Grandsire Minor, 180 Canterbury Minor, and a course each of Oxford Bob and College Single, by W. Short, A. Tomkins, H. Lambert, T. Bridgewater, W. Watkins, J. Baldwin, W. Quartley, C. Bethel, R. Bethel, W. Clements.

KENNINGTON, S.E.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 19th, at the Church of St. John the Divine, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins., on the occasion of the Dedication Festival: F. J. Jerome 1, A. J. Walton 2, H. Walton 3, T. W. Wyatt 4, A. S. Miller 5, A. T. Miller 6, G. W. Wild (conductor) 7, K. C. Wightman 8.

EVESHAM.—Worcestershire Association.—On Sunday, Nov. 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1277 changes), in 51 mins.: H. J. Phipps 1, R. Young 2, F. Cook 3, H. Jordan 4, F. Moss 5, T. Edwin 6, F. Jordan 7, J. Hemming 8, H. Middleton (conductor) 9, F. Jinks 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by the local band.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, November 19th, at All Saints' Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. A. Ransom 1, C. Dell 2, J. Beadle 3, T. Beadle 4, W. H. Biggs 5, F. Goddard 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, H. Beadle 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: E. Webb 1, G. A. Ransom (conductor) 2, T. Beadle 3, F. Goddard 4, C. Dell 5, W. J. New 6, G. Spencer 7, A. Sheard 8. Also on Sunday, Nov. 26, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples.

BATH.—On Sunday, Nov. 19th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 43 mins.: T. Hogsflesh 1, R. Waterson 2, A. E. Alexander 3, A. E. Seers (composer and conductor) 4, J. H. Odey 5, H. E. Lewis 6, R. J. Cousins 7, C. Densley 8.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walkden on Saturday, December 9th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting 7.30. —G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Holbeck on December 9th. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting in the Parish Room at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Cheddington, Bucks, on Saturday, December 9th. Tower open 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting.—F. W. Booth, Honorary Secretary, Emberton, Newport, Pagnell, Bucks.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 9th. Bells ready at 4. Tea at 5.30.—Members intending to be present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—The Annual Meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, December 9th. Ringing at the Minster, 3.0 to 4.15; 6.15 to 7.30. Unveiling of Coronation Peal Board, 4.15: Service, 4.30; Address by Rev. A. D. H. Allan, Headmaster of the Grammar School. Tea at 5.0 in Church House followed by Business Meeting. The bells of St. James, Poole, Canford, and Sturminster Marshall will be also available.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Mary-le-Bow on December 12th, St. John's, Hackney, on December 19th, and St. Magnus on the 21st. The subscription of 1s. 8d. is now due.—William T. Cockerell, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting for practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Wednesday, December 13th, at 8 o'clock sharp. —F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary's, Newington, Sittingbourne, on Saturday, Dec. 16th, 1911. Tower open at 3.30. Business meeting at 6 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Milverton on Saturday, December 16th. Service in the church at 3.30 p.m., meeting in the Church Room at 4 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on December 16th. The bells will be available from 3.45 to 7.15. Meeting to follow.—Reports ready.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Barnabas, Shore, Littleboro', on Saturday, December 16th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m., meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

NOTICES (continued).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Burnley, on Saturday, December 16th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Bury on Saturday, December 16th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District).—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 16th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, W.C. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Church House at 5.15 at 6d. per head for all who notify me by the 13th inst. All ringers welcome.—William J. Kemp, Honorary Secretary, 177, Chatsworth Road, N.E.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Chester on Saturday, December 16th, 1911, instead of at Crewe, January 20th, 1912. Members intending to be present please give three days' notice to R. T. Holding, junr., 30, Alton Street, Crewe.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

CHARLES DICKENS	*Treble*	REV. E. V. COX	7
FREDERICK DICKENS	2	PERCY LAFLIN	8
JAMES GEORGE	3	SAMUEL GROVE	9
THOMAS MILLER	4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	10
THOMAS REYNOLDS	5	JOHN NEAL	11
ALF. PADDON SMITH	6	ALBERT WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Mr. James George's 490th peal and his 36th of Stedman Cinques. The composition, now rung for the first time, has the full extent of the 6th at home in the tittum position, and ten courses at home in the hand-stroke home position, with all the 5-6-7-8's and the treble a second's place bell throughout. The figures will appear later.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 9, 1911, in Four Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT	*Treble*	HARRY FLANDERS	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	KEITH HART	8
GEORGE R. PYE	3	ALBERT W. COLES	9
CHARLES T. COLES	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	10
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	5	ERNEST PYE	11
CHARLES R. LILLEY	6	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt., in D.

FRANK MORGAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM MILLER	6
CLARENCE O. HOBBS	2	SIDNEY DAWE	7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN	3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN	8
WILLIAM B. BISS	4	CHARLES R. LILLEY	9
EVAN COLES	5	SEYMOUR R. BAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. B. Biss. First peal of Grandsire Caters by all except the ringers of the 4th and 9th. Messrs. Morgan belong to Newport, and Lilley to Caversham, the remainder to Cardiff.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	*Treble*	*HENRY C. CHANDLER	6
GEORGE SPENCER	2	‡JOHN J. PRATT	7
*JOSEPH J. PARKER	3	†ARTHUR HARDING	8
FREDERICK G. GODDARD	4	HENRY H. CHANDLER	9
*EDGAR HANCOX	5	*WILLIAM HONOR	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN ROGERS, and
Conducted by JOHN J. PRATT.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters away from the tenor. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters and first peal of Caters as conductor. First peal on the bells and rung at the first attempt.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, December 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt., in C.

†JOHN GLUYAS	*Treble*	FRANK HOCKADAY	6
GEORGE R. STROUD	2	ERNEST W. MARSH	7
REGINALD A. H. DOBSON	3	WILLIAM FORD	8
‡JOSEPH WOODLEY	4	GEORGE PARR	9
*WILLIAM HAMBLYN	5	FRANCIS PURSE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN COX, and
Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters with bob bell.

Rung to commemorate the opening of a Lady Chapel placed in the above Church in memory of the late Archdeacon Wilkinson, who was Vicar of St. Andrew's.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HERNHILL, FAVERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

*IVO HADLOW	*Treble*	ALFRED BONES	5
HORACE GILBERT	2	FRANK ELSEY	6
*CYRIL HADLOW	3	E. E. FOREMAN	7
CLARENCE HADLOW	4	FRED HADLOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. E. FOREMAN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by a local band.

NORTHALLERTON.
CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

*JAMES METCALFE	*Treble*	JAMES METCALFE	5
JAMES BARNETT	2	†DR. H. C. PAULI	6
LAWRENCE BROWN	3	THOMAS METCALFE	7
JOHN G. HALL	4	HENRY STEVENSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN G. HALL.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

ROMFORD, ESSEX,
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 5, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WESLEY WATSON	*Treble*	ALFRED PYE	5
*ARTHUR CHAPLIN	2	HARRY F. DAWKINS	6
GEORGE H. JAYE	3	WILLIAM PYE	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT	*Treble*	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	2	HENRY J. RANZETTA	6
FRANK BENNETT	3	ALFRED W. GRIMES	7
FRANK HAIRS	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*WILLIAM BELLAMY ...	...*Treble*	J. CHARLES DICKEN ...	5
*NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON...	2	FRANK JOHNSON	6
SAMUEL WESLEY	3	*THOMAS R. HENSHER ...	7
EDWARD C. GOBEY	4	*ERNEST J. OLIVER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM BELLAMY.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

SELLYOAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

WILLIAM PALMER ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES DICKENS	5
FRANK WITHERS	2	JOHN NEAL	6
SAMUEL GROVE	3	ARTHUR CHAMBERS	7
GEORGE F. SWANN	4	JOHN WITHERS	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

First peal of Major as conductor. Rung in honour of a Confirmation Service at the Sister Church of St. Wulston, by the new Bishop of Birmingham, Dr. Wakefield.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE,
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*ALBERT WALKER ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES SMITH	5
ARTHUR WALKER	2	GEORGE MARTIN	6
RICHARD BUCKLAND... ...	3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN...	7
†LEONARD W. COPSEY ...	4	JESSE ELDRIDGE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

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

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ...	...*Treble*	JOHN T. KENTISH	5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ...	2	GEORGE A. CARD	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	JAMES PARKER	7
CHARLES W. BIRD	4	GEORGE PAICE	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by MISS EDITH K. PARKER.

This is the first peal in the City of London conducted by a lady. It was arranged for Mr. Bird, who comes from Kettering. Mr. Nevard hails from Great Bentley.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.
THE LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION.
(ST. PETER'S JUNIORS SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs., in E flat.

HARRY PAGE...	...*Treble*	THOMAS HAMLIN	5
GEORGE CROSS	2	WILLIAM PAGE...	6
JAMES CROSS	3	GEORGE WINES	7
TOM PAGE	4	HENRY CRABBE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

First peal as conductor in the method. First peal of Stedman on the bells, and first peal in the method by all the band; also the first peal of Stedman for the Association by an entirely local band.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES	...*Treble*	CHARLES GREEDY	5
FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES ...	2	CHARLES R. LILLEY ...	6
JOHN BULLEN	3	ARTHUR E. MORGAN ...	7
FRANK MORGAN	4	JOHN GODDARD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. MORGAN.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the treble and 6th. First peal as conductor in any method. Arranged specially for C. R. Lilley, of Caversham, and as a birthday peal for J. W. Jones, steeplekeeper and conductor of this tower.

LONDON, E.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs.

HUBERT EDEN	...*Treble*	*JOHN THOMAS	5
THOMAS L. SIMMONS ...	2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	6
HENRY HODGETTS	3	GEORGE N. PRICE	7
*CHARLES N. LEMAN... ...	4	*RICHARD T. HIBBERT	...*Tenor*

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

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

WALTHAM ABBEY.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD...	...*Treble*	GEORGE A. CARD	5
EDWARD F. COLE	2	WILBY J. HAZELL	6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ...	3	JAMES PARKER	7
JOHN H. BENSTEAD	4	GEORGE PAICE	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

EARL'S COLNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

*WALTER SADLER ...	...*Treble*	JOHN SADLER	5
*ERNEST NEWMAN	2	FRANK CLAYDON	6
JAMES FLEUTY	3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH ...	7
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM	4	DAVID ELLIOTT... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

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

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17¼ cwt., in E.

EDWARD ELLIOTT ...	...*Treble*	*HARRY TURNER	5
WALTER WALLACE	2	ALFRED WALLACE	6
THOMAS WHITE	3	WILLIAM TAYLOR	7
†LEWIS J. WRIGHT	4	*WILLIAM HOPKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED WALLACE.

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

YORKTOWN, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(YORKTOWN DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, December 9, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE MILES	*Treble*	*FREDERICK C. NYE	5
WILLIAM A. WOODROW	2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD	6
JOHN MOTH	3	CHARLES J. TRICKER	7
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD	4	BARZILLAI HAWKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD.

* First peal.

HEANOR, DERYBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 9, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM BRYAN	*Treble*	GEORGE BLANCHARD	5
†JOHN HOBBS	2	PERCY WALKER	6
*WILLIAM HENSON	3	JOHN STIRLAND	7
ELIJAH WALKER	4	LEVI FARNSWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE BLANCHARD.

First peal as conductor. † First peal on eight bells. * First peal.
Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. Ashley T. Corfield.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 9, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14 cwt., in F sharp.

EDWIN WOOD	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. ANKER	5
CHARLES STARKEY	2	WILLIAM G. ELLIS	6
THOMAS VERRY	3	JOHN JENNINGS	7
JOHN CORRIGAN	4	STEPHEN DANBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Verry.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

EDGAR H. BAILEY	*Treble*	CHARLES SAMSON	5
REV. W. C. PEARSON	2	JAMES M. BAILEY	6
CHARLES F. BAILEY	3	NORMAN R. BAILEY	7
FREDERICK J. SMITH	4	ERNEST S. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Taylor, of Birchwood House, Leiston, on the eve of his 77th birthday. Mr. Taylor is, and has been for several years past, a much respected member of St. Margaret's Society.

WORTLEY-NEAR-SHEFFIELD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN DRONFIELD	*Treble*	JOHN H. BROTHWELL	5
TOM O'HARA	2	CLEMENT GLENN	6
GEORGE F. BRADSHAW	3	R. WILFRED COLLIER	7
JAMES EVINSON	4	WILLIAM BIGGIN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal in the method by the Association, by all the band, and in the county. The composition is one of Bob Major doubled by the use of singles.

BENHILTON, SUTTON.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt., in E.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT	*Treble*	ALFRED J. TRAPHITT	5
CHARLES DEAN	2	ALFRED CLAYTON	6
DR. A. B. CARPENTER	3	WILLIAM S. SMITH	7
LOUIS ATTWATER	4	FRANK HOLDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by FRANK HOLDER.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 9, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

*STANLEY COLE	*Treble*	ALBERT WRIGHT	5
WILLIAM HASTINGS	2	FRANK COLE	6
WILLIAM SMITH	3	THOMAS CLISSOLD	7
WILLIAM AVERY	4	HUBERT HANKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT YOUNG	*Treble*	*WILLIAM HENLEY	5
JOSEPH J. PARKER	2	*JAMES BLACKMORE	6
RICHARD BUCKLAND	3	GEORGE ALLDER	7
GEORGE MARTIN	4	REV. CYRIL O. JENKYN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

ALFRED KNIGHT	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. PAYNE	5
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN	2	CHARLES W. BIRD	6
WILLIAM D. JAMES	3	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT	7
E. MAURICE ATKINS	4	DAVID J. NICHOLS	*Tenor*

Composed by E. M. ATKINS, and
Conducted by D. J. NICHOLS.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

PADBURY, BUCKINGHAM.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 Six-scores.

ARTHUR JONES	*Treble*	*THOMAS CARTER	4
HERBERT JONES	2	DENNIS CARTER	5
WILLIAM CARTER	3	*FRED RAINBOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. CARTER.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rector and the local ringers for the use of the bells, which have recently been rehung by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, and are a credit to the firm. The "go" is excellent.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN TAPP	*Treble*	*JOHN BAILEY	4
ANDREW MARSHALL	2	*ALBERT RELF	5
ALBERT HENLEY	3	WALTER MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER MARSHALL.

* First peal. This is the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band, and was rung as a birthday compliment to A. Relf.

CRANSLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and two 720's each of Grandsire and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT E. WYKES ...	*Treble*	GEORGE HOLLAND	4
FREDERICK C. WOOLLEY ...	2	DAVID J. NICHOLS	5
PERCY J. LENTON	3	HORACE W. SHARMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

First peal in five methods on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the Patronal Festival of the Church.

HOLT, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs.

CHARLES PRICE	*Treble*	RICHARD JONES	4
ROBERT SPERRING	2	JAMES MORGAN	5
WALTER THOMAS	3	JAMES V. WRIGHT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

WENHASTON.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Monday, December 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 14 cwt., in G.

*JAMES HURREN	*Treble*	*SAMUEL ELLIS	4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ...	2	JOHN O'NEILL	5
*HARRY P. SAFFELL	3	CHARLES MOSS	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Double Oxford Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. approx.

*MISS EVELYN STEELE	*Treble*	HERBERT SHARP	4
PERCY J. COOKE	2	HERBERT L. HARLOW ...	5
FRANK WEBB	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal of Minor and first attempt.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On St. Nicholas Day, Wednesday, December 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*FREDERICK DUFFY ...	*Treble*	*ARTHUR ABBETT	4
REV. H. LAW JAMES ...	2	*WILFRED CREASY	5
BERTRED SMITH	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal.

HUNTINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 6, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being eighteen 120's of Grandsire, and 12 each of Plain Bob and Morning Star. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOSEPH MOWER	*Treble*	†ERNEST COOK	3
*RUSSELL RACKHAM	2	THOMAS CRANE	4
JOHN PUNCHARD			*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST COOK.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR,

Being two 720's Double Court, two of Single Court and three of Bob Minor. Tenor 11½ cwt.

F. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	W. W. WORTHINGTON ...	4
W. J. SMITH	2	J. HOUGH	5
H. HURDMAN	3	D. COTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. HOUGH.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 9, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

HENRY CUNNINGHAM ...	*Treble*	JAMES OSBORN	4
HERBERT REED	2	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ...	5
JOHN W. LAKE	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

Quickest peal on the bells. Rung as a wedding peal to Mr. Arthur Holmes, of Edenham, a member of the local band, and Miss M. Maze, of Belfast, Ireland.

GODSTONE, SURREY.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt., in G.

ALFRED A. JARRETT ...	*Treble*	LEONARD A. TIDY	4
PERCY TIDY	2	SAMUEL G. HEATH	5
GEORGE TOOTH	3	EDWARD J. HOAD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD J. HOAD.

First peal on the bells.

BELTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 9, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 10 six-scores of Stedman, four of Plain Bob, 18 of St. Dunstan's, and 10 of Grandsire. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

ARTHUR MACKEARS ... ...*Treble* | *FRANCIS BRADDOCK ... 3
REGINALD SCOTT ... ... 2 | ARTHUR PALMER 4
JOSEPH LORD ... ... *Tenor*
Conducted by A. MACKEARS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

720 each of Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 29 lbs.

E. MAURICE ATKINS ... ...*Treble* | DAVID J. NICHOLS 4
CHARLES W. BIRD ... ... 2 | *WILLIAM D. JAMES... ... 5
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 3 | FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT...*Tenor*
Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First seven method peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. SANDERS, 75, CALAIS ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

CHARLES SANDERS ... ... 1—2 | ALBERT P. WAKLEY ... 3—4
*WILLIAM SHERCLIFF ... ... 5—6
Conducted by ALBERT P. WAKLEY.
Umpire: H. HURDMAN.

* First peal. First peal on handbells by all, and rung at the first attempt. The ringer of the tenors was elected a member previous to starting the peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 8, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT COMMERCIAL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5187 CHANGES;

JAMES HUNT ... ... 1—2 | CHARLES WILLSHIRE ... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4 | MAURICE SMITHER ... 7—8
FRANK BLONDELL ... ... 9—10
Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

J. Hunt's 50th peal on handbells. This composition contains all the 2-4-6-8's, 4-6-8's and 9-7-8's in the first half with the 6th in 2nd's place; and all the 6-7-8-9's in the hand-stroke position in the second half with the treble in 2nd's place. It is the first peal produced with these combined extents and is now rung for the first time.

ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 10, 1911, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. F. ALEXANDER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*MERVYN DUCK ... ... 1—2 | †JOHN W. LOWTHER... ... 3—4
GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... 5—6
Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.
Umpire: CHARLES WATSON.

* First peal. † First peal on handbells. The ringer of the trebles 15 years of age.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At 8, ST. THOMAS' STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

*JOHN R. BARTON ... ... 1—2 | *HENRY FERGUSON ... ... 5—6
HARRY GIBSON ... ... 3—4 | *JAMES DIXEY ... ... 7—8
Conducted by JAMES DIXEY.
Referee: FRED. CROWTHER.

* First peal on handbells. First peal in Scarborough on handbells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Dixey, also to the daughter of the ringer of 5-6.

The ringer of the 4th in the peal at The Chart, Limpsfield, Surrey, should be G. Tooth, not Troth as published.

ANCIENT BELLS RESTORED.

LORD PORTMAN'S GENEROSITY.

From a manuscript in the Record Office, dated 1552, it appears there were four "Great Bells" at Durweston, Dorset, whilst at the neighbouring town of Blandford there were no more. In 1887 a treble was added at the former place, making five, these were inscribed as follow:

Treble Victoria R et I. Jubilee A.D. 1887. Llewellins and James, Bristol.
2. ✠ Sancta Maria.
3. Mr. John Prower and Mr. Edward Hart, Churchwardens 1766. T. Bilbie Fecit.
4. Prayse the Lord, 1602. I.W.
Tenor Feare God Honour the King. T (bell medallion) B. 1670, Stephen Frampton, William Haytor.

With the exception of the pre-Reformation bell (the 2nd) the whole ring has now been recast, and a new treble added. The bad "go" of the old ring was brought to the notice of Lord Portman at the last Easter vestry by the Rector (Mr. Anderson), and resulted in the bells being rehung in a new steel and iron frame, the greater part of the expense being borne by Lord Portman, who also gave the new bell in memory of his eldest son. It is thus inscribed: —

"Given by W. H. B. Viscount Portman, in memory of his son Edward Wm. B. Portman, 1911. Cast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon."

The dedication took place on Thursday week, when an excellent address was given by the Bishop of Salisbury from the words: "Why was this waste."

Members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers from various places were present, the bells were raised in peal, Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles, and a 720 of Bob Minor were rung, and later in the evening the bells were lowered in peal.—Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, of the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, was present, and took part in the ringing. The firm are to be congratulated upon the excellency of their work, and the parish and neighbourhood of Durweston upon possessing such a beautiful ring of bells.

The old inscriptions have been reproduced with the addition on each bell of "recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1911."—The tenor is 10 cwt. 0 qrs. 12 lbs., note F sharp.

It will be observed that one of the "Great Bells" of 1552 (the present 3rd) still exists. The first 720 on the bells was rung by: F. W. Romaine 1, S. Macey 2, F. Precey 3, J. S. Rumming 4, R. P. Knight 5, W. W. Gifford 6.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above society was held at Holbeck, on Saturday. An attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but was not successful. The bells were then freely used, touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob being rung. The business meeting was held in the Parish Room, with the President (Mr. P. J. Johnson) in the chair, supported by members from Leeds, Pudsey, Bramley, Armley, Headingley, Hunslet, Mirfield, and the local band. The next meeting is to be held at Bramley, on January 6th, 1912, and the arrangements for a peal attempt on that day were placed in the hands of Mr. J. W. T. Holgate.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Holbeck for the use of the bells, and to the local band for the day's arrangements, was proposed by Mr. J. W. Holgate, who also gave the members a hearty invitation to Bramley.—The motion was seconded by Mr. H. Lindsay, and unanimously carried.—Mr. P. J. Johnson responded, and the meeting then closed. — Afterwards the tower bells and handbells were again brought into use.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION'S JOINT SECRETARY.

