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MODERN WORK.

THE SUGGESTED BENEVOLENT FUND.

From the correspondence which has appeared in our columns, as well as the many comments which have reached us in private letters, there is no doubt our suggestion for the establishment of a ringers' benevolent fund has given members of the Exercise food for thought, and this is exactly what our article a week or two since was designed to do. The proposals contained in that article were but the ventilation of ideas which might be so shaped as to be of substantial benefit to ringers whom distress has overtaken, and discussion and criticism are the only means by which the practicability, the advantages and the disadvantages of such a scheme can be thoroughly weighed and sifted.

When we first put the suggestion forward it was promptly met by Mr. J. A. Trollope with a series of objections, which related principally, of course, to the proposal that the fund should be centrally administered. His first objection to the establishment of a benevolent fund is the cost of administration. In our view this need be very small. As a voluntary charitable affair secretaries of associations, through whom, we suggested, the contributions should be collected when the annual subscriptions of individuals and bands are paid, would, we feel sure, gladly give the little extra labour needed to keep an account of the sums received and forwarded to the central fund, while the correspondence necessary when assistance was sought would not be overwhelming. And this, we think, would equally apply to whoever acted as secretary to the central fund, for surely among the more or less leisured members of the Exercise—and there are, at any rate, a few—one could be found willing to conduct the business affairs.

Then Mr. Trollope urges as another objection, the impossibility of preventing fraud. The risk in this direction, in our opinion, would be minimised not merely by the fact that the various claims would have to be authenticated by the Association to which the distressed member belonged, but also by the ringers who have been associated with him, because they would feel it a matter of personal honour, as well as a duty to the fund to which they themselves subscribed, to see that it was not imposed upon. Even in the present rough and ready method of organising assistance for a ringer "on his beam ends," the cases are always authenticated by one or more ringers of repute. The third objection is "the impossibility of judging fairly the relative methods of the various genuine cases." We do not think the cases are so very numerous that it would be necessary to classify them minutely, and the difficulty of

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John O. Sager, Todmorden,
Solicitor, December 10, 1910
Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd.,
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Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer
of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmor-
den, 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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treating each application according to requirements is probably more apparent than real.

Lastly Mr. Trollope says it could all be done much better and cheaper by existing organisations, and 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. Now, as far as ringers are concerned, there is no organisation except that of the promiscuous appeal, with its doubtful result, through the columns of the Press—doubtful that is in as much as the most deserving cases may not meet with the support they deserve. As to the Insurance Bill, great things are hoped from it by its promoters, but whether it will meet all the necessities occasioned by prolonged sickness and adversity remains to be proved. Until it does this, the need for organised private funds is by no means at an end.

We have gone to this length to answer Mr. Trollope's reasons against a ringers' benevolent fund, because he threw out a friendly challenge, and we desired to prove that even given a centrally administered fund the objections are not insurmountable. But we would especially commend to our readers' notice the line taken by the honorary secretary of the Kent County Association in his letter last week. The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore suggests that each county or diocesan association should relieve its own hard cases, and has promptly taken steps to bring his proposal before the districts of his Association. The only objection which we can see to his suggestion is that the smaller societies would have very limited scope for giving assistance, whereas a central fund would enable those in distress to receive more efficient help to whatever Association they belonged. But what we are anxious to see is something done to help ringers in adversity; whether it is done through a central fund or through individual societies concerns us but little. We want to raise interest in the matter, to get ringers to think for themselves of possibilities for doing good which might be derived from a trifling annual contribution. If we can do this our object will have been gained.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Thursday, December 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

HERBERT STANSFIELD ... Treble	ARTHUR JACOB 7
CHAS. BOWER 2	BENJAMIN GILL 8
THOMAS JAKEMAN 3	JOSEPH MELLOR 9
GEORGE GARNETT 4	ALBERT ADAMS 10
WALTER WOLSTENCROFT ... 5	SAMUEL BOOTH 11
TOM WILDE 6	SAMUEL WOOD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Mr. Arthur Jacob hails from London.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 24, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5,000 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

HARRY TYSOE Treble	*CHARLES MORTIMER... .. 6
JOHN W. BARKER 2	CHARLES CHASTY 7
JOSEPH CHURCH 3	*HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 8
EDGAR H. G. TINGEY ... 4	FRANK WEBB 9
*WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT 5	HERBERT SHARP Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

* First peal in the method. This peal was rung after the evening service.

TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.

JOSEPH WOODLEY Treble	WILLIAM D. JAMES... .. 6
REGINALD A. H. DOBSON ... 2	ERNEST W. MARSH... .. 7
GEORGE R. STROUD 3	WILLIAM FORD... .. 8
WILLIAM RUNDLE 4	GEO. HARRY MYERS 9
WILLIAM G. HISCOTT ... 5	FRANCIS PURSE... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX, and
Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

First peal on the bells. First peal of Caters in the county and by the Guild.

BRISTOL.

THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*ALFRED MAGGS... .. Treble	CHARLES PERRY 6
HENRY HOWELL 2	†WILLIAM WHITE 7
FRED. G. MAY... .. 3	†FREDK. OAKHILL 8
FREDK. W. WADE 4	ISAAC LONG 9
SAMUEL PHILLIPS 5	GILBERT WILTSHIRE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF FORWARD ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt., in C sharp.

ALBERT STOWELL Treble	JOHN BURFORD 6
FRED. G. MAY 2	SAMUEL PHILLIPS 7
CHARLES H. GORDON ... 3	WILLIAM STOWELL 8
WILLIAM LANSDOWN ... 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE 9
WILLIAM KNIGHT 5	HENRY HOWELL Tenor

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

First peal of Royal on the bells. First peal of Forward Royal in the county and for the Bath and Wells Association. This is W. Knight's 100th peal.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES Treble	RICHARD BUCKLAND 6
REUBEN SANDERS 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	ROBERT E. STAVERT 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	*JOSEPH J. PRATT 9
GEORGE SPENCER 5	HENRY H. CHANDLER ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by J. J. PRATT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 25¼ cwts.

CHARLES H. FOWLER ... Treble	JOSIAH MORRIS 6
LOUIS E. ALLEN 2	RICHARD H. BARTRAM ... 7
SAMUEL COTTON 3	EDWARD READER 8
FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 4	ALFRED MARTIN 9
*ERNEST MORRIS 5	THOMAS TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER, and
Conducted by EDWARD READER.

* First peal of Stedman.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EPSOM.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Three Hours,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT ... Treble	JOHN S. DANIELS 5
WILLIAM STATES 2	CHARLES E. READ 6
JOHN WYATT 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7
DR. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER 4	ROBERT H. ETHERINGTON Tenor

Conducted by W. S. SMITH.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 19, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

CHARLES PIDGEON ... Treble	HARRY WRIGHT 5
WILLIAM T. BLYTH 2	DENISON HAYWARD 6
EDWIN R. TODD 3	GEORGE ORFORD 7
ROBERT CHRISTIAN 4	WILLIAM J. LEE Tenor

Conducted by DENISON HAYWARD.

First peal on the new bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to
Mrs. Arthur Webber; also to Messrs. Christian and Orford.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 23, 1911, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*ALFRED J. LECLERCQ ... Treble	*REGINALD BLAKE 5
*GEORGE UPSHALL 2	THOMAS UPSHALL 6
CHARLES HAZELDEN 3	CHARLES EDWARDS 7
ALFRED H. PULLING 4	*WALTER SHERFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 23, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S VARIATION OF CARTER'S. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs.

HARRY WALKER ... Treble	HERBERT SHEPHERD ... 5
*CHARLES WING 2	†JAMES ROOKWOOD 6
*WALTER PAYNE 3	ALFRED KING 7
FREDERICK HUNT 4	*THOMAS GUTTERIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED KING.

* First peal in the method. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal in the method as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band. Rung in commemoration of the Coronation of King George V, and the first year of the Vicariate of the Rev. A. E. Chapman, M.A.

SOBERTON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
JOSIAH HARRIS 2	CHARLES EDWARDS 6
LIONEL H. PAGE 3	EDWARD J. HARDING 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	OWEN H. GILES Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

HULL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN W. SEAMER ... Treble	ALFRED NAYLOR 5
FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER 2	*WALTER AYRE 6
JOHN E. KENNINGTON ... 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
GEORGE W. STEEL 4	LEN RODMELL Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major of the bells. Rung after meeting short for Treble Ten.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15¼ cwt.

GEORGE SNELL ... Treble	PERCY C. LONG 5
HAROLD RUSHBY 2	THOMAS FITZJOHN 6
RALPH S. LONG 3	CHARLES KENNINGTON ... 7
W. ERNEST MEFFEN 4	ARTHUR B. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS FITZJOHN.

The peal was arranged for T. Fitzjohn, of Thetford, Norfolk.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 9 qr. 24 lbs.

GEORGE SPENCER ... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	HENRY J. RANZETTA 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew, Upper Clapton,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs., in F.

*STANLEY H. COOPER ... Treble	GEORGE B. LUCAS, Senr. ... 5
†JAMES C. ADAMS ... 2	FRED C. MAYNARD ... 6
*HENRY J. KING ... 3	†WILLIAM J. KEMP ... 7
HENRY RUMENS ... 4	*HENRY J. CANTOR ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. KEMP.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell, and also first peal as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 0 qrs. 4 lbs.

CHARLES BAILEY ... Treble	GEORGE CLAYBROOK ... 5
DANIEL JONES ... 2	WILLIAM LAWLEY ... 6
CHARLES BEECH ... 3	ALFRED FALLON ... 7
ANDREW JONES ... 4	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by A. FALLON.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 37½ cwt.

BENJAMIN C. DIXON ... Treble	EDWARD A. HERN ... 5
WILLIAM STORY ... 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER ... 6
JOSEPH W. PARKER ... 3	ROBERT RICHARDS ... 7
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... Tenor

Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

Rung after meeting short for Caters.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.)

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT ... Treble	WILLIAM STAITE ... 5
WILLIAM HALE ... 2	ALBERT WRIGHT ... 6
WILLIAM IRELAND ... 3	FRANK COLE ... 7
WILLIAM HASTINGS ... 4	HUBERT HANKS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN ... Treble	DAVID BREARLEY ... 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 2	JOHN FLINT ... 6
THOMAS BETTISON ... 3	GEORGE W. BEMROSE ... 7
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... 4	SAM THOMAS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

First peal in the method by the Guild.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(YORKTOWN DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*GEORGE EDSER, Senr. ... Treble	CHARLES J. HAMBLIN ... 5
JOHN EMERY ... 2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 6
ALFRED WOODROW ... 3	FERRIS SHEPHERD, Senr. ... 7
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 4	ROBERT J. POLLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the festival of St. Stephen.

PENDLETON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANCIS SMITH ... Treble	SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... 5
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR ... 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 6
WILLIAM HOLBROOK ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 7
ARTHUR RIDYARD ... 4	ROBERT DAVIES ... Tenor

Composed by S. WOOD, and

Conducted by R. DAVIES.

This peal was arranged for W. J. Taylor, of Shrewsbury, and rung half muffled in memory of Joseph Turner, a member of the above company.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY COOTE ... Treble	*WILLIAM H. DYSON ...
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM ... 2	HARRY E. BOWERS ... 6
WALTER RADLEY ... 3	†ERNEST NEWMAN ... 7
WILLIAM GRIMWADE ... 4	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and

Conducted by E. NEWMAN.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal as conductor.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Andrew, Litchurch,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD ... Treble	RICHARD DRAGE ... 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 2	WALTER WALLACE ... 6
NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON ... 3	EDMUND WILLIS ... 7
SAMUEL MASKREY ... 4	CHARLES DRAPER ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

LEAMINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM MALE ... Treble	FRANK PERVIN ... 5
JOSEPH B. FENTON ... 2	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 6
REV. E. V. COX ... 3	REV. C. CAREW COX ... 7
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... 4	CHARLES W. WHEELER ... Tenor

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

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

ASSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S TRANSPOSITION.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	EDWIN L. MILES 5
WILLIAM STATES 2	ALBERT CALVER 6
ALFRED ARNOLD 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7
BENJAMIN MORRIS 4	WILLIAM COOK Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CYRIL POLLARD Treble	WILLIAM POLLARD 5
FREDERICK LAVERICK 2	FREDERICK A. MELLANBY 6
CHARLES LAVERICK 3	JOHN H. BLAKISTON 7
FREDERICK BARKER 4	JOHN W. PASSMAN Tenor

Composed by JOHN DAY, and
Conducted by JOHN H. BLAKISTON.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. ... Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 5
GEORGE DENT 2	FRANK HAIRS 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Hairs.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lbs.

*GEORGE SPENCER Tenor	*HENRY J. RANZETTA ... 5
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ERNEST PYE 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. Also first in the method on the bells.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
AND ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt., E flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	†CHARLES WOODCOCK ... 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2	W. R. JOHN POULSON ... 6
*FREDK. DEWELL 3	THOMAS W. GARRARD ... 7
†ROBERT WILDING 4	THOMAS PRYKE Tenor

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method on tower bells: † First peal in the method.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs., in G.

GEORGE H. CROSS Treble	JOHN MOY 5
GEORGE S. SOAME 2	GEORGE HOWCHIN 6
GEORGE MOY 3	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ... 7
FREDERICK J. WHITHAM ... 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by FREDK. J. HOWCHIN.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

WILLIAM OSTLER Treble	JOHN SELF 5
WILLIAM FLORY 2	WILLIAM BURGESS 6
JOHN HALL 3	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 4	GEORGE WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed by W. EVERSFIELD. Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM MORGAN Treble	FREDERICK B. STEDMAN ... 5
WILLIAM D. ALLEN 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
FRANK CHAVE 3	ALBAN E. SLATTER 7
EDWARD THOMAS 4	JAMES SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ALBAN E. SLATTER.

WOBBURN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt., in D.

DOUGLAS HARRIS Treble	SIDNEY AVIS 5
*DAVID JANES 2	CYRIL HERBERT 6
*FREDERICK GILBY 3	ERNEST HERBERT 7
MORTIMER MATTHEWS ... 4	*WILLIAM TURNEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by D. HARRIS.

* First peal. First peal rung on tower bells by an entirely Woburn company.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt., in A.

*PERCY ALMOND Treble	*ALFRED ANDREWS 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON ... 2	JOSEPH BOWELL 6
JAMES MOTTS 3	*GEORGE JENNINGS 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	GEORGE A. ANDREWS Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

SOUTHAMPTON.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt., in D.

JOHN W. WHITING Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	C. RAYNBIRD GLADDIS ... 6
*CHARLES H. RUSSELL 3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ... 7
CHARLES EDWARDS 4	OWEN H. GILES Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble	JOHN AUSTIN 5
HENRY C. CHANDLER 2	*RICHARD BUCKLAND... .. 6
*GEORGE SPENCER 3	*ARTHUR HARDING 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

FRED FORSYTH Treble	J. S. RUMMING 5
HARRY BENNETT 2	WILLIAM FOWLER 6
WALTER BURSEY 3	GEORGE PRESTON 7
HARRY F. ELLIOTT 4	BERT KERLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a grandson to the Vicar (the Rev. W. D. Bodkin).

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BULWER'S FIVE-PART

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*JOHN H. SHOLICAR Treble	WILLIAM RIMMER 5
*JAMES TAYLOR 2	JOHN GARDNER 6
JAMES PARK 3	JAMES MARSH 7
CHARLES SHARPLES 4	WILLIAM GIBBONS Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MARSH.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDEACONAL GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.

*JOSEPH HANLEY Treble	JOHN BRADNEY 5
FRANK S. DOWNING 2	REV. E. V. COX 6
HUGH REYNOLDS 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7
ALBERT WOODVINE 4	WILLIAM JONES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

* First peal. The Rev. E. V. Cox is the first clergyman to ring a peal for the Salop Guild. Rung in honour of the double wedding of the two elder daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell, of Coalbrookdale, Miss Eleanor Sybil to Mr. James Courtney, of Leicester, and Miss Winifred Margaret to Mr. Albert W. Ashton, of Bromfield, Shropshire. H. Reynolds was elected a life member of the Guild before starting.

IRTHLINGBORO', NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN J. MAWBY Treble	ALFRED H. MARTIN... .. 5
FRED. WILFORD 2	DAVID J. NICHOLS 6
JAMES T. WARD 3	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT... .. 7
CHARLES W. BIRD 4	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, December 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S No. 33.

Tenor 17 cwt.

BERT HORTON Treble	*EDGAR T. SMITH 5
ALFRED J. WALLATER 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER. .. 6
*EDGAR MARLOW 3	THOMAS J. ELTON 7
*GEORGE PEATE 4	HOWARD W. CATTELL ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Wallater.

NUNEATON.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, December 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES F. CLARKE, junr. ... Treble	HARRY STONELEY 5
ERNEST STONE 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 6
ROWLAND POLLARD 3	*DOUGLAS HAROLD ARGYLE .. 7
HARRY ARGYLE 4	†JOHN GREASLEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS HAROLD ARGYLE.

* First peal as conductor. D. H. Argyle is believed to be the youngest member of the Midland Counties Association to conduct a peal, he being only 15 years of age. † First peal.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(DORCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 28, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*W. A. PAINTER Treble	T. WOOLLEY 5
T. PAGE 2	G. T. WHITE 6
C. F. UPHILL 3	†W. J. BENDER 7
C. B. HURST 4	T. HYDE Tenor

Conducted by W. G. BENDER.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 27 cwt., in D.

SAMUEL JONES Treble	RICHARD JONES 5
GEORGE JONES 2	JAMES MORGAN 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	EDWIN H. LEWIS 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	HENRY W. WILDE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

This is believed to be the first peal of Major ever rung in this method.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 28, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt., in E.

FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... Treble	F. GORDON THOMPSON 5
EDGAR H. BAILEY 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3	FREDERICK J. SMITH 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGETT, and

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR E. MORGAN ... Treble	*SAMUEL JONES 5
FRANK MORGAN 2	*JOHN BUTLER 6
CHARLES GREEDY 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 7
*FREDERICK ATWELL ... 4	*CORNELIUS BOWEN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal in the method.

NUNEATON.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, CHILVERS COTON,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	*DOUGLAS HAROLD ARGYLE 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 2	*HERBERT CURE 6
*JAMES F. CLARKE, Junr. 3	*JAMES F. CLARKE, Senr. 7
*HARRY STONELEY 4	HARRY ARGYLE Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method on the bells.

LONDON.

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble	WALTER G. MATTHEWS ... 5
FREDERICK G. PERRIN ... 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

REGINALD BLAKE Treble	*CHARLES GILES 5
FRANK BLONDELL 2	*REV. CYRIL JENKYN ... 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 3	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ... 7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

EDWIN B. SHAW Treble	SAMUEL M. BUTTERWORTH 5
ALBERT CLEGG 2	JAMES H. BASTOW 6
JAMES LEES 3	ISAAC SCHOFIELD 7
SAMUEL STOTT 4	*JAMES GARLICK Tenor

Composed by J. HOLLIS and
Conducted by S. STOTT.

* First peal of Triples. Messrs. Shaw, Clegg, Lees and Schofield are members of the Glodwick company; Messrs. Stott, Butterworth, Bastow and Garlick belong to the Oldham Parish Church band.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY ... Treble	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 5
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 6
EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 3	CHARLES SAMSON ... 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES BAILEY ... Treble	GEORGE CLAYBROOK ... 5
WILLIAM LAWLEY ... 2	BERNARD V. SMITH ... 6
DANIEL JONES 3	ALFRED FALLON 7
ANDREW JONES 4	CHARLES DARBY Tenor

Conducted by A. FALLON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Hon. Mrs. Augustus Legge, wife of the Bishop of Lichfield.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

ALBERT V. MOORE ... Treble	*BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 5
JESSE J. MOSS 2	*ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 6
*THOMAS BETTISON ... 3	GEORGE MOSS 7
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method by the Association.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BULWER'S VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

*ARTHUR PETTIT ... Treble	ALFRED H. MARTIN ... 5
WALTER PERKINS ... 2	ARTHUR CHAPMAN ... 6
JOHN J. MAWBY ... 3	CHARLES CLARKE ... 7
FRED WILFORD ... 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

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

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

FRED C. MAYNARD Treble	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON ... 5
ERNEST PYE 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	HARRY FLANDERS ... 7
JOHN AUSTIN 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY
OF BROMLEY YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BROMLEY COMMON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR BYGRAVE Treble	WILLIAM SOMERVILLE ... 5
ALBERT HUMPHREY 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
GEORGE HUXLEY 3	GEORGE DURLING 7
HUBERT BLACKWELL 4	*FREDERICK SEAR Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE DURLING.

* First peal. The conductor's 50th peal.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART.

FRANK W. PERRONS Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
ARTHUR BAKER 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
JOSEPH ROBERTS 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
*WILLIAM BAYLIS 4	*BENJAMIN FULLWOOD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

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

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ALEC MARTIN Treble	ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG ... 5
*FRED RIGBY 2	EDWARD ARMSTRONG ... 6
E. ROGER MARTIN 3	†ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE ... 7
*WILLIAM H. HUNTER 4	*JOHN H. GARTSIDE Tenor

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal in the method as conductor.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor, 14½ cwt.

JAMES TULETT Treble	WILLIAM A. COOKE, R.N. 5
WILLIAM EASTER 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 6
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN 3	WILLIAM HUNT 7
THOMAS MANNERING 4	WILLIAM HAIGH Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by W. HAIGH.

This was W. Haigh's 100th peal, W. Easter's 50th, and J. Tulett's 25th. W. Haigh rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) on the same bell in 1887.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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 birthday of the Rev. W. Spencer, M.A.,
Vicar of the Parish and Rural Dean of Himley.

BRISTOL.

THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

ALBERT STOWELL Treble	SAMUEL PHILLIPS 5
FREDK. W. WADE 2	HENRY HOWELL 6
CHARLES PERRY 3	ISAAC LONG 7
FRED. G. MAY 4	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, Bart., and
Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

HUBERT J. DAY Treble	FREDERICK BRUNNING ... 5
ALFRED E. POWELL 2	FREDERICK DAY 6
ERNEST W. CLOVER 3	THOMAS A. TURNER 7
GEORGE E. DAY 4	ERNEST F. POPPY Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by E. F. POPPY.

Rung after evening service.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM WELHAM Treble	FREDERICK ALLARD 5
GEORGE MELBOURNE 2	WILLIAM E. TYDEMAN ... 6
CHARLES ALDERTON 3	WILLIAM SOUTER 7
*ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 4	EDWARD E. DIAPER Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by WILLIAM SOUTER.

* First peal. Mr. Grimwood, for whom the peal was arranged,
belongs to Finborough, and was elected a member previous to start-
ing. Great credit is due to him for the way he rang throughout.

WEST DIDSBURY.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

GEORGE E. TURNER Treble	SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... 5
JOSEPH LOWE 2	JOHN T. BOTTRILL 6
ROBERT DAVIES 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
WILLIAM H. SHUKER 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by S. WOOD, and Conducted by J. RIDYARD.

The company desire to thank Mr. and Mrs. R. Davies for their
kind hospitality after the peal.

SOUTHGATE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

GEORGE BESTER ... ..Treble	WALTER SOER 5
*HERBERT ARMSTRONG ... 2	JOHN ARMSTRONG 6
FRANK A. MILNE 3	JOHN E. MILLER 7
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK ... 4	ALFRED DODSON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

* First peal of Grandsire with bob bell.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LEIGH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

*WILLIAM TOMKINS ... ..Treble	JAMES R. NEWMAN 4
*ALFRED BUSK 2	JOHN WORMAN 5
*JOHN BUSK 3	*JAMES KINNARD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORMAN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal by a local band.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

ANDREW LAYTON ... ..Treble	DAVID HORNE 4
ARTHUR HADLEY 2	WILLIAM TURNER 5
CHARLES LAYTON 3	GEORGE JORDON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of College Single, two of Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lbs., in G.

BERTIE R. BUCKLE ... ..Treble	JOHN W. MALLET 4
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... 2	JOHN HALL 5
HARRY HALL 3	GEORGE BALLS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. HALL.

First peal as conductor.

MALDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(MALDON & DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Court, and Kent, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*CHARLES P. CHALK ... ..Treble	†WILLIAM CHALK, JUNR. ... 4
HAROLD FINCH 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 5
ALFRED SOUTH 3	FRED CHALK ... ..Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in six methods.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*ARCHIE HENMAN ... ..Treble	ARTHUR PETTIT 4
†FREDERICK JERVIS 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 5
†FRANCIS BALL 3	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

(SOUTHERN BRANCH),

AND THE ALL SAINTS AND ST. LAWRENCE GUILD,
EVESHAM.

On Wednesday, December 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being four 720's of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Bob, and one of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.

HARRY COLLEY ... ..Treble	FREDRICK JORDAN 4
THOMAS EDWIN 2	HERBERT JORDAN 5
JAMES HEMMING 3	HUBERT SALISBURY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

First peal on the bells.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

ARCHIE HENMAN ... ..Treble	ARTHUR PETTIT 4
*JOSEPH PETTIT 2	MATTHIAS HOBBS 5
EDWARD CHAPMAN 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Tenor

Conducted by R. LOVEDAY.

* First peal in seven methods away from treble.

GEDDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lbs.

†GEORGE BLACK ... ..Treble	CHARLES SWAN 3
*CHARLES COOPER 2	*EDGAR REID 4
*ROBT. G. BLACK Tenor	

Conducted by GEO. BLACK.

*First peal. † First peal as conductor. This is the second peal rung on these bells and the first to be rung by a resident band.

HINXWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BIGGLESWADE AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court, Reverse College Single, and Single Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob.

*JAMES H. INSKIP ... ..Treble	CHARLES A. PRATT 4
†GEORGE W. INSKIP 2	†WILLIAM H. COMPTON ... 5
*ALFRED O. BAILEY 3	†FRED BLOOD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by F. BLOOD.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. † First peal in four methods. This is the first peal by the above Branch, which was only started on December 16th.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 29, 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, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor about 14 cwt.

*JAMES HENDRY Treble	GEORGE LINES 4
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	HARRY MEADOWS 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE 3	JAMES HOUGHTON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

SEAL CHART.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10 cwt., in G.

ALFRED HOPE Treble	HERBERT H. HARDING ... 4
ARTHUR BURR 2	JAMES FORD 5
ARTHUR WENBAN 3	DENIS J. GOLDSMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by DENIS J. GOLDSMITH.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Bob IV, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDGAR VALLANCE Treble	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 4
GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ... 2	E. HARRY STONELEY ... 5
WALTER J. HORTON 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911 in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 17½ 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.

BLISWORTH, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES SLARKE Treble	CHARLES FAULKNER 3
FRED. HOPPER 2	WILFRED SHARP 4
GEORGE BASFORD 3	... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER

First peal on the bells for over 120 years. The band wish to thank the Rector (the Rev. W. H. Barry) for the use of the bells.

WALTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, two of Kent Treble Bob, three of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR B. SHEPHERD ... Treble	CHARLES KENNINGTON ... 4
PERCY C. LONG 2	CHARLES TAYLOR 5
ALONZA W. LONG 3	JOHN W. SEAMER Tenor

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES F. GODFREY ... Treble	GEORGE BASELEY 4
JOHN HOUGH 2	HERBERT HURDMAN ... 5
HERBERT SHARPE 3	DAVID L. COTTON Tenor

Conducted by H. HURDMAN.

Rung with the bells muffled for the Watch Night service.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford, Burton, and London Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES NUNN Treble	ALPHAUS BERRY 4
EDWARD YOUNGS 2	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ... 5
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung after the evening service. This is the first peal rung by Edward Youngs since his recovery from an operation at Norwich Hospital in 1909.

ANSTON, SHEFFIELD.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Worcester Surprise, Chichester, Cambridge, Norwich, Kitchener, Anston, and Baden-Powell.

Tenor 12 cwt.

F. STENTON Treble	R. SMITH 4
H. TURNER 2	S. SMITH 5
H. STENTON 3	C. FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by H. STENTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the departure of the old year. The peal was completed at 11.59 p.m., and is believed to be a record for the nearest finish to midnight.

HOLBETON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*H. LAPHORN Treble	*B. MILLER 4
*W. WILLIAMS 2	REV. E. S. POWELL ... 5
W. D. JAMES 3	*H. HEARD Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal of Doubles rung in the County of Devon, consisting of 42 six-scores each called differently, and contained C.G. singles and bobs only.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

At 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;

FRED A. HOLDEN ...	1—2	THOMAS BERNARD...	5—6
GEORGE THOMPSON ...	3—4	ARTHUR T. MORRIS ...	7—8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by A. T. MORRIS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

At THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

JAMES HUNT ...	1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ...	7—8
SEPTIMUS RADFORD ...	9—10		

Composed by J. CARTER, and

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Mr. Reginald Blake heard the last hour of this peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	*FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ...	5—6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	3—4	JAMES HUNT ...	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire, S. RADFORD.

* First peal of Stedman Triples on handbells. Rung after an attempt for Stedman Caters.

The name of the ringer of the 3rd in the peal at Preston, Suffolk, on December 16th, was Harry Crick, not Crich as printed.

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.

BARKSTONE, LINGS.—On November 22nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, the first on the bells: *J. Atkinson 1, A. Mackears (conductor) 2, *A. Palmer 3, R. Scott 4, *A. Drury 5, *W. Watson 6. *First in the method.

WORKSOP.—On Nov. 22nd, 336 Bob Major, the first by all the band, conducted by H. Haigh.—On Sunday, Nov. 26th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: H. Haigh 1, H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, C. Peck (first quarter away from treble) 5, T. Bartholomew (conductor) 6, T. Wilson 7, F. Hind 8.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Nov. 23rd, 360 Grandsire Minor: C. Hitchman 1, W. Hitchman 2, T. Hughes 3, G. C. Rice 4, V. R. Hitchman 5, R. G. Rice (conductor) 6. Also three courses Bob Minor, with H. C. Mulford 1.

MAIDENHEAD.—At Boyne Hill, on Thursday, Nov. 23rd, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich, in 44 mins.: B. Walker 1, A. Walker 2, J. Eldridge 3, L. W. Copey 4, C. Smith 5, R. Buckland 6, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 7, G. Martin (conductor) 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples.—On Sunday, November 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: L. W. Copey 1, W. Walker 2, H. Cox 3, B. Walker 4, A. Wiggins 5, J. Eldridge 6, G. Martin (conductor) 7, H. Jones 8. Rung with bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. S. E. Brown, a great benefactor to the church and poor.

DITCHLING, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 24th, a half-peal of Bob Minor (2520 changes), in 1 hour 32 mins.: M. Killick 1, G. Killick 2, B. Bish (conductor) 3, W. H. Horney 4, J. Feist 5, J. Parsons 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Parsons.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Nov. 25th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 42 mins.: T. Rawdin 1, C. Lamb (longest length as conductor) 2, A. Ward (longest length) 3, J. W. Kirton 4, M. Bend 5, R. Bend 6, S. Baker 7, H. Thorlby 8.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Nov. 25th, at St. Lawrence's Church, at a practice, arranged for Mr. J. Wolley and his daughter, Miss M. E. Wolley, of Nottingham, several touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major, were rung, including 252 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Wolley 1, J. Harrison 2, J. Wolley 3, A. Hickton 4, R. Drage 5, R. Hickton 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, J. Andrews 8. An attempt for a quarter-peal of Grandsire came to grief half-way.

DAGENHAM.—The Essex Association.—On Sunday, Nov. 26th, 720 Bob Minor: Miss C. Playle (first 720) 1, E. Hawkins 2, A. Playle 3, R. Blake 4, G. Playle (conductor) 5, F. Freestone 6.

STOCKPORT.—On Sunday, Nov. 26th, on the occasion of the Mayor's official visit to St. Mary's Parish Church, Stockport, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1911 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins.: Allan G. Clarke 1, J. H. Mason 2, H. Reynolds 3, J. A. Gordon 4, Alfred Gordon 5, Wm. Gordon, junr., 6, A. S. Gordon 7, E. Edmonds 8. Composed and conducted by Wm. Gordon, senr., who was seated in the tower. After service, 252 Stedman Triples: J. H. Mason 1, Wm. Gordon, senr. (conductor) 2, the rest as above.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Nov. 26th, for evening service, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. W. Green (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, C. H. Hughes 2, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 3, C. F. Winney 4, A. D. Barker 5, F. J. Hardy 6, R. F. Deal 7, T. Walker 8.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—On Sunday, Nov. 26th, at St. Lawrence's Church, two six-scores Grandsire Doubles: L. A. Wilson (Wootton Bassett) 1, R. W. Hyner (Swindon), conductor, 2, G. Lancaster (Stratton St. Margaret) 3, F. Looker (Stratton St. Margaret) 4, C. J. Gardiner (Swindon) 5, T. Robinson (Buscot) 6. Also two six-scores Stedman Doubles, T. Aston (Lechlade) ringing the tenor.

MARDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 26th, 1008 Grandsire Triples: P. Brown 1, D. Hodgkin 2, C. H. Sone 3, F. Hodgkin 4, G. Hadaway 5, T. E. Sone 6, F. Sharp (conductor) 7, W. Robbins 8. This is the longest length by an entirely local band, and also longest length as conductor by F. Sharp.

LONDON.—London County Association.—At St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Sunday, Nov. 26th, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. W. Green 1, C. H. Hughes 2, T. H. Taffender 3, C. F. Winney 4, A. D. Barker 5, F. J. Hardy 6, R. F. Deal 7, T. Walker 8.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, Nov. 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles, in 45 mins.: J. Farmer 1, J. Watts 2, J. Sully 3, E. Parker 4, H. Moore (conductor) 5, W. Manning 6. First quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells.

BLETCHLEY.—On Sunday, Nov. 26th, 504 and 252 Stedman Triples: T. Best 1, J. Mead 2, J. Marks 3, F. Stanton 4, L. Meager 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, V. Sear 8. Also 336 Bob Major.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On November 27th, 720 Bob Minor.—On Dec. 6th, 360 College Single: H. C. Mulford 1, W. Hitchman 2, T. Hughes 3, G. C. Rice 4, V. R. Hitchman 5, R. G. Rice (conductor) 6.

BELTON, LINGS.—On November 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles, the first in the method by all the band and on the bells: A. Mackears (conductor) 1, A. Palmer 2, R. Scott 3, F. Craddock 4, A. Drury 5.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—On Monday, Nov. 27th, at Immanuel Church, Streatham Common, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1280 changes): J. Rumble 1, T. Colburn 2, Dr. A. B. Carpenter 3, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 4, J. S. Daniels 5, C. Johnston 6, A. J. Trappitt 7, T. Groombridge, junr., 8. This quarter-peal is in three courses, having the fourth in sixth's place, with full bobs at home.

SALTBURN.—On Nov. 29th, 1088 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 42 mins.: C. Watson 1, T. Appleton 2, R. Mossom 3, F. Barker 4, N. Kidd 5, Rev. R. L. B. Oliver 6, J. H. Blakiston (conductor) 7, E. Milburn 8. Also 336 Bob Major, with F. T. Graves taking part on 2nd.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—The Hertfordshire Association.—On November 29th, in an unsuccessful attempt for a farewell peal to B. Carter, who is leaving the village, 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: A. Carter 1, B. Carter 2, F. Williams 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Woolston 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.—On December 3rd, for service, 720 Oxford Delight by the same band, A. Woolston, conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Nov. 29th, at St. Chad's Cathedral, an attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major unfortunately came to grief after about 1100 changes, in 40 mins., owing to the treble rope breaking: J. Neal 1, J. Pagett (Derby) 2, J. H. Swarfield (Barton) 3, C. Dickens (Birmingham) 4, S. Grove 5, G. F. Swann 6, A. P. Smith 7, C. R. Lilley (Caversham), conductor, 8.

CLIFTON.—At St. Andrew's Church, on St. Andrew's Day, 576 London Surprise and 384 of Cambridge Surprise, by R. J. Wilkins 1, G. Seward 2, H. Brownjohn 3, R. Clark 4, W. Thomas 5, C. H. Gordon 6, W. Apperley 7, J. Burford (conductor) 8. Also three courses of Grandsire Triples on handbells: W. Apperley 1—2, J. Burford 3—4, R. J. Wilkins (conductor) 5—6, G. Seward 7—8.

WOOD GREEN, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Nov. 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: G. Hughes 1, T. Hill 2, E. T. Smith 3, G. Peate 4, A. Plant 5, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 6, B. Horton 7, F. Hallsforth, junr., 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

BIRCH.—On Nov. 30th, for practice, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: Walter Ryder 1, Wm. Ryder (conductor) 2, W. Holbrook 3, *H. Wilson 4, F. Ryder 5, *J. Bashforth 6, W. H. Idle 7, J. Idle 8. *First quarter-peal.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.—During the month of November, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Jarrett 1, P. Tidy 2, S. Heath 3, L. Tidy 4, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 5, E. Hoad 6. Also Penning's 720 Bob Minor (46 calls), A. Jarrett on 3rd, and A. J. Perkins (conductor) 6. On handbells, 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, being the first in these methods double-handed, by Messrs. Hoad and Jarrett; also two 720's Bob Minor, with L. Tidy on 1-2, being his first double-handed.

HARWICH.—Essex Association.—A quarter-peal of Bob Royal on handbells: W. A. Cooke 1-2, George Thompson 3-4, Fred Holden 5-6, Tom Bernard 7-8, A. J. Morris 9-10, composed and conducted by Fred A. Holden. First quarter-peal in method by all the band.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On December 2nd, for practice, 576 Superlative Surprise Major: C. Samson 1, G. Wilson (longest length in the method) 2, E. H. Bailey 3, J. M. Bailey 4, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 5, E. R. Bailey 6, J. G. Rumsey 7, E. S. Bailey 8.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.—On December 2nd, for practice, 360 Bob Minor: R. T. Lade 1, W. J. Barrow 2, W. Bagley 3, J. Thurlow 4, A. R. Miles 5, W. Booth (conductor) 6.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sunday, December 3rd, 630 Grandsire Triples: W. V. Webb 1, E. G. Aldridge 2, G. F. James (conductor) 3, C. E. Gregory 4, R. G. James 5, W. J. Grace 6, C. Greenough 7, G. Welch 8.—On November 12th, a quarter-peal in the same method, arranged for W. H. Fussell, of Slough.

WILESDEEN, MIDDLESEX.—The London County Association.—On Sunday, December 3rd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Kilby 1, G. Chalkley 2, L. Porter 3, T. Langdon 4, H. Kilby (conductor) 5, A. Hill 6. First on the bells, and by all the band.

LONDON.—The Kent County Association.—On Sunday, December 3rd, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, 1184 Bristol Surprise Major: *F. Davis 1, *H. Ranzetta 2, J. A. Trollope 3, *F. J. Hairs 4, F. Bennett (conductor) 5, *W. Hewett 6, *A. W. Grimes 7, *J. E. Davis 8. *Longest length in the method.

HULL, YORKS.—On Sunday, December 3rd, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, 539 Grandsire Caters: C. Jackson (conductor) 1, T. Stockdale 2, A. Naylor 3, A. G. Waite (Barnwood, Gloucester) 4, G. Dowling 5, J. Highfield 6, E. Cutsforth 7, G. T. Miller 8, D. W. Brown 9, J. Chamberlain 10. For evening service, 485 Grandsire Caters: C. Jackson (conductor) 1, T. Stockdale 2, M. Hedges 3, A. G. Waite 4, F. Merrison 5, J. Highfield 6, E. Cutsforth 7, G. T. Miller 8, A. Naylor 9, J. Chamberlain 10.

STANTON, DERBYSHIRE.—Midland Counties Association.—On Sunday, December 3rd, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Minor (540 Oxford Bob and 720 Oxford Treble Bob): M. Heaney (longest touch) 1, W. Halford 2, J. Hall 3, E. Scattergood 4, W. Thornley 5, E. C. Goby (conductor) 6.

SWINDON.—On Sunday, December 3rd, at Christ Church, for morning service, 546 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Brinkworth 1, O. W. Layng 2, A. Lawrence (conductor) 3, R. W. Hyner 4, T. Robinson 5, G. W. Townsend 6, C. J. Gardiner 7, D. Jackson 8. For evening service 1003 Stedman Triples: O. W. Layng 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner 3, R. Thompson 4, G. W. Townsend 5, O. Norman (conductor) 6, C. J. Gardiner 7, D. Jackson 8.

BRIGHTON.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 3rd, for Confirmation service, 395 Grandsire Caters, conducted by H. Rann. For evening service, on the occasion of a visit of the Bishop of Chichester, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: R. W. Hoather 1, H. Rann 2, F. Tindall 3, G. Ades 4, W. Palmer 5, J. Capp 6, C. Palmer (longest touch as conductor) 7, J. Jay 8.

LONG EATON.—At St. Lawrence Church, on Sunday, Dec. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins.: J. R. Ward 1, *R. A. Hickton 2, R. Hickton 3, R. Drage 4, N. H. Widdowson 5, *G. Freebury 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, S. Hutchinson 8. *First quarter-peal.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Dec. 3rd, at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: *W. Carrott 1, W. J. Rawlings 2, W. Donaldson (first quarter with a bob bell) 3, G. H. Daynes (composer and conductor) 4, T. H. Hawkins 5, G. E. Rawlings 6, H. Clark 7, C. Clark, junr., 8. *First quarter-peal.

LONDON.—At St. Anne's Church, Stamford Hill, on December 3rd, after morning service, 720 Bob Minor: T. Sharman 1, F. Ringrose, junr., 2, A. Howell 3, T. Ringrose 4, F. Fenson 5, C. Ross (conductor) 6.—On December 11th 720 Bob Minor: T. Sharman 1, W. H. Lewis (first 720) 2, E. Davidson 3, F. Ringrose, junr., 4, T. Ringrose 5, J. Armstrong (conductor) 6.—On December 17th 720 Grandsire Doubles: A. Keay 1, J. Thomas 2, F. E. Ringrose 3, F. Gerkin 4, E. F. Ridler 5, H. Stubbs (first 720) 6. Conducted by F. E. Ringrose, who is 17 years of age.

OXHEY, HERTS.—The Hertfordshire Association.—On Sunday, December 3rd, for evening service, 1056 Superlative Surprise: G. N. Price 1, T. C. Simmons 2, C. N. Seaman 3, C. George 4, C. W. Smith 5, G. E. Howchin 6, H. Eden 7, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 8.

THORNTON CURTIS, Lincs.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—On Monday, December 4th, in 50 mins., at St. Lawrence's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes): H. Thompson 1, W. Godard (conductor) 2, S. Bromfield 3, J. Atkinson 4, G. Atkinson 5. First quarter-peal on the bells, and first by all the band.

LEINTWARDINE.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church on December 4th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins.: S. Roberts 1, H. W. Hunt 2, G. Matthews 3, J. Evans 4, H. Taylor (conductor) 5, H. Cartwright 6.

NEWHALL.—The Midland Counties Association.—On Dec. 4th, 720 Double Stedman Slow Course, the first on the bells: G. Baseley 1, J. H. Swinfield 2, H. Hurdman 3, A. P. Wakley (conductor) 4, J. Hough 5, D. Cotton 6. Also two 240's of Kent Treble Bob and 120 Bob Minor, in which L. C. Smith and W. Shercliff took part.

FULHAM, S.W.—The All Saints' Society, Fulham.—On Dec. 4th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 38 mins.: A. F. Shepherd 1-2, W. Shepherd 3-4, J. W. Driver 5-6, L. Attwater 7-8. Rung on strictly non-conducted principles.

LEYTONSTONE.—Essex Association.—On Dec. 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Fiddes (first 720 in the method) 1, H. Torble 2, W. Doran 3, W. Theobald 4, W. Miller 5, G. Haydon (conductor) 6.

REIGATE, SURREY.—At the Parish Church on December 4th, 237 Grandsire Caters: H. Dewey 1, H. Reeves 2, F. T. Hoad 3, E. Dewey 4, T. Brown 5, H. Hoad 6, G. F. Hoad (conductor) 7, T. Sparkes 8, G. 5, D. Cotton 6. Also two 240's of Kent Treble Bob and 120 Bob Minor took part.

CROYDON.—At the Parish Church, on Dec. 5th, as a token of respect to the late Mr. H. J. Winter, organist of St. Edmund's, whose interment took place on that date, 518 Grandsire Triples with bells half-muffled: J. Merritt 1, H. Shonfeld 2, W. Ives 3, J. Talbot 4, W. States (conductor) 5, A. W. Clark 6, A. T. Jones 7, E. Pope 8. Also quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. States 1, W. Ives 2, J. Talbot 3, W. Groves 4, A. T. Jones 5, T. Groombridge, junr., 6, A. W. Clark (conductor) 7, E. Pope 8.

STOCKPORT.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—On Dec. 11th, at St. George's Church, Stockport, a quarter-peal of Erin Caters (1261 changes), in 50 mins., by: T. Jackson 1, G. Astbury (composer) 2, J. E. Gresty 3, H. Jackson 4, W. Jackson 5, J. Mottershead 6, H. Meakin (conductor) 7, G. D. Warburton 8, J. W. Bayley 9, G. Marshall 10. The above are all members of the local company, and it is the longest length of Caters in the method by all.

WELSH RINGERS AT PLYMOUTH.

The brothers Tom and Harry Page and W. Richards spent Christmas week with the Plymouth ringers. On Tuesday, December 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Kenwyn, Cornwall, in 42 mins.: W. Hornbrook, E. C. Freund, H. Page, B. Knight, T. Page (conductor), W. Richards, W. H. Sleeman, W. Hooper. In the evening an attempt for a peal at Kea came to grief. On Sunday and Christmas Day several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung, this being the visitors' first touches on ten bells. On Thursday a quarter-peal of Caters was lost at St. Andrew's, after 900 changes had been rung. On Friday an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at Plympton St. Maurice came to grief after 50 mins.' splendid ringing. At St. Mary's Church, Plympton, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. The bells here go very badly, and the belfry is in a very dilapidated condition, and not fit for a ringing chamber. The place is in a sad state of neglect, which is a great pity, as the tenor is reputed to be one of the finest bells in the country.

RE-DEDICATION OF BELLS AT ASHTON.

After a lapse of many months the bells of St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne were again heard ringing out merrily on Christmas Eve. The work of restoration was entrusted to Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, of London, and was admirably carried out. The bells were re-dedicated by the Rural Dean, the Rev. F. H. Burrows, M.A., who, taking his text from Zechariah xiv. 20, delivered a striking and most interesting address on the use of the bells. The hymn 'They are lifted to the steeple' was heartily sung by the congregation, and then the children sang to a special setting the inscription which is on the bells. After the dedication the bells were rung merrily for a few moments by J. W. Holme, R. Mills, J. Garnett, R. Wimpenny, A. Scott, H. Wolstencroft, J. H. Donald, C. Broadbent, W. W. Wolstencroft and A. Jacob.

On Wednesday, the Eve of Holy Innocents, and the 40th anniversary of the bells, the ringers of both towers, St. Michael's and St. Peter's, met for combined practice, when touches of Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire were brought round, Mr. Sam Wood having charge of the ringing arrangements.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE MASTER OF THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The London County Association since it emerged as a territorial organisation from the old St. James' Society has gone rapidly ahead in popularity and in its activities. This has been due largely to the energy displayed by the new blood infused into it, its reconstitution and subsequent development being the outcome of the revived interest which the younger men have given to it. Once looked upon as a kind of "go-between" under whose auspices members of the other rival London societies



MR. GEORGE R. FARDON.

might meet and ring together, the London County Association is now very much to the fore among the metropolitan societies.

Occupying the office of Master is Mr. George R. Fardon, one of the men who have done so much to build up the latter day fortunes of the old society whose history goes back nearly a century. Born at Bourton-on-the-Hill, Gloucestershire, on September 30th, 1873, Mr. Fardon learned to pull a bell in his native parish at the early age of eight years, and he rang with the local ringers at the Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887. In the following year he was apprenticed to an electrical engineer in London, and from that time until 1905 he did nothing in the belfry. Then, however, he joined the St. Luke's Society, Chelsea, where he learned the greater part of his change ringing, and proved an apt pupil, receiving much of his instruction from that friend of many beginners, Mr. H. R. Newton.

Mr. Fardon was Master of the St. Luke's Society in 1897 and 1898, and in the former year joined the St. James' Society, of which he has been Junior and Senior Steward, and Master three times, viz., in 1907, 1908 and 1911. In addition he is a member of the College Youths, the Oxford and Winchester Diocesan Guilds, the Middlesex and Gloucester and Bristol Associations, the Oxford, the St. Margaret's (Westminster), the Waterloo and the All Saints' (Fulham) Societies. He represents the London County Association on the Central Council.

Mr. Fardon's recreation has been by no means confined to ringing. He served, with great credit to himself, in the 1st London Royal Engineers Volunteer Corps from 1892-7, attaining to the rank of corporal and winning several shooting and engineering prizes. He is holder of the Army Ambulance Certificate, a handsome document illuminated in gold, and he commanded a section to compete for the Army challenge bowl in 1894. He also represented the regiment at football in the seasons 1894-5-6-7.

Mr. Fardon has rung 91 peals, as follow :—

Grandsire Triples	5	
Stedman Caters	8	Conducted 3
Stedman Triples	34	
Stedman Caters	18	Conducted 2
Stedman Cinques	2	
Bob Major	2	
Kent Treble Bob Major ...	6	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	6	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus ..	1	
Oxford Bob Triples	2	
Double Norwich Major ...	2	
Superlative Surprise Major	4	
Cambridge Surprise Major ..	1	

Total ... 91 Conducted 5
Rung in 45 towers.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

With this issue we begin a new volume. We think those of our readers, and we believe there are many of them, who desire to have "The Ringing World" bound, will agree with us that it will be convenient to have some definite dividing line of time instead of waiting merely for 52 numbers to appear. Having finished out 1911 with 41 issues for the first volume, therefore, we propose in future to complete each volume in six months, beginning anew with the first issues in January and July respectively in each year. Volume II. thus makes its bow to-day.

We have without question established a record this week in the annals of the Exercise. Our columns contain no fewer than 89 peals, the largest number ever published in one issue of a ringing paper. Although we have enlarged again to 20 pages the pressure on our space necessitates holding over several items. This issue might very appropriately be called a "Peal Number."

At Halesworth, Suffolk, where the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells was rung on Thursday, December 28th, the ring is hung in a curious manner, the ropes running in a circle in the following order : 1, 7, 2, 6, 4, 5, 3, 8. One can quite imagine that the conductor's lot is not altogether a happy one, and that the course-ends want a good deal of picking out.

The excellence of the brothers Gofton as ringers, conductors and composers is common knowledge, but it is not so well known that they have always been keen to help beginners in the Art. The experience thus gained is now proving its value to them, for, in view of the completion of the octave, they are at present busy augmenting their band at Whitley Bay by teaching new ringers. That the brothers are as clever at instructing as in the other branches was illustrated on Christmas morning. On that day one of their pupils, Arthur Payne, rang in two 720's of Bob Minor. This in itself is not a great performance, but there are facts which make it worthy of notice.

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First the learner rang the method with practically no help from the conductor. Secondly, the result was achieved after tuition and practice in the belfry of not more than 20 hours in the aggregate, and ringing on three Sundays. Taking these points into consideration it may be a record. In any case it is a credit to teachers and pupil, and makes one think there are methods of instructing known only to few. With the exception of "Rope-sight" there are no works giving hints to those who have to teach others the Art of ringing, and the views of such men as J. W. Washbrook, Tom Gofton and others would be helpful.

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The year 1911 was a black year for the Pendleton company. They have just lost another member by death, the second during the year, while two other finished ringers and one unattached, who could be relied upon in an emergency, have left the district.

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In recording an "Old Year" peal at Anston, which was completed at 11.59 p.m., our correspondent says it is "believed to be a record for the nearest finish to midnight." Short of finishing on the stroke we should say our correspondent is about right.

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Mr. Henry Dains, who wonders when and where St. Dunstan's Doubles (dealt with last week by "Conductor") were first published, points out that the method is very interesting, it being a reverse variation of Reading Doubles which he published a few weeks ago.

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The New Year was welcomed from many hundreds of steeples in the land, but at how many churches the majority of the ringers were ladies? At Bishop's Hull, Somerset, 1912 was ushered in by rounds and queens, rung by Miss L. Durwan 1, Mrs. P. Merson 2, Miss A. Durwan 3, Miss L. Connett 4, Miss E. Merson 5, T. Smith 6. Miss L. Durman also took part in the change ringing before midnight.

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The peal at St. Nicholas, Bristol, on Sunday was the rooth peal of Stedman rung in the towers in Gloucestershire by the conductor (Mr. F. May). The total is made up as follows:—Cinques rung 6, conducted 2; Caters 59, conducted 41; Triples 35, conducted 22; total 100, conducted 65. In the Triples Mr. May has conducted a different composition from each working bell. Thurstans' one-part, Thurstans' five-part, several of Sir Arthur Heywood's compositions and also most of J. W. Washbrook's Stedman Triples compositions are included in the list. No other Gloucestershire ringer has ever reached this number in the Stedman method only.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. W. P. Rouse, of Needham Market, Suffolk, who passed away on Christmas Eve at the age of 60 years after a long and painful illness. The deceased was for many years secretary of the Stowmarket Company of the Norwich Association. He rang several peals, the last being Bob Major in 1904. Mr. Rouse, who was much respected by a large circle of friends, was interred on Thursday week at Stowmarket, and the bells were rung half-muffled. Mrs. Rouse and family desire to thank all those who kindly responded to the appeal that was made.

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Egham Church, Surrey, is to have its peal of six bells rehung and two trebles added to complete the octave. This work is to be carried out owing principally to the generosity of an anonymous donor, who, having previously subscribed £80 towards the restoration, has now forwarded another £110 to the Vicar.

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Successful efforts are being made at Southampton to raise funds for the erection of a spire to St. Mary's Church, and an anonymous donor has offered £1,000 towards the peal of bells when the spire is completed.

ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR.

BY HENRY W. WILDE, CHESTER.

	5 1 8 4			
	M	B	H	
2 3 4 5 6				
3 5 4 2 6	—	—		
5 2 4 3 6	—	—		
5 2 3 6 4		—	—	
2 6 3 5 4	—	—		
6 5 3 2 4	—	—		
3 5 2 6 4	—	—	—	
5 6 2 3 4	(—	—)		
6 3 2 5 4	(—	—)		
2 3 5 6 4	(—	—)	—	

Five times repeated. Single instead of the last bob in the 3rd and 6th parts. May be reduced 5008 by omitting the six bobs bracketed in one part. In this peal the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th's place at the course ends, and the tenors are never dodging together on the lead.

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	B	W	H
23456			
45236	—	—	—
24536			—
53246		—	—
25346			—
32546			—
54326		—	—
35426			—
43526			—
52436		—	—
52364	—		—
35264			—
23564			—

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NEW BELLS AT SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

THE DEDICATION.

Shenfield Church, Essex, is now in possession of a fine new ring of six bells. The old five were recast, and a new tenor, the generous gift of Mr. Kirk, a parishioner, added. The bells have been rehung in a new steel frame, with the latest fittings, and the work, carried out by Messrs. Warner and Sons, Ltd., has given the most complete satisfaction. The inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

Treble: Cast 1898, recast 1911; John Warner and Sons.

2nd: Thomas Bartlett made me, 1626. John Warner and Sons recast me, 1911.

3rd: Miles Graye made me, 1637. John Warner and Sons recast me, 1911.

4th: Matthew Bagley made me, 1715. John Warner and Sons recast me, 1911.

successfully accomplished their task. The bells seemed to be a very delightful and harmonious peal, and a considerable improvement on the old peal. He had been greatly interested in the restoration of the bells, but the greater credit was due to Mr. Harcourt Landon, who had undertaken the matter in such an energetic manner (applause).

Mr. H. P. Landon also congratulated Messrs. Warner on the excellent work they had done. Mr. Kirk's kind offer of the new bell, he said, opened the question of restoration, and an examination which was made showed that the offer had come providentially. He had always thought that they ought to have a peal of bells worthy of the parish, and now this had been secured. Moreover, though recast, the old bells were there still, and the old inscriptions were upon them, so that their memory was perpetuated. He had the pleasure, with two other parishioners, of being present at the casting, and it was a most interesting sight. It was a very proud day for him to think he had had a hand in such a work. He was open to correction, but



THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, SHENFIELD.

5th: Cast 1878, recast 1911, John Warner and Sons. "Sacred to the memory of Marianne Layton Brown, Isabella Brown, and Rose Emma Brown, of Bloomfields, in this parish (1855-1910)."

Tenor: John Warner and Sons cast me, 1911. "To the greater glory of God the original peal of five bells was recast, and this new tenor bell in memory of James and Emily Kirk, was added A.D., 1911. The Rev. G. N. Gresley, M.A., Rector, Harcourt Palmer Landon, George Alfred Moss, churchwardens."

The dedication took place on Saturday week, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. W. J. House, Rural Dean, Rector of Fryerning. There were also present the Rector of Shenfield, the Rev. G. N. Gresley, and the Rev. L. J. Harding, chaplain of Poplar Schools.

Among those present were representatives of the ringers at the parish churches of Brentwood, South Weald, Hutton and Mountnessing, and these, together with the clergy and a number of parishioners, afterwards sat down to high tea at the Eagle and Child. The Rev. G. N. Gresley presided, and was supported by the churchwardens, Messrs. H. P. Landon and G. A. Moss.

The Chairman congratulated Messrs. Warner and Sons on having

he believed Shenfield Church was absolutely unique in one respect; there was no church in the kingdom that could offer anything to compare with the beautiful arcade of wooden arches in their church with clustered columns, each one hewn out of the trunk of a single tree, to say nothing of the wonderful carpentry work in the spire, which was the perfection of symmetry. The beautiful peal of bells which had been added by Messrs. Warner and Sons formed the crowning glory of their fine old church. He was thankful they had got this new peal of bells, and he hoped the ringers would do their best to live up to them. He would like to see bell ringing taken up enthusiastically in the parish, and with the help of their neighbours they might introduce change ringing.

Mr. Robert Warner, on behalf of his firm, thanked the Rector and Mr. Landon for the kind remarks they had made, and no one, he said, was more pleased than he that matters had been brought to such a successful conclusion. He strongly advised the ringers to persevere with change ringing, and suggested that they should join the Essex Association, saying that Mr. Henry F. Cooper, of Chelmsford, would be able to give all particulars.

Mr. G. A. Moss extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and added that he had taken a good deal of interest in the rehanging of the bells.

During the evening, members of the St. Anne's Guild, South Tottenham, gave an exhibition of handbell ringing, and later on the first 720 of Bob Minor was rung (in 26 mins.) upon the new bells by the following: T. Sharran 1, F. E. Ringrose 2, E. Davidson 3, T. C. Ringrose 4, A. Howell 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6. The local ringers afterwards kept the bells going until a late hour, and on Christmas Day they rang for Divine service, when the new bells for the first time summoned the parishioners to attend church.

THE LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT NEWPORT.

The annual meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association was held at St. Woolos, Newport, on Boxing Day, a large number of members being present. Early in the afternoon the bells were raised and rung until 3 o'clock, at which time service was held, the Vicar (the Rev. D. H. Griffiths) officiating, assisted by the Rev. John Phillips. The Vicar delivered a very able address, basing his remarks chiefly on the subject of ringers as Church workers.

After the service, the business meeting was held in the Waters Lane Mission Room, the Rev. John Phillips taking the chair. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Mr. R. Evans, Bridgend, Master; the Rev. Connop Price and J. W. Jones, hon. secs.; Mr. Hobbs and Mr. Morgan, auditors.

A discussion followed as to committee meetings, and it was decided that these should be held one hour before the quarterly meetings.—Cardiff was chosen as the place for the next annual meeting, while Magor was selected as the place for the next Monmouthshire quarterly meeting, and Llanbradach for the next Glamorganshire quarterly meeting.

The appeal for help towards the rehanging of Shoreditch bells was discussed, and, while nothing was voted from the Association funds, a collection for the fund was made in the room.—The proposed rehanging of Peterstone bells (near Newport) was brought before the meeting, and a sum of £2 was voted to the fund.

It was decided that in future the financial year should end on October 31st, to enable the balance sheet to be presented at the annual meeting, which is always held on December 26th.—It was also decided that the committee should ascertain the necessary particulars required for producing an annual report, and that a meeting be held for the purpose at least two months before the annual meeting, the matter to be finally decided at the next annual meeting.

A vote of condolence was passed with the Vicar of Monmouth in his bereavement by the loss of his only son.—New members were next elected, including the whole of the newly-formed band at Machen, Mr. Jones volunteering his services as instructor to this tower.—Instructors' reports were presented, progress being reported at Radyr, Caerphilly and Llanbradach.

The question of the proposed amalgamation of the West Wales Association with the Llandaff Association was then brought forward, but the proposal was unanimously considered unworkable, owing to the great distance of the West Wales centres from the Llandaff Diocese.

The meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks, and afterwards an excellent meat tea was provided for everyone present by the Vicar and churchwardens at Bland's Restaurant, the hospitality thus extended to the visitors being much appreciated.

The bells of both St. Woolos and All Saints' Churches were kept going in the evening, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman being rung. The meeting was a very successful one.

RINGERS' BENEVOLENT FUND.

To the Editor.

Sir,—You have very kindly brought forward the question of a benevolent fund for ringers, and I should like, if you will allow me the space, to put forward a few suggestions. My idea is that we should have a small committee formed, representing different districts, to meet once a year (say, the afternoon of the College Youths' dinner), in London. These representatives could collect subscriptions from the Association, and those ringers who would like to give a little to a fund for ringers in absolute need. We have had a few cases lately where 10s. or 15s. a week would have been most useful. Having had a little experience in collecting a fund for such a case, I found ringers most willing to give 6d. or 1s., where they did not care to send the same amount in answer to an appeal in the ringing papers. To start a benevolent fund by asking ringers to pay a little extra on their subscriptions is, I think, more than the majority would stand, besides adding a lot of work and expense. The Central Council have enough to do, and that is why I suggest a separate body. I may say this is not a new idea of mine. It has been in my mind for a long time, and I was very pleased to see it started in your paper. If someone can suggest anything better, I shall be very pleased, but I should like to see something done to give the idea a practical turn, and start the new year by trying to do brother ringers in distress a good turn.—Yours truly,
R. J. WILKINS.
Bristol.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Having digressed for the benefit of inquirers, whom I am always pleased to help, I return this week to the Kent Treble Bob method, with which I partly dealt on page 591. I gave there the instructions for ringing the plain course. Now we must look at the bobs. On reference to the figures I gave, it will be seen that two bells (one leaving the slow work) make 3rd's and 4th's places going out, and two (one going to the slow work) make 4th's and 3rd's coming to lead. A bob does not affect either of the bells going into or out of the slow, but the bell that passes the treble in 2-3, makes 3rd's and 4th's and instead of going out to dodge in 5-6, makes 4th's and 3rd's, and return to lead. It thus remains two whole pulls in 4th's place, and this causes the bells dodging in 5-6 when the bob is called to stop there for an additional double dodge. It also throws them back in their operations to do again the work which they had done in the previous lead; that is to say, when next they hunt up they will dodge with or pass the treble in the same place as in the prior hunt from front to back. This is worth remembering, because the bell that had passed the treble in 4-5 would have made 4th's and 3rd's going down had the bob not been called. But the bob keeps the bell dodging twice more in 5-6 down, with the result that it eventually passes through 3-4 with a dodge (with the treble) instead of by place-making. It may also be noted by the bells dodging behind that they strike twice each over the bell "making the bob" (lying the two whole pulls in 4th's). Further, the lead after making the bob, the bell which has done that work goes into the "slow." Another useful thing to remember in ringing Kent Treble Bob is that you pass or dodge with the same bell in the same place every time, except when it goes into the slow, and then you find the treble substituted for it. The bob is made as follows, putting it in the first lead:—

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

The complete 720 can be got by calling any bell, In, Out and In ("in" meaning of course into the slow and "out" out of the slow). This has to be done three times to complete the extent. Given by the lead ends, the figures, with the 6th as the observation, would be:—

2 3 4 5 6	4 2 3 5 6	3 4 2 5 6
4 2 6 3 5	3 4 6 2 5	2 3 6 4 5
— 6 4 2 3 5	— 6 3 4 2 5	— 6 2 3 4 5
— 2 6 4 3 5	— 4 6 3 2 5	— 3 6 2 4 5
4 2 5 6 3	3 4 5 6 2	2 3 5 6 4
5 4 3 2 6	5 3 2 4 6	5 2 4 3 6
3 5 6 4 2	2 5 6 3 4	4 5 6 2 3
— 6 3 5 4 2	— 6 2 5 3 4	— 6 4 5 2 3
5 6 2 3 4	5 6 4 2 3	5 6 3 4 2
2 5 4 6 3	4 5 3 6 2	3 5 2 6 4
4 2 3 5 6	3 4 2 5 6	2 3 4 5 6

The 720 can thus be got by nothing but bobs, and singles (which are necessary in Plain Bob) are not used in the method.
CONDUCTOR.

NOTICES.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The first session of the Eighth Council (twenty-second annual meeting) will be held in London on Whitsun Tuesday, May 28th, 1912. Nominations for the office of president and for that of honorary secretary and treasurer, as also reports of committees, notices of motion, and any other matter should reach me not later than Saturday, April 27th.

Honorary secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations are earnestly requested to forward the names with full postal address of each elected representative of their associations as soon as possible, with a view to the early completion of the official list of the new Council; and in cases where no elections have yet taken place it is sincerely hoped that a meeting of the Association may be speedily summoned for the purpose, or that in any meeting shortly forthcoming this item may not be forgotten in drawing up the agenda.

A remittance of 2s. 6d. is due for each representative, the rights of representatives being in abeyance until their quota has been paid.—Charles D. P. Davies, Honorary Secretary, Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, January, 1912.—Postal orders should not be made payable at Stonehouse, which is six miles from Fretherne.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on January 16th; Southwark Cathedral on the 30th; St. Magnus on the 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 ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting will take place at Dore on Saturday next, January 6th, 1912. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.—Sidney F. Palmer, Hon. Secretary, 87, Bradley Street, Sheffield.

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. Belfry 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.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—Northern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, January 13th. Bells available from 4.30 to 8 p.m. Business meeting in the Parish Room at 5.45. A social evening will also be held in the Parish Room at 8.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William J. Kemp, Honorary Secretary, 177, Chatsworth Road, N.E.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, January 13th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in the church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting at 5.30.—George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Wood Green on Saturday, January 13th. Bells available at 3. Service in Church 5.30, with address by Rev. E. V. Cox. Tea in Church Institute 6. Those intending to be present reply by Tuesday next, January 9th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Cathedral, January 20th. Bells available at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, Ashton-under-Lyne.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 20th, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. Tower open at 3.30. Tea in the St. Martin's Vestry Hall at 5.30. Will those who intend being present please notify me by the 18th inst. The usual practice will take place on Wednesday, the 10th, at 8 o'clock sharp.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary, 3, Hart's Lane, New Cross, S.E.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The Annual Meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill), at Isleworth on Saturday, January 20th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. McGill, in the Hartlands Road Mission Room at 6 o'clock.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 20th, at St. Margaret's. Westminster tower open from 4.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

NOTICES (continued).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 27th. Bells ready at six o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

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FUNERAL OF MR. J. TURNER.

The mortal remains of the late Mr. Joseph Turner, of the Pendleton band, whose death we reported last week, were laid to rest on Saturday at Agecroft Cemetery. The first part of the funeral service was held at St. Thomas' Church, the Rev. Canon Rees, D.D. (Vicar), officiating. Four members of the Pendleton Company carried their departed comrade to the grave, over which was rung a course of Grand-sire Triples, while ringers from Ashton, Didsbury, Manchester Cathedral and Town Hall, Prestwich, Reddish, Rusholme, Stretford, Swinton, Walkden, Worsley and Pendleton were present to pay a last tribute of respect. The bells of St. Thomas' were silent before the service, owing to a broken rope, but this was quickly rectified afterwards, and a peal of Stedman was attempted, but was doomed to failure.

The late Mr. Turner had rung 33 peals, made up of Bob Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 8, Royal 3, Maximus 2, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Grandsire Caters 1, Cinques 2, Stedman Triples 7, Superlative Surprise 6, London Surprise 1.

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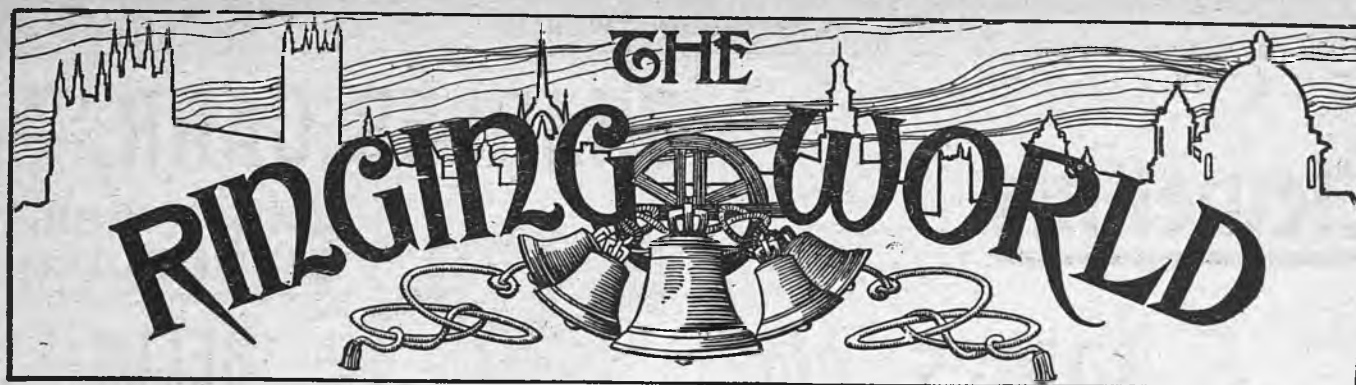
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MODERN WORK.

THE SUGGESTED BENEVOLENT FUND.

The idea put forward in this column for a ringers' benevolent fund is being talked about in the Exercise, and, as a result, we hope some practical steps may be taken to establish a fund from which assistance may be forthcoming for ringers in distress, thus doing away with the necessity that now all too frequently arises for the casual appeals which are made in the columns of the Press. The desire which we have is not to choke the springs of charity which flow when such appeals are made, but to see set up a properly organised fund which will ensure the member in adversity receiving that help which, at present, is entirely a doubtful quantity. Ringers are so widely scattered a body that such a proposal as that put forward must necessarily take some time to get into order, even if it were taken up at once. We feel convinced, however, that if associations will only discuss the matter at their meetings and approach it in a sympathetic spirit they will find it practicable, and, when organised, of great utility. Our own view is that the scheme, whether in the form of a central fund or in separate association funds, should be as simple as possible. For that reason we do not think the scheme put forward by a correspondent this week will commend itself to the Exercise generally. To set up something in the nature of a Dividing Society would involve machinery that would be costly in its administration, and that is exactly what we would wish to avoid.

The one thing which is at present probably the strongest argument against a benevolent fund is the new National Insurance Act. If that measure were going to do away with all distress in the future, then there would be no need for further provision being made against sickness and invalidity. But in its present form the Act, while doing much for the benefit of the working classes, will not put an end to all risks of adversity. The sickness benefits under the Act are limited in amount, and, despite the five shillings a week payable during disablement after the 26 weeks of full pay at ten shillings is exhausted, long illness may still bring distress. But sickness is not the only cause of adversity. Unemployment may bring a man to the end of his resources, and the new Act only provides assistance for the members of a few special trades under this head. How gratifying it would be to grant a small sum per week to help keep the wolf from the door in deserving cases arising from lack of work. The closer one goes into the advantages of a benevolent fund, the more one can see the value that it would prove. We hope members will bring the subject forward at the district and annual meetings of their associations so that opinion on the subject may be fully tested and action taken when the time is ripe.

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Yours faithfully,
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 CHANCES;Tenor 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

WILLIAM C. HART Treble	GEORGE ADES 6
RICHARD HOATHER 2	JOHN CAPP 7
ALBERT D. STONE 3	ALFRED J. TURNER 8
RICHARD STREDWICK 4	KEITH HART 9
CHARLES PALMER 5	WILLIAM PALMER Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)*On Wednesday, January 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5076 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt., in C sharp.

FRED HAYES Treble	JOHN EVANS 6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 2	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	ARTHUR F. ASHMAN 8
RALPH COLES 4	JAMES W. WILKINS 9
JOHN GRANSBURY 5	FRANK W. BOXALL Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. PARKER, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.First peal of Erin Caters by all the band on the bells and by the
above Guild.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, January 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 35 cwt., in C.

ERNEST W. MARSH Treble	WILLIAM RUNDLE 6
GEORGE R. STROUD 2	WILLIAM RICHARDS 7
WILLIAM FORD 3	*WILLIAM SHEARS 8
REGINALD A. H. DOBSON 4	WILLIAM D. JAMES 9
JOSEPH WOODLEY 5	FRANCIS PURSE Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX, and
Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

* First peal of Caters away from tenor.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;Tenor 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., in E flat.

*WILLIAM H. JOINER Treble	*ALBERT CALVER 6
*JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 2	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7
ALFRED H. WINCH 3	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 8
ALFRED CLAYTON 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE 9
DR. A. B. CARPENTER 5	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday peal to A. Calver,
and C. W. Gordon, one of the local ringers.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 45 cwt., in C.

FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ... Treble	JAMES BURGE 6
†HENRY J. CREED 2	FRANK LADD 7
SIDNEY WYATT 3	*HARRY REED 8
PERCY MERSON 4	WILLIAM WHITE 9
*HENRY MOCKRIDGE 5	EDWARD J. WYATT ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, Bart., and
Conducted by JAMES BURGE.* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Caters. Mr. F. A. Holder,
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EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH),AND THE ALL SAINTS AND ST. LAWRENCE GUILD,
EVESHAM.*On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.*

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

*HARRY COLLEY Treble	*FREDERICK JOHNSON ... 6
RAYMOND YOUNG 2	FREDERICK JORDAN 7
THOMAS EDWIN 3	†HENRY J. PHIPPS 8
HERBERT JORDAN 4	HARRY MIDDLETON 9
JAMES HEMMING 5	WILLIAM WORKMAN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by HARRY MIDDLETON.* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters away from the
treble.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ALFRED ADAMS Treble	†CHRISTOPHER HICK ... 6
ALFRED J. WALLATER 2	†WALTER R. HUGHES ... 7
*WALTER H. HAWKSWOOD ... 3	†GEORGE PEATE 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	THOMAS J. ELTON 9
†EDGAR T. SMITH 5	†GILBERT HARDING Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
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Caters. Rung to celebrate the Festival of the Epiphany.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

J. CHARLES DICKEN Treble	JAMES H. CLARK 6
JOSEPH WOOLLEY 2	FRANK JOHNSON 7
ALBERT H. WARD 3	SAMUEL WESLEY 8
ERNEST J. OLIVER 4	HARRY R. COBBIN 9
WILLIAM BELLANY 5	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWOOD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM BELLANY.First peal of Bob Royal by all except the ringer of the 8th. Rung
as a farewell to the ringer of the 6th, who sailed for Australia on
January 11th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

*JOHN HAYNES Treble	JOHN FLOWER 5
GEORGE TOMLINSON... .. 2	ROBERT G. BASSON... .. 6
*JOHN GLEW 3	LEWIS LOMAS 7
†ERNEST H. CLARKE... .. 4	JAMES PAGETT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 28, 1911, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble	GEORGE ADES 5
HERBERT RANN 2	PHILIP ALLFREY 6
CHARLES PALMER 3	KEITH HART 7
JOHN CAPP 4	TRAYTON JEFFERY Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN H. PAICE Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES... .. 5
WILLIAM HILLMAN 2	ARTHUR ARNELL 6
GEORGE PENFOLD 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP... .. 7
GEORGE J. NORRIS 4	*BENJAMIN BASSETT Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Treble	WILLIAM MAUND 5
EDWARD JOHNSON 2	CHARLES FREEMAN 6
JOSEPH H. WHITE 3	FRANK E. PERVIN 7
WILLIAM COX 4	*HARRY KETTLE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE DAVIS Treble	HERBERT LUDKIN 5
FREDERICK TATE... .. 2	JAMES CLARKE 6
CHARLES W. KING 3	THOS. SMITH 7
MARK TATE 4	*JOSEPH DRAKE Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES BAKER Treble	GEORGE TURLEY 5
ANDREW MARSHALL... .. 2	JAMES MAYNARD 6
*ARTHUR MAYNARD 3	CHARLES CHAPMAN 7
WALTER MARSHALL... .. 4	WILLIAM LATTER Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWES, and
Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell peal to Rev. and Mrs. Mackinnon and Miss R. Macalpine Leny who, to the great regret of all the ringers in the district, were leaving Speldhurst on New Year's Day.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

*EDWIN KNIGHT Treble	FRANK COOK 5
*LEWIS SPARROW 2	*CHARLES KNIGHT 6
*AUGUSTAVE DORE 3	JAMES ADDIS 7
*WILLIAM SPARROW 4	ALLEN KNIGHT... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

* First peal on eight bells and rung at the first attempt.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM OSTLER Treble	†JOHN SELF 5
*STANLEY BONNEY 2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 6
E. HOBART SMITH 3	WILLIAM FLORY 7
GEORGE E. SYMONDS 4	†CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from tenor. ‡ First peal in any method and proposed a member of the Association before starting. Rung fully muffled as a farewell to 1911, the bells coming round just in time to unmuffle and ring a short touch in the same method to welcome the New Year.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Monday, January 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES ;

Tenor 19 cwt.

LEWIS G. PALMER Treble	SAMUEL SMEDLEY 5
JONATHAN THOMPSON 2	WILLIAM PALMER 6
WILLIAM DAFFIN 3	JOHN ROBERT BROOKS 7
FREDK. PARSONS 4	ARTHUR CRAVEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

First peal by an entirely local band since April 2nd, 1895.∞The composition, which was composed in 1896, contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th, the extent in 6th's place, the 4th and 6th at five course ends, and the 6th the extent in 5th's place at five course ends in the minimum number of courses.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD AND THE ST. ANDREW'S
SOCIETY, RUGBY.

On Monday, January 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

WILLIAM TAYLER Treble	CHARLES W. WHEELER ... 5
WALTER MALINS 2	ALFRED J. HESSIAN ... 6
HARRY O. WHITE 3	JOSEPH B. FENTON ... 7
JOSEPH A. FENTON 4	JOHN W. CHANDLER ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by JOSEPH B. FENTON.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild, by all the band, and was rung at the first attempt. After the peal the band were congratulated on the excellent striking by Mr. James George and Mr. Arthur Coleman, two late masters of the St. Andrew's Society.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT CHARLES CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*WILLIAM H. HOOPER ... Treble	ERNEST W. MARSH ... 5
WILLIAM D. JAMES 2	WILLIAM RICHARDS ... 6
†WARREN HORN BROOK ... 3	GEORGE R. STROUD ... 7
REGINALD A. H. DOBSON ... 4	FRANCIS W. PURSE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung after meeting short for Caters.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt., in F sharp.

JOSEPH J. ALLEN Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 5
RICHARD DARLOW 2	BERTRAM PREWETT ... 6
THOMAS R. SCOTT 3	FREDERICK EDWARDS ... 7
FRANCIS A. SMITH 4	WILLIAM J. OAKLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

First peal in the method as conductor.

BANGOR.
NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt., in F sharp.

FRANK A. HOBBS Treble	WILLIAM CRANE, JUNR. ... 5
REV. T. LEWIS JONES ... 2	JAMES H. MIDWINTER ... 6
ARTHUR C. PEGLER 3	WILLIAM T. PEGLER ... 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	WILLIAM CRANE, SENR. ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, AND
THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.
On Thursday, January 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 26 cwt.

*ALGERNON P. G. STONE ... Treble	GEORGE BULL 5
GEORGE ROBINSON 2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY ... 6
EDWARD I. STONE 3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY 4	JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by ALBERT P. WAKLEY.

* First peal in the method.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt., in D.

*GILBERT BULL Treble	WILLIAM J. RYVES 5
†EDWIN WELLSTEAD 2	ALFRED MEARS 6
*FREDERICK J. NEWLAND ... 3	ANDREW MEARS 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	CALEB JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. All except the conductor are members of the local band.

OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 18 cwt. o qr. 18 lbs.

HAROLD LAWTON Treble	CHARLES PLATT 5
FRANK WILD 2	FRANK CHAPMAN 6
HERBERT BARLOW 3	*JOSEPH GREENWOOD ... 7
HARRY HAMPSON 4	JOSEPH OGDEN Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX, and
Conducted by FRANK CHAPMAN.

* First peal in the method. J. Ogden has rung a peal on each bell in the tower. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect and esteem for the late Mr. J. H. Mellodew, of Moorside, Oldham, who was interred the same day.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

BULWER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 30 cwt.

ROBERT F. TURNER ... Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 5
EDWARD CHAPMAN 2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 6
ALFRED KNIGHT 3	DAVID J. NICHOLS ... 7
E. MAURICE ATKINS 4	HARRY PETTIT Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 27 cwt.

ERNEST NIDD Treble	*FRED TURNER 5
HARRY THORPE 2	ALBERT C. DARNELL ... 6
DAVID B. OVERTON 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR 7
WILLIAM G. THORPE 4	THOMAS H. HALL Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and
Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN RICE Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 5
FREDK. W. RICE 2	GEORGE ILLMAN 6
ALFRED D. MILLS 3	ALBERT ELLIS 7
ALBERT MITCHELL 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED NAYLOR... ..Treble	ARTHUR WALKER 5
WILLIAM PEARSON 2	JAMES JACKSON 6
HARRY C. WALTERS... .. 3	FREDERICK MOODY 7
*JOHN HY. LENTON 4	ARTHUR GILL ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR WALKER.