Of all the ringing organisations formed in recent years none has come to the front with such rapid strides as the Middlesex County Association, which owed its inception and much of its success to Mr. A. T. King, who was its first secretary. Mr. King's retirement from the position about fifteen months ago, led to the office being made a joint one, but to follow in the steps of such an organiser as the former secretary was by no means an easy task. However, in Mr. Charles T. Coles, and Mr. Henry C. Chandler, the district secretaries, the Association possessed two enthusiastic officials, and, in discharging the duties of the joint general secretaryship, they have proved the wisdom of the members' choice.

MR. C. T. COLES.

Mr. C. T. Coles, who has brought great ability to bear upon the work, is a most popular officer. Born at Islington on June 5th, 1882, he learned to ring at St. George's-in-the-East about twelve years ago. At this time there was no regular ringing at the church, and the Rector formed a voluntary band from among the young men of the Bible Class, with Mr. William Truss as instructor. Many difficulties had to be faced; members frequently left, and the bells went so badly that ringing was looked upon as hard work. Mr. Coles joined the Middlesex Association in 1903, and in the same year St. George's Guild became affiliated, being the first band in East London to join the young association. But the value of membership was soon felt. With the help of the Association, a good band was formed, of which Mr. Coles was Master for about four years. His first peal was at St. George's on March 30th, 1905, when he rang the tenor to Stedman Triples conducted by Mr. J. R. Sharman. It was not until December 29th, 1906, however, that he rang his first peal with a working bell. This was Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. John Basden, four of the local band taking part in it. Stedman Triples came very soon after, however (February 2nd, 1907), followed in the same year by Grandsire Caters (at Minehead, Somerset), Stedman Caters (at St. Dunstan's, Stepney), and Superlative Surprise (at Southgate). Thus, it will be seen, when opportunity presented itself, Mr. Coles made rapid strides, and in 1909 he rang his first peals of London (at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street) and Bristol (at Erith), the latter being the first in the method by the Kent Association. Mr. Coles rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques on October 29th, 1910, at Cripplegate, and his first peal as conductor on January 14th of this year. This latter was a peal of Superlative at St. James', Clerkenwell. He also took part in the first peal of Cambridge Royal in Sussex, which was rung at Lewes last August. Like other ringers, Mr. Coles has had his disappointments, but his greatest, possibly, was at St. George's-in-the-East on February 23rd, 1905. Mr. W. Pye and band met one short for London, and Mr. Coles rang the tenor for Stedman Triples. In the last course, after 3 hours 18 minutes ringing, the 7th rope broke! It would have been Mr. Coles' first peal. A great deal of his ringing success Mr. Coles owes to the brothers Pye (especially William) and Mr. B. Prewett, who are renowned for the number of ringers they have got through their first peals in methods.

In his early ringing days Mr. Coles was very fond of attending the Association meetings, and seldom missed one of these gatherings—an example which many of the younger members might well copy. Mr. Coles, however, did not serve in any official capacity, except as the representative of St. George's until he was elected as secretary of the North and East District on September 3rd, 1910, and then, when Mr. King retired, three weeks later, he was appointed joint honorary secretary of the whole Association with Mr. H. C. Chandler. If hard work counts for anything, then Mr. Coles' tenure of office ought to bring lasting results to the Association.

In addition to the Middlesex, Mr. Coles is a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the Bath and Wells Diocesan Guild, and the Essex, Kent, North Wales and Sussex Associations. His peals, rung in 62 towers in ten counties, comprise the following:

Grandsire Triples	4		
Grandsire Caters	1		
Stedman Triples	37	Conducted	2
Stedman Caters	24	Conducted	1
Stedman Cinques	6		
Kent Treble Bob Major	2		
Double Norwich Major	4		
Superlative Surprise Major	37	Conducted	2
London Surprise Major	9		
Bristol Surprise Major	13		
Cambridge Surprise Royal	4		
Total	141	Conducted	5

In reply to W. M. (Barley) we are unable to ascertain whether the method of Doubles published by Mr. Dains has been rung and named. According to Mr. Lindoff it was previously published in an old text book on ringing, and it may or may not have been practised.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

In view of the dislocation of postal arrangements, etc., which the Christmas holidays will cause, correspondents are reminded that all items intended for insertion in *The Ringing World* in the following issue should reach this office *as early as possible.* Peals rung on Saturday, December 23rd, should be posted not later than the 24th, otherwise their publication may be delayed.

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The annual meeting of the Crewe branch of the Chester Guild is to be held at Alsager on Saturday, and not at Chester, as advertised among the notices last week.

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We would commend to the notice of our readers the appeal made last week on behalf of Mr. A. W. Reeves, of Caversham. It is a case which is of a pressing and deserving nature, and contributions, however small, will be gratefully received and should be sent to Mr. A. W. Osborne, honorary secretary and treasurer of the Reading branch of the Oxford Guild, 17, Dorothy Street, Reading.

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The Middlesex Association have been in luck's way, so to speak. They had the use of a twelve-bell tower in London on each of the last three successive Saturdays—and scored a peal of Stedman Cinques each time, viz., at Southwark, Cripplegate and Cornhill.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths made a good attempt for Cambridge Maximus last Saturday at St. Saviour's, Southwark, but the peal came to grief after just over two hours' good ringing.

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The first quarter-peal on the cathedral bells by the Truro Diocesan Guild was rung on Tuesday week. It was 1260 of Grandsire Triples on the back eight, and occupied 50 minutes. The tenor is 33¾ cwt. : E. Ham 1, F. Michell 2, H. C. Harris 3, W. P. Trestrain 4, J. Thomas 5, Dr. J. Symons (conductor) 6, W. H. Sleeman 7, E. Lindesay 8.

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Miss Edith Parker, who, as will be seen from the records in another column, has put two more peals of London Surprise to her credit as conductor, has added another to her rapidly growing list of distinctions. One of the peals was rung at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and Miss Parker is thus the first lady to conduct a peal in the City of London.

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Opportunities for twelve-bell peals at Birmingham are not so frequent as they once were, and it must have been very disappointing to Mr. Fred Wilford, the popular hon. secretary of the Central Northants Association, that he was unable to take part in a peal of Stedman Cinques arranged for him at St. Martin's last week. When he was making his first attempt somebody in the church below switched off the light and put the ringers in darkness. On Tuesday week, much to the regret of all the band, he was kept out of the peal, owing to an accident by which he injured his ankle. The peal was rung in 3 hrs. and 38 mins., and was a new composition by Mr. John Carter.

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On a Saturday evening, recently, seven men met outside the tower of St. Mary's, Gateshead. The expected eighth did not turn up, so the faithful ones had to be content with a little handbell practice, and a 720 of Cambridge Surprise. Afterwards a more comfortable place than the ringing chamber was sought and found, and the time was passed in discussing ringing and ringers.

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In the course of conversation an interesting point was raised. One present, during his varied experience, had rung in a touch of Stedman Triples with the ordinary start and without singles, and at its conclusion the conductor declared it to be the shortest touch possible containing the Queen's change. Further talk elicited the correction that he might have said Tittums, or even both Queen's and Tittums. Although there were present those who ought to have known, none could give a definite answer. Some knew of touches with Queen's and Tittums, the best being the three-part touch by bobs at 1, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, but the settlement of the question had to be left over.

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Since then the following have been submitted, and appear to settle the point in all its bearings :—

Tittums, Queen's and home in 192 changes by bobs at 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 32.

Tittums and home in 120 changes by bobs at 2, 5, 8, 11, 12, 14, 17 and 20.

Queen's and home in 132 changes by bobs at 3, 4, 5, 7, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20 and 22.

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To ring one's first peal double handed and at the age of only 15 years is a smart performance. Congratulations to Mervyn Duck, of Robin Hood's Bay, upon his achievement.

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The bells at Prees Church, Salop, have recently been rehung in new steel and iron H frame and iron headstocks, with excellent results, by Messrs. James Barwell, Ltd., of Birmingham. The same firm have also just rehung the ring of six at Fownhope, Hereford, to the complete satisfaction of the Hereford Cathedral ringers, and the Guild instructor (Mr. W. Short), who were invited to try them on Wednesday, December 6th, when Grandsire and Bob Doubles and Minor were rung.

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The first peal upon the ten bells at Hillingdon, Middlesex, was rung on Thursday of last week. The bells were dedicated on October 7th, so that the peal was rung exactly two months after, and the ringers testify to the excellent work done by the founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. It is also pleasing to learn that the neighbours appreciated the bells. They had not heard a touch of more than 600 changes on them before, but the beauty of the bells grew on the hearers as the peal progressed, and the sound did not pall as time went on as it sometimes does upon the uniniatiated.

THE EDWARD CASH APPEAL.

The winning numbers in the "Edward Cash" draw are as follow :—

1.	5,993	7	36,570
2.	850	8.	36,795
3.	14,467	9.	25,944
4.	7,834	10.	7,770
5.	1,342	11.	29,162
6.	28,130	12.	19,694

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

UNPUBLISHED PEAL RECORDS.

From various correspondents we have received requests to insert peals which were rung in the early part of the year, before the appearance of *The Ringing World*, but which have not been published. It has been pointed out by a member of the Analysis Committee that no peals can be included in the table that have not appeared in one or other of the ringing papers. In order, therefore, that all peals shall be included in the analysis for the year, thus making the table complete, we have decided to open our columns for the insertion of any peals rung between January 1st and March 24th of this year, and WHICH HAVE NOT ALREADY BEEN PUBLISHED. The records of these peals must REACH US NOT LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20th, and, for reasons of space, we rely upon our readers to send us only those which have not yet appeared in a ringing paper. Our object is to enable every peal rung this year to be included in the Analysis for 1911.

RINGERS' GATHERING IN LONDON.

On Saturday week, at the kind invitation of Mr. Churchwarden Pridmore, the Waltham Abbey Society paid a visit to St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, where a most enjoyable evening was spent. The party included Messrs. W. A. Alps (Master), F. Carter, G. Cole, F. G. Thurgood, D. Tarling (steeple keeper), F. Adams, E. W. Adams, M. Pettett, G. E. Peace, E. Wallage, and the hon. sec. (Mr. H. Thompson).

The tower was reached shortly after 6 p.m., and the visitors were met by members of the St. Botolph band. Several touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung, and afterwards the company was augmented by Messrs. R. Saunders, A. Grimes, H. J. Ranzetta, A. W. Coles, C. T. Coles, J. E. Davies and E. Pye, fresh from a peal of Stedman Cinques at Cripplegate. The bells were then set going to the tune of Superlative Surprise Major.—Afterwards a move was made to the Citizen, Houndsditch, where a pleasant hour was spent with songs and recitations. Mr. E. Pye delighted the company with a humorous recitation, entitled "A happy discovery, or the culprit found out" (a bell ringing episode). Songs were rendered by Messrs. W. Arnold, T. Walker, W. A. Alps, C. Wasmuth, and E. Wallage, while Mr. T. Horner gave a recitation.

Touches in various methods on handbells were brought round, and it is interesting to note that the company, which numbered 33, represented 14 ringing societies, viz.: College Youths, Waltham Abbey, West Ham, Walthamstow, St. George's-in-the-East, London County, Romford, Islington, Essex; St. John's, South Hackney; Holloway, St. John's, Waterloo Road; Bromley, and St. Botolph, Bishopsgate.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. A. V. Marsh for presiding at the piano, and "Auld Lang Syne" and "God save the King" brought a most enjoyable and successful evening to a close.

DEATH OF A ROCHDALE RINGER.

The death occurred, on Saturday week, of Mr. Joseph Crossley, at Shawclough, Rochdale, a life member of the Lancashire Association. Deceased had been a ringer at All Saints', Hamer, for about 15 years, and afterwards joined the Parish Church band, serving most faithfully with them for 15 years. The interment took place at the Rochdale Cemetery on Wednesday of last week, and the deceased was carried to his last resting place by representatives of the Parish Church ringers, the Rev. Mr. Young, Vicar of Hamer, officiating.

A quarter-peal was rung, with the bells fully muffled, on Monday week, on the occasion of the practice, and the bells were also rung, muffled, on Wednesday, as a last token of respect to the deceased.

TOWCESTER ASSOCIATION.

A cordial welcome was extended to the members of Towcester and District Association, when they visited Greensnorton for their second quarterly meeting on Saturday week. The towers represented were: Easton Neston, Bradden, Wicken, Lois Weedon, Blakesley and Towcester, together with the local men. The Rector (the Rev. H. Hoskin) entertained the visitors to tea, and at the subsequent meeting welcomed them to Greensnorton. He was pleased to see the good work the Association was doing, and was delighted to see so many young ringers taking up the Art, which showed that they took a deep interest in it.—Four new members from Cold Higham were elected, and Gayton chosen as the next place of meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. H. and Mrs. Hoskin for their kind hospitality, and to the Rector for the use of the bells.—Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon and evening.

THE OCCASIONS OF PEAL RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Kindly allow me to correct three misprints in my letter published in your issue of December 1st. In the third paragraph I meant to write: "It is the immemorial tradition of the church to ring. . . . on Saturday afternoon or evening." . . . The fifth paragraph should begin thus: "The supreme requirement is that church bells should be rung on. . . . these occasions: whether touches or peals, is a matter for the ringers concerned, subject to the control of the clergy. Ringing on three or all four of the Great Festivals . . . . is . . . . fairly general. . . . ." The necessity for the qualifying phrase "three or all four" is due to the fact that Ascension Day is still neglected in many cases, though fortunately its observance has very much advanced of late years.

As I am writing, let me add a word of comment on two other points brought up in the same number.

I was very glad to read the timely letter from my old ringing friend, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey. A muffled peal on Good Friday is most suitable and impressive, especially at the close of the evening service. I am sure that anyone, who has once heard the muffled peal rung on the fine, deep-toned bells of Bath Abbey on Good Friday evening, will have carried away a lifelong remembrance of its solemn and almost awe-inspiring effect.

Your masterly exposure of the childish mis-statements apparently made by a titled gentleman deserve the highest appreciation of all ringers. At the same time, it may well be the case that the one peal, which was doubtless the chief cause of offence, was rung for no ostensible reason, whereas, if it had been rung on the occasion of a Church Festival or Royal anniversary, the good Baronet might have refrained from entering into controversy on the subject. It is evident that, apart from this peal, the bells are very properly used. Incidentally the following conundrum may appeal to the complainant's exalted intelligence: When "eight big bells are rung continuously for four and six hours," how long are they rung altogether? F. Ll. E.

COLLEGE YOUTHS AT WALTHAMSTOW.

A successful meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths was held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday week. The tower was open from 4 o'clock to 8.15 p.m., when some well-struck touches in different methods of Triples, Major, Caters and Royal were brought round.

The members afterwards adjourned to the Nag's Head, where, having partaken of light refreshments kindly supplied by the local members, a musical evening was proceeded with.—The Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender) presided, and was supported by Messrs. A. D. Barker, C. S. Burden, Albert and Arthur Coles, W. Coakham, R. F. Deal, F. J. Hardy, A. A. Hughes, Chris. Hughes, T. Langdon, F. G. Perrin, W. Manning, F. Maynard, senr., F. Maynard, junr., F. Rumens, H. Springall, W. D. Smith, and many others.

The Master, at the outset, expressed the sympathy of himself and the other visitors in the loss which the local company had sustained that day by the death of Mr. W. Crockford, one of their very old members.

The first item in the programme was some tunes on handbells by Messrs. W. D. Smith and F. Maynard, junr., which were capitally rendered. Excellent songs were contributed by Messrs. W. Coakham, Albert Coles, Chris. Hughes, A. Chapman, F. J. Hardy, W. D. Smith, and F. Rumens, while touches of Stedman Triples by Messrs. Hardy, Taffender, Langdon and Barker were interspersed, and a splendid meeting was brought to a close with the "National Anthem."

LANCASHIRE MEETINGS.

A well attended meeting of the Bolton branch was held at Walkden on Saturday, when 24 members were present from Manchester, Worsley, Farnworth, Bolton, Newchurch and Tyldesley, with some of the local ringers. Some very good touches of Stedman and Treble Bob were rung. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bolton Parish Church.

The Liverpool branch held a meeting at Garston on Saturday.—The Vicar presided, and three new members were elected. St. Nicholas, Liverpool, was chosen as the place for the next meeting.—A vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for providing tea, also for the use of bells. — During the evening, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob Major, were rung.

On Saturday eight members of the Oldham Parish and St. Mark's, Glodwich, bands, journeyed to Middleton for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but the attempt came to grief after ringing one hour and 40 mins., through the bad going of one of the bells. The ringers were: E. B. Shaw 1, J. H. Bastow 2, J. Schofield 3, S. Stott (conductor) 4, S. M. Butterworth 5, A. Clegg 6, J. W. Taylor 7, J. Garlick 8.—After the ringing, Mr. E. B. Shaw kindly entertained the ringers and a few friends to supper, and an enjoyable evening was spent. Courses on the handbells were rung, and songs were sung by Messrs. J. W. Taylor, D. Renshaw and J. H. Bastow.—Hearty thanks were accorded Mr. and Mrs. Shaw for their hospitality.

WALLASEY MEMORIAL CHURCH.

BUILDING AND BELLS DEDICATED.

Wallasey, in Cheshire, has come into possession of a new and imposing church, dedicated to St. Nicholas, a gift to the parish by Messrs. Frederic James Harrison and Heath Harrison, in memory of their parents.

The new church is built practically upon the sandhills, but the neighbourhood is rapidly developing, and a vast amount of good work will undoubtedly be accomplished. One of the most interesting features in connection with its construction was the question of the foundations, the whole of the site being on the soft sand of the "Dunes," as these hills of sands are called in Normandy and Brittany, where they are met with so frequently. This question of foundations is, of course, all-important, particularly in church architecture, where the height and weight of the tower make it even more essential to have a sure foundation than in almost any other class of building. It was finally decided that practically the only way to obtain absolute safety was to build the whole church upon a "raft," which would rest in one piece on the top of the sand, and distribute the whole of the weight of the structure. This "raft" is entirely made of special "Kahn" steel rods embedded in concrete, and this has enabled the church as we now see it to-day to be built in such a beautiful situation with perfect security, albeit upon the soft sands of the seashore.

THE NEW CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, WALLASEY.

The handsome structure is in every sense complete, nothing being lacking to make the gift one worthy of the purpose to which it is devoted. The reredos is a particularly beautiful part of the decoration. The church is cruciform in shape, and the massive tower contains a peal of six bells, hung in an iron and steel girder frame, constructed for eight bells, together with all the most modern fittings. The tenor is 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 20 lbs. in E. and the total weight of the peal is 60 cwt. 3 qrs. 15 lbs. This part of the work has been carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., of London, who have been warmly congratulated upon the admirable way in which they have carried out the contract.

The church and bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Chester, who, addressing a crowded congregation, alluded to the origin and motive which had led to the formation of that church and the new parish. He touched upon the completeness of the building, and expressed the opinion that there had been such care, honesty, and sincerity of workmanship that it would not be found wanting at some future stage of its career. It had been beautified in various respects by relations and friends and fellow workers of the parents of the owners, and endowment was well on its way. Those who enjoyed such privileges as the parishioners of that parish would feel that their sympathies ought to be deeply and effectively touched for those who stood in some considerable danger of being impoverished in the four Welsh dioceses by the taking away of endowments which were so much needed, and which they were using so well. In that connection he invited them to study carefully the characteristically weighty statements of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

Prior to the service the ringers from the parish church rang a welcome, and after the proceedings the peal, recorded last week, was rung.

STOWMARKET RINGERS AT BARKING.

On Tuesday week six members of the Stowmarket company spent a pleasant evening at Barking, where the bells have been recently rehung and a treble added by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. A 720 each of Treble Bob and Plain Bob was tapped off in fine style: W. Welham 1, G. Melbourne 2, F. Allard 3, A. Grimwood 4, E. Draper 5, W. Souter (conductor) 6. The bells go splendidly. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. F. Baker for the use of the bells, and for his kindness in providing light refreshment after ringing.

SALISBURY RINGERS AT WIMBORNE.

CORONATION PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

Special interest attached to the meeting of the Wimborne branch of the Salisbury Guild, held at Wimborne on Saturday. A large number of ringers assembled, and after Mr. A. J. Osman had taken care that all present who wished had had a pull in rounds, some touches of Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples were rung till 4.15 p.m., the hour appointed for the unveiling of the peal board, recording the opening peal on the bells, rung on Coronation Day. Among the ringers present were: Mr. W. H. George, one of the ringers of the fine peal; and Mr. Sheppard, of St. Martin's, Birmingham.—The Vicar (the Rev. J. M. J. Fletcher, R.D.) opened the proceedings with prayer, followed by a short speech, showing how from the time of the earliest Guilds of the reign of Henry III bells had found their way into the history, literature and lives of the people. He contrasted the ringers of John Bunyan's time with those of the present day, and spoke in high terms of the good Christian service rendered by Mr. Tubbs and the rest of his own ringers at Wimborne, some of whom, he hoped, would in time go on to emulate the skill of those whose achievement they were honouring that day.

The handsome peal board (presented by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) was then unveiled by Mrs. Allan, wife of the Rev. A. D. H. Allan, headmaster of the Grammar School.—In a cheery and vigorous speech, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Rector of Kington Magna, proposed a vote of thanks to her, on behalf of the Guild, and the motion was seconded by Mr. George, who said the historic occasion on which so many had assembled, the splendid "go" of the new ring, and the way in which Mr. Allan and his colleague, Mr. Raikes, and other probationers were setting to work, were all a grand stimulus to, and good omen for, the future of ringing in the district

The Rev. A. D. Allan, in responding, said that the present record was a good example of how loyalty called forth a man's best service. That peal board should be ever a reminder of their duty to the Sovereign, and their higher duty and service to the King of kings. He expressed his great respect for the Art, of which he was learning the elements, and also the remarkable progress which one of his fellow probationers had been making. He also alluded to the other peal board hanging on the walls, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples, the only one rung, under harder conditions, on the old eight, and erected through the care of Mr. G. Loche, former churchwarden and ringer.

This part of the proceedings terminated with a happy little speech from Mr. Cyril Johnston, who, after thanking the previous speakers for their remarks on the tone and "go" of the bells, hoped that the walls would soon be crowded with boards. He added that the interest and energy which a headmaster was throwing into the science of ringing were a further reply to the aspersions of a certain baronet on the intelligence of the ringer.