* First peal in the method.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES ;

Tenor 22½ cwt., in E flat.

ARTHUR J. NEALE ... ..Treble	DOYLEY S. SIMONDS... .. 5
REUBEN SANDERS 2	*JAMES NORRIS 6
THOMAS FAULKNER 3	ALBERT C. HARDY 7
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 4	HENRY TORBLE... ..Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday honour to Messrs. Neale and Sanders.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BRIDSTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

HENRY MARKLOVE ... ..Treble	WALTER POSTON 4
EDWARD SUMMERS 2	JOSEPH CARTWRIGHT 5
FRANK VOYCE 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

First peal of Minor on the bells, also first by all the band except the conductor. It is believed to be the first peal of Minor ever rung in the district.

FOY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

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

*WILLIAM PHILLIPS ... ..Treble	WALTER POSTON 4
EDWARD SUMMERS 2	JOSEPH CARTWRIGHT 5
FRANK VOYCE 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

* First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Consisting of 10 six-scores of St. Simon, 10 of Antelope, 10 of Grand-sire, and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

JAMES EDWARDS ... ..Treble	WILLIAM HEMPEL 3
ALBERT G. WARNES 2	WILLIAM ASHFIELD... .. 4
FRANK H. DAVEY, R.N. 3	... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

This peal was arranged for F. H. Davey, who was on leave. The ringers of the treble and 4th were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor about 12½ cwt.

STEPHEN CHINN... ..Treble	B. T. JEANES 4
†WM. EVANS 2	A. E. COLES 5
T. E. FRANCIS 3	*TOM JEANES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. E. COLES.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, City Delight, Duke of York,
Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

NATHAN PATMORE ... ..Treble	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE... .. 4
FREDERICK WILLIAMS 2	HENRY WALLACE 5
BARNARD PATMORE 3	ARTHUR WOOLSTON... ..Tenor

The ringers of treble, 3rd and 5th are local men ; those of 2nd, 4th and tenor are from Little Munden. This peal was strictly non-conducted and no intimation of where the bobs occurred was given. This is believed to be the first non-conducted peal of Minor ever rung.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of Warnham Court, College Single, Plain Bob (42
singles), Woodbine, Merchants' Return, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM FERNLEY ... ..Treble	JAMES FERNLEY 4
HARRY LANGLEY 2	ALLEN S. GORDON... .. 5
GEORGE D. WARBURTON... .. 3	JOHN W. HARTLEY... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. W. HARTLEY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Bancroft, of Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Mr. Bancroft was a ringer at the above church.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being three 720's of Grandsire and four of Plain Bob.

HENRY MARKLOVE ... ..Treble	WALTER POSTON 4
EDWARD SUMMERS 2	JOSEPH CARTWRIGHT 5
FRANK VOYCE 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble
Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN ADKINSON ... ..Treble	WILLIAM WATSON 4
REGINALD SCOTT 2	ARTHUR DRURY 5
ARTHUR PALMER... .. 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

First peal in seven methods by all except the conductor.

STONE-IN-OXNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt., in F.

†CYRIL WENHAM Treble	†ALFRED DAW 4
CHARLES TRIBE 2	†FREDERICK BURT 5
*HAROLD SMITH 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in three methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Tribe.

STAMFORD HILL, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 10 lbs.

*THOMAS C. RINGROSE ... Treble	†EDWIN RUSSELL 4
*FRANK E. RINGROSE ... 2	†WILLIAM BOTTRILL 5
†HERBERT ARMSTRONG ... 3	†JOHN ARMSTRONG Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

* First peal. † First peal on 6 bells. † First peal of Minor as conductor. The ringer of the 4th was elected a member before starting, and hails from Rotherfield, Sussex. F. E. Ringrose is 17 years of age. The peal was rung to commemorate the Festival of the Epiphany.

HOLBETON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(CHARLES CHURCH PAROCHIAL SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob, each called differently.

REGINALD DOBSON Treble	*GEORGE R. STROUD 4
WILLIAM D. JAMES 2	FRANK W. HOCKADAY 5
REV. E. S. POWELL 3	ERNEST W. MARSH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal of Minor.

CARDIFF.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being forty-two six-scores. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK J. BAILEY Treble	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 4
WILLIAM B. BISS 2	WALTER R. PORTER 5
LEWIS WRIGHT 3	THOMAS MIDDLETON Tenor

Conducted by W. B. BISS.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of sympathy with the relatives of Mr. Albert Bishop, a member of the above band, who died on December 31st.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Monday, January 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOHN SPARROW 1—2	ARTHUR E. MOORE 5—6
*FREDERICK DEWELL ... 3—4	†HORACE NORMAN 7—8

Composed by C. FENN, and
Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.
Umpire: FRANK J. LEVITT.

* First peal away from Trebles. † First peal double-handed. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. Horace Norman, who was a local member of the above society previous to going to Hereford.

PADDINGTON, LONDON, W.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT 52, SHIRLAND ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANCES;

*MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1—2	GEORGE B. EDSEY 5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3—4	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ... 7—8
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD 9—10	

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire: F. G. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Caters. Miss Bennett is the first lady to ring a changing pair of bells to a peal of Caters.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 1—2	MAURICE SMITHER 5—
CHARLES WILLSHIRE ... 3—4	JAMES HUNT 7—8
FRANK BLONDELL 9—10	

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: S. RADFORD.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to C. Willshire.

The following peal is published in order that it may be included in the Analysis for 1911.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 21, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE BLOOR Treble	GEORGE WOODS 5
FREDERICK GOLDSTRAW ... 2	JAMES AUSTIN 6
SIDNEY CHURTON 3	CHARLES PAGE 7
ERNEST LONDON 4	HAROLD AUSTIN Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CHURTON.

The asterisks (*) against the names in the peal at Great Bentley published last week indicated first peal.

The ringer of the 5th at St. Giles, Reading, on December 23rd, was Frank T. Martin, not Marlin as published.

The peal rung at Newcastle on December 26th and recorded last week was one of Stedman Triples and not Grandsire as published.

DEATH OF MR. TOM REYNOLDS.

AN UNIQUE TWELVE-BELL RECORD.

It is with the greatest possible regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Thomas Reynolds, of Birmingham, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed members of the St. Martin's Guild, who passed away on Friday last, at the age of 57 years.

He had been a regular ringer at St. Martin's for more than 30 years, and his loss will almost be irreparable. He was in his accustomed place on Christmas morning, and on Boxing Day he stood in an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques, which, however, had to be called round owing to his ill-health. He had of late been subject to bronchitis, and no one thought that anything more serious affected him. His absence from the Guild meeting on Tuesday week was freely commented upon, and a feeling of consternation was caused by the news, brought by a member, that he was suffering from pneumonia. As stated, he succumbed to the dread disease on Friday last, the final illness lasting just a week.

He will be mourned by a host of ringing brethren all over the country, to whom he had endeared himself by his open-hearted character and general amiability. In the twelve-bell ringing world he had attained an unique position, having rung no less than 98 twelve-bell peals.

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THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

For nearly 21 years the office of honorary secretary of the Essex Association has been held by the Rev. H. T. Eyre, the Vicar of Great Totham, whose devotion to the work he has undertaken has been a great factor in maintaining the organisation in that high state of efficiency which has always characterised its doings. Although a ringer himself Mr. Eyre has never rung a peal, nor, so far as we are aware, even attempted one. His work is of a silent nature, but it is none the less effective for this reason. His first interest in bells and ringing was aroused in his father's parish of Padbury, Bucks, where there was a nice ring of six, although change ringing was then quite unknown in the neighbourhood. The bells were only rung



THE REV. H. T. EYRE.

on Christmas Day, on the club feast at Whitsuntide, and on two or three evenings in Advent—a custom peculiar to the district. For nine years he was assistant master at Harrow, and he did not actually learn to ring till 1871, when he happened to be at Bournemouth, where the eight bells at St. Peter's had been recently rehung and an instructor employed to teach a young band. It was here that he received his first lessons. Later he became curate of Ratby, near Heavitree, where the parish church contained a heavy ring of four, and it was not until he became curate of Coggeshall that he learned the art of change ringing under the tuition of James Orst and David Elliott, father of the present conductor of the Coggeshall band. Mr. Eyre was instrumental in getting the two bells added to complete the octave. He became extremely popular in the town, and is still held in very high esteem by a large number of friends in his old parish, more especially the older generation, who remember his good work.

In 1877 Mrs. Honeywood, of Mark's Hall, nominated him for the living of Great Totham, a large scattered parish near Maldon, Essex. Here he found full scope for his

energies. The church was in a dilapidated state; thistles and weeds grew in the churchyard to such a height that one had literally to wade through them to get into the church. Mr. Eyre at once had things put in order, and began the restoration of the ancient fabric. He added a new ring of six bells, and to-day the church and churchyard are admitted to be among the best kept in the diocese.

Of a most thoughtful and generous disposition, Mr. Eyre is a fine example of a country parish priest, unostentatious, but devoted to his work. With the assistance of his two sisters he has for 34 years cared for and nurtured the flock, and not a few have been given a start in life from the Vicarage. At the conclusion of thirty years' ministry in the parish an avenue of trees was planted to commemorate the event.

Although not very advanced in the art of change ringing his interest in it is very great, and he was ever grateful for the tuition given him by his old friends at Coggeshall. When old age and adversity crept upon James Orst, and he found himself reduced to the workhouse, Mr. Eyre, in his generosity, took him into his parish, where the old man was made comfortable to the end of his days, while Orst, in his turn, did what he could in assisting young ringers and helping in the churchyard when possible. Mr. Eyre joined the Essex Association when it was formed, but ceased membership for a few years until Canon Papillon asked him to assist him in his work, which was growing too large, and in 1891 he was appointed district secretary. When, later on, the county was divided into districts he was appointed honorary secretary and treasurer, Canon Papillon being elected the first Master. Mr. Eyre is a regular attendant at nearly all the meetings, and, travelling in his own motor, he is able to get to the most remote parts of the county, always giving an officer or member a seat in his car. Next year he will have completed 21 years of office in the Association. He is extremely popular among the members, and his beautiful grounds and bells are always at the disposal of any band of ringers desirous of paying a visit. On these occasions his hospitality is unlimited, and many companies have happy recollections of visits to Great Totham.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

In reply to correspondents, we do not propose to publish an index. We leave to our readers the choice of binding and therefore do not propose to issue cases for that purpose.

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From time to time we have had compositions sent in to us—for publication, but pressure upon our space has prevented many of them being given. We propose, in the near future, however, to publish a special "Compositions supplement" of proved, and, as far as ascertainable, original peals, which should be of real use to conductors.

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What is believed to be the first peal of Minor ever rung non-conducted was brought round at Great Munden, Herts, on December 30th. It was in seven different methods, and should rank among the noteworthy performances of the year. The record, unfortunately, reached us too late to be included in last week's issue.

Miss Elsie Bennett, the daughter of an accomplished father, is adding to her laurels as a handbell ringer. Having rung both Grandsire Triples and Bob Major in hand, she has now rung 1-2 to Grandsire Caters, the first time a lady has rung a pair of changing bells to Caters. Miss White, of Basingstoke, has rung 9-10, but Miss Bennett has gone a step further. She rang in splendid style all through. Such a clever young lady is hardly likely to stop at Grandsire, and we may confidently look for still greater performances later on.

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The band at Belton, Rutland, are to be congratulated upon their rapid progress. After only four months' tuition by Mr. J. J. Jackson, they were able to attempt a half-muffled peal on New Year's Eve. Unfortunately the peal was lost, but several 720's were tapped off in fine style. The instructor is especially worthy of praise for the energetic way in which he has raised the band from call-changes to method ringing in so short a time.

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Henry Burstow, whose reminiscences have just been published, and were referred to in "The Ringing World" a fortnight ago, again assisted to ring the old year out and the new year in at Horsham, for the 66th consecutive year. This is a record which few if any can excel. Mr. Burstow is now 86 years of age.

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The Rector of Chiddingfold, Surrey, was serenaded on New Year's Eve by a number of irresponsible parishioners, who treated him to "rough music," tin trays, whistles and such like noisy instruments being used. At first it was suggested that the disturbance arose through the Rector locking the ringers out of the belfry. Another and totally different explanation has since been given, and we are glad that the ringers have been exonerated. There were differences between the incumbent and the band, but these, we understand, have now been amicably settled.

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At Weybridge, Surrey, £56 is to be raised for the restoration of the bells, which have had nothing done to them since they were presented to the church in 1875.

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Bells play their part in the imposing spectacle, "The Miracle," now being played at Olympia. The interior of the great building is transformed into a grey-walled cathedral, and in this setting the tragic and beautiful story is enacted without words. It is the tale of the Beautiful Nun, whose life was one of joys and sorrows. She heard the world calling; she heeded it, and she tasted its sweets and bitters. Then she came back to the Sanctuary—different yet the same. The play is full of majestic music, and picturesque scenes, and from time to time break in the bells, now pealing joyously, now tolling for matins or for vespers. It is all magnificent and stirring.

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The music is by Professor Eugenbert Humperdinck, the composer of "Humoreske" and "Hansel and Gretel," and the bells, a peal of eight with tenor 12 cwt., have been supplied by Messrs. Warner and Sons, Ltd., bell founders to H.M. the King, who, it will be remembered, also provided the bells used in the great Pageant of London at the Crystal Palace.

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The Whitechapel Foundry staff have a change ringing band, and they started for a peal of Grandsire Triples at

Clapton last Saturday, but, after 1½ hours' ringing, got out through a shift course. The band comprised S. Laurence 1, J. Thomas (conductor) 2-3, D. Gibbins 4, A. Hughes 5, Wilby Hazell 6, A. A. Hughes 7, L. A. Hughes 8.

THE ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR.

THE METHOD.

What is believed to be the first peal of St. Clement's Bob Major was rung at Eccleston, Cheshire, on December 28th, and, as the method does not appear in any of the text books on ringing, Mr. H. W. Wilde, who composed and conducted the peal, sends the method for publication. It will be found interesting and well worth practising by those seeking a change from Plain Bob.

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TRICK RINGING AND SYSTEMS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Under "Odd Changes" you refer to some leads rung on handbells, four-handed. One has always understood that handbell ringing could not be considered change ringing unless it were double-handed—neither more nor less. One has often rung tunes and changes four-handed, either by oneself or with others: just as one has alone tapped changes on all the bells, or on a piano, or other instrument: but all these are to be considered trick ringing; and on the same level as "lapping."

Let us hope that Mr. Dench's system of combining methods and principles will not be allowed: not that one wishes to place any undue checks on ingenuity or on developing difficulties in ringing; but one of the canons of the Art that should be more respected in such developments than it has been in the past, is the music of what is rung. Now, to join together pieces of arbitrary length from two or more methods, must necessarily destroy the music of the component methods, without giving any music from the resultant system in return; for music in change ringing depends entirely on consecutive rhythm. In fact, Mr. Dench's system is *antithetical* on the opposite extreme to the ringing of whole-pull changes—or the early place-making methods.

H. DRAKE.

THE PEAL AT YEOVIL.

With the exception of F. A. Holden, the band who took part in the peal of Stedman Caters on Saturday are members of St. Mary Magdalene's, Taunton. The noble ring of ten at Yeovil go perfectly, and the thanks of the band are due to the steeplekeeper, and to Messrs. Warner, who have quite recently made this heavy peal "go," to the satisfaction of any peal ruler.

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SHIPLEY, YORKS.

By the happy forethought of the Curate of St. Paul's, Shipley (the Rev. W. Bowker) the ringers and probationers of that church, with a few friends, were entertained to supper at the Church Schools on Saturday week, and afterwards spent a social evening together. After an excellent repast, Mr. Albert Horne (one of the churchwardens) explained that their curate had approached him and his co-warden as to entertaining the ringers, and they were both very pleased to join in promoting the gathering. It gave them an opportunity of coming into contact with the ringers, who, like the choir, were very important officers of the church. It was also an opportune time to discuss the question of the rehanging of the bells, for which he thought he could safely announce that he and his co-warden would have about £60. He would be glad to have the ringers' suggestions on the matter, after they had gone into the estimates received to put the bells in order.

During the evening, Mr. Norman Ambler officiated at the piano, and also rendered two songs in capital style. The various items were interspersed with courses on the handbells.—Mr. Broadley, on behalf of the ringers, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. W. Bowker, the churchwardens, and the ladies, for providing so generously for them. It was, he said, the first time the ringers had met under such happy circumstances. He welcomed the learners present, and hoped they would persevere in the Art. It was not an easy road, and much time, thought, and determination would be required if they were to make good ringers and good Churchmen, to follow on with the work after some of the older ones had departed.—Mr. J. Cotterell seconded the vote of thanks, on behalf of the visitors, remarking that it was a pleasure to see the happy state of affairs at Shipley. They were in a more favourable position than many ringers, with whom it was a case of out of sight out of mind.

The Rev. W. Bowker, in responding, hoped it would not be the only time they would all meet together. It was not very convenient for him to attend in the belfry, as he would wish to do, owing to other duties. He hoped the young ringers would persevere, not to replace, but to assist the older members all they could.—Mr. Horne also responded, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

The second annual supper and concert given by the Rector to the members of the Bushey Society took place on Saturday, in the Church Institute. There were present the Rev. G. M. Hall (Rector), the Rev. C. Beard (curate), Messrs. Gabain and Head (churchwardens), Mr. Eden (district secretary of the Hertfordshire Association), Messrs. Edwards, W. I. Oakley, W. E. Oakley, Allen, Bates, Smith, Darlow, Scott, Seeley, Stavert, Hibbert, Prewett, and George, of the local band, and Mr. Gibbard (verger).—After a splendid supper, admirably served by Mr. Frost, the tables were cleared, and the company settled down to enjoy the musical portion of the evening. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Edwards, Seeley, Smith, George, Eden, Stavert, W. E. Oakley, and Bates. Readings were given by Mr. Gabain, "Memories of a Boarding House," and Mr. Smith, "A few remarks on bells and peals"; Mr. Hibbert and Mr. Scott recited, and Mr. Prewett exhibited lantern slides on bells, which he described in interesting style. The "hit" of the evening was Mr. George's original song, "Our Outing," in which the adventures of the Bushey excursionists were humorously described.—A cordial vote of thanks to the Rector, proposed by Mr. Head, and seconded by Mr. Eden, was accorded musical honours, and Mr. Hall, in responding, congratulated the members on the progress they had made in the Art, and thanked them, on behalf of the churchwardens and himself, for their services during the year.—The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" concluded a very enjoyable gathering.—Mr. Gibbard ably acted as accompanist during the evening.

THE SUGGESTED BENEVOLENT FUND,

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am pleased to read in "The Ringing World" of the suggestion that a benevolent fund for the help of distressed ringers should be formed. I have great pleasure in placing before you a scheme which, I think, would be of great advantage for helping ringers in distress, while the outlay for working such a scheme would hardly be missed. If each ringer contributed one penny per week to the fund, they would, after the fund has been in existence, say, about two months, be able to make a grant to any ringer in distress. At each year's end the balance could be equally divided amongst the members, who could be allowed to draw out of the fund one-half of the money standing to their credit, while if a member wished to leave the fund he could draw out three-quarters of the money standing to his credit, the remaining quarter to go to the fund. All money could be placed in the bank, and at the year's end the interest could be divided amongst the members. This would be a sort of savings bank, as well as being a fund in readiness to help a member in distress. I should only be too pleased to give you any further information as to the working of the scheme.—Yours faithfully,

49, Stokes Croft, Bristol.

ALEX. BOWMAN.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Horsham, on Saturday week, but not many members were present. Billingshurst, Bolney, Crawley, Pulborough, Steyning, and Warnham were represented, and Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, of Ewhurst, and the veteran, Mr. H. Burstow, were also present, and took part in the ringing. The methods practised were: Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major.

Tea took place at the Carfax Temperance Hotel, and, in the absence of the Vicar, the chair was taken by Mr. Whittington.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells.—Mr. Burstow then amused the company by singing one of his 420 songs. Copies of the current issue of "The Ringing World" which, appropriately enough, contained Mr. Burstow's portrait, were distributed, and afterwards the tower was again visited.

A 1911 RECORD.

At the Old Parish Church of St. Mary, Willesden, where the ringers are affiliated with the London County Association, 184 720's were rung in the following 16 methods during 1911:—

Treble Bob methods.—Kent Treble Bob, 24; Old Oxford Modernised, 19; College Bob IV., 14; Woodbine, 12; Oxford Treble Bob, 12; College Exercise, 7; Willesden Delight, 6; Neasden Delight, 3; Cambridge Surprise, 3; Duke of York, 1; in three Treble Bob methods, 3; total, 104. Plain Minor methods.—Double Oxford Minor, 25; College Single Minor, 25; Plain Bob Minor, 19; Oxford Bob Minor, 8; Double Court Minor, 2; Double Stedman Slow Course Minor, 1; total, 80. The ringers have been: H. Kilby, rung 178 (conducted 85); T. Langdon, 177 (76); G. M. Kilby, 168 (6); L. Porter, 158 (3); G. Chalkley, 138 (8); A. Hill, 119 (6); E. Dane, 77; R. Kilby, 63.

BELL RESTORATION AT HOLWELL.

The restoration of the bells at Holwell, Dorset, has just been carried out, the old ring of five having been recast and rehung in a new steel and iron frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the well-known Croydon firm. The old inscriptions have been reproduced on the new bells, viz.:—

- (1) Anno Domini 1631. T.I.R.G.
- (2) 1646 T.G., T.C., R.B., R.G.
- (3) J. Kingston B. Water, 1827.
- (4) Bee meke and lowly to heare the word of God, A.D. 1609.
- (5) Drawe neare to God, Anno Domini, 1604, W.P.

On each bell is added: "Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon." The bells were rededicated by Archdeacon Dundas. They are a fine ring in the key of E, the tenor being 14½ cwt. In the "Church bells of Dorset" the first three bells are not described. The fourth, however, was evidently by John Wallis, of Salisbury, while the "W.P." on the tenor, no doubt means William Purdew, who probably lived at Closworth, not a great distance from Holwell.

SHOREHAM RINGERS' DINNER.

The New Shoreham, Sussex, ringers held their annual dinner on December 30th, at the Hebe Assembly Rooms. It was a matter for much regret that the Vicar (the Rev. C. M. A. Tower), whose guests they were, was prevented from being present by a bad cold. It is always his custom to attend these functions, but in his absence, the chair was taken by Mr. Ellman Brown (Vicar's warden), the Rev. Andrews being in the vice-chair.—After dinner the election of officers took place as follows: Leader, Mr. B. Challen; deputy leader, Mr. J. Boyd; hon. secretary, Mr. R. H. Noakes; steeple keeper, Mr. W. Henson. In addition a new office was created, Mr. L. Burtenshaw being deputed to look after the bells. Other ringers present were: Messrs. Burtenshaw, junr., W. Brown, E. Marsh, H. Sampson and C. West, L. Sears, S. Oxley and H. Stalham, the last three mentioned being hon. members. A most enjoyable evening was spent.—On the following day, half-muffled ringing took place, after service, and again just before the close of the year, and at the stroke of twelve the bells rang out merrily to welcome 1912.

KING'S SOMBORNE BELLS REHUNG.

Messrs. Warner and Sons have just rehung the bells of King's Somborne, Hants, the front four having been refound and quarter turned, and the tenor recast. A new steel frame has been provided, and space left for a treble to complete the peal of six, it being the intention to make an effort to add this extra bell within the next few months. Messrs. Warner and Sons have carried out the work in most excellent style, and the bells have been re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of Winchester. The church was filled to the utmost capacity for the service, and among the clergy present were: The Vicar (the Rev. J. H. D. Creighton), Vere Audry, L. Stuart, R. Routh, C. Edwards, J. Clapp and H. Routh. There were special psalms, lessons and hymns, and at the conclusion of the dedicatory prayers, the bells were rung in rounds by five of the clergy present. Afterwards an appropriate sermon was preached by the Archdeacon.

ST. ANDREW'S, DERBY.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

A peal board recording three peals rung by St. Andrew's Society was unveiled in the belfry of St. Andrew's Church by the Vicar, the Rev. R. A. H. Hay, on December 23th. The first peal was 6080 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, rung on December 25th, 1909, the second, 5184 of Duffield Major, rung on December 17th, 1910, and the third, 5056 of Superlative Surprise Major, rung on November 29th, 1911.—The Vicar congratulated the ringers on their performances, and expressed himself as being well pleased with the board, which is of



ST. ANDREW'S, DERBY.

English oak, with gilt lettering, the writing having been done by one of the members (Mr. C. E. Hart), who had taken great trouble to make it worthy of its place in the belfry.—Mr. Churchwarden Gibson also expressed his pleasure at the way in which the ringers carried out their duties, and, as an encouragement to them to master the higher methods, he subscribed handsomely towards the cost of another tablet, on which all the members hope to see their names written in the near future.

The Church of St. Andrew, situated on the main road to London, is a splendid structure, standing as a landmark for several miles round. In close proximity also to the Midland railway, it may very suitably be called the "Railway Church." Mr. C. J. Payne, in "Derby Churches old and new," refers to St. Andrew's as the grandest church in the town, and states that, "It is indeed a magnificent monument of the architectural genius of the late Sir Gilbert Scott, who was,

by-the-bye, brother of the second incumbent of the church, now Archdeacon of Stafford." Possibly the first ideas of the stranger on entering the town and viewing St. Andrew's, are the elegance of its outline, the stateliness of the fabric, and the simplicity of its details. Its position, which can be seen all along the London Road to the town, is unrivalled, while its spire, 200ft. high, is a landmark right away to Alvaston, Normanton, Chaddesden Spondon, and even Quarndon. Its form may be briefly described as a nave of four bays (the pillars being alternately round and octagonal), north and south aisles and chapels, an apsidal chancel of two bays, with clerestory, south porch, and tower and spire. The roof is 70ft. above the ground, and the view, from the west end of the noble chancel arch, with its clustered columns, and its fluted and nail head mouldings, 54ft. high, and the stained glass windows beyond, present a striking and symmetrical appearance.

The church possesses a fine peal of eight bells cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and it may safely be said that they are one of the finest peals in Derbyshire. It is no wonder, therefore, that the members of St. Andrew's Society are proud of their bells. The tenor, weighing 20 cwt., 2 qrs. 14 lbs., in E flat, is a sweet mellow-toned bell, and the effect is more noticeable from a distance. I have heard comments from several people as far away as Spondon and Alvaston, describing it as simply glorious to hear St. Andrew's bells on a clear night.

The society at the present time are making great strides, and it may safely be said they are stronger than they ever have been before, and I do not think I am overstepping the bounds of prudence, when I say they hold the palm in Derby. Unfortunately for them, the chances for peal attempts are very few, seeing that railway men have to work so many "shifts," and it is not pleasing to a man who has to go to work (about midnight, say) to hear the bells ringing for about three hours or over during the time he would like to be sleeping. Still, progress is being made, and young ringers are being brought out. In speaking of this, a word or two will not be out of place with regard to the "tutors" one meets with at St. Andrew's. One of the first members of the Midland Counties Association (Sam Maskrey, to wit), has been the means of many a young hand getting a touch, and the writer will always have in mind his first lesson or two at St. Andrew's. A few words from him are never forgotten. Another of the "pioneers" still connected with the band is Charles Draper. I think I might venture to say he has helped more to get their first peals, and touches than anyone in Derby at the present time. It is such stalwarts as these which hold a society together and make everything go so smoothly. One frequently hears, too, of churches where the clergy never visit the belfry, but such is not the case at St. Andrew's. The Vicar (the Rev. R. A. H. Hay) is a frequent visitor, and takes a great interest in his ringers.

The belfry is a splendid apartment, and the general opinion of all who visit it, is that it is one of the finest in the kingdom. The walls are nicely covered with records of peals, etc., and also photographs of the late vicars, churchwardens, etc., while the plants, etc., in the windows add to the appearance of comfort and tastefulness. The bells were placed in the tower in December, 1881, and dedicated by the Bishop of Lichfield. The first peal was rung on them on June 3rd, 1882, and although there have been a considerable number rung of late years, they are not all recorded on tablets. However, there is a splendid marquette tablet recording a muffled peal for the late Queen Victoria, fixed on one side near the window, and opposite is another tablet, this one of white stone, recording a muffled peal for his late Majesty King Edward. It will thus be seen that St. Andrew's is a splendid building, and a most capable band of Church workers help to make everything a success.

B.M.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The January meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held on Saturday, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Eckington, and, considering the state of the weather prevailing at the time, was most successful.—The church, an interesting old building, is situated at a distance of about two miles from both Eckington and Killamarsh Stations, and the walk in a heavy snowstorm over the Derbyshire roads, already about three inches deep in snow, did not deter quite a good company from turning up. Altogether upwards of twenty ringers were present from Beighton, Bolsover, Eckington, Killamarsh, Ranmoor, Sheffield, Staveley, and Wolverhampton.

The bells are a musical peal of eight (tenor about 16 cwt.), and though they stand in need of the bell hanger, the "go" was very fair, thanks to the care of the local company. The peal was raised about 3.30 p.m., and was kept going, with short intervals, until about 7 p.m. Touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major, were brought round, and some good striking was heard. Several learners from Eckington and adjoining towers stood in and performed very creditably.—In the absence of the President, who had to leave early, Mr. S. Thomas was voted to the chair at the business meeting, at which the secretary gave a short account of the last gathering.—The Rector (the Rev. W. R. Hewson, R.D.) was elected an hon. member of the Society, and several performing members were also elected.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for granting the use of the bells, and to the local company for making all arrangements, was carried unanimously, and this closed the proceedings.

RINGERS' CENTURIES.

MR. HAIGH'S 100 PEALS.

As recorded last week, the peal at Aylesford, Kent, was Mr. W. Haigh's 100th peal. His total is made up as follows:—

On six bells in five methods, 2; Bob Triples, 1, conducted, 1; Bob Major, 4, conducted, 2; Union Triples, 1; Grandsire Triples, 12, conducted, 1; Stedman Triples, 14, conducted, 3; Stedman Caters, 10; Double Norwich Major, 14, conducted, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 32; conducted, 13; Oxford Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; London (on treble), 1; total, 100, conducted, 23. The above includes 8,000 Treble Bob Major, also the first peals of Oxford Treble Bob Major, Superlative Surprise, and Cambridge Surprise by the Kent County Association.

MR. W. KNIGHT'S 100 PEALS.

The Forward Royal, at Wrington, on December 30th, was Mr. W. Knight's 100th peal.

Grandsire Triples, 1; Caters, 5; Bob Major, 1; Royal, 2; Maximus, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Royal, 2; Forward Major, 3; Royal, 2; Double Norwich Major, 8; Stedman Triples, 17; Caters, 27; Cinques, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 4; Cambridge Surprise Major, 8; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 12; London Surprise Major, 3; total, 100.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held at Bramley on Saturday. There was only a small attendance, owing to the wretched state of the weather. A peal of Treble Bob Minor was attempted in the afternoon, but owing to one of the ringers being seized with cramp, "stand" was called. The business meeting was held at the Cardigan Arms, the President occupying the chair, supported by members from Armley, Tong, Calverley, and Holbeck, with the local band.—A peal at Pudsey was arranged for February 3rd.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Bramley for the use of the bells, and to the local company for making the necessary arrangements, was proposed by Mr. S. Wheatley, seconded by Mr. W. Popplewell, and carried unanimously.—Mr. J. W. Holgate responded, and the tower was then visited, and touches of Oxford, Violet, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, and College Pleasure, were rung.

SWAINSWICK RINGERS.

The annual meeting of the parish church ringers of Swainwick, Bath, was held at the Rectory on Wednesday week, presided over by the Rector (the Rev. H. C. T. Franklin, M.A.). Previous to the meeting refreshments were kindly provided by the Rector.—The tower master's report showed that good progress had been made in the Art during the past year.—A vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding and providing refreshments was proposed by Mr. J. Taylor, of Bath-easton, an hon. member of the band, and the Rector expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet the ringers on these occasions. He also spoke of the regularity with which the members attended Divine service, and congratulated them on the progress made.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The second combined practice of the Bradfield Deanery, organised by Miss M. Chillingworth (hon. secretary for combined practices), was held at Aldermaston on Saturday, when a good number of ringers from towers in the Deanery and from Reading were present. The meeting proved a success, and very instructive, as a good number of ringers had the opportunity of having their first attempt at new methods. The bells are a light ring of eight, and during the evening some good touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major, were rung, conducted by Mr. A. W. Osborne and Miss E. Goodship, of St. Giles', Reading.

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SWINDON.—On December 5th, at Christ Church, 1260 Stedman Triples: *J. Tazwell 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner 3, *F. Looker 4, *G. Lancaster 5, G. W. Townsend 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, L. A. Wilson 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

NORTH SHIELDS.—The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—On December 6th, for the confirmation service at Christ Church, 1120 Treble Bob Major (Oxford variation): R. Potter 1, J. Hern 2, Ed. Hern 3, G. T. Potter 4, R. W. Falconer 5, B. C. Dixon (of Low Fell) 6, A. F. Hillier 7, G. A. Dix (conductor) 8.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—Beds Association.—On December 6th, after confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, was rung on All Saints' Church in 51 mins. On December 10th 1152 of the same method: F. Dedman 1, A. Chamberlain 2, W. Seabrook 3, W. Botsford 4, G. Tomkins 5, J. Nicholls 6, G. Bonfield 7, R. Richardson Jones (conductor) 8.

SALISBURY.—On Sunday, December 10th, at St. Martin's Church, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Southly (first touch in the method) 1, F. W. Romaine 2, F. Precey 3, S. Macey 4, G. Neale 5, R. P. Knight 6, W. W. Gifford 7, Gideon Webb 8.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, December 10th, at St. John's Church, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: Miss L. A. Willson 1, H. Hardy 2, W. Willson, junr., 3, I. Harris 4, F. W. Herbert 5, J. Tomlinson 6, W. Willson 7, R. Hubbard 8.—On November 26th three courses of Double Norwich and 504 Stedman Triples.

SHREWSBURY.—At St. Mary Church, on Sunday, December 10th, by kind permission of the Vicar, 505 Stedman Caters: G. Taylor 1, J. E. Groves (conductor) 2, S. Grove 3, A. Davis 4, H. Jones 5, W. Shelvock 6, R. Matthews 7, J. Dowler 8, H. Withers 9, J. Wynn 10. Also a course of Superlative Surprise: W. Taylor 1, W. Shelvock 2, R. Matthews 3, J. E. Groves 4, S. Grove 5, A. Davis 6, J. Dowler 7, H. Withers 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples, conducted by S. Grove.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, December 10th, a quarter-peal of Minor (1260 changes) in 45 mins., being 240 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 192 Double Court, 120 Double Oxford, 120 Oxford Bob and 108 Plain Bob: J. Hendry 1, J. Pettit 2, H. Meadows 3, A. Smeathers 4, A. Henman (first away from the treble in seven methods) 5, G. Lines (conductor) 6.

BINFIELD, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At All Saints' Church on Sunday, December 10th, 720 Bob Minor: C. Pither 1, *S. Gearing 2, E. Bungay 3, E. C. Lambert 4, W. Gearing 5, H. Bungay (conductor) 6. *First 720 on a bob bell.

ISLINGTON.—On Sunday, December 10th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, Brooks' quarter-peal of Stedman: R. F. Deal (conductor) 1, W. J. Kemp 2, C. H. Hughes 3, H. Flanders 4, H. Ranzetta 5, F. J. Hardy 6, A. D. Barker 7, T. Walker 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.—At St. Illtyd's Church, on December 10th, for morning service, 910 Grandsire Triples: D. Powell 1, A. J. Stanley 2, T. J. Evans 3, R. Evans 4, J. Evans 5, R. Bunstone 6, J. Cox (conductor) 7, D. R. James 8. For evening service 1008 Bob Major.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, December 10th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 46 mins.: A. Riley 1, A. Hart 2, A. W. Coles (conductor) 3, A. Turner 4, G. Charge 5, W. Bottrill 6, A. Baynes (first quarter in the method) 7, W. Pateman 8.

STOCKPORT.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—On December 11th a quarter-peal of Erin Caters in 50 mins.: T. Jackson 1, G. Astbury (composer) 2, J. E. Gresty 3, H. Jackson 4, W. Jackson 5, J. Mothershead 6, H. Meakin (conductor) 7, G. D. Warburton 8, J. W. Bayley 9, G. Marshall 10.

NEWHALL.—On December 11th, 720 Bob Minor (unconducted): *W. Shercliff 1, H. Hurdman 2, A. P. Wakley 3, J. T. Dyke 4, J. Hough 5, G. Baiseley 6. *First 720 on tower bells.

HOUSLOW, MIDDLESEX.—On December 14th, at St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): W. Watson 1, G. A. Ransom (conductor) 2, C. Bird 3, T. Chave 4, T. Beadle 5, E. Gladman 6, G. Spencer 7, H. Beadle 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. Peter's Church, on December 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: H. Bennett (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, E. T. Green 2, A. R. Macdonald 3, C. Forfit 4, E. Waters 5, G. Preston (conductor) 6, C. Goodenough 7, F. Forsyth 8.

CHESTERFIELD.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 47 mins.: Geo. Hollis 1, A. Knights (composer and conductor) 2, F. Jacobs 3, W. Nuttall 4, F. E. Smith 5, D. Farling 6, G. Davies 7, T. Wilson 8, G. A. Thompson 9, W. Sever 10. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. T. Wilson Gore, also for Mr. A. Knights' 52nd birthday.

READING.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Friday, December 15th, at St. Giles' Church, 840 Stedman Triples: L. Osborne 1, Miss E. Goodship 2, H. Osborne 3, A. T. Reeves 4, F. Wade 5, F. Griffin 6, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 7, A. Durnan 8. Also 168 in the same method conducted by Miss E. Goodship, and 160 Bob Major by F. Griffin. Rung on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. Fitzwilliam J. C. Gillmor to the church of St. Giles by the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

NOTICES.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at East Farleigh, on Saturday, January 13th, 1912. Belfry opens at 3.30 p.m. Short Service 5.30 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock, followed by the usual business meeting. 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.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—Northern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, January 13th. Bells available from 4.30 to 8 p.m. Business meeting in the Parish Room at 5.45. A social evening will also be held in the Parish Room at 8.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William J. Kemp, Honorary Secretary, 177, Chatsworth Road, N.E.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, January 13th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in the church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting at 5.30.—George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Wood Green on Saturday, January 13th. Bells available at 3. Service in Church 5.30, with address by Rev. E. V. Cox. Tea in Church Institute 6.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas', Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, January 13th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on January 16th; Southwark Cathedral on the 30th; St. Magnus on the 18th; 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, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 20th, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. Tower open at 3.30. Tea in the St. Martin's Vestry Hall at 5.30. Will those who intend being present please notify me by the 18th inst.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary, 3, Hart's Lane, New Cross, S.E.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The Annual Meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill), at Isleworth on Saturday, January 20th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. McGill, in the Hartlands Road Mission Room at 6 o'clock.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 20th, at St. Margaret's. Westminster tower open from 4.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Cathedral, January 20th. Bells available at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, Ashton-under-Lyne.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, January 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Will those coming kindly inform me before January 18th.—B. H. T. Drake, Honorary District Secretary, 29, Bancroft, Hitchin.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on January 20th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chesterfield on Saturday, January 20th. Bells available from 3 to 7.30. Good attendance essential. Important business.—W. H. Peabody, District Secretary.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—The Bishop of Barking will dedicate the bells in Cheshunt tower on January 20th (Saturday) at 3 p.m. The six old bells have been recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and two new bells by the same firm have been added. During the service itself the bells will be rung round by the Cheshunt ringers. Afterwards, until 4.30, a band of change ringers from the bell foundry will ring; while after 4.30, for two hours, the tower will be open to visiting ringers.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's (Parish Church), Eastbourne, on Saturday, January 20th. Members wishing to be present at tea (which, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. W. C. Streatfield, M.A., R.D., will take place in the Pitman Institute, opposite the church) must let me know not later than the 16th. Ringing from 3 to 5.30. Service 5.30. Tea six o'clock; meeting to follow.—George H. Howse, Honorary Secretary, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Burton-on-Trent district will be held in St. Paul's Institute on Saturday, January 20th. The bells of St. Paul's Church will be available for ringing between the hours of 3 and 7, except during the meeting, which will commence at 5 o'clock. All members and friends invited.—Harry Wakley, Local Honorary Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A quarterly branch meeting will be held at Rowley Regis on Saturday, January 20th, 1912. Service 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting after. Tea will be provided for all who send me their names by Wednesday, January 17th. Bells (8) available.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Secretary, Bransford, Worcester.

NOTICES (continued).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 27th. Bells ready at six o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, January 27th. Tower open at 2.30. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea at 4.30 (1s. each), both in the Church Schools. Tea will only be provided for those who notify Mr. F. Cotton, 4, Gladstone Terrace, London Road, Hinckley, not later than Wednesday, January 24th. The committee will be much obliged if those members who have not paid their subscriptions up to end of 1911 will do so at or before this meeting.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, January 27th, 1912. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Kingston on Saturday, January 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.15. Tea at 5.45., to be followed by business meeting, at which the Vicar will preside. Will unattached members intending to be present kindly let me know on or before Wednesday, January 26th.—Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, S.E., on Saturday, January 27th. Particulars next week.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, February 3rd, 1912. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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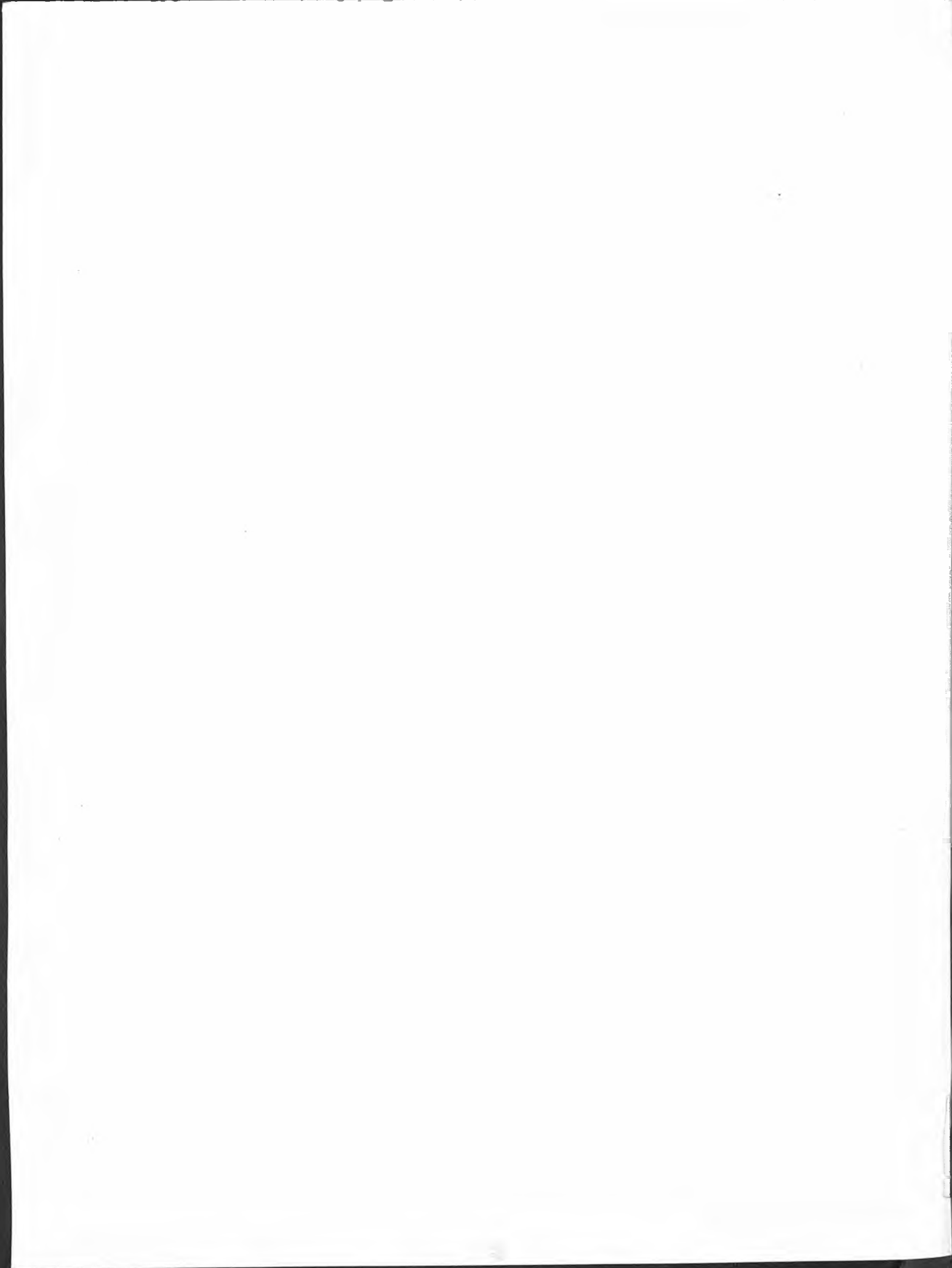
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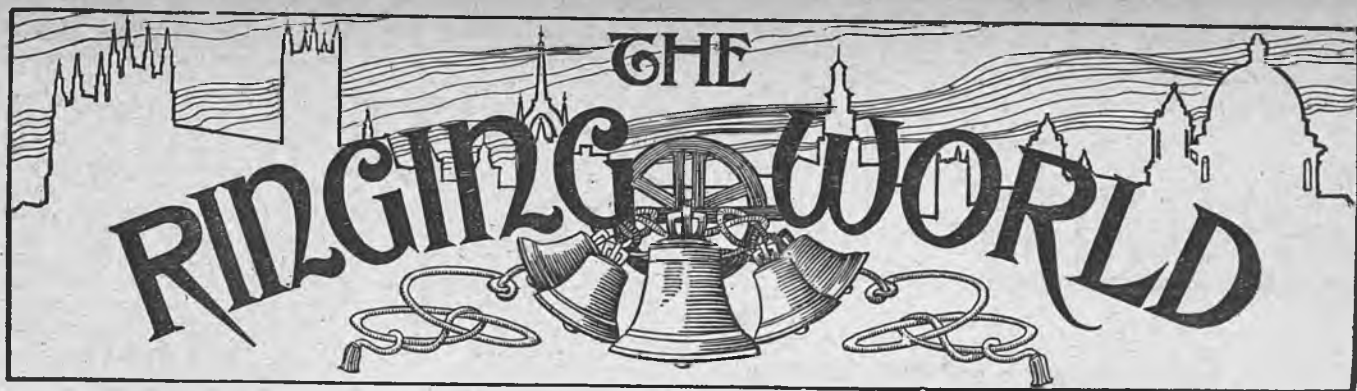


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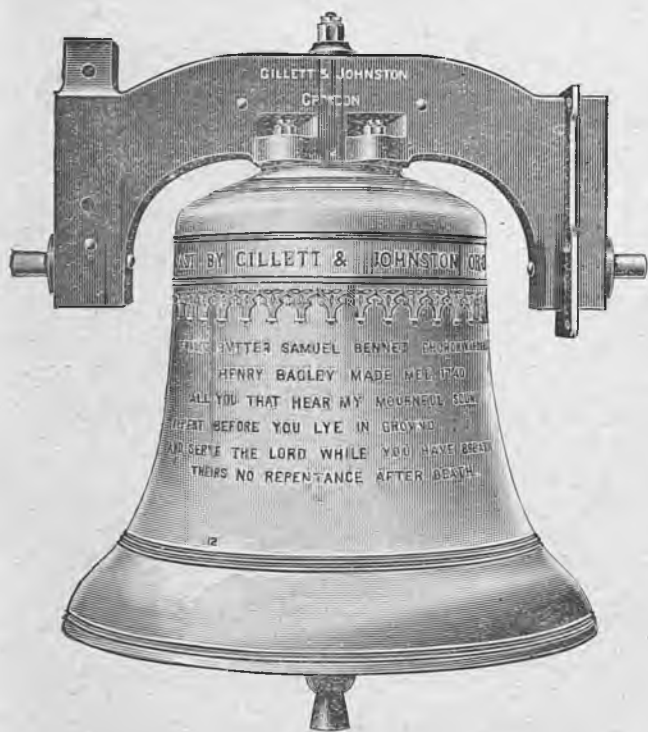
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What a fine opportunity this will provide for a gathering of London and suburban, if not provincial, ringers. At most of the ringing meetings that are now held there is a service which the members attend, but the opportunities for a combined service do not often present themselves, and this is one which, we are sure, a large number of those living within reach of St. Clement Danes will be glad to avail themselves of. It is not necessary, of course, for a ringer to attend a special service of this kind to show that he is a good and loyal Churchman, but it will be worth an effort on the part of members of the Metropolitan Associations to be present to demonstrate that they appreciate the facilities which the Rector of such an important church is providing in order that they may worship together.

The London County Association, of course, is giving its whole-hearted support to the proposal, but it would be wise if steps were taken by some responsible person, in conjunction with the Rector, to organise the service so as to ensure the various associations being adequately represented. We hope it will not be left to chance for those to turn up who think about it, but that by timely arrangement the gathering in St. Clement Danes may be made one worthy of the great Exercise to which we are all devoted. There is often an outcry that men do not attend the services of the church. The C.E.M.S., to which many ringers belong, is doing a great deal to prove that the Church still has its hold upon the lives of the men of the nation, and no body of church workers have better opportunity of setting an example to others than the ringers. Here, at St. Clement Danes, is a great opportunity, and the members of the London ringing societies should see to it that it is not lost.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX	Treble	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 7
SAMUEL E. JOYCE	2	ERNEST G. STIBBONS ... 8
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	3	WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... 9
HERBERT LANGDON	4	JAMES R. MACKMAN ... 10
ALFRED B. PECK	5	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 11
ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS	6	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

This peal has the 6th 24 courses at home and was the first peal published with these qualities.

TEN BELL PEALS.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

FREDERICK A. HOLDEN	Treble	JOSEPH FOWLER 6
JOSEPH MADDOCK	2	FRANK SADD 7
SIDNEY WYATT	3	HARRY REED 8
PERCY S. MERSON	4	EDWARD WYATT 9
HENRY MOCKRIDGE	5	WILLIAM WHITE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 33 cwt., in C.

*GEORGE E. NAISH	Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6
JOHN HOWES	2	GEORGE SPENCER 7
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD	3	GEORGE WOODISS 8
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	4	JAMES N. FROSSELL 9
FERRIS SHEPHERD, Senr.	5	JAMES CHANDLER Tenor

Composed by GEORGE F. DALTRY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

* First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal on the bells since the rehanging of the 9th and tenor by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, the "go" being very satisfactory.

ASTON MANOR.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ASTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt., in E.

*WILLIAM G. ANKER	Treble	JOHN JENNINGS 6
JAMES JONES	2	JOHN PAULTON 7
WILLIAM H. JONES	3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8
JOHN CORREGAN	4	FRANK BENNETT 9
PERCY O. LAFLIN	5	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

* First peal of Caters. Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Tom Reynolds, of Birmingham, who was interred at the above church the same day.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES	Treble	FRANCIS E. HART 6
CHARLES H. AUSTIN	2	THOMAS BALDWIN 7
THOMAS NEWMAN	3	CHARLES L. SADLER 8
JESSE GILLET	4	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 9
ALFRED J. BRUNSDON	5	JOHN AUSTIN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HUDSON, and
Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.

GEORGE SPENCER	Treble	*CANON R. C. M. HARVEY ... 6
RICHARD BUCKLAND	2	*EDGAR HANCON 7
ALAN R. MACDONALD	3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 8
JOSEPH J. PRATT	4	JOHN H. B. HESSE 9
BERTRAM PREWETT	5	HENRY H. CHANDLER ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. R. Buckland's 100th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Spencer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 23, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt., in F.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT	Treble	*GEORGE BAXTER 5
*CLAYTON PARNELL	2	CHARLES ROOPE 6
CHARLES BAKER	3	FREDERICK ROOPE 7
WILLIAM ROOPE	4	TOWNSON ADCOCK Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FREDK. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 27 cwt., in D.

CLARENCE O. HOBBS	Treble	WILLIAM MILLER 5
JOHN HARRIS	2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 6
WILLIAM B. BISS	3	SIDNEY DAWES 7
CHARLES R. LILLEY	4	WILLIAM BOLTON Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER, and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

BRECON, SOUTH WALES.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

SAMUEL WATKINS	Treble	WILLIAM HARGEST 5
SAMUEL BROOKES	2	ALBERT MATTHEWS 6
GEORGE GIBLIN	3	WILLIAM EVANS 7
WILLIAM SHORT	4	*ERNEST JONES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM EVANS.

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

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 5
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 2	HENRY H. CHANDLER ... 6
JOSEPH J. PRATT ... 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
EDGAR HANCOX ... 4	THOMAS SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec. of the S. and W. District of the Guild.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. W. WASHBROOK'S TEN-PART. 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	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 7
TOM PAGE ... 4	HENRY CRABBE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST J. OLIVER ... Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN ... 5
JOSEPH WOOLLEY ... 2	FRANK JOHNSON ... 6
SAMUEL WESLEY ... 3	PERCIVAL PRICE ... 7
THOMAS HORTON ... 4	WILLIAM BELLAMY ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by WILLIAM BELLAMY.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Chapman, father of the wife of the Rev. A. W. Dewick, Rector of the above church.

ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

*JOHN W. J. COTTAM ... Treble	R. WILFRED COLLIER ... 5
*JOSEPH ATKIN ... 2	JAMES EVINSON ... 6
*JOHN T. HOLMES ... 3	*WILLIAM DICKINSON ... 7
CLEMENT GLENN ... 4	*RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS, and

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

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

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

THOMAS W. GORE ... Treble	*FRANK JACOBS ... 5
THOMAS RILEY ... 2	WALTER ROBINSON ... 6
THOMAS BETTISON ... 3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 7
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... 4	JOHN FLINT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

†PERCY HARLEY ... Treble	†HENRY MARTIN ... 5
†JOHN LLOYD ... 2	ERNEST PERKINS ... 6
JAMES WHATMORE ... 3	ARTHUR WHATMORE ... 7
*VERNON ALLEN ... 4	*JACOB WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PERKINS.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. † First peal away from the tenor. Henry Martin hails from Wolverley, the rest belong to the local band.

GREAT TEY.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt., in G.

WALTER SADLER ... Treble	JOHN SADLER ... 5
JAMES FLEUTY ... 2	ERNEST NEWMAN ... 6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM ... 3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... 4	DAVID ELLIOTT ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and

Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt., in F.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... Treble	GEORGE A. CARD ... 5
JOSEPH WAGHORN, Senr. ... 2	WILBY J. HAZELL ... 6
*WILLIAM J. BOWDEN ... 3	†GEORGE PAICE ... 7
JOHN THOMAS ... 4	WILLIAM ANDERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PAICE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.)

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT ... Treble	THOMAS BALDWIN ... 5
JOHN WIGMORE ... 2	ALBERT WRIGHT ... 6
JOHN AUSTIN ... 3	WILLIAM HASTINGS ... 7
WILLIAM HALE ... 4	FRANK COLE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS-EDMUND (R.C.),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

WASHBROOK'S No. 1.

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

BERNARD WITCHELL ... Treble	EDWIN J. STRINGER ... 5
*WALTER MALINS ... 2	ALFRED J. HESSIAN ... 6
*HARRY O. WHITE ... 3	*JOHN W. CHANDLER ... 7
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt., in F sharp.

THOMAS RUSSAM Treble	THOMAS J. BRATTON ... 5
FREDERICK DICKENS 2	JAMES L. WELLS 6
JOHN NEAL 3	JAMES E. GROVES 7
CHARLES DICKENS 4	HARRY WITHERS Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Reynolds, a very highly respected member of the above Guild.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BENJAMIN PAGE Treble	FRANK BOREHAM 5
ARTHUR F. ASHMAN 2	RALPH H. BIGGS 6
HARRY STRATFORD 3	JOHN EVANS 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4	ARTHUR G. JAMES Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR G. JAMES.

First attempt as conductor.

MACHEN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN BUTLER Treble	FRED. CHAMBERLAIN ... 5
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 2	JOHN W. JONES 6
FRANK MORGAN 3	FREDERICK ATWELL 7
JOHN BULLEN 4	JOHN GODDARD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

First peal on the bells which were recently rehung and augmented from six to eight by Messrs. Llewellyns & James. The "go" and and tone are perfect.

MORTIMER, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(St. Mary's Society, Reading.)

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 11¾ cwt., in F.

WALTER A. WEBB Treble	GEORGE ESSEX 5
CHARLES GILES 2	*JOHN SWAIN 6
HENRY TUCKER 3	ALFRED WATMORE 7
FRANK T. MARTIN 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

* First peal of Superlative. First peal in the method on the bells.

TURVEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

MISS EVELYN STEEL ... Treble	WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT ... 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 2	CHARLES CHASTY 6
JOSEPH CHURCH 3	HARRY TYSOE 7
HERBERT SHARP 4	JOHN W. BARKER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

First peal of Major by Miss Steel who belongs to Oakley. The remaining ringers are members of St. Paul's, Bedford.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

P. C. HAROLD JENNEY ... Treble	SAMUEL COTTON 5
*LOUIS E. ALLEN 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
*J. LEONARD ALLEN 3	JOSIAH MORRIS 7
FRED. H. DEXTER 4	CHARLES H. FOWLER Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

* First peal of Double Norwich with an inside bell.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES H. RIDYARD Treble	JOHN WELSBY 5
JOSEPH LOWE 2	PERCY DERBYSHIRE 6
FRED DERBYSHIRE 3	*FRED PAGE 7
ARTHUR RIDYARD 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the 21st birthday of Miss Alice Yates, niece of the conductor.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 14, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEERSMAN ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Sen. 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ERNEST PYE 7
*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Jun. 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

GLASBURY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

EDGAR R. JONES Treble	LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS ... 5
LEONARD LEWIS 2	WILLIAM SHORT 6
SAMUEL BROOKES 3	WILLIAM EVANS 7
*ALBERT MATHEWS 4	†JAMES P. HYETT Tenor

Conducted by W. SHORT.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal of Triples. This peal was rung as a compliment to Capt. Glen Kidston, in recognition of his many kindnesses to the ringers of St. Peter's, and the kind interest he takes in the church generally.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE A. SMITH Treble	J. W. WASHBROOK, Junr. 5
HARRY WASHBROOK 2	WALTER WASHBROOK ... 6
*IRWIN MASSEY 3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 7
*JAMES WILDBLOOD 4	ALEX. BOOTH Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

* First peal of Stedman.

CAVERSHAM.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH, AND THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Monday, January 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

CHARLES R. LILLEY... ..Treble	*EDWIN J. MENDAY... .. 5
*HERBERT HATTO 2	*GEORGE ESSEN 6
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 7
*ALBERT D. CULLUM 4	*ERNEST W. MENDAY ...Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS, and Conducted by E. W. MENDAY.

* First peal of Bristol Surprise. First peal in the method by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 31, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*HARRY JEWIS ... ..Treble	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS... 4
GEORGE H. SPICE 2	WILLIAM SPICE, Senr. ... 5
THOMAS JULL 3	ALBERT J. DAY... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. J. DAY.

* First peal. This peal came round at 11.45 p.m. The old year was then tolled out on the tenor, and a 720 of Kent (conducted by G. H. Spice) was rung to usher in the New Year.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs., in G.

*BERNARD LOVEDAY ... ..Treble	THOMAS JERVIS 4
*ALFRED KNIGHT 2	*T. S. AGATTER 5
GEORGE HEWITT 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY...Tenor

Conducted by R. C. LOVEDAY.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells by a local band. T. S. Agatter has been churchwarden at above church for 23 years.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Worcester, York, Durham, Lichfield, Bristol, London and Wells.

*G. HARGREAVES... ..Treble	J. RAWCLIFFE 4
C. SHARPLES 2	*A. HOULDSWORTH 5
J. HOULDSWORTH 3	W. RILEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. HOULDSWORTH.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt., in G.

*ALFRED MILLER ... ..Treble	LOUIS ATTWATER 4
*WILLIAM H. JOINER 2	*ALBERT CALVER 5
*WILLIAM S. SMITH 3	JOSEPH A. LAMBERT ...Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also the local band for giving up their practice night.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER'S DE MERTON,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Huddersfield Surprise, Tanner's Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise and Violet. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN BATES... ..Treble	CHARLES STAPLETON ... 4
PERCY J. COOKE 2	CHARLES S. ROBINSON ... 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ...Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

CHURCH LENCH.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of Plain Bob, Old Doubles, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire.

LEWIS SPARROW ... ..Treble	CHARLES KNIGHT 4
FRANK COOK... .. 2	JAMES ADDIS 5
AGUSTAVE DORE... .. 3	WILLIAM SPARROW ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

First peal on the bells.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor about 9 cwt.

FREDK. ROWLEDGE ... ..Treble	FRED. HOPPER 4
THOMAS LAW 2	FRANK ROLLINGS 5
FRED. WILFORD 3	CHARLES CLARKE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by C. CLARKE.

* First peal of Minor on the bells.

BUILTH WELLS, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

FREDERICK S. SPARKES ...Treble	FREDERICK R. SPARKES ... 4
WILLIAM SHORT 2	*ROBERT E. SPARKES ... 5
CHARLES POWELL 3	*EDWARD HAYTON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. SPARKES.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. This was rung as a centenary peal, the old ring of six bells having been cast and hung by Rudall, of Gloucester, in 1812. The ringers were all members of the local band except Mr. W. Short, who is the instructor to the Guild.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT HURDMAN ... ..Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 4
WALTER WHITE 2	JOHN HOUGH 5
ALBERT P. WAKLEY 3	DAVID COTTON ... ..Tenor

Each ringer acted as conductor in turn, the 720 of Double Court being conducted by H. Hurdman, Single Court by W. White, Double Oxford by A. P. Wakley, Oxford Bob by J. T. Dyke, Oxford Treble Bob by J. Hough, Kent by D. Cotton; the 720 of Bob Minor was a six-part, each ringer calling 120.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*SIDNEY F. MILLWARD ... Treble	†WILFRED J. SHARP ... 4
JOHN W. METHERELL ... 2	†FRANK W. BURGESS ... 5
†BERTIE O. SODEN ... 3	WILLIAM ROGERS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Single Court, two 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qrs. 9 lbs.

GEORGE SCOTT ... Treble	CALEB L. SIMCOCK ... 4
CHARLES W. BAINES ... 2	JOSEPH NORTH ... 5
RICHARD W. PORTER ... 3	CHARLES ELSE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES ELSE.

First peal as conductor.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AND SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ... Treble	EDGAR VALLANCE ... 4
REV. R. P. FARROW ... 2	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 5
WALTER J. HORTON ... 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH),

On Wednesday, January 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. OSBORN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob and College Single, two 720's Plain Bob, one of Kent Treble Bob, and two of Oxford Treble Bob.

JOHN W. LAKE ... 1-2	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4
JAMES OSBORN ... 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

Witness: MRS. J. OSBORN.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANCES;

CHARLES WILLSHIRE ... 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	JAMES HUNT ... 7-8
SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 9-10.	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

This peal was arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. John Heathorne, a much respected member of St. Nicholas' Society, Guildford, on his 88th birthday. The old gentleman sat and listened to the whole of the peal.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(YORKTOWN DISTRICT.)

On Friday, January 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM A. WOODROW ... 1-2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3-4	*JOHN LOVERIDGE ... 7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire: R. J. POLLEY.

* First peal.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.
On Saturday, January 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,
IN THE TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

R. JOHN POULSON ... 1-2	ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 3-4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 5-6	

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Umpire, F. POULSON.

First peal on handbells by all, also the first in Lavenham.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT 3, HART'S LANE, NEW CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

MISS E. L. BENNETT ... 1-2	FRANK BENNETT ... 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN HOWES, and

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

In the peal at Great Addington, Northants, on Boxing Day the ringer of the 2nd was Thomas Jervis, not Frederick Jervis.

The peal recorded last week as having been rung at Cardiff, was rung at Whitchurch, near Cardiff.

St. Dunstan's Doubles, as to the date of which Mr. H. Dains raised a question, was published in the fourth edition of "Campanologia Improved" in 1753, and on the following page is given Reading Doubles. For this information we are indebted to Mr. J. C. Tinker, of Gainsborough

STEYNING RINGERS' DINNER.

The Steyning branch of the Sussex County Association held their annual dinner on Friday, at the White Horse Hotel. The chair was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Congreve Pridgeon).—After the repast, admirably served by Mr. H. Joyes, an excellent musical programme was sustained by Messrs. N. Mitchell, W. Mitchell, A. Smart, H. Kilner, F. Cherryman, J. Smart, T. Searle, A. Hutchings, H. Phillips, G. Searle, A. H. Chapman, H. Joyes and E. G. Lear. A gramophone, kindly lent by Mr. T. Start, was greatly appreciated by the company, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

YEOVIL BELLS.

Writing to Messrs. Warner and Son, Ltd., Mr. H. White, on behalf of St. Mary's Guild, Taunton, says: 'Having heard you have recently overhauled the bells at Yeovil, Somerset, our Guild went there on Saturday last, and rang a peal of Stedman Caters (5,007 changes), in 3 hrs. 37 mins., one man on the tenor. The whole band wishes to accord you credit for the way in which the bells 'go.'

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 3rd, 720 Oxford Bob, rung with the bells half-muffled as a token to the late choirmaster (Mr. J. Stott), who died on that day.—On Dec. 17th, 720 Oxford Bob.—On Dec. 24th, 720 Oxford Bob: W. Chattle 1, J. Jutson 2, E. Tilley 3, J. Dunthorne 4, H. Traynar 5, G. Jutson (conductor) 6.—On Dec. 31st, as the year 1911 was drawing to a close, 720 Bob Minor: W. Waldrow 1, J. Jutson 2, E. Tilley 3, J. Dunthorne 4, H. Traynar 5, G. Jutson (conductor) 6. Rung with bells half-muffled.—On Jan. 7th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Chattle 1, E. Tilley 2, J. Jutson 3, H. Traynar 4, A. R. Dudley (Lincoln) 5, G. Jutson (conductor) 6.

THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

LEADING ASSOCIATIONS FOR 1911.

It is, perhaps, a little early to forecast with absolute accuracy the order in which the various associations will come out in the analysis for 1911, but we have reason to believe that the first eight places will be found to be filled as follows:

1. The Winchester Diocesan Guild.
2. The Middlesex County Association.
3. The Norwich Diocesan Association.
4. The Midland Counties Association.
5. The Kent County Association.
6. The Yorkshire Association.
7. The Sussex County Association.
8. The Worcestershire and Districts Association.

The place of honour gained by the Winchester Guild is, of course, very largely due to the persistent efforts of the Guildford band, who scored such a remarkable number of handbell peals during the year. Moreover, Mr. A. H. Pulling, their conductor, easily heads the list of conductors, with no fewer than 67 peals called.

THE PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S MAJOR.

HAS IT BEEN MISNAMED?

Was the method rung at Eccleston and published as St. Clement's Major, not St. Clement's after all, but St. Simon's Major? The question is raised by Mr. H. S. Reeves, of Hatfield. He writes: I do not think any ringers would ring a peal of Bob Major and call it Grand-sire Major, but a similar thing to this has been done by the band which rang the so-called St. Clement's Bob Major, at Eccleston, on December 28th, 1911. The method published in the last issue of "The Ringing World" as St. Clement's Major is exactly the same given me as St. Simon's Major by Mr. H. H. Chandler, of Hillingdon, thirteen or fourteen years back. I enclose a lead, and also a lead of St. Clement's Triples from Legitimate Methods, Page 44, No. 7:—

St. Simon's Major. St. Clement's Triples.

12345678	1234567
21436587	2135476
24163857	2314567
42618375	3241657
24681735	3426175
42867153	4362715
24876513	3467251
42785631	4376521
24758361	3475612
42573816	4357162
24537186	3451726
42351768	4315276
24315678	4132567
42136587	1423657
41263857	1246375
14628375	Grandsire bobs
14263857	and singles.

Plain Bob, bobs and singles.

Mr. Reeves also sends St. Simon's Doubles (taken from Standard Methods) Minor and Triples, which contain similar work to that in the Major, as well as having the same basis of lead ends. He adds that he thinks this shows that the method rung at Eccleston was St. Simon's Major.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSED RINGERS' SERVICE AT ST. CLEMENT DANES.

The quarterly meeting of the London County Association was held at St. Clement Danes, on Monday week, a good number of members being present. The business was transacted at the headquarters' room at the Cheshire Cheese, the Master (Mr. G. R. Fardon) presiding. Five new members were elected, and financial matters were disposed of to enable the balance sheet to be presented at the annual meeting on February 10th.

The subject of new rule books was discussed at considerable length. Since the society has been divided into districts the rules have had to be revised, and in view of the number of alterations, the meeting decided to have new books printed.—After further discussion, it was resolved that all members be supplied with the new rule books, free, on application to the secretary at a general business meeting.—The Rector of St. Clement Danes has very kindly offered the society the use of a room in the tower to hold its meetings in, and this, needless to say, was accepted, and the secretary was instructed to write and thank the Rector for his kindness.—A safe has also been placed at the society's disposal in this room to keep its valuable property in. This matter has long occupied the minds of the officers, and it will be a source of gratification to the members to hear that the old peal books, some of the most beautiful of their kind, will in future be safe from that great destructor, fire. The society are greatly indebted to the Rector for this kindness.—The Secretary said that he had seen the Rector, who had stated that it would be inconvenient to hold a service on the occasion of the annual meeting of the society, but he would like to hold a service on another occasion, and, in addition, invite members of other societies to attend. The meeting expressed agreement with the proposal, and decided to support a ringers' service on one Sunday night.—Notice was given of the district meetings, and of the annual general meeting, at which the election of officers will take place, at St. Clement Danes, on February 10th.

NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Northern district was held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, and was attended by a large number of ringers. The tower was open from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., and touches of Double Norwich, Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise were rung.—The business meeting was held in the parish room, Mr. A. D. Barker, District Master, presiding.—Mr. Barker was unanimously re-elected as Master. Mr. A. J. Kemp being reluctantly compelled to resign office as secretary, Mr. W. H. Hotten was appointed to fill his place. Mr. T. Walker was re-elected as treasurer, and Mr. T. A. Askell was appointed steward. Several new members were elected, including the Rev. J. A. S. Bullock, curate at St. Botolph's.—A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the clergy and churchwardens for the use of the tower and the parish room.—The Rev. J. A. S. Bullock, in reply, welcomed the ringers with all his heart, and said he would do all in his power for the welfare of ringing, and of the Association, of which he was proud to become a member.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, ringing was again resumed, after which the members and their friends re-visited the parish room to enjoy a musical evening (arranged by Mr. A. D. Barker), at which light refreshments were kindly provided by the Rev. J. A. S. Bullock. Miss E. Barker ably acted as accompanist, and during the evening played some excellent pieces. Miss Allen sang "The Dear Home Songs," and was called a second time to the platform. Mr. Godfrey Williams undoubtedly made one of the hits of the evening, being obliged to sing three songs, including "Because You're Bandy." Mr. H. Walters, a promising vocalist, sang, "I don't care what becomes of me," which was much appreciated. In singing "On the Silvery Sands" and "I want to Mingle with the Girls," Mr. A. D. Barker proved to the company that ringing was only one of his accomplishments. Darlio (Mr. G. Cracknell) gave a most excellent display of juggling, and during the evening several touches were rung on handbells by Messrs. T. H. Taffender, H. T. Gowllett, F. J. Hardy, A. D. Barker, G. Faulkner and T. Walker.

1911 PERFORMANCES.

During the past year the Dagenham Band of the Essex Association, with visitors, have rung 93 720's of Minor, as follows: 15 Cambridge Surprise, 11 Woodbine Treble Bob, 11 Kent Treble Bob, 12 Oxford Treble Bob, 8 Double Oxford, 6 Double Court, 10 College Single, 20 Plain Bob. The following took part: G. Playle, 92 (conducted 64); A. Playle, 84 (conducted 1); E. Hawkins, 83; F. Freestone, 80; E. Butler, 68; R. Miles, 59 (conducted 28); D. Chaplin, 23; A. Chaplin, 11; G. Chaplin, 8; J. Hawkins, 9; C. Rochester, 7; R. Blake, 6; and Miss C. Playle, 6.

SWANMORE.

At St. Barnabas Church, Swanmore, Hants, during the year 1911, 33 complete 720's of Minor were rung, made up of Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Bob Minor, Grandsire Minor and College Single. The following ringers took part: H. Ainsley, S. Kirby, G. Laishley, F. Hoare, W. Cooper, E. Jacobs, H. Griffin, G. Plaskett, A. Millard (conducted 1), W. Linter (conducted 32).

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT DISS.**

One of the most successful quarterly meetings ever held by this Association took place at Diss, on Thursday, January 11th. The bells of the parish church, and also those of Palgrave were open to the use of members throughout the day, and were very largely patronised. First-class striking was the order, and all the ringing was superior to that usually heard at quarterly meetings. Dinner was served at the King's Head Hotel, sixty-five sitting down to an admirable repast.

In the unavoidable absence of the President, the chair was taken by the Rev. C. L. Kennaway (hon. treasurer), supported by the Revs. C. W. Peck and K. Mackinnon (of Diss), the Revs. C. F. Blyth, E. C. J. Bowen, Wm. C. Pearson, and E. Hopper. Messrs. J. Cadge, Arthur Coleman, and C. E. Borrett (secretary), and representatives from many towers in the diocese.

The usual loyal toasts were honoured, as were also the toasts of "Success to the Association," "The Diss Company of Ringers," and "The Town and Trade of Diss." The clergy were also thanked for the use of the bells.

The Secretary announced that Mr. Henry Hopson, the secretary for the Beccles district of the Association, had, owing to advancing years, felt it necessary to resign the post he had so faithfully carried on since the division of the diocese into districts. He (the secretary) had received this resignation with the greatest feeling of regret, for every member looked up to Mr. Hopson with affectionate regard and esteem.—The Chairman added warm words of appreciation for Mr. Hopson, and the work he had done, and proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded him.—This was enthusiastically carried, and Mr. Hopson made a very feeling acknowledgment.

The Secretary reported that the finances of the Association were in a satisfactory condition, and that the peal total for 1911 constituted a record.

The election of a number of new members concluded the business part of the meeting, and both tower bells and handbells were at once set going again.

The thanks of the Association are due to the Diss company for so readily falling in with the suggestion that their own anniversary should be combined with this meeting. A most successful day was the result.

A SHOOTING MATCH.**RINGERS BEAT LADY CHAMPIONS.**

The Yateley (Hants) ringers do not confine themselves for recreation to handling the supple rope in the belfry. They can raise a good rifle team among their number, and on Tuesday week, having challenged the ladies team of the Yateley and District Rifle Club (who, by-the-way, have won championship honours twice in succession), a shooting match took place on the range at the Drill Hall, Yateley. The conditions were ten shots (deliberate), the highest possible score being 100. The ringers won an exciting match by nine points. Scores:

Ladies' team.—Miss E. Stilwell, 100; Mrs. Birch, 95; Miss M. Smurthwaite, 94; Miss H. Smurthwaite, 90; Miss M. Mills, 93; Miss Hadwin, 82; Miss E. Mills, 78; Miss Haynes, 78; total, 709.

Ringers' team.—C. Bunch, 99; S. Riddell, 94; Miss B. Stilwell, 93; W. G. Bunch, 91; J. R. Bunch, 90; G. Butler, 86; H. Tice, 83; Miss A. Stilwell, 82; total, 718.

WOODEN ARCADES IN CHURCHES.**To the Editor.**

Sir,—In your report of Shenfield church and bells, Mr. Landon said he believed there was no church in the kingdom to compare with its beautiful arcade of wooden arches, with clustered columns. He may be interested to know there is a very fine wooden arcade, with massive oak columns, similar to that which he mentioned, in Winkfield Church. It is a "Royal Arcade," being built in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and bearing her name, and the date 1597. The central column was replaced in the time of Queen Victoria, and her name appears on it. The western half column was restored, and bore the name of the late King Edward VII. Some of the bells were also cast in the year 1597. The church stood at one time within the Forest of Windsor.—Yours truly,
Winkfield. J. BRANT.

CHESHUNT BELLS.**TO-MORROW'S RE-OPENING.**

Mr. H. G. Rowe, of 160, High Street, Cheshunt, sends us the following information for the benefit of any ringers, who may be visiting Cheshunt to-morrow (Saturday) for the opening of the bells. The parish church is about one mile from Cheshunt G.E.R. Station, and two miles from Waltham Cross tram terminus. The nearest way is up Collego Road over the river bridge and round to the right. The service is at three o'clock, and the tower is open to visitors from 4.30 to 6.30 only. Mr. Rowe hopes to meet on this occasion many of his old ringing friends, and proper arrangements will be made to enable all to ring in methods from Grandsire to London Surprise. There is a fair service of trains both up and down.

BATH AND WELLS MEETINGS.**CHEW DEANERY.**

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Wraxall on Saturday, and proved most successful, more than 40 members putting in an appearance from Barrow Gurney, Clapton, Congresbury, Easton-in-Gordano, Long Ashton, Portishead, Wraxall, and Yatton, Mr. E. E. Burgess, hon. secretary of the Association, also being present. There was ringing during the afternoon and evening, and service was also held, an excellent address being given by Prebendary Vaughan on the words, "Be strong in the Lord." He directed his remarks chiefly to the subject of ringers as Church workers. After the service the members sat down to tea, kindly provided by Prebendary Vaughan, who presided at the business meeting which followed. The officers for the ensuing year were re-elected as follow: Mr. Thomas Wyatt, chairman; Mr. George Yeo, hon. secretary and treasurer. Thirteen new members were also elected, and Wrington was the place chosen for the next quarterly meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was carried, amid applause, to the Rev. Prebendary Vaughan for his kind hospitality, for the great interest he takes in ringers, and also for the use of the bells that day.—Preb. Vaughan, in replying, expressed the great pleasure it always gave him to welcome the members of the Chew Deanery to Wraxall.—This brought a most successful meeting to a close, and the beautiful peal of bells were soon set going to Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman.

MEETING AT BATCOMBE.

A meeting of the Castle Cary branch was held at Batcombe, on Saturday, the following towers being represented: Batcombe, Evercreech, Bruton, Ditchat, Castle Cary, West Lydford and Shepton Mallet. A short service was held in the church, the Rev. Morrant, of Batcombe, officiating, and giving an interesting and instructive address. Tea was afterwards partaken of in the schoolroom, followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. Morrant presided, supported by Mr. T. G. Vincent, senr. (president of the branch), Messrs. Robt. Look, M. S. Welchman, E. Creed, H. Milbourne, T. G. Vincent, junr. (secretary), C. Cornell, T. White, J. Bindon, etc.—Ten members were elected, and Witcheat was chosen for the next place of meeting to be held in May.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. Morrant for arranging the service, and for the use of the bells at Batcombe, and to the choir and organist for their services. This concluded the business, and a move was then made to the tower, where Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung. During the evening the Evercreech tower, by kind permission of the Rev. Dyne, was visited, and touches rung on the fine peal of eight bells.

BLETCHLEY RINGER'S DEATH.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Bletchley, have lost one of their number, by death, Mr. W. Hedges passing away at the age of 55 years. He was a victim of that dreaded disease, cancer, and will be much missed by those associated with the church. For 47 years he had been a member of the choir, in which he took great interest, and did a great deal for the choir boys. The deceased was an engine driver on the L. and N.W. railway, and many of his comrades attended the funeral. He was carried to his last resting place by four members of the choir, the Rector officiating at the last sad rites. Before the service a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, with the bells deeply muffled, and afterwards the "whole pull and stand" was rung 55 times. Another short touch was rung in the evening, but an attempt for a muffled peal three days later was lost after two hours' ringing, owing to a change course, the band being: A. Crane 1, W. Sear 2, J. Marks 3, T. Best 4, B. Meager 5, C. Valentine 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, R. Nichols 8. Much sympathy has been expressed with the widow and three children, who are left to mourn their loss.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED AT BROMLEY.

The members of the St. Luke's company, Bromley Common, entertained a few fellow ringers from Bromley and Chislehurst Churches to supper and a musical evening, and the party spent a very enjoyable time.—The Rev. C. C. Gosselin thanked those who had helped the band during the year, and was glad to be able to say there was an improvement in their ringing.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, and the health of Mr. J. W. Wheeler-Bennet, J.P., through whose generosity the band came into existence, and to whom they owed that gathering, was drunk.—The rest of the evening was given up to music and handbell ringing.

AT CAERPHILLY.

On Thursday week the ringers of Caerphilly, Glamorganshire, were kindly invited to supper at the Rectory by the Rector and churchwarden, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Previous to the supper they were successful in ringing their first course of Grandsire Triples on the tower bells, assisted by Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, who has been their honorary instructor. Only last spring this new ring of bells was fixed, and the new band had first to learn the handling of the bells. Now the course of Triples has been mastered they are looking forward at an early date to their first touch on the bells.

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IN MEMORIAM.

THOMAS REYNOLDS, OF BIRMINGHAM.

As briefly announced in our last issue, Mr. Thomas Reynolds passed into the Great Unknown on Friday, January 5th, and by his death not only the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham, but Midland ringing circles generally have sustained a great loss.

Born at Chipping Warden, in Northamptonshire, on September 16th, 1852, "Tommy," as he was affectionately called by his intimates, migrated with his parents to Birmingham when quite a toddler. After leaving school he was for a time employed on a farm at Witton, which was held by a man named Short, a relative of the famous Joshua Short, who rang the tenor and called the 15,360 of Bob Major at Aston in 1793. Later young Reynolds obtained a situation with an old established firm of yarnish manufacturers, with whom he remained for the rest of his life. As at ringing, so at his work, "Tommy" was pains-



THE LATE MR. THOMAS REYNOLDS.

taking and thorough, and soon earned the entire confidence of his employers.