Service followed in the Minster, and was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Mansel-Pleydell, R.D., of Sturminster Newton, and chairman of the branch, the Vicar reading the lesson, and Mr. Willshire presiding at the organ. The address was given by the Rev. A. D. Allan, who spoke on some of the qualities which the ringers' work should call forth: Perfection and nothing less, for their aim; a co-operation that would result in unity; a proportion in which rank disappears, and each man stands by his merits: and a pursuit of knowledge which would be an endless "following on to know."

After the service, some 70 members and friends sat down to tea in the hall of the Church House. There were present: The Master of the Guild (Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart), the Vicar and the churchwardens (Mr. F. Blount and Mr. T. Gomer), the Rev. J. Cross (Sturminster Marshall), the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, the Rev. A. D. and Mrs. Allan, the Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. sec.), Mr. W. W. Hughes D'Aeth, Mr. Plummer (chairman of the Christchurch branch), Mr. George, Mr. J. Hack, Mr. Raikes, and members from Bournemouth (St. Peter's and St. John's), Christchurch, Milton Abbey, Poole, Shillingstone, Sturminster Marshall, Swanage, Wimborne.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and wardens for their welcome and presence, to Mr. Allan for his excellent address, to Mr. Willshire, and to the local ringers. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters were then enjoyed till curfew. The towers of St. James', Poole, Canford and Sturminster Marshall had been kindly put at the disposal of members by the respective Vicars, but unfortunately little time remained for further visits. At Sturminster Marshall, on the way home, a boy of 12, son of Mr. E. Ridout, Okeford Fitzpaine, earned his certificate by ringing through two six-scores on the treble—another good omen for the future.

THANKS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. W. J. Rouse, late of Stowmarket, wishes to thank all those who have so kindly subscribed towards the fund for his assistance. He is still bed-ridden, although discharged from hospital. He has been a great sufferer for two years, and if anyone who has not yet subscribed to the fund would like to do so, the smallest amount will be gratefully received by, Yours truly,

E. DIAPER, Hon. Sec.

10, Crown Street, Stowmarket.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY. — On Sunday, Nov. 5th, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. A. Jarrett 1, P. Tidy 2, S. Heath 3, L. Tidy 4, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 5, E. Hoad 6 (21 bobs).—On Sunday afternoon, on handbells, in the tower, 720 Bob Minor (22 singles): L. Tidy 1—2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3—4, A. A. Jarrett 5—6.—On Tuesday evening, in the village blacksmith's shop, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: E. Hoad 1—2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3—4, A. A. Jarrett 5—6. Messrs. Hoad and Jarrett started practising Treble Bob double-handed only a month before, the above being their first 720's in Kent and Oxford. Also a course of Grandsire Triples by the same three ringers.

UTTOXETER, STAFFS.—On Sunday, November 5th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples: Rev. H. Gregory 1, E. Roberts 2, E. J. Lewis 3, F. Richardson 4, P. Cope 5, C. Smith (conductor) 6, H. Willisford 7, W. Walters 8.—On November 7th, 504 in the same method: W. Cope (aged 75, first 504) 1, F. Richardson 2, E. J. Lewis 3, E. Roberts 4, H. Willisford 5, P. Cope (conductor) 6, C. Smith 7, E. Green 8.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Sunday, November 5th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Potts 1, A. Payne 2, M. Goddard 3, H. Watts 4, C. Doe 5, J. Moth (conductor) 6.—On November 6th, 360 London Surprise Minor: M. Goddard 1, J. Rance 2, J. North 3, B. Hawkins 4, C. Doe 5, J. Moth (conductor) 6. First touch in the method by all.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.—The Warwickshire Guild.—On Sunday, November 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: W. Pryce 1, F. Pervin 2, E. Johnson 3, C. Freeman 4, W. Maund 5, W. T. Cox 6, J. H. White (conductor) 7, A. Roberts 8. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Maund 1, C. Freeman 2, J. H. White 3, E. Johnson 4, A. Roberts (conductor) 5, F. Pervin 6.

NEWENT.—Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—On Sunday, November 5th, a date touch of 1911 changes of St. Dunstan's Doubles in 1 hr. 3 mins.: W. James 1, W. Roberts (conductor) 2, J. Byard 3, H. Awford 4, A. Martin 5, F. Awford 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, November 5th, for morning service, 560 Double Norwich: T. Lawrence 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner 3, R. Thompson 4, G. W. Townsend 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, C. J. Gardiner 7, E. Bishop (conductor) 8. For evening service, 864 Double Norwich: A. Lawrence 1, O. W. Layng 2, R. W. Hyner 3, G. W. Townsend 4, T. Robinson 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, R. Thompson 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.

BEDFORD.—The Beds Association.—At St. Paul's Church, on Nov. 5th, 541 Stedman Caters: B. Finding 1, J. W. Barker (conductor) 2, H. Sharp 3, C. Mortimer 4, W. Lightfoot 5, E. Tingey 6, C. Chasty 7, H. Harlow 8, H. Tysoe 9, S. Smith 10. Also 305 Grandsire Caters.—On November 9th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Smith 1, W. Davison 2, E. White 3, E. Tingey 4, C. Chasty 5, J. W. Barker (conductor) 6, H. Harlow 7, H. Sharp 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples: Miss Dora Steel 1, H. Sharp, conductor.—On Sunday, November 12th, 576 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Church 1, H. Tysoe 2, W. Lightfoot 3, E. Tingey 4, H. Sharp 5, H. Harlow 6, C. Chasty 7, J. W. Barker (conductor) 8.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, November 5th, at St. John's Church, for service, 1008 Stedman Triples: W. H. Porter 1, H. Naisbitt 2, W. D. Lister 3, T. Clark 4, W. Broadley 5, F. Smith 6, J. Baxter (conductor) 7, *L. Venus 8. * Longest length.—On Sunday, November 12th, at Holy Trinity Church, for service, 720 London Surprise Minor: F. Atkinson 1, F. Cook (first attempt) 2, W. Wookey 3, G. J. Lungley 4, W. H. Porter 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6.

LAMBERHURST.—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, November 5th, for morning service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Bailey 1, A. Marshall (conductor) 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Henley 4, A. Relf 5, W. Marshall 6. First 720 in the method by the local band.—For evening service, 720 of College Single: W. Marshall 1, G. Fuller 2, A. Marshall 3, J. Bailey 4, A. Relf 5, A. Henley (conductor) 6.—On Wednesday, November 8th, for practice, two plain courses of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 240 Oxford Bob Minor, 240 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, 180 Bob Minor, and 120 Stedman Doubles (first in the method by a local band).

PASSENHAM, NORTHANTS. — On Sunday, November 5th, 600 Grandsire Doubles: P. Grant 1, P. Warner 2, H. Ridgway 3, E. Wyatt 4, L. Smith 5.

DERBY.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, November 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: Wm. Davies 1, J. Haynes 2, G. Tomlinson (conductor) 3, W. H. Holbrook 4, J. W. Giew 5, L. Lomas 6, R. G. Basson 7, Fred Foster 8. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of Ald. R. B. Chambers, a churchwarden, and also as a birthday compliment to the late captain, Mr. J. Davies, who is now working as an engineer in Northern Nigeria, West Africa.

BIRMINGHAM.—Midland Counties Association.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, for evening service, on Hospital Sunday, 1056 of Bob Major: S. Coley 1, A. Scrivens 2, J. Porter 3, G. W. Taylor 4, J. T. Perry 5, W. H. Carrod 6, W. Webb 7, J. T. Collett (conductor) 8.

PUTNEY, S.W.—St. Mary's Society.—On November 7th, on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. L. R. Levett and Miss Patchett, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: H. Whanslaw 1, T. Bolton 2, A. Jones 3, W. Honeyball 4, G. W. Honeyball 5, C. Collis, junr., 6, J. Herbert (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, C. Collis, senr., 8. First quarter-peal by the local society.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBRIDGE.—Ely Diocesan Association.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Wednesday, November 8th, by ringers from Fen Ditton and Fulbourn, 720 Double Court Minor, in 25 mins.: E. G. Hibbins 1, L. G. Mallion 2, J. Page 3, W. Scotcher 4, J. Stalley 5, B. D. Bustress (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 of Double Court Minor on the bells.

WALSALL.—On November 9th, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the election of Councillor J. Venables, as Mayor, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1266 changes), in 47 mins., by A. Adams 1, F. Hallsworth, senr., 2, W. Hawkeswood 3, G. Peate 4, E. T. Smith 5, F. Hallsworth, junr., 6, W. Hughes 7, G. Harding 8, T. J. Elton (conductor) 9, H. Cattell 10. Also 1277 Stedman Caters: C. Hicks (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, G. Smith 8; conducted by T. J. Elton.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.—Llandaff Association. — On Thursday, Nov. 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 49 mins.: H. Page 1, G. Cross 2, J. Cross 3, T. Page (conductor) 4, G. Wines 5, T. Hamlin 6, W. Page 7, H. Crabbe 8. A quarter-peal of Stedman was also rung on October 22nd.

COCKINGTON, DEVON.—On November 9th, several six-scores and a 720 Grandsire Doubles: J. Olding 1, R. Peel (longest length with a bob bell) 2, A. W. Bowers 3, W. Stone (conductor) 4, T. Stevens 5, F. W. C. Nash 6.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX. — On November 9th, 480 Double Bob Minor: J. Collins 1, C. Brett 2, H. Brook 3, O. Collins 4, G. Taylor 5, W. Booth (conductor) 6.—On December 3rd, for evening service, 120 Bob Minor by the same band. Also 120 each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, with W. Barrow and R. Allen taking part.

HAUGHTON, STAFFORD.—On Saturday, November 11th, 1800 Doubles, in 1 hr., eight six-scores of St. Dunstan's and seven of Grandsire: T. Tunnicliffe 1, A. Moreton 2, G. Booth 3, J. Perry 4, J. Taylor (conductor) 5.

RAUNDS.—Central Northants Association.—On Sunday, November 19th, 336 Grandsire Triples, 224 Superlative Surprise Major, and 224 Kent Treble Bob Major.—On November 21st, 252 Stedman Triples and 336 Grandsire Triples.—On Nov. 26th, 210 Grandsire Triples and 252 Bob Triples. On Nov. 28th, 210 Grandsire Triples, 336 Bob Major and 224 Superlative. The ringers taking part were: F. Kirk, H. Copperwheat, H. Stubbs, R. Pendered, F. Stubbs, W. J. Gilbert, W. Gilbert (conductor), A. Fairy, H. Sharman and A. Fairy.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, Nov. 19th, at St. Edmund's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 47 mins.: W. A. Gammage (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, C. Tebbutt 2, T. Tebbutt 3, T. Haynes 4, J. Mackay 5, J. W. Metherell 6, B. O. Soden 7, W. Rogers (conductor) 8.—On Monday, Nov. 20th, for the dedication festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): T. Haynes 1, W. Rogers 2, W. A. Gammage 3, J. W. Metherell 4, W. J. Sharp 5, W. J. Allen 6, B. O. Soden (conductor) 7, C. Tebbutt 8.—On Sunday, Nov. 26, for evening service, 1008 Stedman Triples, conducted by T. Tebbutt.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.—On Sunday, Nov. 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. Garner 1, G. Clarke 2, E. Arrand 3, E. Manners (Eastwood) 4, F. Clark (conductor) 5, H. Trout 6.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Sunday, November 19th, at the Parish Church, 1024 Superlative Surprise Major: C. Pollard 1, W. Pollard 2, J. H. Jones 3, C. Laverick 4, J. W. Passman 5, J. E. Sykes (Huddersfield) 6, J. H. Blakiston (conductor) 7, T. Lancaster 8.

SOUTH HACKNEY.—On Sunday, Nov. 19th, at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: S. R. Cooper 1, H. J. King 2, P. R. Hislop 3, R. W. Green 4, R. F. Deal (conductor) 5, W. J. Kemp 6, H. Franks 7, A. D. Barker 8. This quarter-peal contains the 24 7—4's at backstroke, all occurring at calls, and is believed to be the only quarter-peal of Grandsire with these qualities.

UPPER DEAL, KENT.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Nov. 19th, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: J. Axan 1, D. Long 2, H. C. Castle 3, E. Kemp 4, L. Ladd 5, E. Verrier (conductor) 6.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, Nov. 19th, at St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Barrington 1, S. Greenwood 2, B. Goldsmith 3, H. Pates 4, I. J. Attwater 5, L. Attwater (conductor) 6, A. G. Freeman 7, C. Wallace 8.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On November 20th, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 Bob Minor: W. H. Day 1, R. W. Hyner 2, E. Manton 3, F. Looker 4, J. Tuckwell 5, G. Lancaster (conductor) 6.

RUGBY.—St. Andrew's Society.—On Nov. 20th, a quarter-peal (1280 changes) of London Surprise, in 53 mins., J. George 1, J. A. Fenton, junr. (composer) 2, H. O. White 3, W. Malins 4, C. W. Wheeler 5, A. J. Hessian 6, J. B. Fenton (conductor) 7, J. W. Chandler 8.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, Nov. 20th, for Matins, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Oxford Bob Triples, in 42 mins.: A. Jeavons 1, A. Baker 2, W. Grimsell 3, S. Pearce 4, S. Baker 5, B. Gough (conductor) 6, R. Dunn 7, A. E. Law 8. For evensong, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 40 mins., conducted by Sam Baker. First 1260 of Oxford Bob by L. Barnett and J. Roberts.

CHARING, KENT.—On November 27 h, 720 Grandsire Doubles (each 120 called differently), in 25 mins.: J. Edwards 1, C. F. Good 2, H. Good (conductor) 3, W. Good 4, C. L. Prior 5, J. Clifford 6. The conductor is 16 years of age.

AGED WALTHAMSTOW RINGER'S DEATH.

The Walthamstow ringers have lost, through death, their oldest member, Mr. Wm. Crockford, who died in his 80th year. The bells were rung half-muffled on the following Sunday, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and the "whole pull and stand." The following ringers took part: W. Coakham, G. Grimwade, R. Maynard, senr., J. C. Adams, H. J. Wilkins, R. Maynard, junr., F. C. Maynard, H. Rumens, H. J. Maynard, F. C. Newman and W. B. Manning. The conducting was shared by W. B. Manning and R. Maynard, junr.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the North Bucks branch was held at Cheddington on Saturday last, and was attended by upwards of 40 members, including some of the lady ringers of Cheddington. In the afternoon a short service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rector. The lesson was read by the Rev. G. Dangerfield, curate of Aylesbury, formerly hon. sec. of the Newbury branch, who also preached an excellent sermon on bell ringing. Subsequently tea was partaken at the Three Shoes Inn, followed by a business meeting, presided over by the President (the Rev. J. R. Vincent), supported by the Rev. J. A. Broad (Rector of Cheddington) and Mr. F. W. Booth (hon. secretary of the branch). The business was of the usual routine order. —A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector of Cheddington for making the necessary arrangements, and for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. G. Dangerfield for his excellent address.—During the afternoon and evening, touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob, were rung on the bells.

DUDLEY GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and Districts Guild was held on Saturday week, at St. Luke's, Blakenhall, Wolverhampton. Several touches in various methods were rung in the afternoon, and the Guild service was said in the church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Milligan), who gave an encouraging address from the words: "I magnify mine office." The Vicar spoke of the pleasure it gave him to welcome the Guild to his church, as fellow workers for the Church.

After the service, the meeting was held in the vestry, presided over by the Ringing Master (Mr. S. Spittle), in the absence of the Vicar.—It was decided that the peals not attempted last quarter should be attempted during the ensuing quarter. — A hearty vote of thanks, proposed to the Vicar for conducting the service, and for his eloquent address, also for the use of the tower and bells, and of the vestry, in which to hold the meeting, was carried unanimously.—The thanks of the meeting were also accorded to the chairman for presiding.—It was resolved that the next meeting, which is the annual meeting, be held at Dudley, where it is hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend. It was left with the hon secretary to arrange the date.

NOTICES.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary's, Newington, Sittingbourne, on Saturday, Dec. 16th, 1911. Tower open at 3.30. Business meeting at 6 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Milverton on Saturday, December 16th. Service in the church at 3.30 p.m., meeting in the Church Room at 4 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on December 16th. The bells will be available from 3.45 to 7.15. Meeting to follow.—Reports ready.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Barnabas, Shore, Littleboro', on Saturday, December 16th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m., meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Burnley, on Saturday, December 16th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Bury on Saturday, December 16th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. —T. Rollerson, Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District).—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 16th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, W.C. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Church House at 5.15 at 6d. per head. All ringers welcome. —William J. Kemp, Honorary Secretary, 177, Chatsworth Road, N E.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Alsager on Saturday, December 16th, 1911, instead of at Crewe, January 20th, 1912.—R. T. Holding, junr., 30, Alton Street, Crewe.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on December 19th, and St. Magnus on the 21st. The subscription of 1s. 8d. is now due.—William T. Cockerell, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Woolos, Newport, Mon., on Boxing Day, December 26th, at 3 o'clock. The bells of St. Woolos and All Saints' Churches available all the evening.—Rev. Connop L. Price and John W. Jones, Honorary Secretaries.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—The annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, 1912, at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, City. Chair will be taken at 8 o'clock p.m. Subscriptions, annual and otherwise, are payable at this meeting. The Balance Sheet will be presented, and an alteration to Rule 4 will be proposed. The Peal book will be on view.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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LONG PEAL ATTEMPTS.

An effort to establish a new record length of Cambridge Surprise Major is to be made on Boxing Day, when eight members of the Worcestershire Association will attempt J. W. Washbrook's 12,896 at Bromsgrove starting at 10 a.m.

On the same day also, all being well, eight members of the Hertfordshire Association will attempt a long peal of Bristol Surprise Major (12,000 changes) at Knebworth, starting at mid-day.

ST. PETER'S, WOLVERHAMPTON.

The twelve new bells at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, are to be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield after the morning service on Sunday next. On the following Saturday, the 23rd, the bells will be at the disposal of visitors for general practice, from 3 p.m. The Rector has kindly offered to provide tea, and those intending to be present must send word to H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, not later than Tuesday, 19th.

A somewhat startling mishap occurred while the tower was being prepared to receive the new bells. A steel girder, weighing about a ton, was being hoisted by means of a double-link chain, and was within a few inches of its required position, when the chain snapped, and the girder fell 100 feet to the ground below, bringing down with it in its descent a heavy oak beam. The stone floor was considerably damaged, but fortunately no one sustained any injury, although the Rector, one of the churchwardens, and the verger were within a few feet of the spot where the girder fell.

BRAINTREE.—The Essex Association.—On Sunday evening, November 5th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Major: H. Coote 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, F. Webb 3, H. E. Hammond 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Eley 6, W. H. Hammond 7, H. J. Collins 8.

CLENCHWARTON. — Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sunday, November 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: W. Strike 1, F. Beaumont 2, W. Painter 3, J. Welton (conductor) 4, S. Vincent 5.

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Only once before has an individual reached four figures in his peal total. The late Rev. F. E. Robinson, in his long career as a ringer, passed a thousand, and everyone considered him a marvellous man. In very truth he was, but it is no disparagement to his great achievement to say that William Pye's 1,000 peals are a still greater accomplishment. When one considers the number of peals rung, the proportion conducted, the quality of the methods (more than 420 Surprise peals, to say nothing of 400 odd peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques), the weight of metal often handled, and the fact that the performances include ringing the tenor and conducting the world's record peal, William Pye's achievement mark him as our premier ringer—a position in which to-day he is unassailed and unassailable. Like successful folk in other spheres, he has not escaped the criticism of men actuated by jealousy or ignorance of the man they have criticised. One of the best answers to those who have attributed selfish motives to his peal ringing is the fact that Mr. Pye has, during his career, helped over 50 ringers to ring their first peal of London Surprise, nearly 40 their first peal of Bristol and over 60 their first peal of Stedman Cinques, not to mention the many scores who have rung with him their first peals of Stedman Triples and Caters, and various of the other Surprise methods. Nobody, probably, has done more for peal aspirants than William Pye, and ringers generally will, metaphorically, lift their hats to the man who, while doing so much to raise the standard of peal ringing, has reached a point which will remain of historical interest to the Exercise.

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John O. Sager, Solicitor, Todmorden, December 10, 1910
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Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY, E.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

EDWIN GIBBS	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. HARDY	6
SAMUEL E. JOYCE	2	HENRY SPRINGALL	7
WILLIAM TRUSS	3	JOHN H. B. HESSE	8
GEORGE FAULKNER	4	HERBERT LANGDON	9
JAMES SCHOLES	5	EMANUEL HALL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Hall.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS	*Treble*	ALBERT W. COLES	6
BERTRAM PREWETT	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	ERNEST PYE	8
CHARLES T. COLES	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	9
GEORGE R. PYE	5	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This was the conductor's 1,000th peal and A. W. Grimes' 100th. The band wish, through the medium of "The Ringing World," to thank the Vicar, the Rev. E. Rogers, for the use of the bells.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

JOSEPH WEST	*Treble*	WILLIAM GOODMAN	6
*GILBERT GUEST	2	SAMUEL SPITTLE	7
HERBERT SHEPPARD	3	BENJAMIN GOUGH	8
JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.	4	HARRY GOODMAN	9
THOMAS WATTON	5	CHARLES FAULKS	*Tenor*

Composed by the late WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT, and
Conducted by SAMUEL SPITTLE.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Spittle, master of the above Guild, and of the St. Thomas' Society, Dudley, on attaining his 75th birthday.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¾ cwt.

RICHARD HOATHER	*Treble*	GEORGE ADES	6
CHARLES PALMER	2	JOHN CAPP	7
WILLIAM PALMER	3	ALBERT D. STONE	8
HERBERT RANN	4	KEITH HART	9
WILLIAM C. HART	5	JOHN JAY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

*WM. DAVIES	*Treble*	J. PAGETT	5
†J. HAYNES	2	L. LOMAS	6
GEO. TOMLINSON	3	R. G. BASSON	7
J. W. GLEW	4	FRED. FOSTER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER, and
Conducted by GEO. TOMLINSON.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the treble was elected a member of the association prior to starting.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDGAR BURDEN	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. LAMBERT	5
ALFRED JOHNSON	2	GEORGE BILLENNESS	6
ROBERT EDWARDS	3	CHARLES TRIBE	7
FREDERICK G. BURDEN	4	ALFRED BLACKMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

*ARNOLD AUSTIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM FITCHFORD, Senr.	5
WILLIAM H. FITCHFORD, Junr.	2	JOHN MORLEY	6
*WILLIAM ALLMAN	3	CHARLES MORLEY	7
HARRY ROBERTS	4	THOMAS HARLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. MORLEY.