He learned to ring at Perry Barr and Handsworth, and later went to Aston, where they had at that time one of the strongest bands in the country, and ran the "Holt" Society, which was later absorbed by the St. Martin's Guild. His first peal was Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Tuesday, January 28th, 1879, to which he rung the tenor. The peal is recorded on a board in the belfry, and of the twelve men who rang it, only two are now left—John Buffery and Henry Johnson, junr. The latter has given up ringing for many years, and is not by any means now a "junior."

Thomas Reynolds became infatuated with twelve-bell ringing, and during his career of thirty odd years had rung no fewer than 98 twelve-bell peals on tower bells, of which huge total 83 were Stedman Cinques (his favourite method). This is the greatest number of peals on twelve bells ever achieved by one man, and is a record of which anyone might well be proud. Mr. Reynolds was a

tremendously strong man, and in later years got very stout, weighing at one time well over seventeen stone, although he was rather short of stature. At first he did a bit of tenor ringing only, being in great demand when there was a tough job on hand. In the very nature of things, such a man could not for long be content with this, but, so exclusive was the St. Martin's Society of that day, that when he had even rung the tenor to the long peal of Stedman Cinques (9238) on February 28th, 1881, and expressed a wish to ring inside, he was told he had "better go somewhere and get some practice first, as they could not be bothered with learners at St. Martin's!" However, he survived this treatment, and soon became one of the best men on the heavy bells. He was equally at home at either end, and was, we believe, the first man to ring every bell in any one tower to a peal of Stedman Cinques, which feat he has done over and over again. He never troubled about calling, often saying he did not care who called the bobs so long as the ringing was good.

An excellent striker himself, he always expected those with whom he rang to do their best, and if that best was not good enough, they could reckon on hearing about it very quickly. He was one of the oldest members of St. Martin's Guild, and on the death of John Day he was elected a trustee, which office he held till the end. Of a lively disposition, he was always good company, and could sing a song, tell a tale, or give a recitation, just as the occasion warranted.

He had some remarkable records to his credit, a few of which may be of interest. He was the only man who rang in the two longest peals of Stedman Cinques ever rung, the 9238 on December 28th, 1881, and the 11,111 on December 26th, 1901. He also rang in the only two short course peals of Stedman Cinques, and the only peals of Forward and Duffield Maximus ever rung.

The following is a complete list of his peals:—

Stedman Cinques	83	Including 9238 and 11,111, record
Grandsire Cinques	5	Including 9020, then record.
Kent Maximus	5	
Bob Maximus	1	
Grandsire Maximus	1	
Duffield Maximus	1	The only one ever rung.
Forward Maximus	2	The only two ever rung.
Kent Royal	14	
Bob Royal	3	
Duffield Royal	1	
Stedman Caters	48	
Grandsire Caters	20	Including 15,227, record.
Kent Major	8	
Bob Major	5	
Norwich Major	10	
Stedman Triples	71	
Grandsire Triples	25	(One Thomas' peal).
Union Triples	2	

Total ... 305

The long peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Cheltenham on Monday, April 22nd, 1889, and at the last Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, Mr. W. T. Pates, who called it, presented Mr. Reynolds with a framed record of the performance and photographs of the band, of which he was very proud.

Mr. Reynolds was a member of the Sunday ringing band at St. Martin's, and was most regular in his attendance. His last peal was Stedman Cinques, rung at St. Martin's on December 5th last. He was in his accustomed place

ringing for service on Christmas morning, and on Boxing Day he started for a peal of Stedman Cinques, which, however, had to be abandoned on account of his ill-health. On the following Saturday he took to his bed, and later pneumonia supervened, against which "Tommy" was too corpulent to fight successfully. He breathed his last on Friday evening, January 5th, leaving a wife and five grown-up sons to mourn their loss.

He was buried in the beautiful old churchyard at Aston on Thursday of last week, not very far from the grave of the idol of his younger days—Henry Johnson. Six of his brother ringers acted as bearers, and many others attended to pay their last tribute of respect. The floral tokens were numerous, among them being a wreath in the form of a bell, from members of the St. Martin's Guild. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells at the graveside by Messrs. J. Buffery, A. Walker, T. Miller, J. E. Groves and S. Reeves. Nothing, perhaps, is more touching than the sound of the handbells in these circumstances, and many a lump had risen in the throat, many an eye become moist, before the conclusion of the course. At last it was over, and Thomas Reynolds, one of the most manly men it has been the writer's good fortune to know, had been reclaimed by his mother earth. There we will leave him, sleeping his last long sleep, 'neath the shadow of the old tower he loved so well. Those of us who have been closely associated with him for many years and had learned to seek his advice and counsel, will miss his burly form and ready wit—not for a while, but for all time.

His life was gentle, and the elements
So mix'd in him, that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world "This was a man!"

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Owing to the pressure on our space this week several items are unavoidably held over.

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Long peal ringers are wanted. Now, don't all speak at once—not even those who took part in the 18,000 at Loughborough. This time it is not the length of the peal, but the length of the ringers that is the chief consideration. The longer the better, even if it is necessary to provide pits for them to stand in instead of boxes to stand on. But, to be serious. One or two "giants" of the Exercise desire to meet other giants in order that a peal may be rung by men as much over six feet in height as possible. Those who come up to this qualification, who can reach a tower near London, and who would care to take part in such a peal, should send along their names (and heights) to the Editor, who will forward them to the organisers of the band.

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And talking of "freak" peals, we wonder whether a band composed of journalists could be got together. We have often thought of a peal by "knights of the pencil," and should much like to take part in it ourselves. If any of our readers are members of the profession, and will send along an intimation, we will see if the necessary arrangements can be made.

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By the way, do not let us be misunderstood. We do not mean that either six feet men or journalists are "freaks."

About £75 has been subscribed towards the rehanging of the bells at Holy Trinity, Guildford, but the Rector and churchwardens announce that they do not feel justified in giving any order for the work to be begun until £250 has been promised or subscribed. We hope that the people of Guildford will soon see that the amount is forthcoming, for it is a great pity that such a fine peal should hang silent.

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By the way, it is interesting to note that the Rector, in the "Parish Magazine" for January, gives a practical answer to those who complain "somewhat wildly that the bells are rung for several hours every week and therefore constitute a nuisance." He points out that four peals were rung during 1911 (giving the actual time occupied), and that practices take place from 8.15 to 9.30 p.m. on Tuesdays. This is the limit of the ringing, except on the occasion of a visit from the Bishop or the Judge, or at weddings, when the bells are rung for less than half-an-hour. It would not be a bad plan if incumbents of other parishes where there are grumblers would supply similar information. It would nail down many an exaggerated statement.

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Last week we recorded a non-conducted peal of Minor (which, by the way, proves to be not the first of its kind on six bells), this week we publish the record of an "all-conducted" peal at Rolleston-on-Dove. Each of the six ringers called one 720, and of the odd method each called 120.

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The bells of St. Botolph's Church, Heene, Sussex, are being re-hung by Messrs. Warner & Sons, Ltd.

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A correspondent in Northampton has forwarded us a postal order without enclosing anything further. Will the sender kindly communicate with the Editor?

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Reggie Chapman, of Kettering, has, at the age of 13, rung 1-2 to 720 Bob Minor on handbells, and the same pair to 336 of Bob Major. The 720 was his first attempt. He must be a promising boy. The ringing took place last Friday, the band being R. Chapman 1-2, D. J. Nichols 3-4, E. Chapman (conductor) 5-6. T. W. Sawfoot took a pair for the Major, which was conducted by D. J. Nichols.

A LEGEND ABOUT SUSSEX BELLS.

Buried somewhere beneath the soil of the graveyard of Etchingam Church, in Sussex, lies, according to the legend, a peal of bells intended once upon a time for the tower, which still has only a single bell to call the faithful to prayer. The story, as far as can be ascertained, is thus related by a writer in the *Globe*. In the early Middle Ages, when the church could be approached by water as well as by land, a certain valiant knight wished to present to it a peal of bells. These bells were cast at a foundry many miles away and brought to the church by water. They arrived in safety, but through carelessness or inadvertence they were allowed to slide to one side of the boat during unloading, and in a few moments the vessel listed over and sank, depositing the bells in the mud at the bottom of the canal, where they are to this day. When he heard of this the donor made a "vow, enchantment, or spell," saying that Etchingam Church should never have more than one bell until the peal he had given was dragged from the mud by a team of four milk-white oxen. The white oxen do not appear to have been forthcoming, and in later times the canal was filled in.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT APPROVES OF BENEVOLENT FUND.

The quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District was held at East Farleigh on Saturday last, when 55 members attended. The ringers were indebted to the Rev. A. B. Littlewood (Vicar) for generously providing them with tea. Service was conducted by the Vicar of East Farleigh.—At the business meeting the Rev. A. B. Littlewood was voted to the chair, and was supported by the Rev. H. R. Hughes, Vicar of Leeds, upon whose motion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman for the reception he had given to the ringers, for the use of the bells, for the service, and for the splendid tea he had given them. The District Secretary then proposed: "That the Leeds and Lenham bellfries be admitted into the Association, together with 21 practising members and two hon. members (the Vicars of Leeds and Lenham), both of whom are ringing clergy."—This was agreed to with acclamation.—It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Leeds on April 20th, 1912.

The District Secretary then read the proposed scheme of the Kent County Benevolent Fund, as proposed by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore.—A lively discussion took place, and the scheme was carried unanimously, it being decided by the meeting to ask Mr. Helmore to place his proposals before the annual meeting of the Association.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. H. R. Hughes (Vicar of Leeds) for his presence, and, in replying, the reverend gentleman spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be with them. Although he had never gone into change ringing before he was now starting with his ringers (loud applause). He thought it was not too late in life for him to learn the noble art.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. S. Hayzeldene for the arrangements he had made.—Mr. Hayzeldene, captain of the East Farleigh band, in a bright and humorous speech, said it was a red-letter day to them to have the meeting at East Farleigh, and they hoped the day was not far distant when they would again meet there.

LUCKY GLASBURY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having seen in your "Odd Changes" that a gentleman in Grantham gave a goose to all the ringers at Christmas, I should just like to tell you some of the kind things that Capt. Glen Kidston, of Gwernyfed Park (one of our churchwardens at St. Peter's Church) does for the ringers here. At Christmas time he very kindly heads the subscription book with £5, sends all the ringers and probationers a brace of pheasants each, gives us a supper and dance, with the privilege of inviting friends. In the summer he places one of his magnificent motor-cars at our disposal to go for a ringing tour of not less than forty miles. He has also just lately paid something over £50 for the bells to be done up, also gave us a beautiful set of 13 handbells in a lock-up case. There is nothing seems to please this gentleman more than when he is doing something for the ringers, and I am happy to say that everyone of our band look upon him as a gentleman, in every sense of the word. The above are only just a few of his kindnesses, to say nothing about the other end of the church, to which he has just presented an organ, at a cost of something over a thousand pounds.—Yours truly,

LEONARD LEWIS,

Captain of Ringers.

Glasbury.

To mark their appreciation of Capt. Kidston's many kindnesses, a peal was rung on Sunday, and afterwards, at the invitation of Capt. Kidston, the ringers partook of an excellent tea at the Cocks Hotel. The ringers tender their best thanks to Capt. Kidston for his generosity.

RE-HANGING AT DOLTON, DEVON.

Messrs. Stokes and Son, of Woodbury, have just overhauled the bells at Dolton, Devon. New bearings and a new wheel have been provided for the treble, while the bearings, clappers and fittings of the other five bells have been attended to, and new ropes provided for the whole peal. The ringers who have tested the work, have expressed themselves highly pleased with Messrs. Stokes and Son's work. Now that the bells are again in proper going order, visitors to the tower will be welcome.

LANCASHIRE MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch was held at St. Thomas, Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday last, when 21 members were present from Oldham Parish Church, Glodwick, Moorside, Milnrow, Middleton, and Walsden.—Mr. S. Brierley presided over the meeting, and Rochdale was the place selected for the next gathering.—A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar (the Rev. J. B. Stopford) for the use of tower and bells.—The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE NOTES.

One of the most interesting towns within the area of the Durham and Newcastle Association is Barnard Castle. Situated on an eminence on the Tees, 40 miles from its mouth, it is in the midst of the most beautiful surroundings. Within the town itself stands the Castle, from which its name is taken. It was founded about 1180 by Barnard Baliol, an ancestor of John Baliol, King of Scotland, and is of great historical interest. This, and the many beauty spots within easy distance, makes the town a favourite resort of holiday makers. Many bands of ringers make it the place of their annual outing, but to members of the Exercise it had one great drawback, the ring of eight in the Parish Church were in bad order.

This has now been remedied, for the bells have recently been re-hung and put in thorough order by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and this will no doubt materially increase the number of ringing visitors. The bells were re-opened by members of the Association, there being present the President (Mr. C. L. Routledge), Mr. C. Todd (the hon. secretary), Mr. T. T. Goffon, of Whitley Bay, and several ringers from Darlington. As was expected from the reputation of the Loughborough arm, the bells went splendidly, the visitors having some good ringing, and an enjoyable time at the Vicarage, where they were kindly entertained to tea.

Members of the Association and friends of the late Mr. R. S. Story are reminded of the appeal for funds to provide a suitable memorial, which appeared in the issue of November 10th. Although subscriptions are coming in very well, a wider response is necessary if the required amount is to be raised. Will intending subscribers therefore kindly forward the amount to Mr. C. L. Routledge, 62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne, as early as possible. It is also hoped that it will be possible to add a brass tablet, towards which object about £10 has been subscribed by Masonic and other friends outside the ringing world.

"TRICK" RINGING.

A REPLY TO THE REV. H. DRAKE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Drake, in your last issue, states that changes rung four-handed, or tapped on a piano or other instrument, are to be considered "trick ringing," and on the same level as lapping. This statement coming from him surprises me greatly. Four-handed ringing is much more difficult than double-handed; and the tapping or producing of changes by one performer, no matter on what instrument, is the product of highest mental ability in change ringing. There is no trickery about it; the changes are produced just as though they were rung on tower bells, the performer's brain having to do the mental work of 6, 8, 10 or 12 ringers. Mr. Drake's placing of this on the same level as lapping, which can generally be learned in a few minutes by anyone with no knowledge of change ringing, can surely not be taken seriously. I am not, of course, referring to courses or very short touches which have been learned by heart. One wonders what Elijah Roberts would have thought, had anyone relegated his marvellous tapping achievements (related in your columns a few months ago) to the level of lapping!

CLEMENT GLENN.

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NON-CONDUCTED MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—What was believed to be the first non-conducted peal of Minor was rung at Bucknall by the local band, on April 6th, 1897, in seven different Surprise Minor methods, under the auspices of the Stoke Archidiaconal Association. This will be disappointing to the band who rang the recent peal at Great Mundon, who, however, deserve the highest possible praise for their performance, and no congratulations are more hearty than those from the ringers of the above-mentioned peal, one of whom was.

High Street, Bucknall.

D. PRESTON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me to congratulate the band that rang the un-conducted peal of Minor at Great Mundon, they are deserving of all praise. At the same time, I should like to inform them that they are not the first in this field with this performance. The first silent or non-conducted peal of Minor ever rung was at Bucknall, Staffordshire, on Tuesday, April 6th, 1897, in 2 hrs. 56 mins., in seven Surprise Methods, viz.: London, Chester, York, Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol and Worcester, a very clever performance. The second one that I have any record of was rung at Bebbington, Cheshire, on May 13th, 1901, in 2 hrs. 37 mins., in seven methods: Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire. If there are any others, I have not heard of them, so the Great Mundon band's performance will take at least third place.—

Yours faithfully,

GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Liverpool.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Southern branch was held on Saturday at Grantham, about 20 members being present, including the local band. Ringing commenced about noon, and subsequently dinner was partaken of at No. 11, Watergate, an excellent meal having been provided by Mr. G. Reeve. Owing to the President (the Rev. E. Carpenter) being unable to attend, the chair was taken by one of the vice-presidents (the Rev. H. Law James). At the business meeting, which followed, all the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year except the secretary, who wished to resign. Mr. A. Markwell, of Ingoldsby, was elected to the vacant office.—Further ringing took place in the afternoon, including touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Stedman. A special service was also held, at which an impressive address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. I. Carr Smith).

The Guild wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also the local members, for making the necessary arrangements.

The secretary begs to remind the members that subscriptions for the ensuing year are now due, and would be glad to receive the same as soon as convenient at the following address: A. Markwell, Ingoldsby, Grantham.

RESTORATION AT UPPER CLAPTON.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH.

An appeal was published in these columns some weeks ago for subscriptions towards the restoration of the above bells, but unfortunately there have been none to acknowledge. This, no doubt, was due to the fact that a good many other appeals have been issued of late, and it is only natural, therefore, that some of them should not be successful. However, owing to the generosity of the parishioners, a sufficient sum was received to justify the order being placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have thoroughly strengthened the frame and rebung the bells in new fittings. The louvers have also been boarded up a considerable distance, thus sending the sound further afield, and it is hoped that no further complaints will now be received from persons residing near the tower.

The re-opening took place on Christmas Eve. A choral celebration of the Holy Communion was held at 9.30 a.m., at which the old custom of chiming a sacring-bell at the consecration prayer was carried out, so that the sound of one of the bells was first heard at the most holy part of any of the church's services. After the celebration, the clergy, choir, ringers, and as many of the congregation as could possibly be accommodated, ascended to the ringing room, where the Vicar (the Rev. C. R. Dawson) conducted a short service of benediction. After the hymn, 'Lift them gently to the steeple,' had been sung, the bells were raised, and were kept going by the local ringers until the next service. A quarter-peal was attempted in the evening, with Mr. J. Thomas (who has been working on the bells) ringing 2-3, but unfortunately this came to grief after 35 minutes' good ringing. A peal was, however, scored on Boxing Day, in which four of the local band took part, and is recorded in the proper quarter.

The "go" of the bells is excellent, and reflects the highest credit upon Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BEDFORD.—The Beds Association.—At St. Paul's Church, for Divine service, on November 19th, 665 Grandsire Caters.—On Dec. 10th, 800 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Harlow 1, E. Tingey 2, W. Lightfoot 3, F. Webb 4, H. Sharp 5, C. Chas'y 6, J. H. Freeborn 7, J. W. Barker (conductor) 8.—On Dec. 17, 736 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Church 1, E. Tingey 2, H. Tysoe 3, W. Lightfoot 4, H. Sharp 5, H. Harlow 6, C. Chasty 7, J. W. Barker (conductor) 8.—On Dec. 24th, 521 Stedman Caters: B. Finding 1, H. Sharp 2, J. W. Barker (conductor) 3, E. Tingey 4, W. Lightfoot 5, H. Harlow 6, C. Chasty 7, F. Webb 8, H. Tysoe 9, S. Harlow 10.—On Dec. 25th, 359 Grandsire Caters: H. Smith 1, H. Tysoe 2, H. Harlow 3, E. Tingey 4, J. W. Barker (conductor) 5, J. Church 6, W. Lightfoot 7, F. Webb 8, C. Chasty 9, S. Harlow 10. Also 120 Forward Royal.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, Dec. 10th, being the first anniversary of opening the tower bells, recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., 1910, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: A. T. Baker 1, J. H. Ilffe 2, I. Hufton 3, S. Burgoyne 4, E. Poxon 5, H. Fletcher 6, E. C. Gobey (conductor) 7, J. F. George 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman in Ilkeston, rung and conducted by the Ilkeston band, and the first quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells since they were recast.

BRIDSTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Dec. 12 h, 720 Bob Minor: E. Summers 1, H. Marklove 2, F. Vale 3, Walter Poston 4, W. Short 5, Wm. Poston (conductor) 6. Also 720 Bob Minor: A. Gwynne 1, H. Marklove 2, J. Blake 3, Walter Poston 4, R. Evans 5, W. Short (conductor) 6.—On December 14th, 720 Bob Minor: Wm. Poston 1, H. Marklove 2, J. Blake 3, Walter Poston 4, T. Greenway 5, W. Short (conductor) 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor: H. Marklove 1, R. Evans 2, J. Cartwright 3, Walter Poston 4, W. Short (conductor) 5, William Poston 6; and 300 Stedman Doubles and 360 Bob Minor.

EARL SOHAM.—On Dec. 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Hall 1, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 2, G. Stannard 3, H. Hall (first 720 Treble Bob inside) 4, J. W. Mallett 5, W. Burgess 6.—On Dec. 17th, 720 Oxford Bob: B. Ellis (first 720) 1, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 2, B. R. Buckle 3, H. Hall 4, J. Hall 5, G. Balls 6.—On Dec. 31st, at midnight, 360 and 720 Oxford Bob: W. W. Miller 1, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 2, B. R. Buckle 3, H. Hall 4, J. W. Mallett 5, G. Balls 6.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On December 16th, in an attempt for a peal, 2060 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins.: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, R. Whittington 2, T. Worsfold 3, W. Denyer 4, H. Tidy 5, A. Charman 6, W. Charman (conductor) 7, H. Ledger 8. Also 1030 Bob Major: *Mrs. Whittington 1, W. Streeter 2, *W. Denyer 3, H. Tidy 4, A. Charman 5, R. Whittington 6, T. Worsfold 7, W. Charman (conductor) 8. *Longest length in the method.—On Sunday, December 17th, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1266 changes) in 46 mins., with C. Charman for W. Denyer. First quarter-peal of Major by Mrs. Whittington and C. Charman.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, Dec. 17th, at St. Martin's, for morning service, three courses of Stedman Caters: A. Walker 1, T. Reynolds 2, T. Russam 3, L. S. Griffiths 4, S. Grove 5, E. J. Hyland 6, E. Mansell 7, P. Laffin (conductor) 8, J. Wells 9, J. Neal 10.—On Sunday, Dec. 17th, at St. John's, five courses of Stedman Triples: A. Scrivens 1, W. Webb 2, L. S. Griffiths 3, J. Collett 4, J. Neal 5, S. Grove (conductor) 6, E. Mansell 7, S. Coley 8.

NOTTINGHAM.—Midland Counties Association.—At St. Peter's Church, for evening service, on December 17th, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes): W. Flinden 1, T. Horton 2, H. R. Cobbin 3, A. Barratt 4, W. Bellamy (conductor) 5, F. Johnson 6, J. Clarke 7, E. J. Oliver 8.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On December 17th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor (unconducted): J. T. Dyke 1-2, A. P. Wakley 3-4, W. Shercliff 5-6. Also 112, 224, 336 Bob Major: C. Sanders 1-2, W. Shercliff 3-4, A. P. Wakley 5-6, J. T. Dyke 7-8.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—The Essex Association.—On Sunday, December 17th, for Divine service, 640 Double Norwich: H. Coote 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, F. Webb 3, A. Shuffelebotham 4, H. E. Hammond 5, F. Eley 6, W. H. Hammond 7, H. J. Collins 8.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 17th, at St. Martin's Church, 316 Stedman Caters: G. Holmes 1, L. Allan 2, A. Pettit 3, P. C. Jenny 4, L. Allan 5, C. H. Fowler 6, S. Cotton 7, F. H. Dexter 8, A. Martin 9, G. Pilmore 10.

BATH.—The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—At St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Sunday, Dec. 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1259 changes), taken from Holt's Ten-part, in 42 mins.: R. E. Waterson 1, H. E. Lewis 2, A. E. Alexander 3, J. Odey 4, A. E. Seers 5, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 6, C. Densley 7, H. Davis 8. In the evening, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 42 mins.: T. Hogsflesh 1, R. E. Waterson 2, A. E. Alexander 3, J. Odey 4, A. E. Seers (composer) 5, H. E. Lewis 6, A. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, C. Densley 8.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, Dec. 17th, at St. John's Church, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: B. S. Hill 1, A. Hill 2, *G. Hinton 3, W. Page 4, *W. Edgington 5, G. Checketts 6. *First in the method.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Sunday, December 17th, 518 Grandsire Triples: P. Pain 1, F. Chaffey 2, E. Squibb 3, W. Cooper 4, W. Pain 5, C. Price 6, H. Jennings (conductor) 7, A. Pam 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Dec. 17th, 720 Bob Minor: T. R. Jackson 1, J. Huddleston 2, W. Robinson (Ambleside), conductor, 3, T. Stuart 4, C. J. A. Cushing 5, J. Burrows 6.—On Dec. 24th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: T. R. Jackson (conductor) 1, W. S. Forshaw 2, W. H. Dennison 3, T. Stuart 4, C. J. A. Cushing 5, J. Burrows 6. 720 Oxford Single Bob.—On Christmas Day, for early service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure: W. Jackson 1, T. Metcalfe 2, W. H. Dennison 3, T. Stuart (conductor) 4, J. Huddleston 5, J. Burrows 6.—For morning service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure: T. R. Jackson (conductor) 1, J. Huddleston 2, W. S. Forshaw 3, T. Stuart 4, C. J. A. Cushing 5, J. Burrows 6.

EDGEASTON.—On Monday, Dec. 18th, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Eaton 1, L. S. Griffiths 2, W. Shilcock 3, T. Colinson 4, S. Grove (conductor) 5, J. Dowler 6.

WINCHESTER.—The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 20th, on the back eight, a date touch (1911 changes) of Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 18 mins.: C. Russell, junr. (composer) 1, F. Smith 2, W. H. Crute 3, *Rev. W. E. Colchester 4, G. Noise 5, E. G. Lampard 6, Wilfred Andrews (conductor) 7, D. Froome 8. *Longest touch.

DEVIZES.—At St. James' Church, Southbroom, on the eve of St. Thomas' Day (December 20th), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes) in 40 mins.: J. L. Hutton 1, C. D. Heginbotham 2, R. Haselhurst 3, S. Hillier (conductor) 4, F. Green 5, H. Brownlee West 6.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—On Dec. 22nd, after meeting one short, for a peal of Stedman Triples, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: *T. Max 1, C. R. Lilley 2, J. Butler 3, J. Bullen 4, F. Charles 5, F. Morgan 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, A. E. Morgan 8. *Longest length in the method.

TWYFORD, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—At St. Mary's Church, on Christmas Eve, after Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: H. Holloway 1, T. Spratt 2, L. Lampard 3, W. Carter 4, C. Abrahams 5, E. Wateridge 6, F. Oxenbury (conductor) 7, J. Penton 8.

BURNHAM, SOMERSET.—Bath and Wells Association.—On Saturday, December 23rd, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Crandon 1, J. Goram 2, E. Cox 3, J. Liaris 4, W. Worgan 5, T. E. Francis (first quarter-peal) 6, G. Chamberlain (conductor) 7, E. Reed 8.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—At the Parish Church, on Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Hicklin 1, H. Kendrick 2, W. J. Smith 3, T. Dicken 4, W. W. Worthington (conductor) 5, C. A. Beels 6, F. Shepherd 7, J. Brittain 8.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, Dec. 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: H. Whanslaw 1, T. Bolton 2, S. Jones (first quarter-peal) 3, W. Honeyball 4, A. Jones 5, C. Collis, junr., 6, G. W. Honeyball (first quarter as conductor) 7, C. Collis, senr., 8.

WOLVERLEY, WORCESTER.—Worcestershire Association and the Wolverley Guild.—On Sunday, Dec. 24th, 180 Grandsire Doubles; and on Christmas Day, 240 Grandsire Doubles: F. Shaw 1, H. Martin 2, L. Smith 3, W. Porter 4, E. Jones 5, A. Morris 6. Rung as a farewell to Mr. E. Jones, who sailed for Australia on Dec. 28th, his fellow ringers wishing him success and prosperity.

DUFFIELD.—The Midland Counties Association.—On Christmas Eve, at the Church of St. Alkmund, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): A. Butler 1, W. Bates 2, A. Coltrell 3, F. Hickling 4, J. Flower 5, B. Sugden 6, H. Letts (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, E. Morton 8.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Dec. 24th, at midnight, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Knight 1, E. Day 2, G. Hewitt 3, W. Knighton 4, T. Jervis 5, R. Loveday (conductor) 6; also 360 Oxford Bob.—On Christmas morning, for early service, 720 Oxford Bob: J. Slatter 1, A. Knight 2, G. Hewitt 3, E. Day 4, E. Curtis 5, T. Jervis (conductor) 6.—For morning service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: B. Loveday 1, E. Day 2, G. Hewitt 3, W. Knighton 4, T. Jervis 5, R. Loveday (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, 720 Oxford Bob: J. Slatter 1, A. Knight 2, G. Hewitt 3, E. Day 4, T. S. Ayatter 5, T. Jervis (conductor) 6. At midnight, 720 Oxford Bob: R. Loveday 1, G. Hewitt 2, A. Knight 3, W. Knighton 4, T. S. Ayatter 5, T. Jervis (conductor) 6; also 360 Kent Treble Bob.—On Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob: B. Loveday 1, E. Day 2, G. Hewitt 3, W. Knighton 4, T. Jervis 5, R. Loveday (conductor) 6. The conductor rang blindfolded.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows Church, on Sunday, Dec. 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a farewell to Mr. W. H. Lewis, who was leaving to take up an appointment in Ireland: F. Roper 1, H. A. Barnett, senr., 2, H. Ellis 3, W. H. Lewis (conductor) 4, W. Dickinson 5, F. Conn 6, C. Button 7, C. Avis 8.

REDDISH.—On Sunday, Dec. 24th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: Miss E. R. Barnes 1, J. E. Barnes 2, A. Barnes (conductor) 3, T. Smithson 4, F. Nodham 5, H. Smithson 6, J. Barnes 8.—At midnight an attempt for the first half of Holt's ten-part failed through a change course at the end of the third part: Miss E. R. Barnes 1, G. Shawcross 2, the rest as before.—On New Year's Eve, with A. Summer 1, Miss E. R. Barnes 2, a change course occurred in the fourth part; these are the longest lengths of Triples yet rung by a resident band.

HAMMERSMITH.—S. Paul's Guild.—On Sunday, Dec. 24th, 1911, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins.: R. Mackrill 1, H. Barrett 2, J. Ross (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 3, H. Cook 4, H. Stevens 5, F. Skevington 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Dec. 24th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. Clarke 1, H. J. Tucker 2, E. Yates 3, W. Bonham 4, W. T. Tucker (first in method) 5, C. A. Valentine (conductor) 6. After service, 720 College Pleasure: W. Bonham 1, E. Yates 2, H. J. Tucker 3, T. Tompkins 4, W. T. Tucker 5, C. A. Valentine (conductor) 6. At midnight, to usher in Christmas, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. On Boxing Day, a peal of Treble Bob was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 720 each of Cambridge, College Pleasure, and College Exercise, a change course in London Scholars Pleasure finishing it off.

GARGRAVE.—Yorkshire Association.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Dec. 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1260, Brooks' variation) of Stedman Triples: J. McKell 1, W. H. Birtwhistle 2, J. Lofthouse (conductor) 3, W. Bradley 4, W. Townson 5, C. Langstroth 6, A. R. Jones 7, H. Birtwhistle 8.

HALLOW.—On Sunday, Dec. 24th, for evening service, 855 Stedman Triples: G. Hinton (longest length) 1, C. Bowcott 2, W. Rouse 3, J. Batchelor 4, T. Bullock 5, G. Checketts 6, W. Page (conductor) 7, J. Pardoe 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—Central Northants Association.—In honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Reynolds, of Ethel Street, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Giles' Church on Christmas Day, by C. Reynolds 1, F. Hopper 2, C. F. Millward 3, F. Wilford (conductor) 4, H. Key 5, C. Sear 6, G. Flavell 7, E. James 8.—The ringers were very kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, and Mr. F. Hopper, in a few well-chosen remarks, proposed their health.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Christmas Day, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. J. Cope 1, A. Bowler 2, W. Hopley 3, W. Dempster 4, W. W. Worthington 5, F. Cope, junr., 6, F. Cope, senr. (conductor) 7, O. Sawyer (first quarter-peal) 8.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—The Essex Association.—On Christmas morning, at the Parish Church, for early service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Also for morning service, 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. J. Watts 1, H. Little 2, J. Luckey 3, G. Gray 4, T. Jordan 5, W. Watts (conductor) 6, A. Jordan 7.—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, H. Little 2, J. Luckey 3, W. Prior 4, T. J. Watts 5, W. T. Prior 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, A. Jordan 8.—To welcome in the New Year, 252 Stedman.

ILKLEY.—At the Parish Church, on Christmas Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: R. Richmond 1, A. South 2, T. Wardman (Scarborough) 3, C. Stephenson 4, W. Cook 5, T. W. Crawshaw 6, J. W. Birkin (conductor) 7, C. E. Spencer 8.—On New Year's Eve, a date touch of 1911 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 14 mins., with the bells muffled: R. Richmond 1, A. South 2, H. Verity 3, C. Stephenson 4, W. Cook 5, J. R. Feather 6, J. W. Birkin (conductor) 7, C. E. Spencer 8.

BISHOPS HULL, SOMERSET.—On Christmas Day, 720 Bob Minor: W. Thomas 1, T. Smith 2, E. Bull 3, E. Wilkins 4, A. Symons 5, J. Clarke (conductor) 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles, P. Merson, conductor.

LEYTONSTONE.—At St. John's Church, on Christmas morning, 720 Bob Minor: A. Fiddes 1, F. Doran (first 720 away from treble) 2, S. Hayes 3, W. Miller 4, G. Dawson 5, J. Moule (conductor) 6.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—The Midland Counties Association.—On Christmas Day, for evening service, also as a compliment to Mr. D. Farthing, on his 65th birthday, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 48 mins.: B. A. Knights 1, G. Hollis (conductor) 2, F. Jacobs 3, F. Smith 4, G. Davies 5, D. Farthing 6, G. J. Oliver 7, T. W. Gore 8, G. Thompson 9, A. Craven 10.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Christmas Day, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (the first half of Holt's Ten-part): *W. Cox 1, T. East (conductor) 2, *H. Bishop 3, W. Napper 4, E. Butler 5, *J. Butler 6, J. S. Napper 7, W. Warwick 8. *Longest touch.

WHITBOURNE.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—At the Parish Church, on Christmas morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 47 mins.: H. Warman 1, G. Soley (conductor) 2, S. Lewis 3, G. Jones 4, R. J. Caswell 5, W. Morris 6.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.—On Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: G. Clark (first quarter-peal) 1, J. C. Morling 2, H. Clark 3, F. Fears 4, J. Wren (East Grinstead) 5, W. Green 6, G. Piper (conductor) 7, A. Banks 8.

CLENCHWATFORD.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Strike (longest length) 1, F. Braumont 2, W. Painter 3, J. Welton 4, S. Vincent (conductor) 5.

POTTEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.—On Monday, Dec. 25th, a date touch of Minor, in 1 hr. and 4 mins., being 471 Plain Bob and 720 Reverse College Single: F. Carter 1, W. Inskip 2, A. Bailey 3, C. A. Pratt 4, W. Compton 5, F. Blood (conductor) 6. First date touch by all except the ringers of the 4 h and 6th.—Also 720 Single Court.

EVESHAM.—The Worcestershire Association.—On Tuesday, Dec. 26th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters, came to grief through a change course, after an hour and a half's good ringing: H. Colley 1, R. Young 2, T. Edwin 3, H. Jordan 4, J. Hemming 5, F. Johnson 6, P. Jordan 7, H. J. Phipps 8, H. Middleton (conductor) 9, W. Workman 10.

GORING, OXON.—On Dec. 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins.: *L. R. Hayward (age 15) 1, W. Aldridge 2, J. Bower (conductor) 3, *J. Smith 4, W. Napper 5, A. Mobey 6. *First quarter-peal and first attempt.

OLD WOLVERTON, BUCKS.—On Tuesday, Dec. 26th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Bonham 1, H. J. Tucker 2, E. Yates 3, T. Tompkins 4, W. T. Tucker 5, C. A. Valentine (conductor) 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: G. Temple 1, F. Skuse 2, C. Bell 3, J. Cross 4, G. Cross 5, H. Brown 6, F. F. King (conductor) 7, L. Smith 8. Also 560 of Bob Major. Longest touch of Major by G. Cross. Messrs. Cross belong to Pentre, Rhondda.

POTTEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.—On Tuesday, December 26th, a date touch of Minor (1911 changes), in 1 hr. 4 mins., consisting of 471 Bob Minor, 720 Single Oxford Bob, and 720 Reverse College Single: F. Carter 1, W. Inskip 2, A. Bailey 3, C. A. Pratt 4, W. Compton 5, F. Blood (conductor) 6. First date touch by all except the ringers of the fourth and tenor, also first on the bells.

BECKINGTON.—The Worcestershire Association.—On Wednesday, Dec. 27th, a quarter-peal of Minor (1260 changes), in 1 hr., being 720 Oxford Bob, 360 Plain Bob, 120 Kent Treble Bob, and 60 Canterbury Pleasure: H. Colley 1, T. Edwin 2, H. Jordan 3, F. Jordan 4, J. Hemming 5, H. Salisbury (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal on the bells.

WALSOKEN, NORFOLK.—At the Parish Church, on Dec. 27th, 720 Bob Minor: G. E. Copeman 1, H. B. Banham 2, T. Blunt 3, A. Sergeant 4, Ralph Narborough 5, J. W. Storey (conductor) 6.—On Dec. 29th, 720 Bob Minor: G. E. Copeman 1, J. Albins 2, T. Blunt 3, A. Sergeant 4, Ralph Narborough 5, J. W. Storey (conductor) 6.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.—On Dec. 27th, at All Saint's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: F. S. W. Butler 1, C. H. Baker 2, J. Bartram (West Stockwith) 3, J. C. Tinker 4, W. Dickenson 5, J. T. Ladd (conductor) 6, H. Torr 7, R. S. Lakin 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. P. Ballance, who was married at Beckingham (Notts) on the day previous, his brother ringers wishing him every happiness.

WOKING.—At St. Peter's Church, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 27th, 1260 Bob Minor: J. Sweet 1, C. J. Hamblin 2, D. Hampton 3, S. Petter 4, J. Brackley 5, F. Strudwick (conductor) 6. Rung with bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Oliphant), who was buried on this date.

WORKSOP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 28th, in honour of the birthday of the Duke of Portland, 504 Grandsire Triples and other touches: F. Hind 1, H. H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, C. E. Peck 5, T. Bartholomew 6, T. Wilson 7, E. Clark 8. The bells were also "fired" at intervals.—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, after evening service, to mark the closing of the year, after evening service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1911 changes), composed by C. Jackson, of Hull, and containing 24 6-7's, in 1 hr. 13 mins.: C. E. Peck 1, H. H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, H. Haigh (conductor) 5, T. Bartholomew 6, T. Wilson 7, F. Hind 8. Also 504 Union Triples and a few courses of Bob Major, in which Mr. C. H. Hattersley, of Sheffield, took part.

CURDRIDGE.—The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Dec. 29th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins.: *J. Ryves 1, *G. Bull 2, F. J. Newland 3, E. Wellstead 4, W. J. Ryves 5, Andrew Mears 6, Alf. Mears (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, C. Johnson 8. *Longest length. First quarter-peal ever rung by a local band at Curdridge.

ALDRSHOT.—On Dec. 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Fletcher (first in method) 1, C. Edwards (conductor) 2, H. Chaffey 3, G. Upshall 4, J. Mann (first in method) 5, T. Upshall 6. Also several touches of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, with local men taking part.

BINFIELD, BERKS.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Dec. 30th, two 720's Cambridge Surprise: A. Pierce (first in the method) 1, J. Rance 2, W. J. Price 3, H. Bungay 4, J. North 5, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 6. Also 720 Double Court, conducted by E. C. Lambert. First in the method by all except conductor. Also 120 Stedman Doubles.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Saturday, December 30th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Chaplin 1, E. Hawkins 2, E. Butler 3, A. Chaplin 4, G. Playle (conductor) 5, W. Watson 6.

BRIDGEND.—At St. Iltyd's Church, for evening service, on Dec. 30th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 48 mins.: D. Powell 1, A. J. Stanley 2, T. J. Evans 3, R. Evans 4, J. Evans 5, R. James 6, R. Bunstone 7, J. Cox (conductor) 8.—For midnight service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but a change course occurred a few leads from home.—On Dec. 3rd, 1008 Bob Major.

BECKLEY, SUSSEX.—The Kent County Association.—On Dec. 30th, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: F. Burt 1, C. Wenham 2, C. W. Player (conductor) 3, A. Daw 4, C. Tribe 5, R. Dunster 6. This is the first 720 of Kent on the bells which have been so well restored by Mr. Bowell, of Ipswich.

OAKHAM.—On December 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: G. H. Towell 1, J. J. Jackson 2, S. B. Higgs 3, P. E. Higgs 4, F. C. Towell 5, W. E. Higgs 6, J. T. Dyke (composer and conductor) 7, R. W. Baker 8. Also 546 and 258 in the same method, in which A. Jarman and C. Reeve took part, these being their first touches on eight bells.—On New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, in 48 mins.: R. Briggs 1, G. H. Towell 2, S. B. Higgs 3, P. E. Higgs 4, W. E. Higgs 5, H. Burbeck 6, F. C. Towell (conductor) 7, E. Smith 8.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—The Ely Diocesan Association.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 31st., on the Norman tower bells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: F. Dowell 1, J. Sparrow 2, F. Levitt 3, H. Norman 4, J. Levitt 5, A. E. Moore 6, H. A. Turner (conductor) 7, C. Woodcock 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except Messrs. H. A. Turner and A. E. Moore.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Minor (1260 changes), being 240 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 192 Double Court, 120 each of Double Oxford and Oxford Bob, and 108 Plain Bob: J. Hendry 1, A. Pettit 2, H. Meadows 3, M. Norton 4, A. Henman 5, G. Lines (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

CHATHAM.—At St. Mary the Virgin's, to ring the Old Year out and the New Year in, 504 Stedman Triples: E. Sills 1, J. Hunt 2, H. Hogarth 3, G. Riordan 4, S. Shellok 5, C. Norris 6, F. Belsey (conductor) 7, G. Lawrence 8. This is the first 504 of Stedman by an entirely local band. 168 Grandsire Triples, with H. Springate treble, was also rung.

ROMFORD.—At St. Edward's Church, on New Year's Eve, 1024 Superlative Surprise Major: G. Roughton 1, A. Chaplin 2, T. E. Loosemore 3, G. H. Jaye 4, W. Woodgate 5, H. F. Dawkins 6, G. R. Pye (conductor) 7, W. Watson 8. After 12 o'clock, a plain course New Cambridge Surprise Major.

LONG EATON.—At St. Lawrence's Church, on Sunday, Dec. 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Hickton 1, J. Andrews 2, R. Hickton 3, A. H. Ward 4, R. Drage 5, J. R. Ward 6, N. H. Widdowson 7, J. Bailey (conductor) 8.—After service, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after ringing 2 hrs 53 mins.: Miss M. E. Woolley 1, J. Andrews 2, A. H. Ward (conductor) 3, N. H. Widdowson 4, J. R. Ward 5, A. Hickton 6, R. Drage 7, J. Harrison 8.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.—The Lancashire Association.—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, at St. Mary's Church, on handbells, a date touch of Bob Minor (1911 changes), in 48 mins.: Edward Asplin 1—2, Eric L. Bennett 3—4, William Robinson (conductor) 5—6. Umpire, Roger Satterthwaite. Also a 720 of Bob Minor: Edward Asplin 1—2, William Robinson 3—4, Eric L. Bennett (first: 720 as conductor) 5—6.—For evening service, 252 Stedman Triples: J. Fairclough 1, A. Newton 2, G. Whittam 3, T. F. Hewertson 4, W. Prickett 5, W. Robinson 6, J. Holmes 7, W. Fisher 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples at midnight, with the bells muffled. After midnight, another 504 Grandsire Triples, with the bells open, the band standing as above.

CHRIST CHURCH, UPPER ARMLEY, LEEDS.—On Sunday, midnight, Dec. 31st, a date touch of 1912 changes, comprising 112 Oxford, and 300 each of Woodbine, Duke of York, Violet: *A. Coldrick 1, *G. A. Wilson 2, F. Gaunt 3, J. Peacock 4, M. Broadbent 5, Jos. Thackray (conductor) 6. *Longest touch.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Dec. 31st (prior to midnight), with the bells half-muffled, 720 Cambridge Surprise, also some doubles. After 12 o'clock a merry 720 of College Bob IV., and 360 of Bob Minor, after which the bells were lowered slowly: E. Quinney, E. Vallance, T. Vallance, W. Horton, G. Stoneley, E. H. Stoneley and A. Doane, took part.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—The Winchester Guild.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, at midnight, on Dec. 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. W. Whiting 1, P. L. Tull 2, A. Cummings 3, G. Privett 4, J. Churcher 5, H. Barry 6, S. R. Churcher (conductor) 7, C. Churcher 8.

NEWCHURCH, LANCs.—On New Year's Eve, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: E. Leatherbarrow 1, G. Pownall 2, A. Nutter 3, J. Orme 4, J. Yates 5, J. Leatherbarrow (conductor) 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with J. Cooper in place of J. Orme.

HORLEY, SURREY.—Sussex County Association.—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: A. Longhurst 1, J. Kenward 2, G. Ilman 3, W. Bashford 4, S. Kenward 5, F. Sadler 6, A. Harman (conductor) 7, C. Osborne 8.

BESTON.—On December 31st, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major: W. Clifford, senr., 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, F. S. Price 3, A. Lowe 4, J. C. Dicken 5, W. Clifford 6, E. J. Boot 7, P. Price 8. First in the method by all, and first ever rung in the county of Notts by a local band.

BELTON, RUTLAND.—A half-muffled peal on the last night of the Old Year was attempted. Two 720's Oxford Bob were tapped off almost faultlessly, but in the 3rd 720 there was a change course, which unfortunately put an end to the attempt: J. Grocock 1, C. Reeve 2, F. Bindley 3, T. Atkin 4, J. J. Jackson (conductor) 5, A. Jarman 6. With J. T. Dyke in place of J. J. Jackson, a 720 of Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob were rung. Mrs. Jackson also rang the treble to a touch of Bob Minor.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. W. Jones 1, F. Morgan 2, M. Selby 3, J. Bullen 4, S. Jones 5, C. Greedy 6, A. E. Morgan (conductor) 7, C. Davies 8.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—At the Church of All Saints, on New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), with the bells half-muffled, in 47 mins.: J. W. Jones 1, M. Selby 2, J. Bullen 3, S. Jones 4, F. Charles 5, F. Morgan 6, A. E. Morgan (conductor) 7, S. Baiss 8.

BARKSTON.—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, at the residence of Mr. A. Mackears, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor, in 17 mins.: R. Scott 1—2, R. Richardson (conductor) 3—4, A. Mackears 5—6. First 720 with a pair of bells by R. Scott and A. Mackears.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—The Hertfordshire Association. — On Sunday, Dec. 31st (New Year's Eve), 384 Superlative, 288 Kent Treble Bob, 504 and 252 Stedman Triples. After evening service, with the bells half-muffled, 504 Stedman Triples. The Old Year was rung out with 334 Superlative and 126 Stedman Triples, and the New Year welcomed with 288 Kent Treble Bob, and a plain course each of Superlative and Double Norwich. The ringers taking part were: F. Edwards, J. J. Allen, R. E. Stavert, J. Bates, W. I. Oakley, W. Secley, M. Hibbert, T. R. Scott, F. A. Smith R. Darlow and B. Prewett, the conducting being shared by F. Edwards, B. Prewett and R. E. Stavert.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, for evening service, on Dec. 31st, the last 1008 of Thurstans' five-part peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Coley 1, J. Porter 2, T. J. Bratton 3, W. F. Webb 4, G. A. Taylor 5, A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 6, J. B. Collett 7, T. Pearce 8. For the watch-night service, several touches of Bob Minor, conducted by W. F. Webb and J. B. Collett. Ringers: S. Coley, A. T. Scrivens, J. Porter, W. H. Carrod, J. B. Collett, W. F. Webb, and G. A. Taylor. — On Dec. 9th, 504 Grandsire Triples, for morning service: S. Coley 1, A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 2, G. A. Taylor 3, W. F. Webb 4, J. T. Perry 5, W. H. Carrod 6, J. B. Collett 7, T. Pearce 8.

BRIDGWATER.—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. — At St. Mary's Church, in 45 mins. of the first hour in the New Year, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. C. Sweet (conductor) 1, A. O. Major 2, W. Evans 3, C. Evans 4, A. E. Coles 5, B. T. Jeanes 6, Geo. Seward 7, S. Chiron 8.

WATWICK.—On Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: C. Hall 1, W. Lynes 2, A. Hobbs 3, T. Male (conductor) 4, H. Fathers 5, W. Hope 6.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The first session of the Eighth Council (twenty-second annual meeting) will be held in London on Whitsun Tuesday, May 28th, 1912. Nominations for the office of president and for that of honorary secretary and treasurer, as also reports of committees, notices of motion, and any other matter should reach me not later than Saturday, April 27th.

Honorary secretaries of Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations are earnestly requested to forward the names with full postal address of each elected representative of their associations as soon as possible, with a view to the early completion of the official list of the new Council; and in cases where no elections have yet taken place it is sincerely hoped that a meeting of the Association may be speedily summoned for the purpose, or that in any meeting shortly forthcoming this item may not be forgotten in drawing up the agenda.

A remittance of 2s. 6d. is due for each representative, the rights of representatives being in abeyance until their quota has been paid.—Charles D. P. Davies, Honorary Secretary, Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, January, 1912.—Postal orders should not be made payable at Stonehouse, which is six miles from Fretherne.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 20th, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. Tower open at 3.30. Tea in the St. Martin's Vestry Hall at 5.30. —F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary, 3, Hart's Lane, New Cross, S.E.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The Annual Meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill), at Isleworth on Saturday, January 20th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. McGill, in the Hartlands Road Mission Room at 6 o'clock.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 20th, at St. Margaret's. Westminster tower open from 4.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Cathedral, January 20th. Bells available at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, Ashton-under-Lyne.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, January 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening.—B. H. T. Drake, Honorary District Secretary, 29, Bancroft, Hitchin.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on January 20th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chesterfield on Saturday, January 20th. Bells available from 3 to 7.30. Good attendance essential. Important business.—W. H. Peabody, District Secretary.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—The Bishop of Barking will dedicate the bells in Cheshunt tower on January 20th (Saturday) at 3 p.m. The six old bells have been recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and two new bells by the same firm have been added. During the service itself the bells will be rung round by the Cheshunt ringers. Afterwards, until 4.30, a band of change ringers from the bell foundry will ring; while after 4.30, for two hours, the tower will be open to visiting ringers.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's (Parish Church), Eastbourne, on Saturday, January 20th. Members wishing to be present at tea (which, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. W. C. Streatfield, M.A., R.D., will take place in the Pitman Institute, opposite the church) must let me know not later than the 16th. Ringing from 3 to 5.30. Service 5.30. Tea six o'clock; meeting to follow.—George H. Howse, Honorary Secretary, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A quarterly branch meeting will be held at Rowley Regis on Saturday, January 20th, 1912. Service 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting after. Bells (8) available.—J. R. Newman, Honorary Secretary, Bransford, Worcester.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on January 23rd, and Southwark Cathedral on the 30th. A district meeting will be held at St. Alphege's, Greenwich, on March 2nd.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 27th. Bells ready at six o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, January 27th. Tower open at 2.30. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea at 4.30 (1s. each), both in the Church Schools. Tea will only be provided for those who notify Mr. F. Cotton, 4, Gladstone Terrace, London Road, Hinckley, not later than Wednesday, January 24th. The committee will be much obliged if those members who have not paid their subscriptions up to end of 1911 will do so at or before this meeting.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, January 27th, 1912. 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 St. Nicholas New Church on Saturday, January 27th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Branch Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Kingston on Saturday, January 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.15. Tea at 5.45., to be followed by business meeting, at which the Vicar will preside. Will unattached members intending to be present kindly let me know on or before Wednesday, January 26th.—Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, January 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at Parish Church at 5.30. Tea at Temperance Hotel at 6 o'clock. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly inform me by the 24th inst.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, S.E., on Saturday, January 27th. Bells at 3.30 p.m. Service, with address, by Rev. Arthur Hart (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, in the Albany Institute. Business meeting to follow. As important business will be brought forward, I hope for a good attendance. Subscriptions should be paid now. Only those sending their names to me by Wednesday, January 24th, can be admitted to the tea.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham on Saturday, January 27th. Service at 4 p.m., tea and meeting following (tea 9d. each). Bells available from 2 p.m.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Holbeck, Leeds, on Saturday, January 27th, when a presentation will be made to Mr. William Snowdon, late president. Service in St. Matthew's Church at 4 p.m. For full arrangements see circular.—Clement Glenn, Honorary Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, January 27th. St. Nicholas' tower (8) will be open from 4 to 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. St. Mary's (10 bells) will be available after the business meeting. Tea will be arranged, if a sufficient number signify their intention of being present by Tuesday, 23rd. Will conductors of peals kindly bear in mind Rule 15 whenever a peal is rung.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Shottery, Honorary Secretary.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Harlestone on January 27th, Desborough on February 3rd, Woodford on February 10th, and Wellingboro' on February 17th. All subscriptions should be paid at these meetings, as they are now due.—F. Wilford, General Secretary.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Isle of Ely District.—A meeting will be held at Ely on Saturday, January 27th. Bells of St. Mary's available afternoon and evening. Tea at 5.30. Will those intending to be present please notify before January 25th.—A. Pilgrim, District Secretary, Church Lane, Ely.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on February 3rd. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at the Golden Lion Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

NOTICES (continued).

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, February 3rd, at Bolsover, Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence, eight bells (tenor 15 cwt.), available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance, as there is some special business to be transacted.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Rd., Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at the Castle Inn at 4.15. Special service in church at 5. Tea at 5.45, followed by general meeting. As the cost of the tea will be 6d. per head more than is allowed by the Association, that amount must be paid by members attending. Arrangements can be made for conveyances to meet trains at Penshurst Station at a reasonable charge, if sufficient members wish to be conveyed. All members intending to be present are requested to notify the District Secretary, also stating by what train they will arrive if they require to be met, not later than Wednesday, January 31st. Members are requested to make an effort to attend this meeting, as a matter of great importance will be discussed.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and eight bell contest will take place at Earlsheaton on Saturday, February 10th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m., at the Commercial Inn, Tram Terminus. Tea to be ordered from me by Monday, February 5th.—George Naylor, Honorary Secretary.

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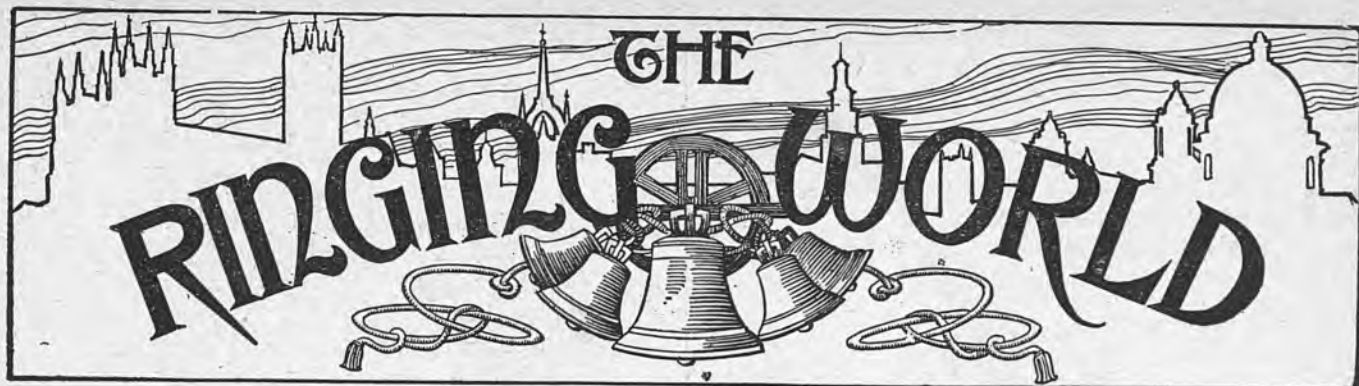
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THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

At a much earlier date than ringers for some years, at any rate, have been given the information, we were able, last week, to announce the list of the first eight associations in the Peals Analysis. It must be understood, of course, that the list is unofficial, but, nevertheless, we believe it will be found accurate when the Analysis Committee come to issue their report. Such early publication of the interesting information will, we feel sure, be appreciated by the Exercise.

For the first time, the Winchester Guild has come out at the top, and with a fairly substantial lead. Their position is due, as was pointed out last week, very largely to the persistent efforts of the handbell company at Guildford, who scored 58 peals in hand, of which 54 were Stedman. For the first time, probably, handbell peals have lifted an Association to the head of the table, and ringers will not deny the full share of credit due to the able band whose efforts have had such a result. The race for second place in the analysis was, as matters proved, extremely close, the Middlesex Association, after a remarkable finish to the year—over 800 points were added during November and December by 29 peals rung out of, so far as is known, 36 attempts—coming out just a little in front of the Norwich Association, who put on peals with great regularity all through the year. It is a somewhat curious coincidence that except that the Worcestershire Association takes the place of the Oxford Guild, the eight first places are occupied by the same associations as in 1910, and almost in the same order as in that year. This, at any rate, shows consistency, and that in quality as well as in quantity a high standard of peal ringing was maintained.

Of the conductors, many of the old names will be found among those leading the way, but Mr. A. H. Pulling has taken a big jump to the front by calling no fewer than 67 peals in the year. Mr. William Pye, first in 1910 with 45, was second last year with 46, and among others well up in the list are: Messrs. B. Prewett with 30, F. Bennett with 28, G. Williams with 25, J. Motts with 21, and C. Glenn with 20. Mr. Prewett probably heads the list of peal ringers, for he scored no fewer than 76 during the twelve months. One other feature of the results of the year to which we must allude is the advance of Miss Edith Parker, who, out of 21 peals rung during 1911, conducted 17, including seven peals of London, four of Superlative, three of Cambridge and three of Stedman. No lady has ever before achieved such distinction in the ringing world, and Miss Parker's accomplishment is one of the most noteworthy performances in a year full of interest in the annals of the Exercise.

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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION,
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANCES;**

HERBERT STANSFIELD... ..	Treble	JOSEPH MELLOR	6
THOMAS JAKEMAN	2	BENJAMIN GILL	7
JAMES WOOD... ..	3	ALBERT ADAMS... ..	8
CHARLES BOWER	4	SAMUEL BOOTH	9
SAMUEL WOOD	5	BENJAMIN THORP	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

This peal of Royal and its composition was rung by the wish of Mr. James Wood, as a complimentary peal to celebrate his 60th birthday, also to celebrate the 28th birthday of Mr. Benjamin Gill, both of whom rang in the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

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

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 0 lbs.

CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES...Treble	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD... 6
ALBERT TURNER 3	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 7
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Specially arranged as a farewell peal to Mr. R. F. Deal, who left for Melbourne, Australia, on the 28th by the SS. Geelong.

[The time was omitted from the report of this peal.—Ed.]

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK SKUSE	Treble	CHARLES COLLIER	5
THOMAS F. KING	2	GILBERT H. HARDING ...	6
*ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... 3		*SAMUEL HECTOR	7
GEORGE W. TEMPLE	4	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ...	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Major by Messrs. Harrison and Hector who hail from Trowbridge, Wilts. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. J. Noble Boughton and Miss E. E. Axford, at St. Mark's, Purley, Croydon.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.)

On Tuesday, January 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

THOMAS FAULKNER	Treble	GEORGE COTTIS	5
ALBERT C. HARDY	2	GEORGE W. FAULKNER ...	6
*FREDERICK C. RUSSELL ... 3		REGINALD BLAKE	7
CALEB FENN	4	D'OYLY S. SIMONS	Tenor

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Francis E. Fitt, a former member of the above Society.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14 cwt., in F sharp.

JAMES ALDERTON	Treble	GEORGE THOMPSON	5
JOB BREWSTER	2	CHARLES P. RAMPLIN ...	6
*TOWER TAYLOR	3	BENJAMIN ELLMER	7
FRED. A. HOLDEN	4	ARTHUR T. MORRIS	Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER, and

Conducted by A. T. MORRIS.

* First peal. J. Brewster's first peal for 24 years. Rung as birthday compliment to G. Thompson.

BENNINGTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE...Treble	*ARTHUR KITCHENER ... 5
FREDERICK WILLIAMS ... 2	*JOHN WARNER 6
*FREDERICK WHITE 3	SAMUEL PAGE 7
ALFRED TALBOT... .. 4	WALTER SMITH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

* First peal.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

F. HAMMOND	Treble	H. R. BUTCHER... ..	5
*O. HOLMWOOD	2	C. BRASIER... ..	6
E. BISHOP	3	A. MARTIN	7
*F. M. EADE	4	E. BISHOP, Senr.	Tenor

Conducted by H. R. BUTCHER.

* First peal of Triples. F. M. Eade was elected a member of the Association before starting.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(LATE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

AND THE ST. PAUL'S GUILD, HAMMERSMITH.

On Thursday, January 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN W. ROSS ...	... ..	<i>Treble</i>	CHARLES F. W. HUNT ...	5
ERNEST H. COOK ...	... ..	2	GEORGE C. ILES ...	6
*HENRY BARROTT ...	... ..	3	FRANK SKEVINGTON...	7
JOHN W. KELLY ...	... ..	4	*WILLIAM J. SHELTON ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by F. SKEVINGTON.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell peal to W. J. Shelton, who set sail for Australia on 19th inst.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 18, 1912, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs., in F.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 5
EDWARD DUFFIELD 2	FREDERICK ROOPE 6
HENRY GARNHAM 3	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD 7
WILLIAM ROOPE 4	CHARLES ROOPE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by FREDERICK BORRETT.

BLACKBURN.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 18, 1912, in Three Hours,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

*CHARLES BROCKLEHURST ... Treble	†FRED. PEACOCK 5
WILLIAM BRIGGS 2	JOHN WATSON 6
EMMANUEL DUTESON 3	WILLIAM E. WILSON 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 4	FREDERICK HINDLE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. E. WILSON.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. C. Brocklehurst was proposed a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

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

On Friday, January 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	*ERNEST R. GLADMAN 5
*HENRY W. COWLEY 2	GEORGE SPENCER 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	†SYDNEY CARTER 7
*CHARLES S. BIRD 4	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman as conductor.

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

On Friday, January 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... Treble	HENRY T. GOWLETT 5
*SIDNEY B. WEATHERSTON ... 2	ARTHUR D. BARKER 6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES ... 3	FREDERICK J. HARDY 7
*JOSEPH MILNER 4	ROBERT W. GREEN Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt., in F.

HARRY BARTON Treble	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM 5
WILLIAM MOTTS 2	EDGAR PEMBERTON 6
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON ... 3	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JAMES MOTTS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BRUTON'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM SPARROW Treble	FREDERICK JORDAN 5
FRANK COOK 2	HERBERT JORDAN 6
JAMES HEMMING 3	HARRY MIDDLETON 7
THOMAS EDWIN 4	ALLAN KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

Rung after meeting short for Bob Major.

DORKING, SURREY.
WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

EDWARD E. DODD Treble	HENRY BOXALL 5
ARTHUR C. OTWAY 2	JOHN WHITE 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	ARTHUR DEAN 7
ALFRED H. WINCH 4	WILLIAM LYNCH Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

This was the quarterly peal for the district.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lbs., in F.

WALTER SADLER Treble	JOHN SADLER 5
JAMES FLEUTY 2	CHARLES NORFOLK 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(READING BRANCH, AND THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

WALTER WEBB Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY 5
FRANK MARTIN 2	HARRY TUCKER 6
HERBERT HATTO 3	GEORGE ESSEX 7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 4	ERNEST W. MENDAY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by ERNEST W. MENDAY.

GODALMING, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

HENRY HUTTON Treble	CHARLES HAZELDENE 5
*REGINALD BLAKE 2	FRANK BLONDELL 6
SEPTIMUS RADFORD 3	*REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 7
CHARLES GILES 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... Treble	CHARLES COLLIER ... 5
GEORGE W. TEMPLE ... 2	HENRY W. BROWN ... 6
GILBERT H. HARDING ... 3	FREDERICK SKUSE ... 7
EDMUND KING ... 4	THOMAS F. KING ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by THOMAS F. KING.

This is the first peal ever rung in the Bath district by entirely local men.

SALISBURY, WILTS.
SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 6lbs.

SIDNEY MACEY ... Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 5
FREDK. PRECEY ... 2	ROBERT P. KNIGHT ... 6
JOHN S. RUMMING ... 3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ... 7
LEONARD HARRIS ... 4	ALBERT SOUTHEY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

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

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALAM, HACKNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES ... Treble	HARRY J. RANZETTA ... 5
HAROLD W. CLARK ... 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7
WILLIAM PYE ... 4	ALBERT J. BAYNES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung through meeting short for Cambridge Surprise.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Sunday, January 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BIDDLESTON'S TWELVE-PART.

JOHN RAY ... Treble	HARRY JEAVONS ... 5
FRED. EVANS ... 2	THOMAS WATTON ... 6
WILLIAM MILLS, Junr. ... 3	WILLIAM MILLS, Senr. ... 7
THOMAS GRIFFITHS ... 4	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by T. WATTON.

Rung by the local band as a compliment to the Rev. T. G. Swindell, on commencing his 25th year as Vicar of the parish.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*WILLIAM J. WOOD ... Treble	THOMAS JULL ... 4
ALBERT J. DAY ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND ... 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

* First peal of Minor. This peal was rung with the bells half muffled out of respect for the widow of the late Rev. Grayson Moor, formerly vicar of the above parish, who was interred in the churchyard on the preceding Thursday. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea at the Vicarage after the completion of the peal by the present vicar.

HODDLESDDON, NEAR DARWIN.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Durham, York, Bristol, Lichfield, Wells, London and Worcester. Tenor 18 cwt.

G. HARGREAVES ... Treble	J. ROWCLIFFE ... 4
W. RILEY ... 2	A. HOULDSWORTH ... 5
J. HOULDSWORTH ... 3	C. SHARPLES ... Tenor

Conducted by A. HOULDSWORTH.

First peal on the bells, which have the heaviest six-bell tenor in Lancashire. The ringers belong to Immanuel, Oswaldtwistle.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(NORTHERN BRANCH),
AND THE DUDLEY GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

VERNON ALLEN ... Treble	JAMES WHATMORE ... 4
JOHN LLOYD ... 2	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 5
HENRY MARTIN ... 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. PERKINS.

First peal of Minor in the tower, and first by all the band except the conductor.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

*REGINALD LAST ... Treble	ALPHEUS BERRY ... 4
GEORGE KEMP ... 2	WILLIAM ROSE ... 5
THOMAS DAVY ... 3	LEONARD LAST ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal and first attempt.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, Durham, Wells, London, Norwich, Cambridge, and Netherseale. Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH ... Treble	FREDK. MANSEY ... 4
GEORGE SNELLING ... 2	JOHN SNELLING ... 5
BERTIE TURNER ... 3	FREDK. SEAGER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. MANSEY.

First peal of Surprise Minor by all the band, and on the bells.

WEST LYDFORD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Called differently.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*J. NEWPORT ... Treble	H. MILBOURNE ... 4
G. CREED ... 2	E. F. CREED ... 5
T. G. VINCENT ... 3	G. GODDARD ... Tenor

Conducted by E. F. CREED.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells, for the use of which the ringers wish to thank the Rector.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

FREDERICK BROWN ...	... Treble	GEORGE EASTMAN ...	... 4
*FREDERICK S. MACEY ...	... 2	JAMES NYE ...	... 5
ALBERT J. DAY ...	... 3	WILLIAM NYE ...	... Tenor

Conducted by W. NYE.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANCES;

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ...	... 1—2	JAMES HUNT ...	... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	... 3—4	MAURICE SMITHER ...	... 7—8
FRANK BLONDELL ...	... 9—10.		

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Rung as a birthday compliment to J. S. Goldsmith.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
At 43, HEATH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE N. PRICE ...	... 1—2	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ...	... 5—6
HENRY HODGETTS ...	... 3—4	WILLIAM HODGETTS ...	... 7—8

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire: CHARLES N. LEMAN.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At 8, ST. THOMAS STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

AN IRREGULAR FIVE-PART.

JOHN R. BARTON ...	... 1—2	HARRY GIBSON ...	... 5—6
HENRY FERGUSON ...	... 3—4	JAMES DIXEY ...	... 7—8

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE, Wakefield, and

Conducted by J. R. BARTON.

Umpire: THOMAS COLE.

First peal as conductor. This composition is believed to be now rung for the first time. The peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Cole, senior ringer of the St. Mary's Parish Church Guild.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At 1, CARLTON STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

ALBERT V. INNS 1—2	DAVID J. NICHOLS 5—6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ...	... 3—4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ...	... 7—8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.
Umpire, R. CHAPMAN.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	... 1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	... 3—4	MAURICE SMITHER ...	... 7—8
SEPTIMUS RADFORD ...	... 9—10		

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpires, T. W. RADFORD and REGINALD BLAKE.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and contains all the 2-4-6-8's.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, January 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
In the MASTER'S ROOMS, ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

*WILLIAM D. JAMES ...	1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS...	5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	3—4	†REGINALD O. STREET	7—8

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD and

Conducted by REGINALD O. STREET.

Umpire, F. R. WHITE.

* First peal away from 7-8. † First peal of Major as conductor.

The ringer of the 6th in the peal at Brierley Hill, on January 13th, was Charles E. Perkins and was his first peal as conductor.

Mr. E. F. Poppy writes:—Will the band that took part in the peal at Eye on August 22nd, 1911, please accept my apology for ringing a false peal. I was under the false impression that any peal of Bristol would go true to Treble Bob.

PEAL BOARDS

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BRECON.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Christmas Eve, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: R. Kinsey 1, S. Brooks 2, G. Giblin 3, A. Matthews 4, G. Hardwick 5, W. Hargest 6, W. Evans (conductor) 7, S. Watkins 8.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Haley's variation), in 44 mins.: W. Hargest 1, G. Giblin 2, S. Brooks 3, R. Kinsey 4, G. Hardwick 5, W. Short 6, A. Matthews (conductor) 7, W. Evans 8.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, on Christmas morning, at 6 a.m., 720 of Bob Minor: P. Webb 1, H. Carder 2, E. Webb (conductor) 3, F. Bowtell, W. Flitton 5, J. Webb 6; also 240 Doubles, W. Godfrey, A. Carder and F. Griggs taking part.—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, 360 Oxford Bob. To ring in the New Year, 360 Bob Minor.—On Thursday, Jan. 4th, owing to illness near the church, 720 Oxford, on handbells: *A. Carder 1, P. Webb (conductor) 2, *H. Carder 3, E. Webb 4, F. Bowtell 5, *A. Lilley 6. *First in the method. Also two courses of Canterbury: A. Starr 3, W. Flitton 5, rest as above. For morning service, on Sunday, Jan. 7th, 360 and 240 of Oxford.

FRENTHAM, SURREY.—On Christmas Morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: H. Mills 1, A. Chuter (first quarter-peal) 2, G. Fletcher (first quarter-peal as conductor) 3, H. Chaffey 4, E. Day 5, W. Dedman 6.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: H. Mills 1, H. Chaffey (conductor) 2, W. Court (first 720) 3, A. Chuter 4, E. Day 5, W. Dedman 6.

The Middlesex Association are soon to have another peal of eight in their area. St. Stephen's Church, West Ealing, already possesses an octave, with a tenor 14 cwt., but they are hung only for chiming. The bells are now to be taken down and hung in a steel frame, and fitted with iron headstocks and other modern fittings. Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of London, have been entrusted with the work of transforming them into a ringing peal.

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We often chronicle the doings of some young ringer of exceptional ability, but we think the performance of Ernest Bartram, of Melton Mowbray, among the smartest of which we have heard. He is but 15 years of age, and began to ring only last July, yet at Quorndon, Leicester, he rang his first touches of Double Norwich (on the treble), Duffield and Stedman all on the same day, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman. The ringers were E. Bartram 1, L. E. Allen 2, E. Morris 3, A. Pettitt 4, F. H. Dexter (conductor) 5, R. H. Bartram 6, J. Morris 7, C. H. Fowler 8.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

A PROSPEROUS SOCIETY.

SUPPORT FOR A RINGERS' BENEVOLENT FUND SCHEME.

A thriving little society, about which not a great deal is heard, but which is doing excellent work in the somewhat remote south-eastern corner of Kent and Sussex, is the Romney Marsh and District Guild. The annual meeting has just been held at Appledore, and very encouraging reports were presented. Representatives attended from Appledore, Ashford, Iden, Rye, and Stone-in-Oxney, while members from Benenden, Hawkhurst, New Romney and Tenterden were only kept away by the inclement weather. During the afternoon Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, and tea was afterwards partaken of at the Swan Hotel, at which the Master, Mr. G. Billenness, of Rye, presided. The Vicar of Appledore, who is the President of the Guild, took the chair at the subsequent meeting, at which the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. J. Youngs) presented the balance sheet. The former showed that the balance in hand had been increased from £1 10s. 4½d. to £2 8s. 4d. during the year, and the membership had risen to 37, an increase of eleven.—The balance sheet was adopted.

PROGRESS.

The Master presented the annual report, which was of a gratifying nature, showing that the meetings had been well attended and that progress was being made in the methods rung. Change ringing, he said, had attained a higher standard in the area of the Guild than it had done for some time past. Touching upon the condition of church bells in the neighbourhood, the speaker said the peal of six at Beckley and the five at High Halden had undergone complete restoration. At Northiam the balance of the Coronation funds was handed over to start a fund for the restoration of the bells at that tower, and at Wittersham the question of rehanging the five bells and adding another had been discussed. Nothing, however, had been definitely settled, but as the Church folk in that parish were very energetic (the interior of their church having been completely restored), he thought that in time they would direct their attention to the bells. While their change ringing had prospered during the past year, the work of restoration was going on as well, so they were gradually getting more churches at their disposal. Restoration was being carried out all over England, for week by week they read in the ringing journals of rings of bells being dedicated, and funds started for the restoration of others.

HOW A BENEVOLENT FUND WOULD HELP.

But the difficulty was to get the members of the towers in which the bells had been restored to become members of the Association in the Diocese in which they were situated. However, in his opinion, the removal of this drawback would be greatly facilitated if the benevolent fund for ringers, as suggested by "The Ringing World," was adopted. If to an outsider was explained the benefits he would want to contribute to it, and in order to do so would, in all probability, have to belong to an Association. The speaker hoped the matter would be taken up by all the Associations, and that it would be discussed at the next meeting of the Central Council. If it was brought into operation, he thought it would receive the unanimous support of the change ringers, and be an inducement to those ringers not acquainted with the science of campanology to join an Association, and not only reap the benefits of the fund, but take up the art of change ringing (applause). Continuing, he said they were all extremely grateful to the clergy for granting them permission to hold their meetings at the various churches during the past year (applause). He was also very thankful to the proprietors of various newspapers for inserting their meetings. By reporting their doings in various journals they educated the general public that change ringing truly was a science, and that it required great skill to become an efficient campanologist.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were unanimously re-elected: President, the Rev. A. O. Scutt; Master, Mr. G. Billenness (for the fourth time in succession); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. Youngs.—The committee was elected as follows: Messrs. R. Dunster (Stone), C. Tribe (Tenderden), T. Ashenden (Hawkhurst), G. B. Anderson (New Romney), A. C. Kay (Ashford), and G. Kenward (Iden). Two new members were also elected, and Woodchurch selected as the new place of meeting, Bethersden being chosen in the event of Woodchurch bells not being available.—It was also decided to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples at New Romney or Appledore.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for presiding, and the Rev. A. O. Scutt, in replying, expressed his pleasure at the flourishing condition of the Guild. The members had increased, the ringing had improved, and on the whole, the Guild was going forward, and he offered them his sincere congratulations. It was a great privilege to the clergy to lend their towers to the bell ringers. Most of the clergy wanted more men to come forward to assist in the work of the church, but the bell ringers, he thought, were always ready to do their part.

After the meeting, the rest of the evening was devoted to music and handbell ringing.

MEETING AT MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL.

The monthly meeting of the Manchester branch of the Lancashire Association was held at the Cathedral on Saturday last, and was one of the best attended gatherings which has been held in the district for a long time past. Mr. Harry Chapman presided over the meeting, and welcomed the visitors, especially the young band connected with the tower at Prestwich, who are very determined to master the intricate art of change ringing. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were: Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Double Norwich Major, members being present from Manchester, Prestwich, Pendleton, Ashton-under-Lyne, Oldham, Middleton, Moorside, Reddish, Rusholme, Hyde, Stockport, Stoke, Didsbury, Worsley, Gorton, etc.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the authorities of the Cathedral for the use of the bells, to the local ringers for having everything in readiness, and last, but not least, to the chairman.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

Owing to the weather, the attendance at the meeting of this branch at Rowley Regis on Saturday last was not so good as one could have wished. Service was held at 4.15, the address being given by the Vicar (the Rev. A. F. Danglish). Afterwards tea, which was kindly provided by the Vicar in the Schoolroom, was disposed of in true ringers' fashion. At the meeting following, the Vicar took the chair. The quarterly peal was arranged to be attempted at Rowley Regis, conducted by Mr. R. Matthews. An invitation for the summer meeting was received from Wolverley, near Kidderminster, and was accepted. The new members elected included the Vicar, as an hon. member, and the Rowley Regis ringers as performing members. Owing to a severe illness, the branch secretary, Mr. E. J. Dowler, was unable to be present, and the general secretary (Mr. J. R. Newman), who took his place, was instructed to forward the vote of sympathy with him.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar brought the meeting to a close.—During the evening the bells were kept going in touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative Surprise.

BAYLHAM BELLS AUGMENTED.

A new treble has been dedicated at Baylham, Suffolk, by the Lord Bishop of Norwich, assisted by fifteen clergy of the neighbouring parishes. The five old bells have also been rehung, and the third recast, thus making a handy ring of six with a 10 cwt. tenor. Ringers from Ipswich, Great Bentley, Henley, etc., and the local company rang the bells in and after the service, and one and all spoke in the highest terms of all the work which has been carried out by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

YARMOUTH.

By the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Hammond, of the White Horse Hotel, the Yarmouth ringers, with a few friends, were entertained to dinner on Friday week. The chair was taken by Mr. Denison Hayward, who was supported by Messrs. G. Lupson, G. Buddery, W. Gamble and E. Frost.—The repast was admirably served, and a most enjoyable social evening followed. Various toasts were honoured, and the health of the host and hostess was drunk with enthusiasm, and thanks accorded them for enabling the company to spend a most happy evening. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Harding, Pidgeon, Pestell, Frost, Gamble, Harwood and Hammond, while Mr. Gamble also related some amusing anecdotes.

FROME.

Through the kind hospitality of the steeplekeeper (Mr. A. M. G. Daniel) the ringers of St. John's, were entertained to dinner at the Eath Arms Hotel on Saturday last. The Vicar (the Rev. Preb. W. F. H. Randolph) presided, supported by the churchwardens (Mr. C. Bailey and Mr. W. Iggulden), etc. A capital spread was followed by the annual meeting.—The Vicar thanked the steeplekeeper, captain, secretary and ringers for their services during the year.—Mr. W. Bishop was re-elected captain, and Mr. H. W. Minty was re-elected secretary and treasurer.—The Vicar again appointed Mr. Daniel as steeplekeeper.

After the meeting the evening was devoted to harmony, songs being rendered by Messrs. A. M. G. Daniel, H. W. Minty, J. Offer, T. Bendy, H. Nutley, and R. Knight.

MEETING AT CHESTERFIELD

The annual meeting of the Chesterfield District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Chesterfield on Saturday. In spite of the miserable weather there was a good attendance, the following towers being represented: Alfreton, Derby, Bolsover, Staveley, and North Wingfield, together with the local company. The business was brief. The same officers were re-elected en bloc for the ensuing year.—Needless to add the bells were kept going in various methods.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

MR. A. H. PULLING—THE LEADING CONDUCTOR OF THE YEAR.

The Exercise contains few examples of a young man coming so rapidly to the front as that provided by Mr. Alfred Henry Pulling, of Guildford. As leader of the Holy Trinity Society he first began to come into prominence as a conductor about two or three years ago, but he has come into the ringing firmament with almost meteoric brilliance during the last twelve months by the exceptional ability displayed as the guiding spirit of the handbell company in the Surrey county town, a company which has brought honours to itself and fame to the Winchester Diocesan Guild. The remarkable achievements of the band were among the most notable performances of 1911, and, as we were able to announce last week, resulted in placing the Winchester Guild on the top of the Peals



A. H. PULLING.

Analysis. It is to Mr. Pulling's untiring energy, backed by the enthusiasm of the other Guildford men, that success has been achieved, and they are reaping now the reward of perseverance, for when Stedman was first tackled, so many attempts were made before a peal was scored, that the company gave up counting the failures. Alfred Pulling is a born conductor, and his skill in this direction is almost amazing. On tower bells or handbells he is equally at home, but to see him at his best one has to watch him conducting Stedman in hand. In this direction he is a perfect genius.

Mr. Pulling first saw the light of day on September 18th, 1880, at Petworth, Sussex, where his grandfather was a ringer for over 60 years. At 13 years of age he began ringing at Holy Trinity, Guildford, to which band he has been attached ever since. Until 1899 call changes were

rung, and then, the bells being rehung, change ringing was taken up under the instructorship of Mr. Charles Willshire, to whom Mr. Pulling owes a great deal for the thorough grounding he received in the rudiments of method ringing. Mr. Pulling rang his first peal at Hawley, Hants, in October, 1899, and in December of the same year took part in the first peal by a local society at Guildford, conducted by Mr. Willshire, who, in June, 1900, called Mr. Pulling's first peal of Stedman. Bob Major and Treble Bob followed, and, in July, 1901, he rang his first peal of Double Norwich at St. George's, Camberwell, which Mr. William Pye conducted. Mr. Pulling's first peal as conductor was Holt's Original, rung on October 1st, 1902, and he called his first peal of Stedman (Thurstans' one part) on December 26th, 1904. In undertaking compositions of this character for first essays Mr. Pulling showed early evidence of his skill as a conductor.