* First peal. First peal with a bob bell by W. H. Fitchford, Junr., who is only 15 years old.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 12, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. P. HEYWOOD'S No 1. Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qrs. 3 lbs., in E.

*JOSEPH H. ILFFE	*Treble*	HENRY FLETCHER	5
*CECIL J. BAKER	2	HENRY HARRISON	6
ALBERT H. WARD	3	EDWARD C. GOBEY	7
NEVILLE WIDDOWSON	4	ALFRED T. BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor and first peal of Stedman on the bells since they were recast in 1910, by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Rung to commemorate the first anniversary of the opening of the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 12, 1911, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SPITALFIELDS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lbs., in C sharp.

ALFRED W. GRIMES	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	6
HENRY J. RANZETTA	3	ERNEST PYE	7
ALFRED PYE	4	HARRY FLANDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

BEN REED	*Treble*	RICHARD SUTTON	5
GEORGE WILLSHIRE	2	WILLIAM WENBAN	6
ALBERT H. SAYER	3	HENRY J. LARKINS	7
ERNEST WILSON	4	ALBERT GOLDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. WILLSHIRE.

Rung to celebrate the Coronation Durbar.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 12, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.

HERBERT BAILEY	*Treble*	JAMES YORK	5
GEORGE J. TAYLOR	2	FRANK S. DAVNING	6
E. R. TREVOR CORBETT	3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ...	7
*ALBERT WOODVINE	4	HAROLD ASTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WM. SAUNDERS.

* First peal on eight bells.

Rung with the bells fully muffled, as a token of respect to Mrs. O'Brien and Mr. W. G. Norris; the former being interred at Holy Trinity Church, and the latter at the Society of Friends' burial ground, Coalbrookdale, on the above date. First fully muffled peal on the bells, and by all the band.

WORKSOP, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 12, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER E. PECK ...	*Treble*	HUBERT HAIGH	5
*HARRY H. CARTWRIGHT ...	2	*THOMAS BARTHOLOMEW ...	6
*CORNELIUS HUDSON	3	*THOMAS WILSON	7
*ALBERT JOHNSON	4	*FREDERICK HIND	*Tenor*

Conducted by HUBERT HAIGH.

* First peal and first attempt. This is the first peal ever rung by a Worksop company and the first on the bells since the restoration. It was rung to commemorate the marriage of Sir John Robinson, of Worksop Manor, with Miss Eveline Alderson, elder daughter of the late Mr. D. F. Alderson, of Park House, Worksop, which took place on Dec. 12th, at Holy Trinity Church, Sloan Street. It was also a birthday peal to the ringer of the tenor.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 13, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr.

ROBERT H. YOUNG	*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT ...	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	2	RALPH H. BIGGS	6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	4	RICHARD BUCKLAND... ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, & Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, December 13, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22¼ cwt.

WILLIAM CHAPMAN	*Treble*	JOSEPH H. CHAPMAN ...	5
JOSEPH W. TIMMS	2	ALFRED CHAPLIN	6
CHARLES CHAPMAN	3	ALBERT E. YOUNG	7
ARTHUR J. MARKS	4	JAMES PRATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH W. TIMMS.

NUNEATON.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, December 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ROWLAND POLLARD	*Treble*	THOMAS DICKENS	5
*ERNEST STONE	2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ...	6
*GEOFFREY STONELEY ...	3	HARRY STONELEY	7
JAMES F. CLARKE, Junr.	4	HARRY ARGYLE...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by HARRY ARGYLE.

* First peal of Major.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 14, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE RINGER...	*Treble*	ALBERT G. WARNES ...	5
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL ...	2	GEORGE HOWCHIN	6
GEORGE H. CROSS	3	GEORGE MOORE	7
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 15¾ cwt.

*GEORGE SNELL	*Treble*	CHARLES KENNINGTON ...	5
HAROLD RUSHBY	2	JOHN E. KENNINGTON ...	6
W. ERNEST MEFFIN ...	3	ARTHUR B. SHEPHERD ...	7
JOHN W. SEAMER	4	JAMES LAMB	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

* First peal.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH J. ALLEN	*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	5
*WALTER S. INWOOD ...	2	FREDERICK EDWARDS ...	6
*WILLIAM SEELEY	3	WILLIAM HEWITT	7
FRANCIS A. SMITH	4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method.

READING, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER A. WEBB	*Treble*	ARTHUR W. PIKE	5
CHARLES GILES	2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ...	6
FRANK T. MARTIN	3	*ALFRED WATMORE	7
AMBROSE W. OSBORNE ...	4	CHARLES R. LILLEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Superlative. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. FitzWilliam J. C. Gillmor to the parish of St. Giles. He was inducted by the Lord Bishop of Oxford, on Friday, Dec. 15th.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA, S.W.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*HAROLD BURTON	*Treble*	WILBY J. HAZELL	5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER	2	HARRY F. DAWKINS	6
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr.	3	JAMES PARKER	7
GEORGE A. CARD	4	GEORGE PAICE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

* First peal in the method.

ALBURGH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lbs., in G.

FREDERICK BORRETT	*Treble*	GEORGE BAXTER	5
CHARLES BAKER	2	*ERNEST WHITING	6
CLAYTON PARNELL	3	ERNEST LINCOLN	7
WALTER MOBBS	4	FREDERICK SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method.

REDDISH, STOCKPORT.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(STOCKPORT AND MOTTRAM BRANCH.)
On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. W. WILDE'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS JACKSON	*Treble*	*WILLIAM JACKSON	5
HIRAM MEAKIN	2	ALFRED BARNES	6
REV. A. T. BEESTON	3	GEORGE D. WARBURTON	7
†HAROLD JACKSON	4	GEORGE MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD JACKSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal as conductor.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH B. FENTON	*Treble*	*FREDK. J. HERBERT	5
*PETER ROURKE	2	*WALTER WILLIAMS	6
†JOSEPH A. FENTON	3	WALTER MALINS	7
ALFRED J. HESSIAN	4	*WILLIAM G. TILCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER MALINS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor on tower bells. See note elsewhere.

BARKING, ESSEX,
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22¼ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY	*Treble*	THOMAS FAULKNER	5
WILLIAM T. COCKERELL	2	ALBERT C. HARDY	6
*WILLIAM H. HOTTEN	3	RICHARD F. DEAL	7
GEORGE W. FAULKNER	4	CHARLES S. BURDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

* First peal in the method.

LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

ALBERT WARD	*Treble*	J. CHARLES DICKEN	5
ERNEST J. OLIVER	2	EDWARD C. GOBEY	6
SAMUEL WESLEY	3	*WILLIAM BELLAMY	7
THOMAS R. HENSHER	4	LAWRENCE CHADBURN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BELLAMY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Wesley for kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE.
CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.
On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM	*Treble*	ISAAC SCHOFIELD	5
FRANK HALL	2	JOHN HARROP	6
ROBERT WALKER	3	JOSEPH GODDARD	7
SAMUEL STOTT	4	CHARLES MARSLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and
Conducted by ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

SAM THOMAS	*Treble*	FRANCIS WARD	5
ARCHIE BREARLEY	2	WILFRED R. COLLIER	6
GEORGE LEWIS	3	WALTER ALLWOOD	7
DAVID BREARLEY	4	WILLIAM BIGGIN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and
Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

First peal in the method as conductor.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BIDDLESTONE'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES SUCH	*Treble*	HENRY GROSVENOR	5
J. WILLIAM TILLEY	2	ALBERT BEACHAM	6
TOM GIBBS	3	*ALLEN J. CARTWRIGHT	7
HAROLD PRATT	4	GEORGE HITCHMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY GROSVENOR.

* First peal with a bob bell. All the above are members of the local company and residents of Harborne.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 11½ cwt.

W. W. WORTHINGTON	*Treble*	J. H. SWINFIELD	5
J. OLDHAM	2	C. DRAPER	6
W. J. SMITH	3	E. READER	7
J. W. TAYLOR	4	F. SHEPHERD	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. READER.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF "ROSE OF ENGLAND" TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

SID GOODALL	*Treble*	H. DRANSFIELD	5
EDWARD CRABTREE	2	W. THOMAS	6
W. CLARK	3	F. ROBINSON	7
J. F. CLAYTON	4	W. BREARLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER, and
Conducted by FRED ROBINSON.

The first peal in this method was rung on these bells on Jan. 12th, 1857.

LONDON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS JAKEMAN	*Treble*	ARTHUR N. HARDY	5
FRANK BENNETT	2	HARRY FLANDERS	6
JOHN D. MATTHEWS	3	WILLIAM SHIMMANS	7
FRANK J. HAIRS	4	WILLIAM BERRY	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES THOMAS	*Treble*	ERNEST GIBBS	5
WILLIAM RANFORD	2	ANDREW LAYTON	6
LIONEL LONGNEY	3	*WILLIAM J. TURNER	7
CHARLES LAYTON	4	CHARLES L. SADDLER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. CROSS, and
Conducted by LIONEL LONGNEY.

* First peal of Major.

HORLEY, SURREY.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, December 17, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICE	*Treble*	ALFRED D. MILLS	5
OLIVER SIPPETTS	2	GEORGE ILLMAN	6
ALBERT E. MITCHELL	3	FRANCIS T. HOAD, Junr.	7
ALBERT HARMAN	4	ALBERT ELLIS	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and ringer of the seventh.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PENARTH.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 9, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

†HARRY BURCOMBE	*Treble*	SIDNEY DAWE	4
DAVID THOMAS	2	*DR. ARTHUR BOYTON	5
WILLIAM B. BISS	3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID THOMAS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, December 11, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Grandsire, College Single and Plain Bob, and 720 Oxford Bob. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

JAMES SPENCER	*Treble*	ERNEST GEARY	4
ARTHUR MEASEY	2	GEORGE H. GEARY	5
EDWARD GEARY	3	VICTOR GEARY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. GEARY.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, December 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

BERNARD J. SADDINGTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. LEWIS	4
WALTER T. WILSON	2	*WILLIAM D. JAMES	5
GEORGE A. BLAXLEY	3	E. MAURICE ATKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. D. JAMES.

* First peal of Minor as conductor.

DONINGTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)
On Thursday, December 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND HOLYROOD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*CYRIL G. WOODS	*Treble*	HERBERT WOODS	4
JOHN T. STAPLES	2	*JOSEPH FOVARGUE	5
JOHN H. STAFFORD	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal. First peal in three methods by all except the conductor.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 of Woodbine, two 720's each of New London, Oxford and Kent.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	*Treble*	*FREDERICK POULSON	4
CHARLES VARO	2	ARTHUR SYMONDS	5
HARRY CRICH	3	ROBERT JOHN POULSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.

* First peal.

WHITBY, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

†MERVYN DUCK	*Treble*	WILLIAM BRECKSON	4
*CHARLES WATSON	2	JOHN W. WILKINSON	5
GEORGE WELLBURN	3	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.

† First peal on tower bells. * First peal. This peal was arranged for Messrs. Duck and Watson. Rung upon the front six of the peal which was recently augmented to ten by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank in commemoration of the Coronation of King George and Queen Mary. The weight of the tenor of the full peal is 18½ cwt.

WILTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*THOMAS J. LLOYD ...	...*Treble*	HENRY CHAPLIN	4
WILLIAM H. CHAPLIN ...	2	†TOM W. CREED	5
HENRY J. CREED	3	ISAAC CREED	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Bob Minor and rung at the first attempt. This peal was arranged for T. J. Lloyd and T. W. Creed who hail from Langport.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

T. J. HULL...	...*Treble*	R. CHALKLEY	4
*C. WALKLATE	2	*E. HUNT	5
J. MALYAN	3	F. JEFFS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MALYAN.

* First peal with a bob bell. This is believed to be the first peal rung on the bells,

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 13, 1911, in One Hour and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT 19, DAPDUNE ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	JAMES HUNT	5—6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	3—4	FRANK BLONDELL	7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: S. RADFORD.

PADDINGTON, LONDON, W.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 14, 1911, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT 52, SHIRLAND ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT ...	1—2	GEORGE B. EDSER ...	5—6
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ...	3—4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	7—8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, Bart., and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Grandsire Caters had been arranged, but owing to unforeseen circumstances Bob Major had to be substituted.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 15, 1911, in One Hour and Forty-eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING... ...	1—2	JAMES HUNT	5—6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE... ...	3—4	MAURICE SMITHER	7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 17, 1911, in One Hour and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Handbells, Size 11 in G.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	JAMES HUNT...	5—6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	3—4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ...	7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: M. SMITHER.

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GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

JAMES HUNT	1—2	MAURICE SMITHER	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ...	7—8
FRANK BLONDELL	9—10		

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

The peal of Minor at Netherseale last week should have been credited to the Midland Counties Association.

The umpire in the peal of Stedman Caters, rung at Guildford, on December 8th, was Mr. T. Radford.

WHY NOT A BENEVOLENT FUND?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—You ask "Why not a Benevolent Fund?" I will give you four reasons why not, and perhaps you can find answers to them.

1.—The cost of administration.

2.—The impossibility of preventing fraud. There are various degrees in which a fund of this could be imposed on from a harmless desire to get as much of a good thing as one could to downright fraud.

3.—The impossibility of judging fairly the relative merits of the various genuine cases.

4.—The fact that it can all be done much better and cheaper by existing organisations, and also the fact that the Insurance Bill will come into operation next year, and its inevitable result will be, sooner or later, to absorb or kill all the benevolent funds now in existence. —Yours sincerely,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The question of a benevolent fund amongst ringers is no new idea, at the same time it is a subject well worth the earnest attention of the ringing community, as is proved by cases of want and partial destitution brought before our notice in the columns of ringing papers during the past few years. That such a boon to our more unfortunate brothers could be effectively managed, I have not the slightest doubt. As one who under ordinary circumstances will never require assistance from such a fund, I shall be pleased to promise £1 1s. per annum in order to give a start to what we sincerely believe would be of great assistance to those of our ringing brethren who from time to time (through no fault of theirs) are in need of assistance. Trusting the question will be taken up by a capable committee of ringers, and given a fair trial, I remain, yours faithfully,

Whitwick

STORER W. WEST.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On Dec. 6th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, which came to grief in the 14th course, 1248 Kent Treble Bob: J. J. Parker 1, G. H. Guttridge 2, W. Welling 3, G. F. Williams (conductor) 4, W. Henley 5, J. Blackmore 6, R. Young 7, R. Buckland 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Wednesday, Dec. 6th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): T. Groombridge, junr., 1—2, W. Wise 3—4, A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor) 5—6, A. W. Clark 7—8. Longest length double-handed by two of the band; also three different 500's, in which Mr. T. Colburn took part.

WESTMINSTER.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sunday evening, Dec. 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: A. Hughes (longest length in the method) 1, F. Perrin 2, F. Davis 3, W. Matthews 4, E. F. Pike 5, J. E. Davis (composer and conductor) 6, J. A. Trollope 7, F. Hairs 8, E. Brett 9, A. Grimes 10.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

WILLIAM PYE—THE GREATEST RINGER OF TO-DAY.

Last Saturday's peal of Cambridge Royal at St. Clement Danes was one of singular interest to the Exercise, for it was Mr. William Pye's 1,000th peal. It did not, however, require this achievement to stamp him as the greatest ringer of to-day, his previous triumphs have done that, and it was but another addition to the laurels he had already won. In the short space at our disposal it is impossible to do full justice to the record of such a man, who, by his own indomitable energy, and his infinite capacity has climbed to the top rung of the ladder. Mr.

Mr. William Pye.

Pye always puts into his ringing the whole of his great ability, for he believes in the old adage that what is worth doing at all is worth doing well, and to this may be attributed his phenomenal success. He is one of the men who can rise to great occasions—the Exercise has seen many and ample proofs of this—and no task, however great, in the whole field of practical ringing seems to be beyond his powers.

Born at Chadwell Heath, Essex, on August 14th, 1870, Mr. Pye commenced to learn the Art at a very early age, and rang a 720 of Minor on handbells as early as 1881. His ringing on tower bells began the following year, on the peal of five at Little Heath, but it was not until 1888 that he did any ringing on eight bells. A quarter of a century ago ringing was very different to what it is to-day —the opportunities were much more limited—and it would do some of the present generation of ringers good to go back to those times for a while. They would then, perhaps, appreciate the assistance they receive much more than they do to-day. Many a weary mile has Mr. Pye tramped to get a pull, and often failed to do so ; but perseverance in the face of disappointments is the only means of progressing, and this has been typified by Mr. Pye. What would some of the ringers of to-day think if it took them eight years to ring their first five thousand?

Mr. Pye rang his first peal at Brentwood on October 16th, 1889. This was Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. Ackland J. Perkins, who also, curiously enough, called the first peal which the three brothers, William, Ernest and George, rang on handbells about 4½ years later. After ringing the peal at Brentwood, Mr. W. Pye went nearly a year before he rang his next. This he conducted, but it was not until 1893 that he was able to score many peals. About that time, in company with his brothers, G. R. and Ernest, he used to visit St. Mary's, Walthamstow, almost every Sunday to ring for evening service, and, through the kindness of that most unselfish conductor of the company at that time, Mr. W. B. Manning, he was often given the opportunity of calling quarter-peals of Stedman Triples. In 1894 Mr. Pye rang his first peal of Stedman at Walthamstow, and just afterwards scored his first peal of Double Norwich at Lavenham, under the conductorship of that well known ringer, Mr. F. Pitstow. But peal attempts were scarce, and Mr. Pye came to the conclusion that if he wanted to get to the top of the tree he would have to reach it by his own efforts, and so he set about the task of arranging peals for himself. He found, however, that it was no easy matter to get a band. The old ones would say : "Who is going to call? You can't call a peal in that method." But success attending his efforts, this state of affairs was soon altered, and there was no longer difficulty in getting a band.

In 1898 the then secretary of the young Middlesex Association (Mr. A. T. King) was working very hard to advance the society, and was able to secure many towers for the use of members for peal attempts, but most of them ended in failures. Then Mr. Pye was introduced to the secretary by Mr. A. W. Brighton. He joined the new organisation, and the efforts of Mr. King and Mr. Pye lifted the Association to the forefront of ringing societies. An almost unbroken run of success has since attended the Association, and Mr. Pye, who has rung over 500 peals for this society, is now its esteemed Master, a position to which he was elected just over twelve months ago. He is a member of nineteen different associations.

To enumerate all Mr. Pye's great feats would require more space than is available in this one issue. He has taken part in five peals of over 10,000 changes, including the longest peal ever rung by one set of men, and has on 67 different occasions rung two peals in a day, while twice he has rung three peals in a day. He once rang twelve peals in a week without a break, and in the year 1903 almost reached a century, scoring no fewer than 98 peals in the twelve months. He has rung bells to a peal, varying in weight from 1 cwt. to 72½ cwt., being the only man to ring Exeter Cathedral tenor to a peal single-handed. He has taken part in the first peals of Superlative, Cambridge, New Cambridge, London and Bristol rung out of England ; the first peal of Treble Bob Royal in Ireland, and the first peals of Stedman Caters and Double Norwich in Scotland. He took part in the first silent peal of Superlative ever rung and also in Thurstans'

four-part the first time it was rung silent. He also took part in the first peal of Cambridge on handbells and the only peals of London and Bristol ever rung in hand. He was the first to call a peal of Stedman Cinques from every bell, and his thousand peals have been rung in 290 different towers, in 42 counties. Only his brother Ernest has rung peals in more counties than he. The peals have been rung in England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland, while Mr. Pye also took part in the peal of Stedman Caters rung on handbells while crossing the Irish Sea.

	Tower Bells. Rung.	Condtd.	Handbells. Rung.	Condtd.
Seven Minor Methods	2			
Grandsire Triples	12	3	1	
Grandsire Caters	4	2		
Grandsire Cinques	1	1		
Stedman Triples	149	116	33	19*
Stedman Caters	143	110e	26	24
Stedman Cinques	44	31b	9	9
Bob Major	4			
Kent Treble Bob Major	20	15a	6	4
Kent Treble Bob Royal	26	18	4	2
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	6	5		
Oxford Treble Bob Major	7	6		
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	2	1		
Double Oxford Major	1			
Double Norwich Major	72	55d	4	2
Duffield Major	1			
Superlative Surprise Major	206	148	7	4*
Cambridge Major	15	10		
Cambridge Royal	5	4		
Cambridge Maximus	1			
New Cambridge Major	23	16	3	3
New Cambridge Royal	3	3		
New Cumberland Major	1	1		
London Surprise Major	110	99c	5	4
Bristol Surprise Major	41	35	3	2
Totals	899	679	101	73

Rung 1,000. Conducted 752.

* Including one non-conducted; a including 10,464; b including 11,111; c including 14,112; d including 15,072; e including 18,027.

AN APPRECIATION.

Few, we imagine, will be inclined to dispute that William Pye is, and has been for many years, *primus inter pares,* as a ringer. Whether we look at his prowess as a conductor, as a composer, or as a practical ringer, his credentials are high and unassailable. His ability as a composer is probably not so generally known as his wonderful capacity for conducting any and every kind of method, on eight, ten, or twelve bells; but we remember that his first peal of Bristol Surprise was both conducted and composed by him, while he has also more than one composition of Cambridge Surprise Royal which he has rung and conducted. On the score of accuracy of striking, he certainly leaves nothing to be desired, and, as might naturally be expected, he expects those who ring with him to follow the example he sets them. Delinquents may think that they are being called back to a sense of duty with unnecessary vigour; but some ringers need it, or they would fall asleep. We can say, however, that though his criticisms are forcibly expressed, there is never any impropriety of language. O! si sic omnes!

In all that pertains to the art of ringing William Pye is undoubtedly a Master. He has, moreover, the rare gift of infusing keenness into those who ring with him, by the sheer force of example; for a peal with him is not a mere holiday incident, but must be undertaken seriously. The best work must be put into it by all the band, or they may expect to hear of it. One great characteristic of William Pye is that he endeavours to make every peal he rings of educational value to somebody else, and few indeed are the occasions on which he chooses a band, without including in it one or more persons who are desirous of rising by such stepping stones to higher things. There is a positive fascination, too, in ringing peals with him—so many peals are successful under his guidance, and so many are first class, both as regards the quality of the ringing, and the difficulty of the methods attempted. Many a ringer has been heard to speak with pride of peals rung with William Pye, in which there has been no semblance of a hitch; peals where no voice is heard in the belfry but that of the conductor; peals noted for perfect striking, with every bell set at the close. Such peals are rare, because faultless peals are rare; but we venture to think that William Pye can justly pride himself in having rung a larger share of them than most people, among the thousand peals which he has just accomplished.