He has always taken a great interest in the Holy Trinity Society, and was elected its conductor in 1905. He called his first peal of Superlative rung on a bob bell and the first by the local society in the Guild in 1906. The year 1910 was a record year for the Holy Trinity band, when they scored London, Bristol and Cambridge Surprise, while Norfolk was rung in February, 1911. All these peals were the first in the method by the Guild by an entirely local band, while the Bristol and Norfolk were the first rung in Surrey and by the Association. Mr. Pulling was the conductor of each of these peals, as well as of the first peal of Bob Royal by the Winchester Guild, rung at Reigate in 1905. His first peal of Caters as conductor was Stedman called from a non-observation bell, and the first peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques on handbells by the Guild were also called by him from bob-making pairs. He was selected to call the peal of Stedman rung on the occasion of the funeral of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, and among other performances of note are a 7396 of Double Norwich on tower bells, and two 7000's of Stedman Caters in hand, the 7777 of the latter being Mr. Pulling's 200th peal. The recent performances of six peals of Stedman Caters on successive evenings, and the quickest peal of Triples on record are fresh in the memory of our readers. Mr. Pulling, however, always looks upon his first peal of Stedman Triples in hand as one of his best performances, and that peal will long be remembered by those who took part in it as being the crowning effort of patience and perseverance.

Mr. Pulling easily heads the list of conductors for 1911, having called 67 peals, made up of the following:—Tower bells: Superlative 1, Cambridge 1, Bristol 4, London 2, Norfolk 1. On handbells: Bob Major 1, Grandsire Triples 1, Grandsire Caters 2, Stedman Triples 22, Stedman Caters 31. A total abstainer, and practically a non-smoker, Mr. Pulling's one hobby is ringing, and the Winchester Guild is proud of the brilliant young conductor. He is the Ringing Master of the flourishing Guildford District of the Guild, and is also a member of the Surrey, Sussex and Middlesex County Associations, and the Truro and Oxford Diocesan Guilds. The peals he has rung are made up as follows:—

	On Tower Bells. Con- Rung.	On Handbells. Con- Rung.
Bob Minor	3	3
7 Minor Methods	2	2
7 Treble Bob Do.	1	1
7 Surprise Do.	1	1

Bob Major	22	17	1	1
Bob Royal	3	2		
Treble Bob Major	3	2		
Treble Bob Royal	3	2		
Grandsire Triples	22	16	9	8
Grandsire Caters	1		5	5
Stedman Triples	46	23	28	28
Stedman Caters	8	3	35	35b
Stedman Cinques			1	1
Double Norwich Major...	21	13a		
Superlative Surprise	13	9		
Cambridge Surprise	2	2		
New Cambridge Surprise	1			
Norfolk Surprise	1	1		
London Surprise	7	7		
Bristol Surprise	7	7		

Totals ... 167 111 79 78

Rung 246, conducted 183.

a Including 7396; b including 7023 and 7777.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Miss Macalpine Leny, whose interest in ringing generally, and in the welfare of the College Youths particularly is so well known, has gone to reside, with the Rev. and Mrs. Mackinnon, at Speldhurst Close, Kippington, Sevenoaks, Kent. It will be noticed that the name of Speldhurst, with which parish the family have been long associated, has been retained in the new home to which they have gone.

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It is apparently never too late to begin change ringing. At Uttoxeter Mr. W. Cope has rung his first quarter-peal—at the age of 75 years.

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In connection with the article upon Grandsire composition by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, which appeared in our columns a few weeks ago, Mr. A. Corrigan, of St. Patrick's belfry, Dublin, has printed the table of lead ends in full, and will be pleased to supply a copy to those who may wish for one and will send a stamped addressed envelope to the above address.

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A peal board has been unveiled at Harlow Common, Essex, recording the first peal rung there by a local band, which was conducted by Mr. F. Palmer, late of Irthlingborough, on February 28th, 1908. It was erected to perpetuate his memory.

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Mr. G. W. T. Smith has been presented with an aneroid barometer by the ringers at Tring, Herts, in recognition of his services as instructor to the band.

It is intended to add a treble and tenor to the present peal of six at Egham, Surrey, which, with the rehangings and other alterations, are to cost £476. Thanks in a large degree to an anonymous donor £340 has already been subscribed, and, at a meeting of ladies held last week, a committee of 22 was enrolled for the purpose of collecting the remainder of the money. The parish has been apportioned systematically and thoroughly canvassed, and it is hoped to raise the whole of the sum required by to-morrow (Saturday).

They appear to know how to manage things at Egham, and when other parishes are in need of funds for a similar purpose they might take a leaf out of Egham's book. It is difficult to resist the blandishments of ladies.

With our inquiries^{*} last week for^{*} "long" peal ringers, and a band of journalists, we seem to have set the ball rolling. Mr. T. R. Dennis, of 33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge, writes: "As a postal worker I should like to see if a peal by postal officials could not be arranged, say in London. I think amongst the 80,000 ringers throughout the country there must be a good many postal and telegraph ringers. I, myself, should be pleased to make one for a peal if it could be arranged." We suggest that postal ringers should communicate with Mr. Dennis, and between them they could perhaps fix up a peal.

THE PEAL AT ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

The composition of the peal of Kent Royal at Ashton-under-Lyne on Saturday is supposed to be the first rung on the plan. It is a two-part peal with the alternate calling used in the first part, and was composed by Mr. S. Wood.

	In &			
23456	M.	5ths.	W.	H.
32654		X	I	2
56234	I	X		2
54632		X	I	I
45236		X	I	2
32546	I	X		2
23645	2			2
46325			2	2
45623	2			I
54326	2			2
23456			2	2

After the peal the ringers were entertained to supper by Mr. James Wood, their wants being attended to by Mrs. Wood and their daughters. The cordial congratulations of the band were extended to Mr. Wood on reaching his 60th birthday.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

The attempt for the 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major (J. W. Washbrook's composition) by members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, is to be made at Clent on January 27th, starting at 10 a.m.

It will be remembered that an unsuccessful attempt was previously made for this peal on Boxing Day at Bromsgrove.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the southern district was held at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Saturday last, and there was a record attendance, many old members being present. Good touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal, were rung. At the business meeting in the evening, the election of new members was ratified, and it was decided to hold the next meeting on the second Saturday in March, at Mitcham, or, failing that, St. Mary's, Battersca, or St. George's, Southwark. The arrangement of dates for the district meetings for 1912 was referred to the general committee.—The balance sheet audited by Mr. T. H. Taffender was presented, and the report remarked on the progress of the southern district. All the officers were unanimously re-elected as follows: Mr. H. S. Ellis, master; Mr. F. A. Smith, secretary; Mr. H. Mance, treasurer; and Mr. C. H. Hughes, steward.—After the business ringing was resumed until 8.30, when a successful meeting was brought to a close.

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ANNUAL MEETING IN LONDON.

Those privileged to attend the annual meeting of "The Cumberlands" at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday last will long remember it as one of the most successful ever held in the annals of the society. Ringing commenced with a touch of Stedman Cinques, followed by three leads of Treble Bob Maximus, in which Miss E. Steele, of Bedford, made her debut on twelve bells. These and other touches occupied the time until 5.30, when some 40 members assembled in the Vestry Hall, to partake of a substantial tea, most kindly provided through the hospitality of the Vicar (the Rev. L. Shelford), who had also placed the hall at the disposal of the members. Mr. Shelford also spent some time at the meeting, giving some interesting experiences of his 40 years' ministry in North-east London.

The Master (Mr. J. D. Matthews) presided at the business meeting which followed. The balance sheet was adopted, and the following were re-elected as officers for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews; treasurer, Mr. H. Dains; secretary, Mr. F. P. Bennett; senior steward, Mr. A. Hardy; Mr. F. Hairs taking the position of junior steward. A letter was received from Mr. R. A. Daniell, intimating his desire not to again serve on the Central Council, and the Master was appointed to fill the vacancy, Messrs. Dains, Parker and Bennett being re-elected. A sum of £5 was voted to the Shoreditch Bell Restoration Fund.

The following ladies and gentlemen were then elected as members of the society: Miss E. L. Bennett, Miss E. Steele, Miss C. Beasley and Miss C. Johnson, Mr. R. Warner, Mr. A. Edmonds, Mr. W. Ratcliffe, Mr. J. Mackenny, Mr. H. Dew and Mr. C. Hughes. The election of Mr. H. Flanders was also confirmed.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and to the officers for their services during the past year concluded the business.

The bells were kept going until nine o'clock, when an adjournment was made to the Bedford Head Hotel, the company being joined, greatly to their appreciation, by the Master and several members of the College Youths. Songs and handbell ringing were indulged in until a late hour, the company separating fully convinced that the Cumberlands were in no immediate danger of becoming extinct.

SALISBURY GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Devizes branch of the Salisbury Guild was held in St. John's Parish Room, Devizes, on Saturday week. Among those present were: The Rev. J. H. Burn, Rector of Great Cheverell (chairman), Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes (hon. secretary), and also the Rev. P. W. G. Fillenul, Rector of Devizes, Canon Gardiner, Vicar of Southbroom, the Rev. W. T. B. Hayter, Vicar of Westbury, the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, Rector of Bechington, together with ringing members from Steeple Ashton, Seend, Westbury, Southbroom, Great Cheverell, Keovil, St. Mary's, Devizes, Melksham, Potterne, St. John's, Devizes, Chirton, and Urchfont. A party, numbering 41, sat down to an excellent tea, kindly provided by the Rector of Devizes.

At the business meeting, which followed, the annual report and balance sheet for 1911 were read and confirmed. The report stated that twelve meetings had been held during the year, the numbers attending being very good, although on three occasions the weather was very stormy. The number of ringing members in the branch had increased from 111 in 1910, to 146 in 1911.

The chairman and hon. secretary were thanked for their past services, and unanimously elected to continue in their respective posts for another year.—Eight new members were received into the Guild from Bradford-on-Avon tower; also one from Urchfont, one from Melksham, and one from Marden.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Seend, on February 3rd, and the following one at Westbury on May 4th.

The question of holding a short service at the ringing meetings was again brought up, and after considerable discussion it was decided to hold a short service at the annual meetings after tea was over.—It was also decided, upon the proposition of Canon Gardiner, that prayers should be said in the church towers before ringing commenced by some one appointed for that purpose.

The Rev. J. H. Burn expressed his pleasure at seeing five lady ringers at the meeting, and hoped that they and others, would continue to help with the ringing. It was decided that the Netheravon tower (which is just within the border) be allowed to join the Salisbury branch, instead of Devizes, the former being so much more convenient for them, but reserving to the branch the right to ring there when desirable.

Very hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector of Devizes for providing tea for the meeting, also for the use of the Parish Room and the bells of St. John's.—A vote of thanks was also accorded to the Rev. Canon Gardiner for the use of the bells at Southbroom Church.—During the afternoon and evening ringing was kept up at both these churches, but the bells at St. Mary's could not be used, being temporarily out of order, and awaiting repairs.

TRICK RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, the Rev. H. Drake, makes some rather severe remarks about four-handed change ringing. He stated that: "One has always understood change ringing on handbells to be double-handed, neither more or less." How does he reconcile this with the fact that single-handed peals have been scored? He also says: "One has often rung tunes and changes four-handed, either by oneself or with others." What comparison is to be drawn between tunes and changes, and what four-bell tunes would be available for ringing by oneself, or would Bob Singles be very instructive? With regard to tapping on all the bells, or on a piano, I have tried a few methods on seven, eight, and upwards, and find it a matter for serious study and plenty of practice. Finally, Mr. Drake says these are all on the same level as "lapping." I can say from experience that one accomplished change ringer can steer three or more (according to the number of bells) unexperienced men through touches that are lapped—in fact, I lapped touches myself before I tackled the art of change ringing—but can he say the same in regard to four-handed ringing.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.

Croydon.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I remind Mr. Clement Glenn that "trick" work has nothing to do with trickery, as he so strangely imagines. It usually means work which is more than ordinarily difficult, and as a rule cannot be done by ordinary people. I only classed "lapping" with trick ringing, because it is, I suppose, only performed by round ringers; and in their case requires unusual skill, I should imagine. At any rate, I have never seen a successful performance. Elijah Roberts' tapping was indeed a marvellous achievement, and the mental ability which can produce changes by a single performer on any instrument, is deserving of much praise; but that does not make any of it change ringing, in the correct meaning of the term.—Yours faithfully,

Braiworth Rectory.

H. DRAKE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

A very successful annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery branch of the Oxford Guild was held at Wokingham on Saturday week. Over 50 members were present at evensong in the Parish Church, when an excellent address was given by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), while 69 ringers and seven clergy, and others, attended the tea and subsequent business meeting. The accounts for 1911 were passed, and the Chairman (the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis) expressed his sincere regret at the absence of the Revs. G. F. Coleridge and R. Tomlinson, the latter being in a nursing home in London under treatment for a serious illness. In reviewing the work of the branch during 1911, the hon. secretary (the Rev. E. Broome) congratulated the members upon their numbers, which were somewhat in excess of those in 1910, also upon the successful accomplishment of nine peals during 1911, and the eleven monthly meetings held at various towers for combined practice. These meetings were found to be most helpful in many ways, and were admirably organised by the committee and their secretary, Mr. Joseph White. The outgoing officers were re-elected, with two exceptions, Mr. H. Bungay being chosen as foreman for Binfield, and Mr. Joseph White for Hurst.

The Master announced that the annual meeting of the Diocesan Guild would take place at Christ Church, Oxford, and expressed a hope that Wokingham might be selected for the year 1913.—The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks, and the members adjourned to the two Wokingham towers for ringing practice.

FIFTY YEARS SEXTON & STEEPLEKEEPER

An old ringer has passed away at Ewhurst, Surrey, in the person of Frederick Francis. He had been connected with the parish church and bells for about 50 years, having been appointed sexton, steeplekeeper and grave-digger in the year 1862. Only on January 1st last he and his wife celebrated their golden wedding, he being 79 years of age, and the old lady 81. The deceased was interred on Friday last, and was borne to his last resting-place by four of the ringers. After the funeral 720 Bob Minor was rung with the bells deeply muffled, by Mrs. R. Whittington 1, A. Francis 2, W. Tidy 3, J. Luff 4, R. Whittington 5, W. Denyer (conductor) 6.

BELLS REHUNG AT HIGH HALDEN.

The five bells in the massive wooden tower of High Halden Church, Kent, have been entirely rehung on steel headstocks, and the tenor recast by Mr. Alfred Bowell, bellfounder, of Ipswich. The bells were tested by members of the Kent County Association, including Mr. Tribe, of Tenterden, who expressed their entire satisfaction with the tone and "go" of them. The tenor weighs 13½ cwt., and a spare pit has been arranged for a new treble, which it is hoped will be forthcoming in the near future.

MR. F. DENCH'S NEW SYSTEM.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Mr. Drake's complaint of my new system in ringing is the result of inexperience. If Mr. Drake will examine the methods, he will find the tenor and course bells are together for as many changes as, if not more than in any other method in existence, the bells being parted 12 changes in the one and 52 in the other. Is this bad music? The qualities of the finest composition obtainable will apply to this. Is this detrimental to the music? I contend that all ringing is musical where there is perfect tune. The system of changing the hunts cannot take away what is there, for rhythm is made by the striking. A well-struck peal of London Surprise is far better than a bad peal of Double Norwich as regards music.

Although musical changes are pleasant to the ear, they are oftentimes monotonous to the mind, otherwise Bob Major or Double Norwich would be the only methods practised. The methods in question are Double Bob Major and Albion Treble Bob. The late Rev. Earl Bulwer framed his New Cumberland in trying to discover Albion—at all events it is one of the same family. Albion has also been written on, by good authority, that its musical properties places it in a position second to none. Mr. Drake also hopes the system wont be allowed; perhaps its difficulties will retard it, but there is no power on earth that can stop it from being rung. I thank Mr. Drake for giving me an opportunity to explain the qualities of the system, although I think his complaint is unprecedented in the history of change ringing. Yours truly,

F. DENCH.

THE NON-CONDUCTED PEAL OF MINOR.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I beg to thank Mr. D. Preston, of Bucknall, and Mr. G. R. Newton, of Liverpool, for the correction regarding our silent peal of Minor. I did not remember reading the account of either of the peals before, hence the reason for assuming that the one we rang was the first. When writing the footnote, I felt that after all it possibly might not be the first, and so wrote "believed to be the first," in the hope that if it was incorrect someone would write and say so. It all goes to show how careful one ought to be in claiming anything as a record. One, however, feels a satisfaction in having rung a silent peal, for it is worth ringing at any time, and is a feat a little bit above the ordinary.

Little Munden.

W. H. LAWRENCE.

THE ALL-CONDUCTED PEAL.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I must congratulate the band who rang the all-conducted peal at Rolleston-on-Dove, and at the same time mention the fact that a peal similarly conducted was rung at St. Andrew's Church, Nether-ton, Worcestershire, on August 18th, 1894, in the following methods: Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire, each ringer calling a 720 and 120 each of the last method.—Yours faithfully,

HARRY PRICE.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The last quarterly meeting of the society's year was held at St. Paul's, Wood Green, Wednesbury, on Saturday week, and was attended by upwards of 40 members. Ringing proceeded in various methods till 5.30, when a service was conducted, and an inspiring address given by the energetic clerical secretary, the Rev. E. V. Cox. A splendid tea followed, and the little business transacted at the committee meeting, held previously, was explained.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. R. Wilkin) for the use of the church, bells and institute, to the ladies who looked after the comforts of the inner-man, to the organist who helped considerably to brighten the service, and to the Rev. E. V. Cox for his address, was heartily given.—The Vicar, in reply, gave the visitors a warm welcome.—Further ringing in the tower ended a pleasant meeting. Nothing preventing, the annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Easter Monday.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of North Notts Association was held at Worksoy on Saturday week, when members attended from Anston, Harthill, Shireoaks, Blyth, Retford East, and Worksoy. The bells, which have recently been restored and came in for the highest praise for their nice easy "go," were kindly placed at the disposal of ringers from 3.0 to 9.30 p.m., and various touches of Kent, Grandsire, Union and Bob Major, and several interesting six-bell methods were successfully brought round. An adjournment was made to the Waverley Hotel, where Host and Hostess Bosworth had provided an excellent tea, to which 27 members and friends sat down, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. G. J. A. D'Arcy), and supported by the hon. secretary (the Rev. B. Darley, of Harthill). Several new members were elected, and notice was given to bring before the annual meeting the advertising of the society's meetings in "The Ringing World." After sundry

other items of business had been disposed of, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the chairman for the use of the bells, and his presence at the tea and meeting, the Vicar suitably replying.—The next meeting will be the "annual" at Retford, fixed by the committee for April or May.—The weather was very unfavourable for the country members, who make use of the cycle, but there was a fair muster, and the ringing was fairly good on the whole.

THE PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S MAJOR.

EXPERT OPINION ASKED FOR.

Mr. H. W. Wilde writes: Replying to the question raised by Mr. Reeves, in last week's "Ringing World," has the method rung at Eccleston been misnamed? I do not think it has, as if Mr. Reeves will look in the Central Council's "Collection of Legitimate Methods," page 5, Method No. 7, he will there find this method given as St. Clement's Minor, with Plain Bob bobs and singles; it is also to be found in Snowdon's "Standard Methods" (Revised Edition), as St. Clement's Minor. Mr. Snowdon there says, this method appears in "Campanologia," by J. D. and C. M. in 1702. If the Major method rung at Eccleston is St. Simon's, then the method given in your last week's issue must be St. Simon's Triples, and not St. Clement's Triples, as undoubtedly they are one and the same method, in spite of what Mr. Reeves says about the bobs in the Triples being Grandsire Bobs, and Plain Bob bobs in the Major method.

Methods No. 3, 4, 5 and 6, Minor and Triples, in the collection of Legitimate Methods, are all instances where the Plain Bob bob and single are used in the Minor and the Grandsire bob in the Triples.

Perhaps the Rev. Law James, or some other member of the Legitimate Methods Collection Committee will give us their opinion about it, as we should like to have it settled what the name of this method really is.

WHY THE NAME WAS USED.

Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, of Simonsdelf, Frodsham, writes:—

Being partly responsible for the peals of St. Clement's Triples and Major rung by the Chester Guild, I should like to point out why they were published under that name. In 1905, Mr. Dains published some extracts from Annable's note-book. Among the methods was one called Lambeth Bob, which was identical with what is called St. Clement's Minor in the C.C. Collection. It was rung a few weeks later at St. Mary's, Grassendale, and published as Lambeth Bob in the Lancashire Association analysis of 720's rung. It was also rung in Cheshire, and published as Lambeth Bob. When the C.C. collection was published I wrote to the Rev. H. Law James asking whether St. Clement's was an older name than Lambeth. He replied that Mr. Dains was solely responsible for the names in the collection. I wrote then to Mr. Dains, but could get no reply. So, assuming that the committee had some good reason for the name of St. Clement's, I used that name when next ringing the method, and under that name it was included in a peal of Plain Minor at Daresbury in 1909, and in the extent of Minor Bob Methods rung at Frodsham in 1911. The Triples rung at Chester and Major rung at Eccleston in 1911 are quite obviously the same method as the Minor, and whatever name is adopted should apply to all numbers, odd or even.

ANCIENT AUTHORITY.

Mr. H. J. Tucker, of Bishop's Stortford, writes:—I quite agree with Mr. H. S. Reeves that the method rung at Eccleston on December, 28th, 1911, is not St. Clement's Bob Major, as the treble leads differ from those of Minor. I herewith enclose a copy of the method as printed on page 79 of "Campanologia Improved" date 1753:—

"St Clement's Bob by J. D. Hunts 1, 3, 6. In this Peal the Treble hath a hunting course; and as soon as it leaves the fourth's place, the foremost Bells dodge till it comes down and parts them: every Bell that comes from behind goes no lower than third's place, except the Bell that happens there when the Treble goes to lead hunts down: when the Treble leads. The Bell in fourth's place lies still a whole pull, and the two hindmost Bells make a single dodge. At a Bob the Bell in fourth's places goes up, and the Bell in fifth's comes down, and they are called by the same rule as in the foregoing peal."

STREATHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, Dec. 24th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 45 mins.: G. Barrington 1, J. Lee 2, H. L. Goldsmith 3, I. J. Attwater 4, F. Attwater 5, L. Attwater (conductor) 6, E. Attwater 7, C. Wallace 8.—On Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: H. L. Goldsmith 1, S. Greenwood 2, J. Lee 3, I. J. Attwater 4, J. A. Lambert 5, C. Daniels 6, L. Attwater (conductor) 7, C. Wallace 8.—Also at Emmanuel Church on Dec. 25th, 504 Stedman Triples: H. L. Goldsmith 1, S. Greenwood 2, W. Shepherd 3, I. J. Attwater 4, *F. Attwater 5, *E. Attwater 6, L. Attwater 7, W. J. Anscomb 8. *Longest length in the method.

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 Midlander" has asked me for a few hints upon calling Grandsire Triples. He would like to make a start in this branch of the Art, but does not like to "show his ignorance," as he puts it, by asking the conductor in the tower for information. I do not think anyone who aspires to get on should be afraid to ask his friends for help when he desires knowledge, and, as a rule, a few minutes' conversation with one who knows is the best and quickest means of learning. Therefore, "Midlander," do not be ashamed to ask your conductor questions, for if he is the right sort and anxious to see his band progress he will do his utmost to assist you. He will probably remember that he had to learn once upon a time.

A beginner at calling must not expect to jump to the top of the tree as a conductor straight away. Apart from a few exceptional cases, the successful conductor is one who has devoted years of patient study to the business, for conducting is not simply a question of calling the bobs in the proper place. A conductor ought to know whether the bells are right, and how to keep them right when mistakes occur. I have often pointed out how necessary it is for beginners in ringing to study at home what they are afterwards going to ring in the belfry, but this remark applies with far greater force to the young conductor. He must learn his lesson well before he goes to the tower.

When he begins he will probably find he has as much as he can manage to call the bobs in the proper places, for precision in this matter is of prime importance. Nothing is more likely to upset the ringing than bobs called too soon or too late—the latter is usually fatal to the touch or peal. To the calling of the bobs, then, let the beginner first devote his attention; the ropesight which will enable him to correct mistakes is a matter which experience only will bring—coupled with the acquired knowledge of the way in which the bells work one with the other.

In Grandsire the proper place at which to call the bobs is the handstroke row when the treble is in 3rd's place going down to lead. Worked from this, it will be found that the bell which is to make 3rd's place at the bob and is the only bell unaffected by it, is leading its handstroke blow. The bell which will have to make 3rd's place and go into the hunt, will be striking in 2nd's—immediately under the treble. Of the bells which will have to do the double dodging, the one going to 4-5 up will be striking in 4th's—immediately over the treble—the one going to 6-7 up will be striking in 6th's, the one going to 6-7 down will be lying the second of the two blows behind, and the one going to 4-5 down (to dodge out of the hunt) will be striking in 5th's. The places I have named are the places where the bells will strike their respective handstroke blows, but, as they strike in consecutive order, it will be obvious that a bob called when the 6-7 down bell actually strikes its blow in 7th's would be appreciably later than a bob called at the first blow at lead of the bell about to make 3rd's. Such variation is, of course, to be avoided, and the conductor should endeavour to notice the moment that the bell going to 3rd's place begins to lead and call the bob then, remembering, for his own assistance in selecting the right change at which to call, the position into which his own bell is going to fall.

Instruction on conducting Grandsire Triples could not be embraced entirely in one short article like this, and my

further hints must be reserved for future notes, but in the meantime "Midlander," and others likeminded, can prick out a lead of the method, and look for themselves into the correct positions for calling the bobs.

CONDUCTOR.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 27th. Bells ready at six o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, January 27th. Tower open at 2.30. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea at 4.30 (1s. each), both in the Church Schools. The committee will be much obliged if those members who have not paid their subscriptions up to end of 1911 will do so at or before this meeting.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, January 27th, 1912. 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 St. Nicholas New Church on Saturday, January 27th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Branch Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Kingston on Saturday, January 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.15. Tea at 5.45, to be followed by business meeting, at which the Vicar will preside.—Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, January 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at Parish Church at 5.30. Tea at Temperance Hotel at 6 o'clock. Meeting after.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, S.E., on Saturday, January 27th. Bells at 3.30 p.m. Service, with address, by Rev. Arthur Hart (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, in the Albany Institute. Business meeting to follow. As important business will be brought forward, I hope for a good attendance. Subscriptions should be paid now.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham on Saturday, January 27th. Service at 4 p.m., tea and meeting following (tea 9d. each). Bells available from 2 p.m.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Isle of Ely District.—A meeting will be held at Ely on Saturday, January 27th. Bells of St. Mary's available afternoon and evening. Tea at 5.30.—A. Pilgrim, District Secretary, Church Lane, Ely.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, January 27th. St. Nicholas' tower (8) will be open from 4 to 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. St. Mary's (10 bells) will be available after the business meeting. Will conductors of peals kindly bear in mind Rule 15 whenever a peal is rung.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Shottery, Honorary Secretary.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Harlestone on January 27th, Desborough on February 3rd, Woodford on February 10th, and Wellingboro' on February 17th. All subscriptions should be paid at these meetings, as they are now due.—F. Wilford, General Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on February 1st, 15th and 29th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 6th and 20th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 6th; at St. Giles', Cripple-gate, on the 20th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 27th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, each Saturday at 7.30. A district meeting will be held at St. Alphege's, Greenwich, on March 2nd. Tower open 4.30 to 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Elham on Saturday, February 3rd. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the local members, will be taken at 5 p.m. in the Vicar's meeting room. Will all those who intend being present please notify the undersigned by Wednesday, January 31st. The usual travelling allowances will be paid to members present. The annual subscription is now due, and it would be a convenience if paid at this meeting.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at the Castle Inn at 4.15. Special service in church at 5. Tea at 5.45, followed by general meeting. As the cost of the tea will be 6d. per head more than is allowed by the Association, that amount must be paid by members attending. Arrangements can be made for conveyances to meet trains at Penshurst Station at a reasonable charge, if sufficient members wish to be conveyed. All members intending to be present are requested to notify the District Secretary, also stating by what train they will arrive if they require to be met, not later than Wednesday, January 31st. Members are requested to make an effort to attend this meeting, as a matter of great importance will be discussed.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Barrington on Saturday, February 3rd. Tea at 5 o'clock. Foxton bells also available.—P. Webb, District Secretary, Ickleton, Saffron Walden.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, February 3rd, at Bolsover, Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence, eight bells (tenor 15 cwt.), available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance, as there is some special business to be transacted.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Rd., Sheffield.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on February 3rd. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at the Golden Lion Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Farnham, on Saturday, February 3rd, 1912. 3.30, bells available (8); 5.30, service, preacher, the Rev. Neville Lovett, Rector; 6.15, tea at Darracott's Restaurant. Tea tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at or before the meeting.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next monthly meeting will take place at Norton on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells available from 4 p.m. Committee meeting will be held in the vestry room at 6 p.m., and general business meeting about 7 p.m. Full attendance is earnestly requested, as matters of importance will be brought forward.—Sidney F. Palmer, Honorary Secretary, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Worcester, on Saturday, February 3rd. Service at 4. Business meeting after. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, January 31st. Bells (6) available.—J. R. Newman, General Secretary, Bransford, Worcester.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and eight bell contest will take place at Earlsheaton on Saturday, February 10th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m., at the Commercial Inn, Tram Terminus. Tea to be ordered from me by Monday, February 5th.—George Naylor, Honorary Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—The annual general meeting and election of officers will take place on Saturday, February 10th, at St. Clement Danes', Strand, by special permission of the Rector. Tower open from 3.45 to 6 p.m. Tea in the Church House at 6.15, business to follow at 7. Tea will be provided for a limited number only; will those intending to be present kindly notify me as soon as possible.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, February 10th, 1912. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, on Saturday, February 10th. Bells available from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, 6d., at 5.30. Nearest stations Poplar (N. London), and North Greenwich (G.E.R.), from Fenchurch Street. Members and friends cordially invited. Subscriptions for 1912 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, February 10th. Bells ready at 5.—Walter Hughes.

NOTICES (continued).

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hoddesdon and Broxbourne, on February 10th. The bells of Hoddesdon will be open until tea time, those of Broxbourne after tea, which will take place at the Salisbury Arms at 5.30. Members 6d., others 9d. Business meeting after. All will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, District Secretary, Little Munden.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Shifnal on Saturday, February 10th, 1912. Ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, February 17th, 1912. Service in church at 3.30 p.m. Dinner at the Swan Inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d. each. Business meeting immediately after dinner.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

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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HASKETON, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Cutting 1, H. Birch 2, Arthur Andrews 3, C. King 4, J. Last (conductor) 5, W. Burrows 6. Also touches of Oxford and Plain Bob.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 3rd, touches of Oxford and Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples: W. Burrows, A. Andrews, R. Miles, A. Clements, D. Leggett, C. Fisher, H. Cutting, W. Ward (conductor).

PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 10th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Geo. Cooper 1, Alf. Clements 2, D. Leggett 3, A. Andrews 4, C. Fisher (conductor) 5, R. Miles 6. Also touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. The ringing at Hasketon, Ufford and Pettistree, was arranged for Mr. Andrews, of Billingham, Lincolnshire, a visitor at Woodbridge.

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MODERN WORK.

SINGULAR ACTION AT BRIGG.

It is, happily, seldom that such a curious, and, as ringers will think, retrogressive action, as that which has occurred at Brigg in Lincolnshire, has to be recorded. The church and bells were in need of restoration, and the authorities, fearing that they would not be able to raise sufficient funds to pay for the work, sacrificed two of the bells to help meet the expenditure. The peal were formerly a light ring of eight, with tenor about nine cwt., they are now but a ring of six. It is true they have been rehung in new frames, and retuned, and are now in perfect ringing order, but the church has lost a cherished possession which it will be difficult and costly to replace.

We, of course, are not aware of the facts which weighed with those responsible for the undertaking in deciding them to part with valuable church property. We can only suppose that they had good ground for their action. For our part we think it is a pity that they did not delay for a while the restoration of the bells, if they thought the whole of the money would not be forthcoming. No one likes to see a peal of bells hanging more or less idle in a steeple because they are unringable, better, however, wait a few months more than lose a couple of bells. But the irony of it all is that now that all the work is completed there is a balance in hand on the repair fund of £100—at least that is what we are given to understand by a correspondent. We are not experts in estimating for bell repairs, but we think that the difference between the amount received for the two trebles and that £100 would have been sufficient, or nearly so, to meet the extra cost involved in rehanging the bells that have been parted with.

From a knowledge of the spirit which animates those who undertake schemes of church building and renovation we know that faith and optimism are big factors when projects are launched. The authorities at Brigg could not have been imbued with an overdose of either when they started on their recent task. They obviously underestimated the generosity of the parishioners, and they perhaps now realise that they were a little too hasty in "cutting their coat." Economy is a very desirable principle to practice, but in this as in other things it is sometimes well to "make haste slowly." However good a job may be the result of the scheme just completed, we cannot congratulate the good folk of Brigg upon the sacrifice they have made. We have before now remarked upon instances of where, in days gone by, the bells of a church have been disposed of to buy an organ, and not long ago there was recalled the case of Sholbeach, where "the poor and silly people sold the bells to buy a steeple." Brigg has done something almost as bad by selling two bells when there was no need for such a drastic step.

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interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which
you recently hung in the Church
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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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On Wednesday, January 24, 1912, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt., in C sharp.

JOHN C. TRUSS... .. Treble	*RICHARD BUCKLAND... .. 7
*GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 2	*JOHN EVANS 8
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3	*FRED HAYES 9
*FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 4	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ... 10
*ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 5	*JAMES W. WILKINS ... 11
*GEORGE MARTIN 6	*Rev. C. W. O. JENKYN ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus on the bells and in the county of Bucks.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	*ERNEST G. STIBBONS ... 7
HENRY SPRINGALL 2	*ARTHUR D. BARKER... .. 8
HARRY R. PASMORE ... 3	CHARLES S. BURDEN ... 9
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 4	SAMUEL E. JOYCE ... 10
*FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 5	ALFRED B. PECK 11
THOMAS FAULKNER... .. 6	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... Tenor

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

* First peal of Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, January 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED ADAMS Treble	JOHN C. ADAMS 6
EDGAR T. SMITH 2	WALTER R. HUGHES ... 7
*CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	*GILBERT HARDING ... 8
*GEORGE PEATE 4	THOMAS J. ELTON ... 9
ALFRED J. WALLATER ... 5	HOWARD W. CATTELL ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Stedman away from tenor. J. C. Adams' rooth peal for the Society. Rung on the eve of the festival of the Conversion of St. Paul.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE ... Treble	GEORGE ADES 6
CHARLES PALMER 2	JOHN CAPP... .. 7
WILLIAM PALMER 3	FREDERICK W. RICE ... 8
HERBERT RANN 4	ALFRED J. TURNER ... 9
*OLIVER SIPPETTS 5	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BOOTH, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHERY Treble	*HUGH D. ANDERSON ... 5
ERNEST E. HUTCHINSON... 2	*PERCY PAGE 6
*GEORGE E. KENNETT ... 3	*SPENCER SOUTHERDEN ... 7
STEPHEN J. BOULDEN ... 4	GEORGE B. ANDERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHERY.

* First peal. First peal by an entirely local band on the bells.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 32 cwt.

WALTER S. WISE ... Treble	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 5
DAVID WRIGHT 2	AMOS CLARKE 6
THOMAS R. HENSHER ... 3	ALFRED T. JONES ... 7
CYRIL F. JOHNSTON ... 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr. Tenor

Conducted by W. S. WISE.

The ringers of the 2nd and 3rd were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 24, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt., in G.

GEORGE MAYERS ... Treble	EDWIN WHITING 5
GEORGE P. BURTON 2	GEORGE SNELLING 6
JOHN SNELLING 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
FREDERICK MANSEY 4	FREDERICK BORRETT ... Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

Mr. G. Mayers is master of the St. John's Company, and Mr. G. P. Burton is a member of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild. First peal in the method in the City of Norwich.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, READING.)

On Wednesday, January 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 27½ cwt.

WALTER A. WEBB ... Treble	*GEORGE ESSEX... .. 5
CHARLES GILES 2	JOHN SWAIN 6
HENRY TUCKER 3	ALFRED WATMORE ... 7
FRANK MARTIN 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

* 150th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Isaac Cavill, who hails from Roydon.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Wednesday, January 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 0 qrs. 27 lbs.

† EDWIN H. WHITEMAN, Junr. <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES PRICE 5
GEORGE JOHNSON 2	* GEORGE KENWARD 6
† HAROLD F. COBON 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS 7
JOSEPH B. BENNETT 4	GILBERT J. YOUNGS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal on eight bells and first attempt. † First peal away from tenor. ‡ First peal with an inside bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Price, who has been vergar at the above church for many years and a ringer there for a longer period than any of the present members. Mr. Johnson comes from Appledore, Mr. Kenward from Iden, and the rest are Rye ringers.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER... .. <i>Treble</i>	* ALFRED MEARS... .. 5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 2	* ALBERT MARKS... .. 6
CHARLES H. RUSSELL 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
CHARLES J. FRAY 4	OWEN H. GILES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung after meeting short for Major.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY BOTTRILL <i>Treble</i>	REV. W. A. ERRINGTON... .. 5
* WILLIAM T. COOK 2	GEORGE DENT 6
HARRY SMALE 3	JOHN CORDELL 7
REV. W. S. WILLETT 4	JOHN SMITH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by G. DENT.

* First peal.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

ALFRED C. LIMPUS <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD STILWELL 5
WILLIAM C. PARKER 2	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
ALAN R. MACDONALD 4	JOSEPH GUTTERIDGE... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

This peal was arranged for Mr. A. C. Limpus, who hails from Vancouver, B.C.

LYMINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURGA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

PERCY J. PAINE <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. G. BRETT 5
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 2	CHAS. W. PLAYER 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	CHAS. W. BRETT 7
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE 4	ERNEST CHEESMAN Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung on the opening of a peal board.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

* WILLIAM MORGAN <i>Treble</i>	JAMES MORGAN... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	HENRY W. WILDE 6
SAMUEL JONES, Senr. 3	* PERCY H. SMITH 7
GEORGE JONES 4	JOHN THOMAS Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

* First peal. This peal was rung to welcome the Rev. C. E. M. Wilson as Rector of the parish, who was inducted the previous evening by the Ven. Archdeacon Barber.

CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs.

JOHN W. KELLEY <i>Treble</i>	HENRY DEW 5
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	REUBEN SANDERS 6
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

The band wish to thank Mr. J. W. Kelley and friends for their kind hospitality after the peal.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK POUNDS <i>Treble</i>	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE 5
ALBERT E. BROOKS... .. 2	JOHN MONK 6
EDMUND TOMLINSON 3	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 7
* ERNEST BROWN 4	GEORGE BROOKS Tenor

Conducted by AMBROSE W. OSBORNE.

* First peal. The ringers of 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 hail from Witney, Oxon.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, Senr. 5
NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON 2	PERCIVAL PRICE 6
* ALLEN R. HICKEN 3	ERNEST J. OLIVER 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4	HENRY FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal of Stedman.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK BENDALL <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE GRIFFITHS 5
WILLIAM COOPER 2	ELIJAH PAGETT... .. 6
WILLIAM PEART 3	ALBERT MILLS 7
* ARCHIE CADDICK 4	THOMAS TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT MILLS.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Joseph Mills on attaining his 60th birthday.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
CHARLES SAMSON 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY... .. 6
EDGAR H. BAILEY 3	ERNEST S. BAILEY 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. M. Bailey.

HURST, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qrs. 16 lbs.

*HARRY BUNGAY Treble	JOHN WADHAMS 5
*JOHN RANCE 2	WILLIAM J. PAICE 6
*JOSEPH WHITE 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 7
WILLIAM HORNE 4	*JOHN PRINCE Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor.
First peal of Stedman on the bells.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

DAVID THOMAS Treble	WILLIAM BOLTON 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK... .. 6
WILLIAM B. BISS 3	SIDNEY DAVE 7
WILLIAM COOMBS 4	ALLEN ROWLEY Tenor

Conducted by S. DAVE.

First peal as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of the conductor and as a birthday compliment to W. Coombs.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN LLOYD... .. Treble	WALTER PRESTIDGE... .. 5
JOSEPH FAULKNER 2	CHARLES E. PERKINS ... 6
HARRY HILL 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 7
VICTOR WHITE 4	HARRY PRICE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SPARROW Treble	THOMAS EDWIN 5
LOUIS SPARROW 2	CHARLES KNIGHT 6
AUGUSTINE DORE... .. 3	JAMES ADDIS 7
FRANK COOK... .. 4	*JOHN PERKINS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

* First peal on eight bells. All the band are market gardeners.
First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BRUTON'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs., in F.

CHARLES COTTRELL ... Treble	WILLIAM J. MEERS 5
*GEORGE F. SWANN... .. 2	JONATHAN PRESTON 6
GEORGE GARRISON 3	JOHN SANDERS 7
THOMAS WELLS 4	WILLIAM G. ANKER... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Frederic S. Swindell, M.A., on completing (on Jan 25th) 25 years as Vicar of Erdington.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)

On Sunday, January 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

ARTHUR E. MOORE ... Treble	THOMAS FITZJOHN 5
FRANK J. LEVITT 2	CHARLES WOODCOCK ... 6
WALTER RADLEY 3	HARRY R. MOORE 7
FREDERICK G. DEWELL ... 4	CHARLES CARTER Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

QUEENBOROUGH, ISLE OF SHEPPY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 6 cwt.

RICHARD S. STAINES ... Treble	JAMES NYE... .. 4
GEORGE H. SPICE 2	CHARLES TUMBER 5
WILLIAM HYLAND 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by W. NYE.

First peal on the bells. H. Spice hails from Tunstall, W. Hyland from Upchurch, J. and W. Nye from Rodmersham, and C. Tumber from Teynham. R. Staines belongs to the local band.

BURSLEM, STOKE-ON-TRENT.

STOKE ARCHDEACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BOURNE ... Treble	*THOMAS HURD 4
*LEVESON PENNINGTON ... 2	*THOMAS HILDITCH 5
*JOSEPH HURD 3	*JOHN FARRELL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FARRELL.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

UPCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, two 720's of Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt., in F sharp.

*ALBERT J. BISHOP ... Treble	VICTOR A. JARRETT, R.E. 4
CECIL C. BISHOP 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND ... 3	ALBERT J. DAY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

* First peal. W. T. Hyland's 50th peal.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

In five methods.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WM. GORDON, Senr. Treble	JAS. FERNLEY 4
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2	SIDNEY HOUGH 5
GEO. D. WARBURTON 3	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

All took part in conducting—Wm. Gordon, Grandsire; J. W. Hartley, College Single; Sidney Hough, Plain Bob; G. D. Warburton, Kent; Jas. Fernley, Kent; Rev. A. T. Beeston, two 720's of Oxford.

Four towers were represented, viz.: Stockport St. Mary's, New Mills; Stockport St. Mary's; Norbury, Knutsford, Norbury respectively.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 14 Six-scores of Plain Bob and 28 Six-scores of Grandsire.

GEORGE LUCK Treble	CHARLES HAINES 3
THOMAS LAW 2	FRED. HOPPER 4
FRED. WILFORD Tenor	

Conducted by F. WILFORD.

TALGARH, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES POWELL Treble	LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 4
LEONARD LEWIS 2	WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS 5
WILLIAM PRITCHARD 3	EMANUEL BOWEN Tenor

Conducted by W. D. GRIFFITHS.

This peal was rung to welcome the new Vicar and his wife (the Rev. W. and Mrs. Roberts) who are taking a keen interest in the ringers and their ringing generally. The ringers take this opportunity of wishing them a very prosperous life in their new parish.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, and 720 Plain Bob.

H. HALL Treble	W. BURGESS 4
W. G. CRICKMER 2	G. STANNARD 5
W. E. MAULDEN 3	G. BALLS Tenor

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor's mother upon her 83rd birthday.

LLANGARREN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*ANDREW PARRY Treble	WILLIAM SHORT 4
*REGINALD DULLAM 2	HENRY KEMP 5
HENRY WEALE 3	THOMAS AMOS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

HARRY JEWISS Treble	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 4
WILLIAM SPICE, Senr. 2	THOMAS JULL 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND 3	ALBERT J. DAY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

MAKER, CORNWALL.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Called differently.

*GEORGE T. SMITH Treble	*WILLIAM T. LINNELL 4
†JOHN H. GLUYAS 2	†HAROLD BENNETT 5
*WILLIAM E. DAVEY 3	*GEORGE H. KERSWILL Tenor

Conducted by H. BENNETT.

* First peal of Doubles. † First as conductor. ‡ First peal with a bob bell. First peal of Doubles on the bells, for the use of which the ringers thank the Rector.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Neasden Delight, College Exercise, Woodbine, College Bob IV, Willesden Delight and Old Oxford Modernised. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 25 lbs.

RICHARD KILBY Treble	THOMAS LANGDON 4
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	HARRY KILBY 5
LAWRENCE B. PORTER 3	ALFRED HILL Tenor

Conducted by HARRY KILBY.

First peal in seven Treble Bob methods on the bells.

CEFN COED, BRECONSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS DAVIES Treble	ALBERT E. HARRIS 4
WILLIAM CHAPPELL 2	ALBERT HUNT 5
ISAAC REED 3	JOHN REES Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HUNT.

This was the first peal on the bells and by all the band. Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. P. Lipsett, of Bilbao, Spain, who was interred at Cefn Cemetery on the above date.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ALFRED CLARK Treble	WALTER W. BONHAM 4
HERBERT C. EDWARDS 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS 5
EDWIN YATES 3	Cecil A. VALENTINE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to Herbert C. Edwards, who attained his majority on the 25th.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

H. JEWISS	Treble	J. NYE	4
G. EASTMAN	2	C. TUMBER... ..	5
A. J. DAY	3	W. NYE	Tenor

Conducted by W. NYE.

HANDBELL PEALS.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 26, 1912, in One Hour and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

REGGIE CHAPMAN	1-2	DAVID J. NICHOLS	3-4
EDWARD CHAPMAN	5-6		

Conducted by EDWARD CHAPMAN. Umpire, W. MACE.

First peal by the ringer of the trebles who is only 13 years old and was proposed a member of the Association before starting.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Handbells size 21, in D (Tenor 2 lbs. 9 ozs.).

FREDERICK A. HOLDEN	1-2	THOMAS BERNARD	5-6
GEORGE THOMPSON	3-4	ARTHUR T. MORRIS	7-8

Composed by LIOUS HEAD, and Conducted by F. A. HOLDEN.
Umpire, T. CHAPMAN. Witness, T. WRIGHT.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, January 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF H. LANGDON, 70, SALTERFORD ROAD, Tooting, S.W.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HERBERT LANGDON	1-2	HARRY R. PASMORE	5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	3-4	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL	7-8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY. Umpire: FREDK. J. HARDY.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5103 CHANCES;

ALFRED H. PULLING	1-2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE	5-6
MAURICE SMITHER	3-4	JAMES HUNT	7-8
FRANK BLONDELL	9-10		

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire: S. RADFORD.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to M. Smither. This peal has each quarter in the titums and handstroke positions alternately.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Handbells size 20, in E.

FREDERICK A. HOLDEN... ..	1-2	THOMAS BERNARD	5-6
GEORGE THOMPSON	3-4	ARTHUR T. MORRIS	7-8

Composed by JOHN HOWES, and
Conducted by ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Rung as a farewell peal to F. A. Holden, R.N., who is leaving this port to be stationed at Queensferry.

PEALS NOT PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED.

PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

ALFRED CLEMENTS	Treble	DAVID LEGGETT	4
GEORGE ABLITT	2	CHAS. E. FISHER	5
HENRY PUTTOCK... ..	3	WM. SAWYER	Tenor

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

CHRISTLETON, CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 22, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

AUSTIN GREGORY	Treble	WILLIAM MAYERS	5
RICHARD LUNT	2	JAMES V. WRIGHT	6
JOSEPH MAYERS	3	WALTER THOMAS	7
JOHN ROBERTS	4	HAROLD WRIGHT	Tenor

Conducted by J. V. WRIGHT.

The peal of Double Norwich Major, rung at Palgrave, Suffolk, on January 23rd, 1911, published without the name of a Society, belongs to the Norwich Association.

The time of the peal at Waltham Abbey on December 26th, 1911, was three hours and eleven minutes.

The interesting little Norman church of Bigby is to have a ring of six bells erected in the tower. The work is being carried out by Messrs. John Warner & Sons, Ltd., London.

WITNEY RINGERS AT READING.

On Saturday last, five of the Witney ringers took advantage of an excursion to Reading, where arrangements had been made for an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Giles' Church. The band was completed by Mr. F. Pounds and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who formerly were both ringers at Witney, and Mr. A. W. Osborne, foreman of St. Giles' company. The peal was successfully accomplished after 2 hrs. 57 mins. good striking, and Mr. E. Brown was congratulated upon scoring his first peal. On descending the tower, the ringers were met by Mr. A. E. Reeves, secretary of the Guild, and Mr. C. R. Lilley. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn very kindly invited the party to tea at the Victoria Cafe, where a very pleasant hour was spent.—Mr. J. Monk, in a very jocular speech, thanked the Reading men for making the visitors so welcome, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn for his hospitality. — After a short look round, the Witney men left for home at 8.55 p.m., after a very pleasant half-day's excursion.—The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. F. J. C. Gillmor, Vicar of St. Giles, for the use of the bells.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX. — At St. John the Baptist Church, on Christmas morning, 720 Plain Bob: A. Fiddis 1, F. Doran (first 720 on a bob bell) 2, S. Hayes 3, W. Miller 4, G. Dawson 5, J. Moule (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, December 31st, 720 Plain Bob: F. Doran 1, A. Prior (first 720 on a bob bell) 2, S. Hayes 3, W. Miller 4, G. Dawson 5, J. Moule (conductor) 6.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK. —Norwich Association.—On Dec. 31st, at St. Mary's Church, by the local company, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: S. Nunn, junr., 1, C. R. Chamberlin 2, R. Haines 3, J. Long 4, H. Spurgeon 5, S. Nunn (conductor) 6. After evening service, 720 Bob Minor: C. Kidd 1, S. Nunn, junr., 2, R. Haines 3, J. Ives 4, J. Long 5, S. Nunn (conductor) 6. At midnight, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 44 mins.: E. Wornes 1, C. R. Chamberlin 2, R. Haines 3, C. Spurgeon 4, J. Long 5, S. Nunn (conductor) 6. Good striking was maintained throughout.

MORPETH.—At the Old Clock Tower, on Sunday, Dec. 31st, for morning service, 720 Double Court; for evening service, 720 Kent Minor. At night, from 10.30 until midnight, touches of Double Court, Oxford Minor, and Stedman Doubles, with bells half-muffled. The New Year was welcomed with 250 Bob Triples, followed by short touches of Kent Minor and Double Court.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

JOHN CARTER—COMPOSER AND INVENTOR.

The Exercise contains many clever and able exponents, but no finer example is to be found of the brainy men who adorn the ringing world at the present day and who give the lie direct to the ignorant aspersions such as were recently cast upon ringers by a certain baronet, than Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham, who has brought into his association with ringing that inventive genius which he has so successfully applied in other channels, and which has placed him in the front rank of composers. To the younger members of the Exercise he is perhaps better known as a composer, but a perusal of his list of peals will show his remarkable versatility as a



MR. JOHN CARTER.

ringer. His originality in the realm of figures is well-known, for apart from many celebrated compositions, he is the author of a number of methods.

Mr. Carter was born at Darlaston, in the heart of the "black country," on April 30th, 1854, and first entered a belfry at his native place on Sunday, July 6th, 1873, when the ringers were busy with "Stedman" and he proved himself to be an apt pupil. On December 18th of the same year he took part in a date touch of Stedman Triples at Willenhall, and then—just a week after—for a second time visited Enfield for a period of three months in order to complete a contract, and came in contact with the Messrs. Carrs, Powell and Alps at Waltham Abbey. Mr. T. Powell having asked him to learn a course of Stedman Triples on handbells, he made his first attempt, and succeeded in ringing 3-4 through a course in which Mr. Matt Wood, of Bethnal Green, took part. Returning from

Enfield he next worked at West Bromwich under that famous Treble Bob composer, Paul Cashmore. On July 7th, 1874, he rang in his maiden peal at Willenhall—with two conductors—while he scored his first peal of Stedman Triples at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, on December 20th, 1875. Peal ringing was not an every day occurrence in those days.

The first peal of which he was conductor was on February 22nd, 1876 (Paul Cashmore taking part in it), when he called Holt's original the first time it was ever rung in the county of Stafford. Then, on July 1st, 1876, he rang 5-6 through his first peal on handbells at the residence of the late Henry Johnson—a peal of Grandsire Triples conducted by his friend, the late Henry Bastable. His first peal as conductor on handbells was on March 16th, 1878, at his own residence at Churchfield, West Bromwich, when he rang 3-4 through Holt's Original, this being the first peal ever rung in hand in the county of Stafford. In the same year, on May 28th, he rang in his first peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, the peal being composed and conducted by the late Henry Johnson. In June of 1880 Mr. Carter removed from West Bromwich to Birmingham, finding employment at the firm of Messrs. P. Webley and Sons, now Webley and Scotts, Ltd., small arms manufacturers, where he is still engaged. That he is a versatile genius of strenuous and many sided activities is attested by the fact that his name can be found in many of the patent records for inventions and improvements in fire arms, in conjunction with his employers.

It is noteworthy that he conducted the first peals on handbells ever rung in Birmingham of Grandsire Major, Caters, Royal and Cinques, and also Bob Major. On the 16th October, 1883, he composed and conducted what was at that time the record peal on handbells, 10,176 Grandsire Major, in four hours and 55 minutes, and, later, a record peal of Grandsire Caters on handbells of 6137 changes. Not until December 5th, 1885, did he call a peal of Stedman Triples, when he succeeded in doing so at Perry Barr. Then, after a lapse of thirteen years from the commencement of his ringing career, he conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung upon the bells at his native place, Darlaston. On November 20th, 1886, we find him ringing the 2nd at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, in the first silent peal ever rung on tower bells, while he also took part in the "All Conductors" peal at the same place on its anniversary. He can boast of being the first Birmingham man to ring a peal in a Surprise method, accomplishing that feat at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, in Superlative, Cambridge and London. In 1889, on November 16th, at Sheffield Parish Church, he conducted his first peal of Maximus—Kent Treble Bob.

On May 10th, 1893, he had the honour of being selected as one of the national representatives at the opening of the Imperial Institute and bells by her late Majesty Queen Victoria. Elected on the Central Council at its commencement, as the representative of the Birmingham Amalgamated Society, he is now and has been for years past an honorary member of the Council, while he is also a life member of nearly every Association and Guild of Ringers in England.

As a composer he has few equals, his ambition always being to obtain peals which are worth looking at for their sterling qualities—such as his Stedman Caters containing in a 5003 the sixth its full extent at home, both in the tittums and handstroke home positions, i.e., 240, or 120 times each way; also other similar qualities, such as the

same extent with the sixth in fifth's place 240 times, and peals with the sixth 120 times in fifth's and sixth's place in the tittums. He was the first to get all the 5-6's and 6-5's, both in tittums and handstroke home positions in Stedman Cinques. His odd bob one part peal of Stedman Triples, and his broad sheet of Stedman Caters with its 7,000 peals of 5000 and over, together with his numerous peals of Stedman Cinques bear testimony to his untiring zeal and ability in composition and compilation, but, indeed, to enumerate all his special compositions and their qualities would require quite a bulky volume.

Just on the verge of completion, Mr. Carter is now still at work on a truly wonderful machine, which is capable of doing anything automatically which can be done upon bells. For instance, it will ring a single bell, produce the two changes on two bells, six on three bells, twenty-four on four bells, and so on up to the extent on twelve bells—always supposing that it will last the time. The machine can be arranged to ring any method, either in existence or to be created, on any number of bells, or it can be made to work the changes without the bells sounding, the same as practising with the clappers tied. It can ring Triples, leaving out the second or any other bell; it will ring Doubles on ten bells, and have 1-8, 2-9, 3-10, 4-11 and 5-12 striking together. It can be made to print the figures of every change, or the course ends only as they are being rung. It will also make the diagrams showing the working of the method on which it is engaged; it will show how many changes have been rung, and will make any kind of call, such as "bob," "single," etc., always providing they are called at the proper time.

It is most interesting to watch the slides while the machine is in motion, because the hunting, place making and dodging can all be readily seen and followed. When a slide is in line with the side of the machine it is in first place (leading), when 3-16th in. away from the side of the machine in second's place, 3-8th in. from the side in third's place, and so on until it is 2 1-16th in. away or twelfth's place behind, when it will be seen that the other end of the slide is level with the other side of the machine.

This machine was first started upon twenty-four years ago, and is at present in full working order, the writer having heard Stedman Cinques and Duffield Maximus upon it to perfection, but it just wants the slight finishing touches which are required to satisfy its inventor and creator. Mr. Carter says it would have been finished years ago had he only been able to afford the expense and infinity of labour it has cost—most undeniably a true labour of love.

The following is a rough list of the peals Mr. Carter has taken part in:—

Grandsire Triples	45	Conducted	28
Grandsire Major	13	Conducted	13
Grandsire Caters	45	Conducted	37
Grandsire Royal	2	Conducted	2
Grandsire Cinques	2	Conducted	2
Grandsire Maximus	1	Conducted	1
Stedman Triples	40	Conducted	27
Stedman Caters	15	Conducted	9
Stedman Cinques	13	Conducted	2
New Grandsire Triples	5	Conducted	1
New Grandsire Caters	1		
Plain Bob Triples	3	Conducted	3
Plain Bob Major	19	Conducted	17
Plain Bob Caters	1	Conducted	1
Plain Bob Royal	5	Conducted	4
Treble Bob Major	5	Conducted	3

Treble Bob Royal	4	Conducted	3
Treble Bob Maximus	2	Conducted	1
Forward Major	5	Conducted	5
Forward Royal	3	Conducted	2
Forward Maximus	1	Conducted	1
Duffield Royal	1		
Union Triples	3	Conducted	2
Oxford Bob Triples	1	Conducted	1
Double Oxford Bob Major	2	Conducted	1
Double Norwich Major	2	Conducted	2
Canterbury Major	2	Conducted	2
College Single Triples	1	Conducted	1
Darlaston Bob Triples	14	Conducted	14
Darlaston Bob Caters	1	Conducted	1
Handsworth Major	1	Conducted	1
Handsworth Royal	1	Conducted	1
Aston Major	1	Conducted	1
Aston Royal	1	Conducted	1
Erin Cinques	1		
Superlative Surprise Major	3		
Cambridge Surprise Major	2		
London Surprise Major	1		

Total ... 268

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Of the foregoing 27 were rung upon handbells, 22 being conducted.

ODD CHANGES.

A number of items, including a letter from Mr. H. Dains, on "St. Clement's Major"; the Beginners' Corner, etc., are unavoidably held over.

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Reggie Chapman, the 13 year old son of Mr. E. Chapman, of Kettering, has scored his first peal—Bob Minor on handbells, to which he rang 1-2. Other and younger brothers are, however, coming on. On Thursday in last week 720 Bob Minor was rung by father and three sons: Reggie Chapman (aged 13) 1-2, Leonard Chapman (aged 11) 3, Cecil Chapman (aged 10) 4, E. Chapman (conductor) 5-6. Bravo, boys!

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The attempt for the long peal of Cambridge Major at Clent on Saturday by the Worcestershire Association, unfortunately, came to grief after ringing about 5700 changes in 3 hours 30 minutes.

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Peal attempts by journalists (who, by the way, do not seem to be very numerous in the Exercise) and postal officials have been spoken of in this column, but the market gardeners have taken a similar job in hand and completed it. They rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Mickleton, Gloucestershire, last Saturday.

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Mr. William Willson has just given at Leicester an interesting lantern lecture on the origin, history and literature of bells. He had a large and appreciative audience. If these lectures were made more general, public interest in ringing would be increased.

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Miss B. Mitchell, of Shipley, Sussex, scored her first 720 of Bob Minor last Friday, and is to be congratulated upon the way in which she rang her bell. It was her first attempt, having only rung one plain course before.

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RINGERS' DINNER AT SHEFFIELD.

The annual dinner and concert, in connection with the St. John the Evangelist's Society, Ranmoor, Sheffield, took place on Tuesday evening, January 23rd, at the Ranmoor Inn. Some twenty odd ringers and friends did ample justice to a capital repast served by Host. Hutton. After dinner the party adjourned to the smoke room, where the remainder of the evening was occupied by an excellent musical entertainment. The loyal toast was duly honoured, and the programme was fittingly opened by a selection on the handbells. Other items included a quartette, "Here's life and health to England's King," by Messrs. T. Cooper, H. Dakin, H. Mellor and E. Sheridan, who as an encore sang, "My maid of the mountain"; song, "Gentlemen, the King!" Mr. E. Sheridan; song, "Mary," Mr. H. Dakin; song, "Anchored," Mr. F. Sheridan; song, "The bell at sea," Mr. Room; quartette, "Comrades in Arms" (encore, "North West Wind"); duet, "Battle eve," Messrs. H. Dakin and E. Sheridan; song, "When shadows gather," Mr. J. Dakin; humorous song, "Packed every night," Host Hutton; song, "Father O'Flynn," Mr. F. Sheridan; song, "Sympathy," Mr. J. Dakin; song, "Ianthie," Mr. H. Dakin; trio, "Gipsies' laughter," and quartette, "When shadows gather"; interspersed with selections on the handbells by Messrs. H. and F. Ward, L. Charlesworth, C. Haines and S. Thomas. — This was the fourteenth of these annual gatherings which have all been pleasant reunions, and, while some have been as good, none have been better than this last one. Messrs. Charlesworth and Badger acted as accompanists.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION AT EASTBOURNE.

About 40 members of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association met for their quarterly meeting at the Parish Church, Eastbourne, on Saturday week. After ringing in the afternoon, service was held in the church, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Streetfield, M.A., R.D., the address being much enjoyed. By the kindness of Mr. Streetfield the company sat down to an excellent tea at the Pitman Institute. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded that gentleman for his presence at the meeting, for providing the tea and for the use of this beautiful peal of bells.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

EAST MOLESEY.—On Sunday, Dec. 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, ten 120's Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: F. Brown 1, W. J. Hall 2, W. Halls 3, J. Baldwin 4, J. Howes (conductor) 5, H. Waters 6.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. G. Naish 1, *W. J. Hall 2, J. Howes (conductor) 3, *Miss Eileen Fisher 4, J. H. B. Hesse 5, J. N. Frossell 6, G. Spencer 7, J. Chandler 8. *First quarter-peal.

HAUGHTON, STAFFS.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—On Sunday, Dec. 10th, for morning service, in 45 mins., at the Church of St. Giles, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1260 changes), being eight six-scores of St. Dunstan's and 2½ of Grandsire: *L. Johnson 1, *B. M. Duke 2, *C. Smith 3, G. Booth 4, J. Taylor (conductor) 5. *First quarter-peal. First quarter-peal on the bells by local ringers.

SOUTHBROOM, DEVIZES.—The Salisbury Guild.—At St. James' Church, on the eve of St. Thomas' Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 40 mins.: J. L. Hutton 1, C. D. Heginbotham 2, R. Haslehurst 3, S. Hillier (conductor) 4, F. Green 5, H. Brownlee West 6.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 24th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: J. Bugby 1, F. Jones 2, W. Purser 3, W. Dunkley 4, H. Guess 5, J. Guess (conductor) 6.—On Dec. 25th, 720 each of Oxford Bob and Bob Minor.—On New Year's Eve, at midnight, 720 Bob Minor: J. Bugby 1, F. Cook 2, F. Jones 3, R. Dunkley 4, H. Guess 5, J. Guess (conductor) 6.—For evening service on Jan. 7th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Bugby 1, H. Guess 2, J. Coleman 3, J. Guess 4, R. Dunkley 5, J. Nickerson (conductor) 6.

BIRMINGHAM.—The St. Martin's Guild.—On Dec. 26th, at the Parish Church, 1587 Stedman Cinques, in 72 mins.: T. Reeves 1, F. Dickens 2, C. Dickens 3, J. E. Groves (conductor) 4, T. Reynolds 5, J. L. Wells 6, M. J. Morris 7, F. Wilford 8, J. Neal 9, T. Miller 10, A. E. Pegler 11, H. Dickens 12. This was an attempt for a peal, but Mr. Reynolds, not feeling well, asked the conductor in the 10th course to call the bells round, which was done in the 12th course. It proved, unfortunately, to be the late Mr. Reynolds' last touch.

HARLOW.—Essex Association.—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Harlow Common, at midnight, on Dec. 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 23 mins.: F. Wheeler 1, W. Morris 2, H. Bottrill (conductor) 3, T. Smith 4, T. Cordle 5, H. Smale 6.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, 720, with 6-8 covering, in the same method.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, for evening service, at St. Mary Abbot's, 1040 Kent Treble Bob Royal: F. G. Symonds 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, C. J. Dobbie 3, J. Hayward 4, E. G. Stibbons 5, P. F. Miles 6, W. A. Garrard 7, H. G. Miles 8, R. Charge 9, C. Charge 10.—On Sunday, Jan. 14th, for evening service, 1263 Stedman Cinques: A. V. Selby 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, H. Dains 3, J. Hayward 4, W. G. Matthews 5, C. J. Dobbie 6, W. A. Garrard 7, J. H. Mackman 8, H. G. Miles 9, E. G. Stibbons 10.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester Guild was held on Saturday last, at Fareham, when members attended from Titchfield, Wickham, Swanmore, Bishop's Waltham; St. Mary's and St. Thomas, Portsmouth; North Stoneham, Havant, Fareham, and Curdridge. Among the visitors were Mr. A. T. King, Rev. E. Banks James, and Mr. Beer. The bells were very kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers, who also attended the service at which an able address was given by the Master (the Rev. C. E. Matthews), the Vicar of Fareham assisting at the service. Tea was served at Mr. Pyle's Temperance Hotel, and the business, which followed, was presided over by the Master. The officers were re-elected as follows: Rev. C. E. Matthews, chairman; Mr. J. W. Whiting, hon. secretary; Mr. G. E. Chappell, assistant secretary; Mr. J. Symons, auditor; and Messrs. G. E. Chappell and J. E. Harding, representatives on the Central Committee.—The balance sheet, together with the auditors' report, was presented and adopted, and showed receipts amounting to £12 14s., and expenses £5 18s. 2d., leaving a balance to the credit of the districts of £6 15s.—Mr. A. T. King's name was added to the hon. members' list, and six pull members and two probationers were elected.—The places chosen for the next quarterly meetings were: Titchfield, in April; Ryde, July 20th; Bishop's Waltham, in October; and Portsea for the next annual meeting.

An extra meeting at Wickham is to be arranged by the secretary, Col. and Mrs. Farquhar, of Park Place, Wickham, having kindly offered to give the ringers a tea on the lawn during the summer.—The offer was gratefully accepted by the members, and thanks were accorded Col. and Mrs. Farquhar for their kindness.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. C. E. Matthews for his very able address, the Rev. J. E. Tarbat for the use of the bells, and Mr. A. T. King for kindly taking the chair when the Master had to leave. This brought a very pleasant gathering to a close, and the members again visited the belfry, when touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob were rung.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Friday, January 19th, Mr. and Mrs. William Gordon, of Stockport, celebrated their golden wedding, and were the recipients of many congratulations from a large circle of friends. Mr. Gordon is the steeplekeeper at St. Mary's Church, and the happy event was celebrated by an "all-conducted" peal of Minor in five methods. It was Mr. Gordon's first peal of Minor, although he took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples as far back as March 29th, 1857, and rang on the occasion of the national rejoicing in 1854 for the victory of the British arms at Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon were married at St. Thomas', Norbury—where the golden wedding peal was rung—on Sunday, January 19th, 1862, and as they left the church at 10 a.m. they heard a jumpy sort of combined wedding and service peal, produced by a sort of barrel organ arrangement, turned by hand, and very imperfect and unsatisfactory. Afterwards the tenor was broken by the heavy hammer, and the accident sealed the doom of the machine, and brought the ringers on the scene again, after the bell had been recast.

In addition to the peal of Minor, with which the jubilee of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon's married life was celebrated, and which is recorded in another column, an attempt was made on Jan. 21st by eight members of the St. Mary's, Stockport, company, for Shipway's ten-part peal of Grandsire, but it was unfortunately lost, after less than one hour's ringing: A. G. Clarke 1, H. Reynolds 2, J. H. Mason 3, P. Bricknell 4, Alfred Gordon 5, W. Gordon, junr., 6, A. S. Gordon (conductor) 7, E. Edmonds 8. On Monday, Jan. 22nd, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon entertained a large party of friends at Cropley's Cafe, Stockport, tea being followed by a musical entertainment and a dance.

LANCASHIRE MEETING AT BOLTON.

An excellent monthly meeting of the Bolton branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Bolton Parish Church, on Saturday last, when about 30 members were present from Newchurch, Tyldesley, Walkden, and Pendleton, together with the local ringers. Some very good touches were rung. One hon. member and two performing members were elected, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Deane.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Northampton district was held at Harlestone on Saturday last, members being present from All Saints', St. Giles', St. Peter's, and St. Edmund's, Northampton, Weston Favel, Duston, Kingshorpe, and Easton Mandit. The bells are a fine peal of six (tenor 21 cwt.), and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob Minor, Stedman, and Grandsire Doubles, were rung on them during the afternoon and evening. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw provided an excellent tea, to which about 20 members sat down. Afterwards the business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. Thos. Law Weston. Several new members were elected, and it was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Long Buckby, in July, and a special meeting at Moulton, on Saturday, April 27th.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for their kindly welcome.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**A MARQUESS AS HON. MEMBER.**

A quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Hinckley, on Saturday last, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent, the weather being for the time of year ideal. Good use of the peal of eight was made throughout the afternoon and evening. A very nice tea was provided in the Church Schoolroom, and at the subsequent general meeting the vice-president occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. W. P. Hurrell (Vicar of Hinckley), the Rev. J. F. Griffiths (Holy Trinity, Hinckley), the Rev. G. M. Edmonds (Stoke Golding), Mr. E. D. Taylor, Mr. W. C. Wakley (hon. treasurer), and others, about 35 being present.

The Chairman said that as the Vicar of Hinckley was obliged to leave immediately to fulfil an engagement elsewhere, he would at once propose a hearty vote of thanks to him for his kindness in allowing the ringers the use of the bells and schoolroom, and for his presence at the tea.—This was seconded by Mr. W. C. Wakley, and carried with applause.—The Vicar briefly replied that it was a pleasure to him to welcome the Association to Hinckley, and hoped all would thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Messrs. E. D. Taylor and C. Draper were appointed to audit the accounts for the past year, on the proposition of Mr. H. Wakley, seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfeld.—The Chairman drew attention to the peals rung during the past quarter, viz., 53 on tower bells and three on handbells, the former having been rung in 34 towers extending practically over the whole area of the Association, and including a 6000 of Kent Treble Bob Royal, at Chesterfield—a record length in the method for the Association.

The Revs. C. J. Sturton (Vicar of Orston, Notts), and E. Douglas Starey (Rector of Sharnford, Hinckley), and the Marquess of Anglesey, were elected hon. members of the Association. Sixteen ringing members were also admitted.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. B. Mitchell, and seconded by Mr. C. Draper, was carried unanimously, and a return was then made to the tower, where ringing was again enthusiastically indulged in.

BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Burton-on-Trent district was held in St. Paul's Institute, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday week, the Rev. J. J. Stockley (Vicar of St. Paul's, and chairman of the district) presiding. Those present included the Rev. J. H. Martin (curate of Horninglow), Mr. W. C. Wakley, hon. treasurer of the Association, and members from St. Paul's and St. Modwen's, Burton, Elwell, Newhall, Ashby, Uttoxeter, Horninglow, Rolleston, etc., and Mr. H. Wakley, local hon. secretary. The following were elected to serve in the various offices for the year 1912: Chairman of the district, the Rev. J. J. Stockley; committee, Messrs. E. I. Stone and E. W. Beadsmore; local hon. secretary, H. Wakley. Nominations for the general officers of the Association were as follows: President, Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart.; vice-president, Mr. J. W. Taylor; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. C. Wakley; hon. secretary, Mr. W. E. White; delegate to Central Council, Mr. J. Griffin. The Local Secretary having presented a report of the various ringing meetings held in the district during the twelve months just ended, a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding brought the meeting to a close.—Before and after the meeting, the bells of St. Paul's Church were kept going in various methods.

RE-OPENING OF BELLS AT BRIGG.**PEAL REDUCED FROM EIGHT TO SIX.**

In these days, when the augmentation of bells seems an almost daily occurrence, it is certainly strange to hear of a peal of eight being reduced to six. Yet this is what has happened at Brigg, in Lincolnshire. A correspondent informs us that the reason is that the church authorities and others who had the matter in hand were afraid they would not be able to raise sufficient money to carry out necessary restoration to the church and bells, and, therefore, the two trebles were sold to help defray the expenses. It now turns out that after the whole thing is completed there will be a balance in hand of nearly £100. The six bells have been retuned and rehung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London, who have carried out their work admirably. The bells have been dedicated by the Bishop of Lincoln (Dr. Hicks), and after the service, the parishioners assembled at tea in the Corn Exchange, and a "social" followed. During the afternoon and evening several touches were rung on the bells (including 720 Bob Minor), ringers from Gainsborough assisting the local company.

W. T. HYLAND'S FIFTY PEALS.

Of the fifty peals rung by Mr. W. T. Hyland, 49 have been on six bells, viz.: One peal of Minor (10,080 changes), in nine methods, 38 in seven methods, three in six methods, one in five methods, four in four methods, one in three methods, and one in two methods. The remaining peal was Grandsire Triples. He has taken part in the first peals on the bells at eleven churches; and the first peals in seven methods at twelve churches. The fifty peals have been rung in 16 towers. Mr. Hyland has rung 1,208 720's in 20 methods, and has conducted 220.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**THE FIRST LADY RINGERS.**

A quarterly meeting was held at Warwick on Saturday last. The ringers present represented Allesley, Coventry, Rugby, Warwick, and Stratford-on-Avon, and in the evening Miss Joyce Williams, the Vicar's daughter, who has taken up the art, in company with her sister, and Mrs. Hatton-Fraenkel, wife of the senior curate of St. Mary's, joined in the ringing. They are the first ladies to ring a touch with the members of the Guild. St. Nicholas tower was open from 4 to 5 o'clock, and was well patronised, and then the members adjourned to tea at the Eastgate Restaurant.—The business meeting followed, Mr. W. G. Dickens being voted to the chair. It was decided to visit Bedworth for the next quarterly meeting, and the monthly meetings were arranged for May and June, at Hampton-on-Arden and Polesworth respectively.—Eleven new members were elected, including the Rev. H. Bell, of Leamington, who is now doing his best to instruct a band of change ringers in the town. Five of the new members belong to the Allesley band. They have a six-bell tower, and a nice going ring, and the Stoke-on-Coventry men have kept in close touch with them for some time, with good results.—Mr. J. George proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicars of St. Nicholas and St. Mary's for their kind permission to ring, and then a move was made to St. Mary's, where the bells were kept going for the rest of the evening. The methods rung during the afternoon were Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Royal, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, and Superlative Surprise Major.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING.**

A bye meeting of this district was held at Springfield on Saturday week. After tea, Mr. Edwards presided over the business, and Mr. W. J. Lay, of Springfield, was elected a member. Widford was selected for the next meeting on Easter Monday.—A hearty vote of thanks were accorded the Rev. F. S. Paynter and the Rev. C. Edmunds, of Broomfield, for the use of their bells.

After a few selections on the Association's handbells by Messrs. Letch, Edwards and Wood, and a course of Grandsire Caters by Messrs. Richell, Lincoln, Edwards, Cooper, and Kirton, the tower was again visited, and ringing indulged in till 9 p.m., when an adjournment was once again made to the Plough, and a social hour spent in handbell ringing. The methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. Broomfield, 2½ miles away, with its recently rehung peal, were open for ringing, but owing to the wretched state of the roads and the very dark night, not sufficient ringers could be persuaded to undertake the journey.

PEAL BOARDS UNVEILED.

An interesting little ceremony took place in the belfry of the Parish Church of Sunbury-on-Thames on January 18th, the occasion being the unveiling of a peal board recording a peal of Stedman Triples rung on July 18th, 1910, by the Middlesex Association. The newly-appointed Vicar (the Rev. P. C. West) dedicated the board, and unveiled it, giving a very appropriate address. The ringers present included the local company, and members from Staines and Teddington. The board was made, painted and lettered by Mr. H. Walter, and also presented to the church by him. He was warmly thanked by the Vicar and ringers, and congratulated on his excellent work. Touches of Grandsire Triples were then rung by the local ringers and visitors, conducted by W. Grigg, of Sunbury, and Mr. Parker, of Staines.

LYMINGE, KENT.

In the fine historical Church of Lyminge (the north wall of which was built by St. Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, in the time of King Edgar, and who was much interested in bells and bell founding, a new peal board, the generous gift of the Rev. A. F. Rutty, M.A. (Rector of Lyminge) was formally opened on Saturday, January 27th, and the occasion was celebrated by a well-struck peal of Stedman Triples, ably conducted by Mr. E. G. Buesden, who also manufactured the peal board. Previous to the former opening of the board, which records a peal of Stedman Triples rung last July, the Rev. A. F. Rutty very kindly entertained the company to tea at the Rectory, while before the peal was attempted, the Rector offered prayers, and gave a short address of encouragement.—It may instruct our readers to know that the fine massive tower is the work of Archbishop Markam, in the time of Henry VIII.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

The St. John's Ringing Society, Cefn Coed, had their annual supper at the Church Hall, on Tuesday, January 16th. There were also present Sunday School teachers, Church officers and workers, to the number of 110, all invited by the Rector (the Rev. J. Davies) and Mrs. Davies. After supper a musical programme was gone through, and votes of thanks were accorded the Rector and Mrs. Davies for their kind hospitality. The Rector briefly responded, and referred to the ringers' devotion to duty in the tower.—Capt. Hunt thanked the donors on behalf of the ringers.

Peal cards 1s. 1d. per dozen, post free. Order and remittance must accompany the peal when sent us for publication.

SURREY ASSOCIATION EXTENDING.

BRANCH FOR THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTY.

The annual meeting of the Surrey Association was held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, and a large and representative gathering attended. During the afternoon and evening touches in various eight and ten-bell methods were rung on the fine bells of the Parish Church. The members attended service, at which an appropriate address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Young). Between 70 and 80 members sat down to tea, and at the business meeting, which followed, the Vicar (who is also treasurer of the Association), presided, and welcomed the Association to Kingston. He congratulated them upon the large attendance, and upon the fact that they had recently been successful in ringing a peal on Kingston bells.

THE OFFICERS.

It was resolved to ask the new Bishop of Southwark to become president of the Association, in place of Dr. Talbot, who is now Bishop of Winchester. The following officers were re-elected: Hon. treasurer, the Rev. A. S. Young; hon. secretary, Mr. C. F. Johnston; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. Daniels; auditors, Messrs. Smith and Gower; hon. members on the committee, Dr. A. B. Carpenter, Messrs. P. Sylvester, C. B. Malin and A. A. Johnston, Mr. C. Dean (late hon. sec.) being added.

On the election of Central Council representatives, Mr. W. Smith asked to be enlightened upon what good the Central Council was.—The Chairman: We cannot discuss the question whether the Council are any good or not.—Mr. Smith: I do not think the Central Council is any good, and a lot of other ringers think the same.—Dr. Carpenter and the hon. secretary were elected to represent the Association.

It was reported that since the last quarterly meeting the following peals had been rung: Grandsire Triples 1, Canterbury Pleasure Major 1, Stedman Triples 4, Bob Minor 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Stedman Caters 1, Superlative Surprise 1.

THE DIVISION OF THE COUNTY.

The Hon. Secretary presented the scheme formulated by the committee for the extension of the Association towards the south of the county, so as to extend the Association's activity, and facilitate the affiliation of towers in the district of Reigate, Betchworth, etc. It was suggested that the branch hold three quarterly meetings of its own during the year, the annual meeting of the Association to do for the fourth quarterly meeting. It was also proposed to form a branch committee, consisting of a representative from each belfry in the district that joined the branch, and the district hon. secretary ex-officio, the branch to conform to the rules of the Association. It was recommended that Mr. H. Ewins be asked to take the office of branch secretary, and be given a free hand as to the details of organisation, he being in direct touch with the central secretary. All possible assistance would be given by the Central Association, and a statement of accounts for the branch would be included in the annual report.

Mr. J. J. Jones (Guildford) asked whether it would not be better to divide the Association into two branches at once, and have done with it, each branch having a district secretary, while the secretary of the Association continued to conduct the general affairs. He was afraid, unless they did something of that sort, that they would have trouble all round with their finances. He was fully in favour of extending the Association.—Mr. W. Smith said he would like to see the Association remain as it was. If the towers in the south liked to come in, let them join the Association as it at present existed.

Mr. Daniels said the committee had discussed the proposal put forward by Mr. Jones, but thought it would be better to have one branch first. They had plenty of time to grow, and if it were necessary to extend it in the future they could do so.

BRINGING TOWERS INTO THE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Huggett said the reason why some of the towers discontinued their membership was because they lay so wide, and the quarterly meetings were so far away that they were out of touch. He thought the proposal would be the means of bringing them into the Association again.