The best mood to find William Pye in, is the holiday mood; and in this he is simply delightful. He enters upon every ringing holiday with an almost boyish delight which is catching. Nothing comes amiss. Difficulties of time and place are got over with perfect good humour; and as in mythical lore contact with mother earth made the strength of a mighty wrestler invincible, so does the handling of a rope seem to lend life and vigour to William Pye in his great career as a ringer. May he long retain that vigour, and help to show us, in his own inimitable way, what can be done in the world of Art which he has made so peculiarly his own, and how it ought to be done. He is a delightful companion, full of reminiscence and anecdotes, and there is no man seeking to profit by his stores of accumulated experience who is sent empty away. His success as a ringer has been little short of phenomenal, and the secret of it all has been his indomitable pluck and perseverance, coupled with a lifelong habit of taking infinite pains, so indicative of true genius.

There are many who in the past have contributed to raise the art of ringing to the high position it occupies today; but it is not too much to say that William Pye has shown himself to be no ordinary man, and that he may fitly be inscribed in the ringers' roll of honour as not less distinguished than any of the distinguished men who have gone before him.

LIVERPOOL.—The Lancashire Association.—At St. Mary's Church, Grassendale, on Dec. 12th, a date touch of Minor (1911 changes), in 1 hr.: R. Hurst 1, R. H. Green 2, T. Jennion 3, G. R. Newton (conductor) 4, E. Caunce 5, J. Allen 6. The methods were: 720 Oxford, 360 each of Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob, and 471 changes of Plain Bob. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Alfred Williams, of Whitehaven, and Miss Amy Jones, of Grassendale.

BINFIELD, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Dec. 13th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: *J. White 1, J. Rance 2, *W. J. Paice 3, E. C. Lambert 4, J. North (first as conductor) 5, *H. Bungay 6. * First 720 in the method.

BOURNEMOUTH.—The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—At St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Dec. 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Bennett 1, E. T. Green 2, A. R. Macdonald 3, C. Forfitt 4, E. Waters 5, G. Preston (conductor) 6, C. Goodenough 7, F. Forsyth 8. Rung as a welcome home to A. R. Macdonald, whose previous touch was rung in Vancouver, 6,000 miles away.

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To all our readers we extend the heartiest greetings. "A Merry Christmas" is the time-honoured sentiment, and that it may be this in very truth to ringers throughout the length and breadth of the land, and beyond the seas, is our sincerest wish.

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Bell ringing is traditionally associated with Christmas, and it is certainly the season when the public look forward to the pealing of the bells more than at any other time. Ringers seldom fail to see that in this respect anticipations are fulfilled, and we look forward to seeing a big crop of peals recorded next week.

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Everyone will wish success to the long peal attempts, the 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major at Bromsgrove, and the 12,000 of Bristol at Knebworth on Boxing Day.

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The Truro Diocesan Guild award a silver medal to all members able to ring any inside bell to 120 Doubles. On Thursday week three members of the St. Kea band, Miss E. E. Fisher, W. C. Greet and H. W. Chegwidden, were examined by Dr. J. Symons, of Penzance, and passed the test.

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Cowden bells, Kent, have been augmented to six by Messrs. Warner and Sons, and on Wednesday week the Edenbridge ringers paid a visit to the tower and rang the first 720's on the bells. 720 Kent: J. Heasman 1, H. Markwell 2, A. Belton 3, E. Leigh 4, G. Maylon 5, J. W. Steddy (conductor) 6. The 720 Bob Minor was conducted by J. Heasman. The bells go well now, and it is hoped the local band will join the County Association.

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The Guildford band have done a good many things on handbells this year, and on Sunday they put to their credit the quickest peal of Triples on record. This was rung in 1hr. 44mins. on bells size 11 in G.

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Fifty years' service in the church as chorister and ringer is a remarkable record. On Thursday week Councillor Isaac Dean, J.P., of Ilkley, who joined the parish church choir on December 14th, 1861 (the day upon which the Prince Consort died), completed half a century of church work. Although the choir has claimed his chief attention, he was a ringer for a number of years, but gave up about 24 years ago. He used to ring regularly with Jasper Snowdon and his brothers. In honour of his 50 years' connection with the church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by R. Richmond 1, A. South 2, H. Verity 3, C. Stephenson 4, W. Cook 5, J. R. Feather 6, T. W. Crawshaw (conductor) 7, S. Rayner 8.

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Mr. F. Bashford writes pointing out that the peal rung at Godstone, Surrey, and published last week, was not, as stated, the first peal on the bells. A peal of Minor was rung there by the Nutfield branch of the Surrey Association on March 27, 1892.

It is interesting to note that the band in Mr. Pye's 1,000th peal on Saturday had rung between them over 4,800 peals, made up approximately as follows: R. Sanders 116, B. Prewett 740, I. G. Shade 913, C. T. Coles 142, G. R. Pye 510, A. W. Coles 92, J. E. Davis 415, E. Pye 805, A. W. Grimes 100, W. Pye 1,000; total 4,833.

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The peal of eight, tenor 18½ cwt., at the Parish Church, Whitby, Yorkshire, has recently been increased to ten by the addition of two trebles, the sixth bell, which was cracked, being recast, and the whole peal thoroughly overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in commemoration of the Coronation of their Majesties King George and Queen Mary. The new bells were dedicated by the Rev. Canon Austen, M.A., Rector of Whitby.

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The church stands on the east cliff, overlooking the town, and is reached by ascending 199 steps, a position which is unique from a ringing standpoint. The music of the bells across the river Esk (which divides the old town from the modern part) is charming in its effect.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Crewe branch was held at Alsager, on Saturday last, about forty members being present from Barthomley, Lawton, Crewe, and Alsager. Mr. J. Stringer, one of the vice-presidents of the branch, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Wolverhampton, also attended. Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung during the afternoon. Tea was provided by the generosity of the Vicar (the Rev. H. A. Arnold, M.A.), and was served in the Schoolroom. The business meeting followed, Mr. J. Stringer presiding in the unavoidable absence of the president (Mr. C. J. Bowen-Cooke). Mr. C. J. Bowen-Cooke was unanimously re-elected president; the vice-presidents were also re-elected. Mr. R. T. Holding, junr., was re-appointed secretary, with Mr. W. T. Holding as assistant, Mr. J. H. Riding as treasurer, and Mr. Fred Edwards, of Alsaker, as representative of the branch on the general committee. The auditors and instructor were also re-elected. —A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells, and for providing the tea, and a vote of thanks was also accorded to Mr. Stringer for presiding at the meeting.—The ringers then attended service in the church, the form used being that approved by the Bishop of Lichfield for use in the Salop and North Stafford Associations.—The Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Arnold) gave an address on the duties of bell ringers as officers of the church.—Ringing was again indulged in in the evening, and the meeting was a most enjoyable one.

A VICAR WELCOMED.

The peal at Rolvenden, recorded elsewhere, was rung as a welcome to the Rev. Lynn Fryer, who comes from Delsey, near Rochester. The reverend gentleman was inducted incumbent on the same day by the Archdeacon of Maidstone.

The change ringers of the district are exceedingly sorry that his predecessor (the Rev. Drabble) felt compelled, owing to advancing years, to resign the living, for the reverend gentleman was always ready to welcome ringers and grant permission for peals, practices and meetings to take place at Rolvenden. The campanologists look forward to receiving the same privileges under the new Vicar.

There was an account of a ringing tour in Kent in these columns in August last, and in it the condition of Rolvenden bells was referred to. It appeared that peal ringing on them was out of the question. The writer of that article, no doubt, will be pleased to know that Mr. F. G. Burden has thoroughly overhauled the fittings, and the "go" of the bells is now excellent. All that was needful was simply the tightening up of bolts, which had got loose owing to the dry summer we have experienced.

THE PEAL AT LUTTERWORTH.

This was the first peal by the ringers of the 2nd, 5th, 6th and tenor, who belong to the local band, and was the first to be rung by a resident ringer who had learned his change ringing at Lutterworth. The peal was attempted on the two previous Saturdays, but on the first occasion it came to grief, after ringing two hours, and on the second a change course occurred in the last 200 changes. The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th and 7th hail from Rugby, and wish to take this opportunity of thanking the local ringers for kindly entertaining them after the peal, and also after the previous two attempts.

THE PEAL OF 12 AT WOLVERHAMPTON

NEW RING DEDICATED.

Wolverhampton now rejoices in the possession of a magnificent peal of twelve bells, which have been hung in the tower of St. Peter's, Collegiate, Church. The work has been splendidly carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and has given the greatest satisfaction to all concerned. The old peal was recast and trebles added, the weight of the peal being now 132 cwt. 2 qrs. 8lbs., with a tenor of 33 cwt. 0 qrs. 21 lbs. The bells, tuned on the Simpson principle, are hung in massive H frames, and an important thing from the ringers' standpoint is that the small bells can be heard distinctly, both when dodging among the large ones, or when out among themselves.

The dedication took place on Sunday, by the Bishop of Stafford, the clergy also taking part in the service being: The Rector (the Rev. Prebendary Alfred Penny), the Rev. W. Caldicott Ridding, and the Rev. R. L. Hodson. The anthem, "Who are these," was sung, and the Rector announced that, owing to the generosity of the donor of the two bells to make up twelve (and who wished to remain anonymous), a sum of £200 had been received. This meant that the bells would be dedicated and opened free from debt. — After the hymn, 'We love the place, O God," the Bishop preached from Romans xii., 15, "Rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep." He remarked that it was not always easy to rejoice with those that rejoiced, for that required a very noble soul, while the need of sympathy between all classes was greater to-day than ever. That day he was with them to rejoice with them, and he congratulated them on having their bells rehung and recast. After the long silence it would be most pleasing to hear the bells pealing forth, calling people to worship. The bells would rejoice with them when they rejoiced, and when sorrow came they would ring in mournful tones, and so weep with them when they wept. The bells also spoke to those who were prevented from attending the public worship of God, and also to those who lay on a sick bed. The ringers of the bells were very important members of the Church, and they should so order their lives that they might be an example, and not only call others to worship, but also attend themselves.

After the dedication, the hymn, "Lifted safe within the steeple," was sung. Then the bells rang out as the congregation left the church, and the splendid tone of the peal was greatly admired by everyone.—A large party of ringers assembled for the opening, and Stedman Cinques, Kent Treble Bob Maximus, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major on the back eight were successfully brought round. There will be a meeting for practice, to-morrow (Saturday), from 3 to 7 p.m., at which all ringers will be welcome.

LINCOLN GUILD AT LEA.

A meeting of the Northern branch of the Gainsborough District was held at Lea, on Saturday, ringers being present from Gainsborough, Haxey and West Stockwith. Some good ringing was accomplished during the afternoon, in Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor. One of the local band also rang the treble through a six-score of Grandsire Doubles, in a very creditable manner. Later on, the visitors adjourned to the Rectory, where they were received in a most welcome manner by the Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Fookes, who had kindly provided an excellent tea. The meeting followed, at which Mr. F. F. Linley presided, and was supported by the Rector. The business was of a brief nature.—Mr. Linley proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, also to the Rev. and Mrs. Fookes for the hospitable manner in which they had entertained the ringers that afternoon. The Chairman made reference to the interest which the late Sir Charles Anderson always took in bells and bell ringers, and stated that had he been alive at the present day he would have felt gratified at the way in which the ringers had been entertained on that occasion.—The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. J. C. Tinker, and, after being unanimously carried, was duly responded to by the Rector.—A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—After ringing two plain courses of Grandsire Triples upon the handbells, the ringers then returned to the church, where other touches were rung, including a six-score of Plain Bob Doubles, in which two of the Lea ringers took part; also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: C. H. Baker (first 720 of Treble Bob) 1, F. S. W. Butler (conductor) 2, W. Dickenson 3, J. C. Tinker 4, J. T. Ladd 5, W. Ayre 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL.

The December meeting was held at Manchester Town Hall, on Saturday, a representative gathering being present, members and friends coming from Stoke, Sheffield, Stockport, Pendleton, Pendlebury, Swinton, Worsley, Stretford, Prestwich, Manchester Cathedral and Eccles, together with the local company of police sergeants and constables. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire, Caters and Triples, Kent Royal and Bob Minor were rung to give all a chance of a pull on the heaviest ten in Lancashire. An amusing incident happened when the tenor man got his bell a bit down, and he gave an extra pull which lifted him off the box, and the next stroke landed him back again, although, needless to say, the touch was spoilt.—The business meeting was presided over by Mr. Barratt, and the Cathedral was chosen for the first meeting in the new year.—Owing to an organ recital, ringing had to cease at 7.15, just when the visitors were getting used to the pull of the bells.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch was held on Saturday at St. Barnabas, Shore, Littleboro'. Members were present from Todmorden, Oldham, Rochdale, Middleton, Milnrow, Balderstone, Walsden. —Mr. S. Brierley presided over the meeting, at which one new member was elected, and a vote of condolence with relatives was passed upon the death of Mr. Jas. Crossley, of Hamer, and Mr. E. Stansfield, of Todmorden, two members of the branch.—During the day touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

BELLS DEDICATED AT MACHEN.

PEAL RESTORED AND AUGMENTED.

The dedication of the newly-spliced ring of eight bells at Machen, Monmouthshire, took place on Saturday afternoon. Until recently the ring consisted of only six bells, which were hung on an old-fashioned framing of oak beams, but being out of order they have not been rung for nearly 30 years. In March last, experts reported that the framework was in a most dilapidated and dangerous condition, and the bells were liable to fall to the ground at any moment. The bells were accordingly at once taken down. They bore the following inscriptions:—

Treble. My treble voice makes hearts rejoice.
2. Good ringing might, yields great delight.
3. Health, peace and plenty to this neighbourhood. Cast by Thos. Bayley, 1768. David Edmunds, Churchwarden.
4. Faith, hope and grace attend the place. David Edmunds, Churchwarden. Cast 1768, Thos. Bayley. C. Mears, Founder, London. Recast 1856. Rector, Rev. A. Morgan. Churchwardens, Philip Woodruff, W. Jones.
5. Public subscription gave us birth, and now we six here joyn in mirth. Cast by Thos. Bayley, 1768. David Edmunds, Churchwarden.
Tenor. "Me resonare pieta more atque voluptas." David Edmunds, Churchwardens. Thos. Bayley, Founder, Bridgewater, 1768.

A number of the parishioners and others in the diocese, who are interested in bell ringing, took the matter up with a view to having the bells restored on modern lines, and a suggestion was made by the hon. secretary of the Llandaff Diocesan Association (Mr. J. W. Jones) to increase the ring from six to eight bells. At a public meeting, held on March 9th, it was unanimously decided to carry out the scheme as suggested, and the contract was placed in the hands of Messrs. Llewellins and James, of Bristol, whose specification comprised a new modern frame, having a foundation of massive rolled steel joists, with webbed ends, over which is a new frame of cast-iron sections braced with steel bars. Each bell is provided with a complete set of mountings of the latest improved design, the total cost being £183 5s. The new treble bell weighs 3 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lbs., and bears the inscription: "Praise to the holiest in the height. Canon C. E. T. Griffith, Rector. W. R. Lloyd and Frederick Stratton, Churchwardens." The new tenor, weighing 12 cwt., concludes the quotation: "And in the depths be praise." These two bells were added by public subscription, at a cost of £97. A chiming apparatus of the latest improved design, consisting of independent chiming hammers fixed underneath the bells, was added at a cost of £16 16s., with a new double floor packed with silicate cotton to prevent sound.

The total cost of the work was £350 11s., of which over £320 has now been collected, while the balance will probably be wiped out in a short time.

The Dedication service was performed by the Bishop of Llandaff, and the clergy present included the Rev. Canon Griffith (Rector of the parish), the Rev. Canon Lister (St. Mark's, Newport), the Rev. Connop L. Price (Caerphilly), the Rev. A. A. Matthews (Newport), the Rev. G. Aubrey Baile (Nash, Newport), the Rev. S. G. Morgan, and the Rev. D. Dudlyke (curates of the parish). The hymns, "Praise the Lord, ye Heavens adore him," "Praise my soul, the King of Heaven," and "They are lifted to the steeple," were sung during the service by a very large congregation, the church being crowded.—The Bishop congratulated the parishioners on the splendid effort which they had made.

After the service, the ringing was done by the ringers from All Saints' and St. Woolos Churches, Newport, under the leadership of Mr. J. W. Jones, Grandsire and Stedman Triples being rung. Amongst the visiting ringers were Mr. A. W. Brighton (London), Mr. Hobbs (Cardiff), and Mr. Davis (Caerleon). Tea was afterwards provided in the old schoolroom for all the ringers present, the gathering being presided over by Messrs. F. Stratton and Newton Wade, who were ably assisted by Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. N. Wade, the Misses Stratton and McKinnon, the Rev. D. Dudlyke, the Rev. S. G. Morgan, and Mr. W. R. Lloyd. After tea, the bells were kept going for the remainder of the evening.

The work carried out reflects the highest possible credit upon the bell founders, Messrs. Llewellin and James, the tone and "go" both being perfect.

DENTON BELLS TO BE REHUNG.

On Saturday week, a whist drive and social were held at the Schools, the first of a series of efforts towards meeting the expenses of the rehanging of the bells at St. Anne's, Denton. About 160 people assembled. During the evening, the Rev. F. Parratt announced that an encouraging letter had been received from Mr. I. W. Sidebotham, who enclosed a subscription.—A vote of thanks to those who had assisted in making the social a success was proposed by the Rev. R. O. Lloyd, and carried.—On behalf of the ringers, Mr. Jas. Pollitt (secretary) responded, and expressed appreciation of the support which had been given.—The proceeds and subscription amounted to £7 13s.

DEATH OF MR. J. BASDEN.

LATE MASTER OF THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

It is with much regret that we have to record the death of Mr. J. Basden, late Master of the Middlesex County Association, and London Diocesan Guild, which occurred at his residence, 2, Oaklands Road, Hanwell, on Wednesday week, after a protracted illness. The deceased, who was in his 54th year, and was always prominent in the Art in West Middlesex, was instrumental in forming the first Guild for that part of the county. He, together with Messrs. T. Beadle, A. H. Taber, E. J. Walsom, and a few other enthusiasts, met at Isleworth early in 1894, and formed what was subsequently known as the South and West Middlesex Guild of Change Ringers. Mr. Basden was elected Master, and owing to his ability and energy, the Guild made rapid progress. On the amalgamation of the Guild in 1907 with the Middlesex Association, the deceased was unanimously elected Master, and from that time until illness overtook him, at the end of 1907, he carried out his duties with a cheerfulness and tact which gained for him the respect and esteem of all who came into contact with him. By his illness, the Association (particularly the South and West District with which he was more intimately connected) has lost not only a courteous and kindly officer, but also a valued friend. The number of peals the deceased had rung for the Middlesex Associaton was 74, of which he conducted 51. His first peal (Grandsire Triples) was rung at Isleworth, on August 6th, 1894, and his last (Stedman Triples), at Hounslow, on September 28th, 1907, both of which he conducted.

The interment took place on Monday last, at Greenford Cemetery, when the following members attended at the graveside to pay a last tribute of respect to an old comrade: Messrs. T. Beadle (District Master), H. C. Chandler (hon. sec.), E. J. Walsom, A. H. Taber, E. Harris, J. J. Pratt, F. G. Goddard, G. A. Ransom, G. Spencer, and W. H. Lidbetter.

NEW BRANCH FOR BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday afternoon, a meeting was held at the Potton Parish Church, in order to form a branch of the Association for North Bedfordshire.—The Vicar (the Rev. A. Long) kindly took the chair, when the following were elected to start the branch: The Potton Society (en bloc), consisting of seven members, with two members from Sandy and one probationer, and F. Blood (Biggleswade). The following officers were also elected: President, the Rev. A. Long (Vicar of Potton); secretary, Mr. F. Blood (Biggleswade); committee, Mr. A. Bailey (Potton) and Mr. W. Deacon (Sandy). After tea, which was kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Long), the members adjourned to the tower, where ringing was indulged in, several Minor methods being rung.—A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his kindness in granting the use of the bells and the schoolroom for the meeting, and for providing tea.—The following ringers were present: Mr. Harlow and Miss E. Steele (Bedford), Mr. E. White (Elstow), Mr. W. Deacon and Mr. G. Jefferies and Mr. T. Kendall (Sandy), Mr. C. A. Pratt (Clifton), Mr. F. Blood (Biggleswade), and the members of the Potton Society. This was the first meeting a lady ringer has attended in this district and taken an active part in the ringing. Now that a local branch of the Bedfordshire Association has been formed, it is hoped that the Vicars of all the parishes of this district will lend the movement their support.

A KENT MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Rochester district was held on Saturday, at St. Mary's, Newington, Sittingbourne. Members were present from Sheerness, Queenborough, Tunstall, Hartlip, Upchurch, Chatham, Gillingham and Rochester, and the local ringers, about 20 in all. The bells were kept going in the various methods, including Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.—The business meeting was held in the belfry, at 6.15, Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins, of Sheerness, being voted to the chair. Two new members of the Gravesend band were admitted into the Association, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Bordon, in March, 1912.—A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Newington (the Rev. P. L. Hunt) for the use of the tower and bells, also to the Vicar of Hartlip (the Rev. J. S. McMillard) for his bells.—After the meeting, eight members from the Rochester part of the district walked over from Newington to Hartlip, where some touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were rung.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern district was held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, W.C., on Saturday last, and is believed to be the first one held at this tower. The bells were kept going during the afternoon in various methods, including Erin Triples, Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich. Tea was provided in the Church House, after which the business meeting was held, the District Master (Mr. A. D. Barker) presiding.—Mr. E. A. Young was appointed to audit the accounts of the district, and two new members were also elected. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, was chosen as the place for the annual district meeting, on January 20th, and failing that, St. Sepulchre's, Holborn.

PRESENTATIONS TO RINGERS.

THE MASTER OF THE DUDLEY GUILD.