The Hon. Secretary replied to various questions raised, and said that two or three people in the district to which they proposed to extend were very keen, and were putting their shoulders to the wheel, while many had promised to join if the branch was formed. These people meant to join an Association, and they might as well keep them in the Surrey. He did not think the expense would be a big one, and if there was likely to be a deficit for the first year of a pound or two, he thought the Surrey Association would be prepared to face it. Mr. Johnston read a letter from Mr. H. Ewins, who said that, if the recommendations of the committee were carried, he would be willing to accept the office of hon. district secretary, and do his best to make it a success. He felt confident it would prove a good thing for the Association generally, as well as for the district for which it was intended.

The committee's recommendations were then carried.

A motion by Mr. Lambert altering rule 10 to read, that on a peal being rung the conductor shall send the secretary full details, together with a fee of 3d. for each member taking part, otherwise it should not be counted as an Association peal, was carried.

DR. A. B. CARPENTER APPOINTED MASTER.

Mr. Reed moved that a Master of the Association be appointed, and that Dr. Carpenter be elected to the office.—Mr. Drewitt, who seconded, reminded the members that Dr. Carpenter was one of the original members of the Association, and was secretary for about eight years.

Everyone knew what a great interest he had taken in ringing, and what a welcome visitor he was in any of the belfries. He was an accomplished ringer, and it would be a great honour to the Association if they elected him as Master. — The resolution was unanimously carried.

Fourteen new members were elected, and the following places chosen for meetings during the year: Mitcham, at Easter; Ashted, in July; Sutton, in the autumn, and St. Peter's, Croydon, for the annual meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Beams for his good services in writing the peal book. Thanks were also accorded to the Vicar for the service, for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting, and a similar compliment to Mr. J. Howes for making the day's arrangements, concluded the meeting.

CHESHUNT NEW BELLS DEDICATED.

AN EXCELLENT PEAL OF EIGHT.

Cheshunt bells, recast and increased from six to eight, were dedicated by the Bishop of Barking on Saturday week, and the tower now possesses a fine octave, with a tenor of nearly 16 cwt. The old peal, whose dates varied from 1636 to 1712, were in a very dilapidated condition, and were practically useless for ringing purposes, and when, about a year ago, it was decided to make an appeal, in order that they might be restored, there was a generous response. In the first place Mr. P. Hargreaves, one of the churchwardens, and his brother, Mr. W. E. Hargreaves, came forward and made the generous offer to give two new bells, in order that, if the rehanging was carried out, the church should possess a complete set of eight. This munificent offer was at once accepted, while subscriptions came in well for the rehanging of the whole. Mr. F. G. Debenham, of Cheshunt Park, gave £100, Canon Fox-Lambert £50, and Lord Salisbury £25. It was then decided by the committee that the six old bells should be recast and rehung, and the work was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have carried out the work in a highly satisfactory manner, the whole of the bells being hung in an iron frame with the latest fittings. The cost of the two new bells was £110, and of the recasting and rehanging about £310.

The church was crowded for the dedication, the service being of an impressive nature, while the Bishop of Barking gave a most appropriate address, based upon Psalm cl., 1 and 5. He touched upon the history and uses of bells, on the part which they played in parochial life, and the service of the church. The bells, he said, should inspire all to stir themselves up to work for the glory of God, and the dedication of the bells that afternoon was for the purpose of giving praise to God and to add to His kingdom. The ringers of the bells worked for the glory of God when in the belfry. There were not now, he was glad to say, the old scenes of disorder in the belfries of churches, as the ringers regarded themselves as doing an honourable and holy work for the service of God. He knew of one church where on New Year's Eve, before the ringing in of the New Year, the ringers gathered in the belfry and knelt in solemn prayer, at the same time dedicating their services to God. This, he thought, was an admirable example. In conclusion the Bishop said he hoped the lovely peal of bells which had been dedicated that day would be the means of increased service and praise to God, not only by those who regularly attended church, but also by those who were unable to attend the service in His courts.

The service concluded with the singing of the hymn, "Lifted high within the steeple," and the pronouncing of the Benediction by the Bishop. A collection was taken for the restoration of the bells and for the repair of the organ.

After the service eight ringers from the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston rang a short touch of Stedman Triples. Afterwards the tower was open to visitors, when over 100 ringers were present, representing Croydon, Waltham Abbey, Clapham, Bishopsgate, West Ham, Southgate, Walthamstow, Edmonton, Harlow, Knobworth, Hertford, Romford, Ware, Woodford, Little Munden, etc., and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London Surprise were brought round, everyone being pleased with the excellent "go" of the bells. Subsequently the local band and Waltham Abbey ringers, together with those from the foundry, sat down to an excellent tea provided at the Green Dragon Hotel.

The following are the inscriptions on the bells, with their weights:—

- Treble.—"P. Hargreaves gave me, 1911. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon." Weight, 3 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.
- 2nd.—"W. E. Hargreaves gave me, 1911. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon." Weight, 3 cwt. 2 qrs. 13 lbs.
- 3rd.—"Miles Graye made me, 1636." Weight, 4 cwt. 0 qrs. 22 lbs.
- 4th.—"Miles Graye made me, 1636." Weight 5 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.
- 5th.—"Lester and Pack, of London. Recit, 1760." Weight, 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.
- 6th.—"James Bartlett made me, 1679. Daniel Reddington, Phillip Shettleton, Anthony Farry, Churchwardens." Weight, 8 cwt. 0 qrs. 20 lbs.
- 7th.—"James Waylett made me, 1712." Weight, 11 cwt. 1 qr. 0 lbs.
- Tenor.—"James Waylett made me, 1712. Wm. Welch, Rob Carden, O. Fielding, Churchwardens."—C. B. Law, Vicar; F. G. Debenham, P. Hargreaves, T. S. Blockley, Churchwardens. Weight, 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lbs. On each of the back six are the words: "Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon." The total weight of the peal is 58 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs.

NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on February 1st, 15th and 29th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 6th and 20th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 6th; at St. Giles', Cripple-gate, on the 20th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 27th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, each Saturday at 7.30. A district meeting will be held at St. Alphege's, Greenwich, on March 2nd. Tower open 4.30 to 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Elham on Saturday, February 3rd. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the local members, will be taken at 5 p.m. in the Vicar's meeting room. The usual travelling allowances will be paid to members present. The annual subscription is now due, and it would be a convenience if paid at this meeting.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at the Castle Inn at 4.15. Special service in church at 5. Tea at 5.45, followed by general meeting. As the cost of the tea will be 6d. per head more than is allowed by the Association, that amount must be paid by members attending. Members are requested to make an effort to attend this meeting, as a matter of great importance will be discussed.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Barrington on Saturday, February 3rd. Tea at 5 o'clock. Foxton bells also available.—P. Webb, District Secretary, Ickleton, Saffron Walden.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, February 3rd, at Bolsover, Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence eight bells (tenor 15 cwt.), available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance, as there is some special business to be transacted.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Rd., Sheffield.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on February 3rd. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at the Golden Lion Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Worcester, on Saturday, February 3rd. Service at 4. Business meeting after. Bells (6) available.—J. R. Newman, General Secretary, Bransford, Worcester.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and eight bell contest will take place at Earlsheaton on Saturday, February 10th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m., at the Commercial Inn, Tram Terminus. Tea to be ordered from me by Monday, February 5th.—George Naylor, Honorary Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—The annual general meeting and election of officers will take place on Saturday, February 10th, at St. Clement Danes', Strand, by special permission of the Rector. Tower open from 3.45 to 6 p.m. Tea in the Church House at 6.15, business to follow at 7. Tea will be provided for a limited number only; will those intending to be present kindly notify me as soon as possible.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, February 10th, 1912. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, on Saturday, February 10th. Bells available from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, 6d., at 5.30. Nearest stations Poplar (N. London), and North Greenwich (G.E.R.), from Fenchurch Street. Members and friends cordially invited. Subscriptions for 1912 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, February 10th. Bells ready at 5.—Walter Hughes.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hoddesdon and Broxbourne, on February 10th. The bells of Hoddesdon will be open until tea time, those of Broxbourne after tea, which will take place at the Salisbury Arms at 5.30. Members 6d., others 9d. Business meeting after. All will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, District Secretary, Little Munden.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Shifnal on Saturday, February 10th, 1912. Ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Horninglow on Saturday, February 10th, 1912. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.—Harry Wakley, Local Honorary Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, February 10th. Alton and Froyle towers open at 2.30. Tea in Church Room at 5.30. Members intending to be present at the tea will oblige by letting me know by Tuesday, February 6th.—James W. Elkins, 20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Whickham on Wednesday, February 14th. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m. at the Rectory. The Rector invites the members to tea at 5 p.m. Members intending being present please notify Charles Todd, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane on Saturday, February 17th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Business meeting 6.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

NOTICES (continued).

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, February 17th, 1912. Service in church at 3.30 p.m. Dinner at the Swan Inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d. each. Business meeting immediately after dinner.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Short service in the Parish Church at 4.30. Tea at the Coffee Tavern, 1s. each, at 5 o'clock, for those who inform me by the Wednesday previous. Business meeting to follow.—F. S. W. Butler, District Secretary, 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, February 17th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea in the Mission Hall at 5.30, 6d. each. Members please note that subscriptions for 1912 are now due.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at "Ye Olde Royal Hotel," Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 24th, at 6.30 p.m., Francis Edward Dawe, Esq., in the chair. Tickets free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2/6 each.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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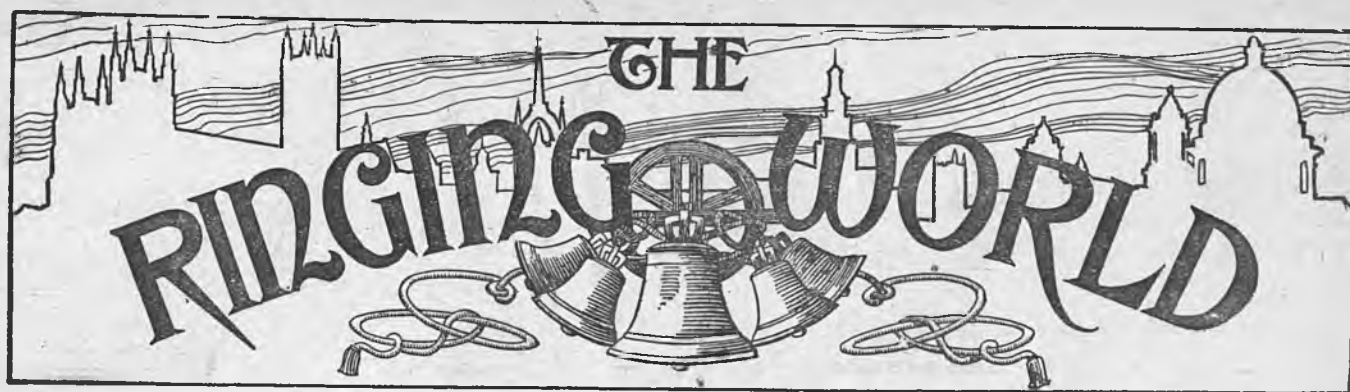
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The memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon is still cherished among all those who love the Art for its own sake. To no single man, living or dead, does the Exercise owe so much. His was the spirit behind the formation of the Yorkshire Association in 1875, he was its first president, and he instilled into it the enthusiasm which has built it up to occupy a foremost position in the ringing world to-day. But Jasper Snowdon did much more than this for the Exercise. He was the author of those incomparable text books, which opened the whole field of the Art to the ordinary ringer in a way that no one before had succeeded in doing. For this alone the name of Snowdon must always occupy a pre-eminent place. But for his untimely end in 1885, the Exercise would have had possession of much more from his storehouse of knowledge and the results of his diligent research.

At his death, his mantle fell upon his brother, William Snowdon, who succeeded Jasper as president of the Yorkshire Association, and who has devoted much time to completing his brother's writings. After more than 25 years' service in the presidential chair—a quarter of a century of really active work, for Mr. Snowdon had a high conception of the duties and responsibilities of the office—he has felt compelled to resign. The resignation has been brought about by motives just as great as those which, during his period of office, marked the discharge of his labours. Mr. Snowdon told the members of the Association that it was the only alternative to neglecting increasing duties, and the editing of Jasper's unfinished works.

If the Yorkshire Association has lost by Mr. Snowdon's resignation, the Exercise at large will gain by the publication of more of the manuscripts of his gifted brother, and we hope the day is not far distant when some of these will be seen in print. But so far as Yorkshire is concerned, the Association has lost an able and energetic head, and it was not surprising that the members should desire to give some tangible expression to their appreciation of the services which Mr. Snowdon has rendered. Happily for the Association, however, it will have at command the valuable counsel of an honoured, a trusted and a true friend.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANCES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT Treble	CHARLES L. SADLER ... 7
JOHN WIGMORE 2	WILLIAM HALE 8
JESSE GILLET 3	THOMAS BALDWIN ... 9
JOHN AUSTIN 4	WILLIAM STAITE ... 10
THOMAS NEWMAN 5	WILLIAM HASTINGS ... 11
ALBERT WRIGHT 6	FRANK COLE Tenor

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First peal of Bob Maximus on the bells.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANCES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	HARRY FLANDERS ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 8
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	ALBERT W. COLES ... 9
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 10
JOHN ARMSTRONG 5	ERNEST PYE 11
REUBEN SANDERS 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES IN THE FIELDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble	WILLIAM PYE 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	†ALBERT J. BAYNES ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	HARRY FLANDERS ... 7
ALFRED W. GRIMES 4	*HENRY BOXALL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs., in E.

JOSEPH ROWELL Treble	BENJAMIN C. DIXON ... 5
*ERNEST E. FERRY 2	†GEORGE W. MURRAY ... 6
WILLIAM STORY 3	JOSEPH E. KEEN 7
GEORGE T. POTTER 4	ALFRED F. HILLIER ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by J. E. KEEN.

† First peal in the method. * 100th peal.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

HARRY CATTERMOLLE Treble	JOHN SMITH 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	GEORGE ARCHER 6
CHARLES MILLS 3	ROBERT COOKE 7
THOS. FORD, Junr. 4	JOHN SOUTER Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.Arranged for R. Cooke, who hails from Fakenham, this being his
first peal.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

W. GIBSON Treble	W. VINCENT 5
C. STEPHENSON 2	T. GASSON 6
G. WELLER 3	F. ATTWATER 7
*A. ABSALOM 4	A. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by T. GASSON.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to
C. Stephenson. Ringers of 3, 4, 5, 6, belong to Bolney, the rest to
Cuckfield.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

WASHBROOK'S No. 1.

Tenor 24 cwt., in E flat.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... Treble	GEORGE ROBERTS ... 5
JOHN JENNINGS 2	THOMAS BLOORE ... 6
CHARLES WALTHMAN 3	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... 7
GEORGE PARSONS 4	JAMES REYNOLDS Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Bertram G. Leedham.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	HARRY F. DAWKINS ... 5
*ARTHUR CHAPLIN 2	*REUBEN SANDERS ... 6
ERNEST PYE 3	*JOHN DALE 7
ALFRED PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

*JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE Treble	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 5
WILLIAM C. PARKER 2	†LEONARD STILWELL ... 6
†WILLIAM HENLEY 3	JOHN THOMAS 7
GEORGE H. GUTTRIDGE ... 4	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Composed by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS, and
Conducted by W. WELLING.* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal of
Major as conductor.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*FREDERICK G. PERRIN ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	*ISAAC EMERY ... 6
HENRY RANZETTA ... 3	*ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7
*FRANK I. HAIRS ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday peal to Mr. A. W. Grimes.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH)

AND THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, HIGH WYCOMBE,

On Wednesday, January 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

JAMES W. WILKINS ... Treble	BENJAMIN PAGE ... 5
FRED. HAYES ... 2	RALPH COLES ... 6
JOHN EVANS ... 3	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 7
ARTHUR G. JAMES ... 4	*ARTHUR J. HOING ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM GRIMES ... Treble	*E. HOBART SMITH ... 5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 2	ALFRED WIGHTMAN ... 6
GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 7
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 4	PETER LAFLIN ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by W. GRIMES.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Messrs. Wightman hail from Cretingham, Maulden and Smith from Framlingham, and the rest belong to the local company.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED K. GLASSCOCK ... Treble	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... 5
†FREDERICK G. TEGG ... 2	JOHN ARMSTRONG ... 6
KEITH HART ... 3	†JOHN G. MILLER ... 7
ERNEST PYE ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

† First peal in the method.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST LEIGH ... Treble	HERBERT MARKWELL ... 5
*JAMES HEASMAN ... 2	GEORGE MALYAN ... 6
†EDWIN SEAL ... 3	ALBERT BELTON ... 7
WILLIAM LEIGH ... 4	EDWARD LEIGH ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEASMAN.

* First peal as conductor. † First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method on the new bells.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... Treble	*JOSEPH HERRON ... 5
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... 2	FRANK E. PERRIN ... 6
WILLIAM T. COX ... 3	JOSEPH H. WHITE ... 7
CHARLES FREEMAN ... 4	GEORGE WEBSTER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. WHITE.

* First peal.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY BOTTRILL ... Treble	JOHN LUCKEY ... 5
*GEORGE F. MARGETSON ... 2	THOMAS J. WATTS ... 6
WALTER HOBBS ... 3	NATHAN J. PITSTOW ... 7
GEORGE DENT ... 4	WILLIAM WATTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

* First peal in the method.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES PARKER ... Treble	WILLIAM A. ALPS ... 5
GEORGE RADLEY ... 2	CYRIL F. JOHNSTON ... 6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 3	GEORGE A. CARD ... 7
GEORGE PAICE ... 4	HENRY G. ROWE ... Tenor

Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

This is the first peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight by Messrs. Gillet and Johnston, whose workmanship leaves nothing to be desired.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

TITUS BARLOW ... Treble	GEORGE PINCOTT ... 5
*FRED ABBOTT ... 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 6
*JOSEPH OGDEN ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... 7
JOHN WELSBY ... 4	ROBERT ALLRED ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by J. POTTER.

* First peal. This peal was arranged for J. Ogden, of Moorside, Oldham.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs., in G sharp.

JOHN W. WHITING ... Treble	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... 5
LIONEL H. PAGE ... 2	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ... 6
HENRY W. WILKES ... 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... 7
CHARLES J. FRAY ... 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by the late J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the conductor's rooth peal of Double Norwich.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILFRED T. ASHTON... ..Treble	WILLIAM J. TAYLOR ... 5
FRANCIS S. WILSON 2	ALFRED FULICK 6
GEORGE J. TAYLOR 3	†THOMAS W. STEDMAN ... 7
E. R. TREVOR CORBETT ... 4	*HARRY DAVIES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. TAYLOR.

*First peal. †First peal on eight bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Jones, late member of St. Andrew's choir for 20 years. F. S. Wilson hails from Ludlow. This was the conductor's 25th peal.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. W. PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

EDGAR T. SMITH ... ..Treble	BERT HORTON 5
EDWIN J. TYLER 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 6
THOMAS HILL 3	ALFRED J. WALLATER ... 7
GEORGE PEATE 4	HOWARD W. CATTELL ...Tenor

Conducted by A. J. WALLATER.

First peal of Erin Triples by the Society on the bells, and by all the band. This composition is supposed to be now rung for the first time. The figures were published in the "Ringing World" on May 19th, 1911. Much credit is due to the conductor, who had previously only conducted one peal. He was congratulated by the rest of the band at the finish. The ringers thank the vicar, the Rev. J. A. R. Wilkin, for the use of the bells.

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. WATSON ...Treble	THOMAS BEADLE 5
HENRY C. CHANDLER 2	FREDERICK G. GODDARD... 6
†CHARLES S. BIRD 3	GEORGE SPENCER 7
†JAMES CLEAVE 4	*DAVID G. ARCHER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SPENCER.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire. ‡First peal away from the treble. Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. H. M. Eyton-James.

POOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs., in F.

FREDERICK PHILLIPS ...Treble	†FREDERICK S. CASE... .. 5
†FREDERICK FORSYTH 2	ELI WATERS 6
CHARLES R. FORFITT 3	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH 7
*GEORGE H. JAMES 4	ALFRED OSMAN... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH.

*First peal. †First peal on an inside bell. - The quarterly peal of the East Dorset Branch.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 25½ cwt.

CHARLES H. FOWLER ...Treble	FRED H. DEXTER 5
LOUIS E. ALLEN... .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
J. LEONARD ALLEN 3	RICHARD H. BARTRAM ... 7
ARTHUR PETTIT 4	JOSIAH MORRIS ... ..Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

First peal of Major on the bells, and was rung muffled for the late Duke of Fife.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ALBERT C. HARDY ... ..Treble	*GEORGE IRVINE... .. 5
HUBERT EDEN 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 6
GEORGE N. PRICE 3	*THOMAS FAULKNER 7
*HARRY R. PASMORE... .. 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ...Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

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

PUDSEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY ... ..Treble	ERNEST MANN 5
PERCY J. JOHNSON 2	JOHN W. T. HOLGATE ... 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY 3	*WILLIAM B. SMITH... .. 7
ALBERT NORTH 4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ...Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and
Conducted by WILLIAM B. SMITH.

*First peal of Major as conductor.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT ELLIS ... ..Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 5
FREDK. W. RICE 2	JOHN RICE 6
ALFRED D. MILLS 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
ALBERT MITCHELL 4	ARTHUR THORNTON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN RICE.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*HORACE W. HUMBLE ...Treble	ALBERT HUMPHREY ... 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6
GEORGE FRENCH... .. 3	ALFRED JAMES... .. 7
SPENCER MARSHALL 4	HARRY DURLING ... ..Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

*First peal and first attempt. Rung in honour of the safe return of their Majesties the King and Queen.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, February 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER WEBB Treble	HARRY TUCKER... .. 5
*WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 6
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 3	GEORGE ESSEN... .. 7
HUBERT HATTO 4	ERNEST W. MENDAY ... Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by E. W. MENDAY.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell.

STREATHAM.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT... .. Treble	JOHN S. DANIELS 5
WALTER S. WISE 2	SIDNEY R. ROPER 6
LOUIS ATTWATER 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Junr. 7
ALFRED T. JONES 4	HENRY J. RUMBLE Tenor

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER, and
Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Fife.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

On Wednesday, January 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

EDWARD HOLMAN Treble	HENRY A. HOAD 4
WALTER HUMPHREY 2	REGINALD H. THORP ... 5
OSCAR GILBEY 3	GEORGE F. HOAD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

Rung in memory of Richard Wicks, for many years verger and bellringer.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire Minor.
Tenor 14½ cwt., in F sharp.

JOHN R. D. FENWICK ... Treble	FREDERICK HAYES 4
JOHN BURLES 2	RICHARD A. CONSTANT ... 5
GUY R. AMBROSE 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

First peal in seven methods on the bells, and by all the ringers.
First peal of Minor by all except F. Hayes, and first as conductor by Frederick Mitchell.

HORTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WALTER P. CROSS ... Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 2	THOMAS E. GLANVILLE... 5
LEONARD STILWELL 3	*WILLIAM WELLING ... Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Bob Minor by all the band and first peal on the bells.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.

SOLOMON MOULE... .. Treble	CHARLES CHENERY 4
OLIVER BULLMAN 2	GEORGE BAILEY 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	ARTHUR BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR BAILEY.

Oliver Bullman was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER J. BRETHERTON... Treble	FRED BRACE 4
HARRY PRICE 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS... .. 5
ALFRED DAVIES 3	CHARLES F. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

BROMHAM, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Violet, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 23 cwt., in E.

HERBERT MORTIMER ... Treble	*LEONARD ORPIN 4
*THOMAS MORTIMER 2	REGINALD GARDINER 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE 3	FRED MORTIMER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. Rung as a wedding peal to Mr. P. Inskip, a member of the local band. All are local ringers, except C. W. Clarke, who belongs to St. Peter's, Bedford.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Violet, two 720's each of Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE CLARKE ... Treble	†FRANCIS BEARDSMORE ... 4
Rev. A. RHYS JAMES 2	*FREDERICK CLARKE... .. 5
*HENRY WOODHOUSE... .. 3	*HENRY TROUT Tenor

Conducted by G. CLARKE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells, and rung by the local band.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York and Violet. Tenor 14 cwt.

EGERTON G. NICHOLLS ... Treble	ROBERT J. RICKETTS ... 4
GEORGE HILL 2	ARTHUR PANTHER 5
WILLIAM WOODCOCK, Junr. 3	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

This peal was arranged for G. Hill, who hails from Hoylandswaine, and whose first Association peal it was.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, New London Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

*ARTHUR CHURCH Treble	*JAMES WALDEN 4
ARTHUR EDWARDS 2	†WILLIAM ALLEN 5
†PERCY LETCH 3	†JOHN WOOD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First in seven methods. Arranged and rung to commemorate the safe return of the King and Queen from their visit to India; also on the birthday of a son and heir to J. Wood.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

AND ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

On Monday, January 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. John Sparrow, Northgate St.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

JOHN SPARROW... .. 1-2	ARTHUR E. MOORE 5-6
FREDERICK G. DEWELL... .. 3-4	FRANK J. LEVITT 7-8

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

Umpires: Messrs. HARRY A. TURNER and W. RADLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to John Sparrow.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 28, 1912, in One Hour and Fifty-seven Minutes,
In the Crypt of St. Mary's Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

EDWARD ASPLIN 1-2	ERIC L. BENNETT 3-4
WILLIAM ROBINSON 5-6	

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

Umpire: WILFRED R. BLIZARD.

First peal of handbells by all, and first peal by the above branch.
It was rung at the fourth attempt.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
In the Belfry of St. Andrew's Church, Litchurch,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ALBERT H. WARD 1-2	ARTHUR BRAINES 5-6
WALTER WALLACE 3-4	CHARLES DRAPER 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR BRAINES.

Umpire: CHARLES E. HART.

First peal as conductor, and also his first attempt. Mr. Braines is only 17 years of age.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

REGGIE CHAPMAN 1-2	DAVID J. NICHOLS... .. 5-6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN 3-4	ALBERT V. INNS 7-8

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER, and
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

Witness: MRS. CHAPMAN.

First peal of Major and first attempt by R. Chapman (aged 13).

LONDON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
At 52, SHIRLAND ROAD, L'ADDINGTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS... .. 1-2	GEORGE B. EDGER... .. 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3-4	FREDERICK G. WOODISS 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Arranged for the ringer of 1-2, this being his first peal on handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

ALFRED H. PULLING 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER 5-6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE 3-4	THOMAS W. RADFORD 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: S. RADFORD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. W. Radford.

The peal at Cefn Coed, published last week, was rung at St. John's Church and not the Parish Church; the time being 2 hrs. 45 mins. and not 2 hrs. 35 mins. as published.

The peal at Maker, Cornwall, consisted entirely of Grandsire Doubles, and was the first peal in any method by those marked *. It was also the first peal on the bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, Jan. 13th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples: F. W. Bailey 1, F. J. Smith 2, J. M. Bailey 3, E. H. Bailey 4, E. S. Bailey 5, N. R. Bailey 6, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, C. Samson 8.—On Tuesday, Jan. 16th, 6/2 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. F. Bailey 1, L. P. Bailey 2, F. W. Bailey 3, E. S. Bailey 4, E. H. Bailey 5, N. R. Bailey 6, C. F. Bailey 7, J. M. Bailey 8. This is the longest length of Treble Bob with all brothers standing in, and longest length by Allen on the treble.

WISEECH, CAMBS.—On Sunday, Jan. 14th, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: G. Duffield (first 720) 1, H. Geakes 2, H. B. Banham 3, George Piggins 4, Ralph Narborough 5, C. Goakes (conductor) 6, Fred Hotson 7, H. Cheesewright 8. First 720 on the bells since the wheels were attended to, and other necessary repairs carried out by local workmen.

ASTON MANOR.—On Sunday, Jan. 14th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Davis 1, J. Jones 2, A. Jones 3, W. H. Jones 4, J. Paulton 5, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 6, F. Bennett 7, C. Allen 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples for evening service, F. Bennett, conductor.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, Jan. 14th, for service, at St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): *C. Wallis 1, J. C. Mitchell 2, A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor) 3, H. L. Goldsmith 4, H. Lewry 5, H. Pates 6, I. J. Attwater 7, *H. W. Smith 8. This quarter-peal contains the twenty-four 7-4's at back stroke, with calls at each. *First quarter-peal.

PLYMOUTH. — On Sunday, January 14th, at Charles' Church, for Divine service, in 50 mins., 1270 Stedman Caters: R. Dobson 1, W. G. Hiscott 2, G. R. Stroud 3, R. W. Hornbrook 4, W. Rundle 5, G. H. Myers 6, W. Richards 7, E. W. Marsh 8, W. D. James (conductor) 9, F. Pursa 10.

DERBY.—Midland Counties Association.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, Jan. 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), as follows, in 45 mins.: R. G. Basson 1, J. Glew 2, J. Haynes 3, G. Tomlinson 4, L. Lomas 5, A. Hutchinson 6, J. Pagett (composer and conductor) 7, F. Foster 8.

BATH.—On Sunday, Jan. 14th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Parker's 12-part), in 40 mins.: R. Waterson 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.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—The Oxford District Guild.—On Jan. 15th, for practice, 210 Grandsire Triples: G. Twitcher (first touch as conductor) 1, G. White 2, W. Phipps 3, F. Hayes 4, R. Coles 5, B. Page 6, G. F. Williams 7, W. Boxall 8.—On Jan. 22nd, a plain course of Treble Bob Major: *G. Twitcher 1, S. T. Goodchild 2, J. Gransbury 3, *R. Coles 4, F. Hayes 5, G. F. Williams 6, *B. Page 7, *A. F. Ashman 8. *First in the method. Also 521 Grandsire Caters: W. Haing (longest touch) 1, H. F. Ashman 2, G. Twitcher 3, G. F. Williams (conductor) 4, J. Gransbury 5, R. Coles 6, F. Hayes 7, S. T. Goodchild 8, B. Page 9, W. Boxall 10.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

PRESENTATION TO THE LATE PRESIDENT.

We have to chronicle another very successful gathering of the Yorkshire Association, the annual meeting, which was held at Holbeck, Leeds, on Saturday week, being attended by some 300 members. The principal officers were early at work, and on arrival found the local company, assisted by several voluntary helpers, busily engaged at the schools in making provision for the huge number expected for tea in the afternoon. The annual audit was commenced at 11 o'clock, and though the ledger entry of some 1,400 members, to say nothing of other receipts and payments, had to be checked, the auditors (Messrs. P. J. Johnson and E. Hoyle) had the satisfaction of passing all as quite satisfactory, after an hour or so of close application.

Members arrived during the afternoon in ever-increasing numbers, and four officers were fully occupied till four o'clock in receiving subscriptions and issuing reports, etc. Preceded by a special touch on the bells, Divine service, chorally rendered, was held in St. Matthew's Church. In prefacing his address, the Vicar, the Rev. S. F. Sykes, M.A., an honorary member of the Association, said how pleased he was to welcome the Association to Holbeck for the first time, and referred to the great movement at present existing to put a very honoured Art in its right position, ringers being of no average ability and thought. His text was taken from the Sermon on the Mount, St. Matthew v., 6, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Speaking first of bodily hunger and thirst, and further of the hunger of human love and friendship, and that of a father for his child, the preacher aptly proceeded to speak of the hunger for righteousness. If this was indulged freely, we should, he said, always be better; other desires would be restrained by righteousness. Speaking of the consecration of the Egyptian Cathedral at Khartoum, in memory of General Gordon, the preacher said this was a man who knew what it was to hunger and thirst after righteousness, and, most of all, Gordon proved the claim of God to satisfy that hunger. Tracing the connection between the longings of the human heart and bell ringing, the preacher spoke of the call of the bells to worship, which was to satisfy the highest longings that man had. Bells gave expression to our national sorrows and joys; but what of the ringers? Bells could awaken longings, but could not satisfy them. Personal influence in the service of the ringer was necessary, and work begun in the belfry ended inside the church.

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

After service, tea was partaken of in the schools. The annual business meeting followed, with the President, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, in the chair, supported by Mr. C. Glenn, hon. secretary; Mr. Cotterell, hon. treasurer; and other officers; and a very long agenda was got through in very businesslike fashion. The report of committee and treasurer's balance sheet were adopted, on the motion of the auditors, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded for their services. The following retiring officers were declared re-elected, without a contest: Rev. C. C. Marshall, president; C. H. Hattersley, vice-president; J. Broadley, steward. The poll for four members of committee, for which there were five candidates, resulted in the four retiring members being re-elected, viz.: Messrs. T. B. Kendall, J. W. T. Holgate, J. Lawson, and J. Hardecastle. A kind invitation to hold the May meeting at Guiseley, put forward on behalf of that branch by Messrs. F. W. Dixon and W. B. Smith, was accepted with great pleasure.

The following representatives were unanimously elected to serve on the Central Council: Rev. C. C. Marshall, and Messrs. C. H. Hattersley, G. Bolland, and C. Glenn. Mr. W. Snowdon, the late president, was urged to serve again, but whilst appreciating the desire to re-elect him, said that Mr. Marshall would gain very much by attending.

Mr. Marshall, in thanking the members for electing him, said that he was averse to Mr. Snowdon's withdrawal, unless it was thought that a place would be found for him on the Council, that they might not lose the benefit of his valuable services.

Official notice of motion was given by the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer to alter the regulations as to issuing report warrants to life members. To save unnecessary printing expense, and in order to estimate the number of reports to be printed, it is proposed to issue no further warrants to members who do not apply for their reports, it being assumed that they do not require them.

VOTES OF THANKS.

A warm vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the service, sermon, and use of bells and schools, coupled with another to the organist and members of the choir.—In reply, the Vicar said what a tremendous pleasure it was to welcome the Association to Holbeck, and hoped next time they would stay the week-end! He also said how much he appreciated the hearty singing in church that afternoon. Recounting his early experiences of bell ringing, he related how one day, when he had the rope in his hand, his tutor, an old man, instructed him to "hold off it," meaning "let go." He thereupon, still sticking to the rope, held it further away, or "off him," and

the result had made him "hold off" bell ringing ever since (laughter).

Votes of thanks were also accorded the incumbents of Leeds Parish Church, St. Francis', Holbeck (R.C.); and Hunslet, for the use of the bells. Most hearty thanks were accorded, in addition, to the local branch for their excellent arrangements, which could only have been the result of careful planning, and to the ladies who assisted at the tea tables.—Mr. P. J. Johnson, in returning thanks, said how peculiarly appropriate it was that this meeting should be at Holbeck, as Mr. Snowdon's brother Jasper, the Association's first president, rang more peals there than at any other church.

MR. W. SNOWDON'S GREAT SERVICES RECOGNISED.

The great event of the meeting was the presentation to Mr. Wm. Snowdon of a handsome solid silver tea tray, beautifully engraved, bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to William Snowdon by members of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers on his retirement from the office of President, after 25 years' service, as a small recognition of his untiring zeal and devotion for the welfare of the Association."

A very fine speech was made by Mr. Wm. Whitaker, the Association's first hon. secretary, in appreciation of the work of the brothers Jasper and William Snowdon for the welfare of change ringing, both as a branch of Church work and in its scientific aspect. After Jasper's death, he (Mr. Whitaker) proposed William for the office of president, and had never regretted it. He could not praise too highly the work which had been done so ungrudgingly and quietly.

Mr. Marshall, the new president, read a letter from Mr. C. H. Hattersley (who was unfortunately obliged to keep at home, under doctor's orders) containing words of the highest eulogy of Mr. Snowdon and his work, and, in making the presentation, hoped that the recipient would always retain an interest in their doings, as they would also keep him in mind.

Mr. Snowdon, on rising to respond, met with a tremendously enthusiastic reception. He said he could hardly express his pleasure at belonging once more to the rank and file. When his brother Jasper was cut off so suddenly, he only took office with the idea of filling up time. Proceeding, Mr. Snowdon gave a short review of the growth of the Association, and said he had gone on steadily trying to do his best. Coming to the reasons for his resignation, Mr. Snowdon related how a great deal of work had lately been put on his shoulders, and it was a choice between neglecting this, and also the editing of his brother's unfinished writings, or resigning. In speaking in appreciation of the present officers, he thought his resignation should do no harm. He had already had one presentation made to him, in 1901, and had hoped to get off quietly. He tendered his deepest thanks to the members for again honouring him, and would value the present immensely, because of the kindly feelings which prompted it. His work had been a labour of love for their beautiful art, so closely connected with their grand old church. He again expressed his thanks from the very bottom of his heart, and said how proud Mrs. Snowdon would be, especially as there was at home a silver tea service, a cherished family possession, to put on it.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, a motion which Mr. Snowdon said it gave him very great pleasure to support. It was remarkable, he added, but he had never before that day had the opportunity of addressing the chairman of the Yorkshire Association!

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The February meeting of the above Society was held at Woodchurch, on Saturday, in wintry conditions, which somewhat effected the attendance. Representatives were present from Appledore, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, and the local tower.

Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung, a 720 of the latter method being brought round by: A. Johnson 1, G. Billenness 2, A. Daw 3, G. J. Youngs 4, G. Johnson 5, C. W. Player (conductor) 6.

The Master (Mr. G. Billenness) presided at the business meeting, at which the Rector (the Rev. S. H. Rendall) was present.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at New Romney on the first Saturday in March, and it was also resolved to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples, at Rolvenden, on Saturday, the 17th inst.

The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells. Mr. C. W. Player seconded, and it was carried unanimously.—The Rector, in response, expressed his great pleasure in granting permission to the Guild to come and ring at his church. Bell ringing was very interesting. He had done a little of it, but they were what might be termed professionals, while he was quite an amateur in the matter. He hoped to learn more about it, and understand the various intricacies and departments of change ringing. They had only a few change ringers at Woodchurch, but he hoped to convene a meeting of his ringers with a view to them entering the Kent County Association. He hoped they would fall in with the idea. He was very much obliged to the Guild for coming, and hoped they would assemble again at Woodchurch, when it was convenient for them to do so.

The proceedings terminated soon after nine o'clock, by lowering the bells in peal.

THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL GUILDFORD DISTRICT MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild, held at Farnham on Saturday, was a very successful one. Most of the towers in the district were represented, and about 70 members were present. The Guild's special form of service was used in church, and the Rector (the Rev. E. Neville Lovett) preached an appropriate sermon, in which he dwelt upon the message of the bells and the importance of the ringers' calling. Just as ringers were not content to have cracked bells in their tower, so they must see to it that they had no men in the belfry with cracked reputations and cracked characters. Those who proclaimed the gospel of salvation through the bells, must be men who must be as good men as the grace of God could make them. They were part of the driving force of the Church which came into the lives of the people, seeking to make them strong for good and strong against evil. Let them never forget, therefore, the honour and glory of it.—The service concluded with the hymn written by the Master of the Association, "The sacred bells of England."

After tea, at Darracott's Restaurant, at which the Rector presided, supported by Mrs. Lovett, Miss Sloman, and the Rev. E. J. Pizzey (Guildford), and Mr. J. J. Jones (hon. district secretary), the business meeting was held. The Rector welcomed the Guild to Farnham. In Farnham they looked on that visit as a red-letter day in the ringing year. If all the members were as regular and reverent in their duties as the Farnham ringers they were very good chaps indeed. On behalf of himself, his wife and Miss Sloman, who, he believed, was the only lady sidesman in Surrey, he expressed good wishes for the prosperity of the Guild. Bells, he said, were not always popular. He lived very near them, and he would be just as well pleased sometimes if they were a good deal further off (laughter). On the whole, bells made for good and for righteousness—unless a man happened to have a headache, and then they did not make for righteousness in him (laughter). He hoped the Guild would go on and prosper. There was no Diocesan institution more vigorous, or more completely united than the members of that Guild. He only wished that all church workers would go into their work as heartily as the ringers did.

Mr. F. E. Dave proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the service, for his address, and for the use of the bells, and to Miss Sloman for presiding at the organ. He referred to the fact that the Winchester Guild had come out at the top of the analysis, and pointed out that it was largely due to the wonderful efforts of that truly wonderful man, Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford.—The motion was carried by acclamation, and the Rector then having to leave, the Rev. E. J. Pizzey was voted to the chair.

The report of the Ringing Master (Mr. A. H. Pulling) showed that during the quarter two peals of London Surprise, a peal of Surprise Minor and a peal of Stedman Triples had been rung on tower bells, and nine peals of Stedman Triples and ten of Stedman Caters had been rung on handbells.—The balance sheet for the year 1911 showed receipts amounting to £26 15s., and expenses to £14 9s. 10d., leaving a balance of £12 5s. 2d.—The Revs. E. J. Pizzey (Guildford), H. Kettlewell (Aldershot) and H. A. Wheeler (Frensham), and about a dozen other ringers, were elected members of the Association.—Practice meetings were arranged for Cranleigh on March 9th, and Frensham on March 16th.

During the afternoon and evening there was ringing at the Parish Church, the touches including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Duffield and Forward.

"THE BELLS OF TOR."

PEAL OF SIX DEDICATED.

In the tower of the old Parish Church of Tor—the "mother" church of the town of Torquay—hangs a peal of six bells, and now, following the dedication by the Bishop of Crediton (Dr. Trefusis), acting for the Lord Bishop of Exeter, they are utilised, as "the sweet bells of Tor" were utilised long years ago, to call parishioners and others to the services of the Church. Three of the bells, despite their apparent newness, are very old. One dates from the days of the Commonwealth. For scores of years it lay in the tower of the church unusable, by reason of its cracked condition. It has now been recast to add its note to the notes of two bells bearing date respectively of 1623 and 1754, and three new bells—one given by Colonel and Mrs. Cary, "to the glory of God and in memory of many Carys buried here"; a second given by the late Mr. John Kitson, "to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones now at rest"; and a third provided by the contributions of parishioners and others at a cost of £50. Altogether, the peal and the work which had of necessity to be undertaken to the belfry has involved an expenditure of about £300, practically the whole of which had been raised by the time that the bells were dedicated. The bells were cast at the Spitalfields' Foundry of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Bell Founders to H.M. King George V, and the work of rehanging the bells in a modern frame was successfully carried out by Messrs. Aggett and Son, Bellhangers, Chagford, N. Devon.

The service of dedication was very largely attended, and following the dedicatory sentences, and the committal of the bells to the charge

of the Vicar, with the injunction that they are to be rung only with the Vicar's knowledge and authority, the bells were rung for a few minutes, as the Bishop and clergy returned to the chancel.

In an address the Bishop of Crediton remarked that a shadow was cast over the rejoicing of the parishioners by reason of the fact that Mr. J. S. Wolland, the late churchwarden, who advanced the suggestion for the restoration of the peal, had departed this life. He was, though, in the nearer presence of his Lord, listening to purer and holier music than could be produced upon earth. Gratitude was due to all who had been united in the work, particularly to the generous donor of a bell to complete the peal. There was no part of the church fabric to which persons contributed so willingly as to church bells. Throughout the length and breadth of the country the restoration of bells had been almost universal. To-day bells must have something more than mere sound; they must convey a message of a holier, better, and more Christian life to all who, through their love of God, had placed them in the tower.

OLD-TIME DESECRATION OF THE BELFRY.

The bells must ever be appealing to the lives of people, that they might be fruitful in more holy and Christian living. There was a time, in the early days of the Bishop's ministry, when bells were rung merely for amusement, and when the belfry was desecrated by drink. There were troubles when the drink was stopped. In one parish a clergyman was surprised to hear the bells of his church being rung without his authority and knowledge. Ascending to the tower to ascertain the cause, he was told that a gentleman of the town possessed a horse which had won a race, and that he desired to indicate his joy by having the bells of the church rung. When the ringers were stopped they refused to ring again, and the bells were silent for twelve months. Hence the committal of the bells in the tower to the charge of the Vicar. Dr. Trefusis told how Good Friday was, in one of his parishes, regarded as a day of amusement and recreation. The people would not listen to what he had to say about Good Friday and its lessons. Realising that the bells could speak better than he could, he had the bells tolled at a quarter to three. "Who is dead?" queried the people as they heard the bells. At three o'clock he told them—that Christ died on that day at that hour. Thus, by the bells, were the people taught that Good Friday was a sacred and solemn day. There were required to ring the bells people who were animated not by a desire to do so, but by a love for Christ. Ringing was as much a phase of Church work as any other duty. The primary object of bells was to summon people to worship. In this connection, the Bishop was glad to realise a movement back towards the worship of God. There was a growing dread of the secular Sunday. If England desired to remain in its strength and unity its people must return to the worship of God with a sincerer, lowlier worship, and with a true aim at deeper holiness of life.

In the evening the Vicar entertained at supper the clergy and ringers, with the Cockington Parish Church ringers, by whom the Tor band have been instructed.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

THE QUESTION OF CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATION.

A successful meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at Bolsover, near Chesterfield, on Saturday. Considering the very wintry weather, the attendance was good, between 20 and 30 ringers turning up, from Bolsover, Chesterfield, Dore, Killamarsh, North Wingfield, Ranmoor and Staveley.

The Parish Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence lies about 600ft. above sea-level, and possesses a beautiful ring of eight bells (tenor about 15 cwt.), recast, and increased from six to eight, by Taylor, about ten years ago. The "go" is excellent, and the music of the bells can be heard for many miles over the Derbyshire dales, especially on a night of hard frost and still atmosphere, as on Saturday.

Ringing was commenced about 4 p.m., and continued with short intervals, till 8 p.m., and some good striking was heard, especially in the Surprise Methods. Altogether nine methods were rung, viz., Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob, and Superlative, New Cambridge, Norfolk and London Surprise Major.

A short business meeting was held in the tower, Mr. J. Flint (president) presiding.—The Secretary gave a short account of the last meeting at Eckington.—The question of electing a representative to serve on the Central Council was discussed, but no action was taken, as it was felt that the Society is sufficiently represented through the Yorkshire and the Midland Counties Associations, to one or both of which all the members are attached.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local company for making all necessary arrangements was carried unanimously.—Mr. Flint briefly replied.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Monday, Feb. 5th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was unfortunately lost in the fifty-second course: W. Mace 1, A. Knight 2, G. Farrow 3, C. W. Bird 4, R. F. Turner 5, J. E. Chapman 6, A. E. Payne (conductor) 7, D. J. Nichols 8. Rung to celebrate the safe return of their Majesties the King and Queen from India.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS.

During the Winchester Diocesan Guild's ringing tour last autumn a footnote to the record of one of the performances mentioned that it was Mr. G. Williams' 800th peal. Such a point is, as it were, a landmark in a ringer's career, for the number who have reached this total can still be reckoned on the fingers of one hand. The record is worthy of one who for years has been among the finest ringers in the country. Not only in regard to the peals rung, but also as a conductor and instructor, Mr. George Williams has very few equals.

Born at Coombe Cross, Eastmeon, Hants, on May 7th, 1857, Mr. Williams had a fancy for bells from early boyhood, and was first introduced to a belfry when residing at Droxford at the age of twelve years. He used to chime



MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS.

for service, and sometimes, with an uncle and two cousins, took part in ringing the four bells at this church. In the neighbouring parish of Soberton he commenced ringing Grandsire Doubles, but the only method employed was that of learning the work of a bell all through. Although he learnt the whole 120 changes by heart, in order to be able to take any bell, this sort of thing soon paled with Mr. Williams, and for a time he left the belfry for other pursuits, such as cricket, bicycling and volunteering. The irresistible attraction of the bells, however, drew him back, and with the formation of the Winchester Guild in 1879-80 better opportunities presented themselves, and that enthusiasm was aroused in Mr. Williams, which time has only served to intensify. He rang his first peal—Grandsire Triples—on January 17th, 1884, at Soberton, the first peal by the Winchester Guild in Hampshire. The calls of business took him in 1885 to Reigate, afterwards to Fareham (where he was appointed instructor to the Winchester Guild) and then to Midhurst, where the Sussex Association made him one of its instructors. Many bands in Hampshire and Sussex owe their start in ringing

to his aid, and when he left Fareham he was presented with a nicely bound volume of the Shipway reprint, while on leaving Midhurst his great services were recognised by the gift of a handsomely written and bound peal book.

His next move was to Brighton, where he remained for sixteen years, and with the St. Peter's company raised Sussex to a proud position in the ringing world. He took part in the first peals of Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol by the St. Peter's band, and a large amount of the conducting fell upon his shoulders. The Sussex week of evening peals was inaugurated in 1894, and the records testify to the success of these undertakings for which Mr. G. F. Attree and Mr. Williams were mainly responsible. Each autumn these "weeks" used to take place, when every evening the St. Peter's band attempted a peal, the high water mark being reached in 1898, when Cambridge, London, Oxford, New Cumberland, Superlative, Gloucester and Norfolk Surprise Major were rung in eight successive evenings; the eighth Surprise method, Westminster, being lost after two hours through a change course. On January 14th of the following year the society rang the first peal of London Surprise in the City of London, at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, which Mr. Williams conducted. Although peals galore have since been rung in this method in the City, the first ranks as somewhat historical. In the years 1893 to 1898 Mr. Williams was on the top for conductors of peals in Mr. Attree's yearly analysis, whilst in 1899, with forty peals as conductor, he tied with Mr. W. Pye for second place, two behind the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. Elected honorary district secretary for the Central Division of the Sussex County Association in the year 1893, he held that position until leaving Brighton in 1905, when his great services to the Association were recognised by the presentation of a handsome silver tea service, etc., suitably engraved. Chief among the notable peals which Mr. Williams has rung was the first peal on the bells of Exeter Cathedral, rung in 1902. He always looks upon this as his greatest "surprise peal," as it was very reluctantly that he undertook the conducting, having only partly recovered from an accident sustained about eight weeks previously, and which has ever since handicapped him in ringing at the heavy end. There was a day, however, when Mr. George Williams was among the most skilful of big bell ringers, although, as he never went beyond the modest weight of nine stones, it was only supreme judgment that enabled him to do what others by brute force would have failed to accomplish.

When residing in Sussex Mr. Williams was always keen on a ringing trip to his native county of Hants, and, with Mr. J. W. Whiting, of Fareham, organised an annual excursion with a visiting band for peals between 1890 and 1900, besides occasional week-end and Bank Holiday visits. It was on December 26th, 1892, on the grand ring of eight at Christ Church Priory that the first peal of Double Norwich by the Winchester Guild in the county was rung. The first peal of Superlative Surprise in the county was rung on the 1894 tour, Cambridge in 1898, London in 1899, and the first peal of Stedman Caters by the Guild in this county in the same year. All these were conducted by Mr. Williams.

In May, 1905, he left Brighton for West End, Southampton, where he now resides. Joining the North Stoneham band two miles distant he found progress very slow, but after struggling for two or three years succeeded in ringing peals in seven methods on the six bells at St. Nicolas' Church. In 1908-9 a successful appeal

was made for funds to increase the ring to eight, and, thanks to his ringing friends in all parts, Mr. Williams was able to hand a substantial sum to the fund, the result being a handy little ring with $9\frac{1}{4}$ cwt. tenor. If only the enthusiasm that used to exist at St. Peter's, Brighton, could be infused peals in the Surprise Methods would have been tapped off ere now on these bells.

Mr. Williams has never had the slightest ambition for long peals. Three or four hours at a time are sufficient, his longest length being the 6720 of London Surprise, the extent with the "tenors together" at St. Peter's in 1901. A large number of his peals of Grandsire have been rung in assisting young hands with their first peals, etc., the two latest additions being Curdridge and Dibden. In addition to attending the weekly practice at North Stoneham, Mr. Williams manages to visit pretty well all the neighbouring towers within cycling distance, having been an ardent rider from almost the introduction of the cycle. Mr. Williams has been a member of the Central Council since its formation, and has missed only two of the meetings. After dropping out as the representative for Sussex, he was elected an hon. member. The following are among the Associations and Guilds he belongs to: The Society of Royal Cumberlands, Winchester, Salisbury, Oxford, Devon, Truro, Sussex, Norwich, Midland Counties, Yorkshire, Cleveland and North Yorkshire, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, Gloucester and Bristol and the Irish Association. Whether it is in getting a young band through their first touch of Grandsire, or keeping the bells together in a peal of London Surprise, Mr. Williams is a master of the Art, and not many men can boast of having taught so many ringers as he. In his present sphere his opportunities are somewhat limited—except in the direction of helping young bands—but ten to fifteen years ago George Williams loomed large in the eye of the Exercise. In the south, at any rate, he was the man of the hour, and in the days when Surprise method ringing was not so general as it is now, his was the practical hand which succeeded in placing the St. Peter's, Brighton, company in the very forefront of the campanological world, and it is not too much to say that the performances of that band did a great deal, by the emulation which it inspired, to encourage the practice of the higher methods. Of the interest which he has always taken in assisting ringers, the writer can bear personal testimony, for he owes not a little to the kindly help received from Mr. Williams, and it is not uninteresting perhaps to record that the first peals of Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise rung by the Editor of this journal were conducted by the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Williams makes a point of ringing regularly for both Sunday services when at home, and on principal attends one of the services; but as a deep thinker his Church views are very broad. Appended is a list of his peals, which have been rung in 10 different counties in England and Ireland, and in 162 different towers. Three of his handbell peals still remain unique, as they were taken part in by his wife, who, as is well known, was the first lady to figure in a peal.

On Six Bells	25	Conducted	20
Bob Triples	6	Conducted	4
Bob Major	43	Conducted	36
Bob Royal	1	Conducted	1
Grandsire Triples	88	Conducted	70
Do. (on handbells)	4	Conducted	4
Grandsire Major	1	Conducted	1

Grandsire Caters	9	Conducted	4
Union Triples	1	Conducted	1
Stedman Triples	205	Conducted	148
Stedman Caters	28	Conducted	17
Stedman Cinques	2		
Kent Treble Bob Major ...	65	Conducted	55
Kent Treble Bob Royal ...	14	Conducted	7
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1		
Oxford Treble Bob Major...	3	Conducted	2
Double Norwich Major ...	100	Conducted	84
Double Norwich Royal.....	1		
College Exercise Major ...	1		
Champion Major	1		
Norfolk Surprise Major ...	2	Conducted	1
Westminster Surprise ...	3	Conducted	1
Gloucester Surprise	3	Conducted	1
Oxford Surprise	3	Conducted	2
New Cumberland Surprise	6	Conducted	6
Superlative Surprise	114	Conducted	86
Cambridge Surprise	37	Conducted	29
London Surprise	46	Conducted	41
Bristol Surprise	2	Conducted	2

Total rung ... 815 Conducted 623

RINGERS' SERVICE IN LONDON.

The special service for bell ringers of the London and Provincial Associations, to which reference has previously been made in these columns, is to be held on Sunday evening next at St. Clement Danes, Strand. It is hoped that ringers will turn up in large numbers to show their appreciation of the effort made by the Rector (the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford) to provide them with an opportunity of joining in worship as one body of loyal church workers. The service will commence at 7 p.m., and the sermon will be preached by one of the best known of the ringing clergy, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, M.A., of Crowthorne, Berks.

BRIGG CHURCH BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Certainly the sale of the two trebles at Brigg, to help to defray the expense of rehanging the back six bells, is a most extraordinary and regrettable affair. As the peal of six was only put up in 1875, and the two trebles added in 1878, it seems odd that they should require entirely rehanging in so short a time. Something of the same kind happened at St. Peter's Church, St. Albans, Herts, not many years ago. Two trebles, the gift of Mr. Lewis of that town, were added to the ten bells in the tower to make a peal of twelve in 1858. In 1833, the tenth and eleventh being cracked, the new trebles were sold to defray the expense of recasting; thereby reducing the peal to ten, as it was before. Such proceedings remind one of the doings of church authorities in the county of Norfolk, in the eighteenth century. At that time we continually find churchwardens selling bells, and lead from church roofs, to pay for repairs to the fabric. In many cases only a single bell was left in the tower. The excuses made when petitioning the bishop for a faculty to sell the bells are in many cases most absurd. Sometimes it was represented that the bells were cracked, or that they had no clappers, or that they were too small to be heard at a distance from the church, and many other excuses equally ridiculous. It is to be hoped that we shall not have a repetition of the doings of these times in the present day.—Yours, etc.,

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At Merthyr Tydfil recently a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but came to grief after 2 hours and 40 minutes' ringing. The peal was arranged as a farewell to Mr. William Roberts, who has now left the district for Duffield, Derbyshire, his brother ringers wishing him every prosperity in his new home. Mr. Roberts' loss will be keenly felt by the band, particularly in connection with Stedman ringing on which they are now engaged. It is hoped the gap will be soon filled by Mr. Roberts' successor, who has joined the band.

Although Ilford possesses 50 churches, at the present time it is without a peal of bells. The tower of St. Mary's Parish Church, in which the only set of bells is located, is cracked, and the bells are to remain silent until enough money is raised to build a new tower.

The twelve bells of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, have been rehung at a cost of £400, which includes new framework, fittings, and girders, and the recasting of the two treble bells to be in tune with the other ten. It is intended that in future the bells shall be rung rather less than before in full term; peals and ringing of any length will take place only in vacations, except on very special occasions.

"It is to be hoped," says the "Church Times," "that in making these alterations in the amount of ringing the Vicar is not yielding too much to the somewhat factitious agitation which has been carried on against the bells in the Cambridge Press; some of the writers were found to be going on complaining of the disturbance caused to their rest and slumbers long after the bells had been taken away last term for the recasting!" Another example of the frequently unscrupulous opposition to ringing.

There is a correspondent who frequently favours us with communications, but never uses the same name or address twice. Recently we have received from him two cards signed "The Rev. T. Coles, Hampstead," and "J. Hodge, Willesden." Will he kindly remember that we cannot publish communications unless they are authenticated, although his own name need not necessarily appear in print. Fictitious names of the kind indicated above only result in the effusions being consigned to the w.p.b.

In our peal columns there are names which occur with great regularity, and some folks, who, striving with young ringers and the simpler methods, imagine that these men get together bands that ensure a peal at almost every attempt. This, however, is not the fact. These ringers have their failures as well as their successes.

One well-known conductor during January rang two peals, but had no fewer than eight failures. The causes which brought the attempts to an end are varied and not uninteresting:—

January 1st, Cambridge Surprise Major, tenor man had to give up after an hour's good ringing.

January 3rd, Bristol Surprise, shift course after 2½ hours.

January 6th, Double Norwich, given up after seven courses through bad going of bells. Attempt for Stedman Triples, bells called round in 4-part through rain coming in and soaking the tenor man.

January 12th, Stedman Caters, treble man set up in a slight trip.

January 13th, Stedman Caters, shift course.

January 25th, Bristol Surprise, break down.

January 26th, Stedman Triples, stopped through imperative knocking at door—choirmaster sent to say he would be glad if the ringers would finish as he could not get on with his practice.

January 27th, Stedman Caters, seventh rope came down after three hours' perfect ringing.

Failure ought always to be an incentive to perseverance, and where the "big men" do not succeed the lesser lights need not be dejected if they fail.

The rising generation is again to the fore this week with handbells. Reggie Chapman, to whom we referred in this column only last week, and whose age is but 13 years, has improved upon any of his previous performances by ringing 1-2 to a peal of Bob Major at Kettering. At Derby, Arthur Braines, at the age of 17, has conducted a peal of Grandsire from 5-6.

The bells at Eastwell Park, near Ashford, Kent, are being rehung in a steel frame in memory of the late Lord Northcote. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have been entrusted with the contract.

Another generation of the family of Pye makes entry into the ringing world this week. On Sunday, at Little Heath, Essex, two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung by A. Stroud 1, W. A. Pye 2, L. A. Pye (aged 12) 3, C. Weaver 4, A. Pye 5. The boy has some great examples before him, let us hope he will worthily uphold the family reputation.

The ringers of St. Leonard's Church, Keevil, Wilts, have lost a much esteemed fellow-member in the person of Mr. Jesse Bodman, who has passed away at the age of 37. He was buried on Thursday week, and muffled ringing took place as a last tribute of respect. Mr. Bodman will be much missed by his fellow-ringers, and his death is deeply regretted by all who knew him.

RINGERS' DINNER AT RUMNEY.

The annual dinner of the Rumney (Mon.) ringers took place on Saturday evening last at the Rumney Castle Hotel. Twenty ringers and friends, which included Mr. J. Clutterbuck, of Llandaff, and Messrs. Jones, Bullen and Morgan, of All Saints', Newport, did ample justice to an excellent repast. At the conclusion of the dinner, the usual toasts were honoured, and afterwards a musical evening was spent, commencing with a course of Triples on the handbells. During the evening, Master Santaway and Miss Pacey took part with the handbells. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent.—Prior to the dinner, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on the church bells by F. Marshall (conductor) 1, D. Morgan 2, W. Stanaway 3, H. Giles 4, A. H. Cossom 5, G. Woodlands 6.

A LUTTERWORTH PEAL CELEBRATED.**RUGBY RINGERS' VISIT.**

A dinner, arranged by the St. Mary's Society, Lutterworth, to celebrate the ringing of a peal of Grandsire Triples on the tower bells, in which four of the local ringers took part, assisted by four "brother strings" from the neighbouring town of Rugby, took place at the Stag and Pheasant on Saturday last. The peal was noteworthy, for the fact that it was the first time a resident Lutterworth ringer has accomplished the feat. Previous to the dinner several touches were rung on the tower bells, Mr. P. Rourke, of the local band, calling his first touch in a masterly way. The dinner, splendidly served, was thoroughly enjoyed by the twenty-one ringers and friends who had the honour of being present.

The repeat over, the company were pleased to have the presence for a short time of the Rector, the Rev. J. F. Alderson, who proposed, in a neat little speech, the loyal toast, which was duly honoured.—Mr. P. Rourke then proposed the health of the Rector, and that gentleman, in replying, said how pleased he was to see the progress his ringers were making in the art of change ringing.—A capital musical programme was commenced by a pianoforte selection by Mr. Phillips (who acted as accompanist throughout the evening), followed by a selection on the handbells by three of the Rugby company, viz., Messrs. Fenton, junr., Hessian and White. After a song by Mr. Buck, Mr. A. J. Ross, who occupied the chair, proposed: "The St. Andrew's Society of Change Ringers, Rugby."—Mr. Fenton, senr., replied, and handed certificates, presented by Mr. James George, the Master of the Warwickshire Guild, to the four Lutterworth men who rang in the peal.—Mr. Prentice then sang, in a delightful way, "Bonnie Mary of Argyle."

"The St. Mary's Society of Change Ringers, Lutterworth," was proposed by Mr. Fenton, senr., who complimented the members on the excellent progress made, and also offered a few words of advice and encouragement.—After Mr. Rourke had responded, a handbell selection, "The Blue Bells of Scotland," was given by Messrs. Malins, Hessian and White. Mr. Dawent next contributed a violin solo, following which Mr. Buck sang "Simon, the Cellarer," and Messrs. Fenton, junr., Fenton, senr., Hessian, White and Malins rang a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters. "Alice, Where Art Thou" was nicely rendered by Mr. F. Poole.—"The Visitors," proposed by Mr. S. Poole, was responded to by Messrs. Buck and Prentice.—Mr. Phillips then gave a song, and following a recitation by Mr. Ball, came two humorous songs by Mr. S. Poole, "The Mangle" and "Sarah Ann," which fairly brought down the house. Another selection on the handbells preceded a couple of songs by Mr. Whooley, who sang "The Bargee" and "The Jovial Monk," in pleasing style. Songs by Messrs. Mills and Kimpton-Smith followed, and a violin solo by Mr. Dawent, was the last, but by no means the least, delightful item of a very good programme, Messrs. Rourke and Kimpton-Smith being responsible for much merriment in "Come with me down Regent Street."

Mr. Rourke proposed the health of the chairman, and said how pleased all present were to see how speedily he was recovering from the effects of his recent accident, and to see him again taking his place in the tower. The toast was received with musical honours, and Mr. Ross replied.—The members of the Rugby company, who through the kindness of their Lutterworth friends, were privileged to spend such an enjoyable evening, wish to take this opportunity of according them their sincere thanks, and to express the hope that the bond of friendship which has sprung up between the two companies may long continue.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**THE BENEVOLENT FUND PROPOSAL.**

The quarterly meeting of the Kettering district was held at Rothwell on Saturday last. It was arranged to take place at Desborough, but owing to illness near the church, it had to be postponed, a telegram reaching the district secretary on Friday night. Mr. Stratford, however, lost no time in getting into communication with the Rothwell authorities, with the result that Rothwell was the place of meeting. About 17 members were present from Kettering, Geddington, Barton Seagrave, Thorpe Malsor, Cransley, and Isham, together with the local ringers.—Various methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob, were rung during the afternoon and evening on the bells, which are a fine peal, the old six having been recast, and two new trebles added, by Taylor. Tea was served at Mr. Brown's Restaurant, after which a short business meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. M. Morley), supported by the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford), and the district secretary (Mr. J. Stratford). Several new members were elected, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Barton Seagrave.—The General Secretary brought forward the subject of the proposed benevolent fund, asking the members to think the matter over, and be prepared to discuss it at the annual meeting.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells at such a short notice, and to the local ringers for their kindly welcome.—The Vicar (who is an hon. member), in reply, said how pleased he was to do anything he could for the benefit of the ringers.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**BACK TO THE CATHEDRAL CITY.**

After a lapse of many years, we are again able to chronicle a visit of the Diocesan Association to the old Cathedral city of Ely, the headquarters of the Association, and home of the founder, a meeting for the Isle of Ely district being held there on Saturday week. In spite of the bad weather, a good attendance was secured, ringers attending from Cambridge, Bury St. Edmunds, Newmarket, Littleport, Mildenhall, Sutton, Wilburton, and the local ringers. During the afternoon St. Mary's bells were set going to touches of Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob, Mr. R. Lathbury, Newmarket, conducting.

Afterwards the company, numbering 22, adjourned to the Minster Tavern, where an excellent meat tea was provided. Here the members were met by the hon. treasurer and founder (the Rev. K. H. Smith), who addressed the meeting, urging the members to show their appreciation of the Association and its officers, by recruiting new members, and aiming at the highest standard of ringing.

Messrs. W. Scott, G. Atkin, H. H. Vail, junr., F. Pilgrim (Ely), E. W. Cattell, G. Few, R. Pinch (Sutton), G. Staplehurst, G. Markwell and H. Sharp (Wilburton), were elected members of the Association.—The place of the next meeting was then discussed, and it was finally decided to select Chatteris for the summer gathering.—The usual vote of thanks having been passed to the Rector (the Rev. Dr. Punchard) for the use of the bells, a move was made to the belfry, where touches of Grandsire and Bob Major were indulged in, several taking part for the first time in seven and eight bell methods, Mr. R. Lathbury again taking charge of the conducting.

Ely and district contains some promising ringers, and it is hoped that progress will be made in change ringing, and the higher methods practised.

BELLS WITHOUT RINGERS.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Barrington on Saturday. Only a small number turned up, owing, no doubt, to the wintry weather which prevailed. A call was made at Foxton in the afternoon, and several 120's were brought round. The bells are a nice ring of five, tenor about 10 cwt., and are in good ringing order, but, sad to relate, there are no ringers at the church. The bells had not been rung for a long time, and their sounds attracted some of the villagers, who said how pleased they were to hear the bells ringing once again. Here is a place for missionary work.

A move was next made to Barrington, but here again none of the local men put in an appearance. The local captain was out, so the other members were sought out, and invited to tea and to the meeting, but without success. Tea was provided at "The Catherine Wheel," members being present from Ickleton, Stapleford, Great Shelford, Melbourn, etc., and at the business meeting, which followed, letters of apology were read, including one from the general secretary, who was unable to attend, through illness. Six new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next district meeting at Stapleford.—Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicars for the use of the bells.—Afterwards the church was visited. On the nice ring of six (tenor, 11½ cwt.), 720 Bob Minor and several other touches were brought round. The tea-room was then re-visited. The snow was at this time coming down heavily, but once inside the weather was forgotten for a time, although some had 12 miles to ride home in an open conveyance, or on bicycles. The Ickleton ringers, who were present in full strength, had their handbells with them, and the sound of them soon brought in some of the local ringers. Mr. F. Handscombe, of Melbourn, gave a good selection of tunes.

RYE BELL RINGERS.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Rye bell ringers was held at the Vicarage on Friday last. The chairman, the Rev. A. P. Howes, presided, and the following were present: Messrs. G. J. Youngs (captain), G. Billenness (conductor), C. Price, W. Bennett, E. H. Whiteman, H. G. Ticehurst, and H. F. Cobon (hon. sec.).—The collectors (Messrs. G. Billenness and G. J. Youngs) reported that the amount collected was a slight increase on the previous year, and a resolution was passed thanking the subscribers for their kindness.—Mr. Billenness (conductor) presented a review of the past twelve months, remarking that the band still upheld their reputation, and looked forward to greater achievements in the coming year.—The Hon. Secretary also presented a report, in which he referred to the various special occasions on which the bells had been rung.—The reports were sanctioned, and ordered to be entered in the minute book.

It was decided to keep the tower in union with the Sussex County Association, and the secretary was instructed to forward the annual subscription, £1 1s.—The officers were re-elected as follows: Captain, Mr. G. J. Youngs; conductor, Mr. G. Billenness; hon. secretary, Mr. H. F. Cobon.

The Vicar and Mrs. Howes subsequently entertained the party to supper, after which various amusements were indulged in, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Howes for their hospitality, also to the Vicar for presiding at the business meeting, were carried by acclamation.—The reverend gentleman briefly responded, and the company then dispersed.

SALISBURY GUILD. MEETING AT SEEND.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at Seend on Saturday. The chair was occupied by the Rev. J. H. Burn (Rector of Great Cheverell, and chairman of the branch), supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West (Devizes), hon. branch secretary, and ringers from Westbury, Trowbridge, Southbroom, Keevil, Seend, St. John, Devizes; Hilperton, Urchfont, Potterne, Chirton, and Great Cheverell. The meeting was also graced by the presence of the Rev. Canon Thynne, M.A., Vicar of Seend, and the Rev. E. S. Awdry, also of Seend. After tea, at the Iron Room, kindly placed at the Guild's disposal by Mr. Awdry, a short business meeting was held, at which two new lady members from St. John's tower were elected.—Mr. H. Brownlee West proposed, and Mr. W. Hart seconded, a vote of thanks to the Rev. E. S. Awdry for the use of the room.—Mr. E. Hooper proposed, and Mr. John Harding seconded a vote of thanks to Canon Thynne for the use of the church bells, the Canon replying in a short but very humorous speech. He referred to the considerable amount of ringing done by himself, but of a different and more lasting nature. He expressed his pleasure at seeing so many ringers gathered together, and said how pleased he should be to welcome the Guild again on a future occasion at Seend.—Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon and evening.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Canterbury district of the above held a meeting at Elham on Saturday, when 45 members sat down to a tea, very kindly provided by the local ringers. Afterwards six new members were elected.—A letter was read re the restoration of the bells of Shoreditch Parish Church, and a collection was made by Mr. W. E. Pitman for this object.—The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore briefly explained his ideas respecting a benevolent fund which he hopes to bring forward in the near future.—Amidst much applause, he thanked the Vicar for presiding, and for the use of the room and bells, and the local ringers for so generously providing refreshments.—The Vicar suitably replied, remarking that he considered himself a ringer, though not a practical one, and was always ready to help in any way he could.—The tower was again visited, and touches in the four standard methods and in Double Norwich were successfully accomplished.

MEETING AT CHIPPENHAM.

A meeting of the Swindon branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Chippenham on Saturday week, when a large number of ringers from Bremhill, Grittleton, Marshfield, Stratton St. Margaret, Swindon and Wootton Bassett, met at St. Paul's Church at 3 o'clock, where ringing was indulged in for about two hours. An excellent tea was provided at Hiscock's Dairy, and a meeting followed, Mr. Ernest Bishop (Branch President) occupying the chair. The Rev. D. B. Barclay, Rector of St. Paul's, was also present, and was elected an honorary member. A few new ringing members were also enrolled.—The next meeting was arranged to take place at Highworth, in February.—The company then returned to the tower, and the bells were kept going to Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Grandsire, and Stedman Triples.

WROXHAM RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

By the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Green, the Wroxham company have been entertained to their annual supper and social evening. The ringers, who took their handbells, were most cordially welcomed by Mrs. Green. A capital supper had been prepared, to which the ringers did ample justice. During the evening touches of Bob Minor were rung, but the chief feature was a good selection of tunes rung in excellent style. Songs were contributed by Messrs. F. Hall and C. R. Chamberlin.—At the conclusion of the evening, Mr. S. Nunn proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess, which was unanimously accorded in a real campanological way, namely, by the firing of the handbells. To this the hostess most suitably responded, at the same time congratulating Messrs. Spurgeon, Nunn, Haines, and C. Kidd (the old ringers), upon the splendid way in which they had taught the young company which Wroxham now possesses.

WEST GRINSTEAD RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

The West Grinstead ringers had their annual supper on Tuesday week, when they were kindly entertained by the Rector (the Rev. F. H. Campion), at the Rectory. The Rector congratulated the members on the progress of their ringing. He said he was pleased with the spirit which prevailed in the belfry, and reminded the men that they were as much church workers as other members of the congregation.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for his hospitality, and Mr. H. Turrell (the sexton), and others, who had so willingly helped the beginners throughout the year. Messrs. T. Adams, W. Denman, senr., W. Denman, junr., and F. Denman, from the neighbouring parish of Shipley, were also present, as they had been amongst those who had kindly assisted the beginners.—Songs and selections on the handbells completed the programme for the evening. Previous to the supper, 720 Plain Bob was rung in the belfry by: L. Turrell 1, T. Adams 2, C. Killick 3, A. Coote 4, W. Denman, senr., 5, H. Turrell (conductor) 6. Touches of Plain Bob were also rung.

LEEDS SOCIETY MEET AT PUDSEY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Pudsey on Saturday. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was successfully accomplished in the afternoon, and the business meeting, held in the evening at the Golden Lion Hotel, was attended by a representative gathering. The President (Mr. P. J. Johnson) occupied the chair, supported by members from Armley, Bramley, Bolton, Birstall, Calverley, Guiseley, Halifax, Holbeck, Lightcliffe, Liversedge, Mirfield, Shipley, Tong, and the local company.—The arrangements for a peal attempt at Armley, on March 2nd, were left in the hands of Mr. J. Peacock.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Pudsey, for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the day's arrangements, was proposed by Mr. J. W. Holgate, seconded by Mr. W. P. Smith, and carried with applause.—Mr. W. Birks responded.—The remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

DONCASTER.—Yorkshire Association.—On Christmas morning, 1440 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Fevre 1, R. Bayles 2, H. Brock 3, H. Marwood 4, C. Scott 5, H. Wilson 6, G. Halksworth (conductor) 7, G. Clow 8.

DEPTFORD.—Kent County Association.—At St. John's Church, on Christmas Day, at 7.0 a.m., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins., conducted by W. J. Jeffries. Also at 10.0 a.m., a quarter-peal from Holt's Original, in 42 mins., conducted by F. W. Richardson.—On Dec. 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal from the Original: R. Fosdike 1, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 2, F. Bacon 3, H. White 4, A. G. Bennington 5, J. Law 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, C. Macklin 8. Also for Watch-Night service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., conducted by W. J. Jeffries.

LLANDAFF.—At the Cathedral, on Christmas Day, for 7 a.m. service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Dawe 1, J. Harries 2, W. B. Eiss (conductor) 3, F. Pitcher 4, T. Cox 5, J. Clutterbuck 6, A. Rowley 7, J. Aldridge 8.

TWYFORD, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—At St. Mary's Church, on New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Carter 1, F. Oxenbury 2, P. Rooke 3, T. Spratt 4, L. Lampard 5, E. Wateridge 6, C. Abrahams (conductor) 7, J. Penton 8.

SHERFIELD, HANTS.—On New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), rung at midnight: J. Isley 1, F. Pearman 2, G. Herbert 3, F. Draper 4, W. Bennett (conductor) 5, H. Well 6.

HARLOW.—Essex Association.—In the hope of ringing the first 720 of Minor in 1912, 720 Kent Treble Bob was started at Harlow Common at 12.4 a.m. on January 1st, and brought round 23 minutes later: F. Wheeler 1, W. Morris 2, H. Bottrill (conductor) 3, T. Smith 4, T. Cordle 5, H. Small 6.—On Sunday, January 7th, 720 in the same method, with 6-8 covering: H. Small 1, W. Morris 2, G. Dent 3, H. Bottrill (conductor) 4, T. Cordle 5, T. Wheeler 6, T. Smith 7, F. Whitby 8.

LYTHAM.—Lancashire Association.—On Jan. 3rd, at St. John's Church, 720 College Single Minor: C. Kerr (conductor) 1, J. Fell 2, D. McLellan 3, E. Loose 4, J. Tiffin 5, T. Allanson 6.—On Jan. 14th, 720 Superlative Surprise Minor: J. Fell 1, J. Tipping (conductor) 2, D. McLellan 3, E. Tipping 4, J. Hardman 5, T. Allanson 6.—On Sunday, Jan. 21st, 720 New London Pleasure. For evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor, conducted by J. Tipping.

UPCHURCH.—Kent County Association.—On Thursday, Jan. 4th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Oxford Bob: E. Boakes 1, A. Bishop 2, W. T. Hyland (composer and conductor) 3, C. C. Bishop 4, W. J. Walker 5, C. Shipp 6.—On Sunday evening, Jan. 14th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Minor (1260 changes): H. Manser 1, A. Bishop 2, W. T. Hyland 3, C. C. Bishop 4, W. J. Walker (conductor) 5, C. Shipp 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Shipp.

GRAVESEND.—At St. George's Church, on January 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Bules 1, A. Constant 2, R. Smith 3, R. Tall 4, J. Constant 5, A. Martin 6, R. Constant (conductor) 7, E. Hadlow 8.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 6th, 720 Bob Minor: C. Goldring 1, J. Farmer 2, C. Hills 3, H. Tullet 4, T. Linfield 5, A. Groves (conductor) 6.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On January 6th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, two 720's Cambridge Surprise, one 720 Double Oxford and 120 Forward Minor: A. Pierce 1, J. Rance 2, W. J. Paice 3, H. Bungay 4, J. North 5, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 6. First 720 Double Oxford by 1, 3 and 4, and conducted by J. Rance, on tenor.

BUCKHAN WESTON, DORSET.—On the Feast of the Epiphany, 720 Bob Minor: *Rev. C. A. Phillips 1, C. C. H. D'Aeth 2, Rev. F. L. Edwards 3, *E. Ridout 4, W. W. H. D'Aeth 5, A. E. Coles (conductor) 6. *First 720.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, for service, by the local band, 360 Grandsire Doubles: T. Payne 1, C. C. H. D'Aeth 2, J. Williams 3, W. W. H. D'Aeth (conductor) 4, E. H. Gough 5, W. Shute 6.

EVESHAM.—Worcestershire Association.—On Sunday, January 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: H. Morton (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Hemming 2, F. Cook (conductor) 3, F. Moss 4, H. Jordan 5, F. Jordan 6, H. Middleton 7, F. Jinks 8.

YATELEY, HANTS.—The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, January 7th, 504 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Stilwell 1, W. Horne 2, W. G. Bunch 3, G. Butler 4, S. Riddell 5, J. R. Bunch 6, H. Tice (conductor) 7, C. Bunch 8.

LOUGHBORO', LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, at All Saints' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1331 changes), in 53 mins.: E. W. Leslie 1, R. F. Lane (conductor) 2, F. H. E. Stubbs 3, Geo. Freebrey 4, E. Abbott 5, J. Oldham 6, H. W. Abbott 7, C. Harriman 8, E. Reader 9, J. Powell 10.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, 672 Grandsire Triples: A. Hiestad 1, C. P. Oliver 2, O. Porter 3, W. Wicks 4, W. Cook 5, J. Hiscock 6, G. Cleave (conductor) 7, C. Prior 8. Rung after the christening of the son and heir of the ringer of the 6th.

CARDIFF.—St. John's Guild.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, at St. John's Church, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Day 1, W. Biss 2, E. Coles 3, W. Bolton 4, W. Heath 5, F. Chamberland (conductor) 6, A. Rowley 7, C. Oram 8.

ISLEWORTH.—Middlesex Association.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, for men's service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Ransom 1, H. C. Chandler 2, C. Dell 3, C. Bird (conductor) 4, F. E. Cole 5, T. Beadle 6, G. Spencer 7, A. Harding 8.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, for evening service, 672 London Surprise Major: J. B. Fenton (conductor) 1, W. Malins 2, H. O. White 3, J. A. Fenon 4, C. W. Wheeler 5, A. J. Hessian 6, J. W. Chandler 7, J. George 8.

EASTWOOD, NOTIS.—On Jan. 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for evening service, in 43 mins.: J. Parnham 1, J. T. Pollard 2, A. Wyld 3, E. Manners 4, F. Rowley 5, A. Parker 6, J. P. Pollard (conductor) 7, T. Rippin (first quarter-peal) 8.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Jan. 7th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Pegg 1, W. Fern 2, B. West 3, S. W. West (conductor) 4, H. Partridge 5, J. Rawson 6, T. Betcher 7, J. Bonser 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Edser, senr., 1, W. Shepherd (conductor) 2, A. F. Shepherd 3, G. B. Edser 4, A. Woodrow 5, F. Shepherd, senr., 6, J. Emery 7, R. J. Polley 8.

LIVERSEDGE.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, at the Parish Church, a date touch of "Rose of England" Treble Bob (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 9 mins.: S. Goodall 1, E. Crabtree 2, W. Clark 3, J. F. Clayton 4, H. Dransfield 5, W. Thomas 6, F. Robinson (composer and conductor) 7, W. Brierley 8.

KENNINGTON, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, Jan. 7th, for Divine service, at the Church of St. John the Divine, 1330 Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 50 mins.: E. S. Garnett 1, A. Walton 2, H. J. Walton 3, T. W. Wyatt 4, A. S. Miller 5, A. Theo. Miller 6, Geo. W. Wild (conductor) 7, K. C. Wightman 8.

NEW ROMNEY.—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: H. S. Humphrey (conductor) 1, E. E. Hutchinson 2, G. Kennett 3, S. Boulden 4, H. D. Anderson 5, P. Page 6, S. Southerden 7, G. B. Anderson 8.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—On Jan. 9th, at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Spiby 1, E. Bartram (first with a bob bell) 2, T. Gillett 3, C. Dalby 4, A. V. Potter 5, W. James 6, R. H. Bartram (conductor) 7, R. Hinman 8.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 10th, 720 Plain Bob: F. Denman 1, L. Turrell (first on an inside bell) 2, C. Killick 3, A. Coots (first 720) 4, W. Denman, junr., 5, H. Turrell (conductor) 6.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 11th, at St. Michael's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: T. Newman 1, F. Bird 2, P. C. Springham 3, H. J. Tucker 4, H. M. White 5, P. Springham (conductor) 6, W. Wilkinson 7, C. Ridgwell 8. Also a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: W. Rickett 1, *F. Bird 2, T. Newman 3, *H. M. White 4, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 5, W. W. Tucker 6, P. Springham 7, *C. Ridgwell 8. *Their first quarter-peal in the method.—On Sunday, Jan. 14th, for evening service, 587 Grandsire Triples: W. Rickett 1, F. Bird 2, P. C. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. Wilkinson 7, C. Ridgwell 8.

TWYFORD, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Jan. 11th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: F. Abrahams 1, T. Spratt 2, P. Rooke 3, F. Oxenbury 4, C. Abrahams 5, E. Wateridge 6, L. Lampard (conductor) 7, J. Penton 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. Carter, one of the local band, to welcome the bride and bridegroom as they were returning to their home.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 13th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: W. J. Barrow 1, C. Brett 2, H. Brook 3, O. Collins 4, G. A. Taylor 5, W. Booth (conductor) 6.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—St. Martin's Guild.—On Saturday, Jan. 13th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins., with the bells deeply muffled, in memory of the late Mr. Thomas Reynolds, an old and esteemed member of the above society, who was interred at Aston on the preceding Thursday: Geo. F. Swann 1, Chas. Cottrell 2, Geo. Garrison 3, Thos. Wells 4, W. J.

Meers (conductor) 5, J. Preston 6, J. Sanders 7, W. Anker 8.—On Dec. 16th, after an attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Preston 1, C. Dickens 2, G. Garrison 3, J. Sanders 4, W. J. Meers 5, T. Wells 6, G. F. Swann (conductor) 7, J. E. Pywell 8.—On Sunday, Dec. 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 47 mins.: *C. Cottrell 1, J. Sanders 2, *G. Garrison 3, *J. Preston 4, T. Russam 5, *T. Wells 6, *W. J. Meers (conductor) 7, G. F. Swann 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Swann, wife of the tenor ringer, Mr. C. Cottrell (the ringer of the treble), and to the son of Mr. J. Preston. *First quarter-peal in the method.

CAMBERWELL.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, Jan. 14th, for evening service, 1105 Stedman Caters: W. Hewett (conductor) 1, F. Perrin 2, F. Davis 3, E. F. Pike 4, A. J. Trollope 5, F. Hairs 6, F. Bennett 7, E. Brett 8, A. Grimes 9, J. E. Davis 10. Also three courses Forward Royal, conducted by J. E. Davis, with T. Langdon in place of A. Grimes.

ST. CLEMENT'S MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The Major you gave by Mr. H. W. Wilde in your issue of Jan. 12th, is just as much St. Simon's as it is St. Clement's, but as a matter of fact it is neither. Properly speaking, it is Reading Bob Major, as will clearly be seen by the following:—

THE READING SYSTEM.

Doubles.	Minor.	Triples.	Major.
12345	123456	1234567	12345678
21435	214365	2143657	21436587
24153	241635	2416375	24163857
42513	426153	4261735	42618375
24531	246513	2467153	24681735
42351	425631	4276513	42867153
24315	245361	2475631	24876513
42135	423516	4257361	42785631
41253	243156	2453716	24758361
14523	421365	4235176	42573816
15432	412635	2431567	24537186
	146253	4213657	42351768
	142635	4126375	24315678
		1462735	42136587
		1647253	41263857
			14628375
			14263857

Now, upon examination it will be seen there are as many places made in 3rds, as it is possible to make in each example, when the treble is above that position, and by the same rule the method will extend to Maximus, and any other odd or even number desired. The Doubles is the method you published for me a few months ago, and which I may here say was first published in the year 1668. If we now turn to such methods of Doubles as St. Simon's, St. Clement's, St. Dunstan's, Stedman's Slow Course, etc., what work is there in them, I ask, except the places in 3rds, as shown in the above examples? None, I reply, whatever. Of course there are variations, reverses, etc., not here shown, and we may add new Doubles to the list, which really is the double of Reading Doubles. The only addition is the singles that are added in the form of bobs, at the treble leads, or when she is behind, etc. These methods should be named Singles and Doubles, in contradistinction from "pure Doubles," such as Reading, Grandsire and Stedman.

The Triples given as St. Clement's may just as well be entitled St. Simon's, as it is more or less a variation of Reading by the rule above explained. Further, I doubt if a good variation of St. Simon's or St. Clement's, with corresponding or characteristic lead ends of the Doubles is possible.

I note Lambeth bob is the same method as that given in "Standard Methods" and "Legitimate Methods," but which is the older title it is hard to say, but as above shown neither is correct. I also note in a previous issue the method given by my old friend Mr. H. J. Tucker. Now, this is exactly the same as above, by omitting 2nd's place and adding a place in 4th's, but cut out this 4th's and you get a better one, for as it stands it is not considered legitimate. I here give the alteration suggested:—

146253	146253
164523 plain	164235 bob
4213657	
4126375	
1423657	
1246375	

If in the above given Triples a 3rd's place is added at treble's first lead, we get a similar method as that given by Mr. H. S. Reeves.

In reply to Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, this is the first time I have heard of his letter to me, and have not yet received it; while there is also some misunderstanding in reference to my responsibility for naming the legitimate methods. In reply to Mr. J. J. Parker, let me say that Annable gives a lot of advice upon the subject he mentions.

P.S.—Mr. Wilde's method can be altered by cutting out the 2nd's place at the treble lead. In saving what I have done, I am not criticising the quality of this method.—H.D.

HY. DAINS.

1911 RECORDS.

At Wickham, Hants, during the past year, the local band, with visitors, have rung 75 720's of Minor, as follows: Bob Minor, 29; Oxford Bob, 19; College Single, 15; Kent Treble Bob, 8; Grandsire, 2; and Single Court, 2. The following members took part: G. E. Chappell, 75, conducted, 66; H. J. Smith, 65; H. Beckett, 63, conducted, 5; H. W. Merrett, 56; W. F. Churcher, 55; N. Welch, 49; W. Singleton, 48, and G. E. Carpenter, 6. Visitors: Alfred Mears (Curdridge), 10, conducted, 4; W. Cooper (Swanmore), 6; E. Wellstead (Curdridge) 4; J. W. Whiting (Fareham), 3; W. J. Ryves (Curdridge), 2; W. Linter (Swanmore), 2; G. W. Grafham and F. Tull (Fareham), one each; A. Millard (Swanmore), 1. Thirty of these 720's were rung for Divine service.

At Stony Stratford, Bucks, 51 720's were rung by the six local ringers, assisted by occasional visitors: Cambridge Surprise, 5; College Pleasure, 6; College Exercise, 3; London Scholars' Pleasure, 7; Violet, 6; Woodbine, 2; Oxford, 8; Kent, 3; Double Court, 3; Double Oxford, 1; Oxford Single Bob, 1; College Single, 1; Plain Bob, 3; Grandsire Doubles, 1; also 720 in three methods, and 1,680 in seven methods. The following ringers took part: E. Yates, A. Clark, H. J. Tucker, W. W. Bonham, T. C. Tompkins, and C. A. Valentine.

At the Chart, Limpsfield, Surrey, the St. Andrew's company and visitors, during 1911, rang 202 complete 720's in 15 methods, viz.: Cambridge, 17; Superlative Surprise, 14; College Exercise, 14; Duke of York, 17; Woodbine, 19; New London Pleasure, 9; Violet, 20; Oxford, 23; Kent, 19; Plain Bob, 19; Grandsire, 2; Canterbury Pleasure, 8; Oxford Bob, 12; College Single, 4; Double Oxford, 5. The following ringers took part: A. A. Jarrett, 181 (conducted 135); E. J. Hoad, 189 (conducted 47); L. Tidy, 192 (conducted 8); P. Tidy, 181; S. Heath, 151; W. Collins, 141; G. Tooth, 107; H. Tidy, 11; D. Wright, 24 (conducted 7); E. Tidy, 4; A. J. Lewis, 9; F. Locke, 1; J. Harris, 1; A. J. Perkins, 3 (conducted 3); G. Chantler, 1; T. Leal, 3; H. Selby, 3 (conducted 2); G. Steer, 2.

GOLDHANGER.

During the past year the Goldhanger band of the Essex Association, with visitors, have rung 80 720's of Minor, made up as follows: College Exercise, 15; Oxford Treble Bob, 13; Plain Bob, 11; Woodbine, 10; Kent, 6; Double Court, College Single and Canterbury Pleasure, 4 each; Double Oxford, 3; Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, St. Clements, and Oxford Bob, 1 each. The following took part: J. D. Buckingham, 80 (conducted 67); G. H. Neville, 74 (conducted 9); A. Appleton, 58; H. Lewis, 57; F. White, 56; C. J. Mann, 47 (conducted 1); J. Owers, 41 (conducted 1); P. C. Sayer, 15; B. Howard, 14; F. Chalk, 11 (conducted 1); H. J. Mansfield, 11 (conducted 1); Rev. B. H. D. Field, 6; E. P. Buckingham, 3; A. South, 2; E. Newman, A. Shufflebotham, G. Mansfield, S. Stiff and G. Southgate, 1 each.

NORTH ANSTON.

The ringers of St. James' Church rang during the year, 1911, 71 complete 720's, besides short touches, making a total of upwards of 60,000 changes in the following methods: Oxford Treble Bob, 3; College Exercise, 1; No. 18 in the Central Council collection, 1; Royston Delight, 1; London Scholars' Pleasure, 1; Ebor, 1; Darlington Delight, 1; Blakeney Delight, 1; City Delight, 1; Norwich Surprise, 3; Bullers, 1; Baden Powell, 2; French, 1; Kitchener, 2; Anston, 2; London, 4; Worcester, 4; Cambridge, 5; Coronation, 2; Norfolk, 2; Ipswich, 1; Berverly, 1; Berwick, 1; York, 1; Chichester, 2; Stamford, 1; Durham, 1; Wells, 1; Norfolk, 2; Tulip, 1; Primrose, 1; Royal Sovereign, 1; Duke of York, 3; College Pleasure, 1; New London Pleasure, 1; Arnold's Victory, 2; College Treble, 1; New College Treble, 1; College Bob IV., 1; Morning Exercise, 1; New Morning Exercise, 1; Sandall, 2; St. James', 1; Kent, 1; Killamarsh, 1. Included in the above was a 5040 in Surprise Methods. This is believed to be a record in number of methods (44).

[Other records are unavoidably held over.]

LANCASHIRE'S HEAVIEST SIX-BELL TENOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Without in any way wishing to detract from the merit of the peal of Surprise Minor rung at Huddlesden, near Darwin, on January 15th last, I cannot but take exception to the footnote which states that the tower possesses the heaviest six-bell tenor in Lancashire. According to the last Lancashire Association report there is a peal of six at the Church of St. Michael, Kirkham, with a tenor weighing 20 cwt., and another peal of six at the Church of St. Michael, Huyton, about seven miles from Liverpool, with a tenor weighing 25 cwt. Some doubt exists locally as to the weight of the latter; in my opinion the weight is about 22 cwt. Possibly someone better informed than myself may tell us the exact weight. However, until we have some evidence to the contrary, we are bound to accept these two bells as being heavier than Huddlesden. Even if their claim does not hold good, I congratulate the band on their performance.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE R. NEWTON.

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 continuing my hints on calling Grandsire Triples, I would advise the beginner to study carefully the effect which the bobs have upon the work and the coursing order of the bells. As to the variation in the work, he will probably already know that a bob cuts one place out of the regular sequence of dodging. For instance, after having made 3rd's place, the order of the dodging places in the following leads is 4-5 down, 6-7 down, 6-7 up and 4-5 up respectively. Now, if a bob be called in the lead after the 3rd's place, the bell will not dodge in 4-5 down, but will stop for the double-dodge in 6-7 down instead; or if the bob be called the lead after dodging in 4-5 down, then the dodge in 6-7 is cut out, because the bell gets stopped by the bob for a double dodge in 6-7 up.

When, therefore, a beginner at conducting is calling bobs, he should bear this point well in mind, or he will find that the bob is a lead too late. He must remember that if he wants to call himself into 6-7 down, for instance, it has to be done the lead after he has made 3rd's place; if he wants to call himself in 6-7 up it has to be done the lead after dodging in 4-5 down, etc. Thus, also, 4-5 up at a bob comes the lead after dodging in 6-7 down, and to call oneself into the hunt, it must be done the lead after dodging in 6-7 up. The only position unaffected is the ordinary 3rd's place, which comes at a bob, as at a plain lead, the lead after dodging in 4-5 up.

Now all these positions have certain names. A call when the observation bell comes to make 3rd's place is known as "Before." When the bell is called into and out of the hunt it is known as "In" and "Out" respectively, and, as the number of leads a bell may be in the hunt varies, it is necessary, when talking of "in and out" of the hunt, to add the number of the leads which the bell is to be in the hunt, such as "in, and out at two," or "in, and out at three." The other three places are 4-5 up, 6-7 down and 6-7 up, and they are known as "middle," "wrong" and "home" or "right" respectively. To indicate the names, the initials are customarily used, e.g., M for "middle," W for "wrong," I for "in," etc. In the following short touch the 7th is called in every position in each of the two parts, so that it will make a good practice touch for a beginner to call. I give the figures with the bob leads marked and the position of the 7th indicated by the letter on the right hand side.

	2	3	4	5	6	7	
—	7	5	2	6	3	4	I
—	4	6	7	3	5	2	O
	4	3	6	2	7	5	
—	5	2	4	7	3	6	M
	5	7	2	6	4	3	
	5	6	7	3	2	4	
—	4	3	5	2	6	7	H
	4	2	3	7	5	6	
—	6	7	4	5	2	3	B
—	3	5	6	2	7	4	W
	3	2	5	4	6	7	

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HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and eight bell contest will take place at Earlsheaton on Saturday, February 10th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m., at the Commercial Inn, Tram Terminus.—George Naylor, Honorary Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—The annual general meeting and election of officers will take place on Saturday, February 10th, at St. Clement Danes', Strand, by special permission of the Rector. Tower open from 3.45 to 6 p.m. Tea in the Church House at 6.15, business to follow at 7. Tea will be provided for a limited number only; will those intending to be present kindly notify me as soon as possible.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, February 10th, 1912. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, on Saturday, February 10th. Bells available from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, 6d., at 5.30. Nearest stations Poplar (N. London), and North Greenwich (G.E.R.), from Fenchurch Street. Members and friends cordially invited. Subscriptions for 1912 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, February 10th. Bells ready at 5.—Walter Hughes.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hoddesdon and Broxbourne, on February 10th. The bells of Hoddesdon will be open until tea time, those of Broxbourne after tea, which will take place at the Salisbury Arms at 5.30. Members 6d., others 9d. Business meeting after. All will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, District Secretary, Little Munden.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Shifnal on Saturday, February 10th, 1912. Ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, February 10th. Alton and Froyle towers open at 2.30. Tea in Church Room at 5.30. Members intending to be present at the tea will oblige by letting me know by Tuesday, February 6th.—James W. Elkins, 20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The usual monthly practice will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Wednesday, February 14th, at 8 p.m. sharp.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Whickham on Wednesday, February 14th. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m. at the Rectory. The Rector invites the members to tea at 5 p.m. Members intending being present please notify Charles Todd, Honorary Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on February 15th and 29th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 20th; at St. Giles', Cripple-gate, on the 20th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 27th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, each Saturday at 7.30. A district meeting will be held at St. Alphge's, Greenwich, on March 2nd. Tower open 4.30 to 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowdon and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Northenden on Saturday, February 17.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting at Bagshot on Saturday, February 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in the institute at 5.30, followed with a social. Visitors heartily welcomed.—G. B. Edser, District Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane on Saturday, February 17th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Business meeting 6.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, February 17th, 1912. Service in church at 3.30 p.m. Dinner at the Swan Inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d. each. Business meeting immediately after dinner.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Short service in the Parish Church at 4.30. Tea at the Coffee Tavern, 1s. each, at 5 o'clock, for those who inform me by the Wednesday previous. Business meeting to follow.—F. S. W. Butler, District Secretary, 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, February 17th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea in the Mission Hall at 5.30, 6d. each. Members please note that subscriptions for 1912 are now due.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at "Ye Olde Royal Hotel," Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 24th, at 6.30 p.m., Francis Edward Dawe, Esq., in the chair. Tickets free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2/6 each.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on February 24th. Bells available from 4 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

NOTICES (continued).

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden on Wednesday, February 28th; ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. A short special service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, kindly provided by the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. Babington, after which a proposed benevolent fund for the Association will be discussed and a resolution moved thereon. Will all those intending to be present at the tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, February 21st, and, just a whisper, "Contributions are due."—C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

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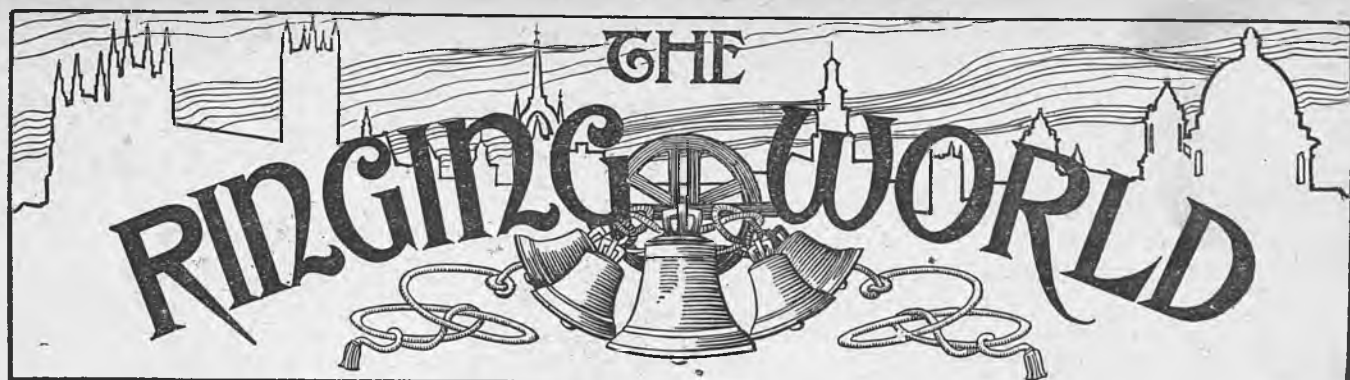
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As we have before pointed out, the question whether the Benevolent Fund is a central one or administered by the individual associations, concerns us but little. It is a matter upon which, perhaps, there would always be a divergence of opinion. The important point is to get the subject taken up so that when a ringer falls upon evil days there is a fund available from which he can receive assistance in the emergency. Our own view is that a central fund would be strongest, but as the Kent Association has taken time by the forelock, the establishment of a county fund in that area may go a long way towards settling the general policy to be followed. The matter, of course, cannot be hurried. Ringers meet for the discussion of business at comparatively rare intervals, and as such a far reaching matter could be settled only at annual meetings, a fairly long period must elapse before the proposal can come into anything like general operation.

But in the meantime ringers can do much to advance the cause which, we feel, must appeal to their humanity and their common sense. It can be discussed among themselves and in the belfries, and views thus ventilated can be carried by their representatives to the district or committee meetings, from which, in turn, the matured judgment of the members can go to the annual meeting, and the best and most workable scheme adopted. Until the views of the individual associations have been ascertained it is useless to expect the Central Council to take action. The Council have no power to impose financial contributions for any purpose of this character upon affiliated associations, and, therefore, the movement in favour of the fund must be from the circumference to the centre. From the members themselves must the initiative come, and the project is certainly finding much favour.

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On Monday, February 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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Tenor 17½ cwt., in F.

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Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOHN SMART... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. ALLISS ... 5
ARTHUR HUTCHINGS ... 2	HENRY STALHAM 6
ERNEST LISH 3	EDMUND LINDUP 7
GEORGE GATLAND 4	*EDWARD SEAR Tenor

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DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 8, 1912, in Three Hours.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANCIS WOODHEAD ... Treble	*JOHN PALFRAMAN ... 5
WILLIAM E. H. ASH ... 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 6
*JAMES A. TEALE ... 3	FRANCIS BARKER ... 7
*WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 4	HENRY SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

* First peal of Stedman.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary of CHARITIE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

HERBERT J. BAKER ... Treble	SIDNEY FOX ... 5
SAMUEL R. GARNER ... 2	HORACE GILBERT ... 6
CLARENCE HADLOW ... 3	EDWARD FRENDELL ... 7
ALFRED T. W. BONES ... 4	EDWARD E. FOREMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by E. FRENDELL.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ALFRED SARGENT ... Treble	JOHN LARTER ... 5
HARRY BARTON ... 2	JAMES MOTTS ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 4	THOMAS KING ... Tenor

Composed by the late H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

* First peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs., in F.

*JAMES DUFFIELD ... Treble	*FRANK COPEMAN ... 5
CHARLES BAKER ... 2	CHARLES ROOPE ... 6
FREDERICK ROOPE ... 3	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ... 7
WILLIAM ROOPE ... 4	FREDERICK BORRETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and
Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal. The ringer of the treble is eleven years of age.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. ILTYD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*REES JAMES ... Treble	*RICHARD EVANS ... 5
*THOMAS J. EVANS ... 2	FRED. CHAMBERLAIN ... 6
JOHN W. JONES ... 3	SYDNEY DAWE ... 7
*JOHN BULLEN ... 4	*JOHN COX ... Tenor

Composed by W. H. THOMPSON, and
Conducted by JOHN COX.

*First peal of Major and first attempt. Also first peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. K. Pritchard, Esq., Bryntifon, who had six bells recast and two others added, July, 1904, in memory of his late wife. Messrs. Jones & Bullen hail from Newport, Messrs. Dawe & Chamberlain from Cardiff.

GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

GEORGE DAVIS ... Treble	JAMES CLARKE ... 5
HERBERT LUDKIN ... 2	*FREDERICK CRYER ... 6
FREDERICK TATE ... 3	THOMAS SMITH ... 7
MARK TATE ... 4	JOSEPH DRAKE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal.

ORMESBY.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs., in E.

ALEXANDER MACFARLANE Treble	JOHN A. GOFTON ... 5
JOHN GEORGE HALL ... 2	ROBERT A. GOFTON ... 6
JOSEPH W. PARKER ... 3	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 7
*WILLIAM H. PORTER ... 4	THOMAS METCALFE ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and
Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

* First peal in the method.

CLIFFE AT HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. HELEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt., in E.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESEMAN ... 2	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 6
ISAAC EMERY ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. ... 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, CLAPTON.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
ERNEST PYE 2	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6
*WILLIAM J. KEMP 3	*ALBERT W. COLES 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

HELMESHORE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. ENTWISTLE Treble	THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD 5
JOSEPH BANKS 2	THOMAS WALLWORK 6
JOHN MCWILTON 3	ROBERT WALLWORK 7
JOSEPH WOODS 4	JAMES H. BANKS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by JAMES H. BANKS.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of deep respect for the late Joseph Foster, who was for many years a ringer at the above church, and was interred on Thursday, February 8th, 1912.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

H. W. WILDE'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR E. MORGAN Treble	FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES 5
JOHN BULLEN 2	CHARLES GREEDY 6
SAMUEL JONES 3	JOHN W. JONES 7
FRANK MORGAN 4	JOHN GODDARD Tenor

Conducted by FRANK MORGAN.

First peal as conductor and rung at the second attempt. This peal was arranged specially as a farewell compliment to Mr. Morgan, who, to the regret of all the band, is leaving Newport to take up an appointment at Swansea, the band wishing him every success.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE W. JOLLY Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	THOMAS H. HAWKINS 6
THOMAS CRANFIELD 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. 7
HAROLD W. CLARK 4	DALBY HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal. Rung on the 55th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CASTLE ASHBY.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 32 six-scores of London Doubles and 10 six-scores of Grandsire, each called differently.

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN LABUTT Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 3
*CHARLES FAIRY 2	EDWIN JONES 4
HARRY FOWLER Tenor	

Conducted by H. FOWLER.

First peal on the bells.

GREAT LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE LIVERMERE COMPANY.)

On Wednesday, January 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

F. SMITH Treble	H. RAWLINGS 3
R. MURGETT 2	A. CUTTER 4
W. PALFREY Tenor	

Conducted by F. SMITH.

First peal by all and first peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Palfrey. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	ERNEST GIBBS 4
ANDREW LAYTON 2	ARTHUR HADLEY 5
DAVID HORNE 3	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR HADLEY.

Quickest peal on the bells. Arranged and rung as a farewell to Arthur Hadley, who was leaving for Arklow, Ireland, on February 7th, the ringers wishing him every success in his new sphere.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Reverse Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

WILLIAM J. WOOD Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
WILLIAM SPICE, Senr. 2	ALBERT J. DAY 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDK. C. LAMBERT Treble	THOMAS KING 4
HARRY BARTON 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 3	JOHN LARTER Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung to celebrate the safe return of their Majesties, the King and Queen, from India.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES J. SALLOWAY Treble	GEORGE BOLLAND 4
REV. C. B. D. FARROW 2	EDWARD ODDY 5
REV. R. P. FARROW 3	SAMUEL ODDY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

NORTH MYMMS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three 720's of Plain Bob, and four of Kent Treble Bob,
each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

Rev. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE <i>Treble</i>	HENRY REEVES... .. 4
ERNEST RANDALL 2	*HARRY HOLLICK 5
J. T. HULL 3	EDWARD WHITBREAD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by E. WHITBREAD.

* First peal of Minor.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HARRY HALL <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 4
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... 2	WILLIAM BURGESS ... 5
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 3	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

ELMLEY CASTLE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS EDWIN <i>Treble</i>	*CHARLES HALFORD 4
HARRY COLLIE 2	HUBERT SALISBURY 5
JAMES HEMMING 3	*WILLIAM BENNETT <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by H. SALISBURY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Charles Holford and Wm. Bennett were proposed members before starting.

ANTONY, CORNWALL.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM E. DAVEY <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM T. LINNELL ... 4
JOHN H. GLUYAS 2	HAROLD BENNETT 5
WILLIAM J. HAMLYN 3	GEORGE H. KERSWELL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by H. BENNETT.

First peal on the bells.

UPCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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.
Tenor 13 cwt., in F sharp.

WILLIAM J. WOOD <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM G. KITCHINGHAM 4
WILLIAM NYE 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

Quickest peal on the bells. W. Wood hails from Queenboro', W. Nye from Rodmersham, W. Hyland from Upchurch, W. Kitchingham from Hartley, W. Walker from Rainham, and W. Wilkins from Sheerness.

BRIGG, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

*CHARLES HENRY BAKER... <i>Treble</i>	†JOHN THOMAS LADD ... 4
†JOHN CHARLES TINKER ... 2	†WILLIAM DICKENSON ... 5
†FREDK. S. W. BUTLER ... 3	WALTER AYRE <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FREDK. S. W. BUTLER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to W. Dickenson.

ELSTOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Oxford and Single Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HORACE COOPER... .. <i>Treble</i>	HARRY TYSOE 4
HERBERT SHARP... .. 2	EDWARD WHITE 5
JOHN W. BARKER 3	FRANK WEBB <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK WEBB.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. AMOS W. CLARK, 135, BRIGHTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUNR. 1-2	ACKLAND J. PERKINS ... 5-6
WALTER S. WISE 3-4	AMOS W. CLARK 7-8

Conducted by ACKLAND J. PERKINS.

Umpires: THOMAS H. COLBURN and SYDNEY R. ROPER.

First peal double-handed by the ringers of 1-2 and 7-8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor on attaining his sixtieth birthday.

WOKING, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE EDITORIAL OFFICE OF "THE RINGING WORLD,"

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 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 JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: CHARLES J. HAMBLIN.

This peal is No. 1 on the Broadsheet.

The peal of Treble Bob Major at Twerton-on-Avon rung on Jan. 20, was the first peal in the method by all, and in the Bath district by entirely local men.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Deane on Feb. 3rd was the first in the method, and not the first peal, by Joseph Ogden.

Will correspondents in sending reports of peals kindly be accurate in the particulars and write the names plainly. It would obviate many subsequent corrections.

GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—The Central Northamptonshire Association.—On Tuesday, Jan. 23rd, a date touch of 1912 changes, in 1hr. 7 mins., being 480 Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 360 Antelope, and 592 Grandsire Doubles, each six-score called differently: G. Black 1, C. Cooper 2, C. Swan (conductor) 3, E. Reid 4, R. G. Black 5. First date touch by all and on the bells.

S. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD.

KENSINGTON RINGERS' ANNUAL SUPPER.

The annual supper of the St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, was a very enjoyable function. The Vicar (the Rev. Prebendary Pennefather) presided, and was supported by Mr. W. E. Garrard, Mr. A. B. Bennett, R.A., and Mr. Daniell. After an excellent repast, Mr. Garrard presented his annual report, in which he stated that the condition of the Guild might be regarded as satisfactory. The attendance on Sundays and at the practices throughout the year had been good, the quality of the ringing had never reached a higher standard, and, owing to the fact that nineteen of the twenty-four members were Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal ringers, it was very rare that the ten bells were not rung on Sundays. Most of their younger members had made good progress, and although they had a large membership, it proved none too many. He proceeded to give some interesting figures as to the attendance of members, and added that the number of Royal birthdays, weddings and Parish Days, for which the bells were rung, was 34. Only two peals had been attempted at St. Mary Abbot's during the year, both of which were successful. The first was a peal of Stedman Caters on Coronation Day, of which they were very proud. It was one of the only two peals rung on that occasion in London, the other being at Greenwich. The second peal was rung in September—Treble Bob Royal—which was the first of its kind by four of the band.

After referring to the summer excursion and the visitors to the tower during the year, the report went on to welcome Mr. Holloway as an honorary, and Mr. Robert Warner and Dr. Flaxman as ordinary members. During the past year it had been necessary to call in the bell hangers to the tower. The clapper stays had been put in order, and were now in use, thus preventing a great deal of noise in raising and lowering the bells. He was glad to say that anything required to be done was at once put in hand by the authorities (applause).

VICAR'S CONGRATULATIONS.

The Vicar agreed that the plan now adopted would help to remove what they thought affected people most—the raising of the bells. There must, of course, be practice, but none of them wanted to create a nuisance to their neighbours. He was pleased to note that during the past year they had managed to ring two peals, and that St. Mary Abbot's was the only London church which was successful on Coronation Day—he could hardly consider Greenwich as part of London. He congratulated them as a Guild upon their strength, and especially welcomed the younger recruits. It was to these they must look for the continuance of their work. It was a most healthy sign, and he was sure the older members would help and encourage the young members. He was extremely grateful to the Guild, and hoped they would continue their services. He was sure the churchwardens would help them in the necessary repairs of which their leader had spoken, and he thought they were free to set aside any money required for this purpose. He expressed his sincere thanks to Mr. Garrard personally for all he had done in the past year, for the leader was the secret of their success. He was glad also to welcome such old friends as Mr. Daniell, and others (applause).

Mr. Daniell thanked the Guild for the privilege of being present, and added, that he recognised in Mr. Dains the only member present at whose side he worked 30 years ago. Although he could not lay claim to anything great accomplished, yet he was certain that in those days they had done all in their power. It was a work which needed much patience as to details, and much striving, in spite of failures. It was not only an education; it combined education with physical exercise. In conclusion, he expressed his best wishes for the continued success of the Guild.

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE WEST END.

Mr. Garrard expressed the best thanks of all the Guild for the kindly interest that had been shown in them, and said he looked forward to the day when they might have a peal of bells more worthy of St. Mary Abbot's Church. He certainly believed when the time arrived they would receive the support of the parishioners in this matter. Judging from its importance, the Church might be called the Cathedral of the West End. There was an excellent peal of twelve bells in Southwark Cathedral, and he hoped they might have a similar peal. Mr. Garrard mentioned that he had received letters of regret from the Rev. H. A. Boughey, Messrs. Wood, Matthews and Godfrey, and they were also sorry that Mr. Cobkerill was unable to be with them that evening. They heartily welcomed Mr. Brundle (of Ipswich), and thanked him for the reception he had given to them on the occasion of a visit to his Guild (applause). The speaker added that there were some bells which were much worn, and no doubt would have to be recast; when that was done, he trusted it would be possible to have the bell chamber overhauled, which would add so much to the effect of ringing and prove a benefit to all concerned.

The Rev. H. Brown (Chaplain of the Guild) then took the chair, and a musical evening followed, those taking part including Mr. Daubney (violin solos), Messrs. Mackman, Daniell, Symonds, Holloway, Harris, Miles and Selby (songs), while exhibitions of handbell ringing were given by members of the Guild, and the Kensington Juniors.

The toast of "The Visitors" was honoured, and Mr. Brundle (Ipswich) responded. A pleasant evening closed shortly after 11 p.m.

DINNER AT BOLNEY.

RINGERS MEET THEIR NEW VICAR.

At the invitation of Mr. E. Huth and Mr. W. W. Otter, the churchwardens, sidesmen and ringers connected with the Bolney Parish Church were entertained to supper at the Queen's Head Inn, on Thursday week. Mr. W. W. Otter (Vicar's warden) presided, and was supported by Mr. W. J. Brown (people's warden), and the Rev. E. W. Michell (Rector of Twincham and Vicar-designate of Bolney), while Mr. G. Walder, junr. (captain of the bell ringers) occupied the vice-chair. The room had been most tastefully decorated, and at the conclusion of an excellent repast, the Chairman submitted the loyal toast.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Huth for giving them such a favourable opportunity of meeting, and providing such excellent entertainment. He submitted Mr. Huth's health, which was drunk with musical honours.—In acknowledging the honour done to Mr. Huth, Mr. Brown wished it to be known that Mr. Huth's invitation included the churchwardens and ringers only, and that the sidesmen were the guests of Mr. Otter, whose health he proposed.—Mr. Otter replied that their thanks were, nevertheless, wholly due to Mr. Huth, as it was ostensibly a ringers' gathering, and the inclusion of the sidesmen was simply an afterthought. It gave him the greatest pleasure to meet them all. He made a feeling allusion to the loss they had sustained in the death of their Vicar. The late Rev. T. A. Holcroft was particularly fond of the bells, and took the greatest interest in the ringers. Proceeding, he said the occasion also gave them an excellent opportunity of an introduction to their prospective Vicar. Mr. Michell did not come among them as a stranger; they had probably all met him at some time—in the cricket field, if not in Church. In proposing his health, he assured Mr. Michell of a cordial welcome to the Vicarage of Bolney.—The toast was accorded musical honours.

In responding, Mr. Michell thanked Mr. Otter for giving him that opportunity of meeting so many of his future parishioners and fellow church workers. It gave him the utmost encouragement to see so many men interested in church work, and he asked them to realise that their position was only second in importance to that of the parson; in fact, without their assistance he would be practically helpless, but with the loyal support of such a body of men as he saw before him, there were great possibilities. He did not propose any drastic changes, but different men had, generally, different ways, and should any alterations be made, that did not, perhaps, meet with their entire approval, he asked them to give him credit for doing what he considered best for the good of the parish, and to back him up through thick and thin.

RINGERS' LOYALTY.

The Chairman proposed "The Ringers," and congratulated Mr. Michell on coming into possession of one of the finest peals of bells in Sussex. He also complimented the ringers on their present state of efficiency.—In responding, Mr. G. Walder, junr., thanked the churchwardens and sidesmen for the way in which the toast had been received. He also wished to express the thanks of the ringers to Mr. Huth. With regard to the bells, he could say that since the present ringers' society had been formed (26 years), the condition of the bells had never been so good, nor the ringers more firmly banded together than they were at the present day; and the interest taken in them, and the support given, surpassed all records in the society's earlier years. This favourable condition could be largely traced to the unfailing interest taken in the bells and ringers by their late beloved Vicar. In conclusion, he assured Mr. Michell of the whole-hearted loyalty and support of the ringers.

The Rev. E. W. Michell submitted the toast of the churchwardens and sidesmen.—Mr. Brown responded for the churchwardens, and Mr. J. F. Bulbeck and Mr. J. Hole for the sidesmen, and expressions of loyalty to the new Vicar were given.—The "Host and Hostess," submitted by the Chairman, brought the toast list to a close.—During the evening, songs were contributed by Mrs. F. M. Batchelor (who also accompanied on the piano throughout), Messrs. T. Gasson, J. Hole, G. Lewry, G. Walder, junr., W. Walder, G. Weller, W. Wheeler, etc. In addition to the names already mentioned, there were present: Messrs. A. Absalom, C. Harden, J. Harding, J. Hodgson, J. King, J. Newman, G. Packham, W. H. Packham, F. T. Payne, L. Sherlock and F. Stoner.

PRESENTATION AT MANCHESTER.

An interesting presentation took place in the ringing room at Manchester Town Hall, on Saturday, when ex-P.C. Alfred Scraggs was presented with a very pretty silver flower stand, bearing the inscription: "Presented to ex-P.C. A. Scraggs on his retirement on pension after 26 years' service, by the members of the Manchester City Police Town Hall Bell Ringers, Feb. 10th, 1912."—The conductor (Sergt. W. Cartwright), in making the presentation, said the gift had been subscribed to by the whole of the ringers as a mark of their respect. He hoped he would live long to enjoy his well-earned pension, and that he would join them in the belfry as often as he could. Other members spoke in high terms of Mr. Scraggs' services, and Mr. Scraggs made a suitable reply.—Mr. Scraggs has been a member of the Town Hall company for 25 years.

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THE SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

The Midlands has no more enthusiastic ringer than Mr. Fred Wilford, who, with credit to himself and advantage to the society, has, since 1905, been the energetic honorary secretary of the Central Northamptonshire Association. Born at Ringstead, Northants, on September 15th, 1870, Mr. Wilford moved to the county town of Northampton in 1887. He served an apprenticeship as a plumber, and is the holder of a certificate for practical plumbing, awarded by the Worshipful Company of Plumbers, London. In 1903 he was appointed as a water inspector under the Northampton Corporation, a position which he stills holds.

He learnt his ringing at St. Giles', Northampton, in 1897, at the time when, the bells having been rehung and



MR. FRED WILFORD.

increased from eight to ten, a new band was being formed. His interest in church affairs was, however, by no means confined to the belfry, for at that period Mr. Wilford was also a member of the choir, and the superintendent of the Sunday School. He received his early instruction in ringing from Mr. A. Stewart, under whose conductorship he rang his first peal, a peal of Grandsire Caters on the tenor at St. Giles' in December, 1898—the first peal on the bells. His first peal inside was also Grandsire Caters in 1900. His first peal of Major was Treble Bob, rung in January, 1901, and the same year he scored his first peal of Stedman, at Bermondsey. It was in London also, that he rang his first peal of Double Norwich, viz., at Battersea, in 1903, his first of Superlative being at Irthlingborough in 1904.

In 1901 he was made foreman of St. Giles' belfry, and held the office until 1909. When, in 1905, the Central

Northants Association was split up into districts, Mr. Wilford was appointed secretary of the Northampton district, and in the following year was elected general secretary of the Association, having, in 1904, been sent to represent the Association on the Central Council, both of which positions he fills to the present day. In 1906, in recognition of his having rung 100 peals, he was presented with a gold badge in the shape of a bell. Mr. Wilford has conducted the only two peals of Double Norwich rung on St. Giles' bells, and two out of the three peals of Superlative rung in Northampton.

In his capacity of secretary to the Central Northants Association Mr. Wilford has done a great deal to help forward change ringing in the county. He attends all the Association's quarterly meetings, and spares no effort to maintain the position of the society in the campanological world, by encouraging and helping young ringers, and keeping the organisation in an efficient condition. Among the other associations of which he is a member are the following: Bedfordshire, Midland Counties, Yorkshire, Oxford Diocesan Guild, Kent, Middlesex, the London County, St. Margaret's, Westminster, and the All Saints' Society, Fulham. His peals number 169, and have been rung in 74 towers in 14 counties.

Grandsire Doubles	2	Conducted	1
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Grandsire Triples	20	Conducted	3
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Stedman Caters	10		
Bob Major	9	Conducted	6
Bob Royal	1	Conducted	1
Treble Bob Major	5		
Treble Bob Royal	1		
Double Norwich Major	17	Conducted	5
Superlative Surprise	20	Conducted	8
Cambridge Surprise	1		

Total ... 169 Conducted 39

ODD CHANGES.

The ring of six bells (tenor 14 cwt.) of Chawleigh Parish Church, North Devon, are to be rehung in a new steel frame, and the front four bells are to be recast. The work of restoration is being carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., of the Spitalfields Foundry, London.

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Among the performances recorded this week is a hand-bell peal of Stedman Caters rung in the Editor's sanctum sanctorum. The opposition of a brass band performing in the street outside happily failed to upset the ringing.

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The mention of the sale of two of the bells of Brigg, leads Mr. J. E. Sykes, who is at present engaged in Seraing, Belgium, to write as follows: My grandfather was for many years Vicar of North Kelsey, six miles from Brigg. There were three bells at North Kelsey, on which I learned to ring. These bells were at one time in Cadney Church, three miles nearer Brigg, and were sold to Kelsey on a faculty to obtain money to repair the steeple. The last time I handled these bells was in 1898. I tolled the tenor for my grandfather's death, the first time they were ever muffled.

The handbell peal at Croydon was rung at the fifth attempt, the previous efforts having been lost after 1 hr. 45 mins., 1 hr. 35 mins., 1 hr. 40 mins. and 1 hr. 53 mins. respectively. The performance is one that reflects credit on the whole band, and particularly upon the conductor, who has had an illness preventing him from following his employment for about four years, and had not rung a peal previously for close on five years.

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The Williams have rung another peal. This time it is Minor in seven methods at Upchurch, Kent.

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We always like things up to date, and one correspondent has sent us two peals for publication this week dated "September, 1912." In case the records are not sent in anticipation of performances yet to be accomplished, we have taken the liberty of altering the month to February.

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Miss Edith Parker appears this week in a new role. On Saturday she presided at a meeting of the Herts Association, and she conducted the proceedings as ably as she conducts a peal.

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Another lady has joined the ranks of peal ringers, Miss Carrie E. Sparshott having rung the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples at Lympington.

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The tower of St. Thomas' Church, Douglas, the finest gothic building in the Isle of Man, was destroyed by fire on Sunday evening, the heavy bells crashing down through the belfry ceiling. The organ was also destroyed, but the church was saved.

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How early our boys begin ringing in these days. Once upon a time it was looked upon as exclusively a man's pursuit. Now, however, the rising generation sometimes begin before reaching their "teens." At the age of eleven, James Duffield has rung a peal of Bob Major at Pulham. Is there any other pursuit in which one can take part so young, and continue to so great an age as men do in the art of ringing?

ESSEX ASSOCIATION AT BRAINTREE.

At the meeting of the North Eastern District of the Essex Association, at Braintree, of the ringers, 47 in number, were entertained to tea by Mr. C. H. Howard, churchwarden, of Braintree, and Master of the Association.—Mr. David Elliott, of Coggeshall, presided at the business meeting.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, of Great Totham (hon. secretary and treasurer), moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Braintree (the Rev. Thos. Eddleston) for the use of the church bells by the visiting ringers. He said Mr. Eddleston came from the Rodings (he was Rector of High Roding), which were noted for their silent church towers, to Braintree, one of the very best ringing centres in Essex. There were eight churches in the Rodings, with 22 bells divided among them, but in Braintree, the very heart of the ringing world, the full peal would be found in several towers. Mr. Eyre said his experience of many years was that the Essex ringers not only rang the bells to call others to worship, but they also were most diligent in attending the services themselves, which was a very important matter.

The Rev. T. Eddleston replied, and he thanked Mr. Howard, the Essex ringing master, for the bountiful tea he had provided.—Mr. C. H. Howard, in reply, said it was a great pleasure for him to know they had a successful ringers' meeting at Braintree.—Mr. W. F. Pilcher, the other warden, also welcomed the ringers.

A KENT MEETING.

The historic Church of St. Nicholas, Deptford, was the venue of the Lewisham District meeting of the Kent Association. Lee was selected as the place for the next meeting, and the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore's proposals for a benevolent fund were discussed and approved. Thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address, for providing the tea, and presiding at the meeting.

IDEN BELL RINGERS. ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Iden (East Sussex) Bell Ringers was held at the Bell Inn, Iden, on Wednesday evening in last week. The Rev. G. Lockington Bates presided, and among those present were: Messrs. A. Reeve and J. Nash (churchwardens), G. Tweeddale, J. Wood, J. A. Richards, etc.

After ample justice had been done to the excellent spread, provided by Host Swift, the Chairman submitted the toast of "The King," remarking that he (the speaker) was in London on the previous day, when he heard bells ringing from all directions in honour of the safe return of their Majesties from the Coronation Durbar.

He also proposed "The Subscribers," and thanked those who had responded so liberally to the appeal on behalf of the bell ringers. He coupled the name of Mr. John Nash with the toast, and that gentleman briefly replied.

The toast of "The Chairman" was proposed by Mr. G. Billenness, Master of the Romney Marsh and District Guild. His association with the Iden change ringers had, he said, always been of a very pleasant character. When he commenced his visits to their tower, change ringing was merely a tender plant, but by tending it carefully, it had been raised into a tree with several branches, represented by the various methods that were now practised in the tower. Although they had made most satisfactory progress, the tree of change ringing in the parish was far from being fully developed. It was still in need of fertilisation, so that its trunk might be firm and its branches numerous. They had given it their undivided attention in the past, and he was sure they would continue to do so, in order to keep up the rapid progress that was going on at present. He had, he continued, a motto to give them that evening. It was, "Look not into the past, it comes not back; wisely improve the present, that is thine; go forth to meet the future without fear and with manly hearts." He had dwelt a great deal on the past that evening, but although his message said look not backward, it meant "do not worry about it." One could not help occasionally referring to matters of bygone days, but if they applied the motto to change ringing, they would always be in possession of a respectable tree, that would bear the inspection of all gardeners of change ringing who might visit the tower. In the Rev. Bates they had one who took as deep an interest in ringers as any clergyman in the neighbourhood. He was frequently in the belfry, encouraging his ringers, and he managed the affairs of the belfry in a very satisfactory manner. They were pleased to see him there that evening, and were extremely thankful to him for presiding.—The toast was accorded musical honours.

The Chairman, in replying, mentioned that Mr. W. Cloke and himself had been associated with ringing in Iden for the past 22 years. He also expressed the opinion that they would keep advancing in change ringing.

Songs were rendered by the Chairman, Messrs. G. Wood, F. Wells, J. A. Richards, J. Wood, A. Mills, H. Dive, G. Mills and Heath, while the Iden Glee Singers gave several glees.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

A very successful meeting of the London County Association took place at St. Clement Danes, on Saturday, about 40 members attending. After ringing, the members adjourned to the Parish House, where an excellent tea was provided by the Rector. The business meeting followed, the Master, Mr. G. R. Fardon, presiding. Three new members were elected, and the appointment of the district officers was ratified.—The auditors presented the balance sheet, showing a balance in hand on the year's working of £3 6s. 8½d., which was considered satisfactory, but owing to expense of having new rule books, no money could be placed in the bank. The secretary's report was most satisfactory. During the year the society had increased its activities by dividing itself into two districts, thereby enabling more meetings to be held, and more direct influence brought upon its members. During the year fourteen new members had been elected. A most successful concert was held in October, when a record number of tickets were sold, and a satisfactory balance added to the funds. During the year twenty-six peals were rung, seven more than the preceding year, and eleven more than in the year 1909.—The report was accepted.

The election of officers followed. Mr. H. S. Ellis was appointed Master; Mr. C. F. Winney retained the office of treasurer, and Mr. Hardy that of secretary. Messrs. A. E. Young and F. Wells were elected stewards for the year, and Mr. R. A. Daniell and Mr. T. H. Taffender, trustees.—The Rev. Pennington Bickfork was elected chaplain.—Four members were nominated as representatives on the Central Council, and Mr. A. E. Young and Mr. H. S. Ellis were duly elected.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the outgoing officers of the society for the way in which they had discharged their duties, and a similar vote was proposed to the Rector for allowing the society the use of the bells, the room in which to hold the meeting, and for so kindly entertaining them to tea. He was also thanked for the tower room placed at the society's disposal, and the safe to secure the property; also for the way in which he had received them during the year.—The Rector replied that it was a great pleasure for him to be able to meet the society, and hoped they would continue to prosper.—The evening closed with a touch of Stedman Caters of handbells.

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RINGERS' SERVICE.

GREAT GATHERING AT ST. CLEMENT DANES.

There was a great gathering of ringers at St. Clement Danes' Church, in the Strand, on Sunday evening, when the special service, arranged by the Rector (the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford) was held. Considering the short notice that was possible, the response to the invitation extended to "the bell ringers of London and Provincial Associations" was extremely gratifying, and everyone enjoyed the very bright service. It was almost entirely a congregation of ringers, and there was something inspiring about the hearty singing of the well-known hymns. The prayers were intoned by the assistant curate (the Rev. A. Sylvester), and the Rector read the two special lessons.

The preacher was the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, whose stirring address was followed with the closest interest and appreciation. Basing his remarks upon Psalm xl., 2-3, "He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the mire and clay, and set my feet upon a rock and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God," the reverend gentleman prefaced his remarks by saying they met that evening in no accustomed manner, for that special service was, he believed, the first of its kind provided on a Sunday for the bell ringers of London and Provincial Associations. Proceeding, he enlarged upon the text, and alluded to the cry of every soul brought from a state of degradation into the glorious liberty of the children of God. Then, in graphic language, he described the cry of the metal when brought from the bowels of the earth to the foundry, and the cry of the bell to its founder, when in all its beauty and comeliness it came from the mould and was placed in a tower, whose foundations were as solid as a rock, where it gave forth "a new song," in perfect harmony with itself and with its fellows in the peal, "even a song of thanksgiving," the highest and best and most perfect melody pleasing to Almighty God.

Time was, continued the preacher, when bells "anointed and baptised with Holy water," were rung only by the priests and monks. Later bell ringing fell into low esteem, and the ringer was regarded with no favouring eye—his work and his office were looked upon as savouring of bad repute. Now, thank God, all that is changed, and the ringer is looked upon as a most valuable asset in the varied work of the Church. Those in authority have at last realised the truth of the words of the good Bishop Beveridge of 200 years ago. "Some, perhaps, may wonder why anyone should thus trouble himself about so low and mean a subject as this is generally thought to be, but I think nothing mean or low which hath any relation to the service of God and His Church." Certainly the ringers of to-day do not deem their service "mean or low"; nor can it be when such service requires perfection of touch and sight and hearing, coupled with no small amount of brain power. In the higher branches of the science, in the composition and conducting of peals, the ability and intellect are taxed to their utmost—to a degree never dreamt of by the ordinary public; but, above all, how can a church bell ringer admit that his office is mean or of low degree when he knows it is directly associated with the service of the most High. How can it be mean or low, when intellectual talent is brought into play in that holy and honourable service; talent which may indeed be equalled but not excelled in the musical world by such composers of church music as a Stainer, a Martin, a Sullivan, or a Barnby; talents exhibited in the belfry in the west end of the church to be compared only with the talents displayed by our leading organists in the choir at the east end of the church. Verily, the office of a ringer cannot in any way be accounted as mean or low. Certainly it is not so accounted by himself, and I trust it may never be hereafter by those outside who hear the joyous ringing of the bells, but who, heretofore, have taken little or no account of him who offers his very best to God in "praising Him on the well-tuned cymbals."

Turning again to the symbolism of the bell, the preacher said, if they would stand beneath the graceful form of a suspended bell, and with a bow strike upon a violin a note which corresponded with the bell, at once the great mass would answer in sweet sonorous tones. So with us. We stand, he said, under the great dome of Heaven, its mighty expanse stretching down to the horizon, hanging over us like a great bell. No sound indeed is heard; but strike a note in your lives, a note well pleasing to God, a note of repentance, faith, obedience, some self-denying work for your neighbour's good, some well-prepared Eucharist for your own soul's health, and at once Heaven takes up the strain—angels and archangels and all the company of Heaven uniting in an act of praise to God. Let your life, then, be ever for the praise and glory of God, let no wrong, jarring note be heard in it—like "sweet bells jangled, out of tune"—but let it be in all things in as perfect harmony with Heaven as far as you, by the grace of God, can make it.

Thus, the preacher concluded, would they be prepared for the moment when the bell slowly and mournfully announced the departure of their soul, and again spoke forth when they were laid in their grave to await that great and awful day when "the trumpet shall sound, and they should be brought by the archangel 'out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay' to receive their just reward for things done in the body.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

CHANGES IN AXBRIDGE DEANERY.

At the annual meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association, at Burnham, two honorary and 12 performing members were elected, and the Rev. G. H. Lewis was appointed chairman of the branch, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Rev. H. J. Ker Thompson, who has held the position since the formation of the branch. Mr. A. H. Davies, the untiring hon. local secretary, also tendered his resignation, and Mr. J. Harris was elected to the post. Mr. G. Chamberlain was re-elected on the general committee. Churchill was chosen as the next place of meeting, and Berrow for the intermediate meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar (the Rev. T. C. Dupius) for the use of the bells, the Rev. Gillmore for arranging the service, and the Rev. Thwaites for the able address.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Gayton, on Saturday week, by kind permission of the Rev. Dr. King, R.D., who, with Mrs. King, entertained the ringers to tea. The Rector presided at the business meeting, at which two new members were elected.—A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. C. Tack, to the Rector and Mrs. King for their kindness in providing them with such a splendid tea.—This was seconded by Mr. T. Law, and supported by Mr. J. Slarke.—The Rector, in reply, said it had been a great pleasure to him and also Mrs. King to welcome them, and he hoped the unity of bell ringers would long continue. Much to the regret of all the tenor bell was under repair, and the ringing was limited to Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob.

RINGERS' DINNER AT ACTON.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Acton, celebrated the formation of their Guild on Monday, the 3rd inst., by holding a supper and smoking concert in the Parish Room. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. A. Brown, the Rector's churchwarden. The Rector and Mr. E. H. Hayward, the people's churchwarden, were both unfortunately prevented by indisposition from taking part in the proceedings.—A most enjoyable evening was spent, songs being sung, tunes and changes rung on the handbells by the ringers and their visitors.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman, who expressed his pleasure at presiding, and vastly amused the company by the story of a very thin curate's first attempt to ring a bell, who maintained his hold on the rope, and disappeared into the floor above, and has never been seen since. Gratitude was also expressed to Mr. J. R. Mackman, the instructor, and Mr. G. Mackman, the captain of the band, for their services during the past year, and also to Mr. Holloway for presiding so ably at the piano.

The band have just succeeded in ringing their first course of Grandsire Triples, and it is hoped they will figure in the peal columns of "The Ringing World" before the year is out.

OXFORD GUILD PRACTICES.

A meeting for combined practice in six-bell methods was held at Fulmer, on Saturday last, ringers attending from Farnham Royal, Stoke Poges, and Chalfont St. Peter, together with the local company. Under the able conductorship of Mr. J. J. Parker, several ringers made their first attempts at different methods; and several touches of Oxford Treble Bob, and a 720 and 360 of Bob Minor were rung. Subject to the permission of the Rector, it was arranged to hold a similar practice at Chalfont St. Giles, on Monday, Feb. 19th, when all ringers will be cordially welcomed.

The monthly combined practice of the Sonning Branch of the Oxford Guild was held at Easthampstead on Saturday week. Ten members were present, representing: Binfield, Easthampstead, Sandhurst and Hurst. Touches of Plain Bob, Kent, Cambridge, Double Oxford, Double Court, Forward, Oxford Single Bob, and Stedman Doubles, were rung.

THE PEAL AT MAKER, CORNWALL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—If six ringers, all attached to eight and ten-bell towers have the courage and intelligence to ring a peal of Grandsire Doubles, surely there is one of them intelligent enough to record it correctly. The peal was published as "Grandsire and Bob Doubles called differently." The correction has been made that no Bob Doubles were rung. The peal was not called differently, the same calling being used 42 times, viz., B. B. S. 5th observation. Another correction in your last issue states that it was the first peal in any method by those marked *. This is not correct, as W. Thinnell rung his first peal on eight bells in 1903, and since then has rung several peals. I really think that when ringers are recording peals they should be very careful, and give facts, and when different callings are used in six-bell peals, that the number of times each calling is used should be stated.

E. W. MARSH.

MID-WEEK MEETINGS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me, through the medium of "The Ringing World," to express my delight at seeing the announcement that a meeting of the Kent Association is to be held at Tenterden, on Wednesday, Feb. 28th. My one regret since being a ringer, is that, my work being in a shop, I am barred from all meetings (except the annual general) on account of their being held on Saturdays. No one needs telling how difficult it is for one to leave business on that day, and, therefore, we miss the opportunity that the Saturday ringers have, of practising higher methods which one has learned, but is unable to ring, because they are not practised in one's own tower. At meetings, however, the opportunity arises for such ringing. But we shop folk not only miss the ringing; we also miss the enthusiasm which such meetings create among ringers.

The suggestion that I would put forward, is that the meetings should be held alternately on Wednesdays and Saturdays, thereby giving all ringers an opportunity of attending. I am sure that by so doing it will cause more interest to be taken in the various associations by those who hitherto have not done so by reason of their being unable to attend the meetings on a Saturday. It will also tend to raise the standard of change ringing, by encouraging the higher methods. One has not far to look to see that those ringers who keep to themselves and never trouble to entertain others, or go where ringing is, seldom get farther than Grandsire, and one of the objects of the associations—to bring ringers more into touch with each other—would be advanced another step if this course were taken. In concluding, may I extend to Mr. Tribe a wish that the meeting will be a success, and that it may be the forerunner of a series of Wednesday meetings, not only in his district, but throughout the whole country.—Yours sincerely,

*"SHOPKEEPER."***COMING OF AGE CELEBRATION.****FESTIVITIES AT LOUGHBOROUGH.**

To celebrate the coming of age of Mr. Pryce Taylor, third son of Mr. John W. Taylor, the employees of the Loughborough Bell Foundry were entertained on Saturday week by the present head of the well-known firm. A company, numbering 62, sat down to a substantial meat tea, served in the large tuning shop, which had been effectively decorated for the occasion with flags, etc. The company included, in addition to the employees, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Taylor, Miss Josephine Taylor, Mr. Arnold B. Taylor, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, Mr. C. Stuart Taylor, Mr. Owen J. Taylor, Mrs. and Miss Lee, of Manchester (mother and sister of Mrs. J. W. Taylor), etc. After tea an enjoyable concert was given. Mrs. Taylor, accompanied on the piano by Miss Taylor, rendered a solo, and songs were given by Messrs. Horace and George Lowe, G. Edmonds, G. Reut, junr., E. Ward, etc., while selections were also given by Mr. A. Street's string band.—During the evening, Mr. J. W. Taylor proposed "The King and the Church."—On behalf of the employees, Mr. Wm. Street presented a dressing case, suitably inscribed, to Mr. Pryce Taylor, whose health was drunk, on the call of Mr. R. F. Lane, supported by Mr. F. W. Glenn.—Mr. Pryce Taylor suitably acknowledged the gift and the toast, and thanked the employees for their good wishes.—The health of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor was proposed by Mr. S. Wheatley, who thanked them for their hospitality.—The toast was enthusiastically drunk with musical honours.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A fine afternoon favoured a meeting of the Eastern District of the Hertfordshire Association, on Saturday last, at Hoddesdon and Broxbourne. About 28 members and friends were present, and a very pleasant time was spent. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, and London Surprise. The towers represented were: Edmonton, Stanstead, Bishop Stortford, Deptford, Camberwell, Hammersmith, Harlow Common, and Little Munden, besides the bands of Hoddesdon and Broxbourne. Tea was partaken of at the Salisbury Arms, Hoddesdon, after which the business meeting was held, Miss E. K. Parker presiding. Several new members were made, and votes of thanks to the Vicars of both churches for the use of the bells were passed.—Afterwards, an adjournment was made to Broxbourne, where some good touches were brought round.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE NEW BRANCH.

The newly-formed Biggleswade and District branch of the Bedfordshire Association had a very successful meeting at Sandy. Four new members from Sandy, including Mr. A. F. Love (churchwarden) as an hon. member, and four from Everton were elected, making the total in the branch 16 performing members, two probationers, and one hon. member.—The Rector was thanked for the use of the bells and the room in which the meeting was held, and Mr. Churchwarden Love for presiding, and for his interest in the branch. Some good practice was had on the bells in the tower.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**WINCHESTER DISTRICT FAVOURS BENEVOLENT FUND.**

The members of the Winchester district of the Diocesan Guild held a quarterly meeting at Alton last Saturday, members being present from Winchester, Twyford, North Stoneham, Bishop Sutton, and Farnham. Touches of Treble Bob, Bob Major, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples, were rung during the afternoon and evening, the church having a good ring of eight bells, although they do not "go" well.—The Rev. W. E. Colchester, general secretary of the Guild, presided at the tea, which was held in the church room.—The District Secretary (Mr. J. W. Elkins) mentioned the subject of a Ringers' Central Benevolent Fund, and the members present were unanimously of the opinion that it was desirable to start such a fund.—Mr. Edwards (Farnham) expressed the hope that the Guild would be able to give some help towards the improvement of the bells at Bentley.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar (the Rev. C. Elvin).—The Rev. Canon Stenning, the Rev. Canon Martin and the Rev. Canon Smith have recently become honorary members of the Guild.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT SHIFNAL.**

A most successful meeting of the Salop Guild was held at Shifnal, on Saturday last, when members were present from Birmingham, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, Wombourne, Langley Green, Tipton, Dudley, Prees, Condover, Shrewsbury, Bridgnorth, Coalbrookdale, Malinslee, and the local tower. During the afternoon a most interesting ceremony took place in the belfry, in the presence of a large number of ringers and a number of ladies, Mrs. Malaher, wife of the Vicar of Shifnal, unveiling a marble tablet recording two peals rung by members of the Guild, one of Stedman Triples on Nov. 18th, 1905, and one of Grandsire Triples, on October 7th, 1911. Both peals were composed and conducted by Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham, who presented the tablet to the belfry.—The Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Malaher), in thanking Mr. Carter, referred to the creditable work done on behalf of the Guild.—In reply, Mr. Carter said it always gave him great pleasure to help the Guild in what way he could, and hoped he would live to ring many more peals on the bells at Shifnal.—The Vicar also proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. John Bradney, the local captain, for the way in which he had brought change ringing so much to the front in Shifnal.

The business meeting was held in the Vestry, at five o'clock, the Vicar occupying the chair, supported by the Rev. H. B. Beckwith (Shrewsbury), the Rev. C. B. Crowe (Coalbrookdale), and the Rev. E. Parry (Dawley). Fifty-two members afterwards sat down to tea in the schoolroom, the repast having been kindly provided by ladies of the parish. Subsequently, Mr. Sam Spittle, of Dudley, proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for their kindness.—This was seconded by Mr. Rock Small, of Tipton, and carried unanimously.—The next meeting will take place early in May, at Church Stretton, a most attractive place in the summer, and it is hoped all members will make an effort to attend.—Touches were rung in a number of different methods.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**THE QUESTION OF SUBSCRIPTION.**

The quarterly meeting of the Thrapston District was held at Woodford on Saturday last, nearly 50 members being present from Thrapston, Islip, Raunds, Twywell, Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Rushden, and Burton Latimer, with the local ringers. Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening. The bells are a heavy ring of five, and it is hoped that they will be rehung, and, if possible, have a new treble added, in the near future.—Tea was served at the Church Institute, after which a short business meeting was held, the President (the Rev. W. St. Geo. Oldwell) being in the chair, supported by the Rector (the Rev. Gerard M. Davidson), the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford), and the district secretary (Mr. F. Stubbs).—Several new members were elected, including the Rector as an hon. member. It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Aldwinckle.—The General Secretary brought forward the question of the payment of subscriptions; the President also referred to the matter, and gave notice that he should suggest at the annual meeting, and, if thought necessary, would propose it as a rule: "That all belfries appoint someone who shall be responsible for the subscriptions, and forward the same to the secretary, together with the names of those who wished to be members for the current year."—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, to the local ringers for their kind welcome, and last, but not least, to the ladies who had provided tea for such a large company at such a short notice.

The Rector (who has lately come from Higham Ferrers to Woodford) welcomed the Association, and said he hoped they would visit them again in the near future, by which time, he hoped, their bells will have been put into proper order. They had already had Mr. Taylor over to look at them, and as soon as they were prepared financially, the work would be done. He was very pleased to see his old ringers from Higham. They were a splendid set of men as ringers, and he was pleased to say he had found the Woodford men the same. He assured them it would always be his ambition to assist such a band of men to the best of his ability.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Jan. 15th, at the Parish Church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 1120 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Reeves 1, F. T. Hoad 2, W. Claydon 3, H. Ewins 4, G. Croucher 5, T. Sparks 6, H. A. Hoad 7, G. F. Hoad (conductor) 8. Also 363 Kent Treble Bob Royal, in which J. Wedge and O. Gilbey took part.

DEPTFORD.—Kent County Association.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Jan. 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Haley's variation), in 46 mins.: W. Weatherstone 1, T. Deal 2, E. F. Pike 3, E. E. Richards 4, F. W. Richardson 5, G. Rawlings 6, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 7, A. Papworth 8.—At St. John's Church, on Jan. 24th, on the occasion of the second annual "Four Choir Festival" service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 45 mins.: A. G. Bennington 1, E. E. Richards 2, J. Law 3, W. J. Jeffries 4, F. W. Richardson 5, G. Rawlings 6, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 7, C. Macklin 8.

STAVELEY.—At the Parish Church, on Jan. 16th, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major, rung with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. W. H. Court, interred on that date: H. Mottershall 1, L. G. Palmer 2, J. Moss 3, F. Parson 4, W. Daffin 5, W. T. Palmer 6, T. Riley 7, A. Craven 8.

UTTOXETER, STAFFS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: W. Cope 1, F. Richardson 2, A. P. Cope (conductor) 3, E. Roberts 4, R. G. Lewis 5, H. Willisford 6, C. Smith 7, E. Green 8. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the treble, whose age is 75.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Jan. 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Wolstencroft 1, J. W. Holme 2, B. Thorpe 3, R. Wimpenny 4, A. Kershaw 5, G. Garnett 6, W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, C. Broadbent 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples, with C. Broadbent 3, W. Wolstencroft 6, B. Thorpe (conductor) 7, the other ringers as before. These touches were rung on the occasion of the wedding of the Mayor of the Borough (Councillor C. H. Waterhouse, J.P.), and Miss Bennett, of Audenshaw.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—On Jan. 17th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes): *M. Duck 1, G. F. Alexander 2, *C. Watson 3, *S. Lindale 4, G. Welburn 5, J. W. Wilkinson 6, R. Duck (conductor) 7, J. W. Lowther 8. *First quarter-peal of Major, and first as conductor by R. Duck. Also six courses of Grandsire Triples, with F. Townsend 8.—On Jan. 19th, on handbells, in 39 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1344 changes): *M. Duck 1—2, *J. W. Lowther 3—4, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 5—6, *R. Duck 7—8. *First quarter-peal of Bob Major on handbells.

HARWELL, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild. — On Wednesday, Jan. 17th, 720 College Single Minor: F. C. Mulford 1, W. Hitchman 2, T. Hughes 3, V. R. Hitchman 4, *R. G. Rice (conductor) 5, *G. C. Rice 6. *First 720 in the method.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Jan. 17th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, 504 in the same method, non-conducted: Fred Hayes 1, F. G. Biggs 2, J. W. Wilkins 3, G. F. Williams 4, R. Buckland 5, R. Biggs 6, R. Coles 7, F. Boxall 8. It is proposed to attempt a silent peal at a future date.

HADLOW, KENT.—On Jan. 19th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: H. Rabbitt 1, R. Reader 2, S. Paris 3, E. Hook 4, T. Smithers 5, R. Vanns 6, T. Saunders (conductor) 7, G. Manser 8.

OKHAM.—On Jan. 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: R. W. Baker (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, G. H. Towell 2, S. B. Higgs 3, P. E. Higgs 4, W. E. Higgs 5, H. Burbuck 6, F. C. Towell (conductor) 7, E. D. Smith 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. John's Church, Deritend, Johnson's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: S. Coley 1, A. T. Scrivens (first quarter-peal as conductor) 2, E. Large 3, J. B. Collett 4, W. G. Ellis 5, W. F. Webb 6, J. Porter 7, T. Pearce 8.

PORTSEA.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—At the Parish Church, on Old Year's Night, with the bells half-muffled, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 59 mins.: J. Harris 1, J. Symonds 2, S. Thomas 3, J. Wheeler 4, J. Matthews 5, W. Holloway 6, E. J. Harding (conductor) 7, G. Cooper 8.—On Sunday, Jan. 21st, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: R. Hayward (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Wheeler 2, S. Thomas 3, J. Wheeler 4, J. Symonds 5, J. Harris (conductor) 6, J. Harding 7, J. Matthews 8.

SCARBOROUGH.—Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—On Sunday, Jan. 21st, at St. Thomas' Street, on handbells, 720 Doubles, comprising the following methods: Two six-scores of Stedman, Grandsire, and Plain Bob, each called differently: J. R. Barton 1—2, H. Ferguson 3—4, J. Dixey (conductor) 5—6.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, Jan. 21st, 1152 Oxford Treble Bob: S. Carter 1, H. C. Chandler (conductor) 2, C. S. Bird 3, H. W. Cowley 4, C. Edwards 5, G. A. Gladman 6, A. R. Macdonald 7, E. R. Gladman 8.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Sunday, Jan. 21st, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 1008 Double Norwich Major: W. Pollard 1, C. Pollard 2, F. Laverick 3, G. Pickering 4, W. Rudd 5, W. H. Thomas 6 (Bristol) 6, J. H. Blakiston 7, T. Lancaster 8.

BRIDGEND.—At St. Iltyd's Church, on Sunday, Jan. 21st, 1008 Bob Major: W. Hardwick 1, A. J. Stanley 2, T. J. Evans 3, R. Evans 4, Rees James 5, J. Evans 6, R. Bunstone 7, J. Cox (conductor) 8.

CHATHAM.—At St. Mary the Virgin's Church, on Sunday, Jan. 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: H. Springate 1, J. Hunt 2, G. Rordan 3, H. Hogarth 4, S. Shellock 5, C. Norris 6, F. Belsey (conductor) 7, G. Lawrence 8.

GRANTHAM.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Southern branch).—On Sunday, January 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes), in 51 mins.: E. Nidd 1, H. Thorpe 2, D. Overton 3, J. Whetstone 4, W. Cawton 5, W. Thorpe 6, F. Turner 7, A. Darnell 8, S. Proctor (conductor) 9, T. Hall 10. First quarter-peal of Caters on the bells by local band.

MANCHESTER.—At St. James' Church, Birch-in-Rusholm, on Sunday, January 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: Walter Ryder 1, W. Holbrook 2, J. Idle 3, H. Wilson 4, F. Ryder 5, W. H. Idle 6, W. E. Ryder (conductor) 7, A. A. Bashforth 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Andrew Dickson, a past warden, and life-long worker in the parish.

LONDON.—The Kent County Association.—On Sunday, Jan. 21st, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Royal: W. Nudds 1, F. I. Hairs 2, F. A. Holden 3, A. W. Grimes 4, H. Ranzetta 5, J. Thomas 6, F. Bennett 7, H. Flanders 8, W. Shimmans 9, J. E. Davis (conductor) 10.—On Sunday, Jan. 28th, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, for evening service, 1312 Bristol Surprise Major, in 50 mins.: F. G. Perrin 1, J. A. Trollope 2, H. Ranzetta 3, F. Hairs 4, F. Bennett (conductor) 5, W. Hewett 6, A. W. Grimes 7, J. H. Davis 8.

BESTON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1280 Superlative Surprise: L. Price 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, W. Clifford 3, A. Lowe 4, J. C. Dicken 5, W. Clifford, junr., 6, F. S. Price 7, P. Price 8.

DOWNE, KENT.—Society of Bromley Youths.—On Jan. 22nd, 720 Bob Minor: F. Sear (first 720) 1, I. Emery 2, G. Durling 3, H. J. Blackwell 4, G. Huxley 5, S. Marshall (conductor) 6.

CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Jan. 22nd, 1293 Grandsire Caters: H. Bagshott 1, Miss C. Sparshott 2, G. Preston (conductor) 3, E. Hinton 4, A. Woolf 5, G. Plummer 6, F. Sparshott 7, W. G. Fowler 8, B. Best 9, S. Best 10.

LAVENHAM.—On Jan. 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Symonds 1, R. J. Poulson 2, F. Parker 3, G. Lambert 4, W. Dent 5, W. Faiers 6, T. Pryke 7, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal by all, also by a Lavenham company. It was rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. A. Symonds.—On Jan. 19th, 912 Double Norwich: F. Poulson ringing the 4th, conducted by S. H. Symonds ringing the 2nd.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Tuesday, Jan. 23rd, three 360's Oxford Treble Bob and 720 of Kent.—On Sunday morning, Jan. 28th, 360 and 216 Plain Bob, and 360 of Oxford Treble Bob.—On Sunday evening, 360 Plain Bob, and a course of Oxford Treble Bob, the following taking part: A. J. Naunton, G. Naunton, L. Naunton, F. Naunton, J. Spencer, J. Larter, E. Nunn, T. King, W. H. Fussell, H. Barton, J. Spalding and G. Bertram.

BLOCKLEY.—The Four Shires Guild.—At the Parish Church, on Wednesday, Jan. 24th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes): *C. Figgures, junr., 1, R. Lyddiatt (conductor) 2, E. Shepherd 3, J. Keyte 4, H. Barnes 5, G. Mabson 6. *First quarter-peal.

ICKLETON.—The Ely Diocesan Association.—On Jan. 24th, at the Parish Church, a half-peal of Bob Minor (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 38 min.: *A. Carder 1, *H. Carder 2, P. Webb (conductor) 3, J. Webb 4, *W. Flitton 5, *A. Lilley 6. Rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a mark of respect for Mrs. E. A. M. Lewis, Lady of the Manor, who was interred that day at Ickleton. *Longest length of Minor. It was intended to ring a peal, but time would not permit.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTERN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Guild was held on Saturday week, at Boston, when members attended from Skirbeck, Frampton, Kilton, Alkirkirk, Stickney, Surfleet, and Freiston, together with the local band. The dinner, provided at Mr. S. B. Chamberlain's, Market Place, was presided over by the Vicar of Boston (the Rev. R. T. Heygate). A business meeting followed. — The Secretary (Mr. C. W. Newton) read the report and balance sheet, which was carried, and showed a balance in hand of £8 8s. 10d. The officers were re-elected as follows: President, the Rev. W. T. Jennings (Skirbeck); secretary, C. W. Newton (Skirbeck); treasurer, H. Palmer (Skirbeck); committee, C. F. W. Skelton (Frampton), J. Haw (Spilsby), C. Wright (Boston), E. Clayton (Freiston), J. Colman (Skirbeck), H. Lancaster (Stickney); ringing master, W. Barker (Frampton); representative on Guild committee, W. Barker.—A vote of thanks was passed to the late president, the Rev. J. P. Cheels, and to the late treasurer, Mr. A. O. Barber, whom the members were very sorry to lose.—A service was held in the chapel of the Parish Church, at 4.30, when an appropriate address was given by the Vicar. His text was taken from 1 Cor., ix., 24: "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize."—After the service, the bells of Boston and Skirbeck were at the disposal of the ringers.

NOTICES.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowdon and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Northenden on Saturday, February 17.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting at Bagshot on Saturday, February 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in the institute at 5.30, followed with a social. Visitors heartily welcomed.—G. B. Edser, District Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane on Saturday, February 17th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Business meeting 6.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, February 17th, 1912. Service in church at 3.30 p.m. Dinner at the Swan Inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d. each. Business meeting immediately after dinner.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Short service in the Parish Church at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. S. W. Butler, District Secretary, 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, February 17th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea in the Mission Hall at 5.30, 6d. each. Members please note that subscriptions for 1912 are now due.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at "Ye Olde Royal Hotel," Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 24th, at 6.30 p.m., Francis Edward Dawe, Esq., in the chair. Tickets free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 p.m.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Next meeting will be held at Lewes (Southover) on Saturday, February 24th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 at the Church Hall, 6d. each to those who let me know by Wednesday, February 21st.—Robert J. Dawe, Divisional Honorary Secretary, "Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on February 24th. Bells available from 4 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden on Wednesday, February 28th; ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. A short special service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, kindly provided by the Vicar,

the Rev. J. A. Babington, after which a proposed benevolent fund for the Association will be discussed and a resolution moved thereon. Will all those intending to be present at the tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, February 21st, and, just a whisper, "Contributions are due."—C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on February 29th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 20th; at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 20th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 27th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, each Saturday at 7.30. A district meeting will be held at St. Alphege's, Greenwich, on March 2nd. Tower open 4.30 to 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, March 2nd, 1912. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Samlesbury on March 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 2nd, bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland (President), and an address by the Rev. H. C. Burnett. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, February 28th. Business meeting afterwards. All past and present members and other ringing friends of the Guild are cordially invited.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Armley on March 2nd. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting (nomination) at the White Horse Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Cheltenham on Easter Monday. Notice has been given of a resolution affecting the latter part of Rule 1 (*re* Central Council).—W. A. Cave, Honorary Secretary.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins has removed to "Mizpah," Wellesley Road, Marine Town, Sheerness.

VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mrs. Walker's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

HANDBELLS FOR SALE AND WANTED.

Set of 18 musical handbells for sale, cost £2 10s., or willing to exchange for church handbells.—Apply H. F. Hunt, 18, St. Michael's Square, Southampton.

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RINGERS ENTERTAINED. SCARBOROUGH.

By the kindness of the Vicar (Archdeacon Lindsay) and the churchwardens (Messrs. Lawson and Southwell), the Scarborough ringers were entertained to supper on Tuesday week at Swift's Boarding House. During the evening touches were rung on handbells, and games of billiards were indulged in. Mr. Milliner sang "The Diver" in fine style, and with Mr. Barton, rendered the duet, "Excelsior."—Mr. Cole, the senior ringer, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for their kindness, and spoke of the good feeling which existed between the church authorities and the ringers.—The vote was seconded by Mr. Dixey, the captain, and supported by Mr. J. R. Barton, the hon. secretary, the latter urging the younger members to make still greater efforts to become efficient in the art of ringing.—The Rev. Robson also supported the motion, to which, in the absence of the Vicar, who had to leave earlier in the evening, Mr. Churchwarden Lawson replied. He congratulated the members on the progress of their ringing, and said he was pleased with the spirit which prevailed in the belfry. He reminded the ringers that they were as much churchworkers as other members of the church.—Mr. Churchwarden Southwell also replied, and the enjoyable evening then concluded.

SALEHURST.

In honour of the safe return of the King and Queen, after their tour in India, the ringers of St. Mary's Church, Salehurst, celebrated the home-coming by several touches of Grandsire Triples, on Tuesday week.

Subsequently they were entertained to tea through the kindness of Mr. James Hodson, people's warden, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded. After tea, the loyal and patriotic toasts were honoured.—Mr. Trayton Booth, the captain, proposed the health of Mr. J. L. Duck, one of their number, who is shortly leaving for America, and said that his going would be a distinct loss to campanology in Salehurst, as he had proved himself a valuable acquisition. In conclusion, he voiced the feelings of the members by wishing him health and prosperity in his new sphere of life.—Mr. J. L. Duck, in reply, said he was sorry to leave them, as he had spent many happy days in Salehurst Church tower. He hoped, however, that they would go on and prosper, and that he might have the pleasure of meeting them all again at some future time.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony, songs being contributed by Messrs. T. Booth, W. Cramp, J. Duck, H. Edwards, J. Goodsell, S. Goodsell, J. Lavender, B. Mills, E. Mills, F. Morgan and N. Robinson.

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MODERN WORK.

HELPING THE BEGINNERS.

A correspondent invites us to appeal to those who do a great deal of peal ringing to give a little of their time in visiting towers where beginners are struggling to make headway in the Art. He says: "I see every week the same names occurring, sometimes ringing two peals in the week. Although I have every admiration for the skill of these men it seems to me that if they spent some of their time in assisting some of us beginners they would be doing still more to further the cause of ringing."

There is no doubt that the Art would benefit if a few more of the experts were to give their services in assisting those on the lower rungs of the campanological ladder. That is a point upon which all agree, but it must not be supposed that those who do a big share of the peal ringing do nothing to help the beginners. Many of these men give up a good deal of their leisure in visiting neighbouring towers where their assistance is valued. Most of the associations are willing to send out an instructor if a band shows a desire to get on, but funds, of course, do not permit of this help being extended indefinitely. And if associations are unable to do it, private individuals also, where out of pocket expenses are involved, would be unable to continue for any length of time.