At the conclusion of the peal at Dudley, on Saturday (recorded in another column) an adjournment was made to the Griffin Hotel, Stone Street, where a pleasing presentation was made to Mr. S. Spittle, the Master of the St. Thomas' Society and the Dudley and Districts Guild, in honour of whose 75th birthday the peal had been rung. The gift took the form of a gold-mounted umbrella, with the inscription: "Presented to Mr. S. Spittle by the Dudley bell ringers, December 16th, 1911." The presentation was made on behalf of the ringers by the senior member of St. Thomas' band, Mr. John Mills, who, in a few well-chosen remarks, offered Mr. Spittle congratulations and good wishes upon reaching his 75th birthday, and expressed the hope that he may be spared in health and strength to continue as Master for many years to come. The presentation, he said, was made as a slight token of the esteem and affection in which Mr. Spittle was held by his band of ringers, and also as an appreciation of the services he had rendered to them both inside and outside of the belfry.—Mr. Spittle, who was taken by surprise, feelingly thanked the ringers for their present, and said it was always a pleasure to him to do anything for them that lay in his power, especially for the benefit of younger members to encourage them in the art of change ringing.

SERVICES RECOGNISED AT NUNEATON.

A very pleasing incident took place at Nuneaton on Saturday, when the members of the Parish Church Society of Ringers presented to their leader, Mr. Thomas Chapman, a pipe and pouch, together with a supply of tobacco, as an earnest of their goodwill and appreciation of his untiring efforts to raise the status of the band as change ringers. —Mr. H. Argyle made the presentation, and, in reply, Mr. Chapman said it was indeed a pleasant surprise for him, though what he had done had always been done as a labour of love. The fact that the band was making headway was sufficient reward for any time he had spent with them. He contrasted the present with the time when he commenced ringing some 25 years ago, when some of the old ringers would rather sit down and chime with their feet than be at the trouble to pull the bells up. Now, however, they were always able to ring the bells for the church services, and if this were only maintained, he did not think the Vicar and churchwardens would begrudge them any reasonable use of the bells for meetings or peals. He thanked them heartily for their present and good wishes.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Milverton on Saturday, when the following towers were represented: Bridgwater, Ilminster, Milverton, Fitzhead, Chipstable and Taunton St. James' and Bishop's Hull.—A short service, with address, was held in the Parish Church, the Rev. E. F. Felton officiating.

At the business meeting, held afterwards in the Church Room, an apology for absence was read from the Bishop of Taunton.—The Master of the Association (the Rev. C. C. Parker) presided over the business meeting, supported by the Rev. Felton. About 30 new members were elected.—A letter was read from Mr. J. B. Holmyard, secretary of the Midsomer Norton branch, inviting the members to hold their next meeting at that place.—After some discussion it was thought that the western part of the diocese had a meeting due to them, and Dulverton was selected.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Felton for officiating at the service for the excellent address he had given, for the use of the church room and the use of the bells, on the proposition of the Master, who remarked that, although they had rather a small meeting, they really represented over 1,200 ringing members. The railway service and the weather no doubt kept many away.—The Rev. Felton having responded, this concluded the business. — A meat tea was then partaken of.—During the afternoon and evening, the bells were utilised, and touches of Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, including two 504's of Stedman Triples, being the longest length of Stedman by the members of the local band.

RINGER'S WEDDING.

The marriage of Mr. Arthur Holmes, of Edenham, Bourne, Lincolnshire, with Miss Mary Maze, of Belfast, on Saturday week, drew a number of ringers to the village to celebrate the event in the true ringers' style, and many members of the Exercise in South Lincolnshire and elsewhere will join in congratulating Mr. Holmes and his bride. A peal in seven Minor methods was rung in 2 hrs. 50 mins.—and a good one at that. It was conducted by Mr. Rupert Richardson, and has already been recorded in our columns. It was the quickest peal on the bells.

In the afternoon a 720 was wanted, among other things, but some of the ringers had gone off to Grimsthorpe to watch a football match. Only five were left, but when the bridegroom heard of this, he promptly came to the rescue, and a capital 720 was rung. Among those who signed the marriage register were: The Bridegroom, with 50 peals to his credit; Mr. Jas. Osborne, with just on 40; and Mr. Rupert Richardson with 113. Who, then, will say, asks our correspondent, that South Lincolnshire is not a ringing district? Congratulations and good wishes were extended to the bride and bridegroom by many friends.

SHOREDITCH SOCIETY.

On Saturday week, the above Society met to celebrate its first birthday. The bells, which cannot be rung, owing to the weakness of the frame and fittings, were merrily chimed for about an hour, during the afternoon. Tea was served in the ringing chamber at 4.30 p.m., the Chairman of the Society (the Rev. A. A. Duffield Harding, B.A.), who is taking a keen interest in the work and welfare of the Society, presiding.—In proposing the health of the Society, he apologised for the absence of the Vicar and President, who was suffering from a severe attack of influenza, and had been ordered away for the week-end. He said that, although the Society was only one year old, still it was a baby that had the germ of manhood in it. He called attention to the records on the walls of some peals rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths, the College Youths, and other Associations, and said he hoped the Society would grow and revive the former reputation and glories of the tower. As they all knew, a fund had been started, and was progressing very favourably, to put the bells in ringing order, and he hoped that soon they would be able to welcome all ringing associations to the tower. Altogether the first year's work was indeed very satisfactory. The ringing chamber, which a year ago was unfit to go into, had been made habitable and comfortable, and chiming had been done regularly for Sunday services during the year. He wished the Society all good fortune, and coupled with the toast the names of Mr. F. W. Sallaway, the hon. secretary, and Mr. Herbert J. Bradley, the secretary of the appeal fund, whose action in the first place led to the starting of the Society.

The toast was heartily drunk in the cup that cheers, but does not inebriate. The bells were then again chimed and fired.

Subscriptions are still earnestly asked for. In a neighbourhood like Shoreditch, where there are so many poor people, money for such a purpose cannot be obtained. Sums, however small, will be welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. E. R. Ford, M.A., Shoreditch Vicarage, E., or Mr. H. J. Bradley, the hon. secretary of the fund, the Parish Church, Shoreditch, E. The committee would rejoice to have this famous peal of 12 bells in ringing order by Easter next, but at present the old rhyme, "When I grow rich said the bells of Shoreditch," is the burden of their hope and patience.

NOTICES.

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THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Woolos, Newport, Mon., on Boxing Day, December 26th, at 3 o'clock. The bells of St. Woolos and All Saints' Churches available all the evening.—Rev. Connop L. Price and John W. Jones, Honorary Secretaries.

PETERBORO' AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The proposed meeting at Wisbech will not take place on Dec. 26th on account of bells being in bad repair.—F. T. Cooke, Hon. Sec., 195, Gladstone Street, Peterboro'.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Horsham, on Saturday, December 30th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business to follow. Members intending to be present please inform me by Thursday, December 28th.—H. Evans, Hon. Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—The annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, 1912, at the Tamworth Arms Hotel. Moor Street, City. Chair will be taken at 8 o'clock p.m. Subscriptions, annual and otherwise, are payable at this meeting. The Balance Sheet will be presented, and an alteration to Rule 4 will be proposed. The Peal book will be on view.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 6th, 1912, at Eckington. Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 8 bells (tenor 16 cwt.), available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Sec., 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Dunstable, January 6th.

NOTICES (continued).

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bramley on January 6th, 1912. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting at the Cardigan Arms at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society.)—The quarterly general meeting will take place on January 8 at St. Clement Danes. Tower open from 8 to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow at the headquarters' room, The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, W.C. All members should attend.—Fredk. J. Hardy, Hon. Gen. Sec., 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

GREETINGS.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS and good luck in the New Year to all ringing friends at home and abroad is the sincere wish of

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Bournemouth,
December, 1911.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. Henry Dew has removed from Chester to 10, Bond Street, Clerkenwell, London, W.C.—Mr. W. H. Pasmore's address is now 61, Boundary Road, Merton, Surrey.—Mr. James W. Washbrook, late of Arklow, has removed to Summer Bank Road, Tunstall, Staffs.—Mr. C. W. Clarke has removed to 72, Cauldwell Street, Bedford.

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THE PASSING YEAR.

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light,
The year is dying in the night,
Ring out, wild bells and let him die.

Before the next issue of *The Ringing World* falls into the hands of our readers Father Time will have passed another milestone. Throughout the land the bells will have pealed solemnly to speed the passing of the old year, and merrily to herald the coming of the new; 1911 will be but a memory; we shall be looking forward with new hopes and new aspirations to 1912. Leaving aside seasonal changes, our divisions of time are arbitrary. Man has made them for his own convenience. The day that begins a new year is only a mark on the calendar; yet such is the power of imagination and force of habit that we always associate with this first day a sense of new beginnings, and we are quickened when it arrives by vague expectation and ardent hope. And perhaps it is as well that we should have some period at which we feel compelled to take stock of ourselves, and to face the tasks of the future with new courage and added determination, even though our retrospect may not be altogether gratifying and our good resolutions made only to be broken before the new year is hardly out of its swaddling clothes.

With the closing days of 1911 upon us, it may not be altogether out of place if we turn to review the year, now slipping so fast away, from the ringers' standpoint. In this respect we think the Exercise has a good deal to be satisfied with. Taken as a whole, the signs are that we have gone a step forward, for there seems to have been a steady extension of the field of work, and nowhere, can we find, has there been any serious set-back. In many places the cause of ringing has been promoted by the loyalty called forth by the King's Coronation. Lasting memorials of this event, which deeply stirred the patriotic fervour of the public, have been provided by the renovation and augmentation of peals of bells, and this has, naturally, stimulated the interest in ringing in all these localities.

At the moment it is impossible to say exactly how the year will compare with the record in peal ringing set up in 1910, but peal ringing is not the sole guide to progress. As we have always endeavoured to show, the highest calling of the bell ringer is his service to the Church, and the real standard of growth to judge by is the extension of this service. Peal ringing, however, is indication of efficiency, and there can be no question that in regard to the quality of methods rung 1911 will bear very favourable comparisons with 1910.

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John O. Sager, Solicitor, Todmorden, December 10, 1910
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Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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The year has certainly not been without its events of special interest, and we think we may say without egotism that our own advent was the chief. For our part let us say that the reception which *The Ringing World* has been accorded has been extremely gratifying. We are conscious of imperfections, but we are convinced, from the way in which the paper has been supported, that our readers recognise in our humble efforts the determination to give them a ringing journal which shall interest them, and which is a pennyworth for a penny. At the hands of some of the leading members of the Exercise we had to take a buffeting in the early days, but we believe the spirit of opposition which was then displayed has almost, if not entirely, died down. It is recognised that *The Ringing World* has come to stay, and that with the support of so many thousands of ringers behind it it has got to be reckoned with. And on the threshold of another year we look forward to the future with no misgiving. Hopes and aspirations we have many, we go forward with courage and determination. In like spirit we trust that every one of our readers in his or her own sphere will be able to meet the coming of 1912, and to each and all we extend the time honoured but none the less sincere wish for "A happy and prosperous new year."

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ERNEST BRETT	Treble	ALFRED W. GRIMES	6
†FRANK J. HAIRS	2	FRANK BENNETT	7
*EDWIN BARNETT, Junr.	3	*EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	8
WILLIAM J. NUDDS	4	HARRY FLANDERS	9
†HENRY J. RANZETTA	5	JAMES E. DAVIS	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal, and first by the Association.
† First peal of Royal.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt., in D.

*SAMUEL WILLIAMS	Treble	FRED CHAMBERLAIN	6
CLARENCE O. HOBBS	2	CHARLES R. LILLEY	7
*HENRY DAY	3	EVAN COLES	8
WILLIAM BISS	4	WILLIAM BOLTON	9
WILLIAM MILLER	5	*HENRY BURCOMBE	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. This peal has the 6th twenty times wrong and right and was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

CHARLES PALMER	Treble	GEORGE ADES	6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	2	WILLIAM PALMER	7
ROBERT J. DAWE	3	ALFRED J. TURNER	8
ALBERT D. STONE	4	KEITH HART	9
JOHN CAPP	5	PHILLIP ALLFREY	Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

FREDERICK E. SMITH	Treble	ERNEST J. OLIVER	6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	2	FRANK JACOBS	7
GEORGE HOLLIS	3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	8
SAMUEL WESLEY	4	GEORGE A. THOMPSON	9
THOMAS W. GORE	5	WALTER ALLWOOD	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT	Treble	SAMUEL GROVE	5
WILLIAM SHILVOCK	2	ROBERT MATTHEWS	6
JAMES E. GROVES	3	JAMES E. DOWLER	7
ALFRED DAVIES	4	HARRY WITHERS	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

This peal was rung on the anniversary of the bi-centenary of the back six bells and is the first peal of Major on the bells.

HERNHILL, FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 19, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

IVO HADLOW	Treble	CLARENCE HADLOW	5
CYRIL HADLOW	2	HORACE GILBERT	6
ALFRED BONES	3	FRANK ELSEY	7
E. E. FOREMAN	4	FRED HADLOW	Tenor

Conducted by HORACE GILBERT.

First peal as conductor.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 19, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt., in D.

WILLIAM WELHAM	Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD	5
JAMES MOTTS	2	WILLIAM SOUTER	6
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	3	EDWARD E. DIAPER	7
HENRY A. TURNER	4	WILLIAM D. JAMES	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION.

(ST. PETER'S JUNIORS' SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, December 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs., in E flat.

HARRY PAGE	Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN	5
GEORGE CROSS	2	WILLIAM PAGE	6
JAMES CROSS	3	GEORGE WINES	7
TOM PAGE	4	HENRY CRABBE	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, December 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¼ cwt.

FRANK JACOBS	*Treble*	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	5
JOHN HOLMAN	2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	6
WILLIAM LAMBERT	3	*JOHN P. TARLTON	7
THOMAS BETTISON	4	JOHN FLINT	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.
On Saturday, December 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

*T. RAWDIN	*Treble*	*M. BEND	5
C. LAMB	2	*R. BEND	6
*A. WARD	3	*S. BAKER	7
*G. W. KIRTON	4	*H. THORLBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. LAMB.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells; also first peal by the local band.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES	*Treble*	HARRY F. DAWKINS	5
CHARLES T. COLES	2	*CHARLES R. LILLEY	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	WILLIAM PYE	7
ERNEST PYE	4	*JAMES E. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

CAVERSHAM.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER A. WEBB	*Treble*	FRANK T. MARLIN	5
HARRY TUCKER	2	GEORGE ESSEX	6
HUBERT HATTO	3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN	7
JOSEPH HANDS	4	ERNEST W. MENDAY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by ERNEST W. MENDAY.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.
THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 23, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE BLOOR	*Treble*	JOHN WOODWARD	5
GEORGE WOODS	2	CHARLES PAGE	6
SIDNEY CHURTON	3	FREDERICK PAGE	7
ERNEST LANDON	4	HAROLD AUSTIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY CHURTON.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Hon. Mrs. Augustus Legge, wife of the Bishop of Diocese who died on the same day.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Sunday, December 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK BOREHAM	*Treble*	RHYS MORRIS HAWES	5
ARTHUR GROVER JANES	2	RALPH HENRY BIGGS	6
HARRY STRATFORD	3	JOHN EVANS	7
FREDERICK GEORGE BIGGS	4	JOSEPH EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

This was a midnight local peal, rung to usher in Christmas.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CREWE BRANCH.)
On Monday, December 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt., in E.

JOHN SHERRATT	*Treble*	JAMES HENRY RIDING	5
JOHN MATTHEWS	2	ARTHUR ALLMAN	6
JOHN BRADSHAW	3	RICHARD T. HOLDING, Senr.	7
JOHN BRASSINGTON	4	*JOHN ANKERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD THOS. HOLDING, Senr.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. G. W. Skene, M.A.

REIGATE, SURREY.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HARRY DEWEY	*Treble*	HENRY A. HOAD	5
EDWARD DEWEY	2	THOMAS SPARKS	6
ARTHUR R. BASHFORD	3	GEORGE F. HOAD	7
GEORGE H. CROUCHER	4	HENRY W. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM A. JEAVONS	*Treble*	BENJAMIN GOUGH	5
ARTHUR BAKER	2	SAMUEL BAKER	6
JOSEPH ROBERTS	3	WILLIAM FISHER	7
SAMUEL PEARCE	4	ALBERT E. LAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor, also first in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 28th anniversary of the institution of the Rev. W. Spencer as Vicar of Coseley, and also the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Harper, relatives of the conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTON'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM C. HART	*Treble*	JOHN CAPP	5
ALBERT D. STONE	2	GEORGE ADES	6
RICHARD HOATHER	3	KEITH HART	7
CHARLES PALMER	4	WILLIAM PALMER	*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Boxing Day, December 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14 cwt., in F sharp.

EDWIN WOOD	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. ANKER	5
JOHN CORRIGAN	2	WILLIAM G. ELLIS	6
ALFRED JONES	3	THOMAS VERRY	7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS	4	STEPHEN DANBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Charles Starkey, one of the Handsworth ringers, and Miss Annie Greenhouse, which took place at Bishop Latimer's, on Boxing Day, the ringers wishing them much happiness. A. Jones was elected a member previous to starting.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

ON THE ROYAL MEMORIAL BELLS OF S. JOHN-THE-DIVINE.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON	*Treble*	E. MAURICE ATKINS	5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER	2	JAMES PARKER	6
ALBERT P. WAKLEY	3	*JAMES HARRIS	7
WILLIAM WILLSON, Junr.	4	WILLIAM WILLSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by MISS EDITH K. PARKER.

* First Surprise Peal, and also the first of Superlative upon the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SURFLEET.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 19, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERNEST LINFORD	*Treble*	R. HUGH RICHARDSON	4
REV. H. LAW JAMES	2	WILLIAM RICHARDSON	5
*CHARLES W. FLOWERS	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal.

BISHOP'S HULL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST J. BULL	*Treble*	ARTHUR SYMONS	4
ERNEST WILKINS	2	*JAMES CLARK	5
HENRY WEBBER	3	THOMAS J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. CLARK.

* First peal as conductor. First peal by all except conductor.

FULMER, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 21, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY	*Treble*	ALFRED BATEMAN	4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	2	WILLIAM J. BATEMAN	5
EDWIN GARBETT	3	JOHN L. BATEMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

The ringers, who belong to St. Giles, Stoke Poges, tender their best thanks to the Rector of Fulmer for the use of the bells.

BRATHAY.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH).

On Saturday, December 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Violet, Duke of York, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOSEPH BACKHOUSE	*Treble*	WILLIAM SHARP	4
*ERIC L. BENNETT	2	JOHN HOLME	5
WILLIAM ROBINSON	3	ROGER SATTERTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH BACKHOUSE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Redmayne, of Old Brathay, and also the birth of a grandson to the ringer of the 5th bell.

FULBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Reverse College Single, two 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Bob Minor. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALBERT PAYNE	*Treble*	CALEB L. SIMCOCK	4
CHARLES W. BAYNES	2	RICHARD W. PORTER	5
CHARLES ELSE	3	GEORGE SCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by a resident band.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.
SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 Six-Scores. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lbs., in F sharp.

*REV. C. F. LANGFORD	*Treble*	†HARRY WAY	4
†HERBERT HAINES	2	T. HERVEY BEAMS	5
ERNEST POWELL	3	*THOMAS LATHEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. HERVEY BEAMS.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal rung by a band belonging entirely to the parish.

MONKSILVER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being sixteen six-scores of Plain Bob, and 26 six-scores of Grandsire.

HENRY WATTS	*Treble*	WILLIAM BENNETT	3
SIDNEY HOLE	2	CHARLES GREEDY	4
ALBERT BARKER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILLIAM BENNETT.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 18, 1911, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FRED. A. HOLDEN	1—2	THOMAS BERNARD	5—6
GEORGE THOMPSON	3—4	ARTHUR J. MORRIS	7—8

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by A. J. MORRIS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRED. A. HOLDEN	1—2	THOMAS BERNARD	5—6
GEORGE THOMPSON	3—4	ARTHUR J. MORRIS	7—8

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING, and
Conducted by F. A. HOLDEN.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, December 20, 1911, in One Hour and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT 21, STOKE ROAD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING	1—2	MAURICE SMITHER	5—6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE	3—4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD	7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, December 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MAURICE SMITHER	1—2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3—4	FRANK BLONDELL	7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Umpire: CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

The following peals, rung before the appearance of "The Ringing World," have not previously been recorded, and are now published in order that they may be included in the Analysis for 1911.

THE CHART, LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Violet, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single.
Tenor 10½ cwt., in G.

DAVID WRIGHT	*Treble*	EDWARD J. HOAD	4
PERCY TIDY	2	SAMUEL G. HEATH	5
LEONARD A. TIDY	3	ALFRED A. JARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED A. JARRETT.
Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Collins, wife of Mr. W. Collins, a member of the local company.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, January 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

H. SIMMONDS	*Treble*	G. IRVINE	5
R. T. HIBBERT	2	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN	6
H. HATTO	3	G. ESSEX	7
J. HANDS	4	E. W. MENDAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. W. MENDAY.

LLANISHEN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being Forty-two Six-scores.

EVAN COLES	*Treble*	FRED CHAMBERLAIN	4
WILLIAM B. BISS	2	*WALTER R. PORTER	5
FRANK J. BAILEY	3	THOMAS MIDDLETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. B. BISS.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.

REIGATE, SURREY.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, February 20, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL 5040 CHANGES;

E. DEWEY	*Treble*	W. CLAYDON	6
H. REEVES	2	G. W. WALDER	7
H. BENNETT	3	W. SMITH	8
H. F. EWINS	4	H. A. HOAD	9
A. HOLMAN	5	G. F. HOAD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by G. F. HOAD.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, February 21, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 26½ cwt.

C. G. STAINER	*Treble*	*FRANK HOUSE	5
PERCY LONG	2	EDWARD HATCHER	6
G. H. COOMBES	3	A. RICHARD WARD	7
WILLIAM E. WARD	4	WILLIAM KEMP	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. R. WARD.
* First peal.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, February 23, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART.

REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN	*Treble*	R. T. HIBBERT	5
W. WICKS	2	J. HISCOCK	6
G. CLEAVE	3	W. COOK	7
E. W. MENDAY	4	G. IRVINE	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 25, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER KNOTT	*Treble*	SID GOODALL	5
ED. CRABTREE	2	W. THOMAS	6
W. H. SENIOR	3	F. ROBINSON	7
W. BAILEY	4	W. BREARLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by S. GOODALL.
Rung to celebrate the birthday of J. W. Lang and J. Knott, two local ringers, who each attained his 70th year a few days previously.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR HOODLESS	*Treble*	HARRY EBBATSON	4
JOSEPH BARRICK	2	HARRY ASHTON	5
PERCY HOODLESS	3	JOHN WM. CROWDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. CROWDER.
First peal on the bells and by the band. First peal as conductor.

WATTON.—On Nov. 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob: E. Hunt (conductor) 1, E. Fisher 2, J. Murrell 3, W. Adcock 4, H. Fisher 5, H. Crook 6.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Nov. 23rd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: T. Bicknell 1, C. Cottrell 2, G. Garrison 3, J. Sanders 4, W. Anker 5, W. J. Meers (conductor) 6, J. Preston 7, J. Pywell 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Preston (secretary of the local band).

KENT ASSOCIATION'S LOSSES.

The Kent County Association, and the Tonbridge District in particular, will keenly feel the loss, by death, of two of its hon. members, the Rev. J. Langhorne, Vicar of Lamberhurst, who passed away at the age of 75 years, and Mr. H. Snowden Warde, of Hadlow, who died in New York.

Both gentlemen were keenly interested in bells and bell ringers. The late Rev. J. Langhorne was always pleased to welcome ringers to his church, and on occasions when district meetings were held at Lamberhurst always generously entertained the members to supper at the Vicarage. It was only a few weeks ago, on November 4th, that a district meeting was held at the village, and nearly 40 members were entertained by him. He was then in his usual health, and cordially welcomed the members. The late Mr. H. Snowden Warde also took great interest in bells and ringers. It was by his advice that the Hadlow ringers joined the Kent County Association, and received instruction in change ringing, with very good results. A few years ago, when the condition of the bells and frame were such that ringing had to cease, and the authorities despaired of ever raising the funds to do the necessary repairs, it was Mr. Warde who came forward and threw himself heartily into the work, and by his energy and tact infused a general interest into the matter, with the result that the money was speedily raised to carry out these repairs. He also presented a handsome peal board to the tower, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung there on May 11th, 1908.

Mr. A. W. GRIMES' 100 PEALS.

The peal at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on Dec. 16th, was Mr. A. W. Grimes' 100th peal: Bob Minor, 1; Minor in three methods, 3 (conducted 1); Bob Major, 13 (conducted 1), Oxford Treble Bob Major, 14 (conducted 1); Kent Treble Bob Major, 6; Kent Royal, 5; Double Norwich Major, 25; Stedman Triples, 3; Stedman Caters, 7; Stedman Cinques, 4; Forward Major, 1; Norfolk Surprise Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 4; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 7; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 2; London Surprise (on treble), 1; Grandsire Triples, 1; total, 100, conducted, 3.

THE A. W. REEVES' APPEAL FUND.

The following subscriptions are gratefully acknowledged:—

	£	s.	d.
The Master of Oxford Guild (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn)	1	0	0
Mr. J. Bowers (Goring)		1	0
Mr. F. Griffin (Reading)		1	0
Mr. A. H. Burgess (Reading)		1	0
Mr. A. Bailey (Reading)		1	0
Mr. N. Cox (Reading)		1	0
The Ancient Society of Painswick Youth (per Mr. W. Hale ...		5	0
Mr. F. Wade (Bristol)		1	0
Mr. L. Taylor (Reading)		1	6
Mr. Thos. Fitzjohn (Thetford, Norfolk)		2	0
Mr. C. T. Coles (Walthamstow)		2	6
Mr. J. E. Hern (Reading)		2	6
St. Mary's Society, Reading (per Mr. J. Swain)		10	0
Mr. W. Dormer (Reading)		1	0
Mr. G. Goodship		1	0
The Hughenden Ringers (per Mr. A. G. Janes)		5	0
The St. Illtyd, Bridgend, Ringers (per Mr. A. J. Stanley) ...		3	6
Mr. J. B. Budd (Knaresborough, Yorks)		2	0
Mr. K. Mason (Mortimer)		2	6
Mr. W. Ford (Mortimer)		1	0
A Sympathiser		1	0
The Thenley, Bletchley, Ringers (per Mr. G. F. Clarke)		9	6
The Calverton Ringers (per Mr. J. Tomkins)		3	0
The St. Giles', Stony Stratford, Ringers (per Mr. E. Yates)		9	0
The St. Mary, Bletchley, Ringers (per Mr. V. Sear)		5	0
Mr. E. Pitman (Lyminge)		5	0
Mr. W. H. Fussell (Farnham Royal)		2	6
Mr. C. R. Lilley (Caversham)		1	0
Mr. F. Martin (Reading)		1	0
	£5	2	6

Donations, however small, will still be most thankfully received by Mr. A. W. Osborne, hon. secretary and treasurer, of Reading Branch, 17, Dorothy Street, Reading. Mr. A. W. Reeves wishes to thank one and all most heartily for their very kind consideration in his terrible affliction.

REDHILL, SURREY.—At St. John's Church on December 7th, 672 Grandsire Triples: W. Streeter 1, H. Reeves (conductor) 2, H. Jordan 3, A. Gear 4, H. Hoad 5, J. Burdfield 6, H. Edwards 7, J. Denns 8. Also 209 Grandsire Triples.

CROYDON, SURREY.—During the week ending the 24th December two touches of Grandsire Triples on handbells, containing 1120 each; also several 500's: T. Groombridge, junr., 1-2, W. Wise 3-4, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 5-6, A. W. Clark 7-8. Also a touch of Stedman.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

PENARTH.—Llandaff Association.—At St. Augustine's Church, on Saturday, Nov. 11th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: D. Thomas (conductor) 1, F. Bartlett 2, W. B. Biss 3, T. Cox 4, Dr. Boyton (first in the method and first attempt) 5, S. Dawe 6. Also 168 Plain Bob, in which Mr. M. G. Thomas, organist at St. Augustine's, took part. This was his longest length in the method.—On Sunday, Nov. 19th, 720 Plain Bob: A. Jones (Peterston-super-Ely) first 720.—On Sunday, Dec. 3rd, 720 Plain Bob: H. Stephens (first 720 and first attempt) 1, T. Bartlett 2, D. Thomas (conductor) 3, F. Chamberlain 4, H. Bercombe 5, Dr. Boyton 6.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild. — On Nov. 30th, 720 Double Oxford: A. Herrington 1, J. North (conductor) 2, R. Hawkins 3, W. Newton 4, J. Rance 5, E. C. Lambert 6.—On Sunday, December 3rd, 720 Plain Bob: A. Herrington 1, H. Carder (conductor) 2, J. North 3, W. Newton 4, A. Gough 5, E. Hawkins 6.—On Thursday, Dec. 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Herrington 1, J. North 2, R. Hawkins 3, H. Bungay 4, E. C. Lambert 5, J. Rance (conductor) 6.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday, Dec. 3rd, 720 Bob Minor: T. R. Jackson 1, J. Huddleston 2, W. S. Forshaw 3, T. Suart (conductor) 4, C. J. A. Cushing 5, J. Burrows 6.—On Dec. 10th, 720 Bob Minor: W. Jackson 1, J. T. Thompson 2, T. Metcalfe 3, T. Suart (conductor) 4, M. S. Forshaw 5, J. Burrows 6.—On Dec. 12th, 720 Bob Minor, 360 Oxford Single Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor.

WORKSOP, NOTTS. — On Sunday, Dec. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: F. Hind (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, H. H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, H. Haigh (conductor) 5, T. Bartholomew 6, T. Wilson 7, C. E. Peck 8.—On Sunday, Dec. 10th, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. Hind 1, H. H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson (first touch as conductor) 4, W. Roberts 5, C. E. Peck 6, H. Haigh 7, E. Clarke (longest touch) 8.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT. — On Dec. 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Markwell 1, A. Belton 2, J. Hearman 3, W. Leigh 4, R. Jenner 5, G. Maylan 6, J. W. Steddy (conductor) 7, T. Wallis 8. Rung for Confirmation service by the Lord Bishop of Rochester.

TAUNTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 9th, 1287 Stedman Caters, in 54 mins.: S. Wyatt 1, J. Routley 2, A. Wyatt 3, J. Fowler 4, H. Mockridge 5, J. Burge (conductor) 6, F. Sadd 7, H. Reed 8, W. Petterson 9, W. White 10.—On Sunday, Dec. 10th, 975 Stedman Caters: F. A. Holden (conductor) 1, H. Cread 2, A. Wyatt 3, J. Fowler 4, H. Mockridge 5, J. Burge 6, F. Sadd 7, H. Reed 8, E. Wyatt 9, H. White 10. Mr. F. Holden wishes to thank the Taunton band for kindly arranging this ringing at so short a notice, and for their hospitality towards him.

HARBORNE, STAFFS.—On Sunday, December 10th, at the Parish Church, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: J. Such, J. W. Tilley, H. Pratt, A. Beacham, H. Grosvenor (conductor), G. Hitchman, A. J. Cartwright, E. Grice.

HAUGHTON, STAFFS. — On Sunday, Dec. 10th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1260 changes), in 45 mins., eight six-scores of St. Dunstan's and two and a half of Grandsire: *L. Johnson, *B. M. Duke, *C. Smith, G. Booth, J. Taylor (conductor). * First quarter-peal and first on the bells by local ringers.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE. — On Sunday, Dec. 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Gea 1, W. Coley (conductor) 2, G. N. Cockin 3, E. Bache 4, V. White 5, J. Screen 6, A. Hackett 7, M. Hackett 8.

SWINDON.—On Dec. 12th, at Christ Church, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Tazwell 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 3, F. Looker 4, G. Lancaster 5, C. J. Gardiner 6 G. W. Townsend 7, A. W. Harrington 8. Also 630 Grandsire Triples: J. Tazwell 1, R. W. Hyner 2, E. Manton 3, G. Lancaster 4, G. W. Townsend (conductor) 5, C. J. Gardiner 6, F. Looker 7, D. Jackson 8.

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Dec. 12th, 720 each of Double Court and Bob Minor: T. Copeland 1, Rev. C. J. Stunton 2, H. V. Fletcher 3, W. H. Hilliam 4, G. R. Truss 5, J. B. Hallifax (conductor) 6.

APPLEBY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On December 12th 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: J. H. Swinfield 1, W. W. Worthington 2, W. Hair 3, H. Hurdman 4, J. Hough (conductor) 5, D. Cotton 6. Also a touch of Double Court and several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with F. Spence on the treble. This is the first method ringing ever done on the bells.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On December 4th an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after ringing 3780 changes in 2 hrs. and 18 mins.: G. D. Acton 1, E. R. T. Corbett 2, F. S. Wilson 3, W. R. Nash 4, Wm. Short (conductor) 5, G. Acton 6, J. E. Groves 7, A. Nason 8. Longest length by Messrs. G. D. Acton, G. Acton and A. Nason, for whom this peal was arranged.

PETERBORO'.—On Sunday, December 17th, at St. John's Church, 672 Bob Major: R. Rowell 1, S. Wright 2, H. Coles 3, S. Goakes 4, W. Cross 5, T. Vaughan 6, J. Jarvis 7, F. T. Cooke (conductor) 8.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

HENRY BURSTOW—A CELEBRATED BELL-RINGER AND SONG SINGER.*

A contented mind is a blessing kind.
And a merry heart is a purse well lined.

The truth of these jingling lines was never better exemplified than in the person of Henry Burstow, Horsham's celebrated bellringer and song singer, whose reminiscences have been published to render help to this veteran, who, in the declining years of his long life, with neither son nor

Mr. Henry Burstow.

daughter, and but few friends able to help him, was found in indigent circumstances. Contented with his humble lot, he has always presented a smiling face through life, and by his unexampled repertoire of folk-lore songs has kept many a company merry and maintained within his own breast a light heart. The volume, illustrated from some ancient pictures, is published at 2s., and, for the sake of the old man, it is extremely gratifying to learn that the whole of the first edition has been sold out. Although much of the interest in the book is of a local nature, the general reader will find a great deal of entertainment in it, and it should appeal specially to ringers because of the chapters devoted to Mr. Burstow's recollections of bells and bellringing.

Henry Burstow, we gather from the preface, was born and brought up in a lowly sphere, and started in a path that rewarded constant hard work with but poor pay. He pursued this path, working early and late, maintaining himself and later his wife, and getting in return for his labour but a mere subsistence wage; sufficient only for food, clothes, and house rent, week by week. Concurrently he indulged his hobbies: Church bell ringing, which, whilst touching the sentiments of thousands who love the fabric, and perhaps the doctrines of the Church, and making him famous near and far, added but little to his income; and song singing, which, whilst enlivening many a jolly evening, preserving many good folk songs, and adding to his fame, was still less useful to him as a source of profit. He also found time to indulge, in a lesser degree, in bird fancying and water-colour painting. Perhaps it was this humble occupation and the enjoyment of these hobbies, together with his excellent health and spirits, that provided a suitable environment for the cultivation and preservation of those qualities that have commanded the respect of his fellow townsmen, and continue to radiate in so charming a manner from his old age; his cheerful temperament, generous disposition, delight in thinking and doing good without hope of reward, firmness in shunning evil without the pressure of fear of punishment, enjoyment of life to the last, fearlessness of death whenever it may come. A truth and peace loving Humanitarian, an honest and bold Freethinker, he has maintained through life a disposition that never earned him an enemy; a cheery optimism that has warmed the hearts of all who have come into contact with him, and a character that would have adorned many a highly-placed dignitary did he possess it.

There is not space available in this article to touch upon Mr. Burstow's reminiscences of the town where he was born and where he has spent the 85 years of his life. They are an interesting peep into the life of the early and middle nineteenth century, and are told in a free and attractive style. Ringers will be chiefly interested in that part in which the old man relates his ringing experiences, with which have also been included information relating to the bells of Horsham, whose history goes back to the latter part of the sixteenth century, and details of the bell foundry which the Eldridge's established in the town.

At one time the Horsham ringers, who were affiliated to the Cumberland Youths, were apparently leading lights in the ringing world, for Mr. Burstow says, "between 1766 and 1798 they got ahead of all the ringers in the kingdom on two occasions and established no less than nine records." The first peal rung at Horsham was on Friday, April 11th, 1766, Holt's composition, which was performed in three hours eight minutes. Names still well known in Horsham appear in that record, and one of the ringers, Thomas Lintott, also took part in a peal rung 55 years after. The great George Gross, with Samuel Wood, Francis Wood and Samuel Muggeridge, also of London, visited the tower in 1776, and rang with four Sussex men the first peal of Bob Major on the bells.

Mr. Burstow joined the ringers in 1841, at which time all the old skilful ringers had been dead for many years, and "Ichabod" was written over the belfry door. The ringers of that time and those for many years after were unable to ring changes at all, and Mr. Burstow, still but a lad, and an apprentice to a bootmaker, had to trudge many miles to neighbouring towers. The Newdigate ringers enjoyed a great reputation at this time, and every Saturday evening Mr. Burstow walked to this village—eight miles. They used to ring from 7 o'clock to ten, then adjourn to the Six Bells for a jollification, Mr. Burstow being in great demand on account of the large number of songs he knew, and after midnight he had to walk home. Many yarns does Mr. Burstow relate showing the general condition of belfry affairs in those early days, stories that do not always reflect credit upon the ringers of those times. One is a "dust-up" on a new year's eve, the only

occasion, during the 65 consecutive years that Mr. Burstow has rung the old year out and the new year in, that the evening was not spent by the ringers harmoniously together. Mr. Burstow gave instruction in many towers, and at his wedding in 1855 took part in a shoemaker's peal, which he conducted. In 1889, at Warnham, he took part in a peal of 13,440, and on his 65th birthday rang the 7th at Horsham to 6720 Bob Major. His last peal was rung on June 9th, 1907, at Billingshurst, when he was 80 years of age.

In song singing Mr. Burstow has won fame for many miles round his native town. He gives a list of 420 songs which he knew, and one can scarcely appreciate the delight which in his long life the old man must have given to rural audiences. Many of the songs have been preserved by the Folk Song Society in their publications. Some few times Mr. Burstow has sung his 420 songs right through, every song from beginning to end.

"The last time that I did so," he says, "I sang them to my wife, commencing on the 4th April, 1906, the 78th anniversary of her birthday. I sang about ten on 41 consecutive evenings, and as we sat, evening after evening, one on either side of the fire, as happy as a king and queen, I singing my best, she listening and occasionally herself singing one of the fifty songs I had taught her, the old songs seemed as fresh and as pretty as they did when I first sang them fifty, sixty, perhaps seventy years or more ago."

What a picture this simple description conjures up of Darby and Joan in the evening of life, happy and contented with the humble blessings that came their way, for the old couple's existence must have been one long struggle against poverty. On an average, says Mr. Burstow in another part of the book, he earned not more than 15s. a week—he was engaged in making women's boots at 1s. 6d. per pair—and never once did he take 20s. for a week's work at his trade. But the merry, buoyant heart has never deserted him, and to this, with an abstemious life, may be attributed the fact that he has lived to so great an age.

Mr. Burstow thus concludes his reminiscences on ringing, one more example of his characteristic cheery disposition :—

"To all brother campanologists and friends who remain of the hundreds with whom I have had the pleasure of meeting and ringing, I offer my kind regards and thanks for the hearty welcome and good fellowship they have always shown me. Their friendship has helped to make light and easy my advance through every phase of life, and given me a very pleasant outlook upon human nature. I can, alas, never meet them in their belfries again, but should any of them ever come to Horsham, I can give them a humble but warm welcome in my little room at 28, Spencer's Road, where we can still enjoy, at least, the recollections of some of the merry old peals we have pulled together, and where they can have a few songs from a heart still warm and firm, if by a voice weakened by the inexorable operation of time. Peace to departed ringers, whose bodies lie deaf to the delightful continuous sounds they once had a hand in creating; good luck to all who remain. That these latter may be blessed with good health, firm friendship and cheerful circumstances as I have been, and maintain their interest in campanology, their delight in the merry bell and supple ropes as I have always been able to do, shall be my sincere wish as long as I live."

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* "Reminiscences of Horsham, being recollections of Henry Burstow, the celebrated bell ringer and song singer, with some account of the old Bell Foundry at Horsham, of the Horsham Parish Church Bells, and of famous peals rung by Horsham ringers; together with a list of the 400 and odd songs he sings from memory."—Published by the Free Christian Church Book Society, Worthing Road, Horsham. Price 2s.

GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Clarke 1, D. Carmichael 2, C. W. King 3, M. Tate 4, T. Smith 5, F. Tate 6, H. Ludkin (conductor) 7, J. Drake 8.—On December 13th 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Davis 1, M. Tate 2, C. W. King 3, T. Smith 4, F. Tate 5, H. Ludkin (conductor) 6, J. Drake 7. First 720 in the method by all, and first on the bells.

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Collected from all Quarters.

This country is not the only one which celebrates the passing of the old year with the ringing of bells. They make a good deal more fuss about the new year in Japan than in any western country. On the last day of the old year no one goes to bed, and the bells ring all night long!

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In reference to the claim that the quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung recently at South Hackney was believed to be the only quarter-peal of Grandsire containing the 24 7-4's at backstroke all at calls, we have received letters from Mr. W. Walmsley and Mr. A. J. Perkins, both stating that they have quarter-peals containing this quality. Mr. Walmsley's has got three, composed 15 years ago, and one of them contains Queen's, Tittums and "Whittingtons."

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At the recent November examinations of the Victoria College of Music we notice at the head of the list of successful candidates in senior pianoforte Miss Lilian A. Willson, of Leicester, who reached the maximum points—100 per cent., and carried off the silver medal.

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An unusual accident has occurred at the great Bernese penitentiary. Witzwill, a young convict, was charged to ring the bell of the chapel. Suddenly the ringing ceased, the bell having fallen down. The convict was instantly killed, and his mutilated body was completely covered by the fallen bell.

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We have prided ourselves from the very start upon the fact that so far as our own efforts and those of our publishers are concerned, nothing has been wanting to ensure our readers throughout the country getting *The Ringing World* the first thing on Friday morning. But what about this for promptitude? A copy of last week's issue was sent to a reader in Belgium. It was dispatched with the rest of the copies posted early on Thursday evening from the Editorial Office, and was delivered in Belgium by the first post on Friday morning! We must give our Post Office a pat on the back for this.

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It will interest his many friends up and down the country to know that the gentleman to whom the paper was sent was Mr. J. E. Sykes, who, for the next six months, will be "out of ringing." He will be glad to hear from friends in England during this time. His address is: Taverne Joseph Radelet, Rue de la Station, Seraing, Belgium.

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"At Croydon, Surrey, three leads of Kent Treble Bob Major. A. J. Perkins, 1-2-3-4 T. Groombridge, junr., 5-6-7-8." Such is one of the miscellaneous performances sent in for publication. It makes one begin to wonder what is the limit in method ringing.

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Geese and ringing have been plentiful at Grantham this Christmas. A local gentleman has presented each of the fifteen ringers and probationers of St. Wulfram's Church with a goose, to mark his appreciation of the progress made in change ringing during the past year. We have no doubt there are many other towers where similar treatment would not be discountenanced by the ringers should it come their way.

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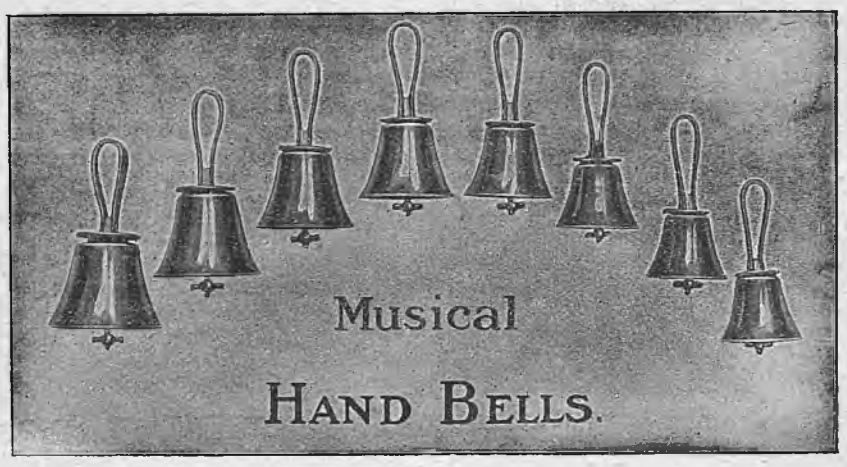

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ELEMENTARY COMPOSITION.—IV.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By Gabriel Lindoff.