It might be possible for associations to organise, more generally than they do, voluntary helpers in extending the Art. Our county and diocesan organisations are recognising to an increasing extent the value of this work, by, in many cases, holding special meetings for combined practice, when all the available time is spent in advancing beginners a step forward. To get one man, whether he be a prominent peal ringer or not, to devote himself to assisting one particular tower, however, is a matter for direct influence upon the individual. Our correspondent asks if some system could not be brought into existence to meet such cases as this, but we do not see how, beyond appealing generally to their members, the associations could do anything in the matter. It would be a great thing if a more adequate scheme for helping beginners could be devised on a voluntary basis, and so increase that missionary spirit to which we have before now alluded. The ideal would be magnificent, if it could be achieved, but we feel it is beyond accomplishment. At the moment the practical way seems to be for each tower, where there is real keenness to progress, to get into touch with the nearest ringer capable of imparting knowledge, endeavour to interest him in the band—that ought not to be difficult if he be an enthusiast in the Art as most peal ringers are—and then the rest would be easy. But when the obstacles of distance and expense arise they are not readily overcome.

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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 COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF S. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 33 cwt., in C sharp.

*ROBERT PICKERING Treble	*WILLIAM G. HALL 7
GEORGE HUGHES 2	ROLAND CARTWRIGHT 8
JAMES E. GROVES 3	HORACE BELCHER 9
THOMAS H. REEVES 4	*JOHN C. ADAMS 10
WILLIAM FISHER 5	†HERBERT KNIGHT 11
REV. E. V. COX 6	*ISAAC PURSER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal of Cinques. † First peal of Cinques as conductor.
First peal on the bells since being re-cast and augmented by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, the "go" being excellent.

LIVERPOOL.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.

ARTHUR R. JACOB Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 7
HARRY BOWER 2	SAM THOMAS 8
GEORGE HOLMES 3	RICHARD NEWTON 9
JOHN THORPE 4	WILLIAM DAVIES 10
WILLIAM BURGAR 5	FRED SALMONS 11
*GEORGE R. NEWTON 6	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

* First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Maximus ever rung in Liverpool by twelve men only. This composition has the 6th its extent at home without the 2nd or 3rd in sixth's place. A. R. Jacob is of Warner's, London, G. R. Newton and Davies belong to Liverpool, R. Newton to Manchester, Salmons to Halifax, and Chapman to Pendleton, the others to the St. Peter's Society, Sheffield.

TEN BELL PEAL.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*SAMUEL PEARCE Treble	WILLIAM GOODMAN 6
JOHN GOODMAN 2	HERBERT SHEPPARD 7
FRANK G. BURLEIGH 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 8
SAMUEL SPITTLE 4	HARRY GOODMAN 9
JOHN GOODMAN, Senr. 5	CHARLES FAULKS Tenor

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

* First peal of Caters. This peal was arranged and rung as a compliment to the Churchwardens (Messrs. J. W. Naylor and J. Nichols) for their kindness in providing the ringers with a new set of bell ropes.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

THORVERTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

*J. EDWORTHY Treble	A. W. SEARLE 5
A. MONKLEY 2	*J. RIDLER 6
F. J. MILFORD 3	F. J. DAVEY 7
F. GARDNER 4	R. B. FORD Tenor

Conducted by FRANK J. DAVEY.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Ridler.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALBERT CLEGG Treble	SAMUEL STOTT 5
HARRY HAMPSON 2	ISAAC SCHOFIELD 6
WILLIAM HOLBROOKE 3	HARRY PAGE 7
JAMES LEES 4	RICHARD NEWTON Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by H. HAMPSON.

GARSTON, LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN ALLEN Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
GEORGE WOODHALL 2	EDWARD CAUNCE 6
*THOMAS GILMOUR 3	WALTER HUGHES 7
*HENRY FYLES 4	JAMES MARTIN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WALTER HUGHES.

* First peal in the method.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT Treble	HARRY BOTTRILL 5
WALTER HOBBS 2	JOHN SMITH 6
GEORGE DENT 3	JOHN CORDELL 7
ISAAC CAVILL 4	HARRY SMALE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by G. DENT.

This composition, published in "The Ringing World" of Nov. 10th, 1911, contains the 4th and 6th the extent in 5—6 and eleven 8—6s. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WYATT Treble	WILLIAM H. CORBETT 5
JOHN HOYLE 2	THOMAS TUTTE 6
*GEORGE COOK 3	RICHARD KENDALL 7
JOHN CRAWFORD 4	WILLIAM COOK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

* First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Crawford, eldest daughter of Mr. J. Crawford, also to G. Cook.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

SAMUEL JONES, Senr. Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	PERCY H. SMITH 6
WILLIAM SCONCE 3	HENRY W. WILDE 7
ARTHUR L. SMITH 4	WILLIAM THOMAS Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

This peal was specially arranged for Mr. A. L. Smith, of Fenton, Staffordshire.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN SMART Treble	WILLIAM J. ALLISS 5
ERNEST LISH 2	HENRY STALHAM 6
*GEORGE GANDER 3	EDMUND LINDUP 7
†GEORGE PAYNE 4	GEORGE GATLAND Tenor

Conducted by E. LINDUP.

* First peal. † Fiftieth peal.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, ELSWICK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S No. 6.

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM STORY Treble	ERNEST E. FERRY 5
BENJAMIN C. DIXON 2	THOMAS T. GOFTON 6
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7
ALFRED F. HILLIER 4	OSWALD SIMM Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

The composition was rung as a five-part. The peal was rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. D. Crudas, donor of the church tower and bells.

BODMIN, CORNWALL.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROC,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs.

WARREN HORNBRIDGE ... Treble	JOSEPH WOODLEY 5
ERNEST W. MARSH 2	FRANK HOCKADAY 6
REGINALD A. H. DOBSON ... 3	WILLIAM FORD 7
WALTER H. MARSH 4	GEORGE R. STROUD Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

Ringling was started at 3.33 p.m. and there was service at 6.30 p.m., the Vicar kindly allowing the ringers to finish the peal after the service had started.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, 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 13½ cwt.

ALBERT MITCHELL ... Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 5
FREDK. W. RICE 2	GEORGE F. HOAD 6
HENRY F. EWINS 3	GEORGE ILLMAN 7
ALFRED D. MILLS 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GEORGE WICKENS ... Treble	FREDERICK TERRY 5
GEORGE DURLING 2	JOHN B. LOVELL 6
*GEORGE W. CLARKE 3	WALTER SMITH 7
FREDRICK KING 4	†JOHN WINN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER SMITH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Terry.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM TRIGG Treble	JOHN YATES, Senr. 5
GEORGE WILSON 2	*JOHN OLDHAM 6
HARRY WHITTLE 3	EDWARD READER 7
WILLIAM PERVIN 4	*WILLIAM THORLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

* First peal of Grandsire. This peal was rung to celebrate the coming of age of the only son of the Rev. C. L. Vashou Baker, Rector of Stanford. The ringers of 6 and 7 belong to All Saints, Loughborough, the rest to the Stanford Band.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

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

Composed by H. DAINS, and

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method by A. F. Bailey, who is 15 years of age. First peal in the method as conductor.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*FRANK SMITH ... Treble	LEONARD F. TAYLOR ... 5
RICHARD MONCASTER ... 2	JAMES BAXTER 6
HARRY PEVERELL 3	WILLIAM BROADLEY ... 7
G. W. PEVERELL 4	WILLIAM H. PORTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and

Conducted by JAMES BAXTER.

* First peal in the method. L. F. Taylor hails from Croydon and was elected a member of the Association before starting.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt., in G.

WILLIAM HAIGH ... Treble	THOMAS MANNERING ... 5
WILLIAM EASTER 2	WILLIAM I. WALKER ... 6
*CHARLES WINNER 3	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	*WILLIAM R. HUNT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qrs. 7 lbs.

*JOHN COLEMAN ... Treble	LEONARD J. WYMAN
JAMES M. NICKERSON ... 2	THOMAS JERVIS
†DANIEL REDHEAD 3	†REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... 7
*FREDERICK ARNOLD 4	*CHARLES ARNOLD Tenor

Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal with a bob bell. First peal in the method as conductor.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble	JOSEPH OGDEN 5
WILLIAM SCHOFIELD 2	WILLIAM CRABTREE 6
THOMAS OLDHAM 3	HUGH REYNOLDS 7
*HARRY WHITEHEAD 4	THOMAS WELLEN Tenor

Conducted by HUGH REYNOLDS.

* First peal. The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Hollows, who kindly entertained them.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 2	GEORGE CONDOCK 6
GEORGE SEWARD 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
HENRY T. HOWELL 4	HARRY BROWNJOHN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. J. W. Jones and A. E. Morgan, of Newport, Mon.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 18, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE RINGER Treble	ALFRED GOODRUM 5
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL 2	GEORGE HOWCHIN 6
FREDERICK J. CROSS 3	ALBERT G. WARNES 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN Tenor

Composed by the late Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, and

Conducted by F. J. HOWCHIN.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
JOHN HOWES 2	GEORGE SPENCER 6
JOHN H. B. HESSE 3	ALAN R. MACDONALD 7
HENRY C. CHANDLER 4	WILLIAM WARNE Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. MACDONALD.

First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. P. C. West, the new Vicar of Sunbury.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 16 Six-scores of Plain Bob and 26 Six-scores of Grandsire.
Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALBERT FAIRMANS Treble	THOMAS ABBOTT 3
G. HENRY PATRICK 2	VICTOR CLARKE 4
MATTHIAS HOBBS Tenor	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

* First peal. A. Pairmains was elected a member previous to starting.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED CLARK Treble	WALTER W. BONHAM 4
*HERBERT J. TUCKER 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS 5
EDWIN YATES 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells; also the first by a local band.

BROMFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*GEORGE D. ACTON Treble	*CHARLES H. SPARKS 4
FRANCIS S. WILSON 2	WILLIAM SHORT 5
WILLIAM R. NASH 3	ARTHUR NASON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal on the bells. W. Short hails from Clent, C. H. Sparkes from Withington, and the rest of the band hail from Ludlow. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. James Mackay, for kindly granting the use of the bells.

CRANSLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

DAVID J. NICHOLS Treble	GEORGE HOLLAND 4
FREDERICK C. WOOLLEY 2	ALBERT E. WYKES 5
PERCY J. LENTON 3	HORACE W. SHARMAN Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

First peal in seven methods on the bells, and the first in seven methods by all except the conductor.

HARTLIP, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

WILLIAM G. KITCHINGHAM Treble	WILLIAM NYE 4
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 2	THOMAS JULL 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND 3	ALBERT J. DAY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

BRANDON, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*FREDERICK SALTER Treble	*ALFRED TURNER 4
ALFRED MACRO 2	WILLIAM STANNARD 5
*PERCY FORDHAM 3	THOMAS FITZJOHN Tenor

Conducted by T. FITZJOHN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Mr. Stannard was proposed a member before starting.

HANDBELL PEALS.**CAMBRIDGE.****THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**

On Wednesday, February 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
 IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOMS, TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY... 1—2	*REGINALD O. STREET ... 5—6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3—4	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 7—8
REV. B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE ... 9—10	

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
 Umpire, F. R. WHITE.

* First peal of Royal.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, February 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
 AT 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

REGGIE CHAPMAN ... 1—2	DAVID J. NICHOLS ... 5—6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 3—4	ALBERT V. INNS ... 7—8

Composed by G. H. MARTIN, and
 Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.
 Umpire: L. CHAPMAN.

SHEFFIELD.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
 AT 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

JOHN THORPE ... 1—2	*GEORGE LEWIS ... 5—6
CLEMENT GLENN ... 3—4	R. WILFRED COLLIER ... 7—8

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and
 Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
 Umpire: JOSEPH ATKIN.

* First peal in the method. This is the first handbell peal to be rung in the method.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, February 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
 AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. PARKER, 97, EDENBRIDGE ROAD,
 BUSH HILL PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILBY J. HAZELL ... 1—2	JOHN THOMAS ... 5—6
MISS E. K. PARKER ... 3—4	JAMES PARKER ... 7—8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Umpire: MR. JOHN H. BENSTEAD.

First peal on handbells by all except the conductor. Rung at the third attempt. First peal by a lady with two bob bells. First peal in the method by Miss Parker.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tuesday, February 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
 IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5079 CHANCES;

JAMES HUNT ... 1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	MAURICE SMITHER ... 7—8
FRANK BLONDELL ... 9—10	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
 Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: S. RADFORD.

This composition has the quarter peals alternately in the tittums and handstroke positions. The conductor's 250th peal and F. Blondell's 150th.

LATE PEAL.**EPSOM, SURREY.****THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, February 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
 AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

WILLIAM ROBINSON ... Treble	JOHN CRAWFORD ... 5
RICHARD KENDALL ... 2	THOMAS TUTTE ... 6
THOMAS GOTT ... 3	ALLAN GOWER ... 7
THOMAS MILES ... 4	ROBERT ETHERINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ALLAN GOWER.

RINGING CONTEST.**HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S COMPETITION.**

The general meeting and eight-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Earlsheaton on Saturday week, when the bells and schools were kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the Vicar (the Rev. C. P. Davies). Four companies entered for the contest, each set ringing 672 changes of Treble Bob, preceded by a plain course for practice. The judges were Mr. Broadley, of Bradford, and Mr. Idle, of Earlsheaton. During the afternoon a splendid tea was served to the visitors, who numbered about 70.

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 Vicar and the society's officers. It became known that the first and third companies had tied in the contest, and at an emergency committee meeting it was decided they should each ring a long course. The general meeting then proceeded, Mr. Cotterell acting for the secretary, who was in one of the teams that had to ring off.

The place for the next meeting was left in the hands of the committee. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of their bells and schools, and to the local company and the ladies for providing the tea so admirably, was proposed by the chairman, who wished the Earlsheaton company every success in the next contest. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dransfield, and carried by acclamation.

The Vicar, in responding, welcomed the Association to Earlsheaton. He said he had heard about lady ringers in the Midlands, and he thought there ought to be some in their district. They were very proud of their bells at Earlsheaton, upon which had been rung a peal of 16,608 changes in about 10 hours. That afternoon he had had the pleasure of meeting two of the ringers who had taken part in the peal, Mr. Bailey and Mr. Garforth. The Vicar added that the ladies were always ready to help, and no doubt would do so next week, if required (applause).

THE RESULT OF THE CONTEST.

The judges announced that in the first attempt the following was the result: No. 1 company, Liversedge, 280 faults; No. 2, Pudsey, 294; No. 3, Brighouse, 280; No. 4, Mixed Company, 383.

In the deciding course the result was:—

Brighouse	183 faults.
Liversedge	187 faults.

Brighouse were, therefore, declared the winners.

The Vicar, in presenting the cup to Mr. Drake, the conductor of the winning team, said he had heard that Brighouse had won the cup ten times. He thought it was a great performance, and he congratulated them heartily.

Mr. Drake, in acknowledgment, said he hoped every company would try to win the cup. He referred to the readiness with which the Vicar had allowed them the use of the bells, and to the encouragement which he gave the ringers. Mr. Drake then proposed a vote of thanks to the judges. This was seconded by Mr. Robinson, and carried, and Mr. Broadley having replied, a vote of thanks to the chairman brought a very successful meeting to a close.

DEATH OF MR. RICHARD RIDYARD.

With much regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Richard Ridyard, one of the most prominent and respected members of the Lancashire Association, who has passed away at his residence at Worsley, near Manchester. The deceased was a member of the Committee of the Lancashire Association, and had rung a large number of peals. The funeral will take place at St. Mark's Church, Worsley, near Manchester, to-morrow (Saturday) at 3 p.m.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—On Tuesday, Feb. 6th, in honour of the marriage of Mr. Basil Kerr (Estate Agent to His Grace the Duke of Westminster) and Miss Winifred Blezard, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Edwards 1, W. Morgan 2, J. Thomas 3, R. Sperring (conductor) 4, W. Thomas 5, P. H. Smith 6, J. Morgan 7, Jos. Thomas 8.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, GUILD.**ANNUAL DINNER.**

Under the chairmanship of the Rector and President (the Rev. H. S. Anson), the annual dinner of the Southover, Lewes, Guild took place on Wednesday week at the King's Head Inn. Mr. J. R. Lusted (people's warden and vice-president) was in the vice-chair, and others present included Messrs. T. A. Stewart-Jones (Rector's warden) and J. T. Glandfield (vice-presidents), A. J. Turner (captain and secretary), W. Boyes, E. A. Card, A. Cooper, V. Green, W. Groves, J. A. Hart (Uckfield), Keith Hart (Brighton), John Hillman (who was a ringer 60 years ago), Edward Hillman, W. Moore, G. W. Moppett, Richardson (2), S. W. Shoesmith, F. Sturt, G. Sturt, D. Turner, J. Walker, A. Whale, etc.

The loyal toasts were given from the chair, and Mr. F. Sturt then proposed "The President and Vice-Presidents of the Guild" in an appreciative little speech, especially thanking the Rector and churchwardens for the great interest they took in the Guild.—The Rector, in reply, said how pleased he was to meet them all again on that festive occasion. In passing, he mentioned their old friend and secretary, Mr. H. H. Ebrall (who is now in Western Australia), and referred to the absence of the steeple keeper (Mr. A. Langridge), who met with an accident in the belfry more than two months ago, and was still in hospital. He (the Rector) was, however, in hopes that he would soon be about again. The reverend gentleman gave the ringers some very good advice, and said that their ringing on Sundays was really a part of the service of the day. They must look on it as an honour and privilege. The Rector wished he could take a greater part in what they did in their especial way, but he frequently thought of them, and he now and always wished them everything that was good.

Mr. T. A. Stewart-Jones returned thanks in a semi-humorous manner, which much amused the company. He recounted little incidents of his boyhood which caused much laughter. He much appreciated their kind toast, and said that he hoped to meet the Guild at their next quarterly meeting, when he would be able to have some business talk to them.—Mr. J. R. Lusted also responded, and thanked the Guild for their kind reception. He alluded to the muffled peals which had been rather frequent of late years, for respected parishioners who had gone beyond, and which tended to show that bell-ringing was not always the cheerful occupation which it was generally supposed to be. He was proud to be a vice-president, and hoped he might long occupy that position.—Mr. J. T. Glandfield, in response, gave a short dissertation on various matters connected with the Guild, and obtained permission to again celebrate St. George's Day in the usual (Southover) manner.

Mr. E. A. Card, in proposing "The Southover Bell Ringers' Guild," alluded to the time given by the ringers, who were a voluntary body, and who were always ready to give their expert services when required.—Mr. A. J. Turner, who replied, said he was pleased to say that they had got through the last year satisfactorily. He gave a short account of what had been done, and hoped that they would progress more and more as the years went on.

Other toasts were "The Vice-Chairman" and "The Hostess," which were enthusiastically received.—During the evening the two churchwardens placed some extra refreshments on the table, and were heartily thanked for their kindness. Among those who contributed to the harmony of the evening were Messrs. J. R. Lusted, G. Sturt, Card, F. Baker, Groves, J. A. and K. Hart, Moppett, F. Richardson, A. J. Turner and D. Turner. Mr. John Hillman gave a recitation, and members of the Guild contributed several selections on their beautiful handbells. The accompanist was Mr. A. E. Avis.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**READING BRANCH PROGRESS.**

The members of the Reading branch held their annual meeting at Reading, on Saturday week, but the funeral of one of the members (Mr. A. W. Reeves), who was interred in Caversham Cemetery in the afternoon, naturally cast a gloom over the proceedings. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Giles' Churches, Reading, were rung half-muffled, the whole pull and stand being rung at St. Giles'. Service was held at St. Mary's, and a splendid sermon was preached by the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn). Afterwards the meeting was held at St. Giles' Hall, Mr. W. P. Routh being in the chair. The balance sheet was passed as satisfactory.—Mr. W. P. Routh was re-elected president of the branch; Mr. A. W. Osborne, hon. secretary and treasurer; and Mr. W. Appleby (of Henley-on-Thames) was elected to serve on the committee. The foremen of the various towers gave their report of the year's work, all with one exception being very satisfactory. The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis also gave some very interesting information as to the progress of the Guild compared with twenty-one years ago.

Members were present from Checkendon, Henley, Binfield, Caversham, and the three Reading towers.—Regret was expressed by Mr. Routh at the death of Mr. A. W. Reeves, and he asked them to postpone the musical part of the evening on that account. This was at once agreed to, and it was decided to hold the 'smoker' at Henley-on-Thames on Saturday, April 20th.—The members then dispersed and visited the three towers in the town, where ringing was again indulged in.

BRIGG BELLS.**CAN THE TREBLES BE REPLACED?***To the Editor.*

Sir,—I carefully perused your leading article of the 2nd inst. regarding the action of the Church authorities at Brigg, and it appears to me that, although they did a thing—by parting with their two trebles—that all members of the change ringing community deplore, there is still a faint ray of hope for the church to possess a peal of eight bells. If they have nearly £100 in hand, what are they going to do with that money? I, for one, think it ought to be devoted to the purpose it was intended for—the restoration of the bells, and for nothing else. It seems to me that if the Church authorities could be persuaded, they could purchase their bells back from Messrs. Warner and Sons, who may not have melted them down yet. I do not profess to know much about the cost of bells, but I presume that at any rate they would not have to raise a very large sum, in addition to what they have in hand, in order to do this, for the trebles must be very light, as the tenor only weighs 9 cwt. If the founders have disposed of the bells, why not purchase new ones, when there is this large sum in hand from the fund. But how can the Church officials at Brigg be persuaded to adopt one of those two courses? I suggest, if they have not taken the matter in hand, that the Lincoln Diocesan Guild use their best endeavours to persuade the Church officials to secure their two old bells or two new ones. Perhaps that great exponent of change ringing, the Rev. H. Law James, could use his influence to adjust the deplorable state of affairs, if he has not had an opportunity of speaking on the subject up to the present. The iron wants striking while it is hot. No time ought to be lost, or delay may mean that the balance in hand may be handed over to some other object, and then every opportunity of bringing back to Brigg, that which never ought to have been parted with, will never occur again.—Yours truly,
Rye. GEO. BILLENNESS.

ASTON RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to have to announce the death of Mr. John Paulton, a member of the Aston Parish Church Society.

Deceased, who was 35 years of age, succumbed to pneumonia on Thursday, the 8th inst., after a week's illness. He was a most popular member of the Aston Society, his geniality, good humour and uprightness commending him to all with whom he came in contact. His ringing career, unfortunately, was a short one, extending only over a period of three years, in the course of which he had taken part in five peals—three of Grandsire Triples and two of Grandsire Caters. His last peal was rung exactly a month previous to the day of his death, this being a half-muffled peal on the occasion of the funeral of the late Mr. Thos. Reynolds. The Aston Society have lost a most loyal supporter, one who was always in his place at either practice or service ringing. The deceased had been looking forward to his first peal of Stedman, a method he had taken up very earnestly.

The funeral took place on Tuesday week, at Aston, the mortal remains being carried to the grave by six of the deceased's fellow ringers.

An attempt was made on Tuesday night for a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters (conducted by Mr. John Carter), but owing to the muffle on the tenor becoming loose, the bells were brought round, after ringing 1 hr. 10 mins.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**NEW WESTERN BRANCH SECRETARY.**

A most successful meeting of the Western Branch was held at St. John-in-Bedwardine, about 40 members being present, representing nearly every tower in the district, and including the Rev. Sidney Phillips (clerical secretary), the Rev. J. F. Hastings, of Martley, and the Master, Mr. T. J. Salter. Service was held in the church, the address being given by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Waugh. A most enjoyable tea was provided by the kindness of the Vicar and Mrs. Waugh, who were heartily thanked for their kindness.

At the business meeting, the Rev. S. Phillips took the chair. The gentleman appointed as branch secretary at the last meeting being unable to accept the office, two names were brought forward for the post, Mr. R. G. Knowles, of Madresfield, being elected by a large majority.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Martley, on July 6th, an invitation from Strensham being held over for consideration then. As usual, the quarterly peal was arranged to be rung at the tower at which the meeting was held, and Mr. R. G. Knowles was appointed conductor.—Several new members were elected, including the Strensham ringers, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, the organist, and the Rev. and Mrs. Waugh.

The bells, a peal of six, tenor 16 cwt., originally cast by R. Sanders, of Bromsgrove, in 1707, were kept going during the afternoon and evening in various methods of Minor and Doubles.

ASTON MANOR.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: W. Davies 1, J. Jones 2, A. Jones 3, H. Jones 4, J. Hopkin 5, W. G. Ellis 6, F. Bennett (conductor) 7, C. Allen 8.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE SECRETARY OF THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

To-morrow Birmingham will commemorate the birthday of one of the most celebrated men that ever adorned the Exercise—Henry Johnson, who was born 103 years ago. It is, therefore, not inappropriate that our illustration this week should concern a member of the St. Martin's Guild, in the making of whose history Henry Johnson played so prominent a part. The Guild is one of the oldest of the provincial organisations, and its members are scattered throughout the country. For a century and a half the organisation was merely one attached to the mother church of Birmingham, one of the great centres of twelve-bell ringing. When, however, in 1905 Birmingham was elevated to the dignity of an Episcopal See, and St. Martin's became a cathedral church, the society, progressing with the times, widened its sphere and became St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.



MR. ALF. PADDON SMITH.

Mr. Alf. Paddon Smith, who is now the honorary secretary of the Guild, is one of that younger generation of ringers who are carrying on, and adding lustre to, the great traditions of the society. Mr. Smith comes of ringing stock. He is the fourth successive generation of his family to take up the Exercise, and ringing is "in the blood," so to speak. Born on March 26th, 1881, at West Bromwich, not very far from the Old Church, at which his father was then a ringer, his maternal grandfather, Paul Cashmore, was in his day a well-known Treble Bob composer, and one of his peals of Treble Bob Major is a very excellent composition, and is to be found in "Treble Bob." Paul Cashmore married a daughter of Mr. William Marsh, who, on April 17th, 1820, rang the eleventh at St. Martin's to the first peal of "New" Treble Bob Maximus (which we now know as Kent) ever rung. This was a 7200, and occupied 5 hours 8 minutes. He also rang the tenor in the same tower to a peal of Stedman Cinques on December 28th, 1820. This was a 6600

in 4 hours 35 minutes, and is supposed to be the first peal of Stedman Cinques rung out of London. If any of our readers have any record of an earlier peal than this Mr. Smith will be glad to have chapter and verse.

One of Mr. Smith's earliest recollections is that of being taken to the belfry on Sunday mornings by his father, and it was on one of these occasions that, at the tender age of five years, he first pulled off a bell. It happened thus: On Sundays the bells were frequently chimed, and in the intervals the interested young man used to swing on the ropes. One morning, however, the bells were rung, and, on the conclusion of a touch, before anyone noticed him, he caught hold of a rope, and the inevitable happened. Smith, junior, was soon floundering on the floor, while the rope went up and became entangled with the guides. After being duly admonished he was escorted hurriedly from the belfry, and dire penalties were threatened if ever he came to the belfry again and failed to sit quite still.

Mr. Smith was taught to ring at Handsworth by the late Mr. William Verry, and rang his first peal there—Grandsire Triples—at the age of 15 years, with the Staffordshire Society. Eventually he gravitated to St. Martin's, where the opportunities for twelve bell ringing and the grand peal of bells formed a very great attraction. He became a regular attendant, and rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques on September 16th, 1901. Mr. Smith simply glories in the traditions of the ancient Guild, which in twelve bell ringing, at any rate, are quite unique. He is extremely proud of the position which he holds of secretary to the Guild, to which he was elected in October, 1909, on the retirement of Mr. W. H. Godden, who had held the office for more than 20 years. Mr. Smith's favourite ringing is Stedman Cinques, than which, in his opinion, no finer or more majestic music can be produced on church bells, and he has rung every bell in St. Martin's tower to a peal in this method. He has never, however, turned his attention to conducting, probably because in Birmingham there is to-day, as there always has been, a plentiful supply of first class conductors.

Mr. Smith's peal record is as follows:—

Stedman Cinques	46
Stedman Caters	18
Stedman Triples	20
Grandsire Maximus	1
Grandsire Caters	4
Grandsire Major	1
Grandsire Triples	13
Kent Treble Bob Maximus ..	2
Kent Treble Bob Royal ...	3
Kent Treble Bob Major ...	2
Bob Maximus	1
Bob Royal	1
Bob Major	3
Bob Triples	1
Forward Maximus	2 (only 2 ever rung).
Double Norwich Major ...	6
Superlative Surprise Major	10
Cambridge Surprise Major	7
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1
Erin Cinques	1 (only 1 ever rung).

Total ... 143

Of three of the peals of Stedman Cinques rung at St. Martin's he is particularly proud. The first of these was a short course peal on November 25th, 1902, one of the only two short course peals of Stedman Cinques ever rung (the

other, by-the-by, having also been rung in Birmingham); another rung on February 21st, 1905, was absolutely faultless, not a word being spoken except the calls, and not a bad blow struck; the third was rung by the Sunday ringers on June 22nd, 1911, and was the only twelve bell peal rung on Coronation Day.

ODD CHANGES.

A peal of Doubles on handbells in ten methods by two ringers would be a distinctly clever performance. It was attempted at Brewood, Staffs, the other day by J. Perry 1-2-3, T. Perry 4-5-6, but after ringing 2520 changes in six methods in 1 hour 12 minutes a change course brought the ringing to an end. The umpire was Mr. R. Pickering. Previously an attempt had been made at the Parish Church for Holt's Original, but it was lost owing to a change course after 1 hour 7 minutes.

The band at Cransley are heartily to be congratulated upon their perseverance with change ringing, and upon scoring their first peal in seven methods. They have been confronted with difficulties, not the least being that the bells are badly out of repair, and are rung with over 60 feet of rope and without guides. The bells were thought by ringers in the district to be unringable in changes, as it was always a speculation whether the man at the end of the rope would catch the salley. With the assistance of Mr. D. J. Nichols, the local men have triumphed over obstacles, and it is hoped, now that there is a good hard working band at Cransley, that the Churchmen will see that their bells are put into good ringing order.

A correspondent writes to point out that a peal of Grandsire Doubles was published last week in which it was stated that the six-scores were "each called differently," whereas this was not the case, only three callings being used. Those who are responsible for sending in reports of peals ought to be, before everything else, accurate. There can be no object in misleading the Exercise, and it must be poor satisfaction to the ringers to take credit for something they have not done. *Verb. Sap.*

Among the great performances of the past one frequently hears reference made to the peal of 40,000 rung at Leeds in Kent. Some people still treat the matter with scepticism, but the performance was duly recorded in the newspapers of that time. A cutting from the "Country News," dated April 10th, 1761, is preserved by Mr. F. A. Barnett, of Farnham, who came into possession of it with a box, upon the lid of which the record is stuck. A few of the words are unreadable owing to age, but the paragraph will doubtless interest many of our readers.

"On Tuesday last, the day of election of members to represent. . . (1) in Parliament when the Hon. Robert Fairfax, of . . . (2) Sir Wyndham Knatchbull, Bart., were chosen . . . the Leeds Youths went off to ring a peal of Bob Major, consisting of 40,300, being the whole number of changes upon eight bells, which was completed in 27 hours by fourteen men only, namely, James, Thomas, and Abraham Barham, Henry and William Tilbury, Thomas Lacey, John Crips, Richard Masters, James Hampton, William Davis, Edward Cook, William Hatwood, Stephen Bayley and John Boorah. The peal was never rung or ever attempted to be rung by any set of

ringers in this kingdom. Whenever it is performed by any other set the above named Youths are determined to maintain their superiority in all others by ringing all the changes upon ten bells." (1) Mid-Kent; (2) Leeds Castle.

Allen Bailey, the youngest of the eight Leiston brothers, has rung his first peal of Treble Bob Major, and as there were six of his brothers ringing with him, there will doubtless soon be a Bailey peal of Treble Bob, followed by a family peal in a Surprise Method.

The first peal of Maximus upon the bells of St. Nicholas, Liverpool, was rung on Saturday night, by a band of Sheffield, Manchester and Liverpool ringers, and the performance sets the seal upon the excellent work which Messrs. Warner and Sons have carried out in rehanging the bells. The restoration was carried out under difficulties, but the Treble Twelve shows how completely the bell founders have done their work. It is 30 years since a peal was rung at St. Nicholas, and everyone was delighted with the "go" of the bells, and Mr. Robert Warner was afterwards congratulated by the ringers. Mr. Arthur Jacob, who is one of Messrs. Warner's employes, and who used to be more conspicuous in the Exercise than he is to-day, took part in the peal.

The Henry Johnson commemoration dinner at Birmingham to-morrow promises to be a big success. A large and representative company is expected, and a most enjoyable programme has been arranged.

DEATH OF AN OLD RINGER.

REMINISCENCES OF THE "FORTIES."

The death of Mr. George Walder, of Bolney, Sussex, took place on Monday, 12th February, at his residence at Bolney Street, after a short illness. The deceased, who was in his 89th year, was connected with the choir and ringers at the Parish Church for upwards of 65 years. In the "forties" the Bolney ringers were famed throughout the county for their excellent striking; in fact, their pride in that respect eventually proved their downfall.

In the early forties, Mr. Walder, with several other young men, were anxious to learn something about ringing, but owing to the conservatism of the older men they never had a chance to do anything beyond raising the bells or ringing a few rounds. In 1847 the churchwardens granted the young men a separate practice night, and requested the older men not to molest them. Soon after this, however, the leader of the young men, with other members, joined the Mormon movement, eventually going to Salt Lake City; and the hand of death was also busy among the older men, three being removed in one year. As a result, ringing at Bolney sank to a very low ebb for many years, but Mr. Walder stuck to the bells, and obtained all the ringing that was possible. The present "Bolney Ringers' Society" was formed in 1886, and provision made for regular practice, but it was not until 1894 that the first peal, Grandsire Triples, was achieved. This was Mr. Walder's first and only peal, and was the first by a local band for upwards of 49 years. Mr. Walder was then in his 72nd year. On his 80th birthday his brother ringers presented him with a grandfather's chair, fitted with a book rest, and on his 85th birthday he assisted in ringing a 504 Grandsire Triples, in which three generations of the Walder family took part. He was appointed parish clerk in March, 1862, and held the office until October, 1902 (46½ years), when advancing years compelled him to resign. Owing to the generosity of the late Vicar (the Rev. T. Austen Holcroft), and other leading gentlemen of the parish, he was enabled to end his days in comparative ease and comfort. He was twice married, and celebrated two silver weddings. He leaves a widow and four sons and two daughters by his first marriage.

The interment took place at the Parish Church on Saturday last, amid every token of sympathy and respect. The newly-appointed Vicar (the Rev. E. W. Michell) officiated. The coffin, which bore the inscription: "George Walder, died Feb. 12th, 1912, age 88 years," was borne from the house to the church, and from thence to the grave by four of his brother ringers, and was lowered into its final resting place by three sons and three grandsons.

After the funeral the bells were rung half-muffled, as a token of respect and esteem, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Vincent, being brought round; also a 504 and 168 in the same method.

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THE LINCOLN GUILD. GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District of the Lincoln Guild was held at Gainsborough on Saturday last, ringers being present from Brigg, Hirston-in-Lindsey, Willingham, Haxey, West Stockwith, and Workop, in addition to the local company. During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, were rung.—A short service was held in the Parish Church, when an instructive address was given by the Rev. A. C. P. Burles (curate).—Tea was provided at the King's Arms Coffee Tavern, and Mr. F. F. Linley presided at the business meeting which followed. Three members were elected, and the following officers were re-appointed: Vice-president, Canon Standen; district secretary, F. S. W. Butler; district ringing master, J. C. Tinker; representative on the Northern branch committee, J. T. Ladd.—It was decided to hold each of the district meetings one month earlier, so that the annual meeting will fall in January instead of February, as in previous years.—The District Secretary read a letter of appeal asking for assistance toward the rehanging of Shoreditch Parish Church bells, but it being pointed out that a tower in the Northern branch was making an appeal of the same kind, it was decided to let the letter from Shoreditch lie on the table.—Votes of thanks brought the business to a close.—The ringers then returned to the church, and indulged in further ringing.

EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.

A meeting of the Eastern Counties branch was held at Moulton on Saturday last, and was well attended, ringers being present from Moulton, Long Sutton, Clenchwarton, Terrington, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Surfleet, Donington, Bicker and Deeping St. Nicholas. Dinner was provided by Mrs. Redhead at the Swan Inn, about 35 sitting down to an excellent repast, under the presidency of the Vicar (the Rev. C. J. S. Ward), supported by the Revs. H. Law James, J. P. S. Harris, Canon Hicks, of Lincoln, and the churchwardens (Messrs. R. F. King and H. Clark). After the toast of "The Church and King," several new members were elected. Gosberton was selected for the next meeting, on Whit-Monday.—The Treasurer presented the balance sheet for the past year, which was duly passed, subject to audit by Mr. R. Richardson.—Service was afterwards held in the church, when an excellent address was given by Canon Hicks.—Tea was kindly provided by the ladies of the parish, their kindness, needless to say, being much appreciated. During the day the bells were kept going in touches of Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, etc.

PRESENTATION AT MACHYNLLETH.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by the members of the Machynlleth Guild at their annual dinner, held at the Ship Hotel, on Thursday week. The President of the Guild (the Rev. C. P. Price, Rector) was in the chair, supported by Major H. E. Bousall, Dr. A. O. Davies, and Messrs. F. M. Campbell, D. E. R. Griffith and R. Gillart. The loyal toast was enthusiastically honoured, followed by "The Bishop and Clergy" and "The Army, Navy and Territorial Forces." "The Machynlleth Guild" was proposed by the Chairman, who complimented the members upon their progress during the year, and upon their excellent attendance.—Mr. Thomas Hughes (foreman) and Mr. J. Blayney responded, and thanked the Rector and vice-presidents for the kind support they had given to the Guild.

The Rector then presented a handsome marble clock to Mr. W. E. Evans, the gift bearing the inscription: "Presented to William Edward Evans by the Machynlleth Guild of Bell Ringers, as a mark of their appreciation of his services for upwards of ten years as hon secretary and treasurer of the Guild, Feb. 15th, 1912." The Rector said the gift had been subscribed to by the whole of the Guild as a mark of their respect. He was glad to say Mr. Evans was continuing his services, and he hoped he would do so for many years to come.—Mr. Evans, who was received with the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow," suitably acknowledged the gift.—The toast of "The Host and Hostess" was also honoured. The speeches were interspersed with some enjoyable musical items and recitations.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. ENCOURAGING MEETING AT NORTHENDEN.

A very encouraging meeting of the Bowdon and Stockport branch was held at Northenden on Saturday last, members turning up from 12 out of the 17 towers in union. At the previous meeting the Rector of the parish was elected chairman of the branch, and it was on the present occasion that he first met the members in that capacity. At the service in church, with which the proceedings commenced, he gave an address most fitting to the occasion, and full of inspiration to all present, and supplemented this, in the course of the business transactions which followed, with remarks of much encouragement. The agenda contained nothing beyond the usual routine of such meetings. Mottram is to be the place of the next gathering of the branch at the end of April or beginning of May. Quite a variety of Minor methods were adopted in ringing the numerous touches brought round during the time the bells were available for use; and a healthy interest in the Art and in the affairs of the branch was manifested in such a measure as to make the meeting most encouraging and enjoyable.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. A SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT.

The Pre-Lent meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association was held at Whickham, and on this occasion a departure from the general rule was made, the meeting being held on Wednesday week, instead of, as is usual, on a Saturday. The change of day proved quite a success, as it enabled many members to attend who are engaged on Saturdays, and now that the precedent has been established, no doubt at least one Wednesday meeting will be arranged each year. It is a long continuous climb from Swalwell or Dunston to the village of Whickham, which stands on an eminence overlooking the Tyne, but the hearty welcome given by the Rev. Arthur Allwork removed any tired feeling, and those who attended spent a very pleasant afternoon and evening.

The members were entertained to tea at the Rectory in a kindly manner, amongst those present being Mr. J. T. Atkinson (churchwarden), Messrs. C. L. Routledge, J. Stuart, E. Ferry, Rev. B. Jealous, and members from Newcastle, West Hartlepool, Chester-le-Street, North Shields and Gateshead, and the hon. secretary (Mr. C. Todd).—In proposing a vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Allwork for their hospitality, the President (Mr. Routledge) mentioned that this was the first occasion upon which the Association had been so entertained at any of their meetings.—Mr. Allwork, in replying, expressed the very great pleasure it was to himself and Mrs. Allwork to have the ringers there that day, as it was many years since there had been a meeting at Whickham.—The President announced that owing to pressure of business, the secretary had asked for some assistance in his duties, and Mr. R. Stephenson, of West Hartlepool, had been appointed hon. treasurer pro tem.—The ringers at Hexham Abbey and at St. Aidan's, West Hartlepool, were elected members of the Association, in addition to a new band at Wylam-on-Tyne.

DEATH OF MR. A. W. REEVES.

Mr. A. W. Reeves, of Reading, for whom an appeal was made through these columns, has, we regret to say, passed away, at the age of 53 years. At the funeral, which took place at Caversham Cemetery on Saturday week, the Master of the Oxford Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) officiated, and a large number of ringers were present. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave, by C. R. Lilley 1—2, W. A. Webb 3—4, C. Giles 5—6, A. W. Osborne 7—8, and during the evening the bells of St. Giles' and St. Mary's Churches, Reading, were rung, muffled.—The total amount subscribed to the appeal was £26 3s. 9d., and the widow desires to thank all who have so kindly contributed.

VISIT TO HENLEY.

PAST GREAT PERFORMANCE RECALLED.

In one of the quiet and most pleasant streets of Henley there dwells at a small inn, the one-time famous tenor man of the Appleton Society, William Robbins, now in failing health, but still an enthusiast on ringing. On receiving a message from him, through his devoted daughter, that he wanted to hear the bells again in change ringing, and to see the ringers once more, the Shiplake band took the first opportunity to visit Henley, and on Thursday week rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the beautiful bells of the Parish Church. The visitors were welcomed by the steeple keeper, and despite the bad ropes, succeeded in their efforts, being congratulated upon the striking by several listeners as they descended from the tower. Wending their way to their old friend's house, they found him very frail, but pleased to see the party. Tunes were rung on the handbells, and there was a pleasant chat on former days.

Mr. Robbins' first peal was at Appleton, viz., Stedman Triples, on Feb. 12th, 1861. His next at Appleton was Grandsire Caters, on Oct. 11th, 1861, being the first on the bells after their augmentation to ten. In 1869 he rang in the first peal at St. Helen's, Abingdon, and on Feb. 2nd, 1871, in the first peal of Triples at Bicester. Then on March 4th in the same year, he took part in the 10,080 Grandsire Caters at Appleton, in 6 hrs. 21 mins. Many more peals has he rung, but he cherishes the memory of none so much as this long peal.

ROYSTON.—Hertfordshire Association.—At the Parish Church, on Feb. 14th, 720 of Bob Minor: W. L. Darlow 1, W. Mansfield 2, A. Gilbert 3, R. Wilkerson 4, R. G. King (conductor) 5, S. E. Roberts 6. First 720 of Minor by W. Mansfield, who hails from Barley.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Saturday, Feb. 17th, at the Church of St. Lawrence, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief owing to a change course, after ringing 2520 changes: G. D. Acton 1, G. J. Taylor (Shrewsbury) 2, F. S. Wilson 3, E. R. T. Corbett (Dorrington) 4, Wm. Short (conductor) 5, G. Acton 6, W. R. Nash 7, A. Nason 8. It was the longest touch of Triples for G. Acton and G. D. Acton, and was rung on the occasion of the visit of W. Short, instructor to the Guild.

COALBROOKDALE.—Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Saturday, Feb. 17th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, with five local men taking part, the band being completed by three from Bridgnorth. The attempt, however, came to grief, after 3268 changes had been rung, in 1 hr. 50 mins.: J. Hanley 1, J. Overton 2, H. Batley 3, J. Elcock 4, F. S. Downing 5, W. Overton (conductor) 6, W. Saunders 7, H. Aston 8.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT OLDHAM.

An interesting event took place on Wednesday week, at Oldham Parish Church, when the ringers and their wives, together with the Vicar, churchwardens and sidesmen, assembled in the tower for the unveiling of a peal board. The Vicar offered suitable prayers, and, having explained the object of the gathering, unveiled the board, which bears the following inscription: "Lancashire Association. On Easter Day, April 16th, 1911. The following members of the above Association rang a true and complete peal of Grandsire Caters, consisting of 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. Ringers: Samuel Elson treble, Samuel Stott 2, Mills Newton 3, Harry Hampson 4, James H. Bastow 5, Alfred Waites 6, Samuel M. Butterworth 7, Herbert E. Fielding 8, Isaac Schofield 9, Jamees Garlick tenor. Conducted by Samuel Stott; Rev. George Perry-Gore, Vicar; William Aspden, Edmund Mills, Albert Cheetham, James Whitmore, wardens; John Booth, Albert Broadbent, sidesmen.

The new board is fixed next to one dated January, 1783, which goes to show that change ringing in Oldham Church is an old-established art.

After the ceremony the party adjourned to the Central Cafe, High Street, where an excellent repast was enjoyed.—The Vicar took the chair, and thanked the ringers for the services they rendered to the church. He hoped there would be many more peals to follow.—Messrs. E. Mills, A. Cheetham and W. Aspden also expressed their thanks as wardens.—Afterwards, songs, recitations and courses on the handbells were given by Messrs. S. M. Butterworth, S. Stott, I. Schofield and J. Priestley. The evening was brought to a close by Messrs. J. Booth and A. Broadbent, on behalf of the wardens and sidesmen, proposing a vote of thanks to the ringers for their hospitality.—Mr. S. Elson replied, and thanked the Vicar, the wardens and sidesmen for their kindness in presenting the tablet.—This concluded one of the most enjoyable gatherings ever held by the ringers of the Oldham Parish Church.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT WELLINGBOROUGH.**

The quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough District was held at Wellingborough on Saturday last, about 45 members being present from Irthlingborough, Higham Ferrers, Rushden, Earl's Barton, Mears Ashby, Doddington, Burton Latimer, Kettering, Northampton, Raunds, and Olney, together with the local ringers.

Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung during the afternoon and evening, the bells, a fine peal of eight, tenor 30 cwt., being the heaviest in the county. They are, however, in a bad state of repair, and it is hoped something may be done to them in the near future.

Tea was served at the Church Institute, after which a short business meeting was held, the Vicar, the Rev. R. G. W. Smeaton, being in the chair, supported by the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford), and the district secretary (Mr. W. Perkins). One new member was elected, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Irthlingborough.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ladies who had provided tea.—The Vicar, in reply, said he was sorry the bells were not in good order. This they had known for some time, but they were short of funds; in fact, they were in debt on other things, but they were in hopes of having the bells in proper order in the near future.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

An excellent meeting of the Bolton branch was held at Deane, on Saturday last, when 34 members were present from Newchurch, Tyldesley, Worsley, Walkden, and Leigh, together with the local company. Some very good practice was had on the bells.

On Saturday week, the members of the Rochdale branch held their monthly meeting at Rochdale Parish Church, when 24 members were present from Rochdale Parish, Balderstone, Milnrow, Middleton, Todmorden Parish and Unitarians, Walsden, Crosstones, Goldwick, Oldham, Manchester. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Samuel Brierley, and one new member was elected.—The bells were kept going in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major.

THE KENT ASSOCIATION.**GIFT TO MISS MACALPINE LENY.**

Mr. W. Latter has been re-elected district secretary of the Tonbridge District of the Kent Association, and Mr. G. Edwards, of Chiddingstone, has been appointed representative on the Central Committee, in succession to Mr. D. Wnyght. The district has decided to support the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore's scheme for an Association Benevolent Fund, and has approved of the committee's proposals to hold the district meetings for the ensuing year at Staplehurst, Seal Chart, Penshurst and Edenbridge (annual).—Nearly all the bands in the district have contributed to the gift to be made to Miss Leny, as a small appreciation of the many kindnesses extended at Speldhurst to the members. The present consists of a gold bar brooch with eight miniature bells attached.—The presentation was made privately, Miss Leny having been seriously ill. Owing to her indisposition, Miss Leny was unable to be present at the district meeting at Chiddingstone, and hopes were expressed for her speedy recovery.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AT FELTHAM.

A pleasant and successful meeting of the South and West district was held at Feltham on Saturday last. Between thirty and forty members and friends were present from Feltham, Heston, Isleworth, Iwer Heath, Chalfont St. Peter, Hillingdon, Chertsey, Old Woking, Hounslow, Southall, Sunbury, St. Margaret's, Highgate, Teddington, Earl's Court, and Reading. Ringing in various methods was indulged in during the afternoon, and an adjournment was made to the Mission Hall for tea, the Rev. F. J. Browell (the Vicar) presiding. Tea over, the Vicar (who has recently been inducted to Feltham) bade the Association a very hearty welcome.—The District Master (Mr. T. Beadle) took the chair for the business meeting. Three new members were elected, and it was arranged that the next meeting should be held at Heston, on Saturday, March 23rd.—On the motion of the Master, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and the Mission Hall, and the motion was acknowledged by the Vicar. The members then adjourned again to the tower, where the bells were kept going until 9 o'clock in touches of Stedman, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, etc.

CROMER AND RINGING.**A GOOD PEAL REMAIN IDLE.**

It is a great pity when good bells are allowed to remain idle. At Cromer there is a nice ring of six, with a tenor of about 12 cwt., but owing to the opposition of one or two neighbours, only service chiming is allowed upon them. Last Wednesday week, however, they were ringing merrily for the wedding of Miss L. A. Dowding, of Cromer, and Mr. C. Newdick, of Walsingham. In the afternoon 360 and 120 Bob Minor were rung, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob was lost in the last part. A 720 was, however, rung for evening service, by J. Godfrey 1, G. Soame 2, E. Suffling 3, F. W. Elliott 4, E. H. King 5, G. Moy (conductor) 6. The band was organised by Mr. J. Godfrey, formerly a ringer of Great Yarmouth, and those who took part in the day's ringing were: Messrs. G. and J. Moy, of Aylsham; G. Soame and E. Suffling, of Marsham; and E. H. King and F. Elliott, of Overstrand.

The last occasion upon which the bells were rung was at the Relief of Mafeking, with the exception of a not very successful attempt to ring for a wedding about five years ago, when the whole of the ropes came down at least once during the ringing. Apart from the ropes, the fittings are in good order, and it is hoped that it will be possible to get permission for a local band to be got together, so that the bells may be rung properly in the future. There is practically a band of change ringers in the neighbourhood.

RINGERS' DINNER AT HODDESDON.

The annual dinner of the St. Paul's Society took place on Monday week at the Salisbury Arms Hotel, the Vicar (the Rev. P. E. S. Holland) presiding, supported by the Rev. T. Walton (curate), Mr. Dew (churchwarden), Mr. N. P. Christie (one of the donors of the bells), Mr. C. Puppelt (Master), Mr. L. Knight (secretary), and about twelve ringers. After an excellent dinner, the evening was spent in social intercourse. Various toasts were submitted, and selections were given on the handbells. Some good songs were also rendered, showing that ringers can be singers as well. Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem, accompanied by the handbells and piano, brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

IN AID OF BELL RESTORATION.

The ring of six bells in the Parish Church of Northiam, East Sussex, are sadly in need of restoration, and the church folk are endeavouring to secure the necessary money to have the work carried out. Two grand entertainments were given in the Six Bells Hotel Assembly Room on Thursday afternoon and evening in last week, the proceeds being devoted to the bells repair fund and the Northiam Boy Scouts. The hall is a fairly large building, and at both performances was packed to its uttermost holding capacity, both objects receiving substantial sums as a result of the undertaking. The programme consisted of music and amateur theatricals, and was much enjoyed.

ROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.

The first annual supper of the St. John's, Cardiff, ringers was a very enjoyable gathering. Dr. Wachell (churchwarden) presided, and several toasts were honoured, including "The King and Royal Family," "The Bishop and Clergy of the Llandaff Diocese," "The Vicar and Churchwardens of St. John's," and "Our Captain, Mr. W. B. Bies."—Mr. S. Williams (secretary) presented a report recording a good year's work.—Mr. Miller pointed out that if the ringers were allowed at least three Saturdays during the year for peals it would give some members a better opportunity of taking part.—Mr. Allen (the vergor) said the Vicar had been obliged to refuse peals on Saturdays, on account of the complaints received from the tradespeople in the immediate neighbourhood of the church, but he was always willing to permit peals on Thursdays.—After some discussion, the churchwardens promised to do all in their power to assist in the matter.—A most enjoyable musical evening was carried out, and the hostess was thanked for her excellent catering.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

In order to make a successful conductor, a ringer has got to be able to mentally transpose, while ringing, the coursing order of the bells, so that if a trip occurs, or two ringers attempt to "change course," i.e., take up each other's work, he may at once correct the error. Now, this ability to "course the bells," as it is called, largely comes by practice, but what the beginner must first acquire is a knowledge of how each plain or bob lead affects the order of the bells. It might not be an easy thing to watch for each bell to lead, to see that it is the right one—there is an easier method than this of noting the coursing order of the bells. It is by observing the order in which the bells are met both in hunting up and in hunting down.

Let us look, for example, first of all at the plain course, and let us suppose the conductor is ringing the 7th. After dodging with the 6th and lying the whole pull behind, the order in which the bells are met is 5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6. Then the 7th leads, and again come the 5, 1, 2, 3 (with which the 7th dodges in 4-5), 4, 6. Going down again the 7th meets 1, 2, 5, 3, 4, 6, and, after leading, meets once more 1 and 2. Third's place comes in this lead, and as the 7th goes back again to lead it is over the 1 and 2, while in hunting up the order of meeting the bells is 5, 3, 4, 6, 1, 2, and in hunting down 5, 3, 4 (with which the 7th dodges in 4-5 down), 1, 2, 6. In hunting up it is again 5, 3, 4, 1, 2, 6, and in returning, 5 (with which the 7th dodges in 6-7 down), 3, 1, 2, 4, 6. Once more hunting up, it is 5, 3, 1, 2, 4, 6, and this brings the bells round. Careful examination of these figures shows that throughout the course the 7th always meets 5, 3, 4, 6 in the same order, 1, 2 intervening in a different place in each lead. What really happens to cause 1-2 to course after different bells is that the bell which in a lead comes down immediately in front of 1-2, courses in the next lead immediately after 1-2, being turned round by having made the 3rd's place. This, of course, puts a fresh bell in front of the treble.

Let me put it in another way, by giving the whole of the seven bells in the order in which they come to lead, because it will show accurately the transposition which is made, and how the order of the working bells is retained:—

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

Now when it comes to transpositions of the coursing order at the bobs the thing is not a great deal more involved. It is really only a case of turning round two bells instead of one. The bob brings another bell into the hunt, which has to be substituted after the treble for the bell that goes out, and with this change, and the ordinary transposition brought about by the unaffected 3rd's place, the coursing order is resumed. What this means will be seen by giving the coursing order of a few leads from the touch given in my last notes.

Lead ends	Coursing order
234567	1234675
—752634	—1752346
—467352	1467523
436275	1436752
—524736	1524357
572643	1572436

While in a plain lead, then, the bell in the coursing order before the treble, is placed after the bell in the hunt, at a bob, the two bells before the treble are placed between the treble and the bell in the hunt.

By studying the figures of the coursing order and comparing them with the lead ends which they succeed, my readers will be able to work out the coursing order of the bells through the complete touch, and then go into the tower and endeavour to carry it out mentally while the touch is being rung. To begin with the young conductor will probably have to be content to apply his knowledge from bell to bell, as it were, but by practice he will be able to transpose the coursing order ahead of his position, and so know which bells to expect a lead or even more before he reaches them. It is the man who has this knowledge that is the most successful when it comes to conducting peals.

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Mr. Henry Dains (Royal Cumberland Youths) has, after great labour, obtained peals of Cambridge Royal and Maximus, with the 6th the extent in 5-6, it being the first time that peals with these qualities have been published in this method.

	7200		
	M	W	H
23456			
64352	—		
56342		—	c
36245	—		
42563	(— —)		
64523	a (— —)		d
54326	(— —)		
23645	(— —)		*
42635		—	e
56234	—		
23564		—	
52364			—
35264			—
25463	—		
45362	—	b	
63254	—		
52436	—	—	
35426		—	f
42356		—	
34256			
23456			

This composition contains the 6th the full extent at six course ends each way in 5-6, and is the first published with these qualities in this method.

By omitting the bracketed bobs M and W at a and b, adding a bob H at *, the peal is reduced to 5040 changes. By adding three bobs H at c, d and e, the composition will be of 26 courses, and contain 9360 changes.

As the composition stands it contains 10,560 changes of Maximus. When augmented by bobs at c, d and e, it is increased to 13,728 in number. Finally, by omitting the bobs W and H bracketed at f and g, the changes in Maximus are reduced to 5280.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at "Ye Olde Royal Hotel," Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 24th, at 6.30 p.m., Francis Edward Dawe, Esq., in the chair. Tickets free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 p.m.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Next meeting will be held at Lewes (Southover) on Saturday, February 24th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5.—Robert J. Dawe, Divisional Honorary Secretary, "Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on February 24th. Bells available from 4 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden on Wednesday, February 28th; ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. A short special service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, kindly provided by the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. Babington, after which a proposed benevolent fund for the Association will be discussed and a resolution moved thereon.—C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on February 29th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 27th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, each Saturday at 7.30. A district meeting will be held at St. Alphege's, Greenwich, on March 2nd. Tower open 4.30 to 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, March 2nd, 1912. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Samlesbury on March 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 2nd, bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland (President), and an address by the Rev. H. C. Burnett. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, February 28th. Business meeting afterwards. All past and present members and other ringing friends of the Guild are cordially invited.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Armley on March 2nd. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting (nomination) at the White Horse Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The annual dinner to commemorate the memory of the late John Lomas and Thomas Hattersley will take place at the Yorkshireman's Arms, Burgess Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 2nd, at 6.30 p.m. The chair will be taken by the president, Mr. C. H. Hattersley. Tickets 2s. each. Will all intending visitors kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, February 27th? The bells of the Parish Church (12) will be available from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.—Sidney F. Palmer, Honorary Secretary, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this Society is fixed for Doncaster on Saturday, March 2nd. Parish Church of St. George, 8 bells (tenor about 30 cwt.), available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, March 9th, at SS. Peter and Paul, Mitcham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at the Queen's Head at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited.—Frank A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Kendal, on Saturday, March 9th, 1912. The Parish Church bells (10) available from 3 p.m., meeting in the School at 5 p.m.—William Robinson, Branch Secretary, Thom Fold, Smithy Brow, Ambleside.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Borden, near Sittingbourne, on Saturday, March 16th, 1912. Bells available from 3 p.m. Half rail fares up to 2/- allowed at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due. It is hoped that all members who possibly can, will attend to discuss the proposed Benevolent Fund.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Cheltenham on Easter Monday. Notice has been given of a resolution affecting the latter part of Rule 1 (*re* Central Council).—W. A. Cave, Honorary Secretary.

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The Treble bears the inscription: "To the Glory of God, in commemoration of the Coronation of King George V and Queen Mary and the Investiture of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G." The 2nd is in memory of Mr. Greenway's father and mother; the 3rd to the memory of Dr. A. Griffiths Greenway and Mr. William Knibb Greenway; the 4th to the memory of Miss Lucy Greenway and Mr. Daniel Laybourne, of Liverpool; and the tenor to Mr. A. E. Greenway, Mr. H. H. Greenway, Mrs. L. L. Laybourne and Mrs. C. Rising.

The dedication, performed by the Lord Bishop of Swansea, on Wednesday week, was attended by a very large congregation, many people being unable to gain admission. Before the Bishop's address 240 Grandsire Doubles were rung by the following members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild: E. Hayton, F. R. Sparkes, C. Powell and R. E. Sparkes (Builth Wells), L. Lewis (Glasbury).

The Bishop then delivered a stirring address from the text, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." He gave the history of church bells, and pointed out that it was under a sense of thankfulness for many blessings received that the High Sheriff had provided a peal of bells for that ancient church. The Bishop also referred to the threatened disestablishment of the Church in Wales.

After the service the congregation adjourned to the Church Schoolroom, where tea was provided by the High Sheriff. Several 120 of Grandsire Doubles were rung by the Builth Wells ringers, who were afterwards entertained to tea at the Schoolroom, at the invitation of the High Sheriff and the Rector (the Rev. A. Jordan, M.A.).

BURNHAM.—The Bath and Wells Association.—On Jan. 13th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: P. Cox (first quarter-peal) 1; E. Cox 2, J. Harris 3, E. B. Crowder (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, G. Chamberlain 5, W. Worgan 6, G. Pruen 7, E. Reed 8.

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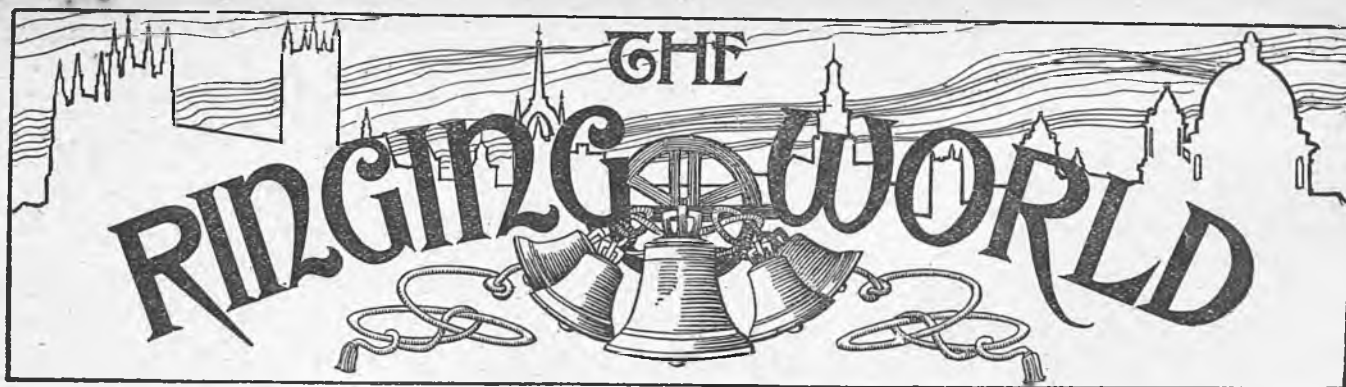
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Birmingham every year commemorates the life of Henry Johnson, who played a great part in the history of the St. Martin's Guild, and the annual event, in which ringers from all parts of the country delight to join, took place last Saturday. Never was there a more enjoyable gathering of its kind, and nothing was wanting to make it a success. The speeches were interesting, and one or two points were raised which are worthy of more than passing notice, and upon which ringers may well reflect. One matter was that of consideration of the feelings of those who live round the churches. Both the chairman (Mr. F. E. Dawe) and Mr. J. S. Prichett referred to the subject, and urged moderation in ringing in crowded centres, the former remarking that this was necessary to safeguard the interests of ringers themselves. The advice is wise, and we believe that ringers realise that there is need for moderation where a noisy belfry is situated in a populous or business area. Nothing should be done to jeopardise the privilege of using a tower.

Another matter concerning which a practical suggestion was made by Mr. W. H. Godden, was that of enabling ringers to ring with other associations than their own by the payment of a small fee, which would give them affiliation for this purpose to all the societies, in something the same way as is in vogue in connection with social clubs. Mr. Godden's idea is that this would save the pockets of men, who can sometimes ill afford to pay the subscription to an association, without interfering with the intercourse of the members. Whether, as he thinks, it would not seriously affect the finances of the ringing organisations is a matter which would have to be looked very closely into before such a scheme could be generally adopted, but the subject is one which the Central Council might thrash out when looking round for some practical subject of debate.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.

JOSEPH J. PRATT... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6
ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 7
GEORGE SPENCER ... 3	*ARTHUR HARDING ... 8
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 4	HARRY FLANDERS ... 9
RICHARD BUCKLAND ... 5	HENRY H. CHANDLER ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by JOSEPH J. PRATT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters with a bob bell.

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On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL Treble	*ARTHUR GILL 6
*PERCY J. JOHNSON 2	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7
SAM THOMAS 3	*JOHN MCKELL 8
WILLIAM BURGAR 4	FRANCIS WOODHEAD ... 9
WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... 5	FRED SALMONS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to
W. Burgar.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*WILLIAM ESSERY Treble	FRANK A. SMITH 6
†GEORGE WATKINS 2	*ALBERT E. REEVE 7
WALTER G. MATTHEWS ... 3	ALFRED G. H. NEWMAN ... 8
HAROLD BURTON 4	HARRY MANCE 9
WILLIAM J. DEAN 5	*WILLIAM A. BROOKS ... Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON, and
Conducted by H. MANCE.* First peal on ten bells. † First peal away from treble on ten
bells.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	SAMUEL WESLEY 6
GEORGE DAVIES 2	JOHN C. DICKEN 7
NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON ... 3	HENRY R. COBBIN 8
FRANK JACOBS 4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 9
*FREDERICK E. SMITH ... 5	THOMAS W. GORE Tenor

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

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Arthur Knights' 300th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN SIDDALL, Junr. ... Treble	†JAMES L. WRIGHT 5
FRED TRAVIS 2	†EDWIN BLACKWALL 6
HENRY GREGORY 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR 7
†THOMAS WHITE 4	*GEORGE COOK Tenor

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

UTTOXETER.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

H. WILLISFORD Treble	E. ROBERTS 5
J. RICHARDSON 2	*W. LUNN 6
†S. J. KYNERSLEY 3	C. SMITH 7
A. P. COPE 4	E. GREEN Tenor

Conducted by S. J. KYNERSLEY.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell, and first as conductor.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*JAMES A. TOWNLEY ... Treble	WILLIAM E. LYNCH ... 5
*EDWARD W. LUTMAN ... 2	ROBERT S. F. MURPHY ... 6
ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... 3	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7
RICHARD LYNCH 4	CHRISTOPHER MURRAY... Tenor

Composed by A. J. CORRIGAN, and
Conducted by G. LINDOFF.* First peal. The composition is now rung for the first time and
the figures will appear in due course.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

†ERNEST TIGWELL ... Treble	CHARLES PAGE 5
JOHN FARRELL 2	JOHN MORLEY 6
HARRY ROBERTS 3	WILLIAM FITCHFORD ... 7
CHARLES BISHOP 4	*ALFRED BOWERS Tenor

Conducted by C. BISHOP.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. C. Bishop's first peal as
conductor, and rung on the 16th anniversary of his wedding day. It
was also a birthday peal for H. Roberts. Quickest peal on the bells.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JAMES' TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs.

H. NEWMAN Treble	T. CLISSOLD 5
H. HOWE 2	W. AVERY 6
G. HOPKINS 3	W. SMITH 7
H. JEANS 4	M. JORDON Tenor

Conducted by T. CLISSOLD.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	EDGAR PEMBERTON 5
WILLIAM MOTTS... .. 2	JOHN C. J. HAGGAR... .. 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 3	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 7
WILLIAM C. GILLINGHAM 4	FREDERICK DAY... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

William C. Gillingham, who was formerly a member of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, has recently returned to his native town after an absence of five years in Winnipeg, Canada, whither he hopes to return with his prospective bride. Frederick Day hails from Eye, Suffolk.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EASTERN DIVISION QUARTERLY PEAL.)

On Monday, February 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE H. HOWSE Treble	EDWARD W. BRAY 5
HENRY T. VERNON 2	JOSEPH SHARP 6
ARTHUR R. GOWER 3	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7
GEORGE PENFOLD 4	CHARLES LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH SHARP.

The band wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. W. C. Streatfeild, M.A., R.D.) for the use of the bells.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

AND THE SOCIETY OF BROMLEY YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, February 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

ALBERT HUMPHREY Treble	ISAAC EMERY 5
ALFRED JAMES 2	*ARTHUR BYGRAVE 6
GEORGE DURLING 3	†SPENCER MARSHALL... .. 7
*FREDERICK SEAR 4	GEORGE HUXLEY Tenor

Conducted by SPENCER MARSHALL.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells by a local band for 62 years.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 0 qrs. 12 lbs.

ROBERT CHRISTIAN Treble	HARRY WRIGHT 5
*CHARLES PIDGEON 2	DENISON HAYWARD... .. 6
*CHARLES HARDING 3	FREDERICK PESTELL ... 7
EDWIN R. TODD 4	WILLIAM J. LEE Tenor

Composer unknown.

Conducted by D. HAYWARD.

* First peal with a bob bell.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWARD GOODSSELL Treble	JAMES BIRDFIELD 5
STEPHEN STONE 2	PERCY H. DOICK 6
*WILLIAM H. HOLMAN ... 3	WILLIAM STANFORD... .. 7
ALFRED GREENFIELD ... 4	HARRY J. DOICK Tenor

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

* First peal.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(SAFFRON WALDEN COMPANY.)

On Tuesday, February 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt., in D.

FREDERICK PITSTOW... .. Treble	*ROBERT STRONG 5
*GEORGE SPARROW 2	JOHN F. PENNING 6
NATHAN J. PITSTOW ... 3	FREDERICK J. PITSTOW ... 7
ERNEST A. PITSTOW ... 4	ARTHUR JAMES Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK PITSTOW.

* First peal in the method. The peal was rung in honour of Lord Howard de Walden's marriage with Miss Van Raalte.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WALTER WATTS... .. Treble	GEORGE TIPPETT 5
ERNEST GOLDSTONE 2	JAMES NISBET 6
FRANK W. MAY... .. 3	MISS NELLIE GILLINGHAM 7
MISS MARY JUKES 4	WILLIAM GILLINGHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by MISS NELLIE GILLINGHAM.

* First peal. First peal of Major by all the band, and the first peal of Major rung on the bells by a local band.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH FAULKNER Treble	HARRY PRICE 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 2	ALBERT PRESTIDGE 6
HARRY HILL 3	ALFRED DAVIES 7
WALTER PRESTIDGE 4	RICHARD ROUND Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and

Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county of Worcester, and by the above Association. All the ringers are members of the Netherton Company, and this is the first time a peal in this method has been rung by a local band.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM E. H. ASH Treble	WILLIAM POWELL 5
*FRANK R. CUNDALE 2	JOSHUA WOODHEAD 6
*GEORGE A. JOWETT... .. 3	PERCY J. JOHNSON 7
*RICHARD H. HOWLAND ... 4	FRANCIS WOODHEAD... .. Tenor

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

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

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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

Composed by the late Rev. H. E. BULWER, and

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANCIS SMITH ... ..	... Treble	SAMUEL GREENHALGH ...	5
GEORGE E. TURNER	2	ALFRED POTTER	6
ROBERT WALLWORK	3	JOHN POTTER	7
JOHN WELSBY	4	RICHARD NEWTON	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Richard Ridyard, who was buried the same day.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles in the Fields,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM BERRY ... ..	... Treble	FRANK BENNETT	5
ALFRED W. GAIMES	2	*HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ...	6
FRANK I. HAIRS	3	ALFRED PYE	7
ISAAC EMERY	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	Tenor

Composed by JAMES PARKER, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Surprise with a bob bell.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS H. COLBURN ... ..	... Treble	SYDNEY R. ROPER	5
WALTER S. WISE	2	WILLIAM GROVES	6
DAVID WRIGHT	3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.	4	JOHN S. DANIELS	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and Mr. Edwin Horrex, of London.

PENDLETON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qrs. 10 lbs.

GEORGE E. TURNER ... ..	... Treble	WILFRID J. MOSS	5
*HARRY WILSON	2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER	6
JOSEPH LOWE	3	JOHN T. BOTTRELL	7
JOSEPH RIDYARD	4	HARRY CHAPMAN	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by H. CHAPMAN.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung, with bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Richard Ridyard, of Worsley.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

HERBERT SMITH ... ..	... Treble	ARTHUR K. GOWER	5
JOSEPH SHARP	2	ERNEST GOWER	6
GEORGE H. HOWSE	3	GEORGE PENFOLD	7
EDWARD W. BRAY	4	*FREDERICK G. WAYMARK	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST GOWER.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gibbs, and of Mr. Gibbs' 33 years' churchwardenship at Christ Church. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs for their hospitality after the peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES NUNN ... ..	... Treble	ALPHAËUS BERRY	4
EDWARD YOUNGS	2	WILLIAM ROSE	5
WILLIAM CLOVER	3	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Major-General the Hon. Arthur Henniker-Major, whose remains were interred in the churchyard during the afternoon.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Primrose, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Tulip, College Exercise, Cumberland Exercise and College Pleasure.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

DAVID BARNES ... ..	... Treble	REUBEN W. ETHERINGTON	4
DAVID BRIGGS	2	JAMES WILLIAM RATCLIFFE	5
JAMES SMITH LOMAS	3	JOHN HENRY BARNES ...	Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BARNES.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, St. Clement's, Double Oxford Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*GEORGE DYKES ... ..	... Treble	HARVEY BOWCOCK	4
JOHN SEMPER	2	CHARLES SEMPER	5
EDWARD R. SEMPER	3	FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

* First peal. First peal in seven Plain Methods by the Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment and farewell peal to H. Bowcock, who is shortly leaving the neighbourhood. This was the conductor's 50th peal.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM PIERCE ... ..	... Treble	HERBERT PRATT	4
FREDK. C. LAMBERT	2	THOMAS CRANE	5
JOHN O'NEILL	3	CHARLES MOSS	Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung, with the bells fully muffled, as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. T. C. Read, for 50 years churchwarden of Chediston Church, who was interred on that day.

QUEENBOROUGH, ISLE OF SHEPPEY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Reverse Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.

WILLIAM J. WOOD Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
ALBERT J. DAY 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND ... 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

This was the conductor's 150th peal.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

*TOM SHAW Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 4
DAVID BREARLEY 2	ARCHIE BREARLEY 5
†JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 3	GEORGE HILL Tenor

Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob Minor. Mr. Tom Shaw was elected a member previous to starting. It is 43 years since the last peal was rung on these bells.

WYMONDHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 6 Six-scores each of St. Simon and Old Doubles, and 10 Six-scores each of Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH MURREY Treble	HENRY BELLAMY 4
JOHN W. WRIGHT 2	WILLIAM H. DYKE 5
WALTER E. CLARKE ... 3	THOMAS W. GOLLING ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. DYKE.

This peal was arranged as a farewell to Mr. W. E. Clarke who is leaving the village to reside at Syston, near Leicester. The ringers of 5th and tenor are the two churchwardens.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's in ten methods: (i) Double Court and Single Court, (ii) Double and Single Oxford Bob, (iii) Double and Single Bob, (iv) College Single, (v) Cambridge Surprise, (vi) Kent Treble Bob, (vii) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH LORD Treble	JOHN W. LAKE 4
*REGINALD SCOTT 2	JAMES OSBORN 5
ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal in ten methods. First peal in ten methods as conductor. The above peal was rung on St. Matthias' Day.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. OSBORN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Single Oxford Bob, College Single, two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob.

JOHN W. LAKE 1-2	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4
JAMES OSBORN 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

Witness: MRS. J. OSBORN.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. PERRY, "THE LOWLANDS," HILL TOP,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

In the following ten methods: Four six-scores each of Reverse Bob, Grandsire Bob, Reverse Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Clement's, Stedman Slow Course, New Doubles and Grandsire and six of St. Dunstan's.

JOHN PERRY 1-2-3
THOMAS PERRY 4-5-6

Umpire: R. PICKERING.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT 3, HART'S LANE, NEW CROSS, S.E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

FRANK I. HAIRS 1-2	MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3-4	FRANK BENNETT 7-8

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Umpire: F. G. WOODISS.

Miss Bennett's first peal with a pair of bob bells. She is the first lady to ring two pairs of bells in any method, also the first lady to ring 5-6 to a peal of Grandsire.

By an error the peal at Bodmin, recorded last week, was given as Stedman Triples. It should have been Grandsire Triples.

LATE PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, February 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

THOMAS RUSSAM Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 7
PERCY O'LAFLIN 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	JOHN NEAL 9
FREDERICK DICKENS ... 4	FRANCIS E. DAWE 10
ALF PADDON SMITH 5	JAMES E. GROVES 11
CHARLES DICKENS 6	HARRY DICKENS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

WINDSOR.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday evening, Feb. 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Smith 1, R. Flaxman 2, W. Welling 3, W. Henley 4, L. Stilwell (conductor) 5, G. H. Gutteridge 6, A. R. Macdonald 7, A. Pither 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Fife. This was the first touch on the bells since being overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank the "go" of them now being excellent.

PRESENTATIONS TO RINGERS. OFF TO TORONTO.

The members of the Parish Church Society, Nuneaton, have presented Mr. Herbert Cure with an enlarged framed photo, suitably engraved, of the band, as a memento and an expression of their goodwill on his leaving the town to seek the smiles of Dame Fortune at Toronto.

Mr. T. W. Chapman, in making the presentation, expressed the regret of the Society at losing Mr. Cure, who had made good progress in the art of change ringing, was very reliable in a peal, and above all, was very regular in his attendance for ringing for the church services. His place would be difficult to fill, but he hoped Mr. Cure would succeed in his new sphere of life, and that they might all be spared to meet again at some future date.—Mr. H. Reader (Chilvers Coton) proposed Mr. Cure's health, and wished him every prosperity.—Mr. H. Argyle, having supplemented what had been said, Mr. Cure's health was drunk with enthusiasm.

Mr. Cure, in reply, thanked the company for their kindness and good wishes. He had, he said, spent many happy hours with them, and his thoughts would often be of them on Sunday morning. He hoped he might have the pleasure of meeting them again.—The rest of the evening was then spent in a social manner, several taking part in handbell ringing, while Messrs. Chapman and Martin contributed vocally, Miss Martin proving an efficient accompanist.

INSTRUCTOR'S SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGED.

The members of the St. Martin's Guild, Caerphilly, have made a presentation to Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, as an expression of their esteem and gratitude for his services as instructor to the band. The gift took the form of a silver coffee pot and milk jug. The Rector (the Rev. Canon L. Price), who was supported by the churchwardens (Mr. W. M. Savours and Dr. K. Mackenzie) made the presentation, and thanked Mr. Jones for the pains he had taken to bring the ringers to the present standard.—Mr. Jones, in acknowledging the gift, expressed his thanks for the manner in which the Rector, churchwardens and ringers had shown their appreciation of what he had done. He assured them it was a labour of love, and he was quite proud of the Caerphilly ringers, who had made excellent progress, and promised to become a really first-class band.—During the evening songs were rendered by Messrs. Brooks, Tucker and Rex, who also presided at the piano, and light refreshments were served.

PRESENTATION TO A CURATE.

The Rev. B. H. Field, who has been for ten and a half years assistant curate at Goldhanger, Essex, and who has taken great interest in the ringers, has, to the regret of the local company, left the parish for Tansor, near Oundle. Mr. Field had taken up the Art during the last two years, and made good progress. Before leaving Goldhanger, a gift was made to him by the parishioners. On the occasion of the presentation, 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung at St. Peter's Church by H. Lewis 1, Rev. B. H. D. Field 2, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 3, J. Owers 4, G. H. Neville 5, A. Appleton 6. Afterwards, 720 College Exercise was rung by J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 1, G. H. Neville 2, C. Mann 3, F. White 4, J. Owers 5, A. Appleton 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. MANCHESTER BRANCH AT ASHTON.

On Saturday last the usual monthly meeting of the Manchester branch was held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, where the bells have been recently rehung by Messrs. Warner. Members were present from Ashton, Oldham, Reddish, Pendleton, Stockport, Glodwick, and Huddersfield.—The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Pughe-Morgan, M.A.) presided at the meeting, and gave a very hearty welcome to the visitors. He spoke of the duty and office of ringers, urging each one to do credit to his church and fellow members. He expressed pleasure at having been able with the help of the parishioners to place the bells once more in a ringable condition, and hoped the ringers would advance in the intricate art of change ringing.—Expressions of sympathy were passed at the loss of a very respected member of the Association, in the person of Mr. Richard Ridyard, of Worsley, and the secretary was instructed to convey the same to the family.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and wardens and local ringers for use of bells.—During the day touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major were rung.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Swindon Branch took place at Highworth last Saturday, and was attended by ringers from Stratton St. Margaret, Swindon and Wroughton. The company met at St. Michael's Church in the afternoon, and the bells were rung at intervals until five o'clock, when an adjournment was made to Mr. W. T. Avery's Refreshment Rooms, where an excellent tea was provided.—A business meeting followed, at which Mr. Ernest Bishop (Branch President) presided, supported by Mr. R. W. Hyner, hon. secretary. The following gentlemen were elected honorary members: Lieut.-Col. Sir Audley D. Neeld, Bart., C.B., M.V.O., Mr. J. I. Storrar, and the Rev. C. N. Wyld.—Five new ringing members were also elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Corsham in March.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Highworth (the Rev. J. F. D. Stephens) for his kindness in granting permission to ring the bells.—During the evening the belfry was again visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

NEW BELLS FOR TOWEDNACK. A CORNISH VILLAGE EFFORT.

Two new bells, to make a peal of six, have been added to the tower of Towednack, near St. Ives, Cornwall, and have been dedicated by the Bishop of St. Germans. For many years prior to November, 1905, the belfry contained three cracked bells, and for more than half a century these bells were not rung. Since Towednack has been made a separate ecclesiastical parish the Vicar (the Rev. W. Whitley) has effected several desirable improvements in the parish church, and in 1905 the Vicar, with his wardens, turned their attention to the bells, the result being that the old bells were recast and a fourth added. At the same time provision was made for two additional bells. This work was entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, London, who supplied an independent cast-iron frame, and the bells were hung upon entirely new fittings. A few months ago Mr. Hugh Dunstan (churchwarden) suggested that it was time they should complete the peal, and in a surprisingly short space of time enough money was collected to warrant the work being proceeded with, and Messrs. Warner have completed their task in a highly satisfactory manner.

The village was en fete for the dedication, and a large congregation attended the service. The Bishop preached an excellent and appropriate sermon from the text, "Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man" (Proverbs viii., 4).

Ringers attended from Penzance, Madron, Gulval, Lelant and Ludgvan, and the bells were rung under the direction of Dr. Symonds, of Penzance.