Although Grandsire Triples has always been looked upon as a very difficult method for composition, I really fail to see where the difficuty arises, and I hope in what follows to be able to show those who desire to learn the way in which peals of Grandsire are constructed. So long as the bells are kept in-course, there is actually no greater difficulty in composing a peal of Grandsire Triples, than in obtaining the extent of Bob Major. In fact they are both worked in a similar manner. The whole secret of the method, as in all methods, is the relation of one lead to another.

In Bob Major this relationship is very easy to see, and to follow :—

2345678
4235678
3425678

These three leads govern one another in the following manner: If any one of them is produced with a bob, the remaining two must also be produced with bobs. In like manner, should one of them be produced by a plain lead, the remaining two must also be produced by plain leads. Note these leads can easily be found, they are merely bobs a course apart.

Now, if we call bobs a course apart in Grandsire Triples, we get a set of five leads which bear a similar relationship to one another.

234567
532746
735624
637452
436275

If one of these five is produced by a plain lead, the remaining four must be produced by a plain lead. But on the other hand, should one of them be produced by a bob, the remaining four must be produced by means of bobs.

It will be found that the 360 leads can be split up into 72 of these sets of five; also that they can be divided into 72 plain courses, a lead of each of which is herewith given, so that the whole of the 360 can easily be pricked out.

	1	2	3	
	234567	423567	342567	
	65324	65243	65432	
A	42563	34562	23564	A
	36245	26435	46325	
	54632	53624	52643	
	32546	24536	43526	
	64235	63425	62345	
B	53462	52364	54263	B
	26354	46253	36452	
	45623	35642	25634	
	35426	25346	45236	
	62534	64523	63542	
C	43265	32465	24365	C
	56342	56234	56423	
	24653	43652	32654	
	53246	52436	54326	
	64352	63254	62453	
D	25463	45362	35264	D
	36524	26543	46532	
	42635	34625	23645	
	752634	754623	753642	
H	743625	732645	724635	H
	723654	742653	734652	
	745632	735624	725643	

In setting out these courses I have arranged the upper portion in blocks of five courses, in which the 7th is called "before" in each course. The lower portion is a lead of each course with 7th in the hunt; so arranged that they represent a three or six-part table. Take these courses and prick them out by lead ends, and you will then have the 360 in-course leads. Be careful to keep each block, when pricked out by the lead ends, in a similar position to which it occupied when in course ends. This 1 A, when pricked out in full, will still be 1 A, and should occupy the same corner in your full table. Having pricked out these courses by the lead-ends, let us see how they connect together for a peal.

We have twelve touches of 350 changes each, and twelve plain courses with 7th in the hunt. The main point is to splice into these touches the courses with 7th in the hunt, and in so doing splice the touches together. As each course with 7th in the hunt will have to be bobbed into, let us turn to them for a simple illustration :—

746352	736254	726453
743625	732645	724635
754362	753264	752463
753426	752346	754236

Here we have twelve leads with 7th being brought into the hunt, one out of each course in H. It now becomes evident that each of these bobs necessarily turns four other leads into bob leads. For instance, let us take 7 4 6 3 5 2, follow it up with four bobs at 5, and we find the whole set is obtained thus :—

746352
347265
243576
542637
645723

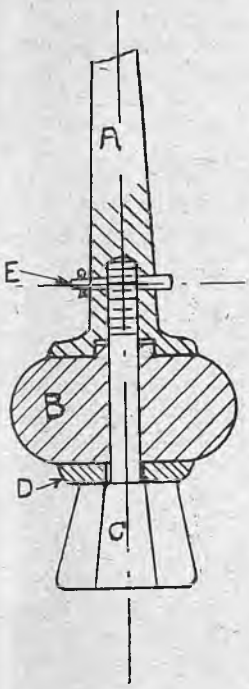
Turn to your table of leads and mark these five as bob leads. This having been done with each of the remaining eleven hunt leads given, we will turn to our table of leads and see what it gives us. Start from rounds, and tick off each lead as you pass it. Our first lead has no notification by its side so is a plain lead; the second is one of the ordinary bobs with 7th before. Write it down as a bob at 2. Three leads further on we come to a lead noted as a bob lead. A bob here at 3 gives 2 5 6 7 3 4, and will be found at the first lead of the 5th course of 1 B. Proceed from this point in like manner, crossing over to a new point where noted till we return to rounds.

As it is impossible to get all the leads in with bobs only, what leads remain can also be worked into a touch in a similar manner, and the two parts connected together with Holt's Singles.

I will leave further explanation over till some of our young composers have had a try to complete the touch or peal that I have started. If any are successful I should like them to send results to the Editor of "The Ringing World."

On the previous page is the fourth of the series of articles upon elementary composition, which are proving highly valuable to serious students of the Art. Mr. J. A. Trollope provided the first three lucid but deeply instructive articles which paved the way for what is to follow, and now Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, a perfect wizard of composition, provides us with an article upon Grandsire Triples, which should be of great value to beginners. He sets them a little task which should stir their interest and whet their appetite for investigation.

REMOVABLE CLAPPER BALLS.



Recently we published an illustration of a clapper ball with adjustable portions of soft metal, the idea being to save the wear upon the bell itself. We give here another form of a clapper ball, the invention of Mr. J. H. B. Hesse (of the firm of Hesse and Savory, engineers, of Teddington). The ball can be either one-eighth or quarter turned, and easily taken off and renewed. Mr. Hesse says he has made and fitted this clapper to a small 11 inch bell that is a working model, and thinks it would work as well on a large scale. Mr. Hesse, however, is doubtful if there would be any advantage in a bronze, gun-metal or Muntz-metal clapper ball, as metals of like nature as gun-metal and bell-metal would, in his opinion, wear the bell as much, if not more, than an iron clapper, in the same way that a journal and bearing of like metal do not wear well.

A.—Clapper Shank.
B.—G.M. Ball, with Register to fit Clapper Shank.
C.—Flight and Bolt in one which holds Ball up to Shank.
D.—Steel Washer.
E.—Taper Pin, to lock Bolt into Shank, with Split Ping in small end.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

For the benefit of my correspondent who inquired how to ring St. Dunstan's Doubles, I intend to deal with that method this week. I am always particularly glad to do anything to assist those whose opportunities are limited by the number of bells at their disposal, for it seems to me that nothing can be so monotonous and therefore so likely to make ringers discontented with their task, than to be confined to ringing just one method. The limitations must be particularly irksome where there are only five bells and anything that adds variety to the ringing must tend to increase the ringers' interest.

Now, for those who can ring Grandsire Doubles, St. Dunstan's is an easy step, for the method is an offshoot of Grandsire, a plain lead of St. Dunstan's being a bob lead of Grandsire, while the calls are Grandsire singles and "extremes." As I have already dealt with the way in which singles are made, there is no need to go over that ground again. The "extreme" is the only peculiar feature. Taking up the figures of the first lead where the treble leaves the back in hunting down, we get the following for

Plain Lead.	Single.	Extreme.
45312	45312	45312
54132	54132	54132
51423	51423	51423
15432	15432	15432
14523	15423	15342
41532	51432	51324
45123	54123	53142
54213	45213	35412

It will be noticed that in the "extreme," as at the single, the bell that passes the treble in 1-2 (or "meets the treble first," as it is sometimes called), makes 2nd's place and leads again. The bell that passed the treble in 2-3 (or "meets the treble second") makes 3rd's place, but instead of returning to lead, goes up to strike one blow behind (at hand stroke), and then returns to lead, meeting the treble in the same place again when going up the next time. The bell that passes the treble in 3-4 (or "meets the treble third"), instead of dodging in 4-5 up, strikes one blow behind (at back stroke), makes 3rd's place and goes on to lead a whole pull, also meeting the treble in the same place when going up the next time. These single blows behind give the remaining bell a rather peculiar work. Having passed the treble in 4-5 (or "met the treble fourth") it would, at a single, double dodge in 4-5 down. At the "extreme," however, it lies a whole pull behind (at back and hand strokes) strikes one blow in 4th's (at back), lies another whole pull behind (at hand and back), strikes one blow in 4th's (at hand), and lies yet a third whole pull behind (at back and hand) before hunting down to lead. As a guide, to show when the last whole pull has been completed, it may be noticed that, just as the treble is the last bell struck over in hunting out, so the treble is also the first bell struck over when hunting down.

As for the calling, 32 six-scores can be got. They are based on the following :—

2345	2345
4523	S5423
S3245	S3254
4532	S4532
E2534	E2534

(Each twice repeated).

Both these can be commenced at either lead, which gives eight 120's. In addition the two callings can be combined, using two parts of one and one of the other, thus :

2345	Contd.	Contd.
4523	S4325	5324
S3245	S5243	S4253
4532	S3452	5342
E2534	E2453	E2345

As this calling and the alternative arrangement can be begun at either lead it thus provides 24 six-scores.

CONDUCTOR.

A combined practice of the Sonning branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Sandhurst on Saturday week, 13 members being present, representing Easthampstead, Finchampstead, Binfield, Sandhurst, Wokingham (All Saints), Hawley and Yateley. Touches in the following methods were rung: Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Duke of York, and Cambridge. The Rector kindly entertained the ringers to tea.

THE SALISBURY GUILD.

PROGRESS IN WEST DORSET.

Excellent progress was reported at the first annual meeting of the West Dorset branch of the Salisbury Guild, which was held at Bridport. About 45 members attended, and service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Rector (Canon H. R. W. Farrer). The towers represented at the subsequent business meeting, which was presided over by the Rev. C. F. Langford (president of the branch), and held after tea, were: Bridport, Bradpole, Beaminster, Netherbury, Lyme Regis and Rampisham. The statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of £4 14s. 9d., and, after discussion, it was decided to grant £1 1s. to the fund for restoring Whitechurch bells, to send £1 10s. to the Diocesan Fund, and to keep £1 13s. 9d. in hand.

The first annual report recorded the formation of the branch and the successful meetings held since that time. During the year Litton Cheney, Netherbury, Rampisham, Broadwindsor, Shipton George, Lyme Regis, and Whitechurch have become affiliated, bringing the number of towers in union in the branch to twelve. No effort, adds the report, should be relaxed until the remaining towers, having rings of eight, six, or five bells, are affiliated, and this should be our aim for the coming year. Restorative work has been successfully carried out at Shipton George, where two of the old bells have been recast, a treble added, and the whole rehung in an iron frame. It was a great pity when this work was in hand that two more bells were not added to make a light peal of six. At Lyme Regis two trebles have been added to complete the octave, and the whole rehung in a new oak frame. This was due to the generosity of Mrs. Lee, of Lyme Regis, who bore the whole of the expense, in memory of her husband, the late Mr. Henry Lee. There is also every possibility of the fine peal of six at Whitechurch being augmented to eight in the immediate future. Good as this work of restoration undoubtedly is, there yet remains much more to be done in this neighbourhood. It would, indeed, be encouraging to see such fine rings as Loders Powerstock, Stoke Abbott, Corscombe, Burton Bradstock, Litton Cheney, Symondsbury, etc., taken in hand and restored to a ringable condition. We feel sure that were the true state of things known to those in responsibility, something would be done to improve matters. Two peals of Grandsire Doubles have been rung at Bridport and Bradpole respectively during the year by members of the branch, and we are anxious soon to secure a peal of Triples. We have now ringers at Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Broadwindsor, Lyme, Netherbury, and Whitechurch who have some knowledge of change ringing, and it is hoped that other bands will endeavour to master the Art. The number of members have increased from 51 to 100, a most marked addition, almost wholly brought about by working the Guild in smaller branches.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, reviewed the very gratifying progress made during the year, and urged the members to interest the ringers at the eight or nine towers at present unaffiliated. The work of restoration, he added, was most encouraging. Peals of bells, as they knew, were very expensive items, and it was a thousand pities that where they had been obtained they should be allowed to get into an unringable condition (hear, hear). He thought he had said enough to justify the sub-division of the former large districts, but if more were needed it was at hand. Progress did not begin and end with affiliation. Affiliation was, in his opinion, the first right step towards progress, but progress must depend upon the spirit which animated the different separate towers—that spirit which would prompt ringers to say not how much ringing might bring in to them, but how much good they could bring to ringing (hear, hear). By the report they had just heard read, they were assured that this was the spirit already at work in Beaminster, Bridport, Broadwindsor, Netherbury, Whitechurch, and Bradpole, for they were told that in these towers there was already some knowledge of change ringing (applause). That was what they wanted in their towers—a love of ringing which, because it was a part of the services of the church, and consequently, in a special sense, God's work, would make them give to it of their very best (applause). He often felt troubled about towers where the bands were longing for more advanced training, but he hoped they would not get downhearted. It was impossible to get teachers in every tower, but he trusted that from the towers where most progress was made members might be sent out as extra teachers, with one common instructor in touch (hear, hear).

The report was unanimously adopted.

The Rev. W. Jacob (Lyme Regis), in moving the re-election of the officers and committee, said he should like to thank all for their services, and to congratulate them on the excellent way in which they had pulled things together in West Dorset (applause). He thought they could not better show their appreciation and confidence than by re-electing them en bloc (applause).

Mr. Long (Lyme Regis) seconded, and this was carried unanimously.

The Rev. C. F. Langford (president), Mr. T. H. Beams (instructor), Mr. J. Zealley (assistant-instructor), and Mr. Bugler (hon. secretary and treasurer) agreed to accept office again.

Meetings for the ensuing year were arranged as follows:—In February, Litton Cheney; April, Maiden Newton and district; early in June, Lyme Regis (by the invitation of the Vicar); September, Beaminster; and December, Bradpole.

On the proposition of Mr. Beams, a vote of thanks was passed to Canon Farrer for the service in the church and for arranging with the other managers for the use of the schools for the meeting, and the incumbents of neighbouring towers for placing their bells at the disposal of the Guild that afternoon. Mr. Beams remarked that he should like to see more clergy members of the Guild.

Subsequently several of the ringers visited the Bridport, Bradpole, and Symondsbury towers, where touches were rung.

THE LATE MR. JAMES HINTON.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It has been proposed by a number of ringers that an appeal should be made for funds to erect a fitting memorial to the memory of the late James Hinton, who was for so many years the central figure in the ringing circle of Bristol and the neighbourhood, and well known also in London and many other ringing centres. Mr. Hinton was an indefatigable worker for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and the amount of work he did in helping young ringers cannot be too highly praised. It is greatly due to his energy and untiring patience that ringing in Bristol has been raised to its present high standard.

It is suggested that the memorial should take the form of a headstone (with suitable inscription) to the grave in Greenbank Cemetery, Bristol. Any contributions, however small, will be gratefully received, and should be sent to Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, 30, Broad Street, Bristol, who has consented to act as honorary treasurer of the fund.—Yours faithfully,

J. BURFORD,
C. H. HORTON,
W. KNIGHT,
R. J. WILKINS.

Bristol.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

CEREMONY AT GRANTHAM.

To record the first peal rung at Grantham Parish Church by a local band since 1881, a peal tablet has been erected in the belfry, and was unveiled on Monday week by the Vicar (the Rev. W. I. Carr Smith), in the presence of the other parochial clergy, the churchwardens, ringers and friends. The Vicar expressed his gratification at the success of the band, and referred to the improvement that had taken place in the ringing. The ringers had asked for several things to improve the ringing chamber, and they had been carried out, while some steps to reduce the amount of noise in the belfry would be further considered.—Col. J. Hutchinson endorsed what the Vicar had said, and remarked that the improvement in the ringing must be apparent to all. He hoped the band would stick together and work harmoniously. He kindly promised a goose to each ringer at Christmas.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, and the proceedings terminated with a touch on the bells.—The peal tablet bears the inscription: "Lincoln Diocesan Guild. On Saturday, October 21st, 1911, in 3 hrs. and 25 mins., was rung in this tower a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, J. J. Parker's six-part, tenor 37 cwt., Ernest Nidd treble, Harry Thorp 2nd, William Cawton 3rd, William G. Thorpe 4th, David B. Overton 5th, Albert C. Darnell 6th, Sidney C. Practor 7th, Thomas H. Hall tenor; conducted by Sidney Proctor. W. I. Carr Smith Vicar; S. B. Rudd, T. C. Coultas, churchwardens. First Guild peal on the bells by the local band."

RINGERS' BENEVOLENT FUND.

REV. F. J. O. HELMORE'S SUGGESTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your article of last week led me to jot down a few thoughts which have been running in my mind for some time past, and I have sent the result to our district secretaries for the consideration of our members. The formation of a general benevolent fund does not appeal to me, mainly for the three first reasons adduced by Mr. Trollope, and also because each county or district, I think, ought to relieve its own hard cases. A county or diocesan association fund, however, if properly managed, would not be open to those objections, nor would such a fund as I have in contemplation be in danger of absorption or extinction through the machinations of the Insurance Act. My proposal is simply to deduct a small portion from each subscription, and with the moneys so obtained to create a special fund for the relief of genuine cases of distress. Additions to the fund might be made in one or two other ways, but no one would be pressed to contribute. Such a plan might not be possible in all associations; but where, as in our case, there is no fear of an adverse balance, it seems to me a very right and fitting mode of doing practical good. It would also in some measure—and a secretary never loses sight of this—tend to increase the influence of the Association in the county.—Yours faithfully,

FRED J. O. HELMORE,
Hon. Secretary Kent County Association.

A NEW SYSTEM OF RINGING.

By Frederick Dench.

A fresh system for ringing has been evolved by Mr. Fred Dench, and it is one which, if practised, will provide the ringers with something to keep them awake. It will be seen from the figures that it is a combination of the plain hunt and Treble Bob systems. The two changes in each block of the plain method are the first and fourth of the corresponding block in the Treble Bob method, the second and third changes in the latter being obtained by two bells staying an extra pull in each place-making position, and causing the remaining bells to dodge. These two methods, therefore, can be rung separately or together without any liability of falseness, providing the lead ends are true. The conductor can call "single" to bring the bells from the Treble Bob hunting into the plain hunting order; and "double" to turn them into the Treble Bob hunting from the plain hunting order. These alterations can be made in any block of changes the conductor chooses. The 2nd's and 7th's places and the dodging caused by those places are not affected by the alteration of the hunts. Mr. Dench illustrates the method and how the hunting can change eight times in one lead.

Plain Hunt	Treble Bob	Illustration
12345678	12345678	12345678
21436587	21435687	21435687
24163857	12346578	12346578
42618375	21436587	21436587
46281735	24163857	24163857
64827153	42613875	42618375
68472513	24168357	46281735
86745231	42618375	64287153
68472531	46281735	46821735
86745213	64287153	64827153
87654123	46821735	68472513
78561432	64827153	86745231
75816342	68472513	68472531
57183624	86475231	86475213
51738264	68742513	68742531
15372846	86745231	86745213
15738264	68472531	87654123
	86475213	78561432
Bob	etc.	75816342
13578264		57186324
		75813642
		57183624
		51738264
		15372846
		15738264

LONG PEAL ATTEMPTS.

Good fortune did not attend either of the long peal attempts on Tuesday. At Knebworth the Bristol Surprise went merrily for 3½ hours, but the bells got out just before reaching the half way. The ringing, however, had been quite good.

At Bromsgrove the attempt for 12,896 of Cambridge Surprise Major also came to grief. Another attempt will be made on January 26th at Clent.

NOTICES.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Horsham, on Saturday, December 30th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business to follow.—H. Evans, Hon. Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—The annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, 1912, at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, City. Chair will be taken at 8 o'clock p.m. Subscriptions, annual and otherwise, are payable at this meeting. The Balance Sheet will be presented, and an alteration to Rule 4 will be proposed. The Peal book will be on view.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on January 2nd and 16th; Southwark Cathedral on the 2nd and 30th; St. Magnus on the 4th and 18th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th and St. Michael's, Cornhill on the 23rd. A district meeting will be held at St. Alphege's, Greenwich on March 2nd.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 6th, 1912, at Eckington. Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 8 bells (tenor 16 cwt.), available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Sec., 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Dunstable, January 6th.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Liverpool (St. Nicholas) on Saturday, January 6th. Bells ready at 5.30.—Walter Hughes.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bramley on January 6th, 1912. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting at the Cardigan Arms at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society.)—The quarterly general meeting will take place on January 8 at St. Clement Danes. Tower open from 8 to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow at the headquarters' room, The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, W.C. All members should attend.—Fredk. J. Hardy, Hon. Gen. Sec., 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at East Farleigh, on Saturday, January 13th, 1912. Belfrey opens at 3.30 p.m. Short Service 5.30 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock, followed by the usual business meeting. Through the kindness of the Rev. A. B. Littlewood, tea will be provided to all members notifying me not later than Tuesday, January 9th. May I take the liberty of asking all members to attend, as an important question will be raised in connection with the Association.—G. Moore, District Secretary, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

NOTICES (continued).

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PENDLETON RINGER'S SAD DEATH.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death on Christmas morning of Joseph Turner, one of the members of the Pendleton company, Manchester, who passed away suddenly after two operations for blood poisoning at Salford Royal Hospital. The deceased rang for service only fourteen days previously, and called a touch of Stedman, his favourite method. He was at one time a member of the Manchester Cathedral company, but left the district for a while, and when he came back in 1898 he joined the Pendleton band. His last peal at Pendleton was rung on October 12th, but his last peal of all was at The Saviour's Church, Bolton, on October 21st. We have no record of the number of peals he had taken part in, but he had rung peals in Bob Major, Kent Major, Royal and Maximus, Oxford Major, Grandsire Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples, Superlative and London Surprise. In addition to being a member of the Lancashire Association, he was also a member of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society, and one of the London societies, with whom he rang his London Surprise.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Saturday, December 16th, 720 Bob Minor (7-8 covering): A. Thomason 1, W. Martin 2, E. Mapp 3, J. Reynolds 4, H. Oldnall 5, C. Beaman (conductor) 6, S. Harris 7, J. Guillian 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. Turner, a member of the band, and Miss Daisy May Oldnall, the daughter of Mr. H. Oldnall, the ringers wishing them long life and happiness.

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