An excellent and well attended tea was held in the schoolroom, where the Vicar took the opportunity to thank the Bishop, Dr. Symonds, and the ringers for their attendance. The Vicar also eulogised his churchwarden (Mr. Dunstan) for the great interest he had taken in the matter—to him the credit was due for the additional bells.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

- Treble, Te Deum Laudamus, 1912.
- 2nd, Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Omnipotens, 1912.
- 3rd, W. Whitley, Vicar, H. Dunstan, W. J. Hollow, churchwardens, 1905.
- 4th, Anno Domini, 1667, R. P., recast 1905 by John Warner and Sons.
- 5th, W. Curnow, R. Baragwanath; churchwardens. 1744, recast 1905 by John Warner and Sons.
- Tenor: Sancti, Spiritus, Assit. Nobis, Gratia; recast 1905 by John Warner and Sons.

EGHAM BELLS.

EXTENSIVE RESTORATION SCHEME.

The Vicar and churchwardens of Egham, Surrey, have reported to the parishioners that they have accepted estimates upon the higher and more expensive scheme for the complete restoration of the old bells, and for the addition of two new bells, a tenor and a treble. The estimate provides for a new frame, upon the latest and most scientific principles, constructed of steel and iron, all upon one level to contain the eight bells; a new tenor and treble bell, recasting the six old bells, two new floors, re-fixing clock movement and hammer; reproducing the old inscriptions, and inscriptions on the new bells, etc., £552. The estimated cost of work other than contractors', £20. The contractors have agreed to complete the work by Saturday, March 30th next, and they guarantee to say that by recasting the old bells they will be by far the finest peal of eight in the county.

CREWE RINGERS AT CROYDON FOUNDRY.

On Saturday last, by the kind invitation of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, nine members of the Crewe Society visited Croydon for the purpose of inspecting the new bells for Christ Church, Crewe.

The old bells, the fittings of which had got into a very dilapidated condition, had continually broken down, and the authorities at last determined to have them rehung in a more modern style. The tender of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston to recast the old peal of eight bells, make them into a peal of ten, and rehang the whole with new frames and fittings complete, was accepted, and the bells are now ready to be returned to Crewe, and the ringers had the opportunity of seeing and hearing them. Unfortunately, Mr. C. J. B. Cooke, the L. and N.W. Railway Loco. Superintendent, who is a very keen ringer, and takes a great interest in the Crewe bells and ringers, was prevented by business reasons from accompanying the party. On arriving at Croydon, about noon, the ringers went to Mr. Johnston's residence, where lunch had been provided for them by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston. After doing full justice to the good things, which a four and a half hours' railway journey made very acceptable, a move was made to the works, where the new bells and framework were inspected. The bells, which have been tuned on the Simpson principle, were then chimed, and the ringers were greatly pleased with the improvement which had been effected. They also inspected the works, and saw many things of interest in the clock manufactory and bell foundry, Messrs. Johnston having arranged for a bell to be cast during the visit. At 4.30 tea was served to the visitors, and at 5.30 the ringers took their departure to spend an hour or two in London before returning to Crewe, which was safely reached in the small hours of Sunday morning. The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Johnston and Mr. C. F. Johnston for their kind hospitality, and for the trouble they took to make the visit an enjoyable one.

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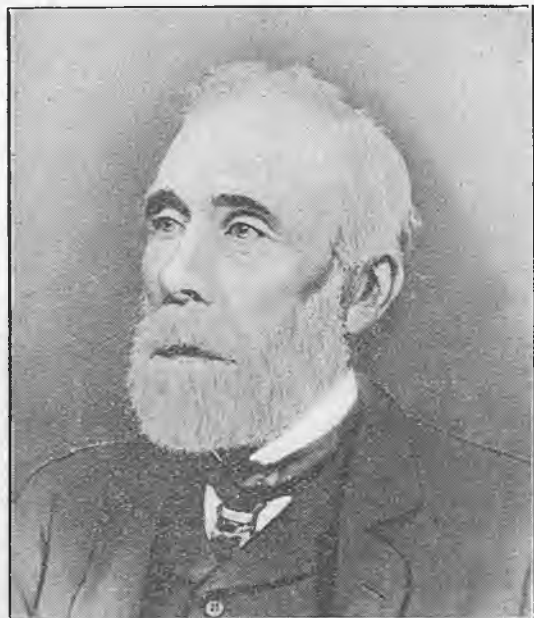
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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

MR. WILLIAM BANISTER.

One of the "grand old men" to whom the Exercise owes so much celebrated the completion of his 88th year yesterday. Sixty years ago William Banister was one of the giants of the ringing world, and, although age has prevented him for some years from active participation in a pursuit which he once did so much to foster, he still follows the progress of the Art with interest. Obviously there are very few men to-day who remember Mr. Banister when he was among the foremost ringers in the country, and probably there are thousands who do not know the part which he played in the Exercise more than half a century ago. William Banister was veritably a pioneer, and it is most pleasing to find him enjoying satisfactory health in the evening of life. His 88 years seem to sit lightly upon his shoulders, and, while the frame has lost some of its



MR. WILLIAM BANISTER.

strength, the eye has lost little of its keenness, and the brain none of its power. Ringers everywhere will wish Mr. Banister "Many happy returns."

At his home at Fulham, where he resides with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. Banister the other day welcomed our representative, and chatted over the days that are past, of the difficulties which ringers in those early years had to contend with, and the men who were his contemporaries in the times now long gone by, of the terrible conditions which he found in many belfries of Devonshire, of his efforts, with other reformers, to improve the towers and the ringing, and to raise the status of the ringers. Full of reminiscence of those old days, Mr. Banister is one of the last links with a by-gone generation, for he was ringing peals in the "forties." A native of Woolwich, he was born on February 29th, 1824, so that a real birthday such as he celebrates this year is, with him, quite an event. He was born in a family of ringers, for his father and five brothers were all enthusiasts in the Art, and the seven of

them, with a tenor man, rang peals both of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. At St. Mary's Church they had an excellent company between the years 1843 and 1851, and they progressed through Double Norwich and Superlative and London Surprise. Mr. Banister composed and conducted many of the peals that he rung, including the London, which was only the second peal ever rung in the method, the first having been rung at Norwich. Mr. Banister's peal was a 5600 odd, and was longer than the one at Norwich. In order to get practice upon the higher numbers of bells Mr. Banister used frequently to walk to the City, and much of his 12-bell ringing was done at Cornhill and St. Saviour's, Southwark. Unfortunately he has no complete list of his peals, but the following from the peal book of Mr. Mat. Wood (the first which these two veterans rang together) is of much interest.

St. Saviour's, Southwark;
The Ancient Society of College Youths.
On Wednesday, December 19th, 1849,
In 4 hours and 9 minutes,
5146 Stedman Cinques.

Performers:

J. Cox	Treble	R. Haworth	7th
W. Cooter	2nd	M. A. Wood	8th
J. Mash	3rd	J. Bradley	9th
W. Banister	4th	E. Lansdell	10th
G. Ferris	5th	J. Dwight	11th
R. Jameson	6th	E. Sawyer	Tenor

Conducted by J. Cox.

What names, these! What memories of great performances of the past they conjure up! Only three now survive, William Cooter (who, we are sorry to say, is totally infirm), William Banister, and Matthew Wood, who delights still to listen to the merry pealing of the bells that were so long his special care, the bells of St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green.

In 1865 Mr. Banister was removed to Devonport, where he remained in the Government service until 1879, when he retired on a pension. With his advent in Devonshire his services were eagerly sought by Col. Trelawny and Col. Troyte in furthering the cause of scientific change ringing. At the invitation of the Rural Dean he reported upon the condition of the belfries, and found them in a state which was a disgrace to the church authorities. There was an accumulation of the dirt and rubbish of years, while the ringers were so much adverse to the introduction of any change that they, in most cases, put all the obstacles possible in the way of the inspection. It was not unusual to find a cask in the belfry, and the worse the bells went and the harder the work the better the ringers seemed to like it, for it afforded them the greater excuse for drinking the more. Thanks to the efforts begun in those days, this state of affairs has all been swept away.

When he first went to Devonport there were but six bells at the Dockyard Chapel, but Mr. Banister got them augmented to eight, trained up a young band, and in six months they rang a peal of Grandsire Triples. Colonel Troyte, with whom he was associated, published his well-known work to further change ringing, and this was supplemented later by another publication by Mr. Banister, who carried on to eight bells the work which Col. Troyte had written for the instruction of ringers on five and six bells. By Mr. Banister's indomitable efforts, in face of difficulties and even open opposition, the cause of scientific ringing was spread in the rural parishes in Devonshire, and his work was carried as far as Penzance in Cornwall,

where a band, which he got together, opened the bells, and laid the foundations of the Art.

Mr. Banister and his brothers were of a great musical turn of mind, and upon a magnificent peal of over 70 handbells which they themselves manufactured they have delighted many audiences, and assisted in swelling the funds of many charities. After removing to Devonport he organised another handbell company whom he instructed, and their consummate skill was always a keen source of delight wherever they performed. Mr. Banister looks upon handbell ringing as one of the means of interesting the public in church bells, and believes if more were done in this direction it would be better for the Art itself.

After retiring from the Government service, Mr. Banister by no means sought complete rest. At the request of his old colleagues, he took up public work, and for 30 years represented the dockyard district on the Devonport Council, the last sixteen years being in an aldermanic chair. He interested himself particularly in educational work, being for six years on the School Board, and he was chairman of the Secondary Education Committee. While in this important office, Mr. Banister conducted through the Council, and saw completed, the scheme for building Devonport's fine Secondary and Art School. Beyond his Council work, Mr. Banister sat for twelve years as a Commissioner of the Poor, and afterwards as a member of the Board of Guardians, and was also a Justice of the Peace. He only severed his connection with public work when removing to Pembroke about seven years ago, and even then, so highly was he respected by his colleagues on the Council, that they kept his seat open for five years. Now, in the evening of his days, he is taking things quietly in the family circle at Fulham. Such a life of active labour in the service of the State, in the interests of the community and in the cause of our own Art, is seldom to be found, and what he did for ringing in those days now long gone by, will never be accurately appraised. William Banister is, as we have said, one of the grand old men of the Exercise, and we hope that he may still be spared long to enjoy the fulness of health and the memories of a life spent in the service of his fellow-men.

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ODD CHANGES.

In memory of the late Mr. Justice Grantham, the three bells at Barcombe Church, Sussex, are to be recast and three new bells added to make a peal of six. The work is estimated to cost £340, and already £300 has been promised, thanks to the generosity of about ten donors. It is hoped to open the bells at Easter.

"The pancake bell" was revived at Mortlake Parish Church on Shrove Tuesday, and was rung from 11.30 a.m. to noon.

It is refreshing to see old names cropping up again, and it does one good to read of the peal of Cambridge Surprise at Saffron Walden with the brothers Pitstow taking part.

The ringers of Middleham, Yorks, have formed a concert party known as the "White Rose Minstrels." They include several talented entertainers, and have given some successful performances.

Cheltenham, where two trebles were dedicated on Sunday, has now the lightest peal of twelve bells in any church in the country. The tenor is 22½ cwt. The only other lighter twelve is in the Waterloo tower, Quex Park, Kent, where the tenor is 15¾ cwt.

Last week we made a reference to the attempt for a peal of Doubles on handbells by two ringers, Messrs. J. Perry and T. Perry, of Brewood. This week we have to congratulate these two gentlemen upon having successfully accomplished the peal in ten methods, ringing three bells each. The peal is recorded in the proper column, and we can only repeat that it is a distinctly clever performance.

On Oct. 29th, 1910, at Etwall, Derbyshire, in a peal in three methods of Doubles, including 15 six-scores of Stedman, each called differently, were rung. Mr. A. P. Wakley, of Burton-on-Trent, inquires if anyone can give any information as to whether this has been done before or not? He asks this as he finds it is not generally known that 15 six-scores are obtainable.

The 12 bells at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, have now been put in thorough going order by the rehanging of the front ten, the working having been carried out by Mr. Day, of Eye.

CHELTENHAM'S PEAL OF TWELVE.

NEW BELLS DEDICATED.

Cheltenham now possesses a ring of twelve bells, which were opened on Sunday, when the Bishop dedicated the two trebles which have been added to complete the apostolic number. Gloucestershire is now in the proud position of having no fewer than four peals of twelve, St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol; Cirencester, Painswick and Cheltenham. The latest twelve are the result of the generosity of Alderman and Mrs. J. B. Winterbotham, who have presented the two trebles. The work has been splendidly carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the whole peal having been rehung in a new steel and iron frame. The tenor is 22½ cwt., in E flat. Mr. W. T. Pates made the arrangements for the opening ringing, which was carried out by the Cheltenham and District Guild. The first touch of Stedman Cinques was rung by: W. T. Pates 1, G. Phillott 2, A. W. Humphris 3, W. Yeend 4, G. Pearce (Charlton Kings) 5, J. Ballinger 6, W. Dyer (Charlton Kings) 7, F. Musty 8, T. Pendry (Prestbury) 9, J. Parsons 10, E. Dean (St. Mark's) 11, R. Trigg 12. W. Townsend (Leckhampton) was present as spare man. Ringers from many neighbouring towers were also present, and took part in the ringing in the afternoon. The bells were rung for evening service, and then lowered in peal in order that during the service the chimes might be heard.

The two trebles make a splendid "splice," and the founders have much improved the tone of the whole peal, with the result that the beautiful quality of their harmonies is thrown out with much greater power than was the case before they were re-tuned. It has long been the ambition of Mr. Phillott (belfry custodian), and Mr. Pates (captain of the society) that before they retired from ringing the peal at the Parish Church would be made complete, and ringers throughout the district, as well as the public who love the silvery music of the bells, will rejoice with them that their hope has now been realised, thanks to the kindness of a much-esteemed local family, who have a long association with the parish and church.

RINGERS' SUPPER AT EDMONTON.

On Saturday week, the ringers of All Saints', Edmonton, were entertained to supper by the Vicar (the Rev. Preb. E. A. Sanders), who presided, the churchwardens and sidesmen. A company of about 30 sat down to a substantial repast.

After supper, the Chairman submitted the loyal toast, which was enthusiastically received.—After welcoming the ringers, on behalf of the churchwardens and sidesmen and himself, the reverend gentleman expressed his gratification at the growth of the society since he first came to the parish, 12 years ago. He then proposed the toast of "Our Guests, the Bell Ringers," to which Mr. J. Parker suitably responded.—After various other toasts, including that of "The Chairman," a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by some of the members, followed by a selection of tunes on the bells.—A very pleasant evening was spent.

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REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING AT BIRMINGHAM.

INTERESTING SPEECHES.

No social gathering of ringers in the whole year excels that of the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham, whether it be in point of numbers, of its representative character, or of the enthusiasm and geniality displayed. This year's function held on Saturday last was no exception to the rule, and, indeed, is to be counted as one of the most successful of the series that have been held. The arrangements had been admirably made by the indefatigable hon. secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, Mr. Alf. Paddon Smith, the tables in the banquetting hall of the Old Royal Hotel were sumptuously spread, and the large company, including representative ringers from far and near, spent a most enjoyable evening, under the genial presidency of Mr. Francis E. Dawe, who was on terms of intimate friendship with the veteran whose memory was being honoured. Mr. Dawe was supported by Mr. J. S. Prichett (Presiding Master of the Guild), the Rev. W. V. Chilwell, Messrs. Arthur Wade Edge, H. Mason, A. E. Parsons, W. T. Pates (Cheltenham), W. R. Heaton (Solihull), J. W. Tilley (Harborne), S. Reeves, W. R. Small, J. George



HENRY JOHNSON.

BORN FEBRUARY 28, 1809, DIED JANUARY 6, 1890.

From a hitherto unpublished photograph taken in 1883.

(Rugby), H. Knight (sec. of the Staffordshire Association), J. R. Newman (sec. of the Worcester Association), W. Painter, W. H. Godden, etc. The company numbered altogether over 100.

Among the Associations represented were the College Youths, the Worcester and Districts, the Staffordshire, the Dudley and Districts, the Gloucester and Bristol, the Yorkshire, the Winchester, the Salop, the Stoke Archidiaconal, etc.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. J. W. Taylor and Mr. C. H. Hattersley (who were indisposed), the churchwardens of St. Martin's, the Rectors of Sutton Coldfield and Handsworth, the Vicars of St. John's, Deritend; Bishop Ryders, and Aston, Sir A. P. Heywood, Messrs. R. A. Daniell, H. Chapman, W. T. Cockerill, W. Pye, E. P. O'Meara, etc. Before the dinner a flashlight photograph of the company was taken. Afterwards,

The Chairman, in proposing "The King, Church, and State," said it was with feelings of indignation and disgust that one heard and read that men who had been pitchforked into power would willingly take away from the Church our national monuments, such as the cathedrals were, and convert them into picture galleries, museums, and hay and corn stores.

SAFEGUARDING RINGERS' INTERESTS.

The Chairman next proposed the toast, "To the memory of the late Henry Johnson," and his interesting speech was full of reminis-

cences of great men of the past. First of all he made a strong appeal to ringers to do all they could to safeguard their position by avoiding unnecessary noise and annoyance to those living round the churches. Much could be done by shuttering up the louvre boards to stop the reverberating clang in the street. In the present day struggle for supremacy in the business world people could not be expected to stand an undue amount of noise from church bells. He remembered that on two occasions the matter had been raised in Parliament, in connection with the bells of St. Clement Dances. The question was asked how long the complainants had been there. "Six weeks" was the answer. "Well," was the reply, "the bells have been there 200 years; the people came to the nuisance and not the nuisance to them" (hear, hear). That position, however, was not going on for ever. Ringers had had their way up to now, but would they always hold it? The day must come when bell ringing would be curtailed in the large and crowded towns. Were 10,000 or 12,000 people to be annoyed for the amusement of twelve men? Bell ringers must safeguard themselves in this matter by considering the feelings of others. Scientific change ringing was one of the great sciences of the day, and the least appreciated by the public at large.

"THE GRAND OLD ENGLISH GENTLEMAN."

Passing on, the Chairman referred to the old school of ringers, among whom he received his ringing education, and to whom the striking was the essence of the ringing. Among ringers were men who had held the most responsible positions in life. A judge of the Irish High Court was a ringer, a man who drove the fastest train in the world for many years, the "flying Dutchman," was a ringer, the coxswain of one of the lifeboats was a ringer. Great indeed, too, were the intellects of some of the men in the realm of ringing, and they had met that night to do honour to the illustrious dead, to keep green the memory of an unseen but well-remembered guest, Henry Johnson. "Oh, for the touch of the vanished hand, and the sound of the voice that is still." Henry Johnson was born 103 years ago, in the city of Lichfield, and at the age of 17 began ringing. He joined St. Martin's Guild in 1833, and died in 1890 at the ripe old age of 81. He had rung about 150 peals, of which he called about 50. There never were two better chums than old Mr. Johnson and he (the speaker). He always received a warm welcome at Johnson's place, and he had in his possession some of his finest compositions. He (the Chairman) believed that Mr. Sam Reeves and himself were the only two in that room that had rung peals with Haley, Johnson, and Cox, the three most wonderful men that ever existed in one particular era. All three were gifted, but the grand old English gentleman was Mr. Johnson. He was a personal friend of men like Elijah Roberts, Shipway, Cooper, Day, Lates and Thurstans. Birmingham, continued the speaker, had produced many noteworthy ringers, and now, within the last few weeks, another bright star from St. Martin's company had been called away—Tom Reynolds, who was always full of life and fun. The Chairman, having made reference to the great abilities of another Birmingham man—John Carter—concluded by submitting the toast, which was drunk by the company, in silence.

THE LATE TOM REYNOLDS.

Mr. J. S. Prichett (whom the chairman congratulated upon being elevated to the aldermanic bench of the City of Birmingham Council) proposed "Continued prosperity to St. Martin's Guild." He paid a tribute to the memory of their departed friend Tom Reynolds, who was indeed a notable ringer. Probably, said the speaker, he established a record as being the ringer of more twelve-bell peals than any man who ever lived. They would long miss his familiar face. At every one of the annual dinners that had been held he was among them, but the time had come to him, which came to every man—he was with them no longer. One could not imagine a better type of ringer or a better type of man than he was. Just as Tom Reynolds had never missed a dinner, so he (the speaker) did not know that he had ever missed a practice. He never recollected going into St. Martin's tower without seeing Tom Reynolds there. In private life, too, he was entitled to every respect and every honour. He was a man who worked hard for his living, but he did so uncomplainingly. He did his duty to his family, he did his duty to the Guild, and they could ill spare him. Proceeding, Mr. Prichett welcomed again among them some who had been with them for many years past, including Mr. Painter, who was just recovering from a long illness; Mr. James George, who had distinguished himself by ringing the tenor in the record peal of Maximus on April 11th, 1911, at Ashton-under-Lyne; Mr. Wm. Small, Mr. Sam Reeves, and Mr. John Carter, whose invention—the change ringing machine—was worthy of standing side by side with the famous Babbage's calculating machine in the British Museum, and which they could read about, if they desired, in the Encyclopedia Britannica. There were two great inventors in the present age who would go down to posterity. One was Marconi, the inventor of wireless telegraphy, and the other was John Carter, the inventor of a machine that would ring any kind of changes, and would print them off at the same time. He was pleased also to welcome other old ringers with whom he had taken part in peals in by-gone days—Mr. James Groves, Mr. Thomas Russam, Mr. Tom Miller, and last, but not least, his old friend, Mr. Jimmy Jones.

THE GUILD.

They were, continued Mr. Prichett, losing the Rector of St. Martin's, who had been made Bishop of Sodor and Man. They congratulated him heartily upon his appointment, and he was glad to say that the gentleman appointed to succeed him, Canon Willing, was a

gentleman who was a good friend to ringers, and with whom they were not likely to have any trouble (applause). He endorsed what the chairman had said with regard to ringing that it should be practiced with due regard to the sensibilities to the public. To his mind, the best time for peal ringing was either a bank holiday or an early closing day, when there would be no annoyance to shopkeepers. The Guild, he was happy to say, was flourishing. The secretary told him that there were more members now than at any other period of the Guild's existence, and the ringing was going on in every way satisfactorily. There had been no notable performances in the way of peals in the course of the past year, and it was pleasing to find that perfect harmony existed among them. There never had been a time when there was a better feeling, or greater friendship and mutual esteem among the members of the Guild, which was one of the most prosperous and successful ringing societies in the country (applause). Long might it so continue. He coupled with the toast the name of the excellent secretary, Mr. Smith, who had proved in every way a worthy successor to their friend, Mr. Godden (applause).

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and Mr. Smith replied in a facetious speech. The work, he said, was a work of pleasure. He did not forget, too, that it was part of the secretary's duty to get well grumbled at, and he tried to fill the bill (laughter). If the band met one short for a peal, grumble at the secretary. If the parson preached too long a sermon, grumble at the secretary (laughter). If there was a fly in the soup, grumble at the secretary (renewed laughter). But he straightened his shoulders, and did not let it disturb his sleep o' nights (laughter and applause).

A SUGGESTION.

Mr. Godden submitted "Kindred Societies," the representatives of which he welcomed that evening. He threw out the suggestion that as in these days men belonged to so many different societies, which must make deep inroads upon their pockets, some scheme should be adopted, as was done by political clubs, whereby a member on payment of one small subscription became affiliated to all the similar political clubs in the kingdom. This, he thought, would be a great benefit to ringers, and would not interfere very much with the finances of any of the societies (applause).

Mr. Mason, in a felicitous speech, proposed "The Ringing Papers," to which the Editor of "The Ringing World" responded, paying a tribute to the work done in the past by the ringing journals, and stating that the objects in front of them all had been the extension of the Art and the advancement of the status of the ringers.

Mr. J. S. Prichett gave "The Health of the Chairman," which was drunk with musical honours, and Mr. Dawe said he hoped at that dinner they would always have a man in the chair. He honoured the lady ringers for the wonderful performances they had achieved, but, at the same time, he thought church bell ringing was hardly an occupation for a lady. In conclusion, Mr. Dawe presented to St. Martin's tower a very fine photograph (framed) of the church, taken by himself, and the gift was suitably acknowledged by Mr. Smith.

This concluded the speech-making.

The speeches were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music and handbell ringing. Without doubt the tit-bit of the evening was the course of Stedman Caters which Mr. Harry Withers tapped upon his dulcimer. The performance was perfect, and a delighted audience would not be content until he obliged with an encore. This he did by giving a course of Double Norwich. His selection of tunes, including a beautiful rendering of "Killarney," also "brought down the house." A beautifully rung course of Stedman Cinques on handbells by Messrs. P. Laffin, J. Carter, T. Miller, S. Russam, J. E. Groves and A. Walker was fully appreciated, and the bells were also introduced for tune ringing, by Messrs. Starkey (2) and Wood, whose playing was admirable. Other instrumental items were introduced by Messrs. F. Banks (euphonium), C. Banks (baritone), and Mrs. T. Davies (piano), who contributed a couple of trios in good style. The Chairman gave a thrilling recitation, and the humorous element was sustained by Mr. D. Milligan, who sang comic songs.

A large number of ringers visited St. Martin's tower in the afternoon, where touches of Stedman Caters and Cinques, and a course of Cambridge Royal were rung.

LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY'S RECORD.

The following is a list of 720's which have been rung by the Little Munden Branch of the Hertford Association during the past eleven years, a record which reflects the greatest credit upon the band, and especially the conductor:—

Year.	No. of 720's.	Methods.
1901	108	9
1902	53	9
1903	56	10
1904	47	10
1905	113	14
1906	79	17
1907	62	17
1908	69	13
1909	33	13
1910	83	15
1911	70	12

Total 773

During this period the band has never missed ringing the bells for Divine Service twice every Sunday.

THE DEATH OF MR. R. RIDYARD.

FUNERAL AT WORSLEY.

The Lancashire Association has lost a valuable worker by the death of Mr. Richard Ridyard, of Worsley, whose demise was briefly chronicled in our last issue. He joined the Association in 1882, and was elected on the committee in 1890, an office which he held to the end, while for twelve years he was a member of the Central Council. He did a good deal of spade work for the Association, and no one but himself knew what it had cost him in time and money. He was always ready to help beginners, and not a few have him to thank for their first peal, and the practice which led up to it. He rang his first peal on November 14th, 1884, and his last on March 13th, 1911. It had been his ambition to ring 150 peals, but ill-health prevented him reaching this goal, although he came very near to it, scoring 148 altogether, of which he had conducted 83: Grandsire Triples 16 (conducted 4), Major 1, Caters 3, Cinques 1, Bob Major 6 (conducted 3), Kent Treble Bob Major 66 (including 10,176 and 12,000—Lancashire record), conducted 47: Royal 4, Maximus 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Royal 1, Stedman Triples 34 (conducted 23), Caters 4, Double Norwich Major 8 (conducted 6), Duffield Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 1. These peals had been rung in 28 towers in five counties.



THE LATE MR. R. RIDYARD.

THE FUNERAL.

The esteem and regard in which he was held by his ringing and other friends was manifested on Saturday, when the funeral took place at Worsley Churchyard. It was quite a ringers' funeral, for ringers assisted as bearers and in the choir, the officiating clergy were ringers, and over the grave the handbells were rung, and from the steeple the church bells pealed in muffled tones. Amid every manifestation of respect and sympathy, "Owd Dick," as he was affectionately known among his intimates, was laid in his last resting place. Before the service, the bells, half-muffled, were set going to Stedman Triples, and as the cortege drew near the church, the ringing changed to the whole-pull and stand. The bearers were picked from his fellow-workers from the Bridgewater Collieries, where he commenced work 40 years ago. At the church gate, the ringers took charge of the coffin, which was met at the door by the clergy and full choir. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. B. Hulton), assisted by the Rev. A. T. Beeston (New Mills), and the hymns, "Jesu, Lover of my Soul," and "Peace, perfect peace," were impressively sung. During the procession from the church the "Nunc Dimittis" was sung, and after the committal prayers, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave. The oak coffin bore the inscription: "Richard Ridyard, died Feb. 20th, 1912, aged 52 years." The mourners included, in addition to the relatives, upwards of 60 ringers, and many fellow workmen, Buffaloes, and other friends. Among the ringers were representatives from Ashton, Bolton, Bury, Birch, Eccles, Flixton, Didsbury, Middleton, Macclesfield, Manchester Cathedral, Town Hall and St. John's, New Mills, Oldham, Pendlebury, Pendleton, Prestwick, Rochdale, Swinton, Stockport, Stretford, Walkden, and Worsley. While the mourners left the church Treble Bob was rung on the bells, the

two clergy taking part. Afterwards a muffled peal was rung, Mr. Harry Chapman, an old friend of the deceased, having charge of the arrangements.

The relatives of the late Mr. Ridyard desire to thank the ringers for the respect and sympathy shown in their bereavement, by the attendance of so large a number at the funeral.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

MEETING ADVOCATES MORE BELLS FOR BAGSHOT.

The result of the quarterly meeting of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild, at Bagshot, will, it is hoped, be the addition of two bells to the tower, which at present contains a ring of six. During the afternoon some ringing was done on the peal of six at the Parish Church, but owing to the heavy "go" of the tenor, very little could be got through. The bells sadly need overhauling, and at the present time it is impossible to accomplish anything more than 300 of Minor on them. The Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Ford) presided at the tea, kindly provided by the local men, and business meeting, and was supported by Mr. Smerdon, one of the churchwardens. At the business meeting, the Ringing Master reported that three combined practices had been held, and six peals rung during the quarter. Eleven new members were elected, including the Vicar of Bagshot as an hon. member. The condition of the bells was discussed at some length, Mr. F. E. Dawe urging the authorities to have the peal of six recast into a peal of eight, and rehung in an iron frame.—Mr. Smerdon spoke hopefully of something being done in this direction.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar and the ringers concluded the business. A social then followed, which was much enjoyed. Those taking part were as follows: Mr. F. E. Dawe (recitation), Mr. Pierce (ventriloquist), Mr. H. Gould (piccolo solos), Messrs. W. G. Clark, T. J. Gould, F. Nye, Pierce, G. B. Edser, and W. Shepherd (songs). Mr. W. G. Clark ably presided at the piano. Thanks are due to the local band for making the tea and meeting an enjoyable one, the time passing all too quickly.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL DIVISION.

Sussex possesses but two rings of ten bells, and whenever a meeting provides an opportunity of ringing at either of these towers a good muster of visitors is always assured. The Central Division held a meeting at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, the gathering being a very successful one. In the afternoon touches in various methods were rung, and a short service was held, at which the Rector (the Rev. Harcourt S. Anson) gave an interesting address. Tea followed in the Church Hall, presided over by the Rector, supported by Mr. K. Hart and Mr. J. T. Glandfield, about 40 members being present from Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas), Uckfield, Lindfield, Eastbourne, Pevensey, Steyning, Heene, Shoreham, Waldron, Seaford, and Southover. After tea, the Rector having to leave, Mr. Glandfield occupied the chair. The following new members were elected: Messrs. Moppett and E. Hillman, Southover; Dendy, Gold and Jenner, Uckfield; Baigent and Gumbrell, Henfield; and the whole of the Balcombe band, comprising nine members.—A vote of thanks, proposed by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. R. J. Dawe), and seconded by Mr. G. H. Howse (the Hon. Secretary of the Eastern Division), to Mr. Glandfield for presiding over the meeting, and to the Rector for the service, and for the use of the bells, was passed.—The motion was acknowledged by Mr. Glandfield. In the evening, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Royal, Double Norwich Major and Superlative were rung.

HELPING THE BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I read with gratification your article in the last issue of "The Ringing World" re helping the beginners, and in spite of the fact that the experts are continually giving the denial to the charge levelled against them, their continued actions leave room for complaint. I think, that throughout the whole Exercise legislation, which will assist those who are more or less at the bottom of the ladder, is sadly neglected, and is absolutely contrary to the principle that we, as a body of Church workers, should have. As the strength of a chain depends upon its weakest link, so must the Exercise depend upon its weakest members, and by strengthening the beginners you are thereby strengthening the foundation upon which the future of the Exercise will rest.

There is a concrete example before the members of the Yorkshire Association, and to my mind, in deciding it, it will show us who are interested in the beginners and who are not. I refer to a notice of motion that, "The Association will not record in its books peals of Minor rung in less than seven different methods." I have no doubt that legislation of this kind tends to keep ringing at a higher standard, but is it not putting the heel on those who are down? At least there is not much of the spirit in it of helping the beginner.—Yours truly,
Goole. H. LUDKIN.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On Sunday, Jan. 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise: L. Price 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, W. Clifford 3, A. Lowe 4, J. C. Dicken 5, W. Clifford, junr., 6, F. S. Price 7, P. Price 8.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, March 2nd, 1912. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Samlesbury on March 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland (President), and an address by the Rev. H. C. Burnett. Business meeting afterwards. All past and present members and other ringing friends of the Guild are cordially invited.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Armley on March 2nd. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting (nomination) at the White Horse Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this Society is fixed for Doncaster on Saturday, March 2nd. Parish Church of St. George, 8 bells (tenor about 30 cwt.), available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on March 5th and 19th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 14th and 28th; at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 5th; at St. Mary le Bow, Cheap-side, on the 19th; and Southwark Cathedral on the 26th. St. Magnus 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings at 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade and District Branch.—A branch meeting of the above will be held at Everton, near Sandy, on Thursday, March 7th, 1912. Meeting at 6.30. Bells ready 6 p.m.—F. Blood, Honorary Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells ready at 6.—Walter Hughes, Honorary Secretary.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting of the North-Western Division will be held at Sawbridge-worth on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30.—W. Waffs, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Haslingden, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Branch Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.

—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, March 9th, at SS. Peter and Paul, Mitcham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at the Queen's Head at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited.—Frank A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Kendal, on Saturday, March 9th, 1912. The Parish Church bells (10) available from 3 p.m., meeting in the School at 5 p.m.—William Robinson, Branch Secretary, Thom Fold, Smithy Brow, Ambleside.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Borden, near Sittingbourne, on Saturday, March 16th, 1912. Bells available from 3 p.m. Half rail fares up to 2/- allowed at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due. It is hoped that all members who possibly can, will attend to discuss the proposed Benevolent Fund.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, on Saturday, March 16th. The tower will be open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. at 6d. per head for those who notify me not later than the 14th inst.—William H. Hotten, Hon. Sec., 42, Thornhill Road, Barnsbury, N.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, March 16th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. There will be a committee meeting on the same day.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton, on Saturday, March 16th, 1912. Meeting at the Lamb Hotel, at 3.30 p.m., tea to follow. Service in the Parish Church, at 6 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Cheltenham on Easter Monday. Notice has been given of a resolution affecting the latter part of Rule 1 (*re* Central Council).—W. A. Cave, Honorary Secretary.

VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mrs. Walker's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.—Llandaff Association. — On Sunday, Jan. 28th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: H. Page 1, G. Cross 2, J. Cross 3, W. Page 4, T. Hamlin 5, G. Wines 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, S. Weaver 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band.

NEWCHURCH.—Lancashire Association. — On Sunday, Jan. 28th, for Divine service, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins.: J. Taylor 1, L. Taylor 2, J. Ashworth 3, J. Baron (Haslingden) 4, O. Eastwood 5, W. Taylor (conductor) 6, J. T. Wright 7, J. W. Ormerod 8.

LEICESTER. — On Sunday, January 28th, at St. Martin's, for the Assize service, 617 Stedman Caters: *G. Holmes 1, S. Cotton 2, *G. Pilmore 3, L. Allen 4, C. Fowler 5, A. Pettitt 6, L. Allen 7, F. Dexter (conductor) 8, A. Martin 9, T. Taylor 10. * Longest length of Stedman. In the evening, 829 Stedman Caters: L. Allen 1, P.C. H. Jenney 4th, others as before.

HARLOW COMMON.—On Sunday, Jan. 28th, 720 Bob Minor, tenor covering: L. J. Cordell (first 720) 1, W. Morris 2, H. Bottrill 3, G. Dent 4, J. Cordell 5, J. Smith 6, J. Wheeler 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Sunday, Jan. 28th, for evening service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 28 mins.: W. Payne 1, J. Rookwood 2, B. Wilson 3, C. Wing 4, F. Hunt 5, H. Shepherd 6, H. Walker 7, A. King (conductor) 8. Longest touch in the method on the bells by an entirely local band.

NORWICH.—On Monday, Jan. 29th, at the Church of St. John-de-Sepulchre, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in the tittums: B. Fry 1, A. Hubbard (composer and conductor) 2, W. Hempel 3, W. Goodbourne 4, J. Freeman 5, W. Mayers 6, W. Curtis 7, G. Cross 8.

KENWYN, TRURO. — On Jan. 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Caurse 1, F. Mitchell 2, H. M. Smeath 3, B. Knight 4, E. C. Freund (first as conductor) 5, W. P. Trestain 6, W. H. Sleeman 7, J. F. Gully 8.

ANSDELL.—The Lancashire Association, Fylde branch. — On Jan. 30th, at St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Ansdell, Lytham, a date touch of Bob Major, in 1 hr. 12 mins., being the last 1912 changes in peal No. 70, C.C. collection: C. H. Kerr 1, R. Johnson 2, R. Cardwell 3, W. Gillett 4, F. Gillett 5, W. Cardwell 6, W. Tomlinson 7, G. Maries (conductor) 8. This is a new ring of eight from the foundry of Messrs. Mears and Staibank, and were rung for the first time on Dec. 13th. The "go" and tone of the bells is very fine, and is a great credit to the firm. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

NOSSLEY.—On Jan. 30th, at St. George's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Jackson 1, *S. Winstanley 2, *F. Welham 3, J. Welham 4, W. W. Wolstencroft 5, H. Manns 6. * First 720 of Kent.

KENNINGTON, KENT.—On Jan. 30th, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: *A. Webb 1, *T. Wenham 2, *C. W. Everett 3, A. C. Kay 4, T. Tabrett 5, G. Lindgridge (first as conductor) 6. * First 720.

BRADFIELD.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Jan. 31st, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Duke of Fife: F. Wigmore 1, W. Yarlott (first in the method) 2, J. Abery 3, S. Chapman 4, G. Parsons (first as conductor) 5, G. Abery 6.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Guild, on Sunday morning, Feb. 4th, for service, 1264 Bob Major, in 50 mins.: E. H. Cook 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Stevens 3, E. F. Cole 4, E. R. Mackrill 5, G. C. Iles 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. F. W. Hunt 8.

HOLLOWAY, N. — On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the 24 6-7s: A. Hart 1, A. Turner 2, J. Cornford 3, H. Brookes 4, A. J. Baynes 5, W. Pateman 6, G. Charge (conductor) 7, L. Perry 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280): *W. Hotten 1, *H. Dains 2, *H. J. Ranzetta 3, *A. Hart 4, A. W. Coles 5, *A. J. Baynes 6, G. Charge 7, H. Flanders (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method. Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for evening service, at St. George's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: C. H. Hughes 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, H. T. Gowllett 3, W. Smith 4, J. Milner 5, J. B. Lovell (first quarter-peal in the method) 6, T. J. Hardy 7, F. J. King 8.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): *H. F. Akers 1, H. Mansfield 2, H. J. Gray 3, W. Irons (first as conductor) 4, *V. Neale 5, *A. E. Creasey 6, G. Gray 7, *A. H. Akers 8. * First quarter-peal of Triples.

PASSENHAM.—Towcester and District Association. — On Sunday, January 14th, at St. Guthlac's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 46 mins.: P. Grant (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Hurst 2, H. Ridgway 3, E. Wyatt 4, L. Smith (conductor) 5.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Jan. 15th, 1248 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Church 1, E. Tingey 2, W. Lightfoot 3, H. Harlow 4, H. Tysoe 5, H. Sharp 6, C. Chasty 7, J. W. Barker (conductor) 8. This is the longest length rung in the county, and by all the band.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, Jan. 28th, at St. Mary Abbot's Church, for evening service, 1263 Stedman Caters: F. Edwards 1, A. Cutmore 2, J. Hayward 3, G. B. Edser 4, A. B. Bennett 5, A. E. Bradley 6, W. A. Garrard 7, C. Charge (conductor) 8, W. E. Garrard 9, E. G. Stibbons 10.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—On Wednesday, Jan. 31st, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins. (1260 changes): J. White 1, A. B. Badcock 2, J. Weakley 3, W. Thomas 4, Alf. Thomas (conductor) 5, C. Thomas 6. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. H. N. Day, of Court Farm, Worle, and Miss Amy Bragg, of Milton Farm.

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Thursday, Feb. 1st, 1440 Bob Minor: L. Hammond 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, J. O'Neill 3, T. Crane 4, J. Howard 5, R. Ruth 6. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. S. Aldwell) for his hospitality before and after the ringing.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for evensong, at St. Botolph's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: Chas. Fisher, conductor (Ufford) 1, Arthur Andrews (Billingborough) 2, J. Last (Grundisburgh) 3, Geo. Ablitt (Burgh) 4, D. Leggett (Woodbridge) 5, W. Burrows (Woodbridge) 6. Arranged for Mr. Andrews, of Billingborough, Lincolnshire, a visitor to Woodbridge.

1911 RECORDS.**SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.**

Sixty 720's of Minor have been rung by the band at Shipley, Sussex, in the following methods: Carlisle and Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Violet, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single, and Plain Bob. J. Howell and T. Adams head the list of ringers, with 55 each, and the conducting was shared by A. Cripps, W. Denman, senr., R. Howell, and G. Lucas.

LEYTONSTONE.

During 1911, 39 720's were rung by the St. John the Baptist's Society, Leytonstone, in the following methods:—Surprise: York 6, London 5, Cambridge 4, Lincoln 3, Ipswich 1, Norwich 1, Wells 1, Durham 1, Chelsea 1, Carlisle 1, Chester 1; Treble Bob: Oxford 1, Kent 1, Plain Bob 12. The following members and friends took part: W. Miller, 34 (conducted 23); W. Theobald, 31; H. Torble, 29 (conducted 5); G. A. Black, 24 (conducted 6); G. Dawson, 22; J. Moule, 17 (conducted 3); S. Goodenough, 15; G. Hayden, 14 (conducted 2); W. Doran, 12; F. Doran, 8; A. Fiddes, 8; L. Green, 6; A. Prior, 3; S. Bird, W. J. Nevard, W. Truss, T. Beeton, G. Merton, D. Brunning, F. Squires, R. Saunders, F. J. Newman, B. Marks, A. E. Lebbon, 1 each.

The Little Munden Society and visiting friends rang during 1911 70 720's in 13 methods. As has been the case for several years past, the bells were rung for both services every Sunday throughout the year.

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FARNINGHAM, KENT

At Farningham, 48 720's were rung, viz., Bob Minor 25, Grandsire Minor 14, Doubles 9. A. Bates 48 (conducted 38), S. Mason 48, F. Mason 47, J. Couchman 44 (conducted 6), W. Wingate 39, A. Mantle 33, L. Rutter 10, A. Bailey 5 (conducted 2), W. Weatherby 5, L. Smith 4, E. Bates 2 (conducted 1), T. Booker 2, T. Groombridge 1 (conducted 1).

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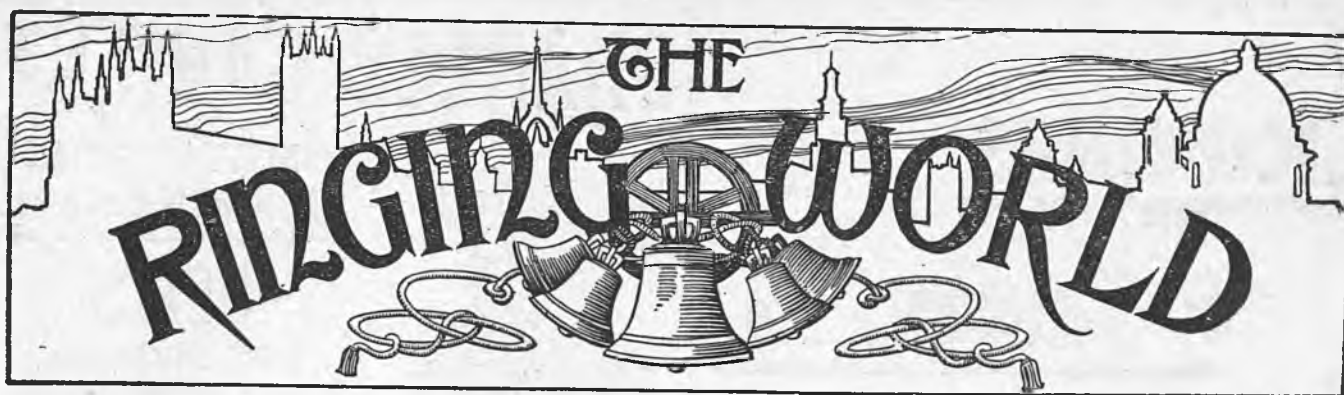
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MODERN WORK.

CHEAPER METHOD OF AFFILIATION.

The question raised by Mr. W. H. Godden at the Henry Johnson dinner and to which we briefly referred last week, is one which is of general and practical interest to ringers throughout the country. Mr. Godden's suggestion was that ringers who wish to take part in peals with associations other than their own should be able to do so without having to go to the expense which is now necessary in joining another body. Among political clubs a system is in vogue by which a member of one club can enjoy all the privileges at any other by the production of an affiliation ticket, which is purchased for a small annual sum. This gives the holder of the card all the facilities—except, of course, voting power—which he enjoys in his own club. There can be no doubt that some such arrangement applied to the ringing associations would be appreciated by large numbers in the Exercise.

There are numerous instances where men ring just one peal with an association, but before doing so have to pay the five shillings, or what not, for membership. Many join a number of associations in this way, and it thus becomes an expensive matter, because it must be borne in mind that a large proportion of ringers are not too well blessed with this world's goods. In such cases as these a general affiliation fee at a nominal sum would be a boon. At the same time the financial consideration from the associations' standpoint must not be overlooked. A very acceptable source of income is that obtained from the non-resident members, most of whom are elected in the belfry before a peal, and those societies whose finances are none too strong, would not, of course, like to lose this means of adding to their funds. Then, too, the present mode of "compounding"—the payment of a subscription which lasts a member for all time while he lives outside the area of the Association—was introduced largely to relieve visitors of the liability for an annual subscription.

These are points, which, in discussing the subject, must not be overlooked. On the one hand, facilities for this more extensive affiliation would have considerable advantages for the ringers, especially for the ringers of the future, and would tend to increase interchange of visits. On the other hand, the fact remains that something has already been done to meet the point, while, as the matter chiefly affected is that of peal ringing, there is no great barrier in the way of intercourse between the members of the different associations. However, Mr. Godden's suggestion will doubtless appeal to many, and it is for them to see that the idea is considered in the proper quarter.

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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 PEALS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.*On Tuesday, February 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 32 cwt., in C sharp.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	*JOHN C. G. HAGGAR ... 7
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE... 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 3	ARTHUR S. BOAR ... 9
WILLIAM C. GILLINGHAM... 4	WILLIAM MOTTS ... 10
EDGAR PEMBERTON ... 5	EDWARD EVANS ... 11
FREDERICK WATLING ... 6	FREDERICK DAY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. First peal on the bells since the re-hanging of the front ten by Messrs. F. Day and Sons, who have carried out the work in a highly satisfactory manner. W. C. Gillingham is visiting his native town and is shortly returning to Winnipeg, Canada. F. Watling hails from Saxmundham, and F. Day from Eye. A. S. Boar is leaving Ipswich for Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ASHTON-UNDER-
LYNE SOCIETY.*On Tuesday, February 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;**

CHAS. BOWER Treble	TOM WILDE 7
THOMAS JAKEMAN ... 2	JOSEPH MELLOR ... 8
GEORGE GARNETT ... 3	FRED PAGE ... 9
WALTER WOLSTENCROFT ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 10
SAMUEL WOOD 5	BENJAMIN GILL ... 11
GEORGE WOODHALL ... 6	SAMUEL BOOTH... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

This peal was rung to celebrate the dedication of St. Gabriel's Mission Church, Cockbrook, Ashton-under-Lyne. First peal of twelve by Mr. George Woodhall, of Liverpool.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Thursday, February 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 6
EDWIN BARNETT 2	*REUBEN SANDERS ... 7
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 3	*JOHN ARMSTRONG ... 8
EDWIN BARNETT, JUNR. ... 4	ERNEST PYE ... 9
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

WALTHAMSTOW.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;**

Tenor 19 cwt., in E.

ROBERT MAYNARD, Senr. ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 6
FRED C. MAYNARD 2	ALFRED PYE 7
HENRY J. MAYNARD 3	WILLIAM PYE 8
ROBERT MAYNARD, JUNR. ... 4	HARRY FLANDERS ... 9
ERNEST PYE 5	ALFRED CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

CHARLES H. FOWLER ... Treble	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
LOUIS E. ALLEN 2	JOSIAH MORRIS 7
ERNEST MORRIS 3	RICHARD H. BARTRAM ... 8
T. LEONARD ALLEN 4	ALFRED MARTIN 9
ARTHUR S. PETTIT 5	*WALTER JAMES... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Stedman.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE PEARCE Treble	EDGAR HUMFREY 6
GEORGE H. PHILLOTT ... 2	ALBERT E. REEVES ... 7
WILLIAM T. PATES ... 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ... 8
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... 5	CUTHBERT G. WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung to commemorate the ninety-fourth anniversary of the Appleton Society.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

HARRY DALTON Treble	†BENJAMIN DALTON ... 5
ANDREW JONES 2	WILLIAM LAWLEY ... 6
DANIEL JONES 3	ALFRED FALLON ... 7
*JAMES H. ROWE 4	†JOHN EVANS Tenor

Conducted by A. FALLON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung on St. Matthias' Day and as a compliment to Mr. T. Gilbert, the donor of the two new bells. First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt., in G.

HUGH WATTS Treble	*WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 5
HERBERT ALLRED 2	ROBERT ALLRED ... 6
JAMES ALLRED 3	JOHN T. ALLRED ... 7
HARRY ALLRED 4	†JOSEPH WATTS Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT ALLRED.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. Rung after meeting short for Bob Major. J. Watts was proposed a member before starting.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, February 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

WALTER WEBB Treble	ALBERT D. CULLUM... 5
HUBERT HATTO 2	GEORGE ESSEX 6
CHARLES STONE 3	JOSEPH HANDS 7
FRANK MARTIN 4	ERNEST W. MENDAY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by ERNEST W. MENDAY.

This peal was arranged for Frank Martin, who is leaving Reading for Willesden.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HARRY CATTERMOLLE Treble	THOMAS FORD, JUNR. 5
GEORGE ARCHER 2	CLEMENT MORE 6
CHARLES MILLS 3	JOHN SMITH 7
ALFRED KEEBLE 4	JOHN SOUTER Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

Taken from Snowdon (page 26).

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*F. EADE Treble	*E. BISHOP 5
G. THOMPSON 2	*C. BRASIER 6
*F. HAMMOND 3	ALFRED J. TURNER 7
*H. R. BUTCHER 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal of Major, and members of local band.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR M. HARDY Treble	JAMES A. TROLLOPE 5
*FREDK. G. SYMONDS 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	HENRY J. RANZETTA 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

* First in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Hollier.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, February 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*MRS. R. WHITTINGTON ... Treble	CECIL CHARMAN 5
ROBERT WHITTINGTON 2	THOMAS WORSFOLD 6
HORACE CHARMAN 3	WILLIAM CHARMAN 7
ALWYN CHARMAN 4	HARRY LEDGER Tenor

Conducted by W. CHARMAN.

* First peal. First peal by a lady resident in the Guildford district. It is also believed to be the first peal ever rung on tower bells in which both husband and wife have taken part. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, and to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Whittington's wedding.

LEWISHAM.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM HEWITT Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
ISAAC EMERY 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Friday, March 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES ;

HARRY HEAP Treble	TOM WILDE 5
SAMUEL WOOD 2	WALTER WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
ARTHUR HAUGHTON 3	ALBERT HOUGH 7
GEORGE GARNETT 4	SAMUEL BOOTH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Richard Ridyard, a greatly respected member of the above Society.

HUNSLET, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... Treble	FRANCIS WOODHEAD 5
*HARRY SMITH 2	WILLIAM T. POWELL 6
JAMES A. TEALE 3	WILLIAM E. H. ASH 7
GEORGE TINGLE 4	*GEORGE SMITH, Senr. ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. H. ASH.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal as conductor. The ringers of the 2nd, 6th and tenor belong to the local company and the remainder to Leeds Parish Church.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 5 lbs.

GEORGE HAYES Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. ... 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 7
WILLIAM J. KEMP 4	BERTRAM PREWETT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS BOOKER Treble	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	REUBEN BALDWIN 6
*FRANK GATES 3	WALTER SMITH 7
GEORGE DURLING 4	WILLIAM WEST Tenor

Conducted by WALTER SMITH.

* First peal.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 11½ cwt., in F sharp.

FREDERICK G. RADLEY ... Treble	PERCY LETCH 5
ALFRED TARBUN 2	ARTHUR EDWARDS 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	HENRY F. COOPER 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

First peal in the method by all the band, the second man only having previously rung the treble.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH,

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 5
EDGAR PEMBERTON 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 6
WILLIAM MOTTS 3	CHARLES PARKER 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	JOHN C. G. HAGGAR ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal was arranged and rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. William C. Gillingham and Miss May Kathleen Fenton, of Ipswich, who are leaving England for Winnipeg, Canada, and also for the 84th birthday of Mrs. Harriett Motts, the mother of James and William Motts, which she celebrated on March 5th. Congratulations were conveyed to Mrs. Harriett Motts, and also to the bride and bridegroom. Mr. William J. Nevard hails from Great Bentley, Essex. Mr. Charles Parker hails from Tuddenham.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR MOSELEY Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY 5
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUNR. 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SENR. 6
THOMAS TUDOR 3	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 7
THOMAS W. PEAKE 4	GEORGE HALL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEATHERBY.

First peal as conductor.

WOOD GREEN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*CHARLES TYLER... .. Treble	BERT HORTON 5
*THOMAS BROOKS 2	ALFRED J. WALLATER ... 6
EDGAR MARLOW... .. 3	†EDWIN J. TYLER 7
THOMAS HILL 4	*AMOS COOPER Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN J. TYLER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman as conductor.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, SENR. Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5
JOHN F. WILSON 2	JOHN ALDIS, JUNR. 6
WILLIAM STEELE 3	GEORGE POYNTZ 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE WOOD Treble	W. HYDE INGLESANT ... 5
†CHARLES H. BRIGGS 2	†JOHN GARRATT 6
HARRY WRIGHT 3	GEORGE THOMPSON 7
*FRED COTTON 4	*NUNN WALKER... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and

Conducted by W. HYDE INGLESANT.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Messrs. Wright and Garratt hail from Sapcote, Cotton and Thompson from Hinckley, G. Wood from Sharnford, Inglesant from Broughton Astley. Messrs. Briggs and Walker belong to Stanton.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 3, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT ELLISS Treble	JOHN RICE... .. 5
ALBERT E. MITCHELL ... 2	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUNR. 6
ALBERT HARMAN 3	ALFRED D. MILLS 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS 4	FREDERICK W. RICE ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICE.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, March 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt., in F sharp.

JAMES E. GROVES Treble	WILLIAM G. ANCKER ... 5
CHARLES STARKEY 2	CYRIL F. JOHNSTON ... 6
EDWARD LARGE 3	THOMAS VERRY 7
ALF. PADDEN SMITH 4	STEPHEN DANBY Tenor

Compiled and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd and also to Mr. R. Faux, a ringer at this church and a very highly-respected member of the Guild, who attained his 74th year on March 1st. Mr. C. F. Johnston hails from Croydon.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
THOMAS CRANFIELD 2	REUBEN SANDERS 6
HAROLD W. CLARK 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	CHARLES J. CLARK Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung as a farewell peal to Charles J. Clark who is shortly leaving for Canada.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SWINDON.

CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Friday, February 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

42 six scores, each called differently (32 with extremes).

Tenor 12 cwt.

W. YEEND Treble	T. PENDRY... .. 3
J. PUGH... .. 2	J. F. BALLINGER 4
J. PARSONS Tenor	

Conducted by J. PARSONS.

First peal on the bells and first peal by all except the conductor.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 13 cwt.

NATHAN PATMORE Treble	*ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4
BARNARD PATMORE 2	ARTHUR WOOLSTON 5
FRED WILLIAMS... .. 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.

On Thursday, February 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Merchants' Return, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 11½ cwt.

LUKE KILICK Treble	WILLIAM CHEESEMAN ... 4
FRANK HAWKINS 2	WILLIAM BASHFORD ... 5
*FRED BASHFORD 3	JOHN THOMAS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal. First peal of Treble Bob in seven methods by all.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of York, Durham, Wells, London, Norwich, Cambridge and Netherseale. Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES E. BORRETT ... Treble	FREDERICK MANSEY ... 4
GEORGE SNELLING 2	JOHN SNELLING 5
BERTIE TURNER 3	FREDERICK SEAGER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. MANSEY.

Arranged for the ringer of the treble, who wishes to thank the band for enabling him to score a peal on the beautiful ring of six at this church,

ARDLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

NATHAN PATMORE ... Treble	ARTHUR PHILLIPS ... 4
BARNARD PATMORE ... 2	ARTHUR WOOLSTON ... 5
ALBERT CARTER 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

First peal upon the bells.

BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Reverse, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

REGINALD SCOTT ... Treble	ARTHUR MACKEARS ... 4
REV. C. J. STURTON ... 2	ARTHUR DRURY ... 5
*FRANCIS CRADDOCK ... 3	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

* First peal of Minor.

GREEN'S NORTON.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES SLARKE ... Treble	GEORGE BASFORD ... 4
FRED HOPPER 2	WILFRED SHARP ... 5
CHARLES FAULKNER ... 3	*WILLIAM HAMMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED SHARP.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung after meeting one short for Bob Minor. The band wish to thank the Rev. H. Hoskin for the use of the bells.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob, and four of Plain Bob, each 720 being called differently.

WILLIAM STOCK ... Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON ... 4
WILLIAM A. NORMAN ... 2	HERBERT ROBINSON ... 5
ALBERT J. BARCOCK ... 3	GEORGE THEW Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

The ringers of the 2nd and 3rd were proposed members before starting for the peal.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WM. LEATHERBARROW ... Treble	†EDWIN LEATHERBARROW ... 4
GEORGE POWNALL 2	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 5
ARNOLD NUTTER 3	*JAMES ORME Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal in the method by all the band, and first peal of Treble Bob on the bells. All the ringers are members of the local company.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Tulip, College Treble, Sandal Exercise, York Minster, Snowdrop, Royal Sovereign and City Delight.

ALBERT H. NICHOLLS ... Treble	HARRY CUTTS 4
ARTHUR PANTHER 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
ROBERT J. RICKETTS ... 3	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Percy Beevois, a chorister, and Miss Margaret Lancashire, which took place on the above date.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. WALTER S. WISE, 19, CROMWELL RD.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

SYDNEY R. ROPER ... 1-2	ACKLAND J. PERKINS ... 5-6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3-4	WALTER S. WISE ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Umpire, DAVID WRIGHT.

First peal double-handed by the ringer of 1-2, and first with two bob bells by the ringer of 3-4.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER ... 5-6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE ... 3-4	THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: S. RADFORD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. NICOLAS CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

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.

Umpire, S. RADFORD.

Witness, R. WOOD.

This peal was specially arranged and rung as a leap year birthday compliment to Mrs. Willshire. Composition No. 3 on J. Carter's Broadsheet.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. F. CROSS, 39, WINTER ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 1—2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5—6
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL 3—4	FREDK. J. CROSS 7—8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE CROSS.

Umpire: BERTIE FRY.

First peal on handbells by all and rung at the second attempt. At the first attempt about 1900 changes were rung. The average age of the ringers is 19½ years.

There was only one 720 of Kent Treble Bob in the peal of Minor rung on handbells at Bourne, on February 18.

YORKSHIRE'S HEAVIEST EIGHT.

The monthly meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held on Saturday last, at the Parish Church of St. George, Doncaster, and proved to be one of the most successful held there for some years.

The church is a magnificent building, both inside and out, and is well worth a visit. The tower, which is of massive proportions, reaches a height of about 170 feet, the ringing chamber being situated over 100 feet above the ground level. The bells (tenor about 30 cwt.), are the heaviest ring of eight in Yorkshire. They were designed by the late Lord Grimethorpe, being cast to proportions settled on by himself, and the tone and "go" of the peal is excellent.

About 30 ringers were present at the meeting from Arksey, Askern, Doncaster, Goole, Ranmoor, Retford, and Worksop. The bells were raised about 4 p.m., and were kept going almost continuously till 8 p.m. Some good striking was heard, the methods rung including Bob Minor, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major.

A short business meeting was held in the tower, Mr. G. Halksworth (vice-president) presiding.—A hearty vote of thanks to Canon Sandford for granting the use of the bells, and to the local company for making all preparations, was carried unanimously.—Mr. G. Halksworth briefly replied.

BENEVOLENT FUND PROPOSAL.

THE KENT SECRETARY'S SCHEME.

The quarterly meeting of the Ashford Division was held at Tenterden on Wednesday in last week. Nearly forty members attended from Appledore, Ashford, Biddenden, Faversham, Hawkhurst, High Halden, Rolvenden, Rye, Smarden, Stone-in-Oxney, Tunbridge Wells, and the local tower. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major were successfully brought round in the afternoon, and at five o'clock a service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Babington), was held in the church, Mr. P. Ward, one of the Rolvenden ringers, and organist at Rolvenden Church, presiding at the organ.

Service over, the company adjourned to Goldsmith's Temperance Hotel, and sat down to an excellent meat tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, who presided.—Mr. C. W. Player voiced the thanks of the company to the reverend gentleman for his kind hospitality, the use of the bells, and for arranging the service.—The Vicar, in response, extended a hearty welcome to the visitors. He offered a few words of congratulation to them on their ringing that afternoon. He was sorry he could not stay to their business meeting, as he had another service to attend, Lent being a very busy time.

Mr. A. Allen, of Tenterden, was unanimously elected chairman, and the following ringers were elected members of the Association: Messrs.

G. Woodgate, W. Milton, H. Hawkins, senr., H. Hawkins, junr., W. Hawkins, and S. Read, of High Halden; W. Holmes and R. Medhurst (Cheriton), W. Bottle and C. Ledger (Headcorn), W. J. Prebble (Hythe), N. E. Hope (Folkestone), A. Allen (Tenterden), W. Wenham (Stone-in-Oxney), F. Underdown (Rolvenden), and R. Waterman (Biddenden). The Rev. B. W. Gilpin, of High Halden, was elected an hon. member.

THE SCHEME OUTLINED.

The meeting then considered the proposed Benevolent Fund for the Association, outlined by the general secretary, the Rev. F. J. O. Holmore, of Canterbury, and which the reverend gentleman anticipates bringing forward at the next annual meeting of the Association.

The Divisional Secretary (Mr. C. Tribe) said the Rev. Holmore was desirous that they should answer the following questions: (1) Was the formation of a Benevolent Fund desirable? (2) If founded, by what means would the necessary contributions be supplied? (3) What persons would be eligible for relief, and who would consider their applications? (4) By what form and to what extent would relief be given? From the secretary's letter it appeared that the finances of the Association at present are in a very flourishing condition, and he thought, in order to work the scheme, the members' annual subscription need not be increased. They still pay 2s. each year, a penny, twopence, or threepence of that as might be arranged, being set aside for the benevolent fund. By taking the membership at 900, and by fixing it at 3d. annually, £11 5s. would be paid in each year. In addition to that, he proposed to deduct 6d. off each honorary member's contribution, which would add a further £2 6s. 6d. to the fund. The offertories at the service at the annual meetings could also be devoted to the object, and they would no doubt find generous supporters making special gifts from time to time. He thought a scheme, established on this basis, would produce an annual income of £15. That was without taking into consideration any interest accruing from the Post Office Savings Bank. He hoped they would discuss the matter, and make any suggestions they deemed necessary.

The members unanimously decided, without the slightest hesitation, that a benevolent fund was essential.

As to the second question, it was unanimously agreed that twopence be deducted from each members' contribution. It was thought that sum would be sufficient.

The third point, the management of the fund, was easily dealt with. It was resolved that a committee be appointed for each division of the Association, and one delegate be elected from each tower in union with the society.

The last question, as to the extent of the relief to be given was not settled upon, the members thinking it best to leave it over until the annual meeting, when members from all parts of the county would assemble, and some solution would, no doubt, be arrived at, in that matter.

It was thought advisable to hold a bye-meeting before the next quarterly assembly, and the members agreed to meet, in conjunction with the Romney Marsh and District Guild, at Bethersden on the last Saturday in March.

This concluded the business.

The tower was again visited, Grandsire and Stedman Triples being rung.

MR. C. T. COLES' 150 PEALS.

The peal at Cubitt Town on Monday, was Mr. C. T. Coles' 150th peal, his total being made up as follows: Grandsire Triples, 4; Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 38, conducted, 2; Caters, 25, conducted, 1; Cinques, 6; Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Double Norwich, 4; Superlative Surprise, 39, conducted, 3; London, 9; Bristol, 16; Cambridge Royal, 6; total, 150, conducted, 6.

CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Feb. 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 52 mins.: G. Preston 1, Miss C. Sparshott 2, G. Stone 3, G. Plummer 4, V. Street 5, A. Wooff 6, W. G. Fowler (conductor) 7, H. Bagshott 8.

EDINBURGH.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Sunday, Feb. 18th, for Divine service, in the evening, 1331 Grandsire Caters, in 57 mins.: W. R. Fyfe 1, *J. Stannard 2, F. A. Holden (composer and conductor) 3, D. McKillop 4, R. Whitson 6, A. Collinson 6, W. B. Samson 7, J. McCracken 8, J. R. Robertson 9, *J. Whitson 10. *First quarter-peal. †First with a working bell.

AUGHTON.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—At Christ Church, on Monday, Feb. 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins., tenor covering: C. Sharples 1, J. Sholicar (1st 720) 2, J. Taylor (1st 720) 3, W. Rimmer 4, J. R. Park 5, J. Gardner (conductor) 6, W. Gibbons 8.

HOLLOWAY.—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. Hart 1, G. Thurloe 2, P. F. Hughes 3, G. Charge 4, H. Ranzetta 5, J. Cornford 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, F. Horwood 8.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—Oxford Guild.—On Feb. 8th, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor: J. White 1, J. Mason 2, G. Fry, junr., 3, E. Milam 4, G. Fry, senr., 5, W. Goddard (conductor) 6. First in the method by all the band.

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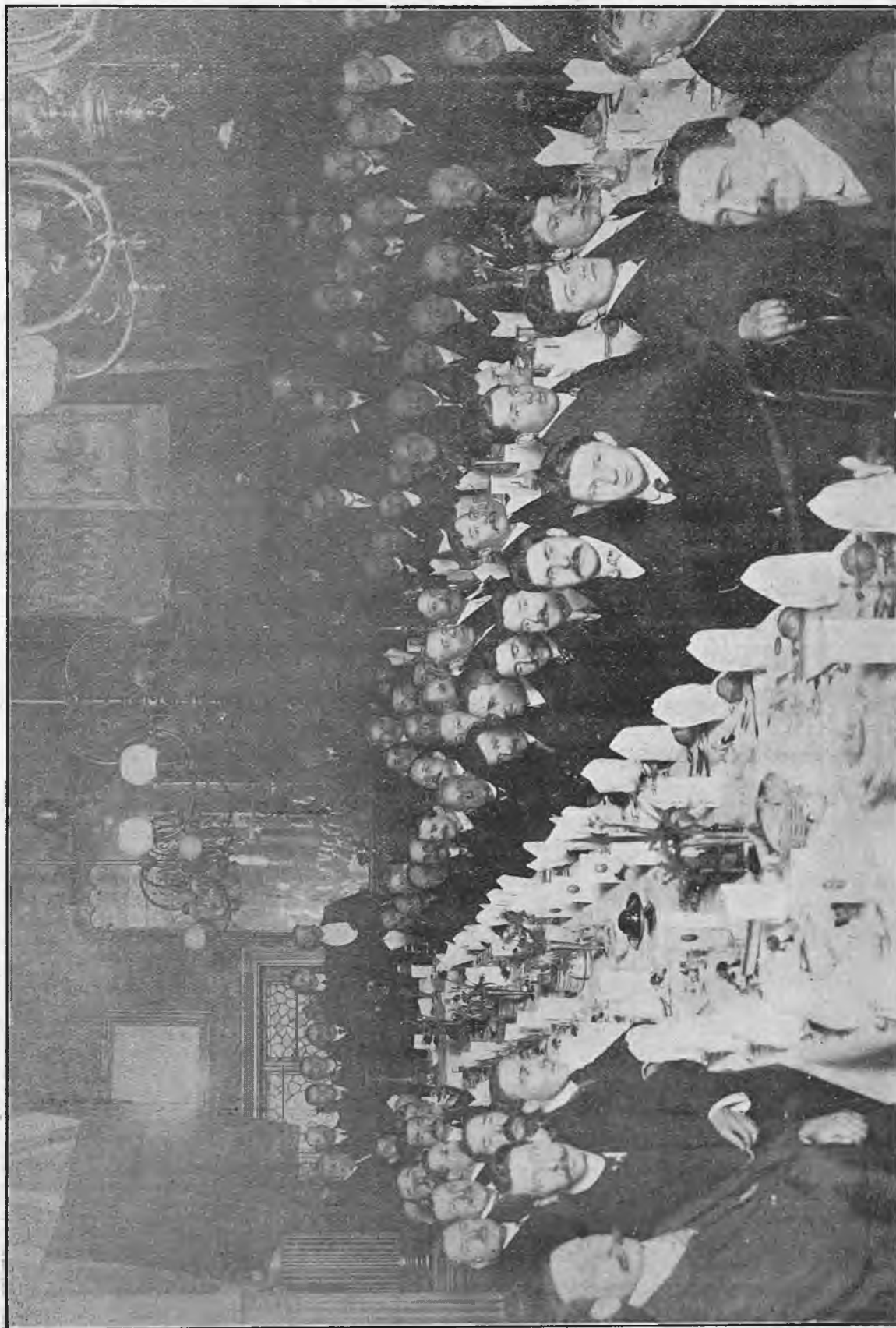


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The other remarkable product is Mr. Harry Withers, the man who, without having seen the figures of the peal, took down correctly all the course ends of the record peal of London Surprise, and who "called" a peal of Superlative while standing outside the tower and pressing an electric button which rang a bell up in the ringing chamber when the bobs had to be made. It is not to his extraordinarily keen ear, however, that we would now refer.

More remarkable than all is his ability to tap changes on his dulcimer. Many people can manage a plain course on the piano in some method or other, but Mr. Withers does not stop at plain courses, although he is able to oblige with anything from Grandsire Doubles to Stedman Cinques, or Bob Major to London Surprise. He taps Stedman Triples perfectly while someone else calls the bobs, and we shall never be surprised to hear that he has tapped the full 5040 in the presence of accredited witnesses. He is a second Elijah Roberts.

Mr. Albert Coles, a well known member of the Middlesex Association, has joined the Northampton Borough Police Force, and should prove a valuable addition to the ringing ranks in that town, as well as to those of the guardians of the peace.

The bells of St. Ann's Church, Denton, Manchester, are to be rehung by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London.

For the first time, we believe, a peal has been rung upon church bells in which husband and wife have taken part, and this distinction has fallen to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whittington, of Cranleigh, Surrey. Hitherto the only instance of husband and wife ringing in a peal together has been the handbell peals rung by Mr. and Mrs. George Williams.

There had been three previous attempts for the peal at Cranleigh, and more than half was rung each time. In order to take part in one of these attempts Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, who are enthusiastic cyclists, rode a tandem from Eastbourne. This is a good performance for a lady, a 55 miles' cycle ride followed by 2½ hours' ringing.

The Llanbradach (Glam) young band, which was formed last year when the new ring of eight was fixed, are making good progress. On Saturday they rung several courses of Grandsire Triples splendidly, and are developing into a good band.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, who was a personal friend of the late Henry Johnson, writes congratulating us upon the picture of the veteran which accompanied our report of the commemoration dinner. It is, he says, the best portrait of the famous old ringer, that has ever been published.

At Llandenny, Monmouthshire, the new Vicar is endeavouring to teach a baud change ringing, with a view to chiming changes on the church bells which have not been rung for many years, and which are now unringable. Lack of funds prevent the rehanging for the present.

The question of adding two more trebles to the existing eight in Llandaff Cathedral is being considered.

Mr. Bert Prewett has been forwarding the cause of ringing by giving a lecture on the Art to an audience at Bushey. He gave an interesting history of bells, particularly in their relation to change ringing, explained how they were rung and enlightened his hearers upon the methods by which changes were produced. A series of lantern slides added interest to the lecture, and by this means Mr. Prewett showed the difference between a plain course of Original Doubles and one of London Surprise Major.

Our reference last week to the "pancake bell" at Mortlake, brings us a card from Mr. H. W. Fussell, of Dursley, Glos, saying that the "pancake bells" have been rung at Dursley from time immemorial. Two bells are used, the 5th and 8th, and they ring first 5--8, for "pan on," and 8--5 for "pan off." At Morpeth Watch Tower, too, the "pancake bell" is rung from 11 to 11.15 a.m. on Shrove Tuesdays.

The photograph of the company at the Johnson Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham on Saturday week, from which our picture is produced, was taken by Mr. Arthur Palmer, of 194, Grange Road, Small Heath, Birmingham, and copies are obtainable from him.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of the Fulham Society took place at Fulham on Saturday last. In the afternoon the fine peal of ten at All Saints' Church were placed at the disposal of the members, and several touches were rung. Afterwards the company sat down to tea, which was kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. W. C. Muiel), who presided, and expressed his pleasure at meeting the ringers once again. He was, he said, sorry that he was not able to meet them in the tower, but at the same time he rejoiced in the fact that once a year the ringers were his guests. At the business meeting, which followed, the Hon. Secretary read the annual report, which showed that four peals had been rung during the year, one of Grandsire Triples, and one of Double Norwich on tower bells, and one each of Stedman Cinques and Grandsire Caters on handbells. The latter peal was rung at the Crystal Palace, and was the "century" peal by the Society. After the balance sheet had been adopted, some alterations to rules were discussed, and it was resolved to have a small booklet printed, containing the rules as amended.—Six new hon. members were elected, including Miss Elsie Bennett, of New Cross.—The election of officers resulted as follows: Master, Mr. J. W. Driver; secretary, Mr. Knights; treasurer, Mr. W. J. Troughton; steward, Mr. Harvey, senr.; trustees, Messrs. A. Jones and L. Attwater.

In concluding the business, the Chairman expressed a hope that the Society would try and keep up the reputation it had justly earned in the past, for they had a fine peal of bells to ring on; in fact it was a peal that any Society could be justly proud of.—Some more touches on the bells brought the evening to a close.

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EIGHT BELLS FOR BIGGLESWADE.

GENEROUS GIFTS PROMISED.

A proposal has been adopted to increase the ring of five bells at Biggleswade Parish Church to eight, erected in a new frame, and to renovate the clock and add the Westminster chimes. The subject was discussed at a public meeting last week, when the following resolution was unanimously carried: "That this public meeting authorises and requests the committee to take steps for the collection of subscriptions for the recasting of the present five bells in the parish church tower, and for the addition of three other bells, and also for the renovation of the parish church clock."—The chairman of the meeting (Mr. W. F. A. Fletcher) explained that a preliminary committee had been formed, and this would no doubt be added to, of the churchwardens and Messrs. H. Chaundler, C. Soundy, F. C. Kitchiner, F. Blood, and himself. Another gentleman who was interested in the matter was the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Rector of Dunstable, who was an expert campanologist. The history of the Biggleswade bells was somewhat obscure, and a great deal of it was surmised. It was believed that the four bells, leaving out the tenor bell, were cast in 1721, and it is probable they were hung the same year, and that they had hung there ever since. The Church tower was burnt down in 1720, and so they had strong circumstantial evidence that when the Church tower was rebuilt the next year the bells were also hung. The tenor bell was cast by Taylor and Co., of St. Neots, in 1865, and that name was familiar to anyone connected with bells, as they were the firm responsible for the bell known as "Great Paul." The other four bells were inscribed, "John Russell, of Wootton, made me in 1721, A.D."

The Vicar and churchwardens had sought expert opinion on the matter of their renovation, and had two firms' advice. The gist of the two reports was that the bells were in about as bad a condition as they could be, and they had cause to congratulate themselves that no accidents had so far occurred. The first idea was that the five bells should be re-cast, and another bell added, thus making a ring of six, but it had since been suggested that the bells should be re-cast, and three more added, thus making a full octave (applause). So far as the money went, in order to make a new frame-work and re-cast the present five bells, and add three new ones, the cost would be about £350. Then there was the question of the clock, the repair of which was also a necessity, and this would cost from £17 to £20. The difference between the six bells proposal and the eight bells would be about £75, and it seemed a pity when they had the opportunity to have a full octave and a really good peal, that they should let it slip for the sake of that small sum (applause). Assuming they were "going the

whole hog," they would want, roughly, £370. Mrs. Sarrel had generously promised £100 (applause), as a memento to the late Mrs. Barnett, the condition being that one of the bells should be inscribed as a memorial. The members of the family of the late Mr. Charles Lindsell had also promised to become responsible for one bell (applause), at a cost of £35 to £40, on the same conditions. In addition, Mr. H. M. Lindsell had contributed ten guineas, and a similar sum had been offered by Mr. H. Franklin and family (applause). Another £10 10s. had also been promised. They had, therefore, toward the fund, £166 10s. 6d. It was proposed to have a house-to-house collection, and he hoped people who could afford it would contribute handsomely, and that others would contribute their shillings (applause).

The Vicar and others spoke in support of the scheme, which, as mentioned above, was adopted.

THE RUGBY COMPANY.

At the seventeenth annual meeting of the Rugby Parish Church company, Mr. Fenton, senr., was re-elected Ringing Master, and Mr. Hessian, Deputy Ringing Master. Mr. H. O. White was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and was accorded a vote of thanks for his past services. Messrs. Malins, Watson and Chandler were re-elected as the committee, and Mr. Hessian was re-appointed hon. auditor. The following was added to the rules: "Should any member, through prolonged sickness, excessive Sunday duty, or other reasonable cause, be unable to make the necessary number of attendances, he may, at the discretion of the committee, be allowed a sufficient number of marks to enable him to take part in the distribution of the Society's annual grant."—On the motion of Mr. Over, seconded by Mr. Brooke, the churchwarden, a vote of thanks was accorded the officers and ringing members for their loyal services to the Church.—A vote of thanks was also accorded to the Rev. H. C. Wanstall for presiding over the meeting.

The St. Andrew's Society of Change Ringers, together with the Cambridge Street and Wood Street Mission Choirs, were entertained to supper by the Rector (Canon A. V. Baillie, M.A., R.D.) and the Hon. Mrs. Baillie, in the Wood Street Mission Room. Owing to a slight accident, the Rector was unable to be present. After supper the loyal toast was honoured, and then the handbells were brought into play by Messrs. J. A. Fenton, junr., W. Malins, J. W. Chandler, A. J. Hessian, and H. O. White. Needless to say, the tune playing, "four in hand," was quite a novelty (and also hard work for the hands), and great credit is due to the progress made by Messrs. Fenton, junr., Malins and Chandler. This was their first appearance in public, and they have only been practising three weeks.

THE SYSTEMATIC USE OF BELLS.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I observe that in your article on the Henry Johnson commemoration, you emphasise the advice given on that occasion as to the need for moderation on the part of ringers in crowded centres.

Permit me to suggest that in these cases there is more need than ever of such a systematic use of church bells as has been advocated in your columns. When peals or lengthy touches are rung, it should always be on one of the great Festivals, or the Eve thereof, or on such occasion of rejoicing as the King's Birthday. And the ringing at these times, as well as on Sundays and Holy Days and their Vigils, while it may be limited to short touches, should be carried out with scrupulous regularity.

To some people of unaccountable temperament the sound of bells is always distasteful, especially close at hand, but it is far less irritating to them to hear them rung for proper and self-evident purposes, than suddenly to hear them break out and continue ringing three hours or more for no reason apparent to anyone but the ringers themselves, or rung even on Sundays and Festivals in such a casual and irregular manner as to render their use practically meaningless.—Yours truly,
F. L. E.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED.**CHESTER-LE-STREET GUILD.**

The members of the Chester-le-Street Guild spent a very pleasant evening, on the occasion of their annual supper, which took place at the Joiner's Arms, Mr. J. R. Clark, the host, serving a most sumptuous repast. The Vicar (the Rev. A. B. De Moleynes) presided, supported by Mr. J. S. Manser (churchwarden), Mr. J. R. Keen (one of the vice-presidents of the Durham and Newcastle Association), Mr. A. Hillier (Newcastle), and Mr. J. Crawford (local hon. sec.). The toasts of "The King," "Our Guests," "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," and "The Subscribers," were enthusiastically honoured, many of the speeches being full of encouragement to the ringers. A most enjoyable musical programme was provided by Messrs. Arthur Ridley, T. F. Punshon, J. Davison, F. Watson, W. Brown, and J. Anderson. The thanks of the company are due to the subscribers who so kindly contributed the means of defraying the expenses, the artistes, and Mr. J. Young (the organist at the Parish Church), who is always ready to officiate as pianist. The enjoyable evening terminated with votes of thanks to the host and hostess, and to the Vicar for presiding.

CHRIST CHURCH, AUGHTON.

On Shrove Tuesday the ringers at Christ Church, Aughton, Lancs., were entertained to a knife and fork tea, at the Farmer's Arms, by Mr. Robert Foster, who some 20 years ago was himself one of the band. Prior to the meal, touches of Stedman Triples, followed by the rest of the standard methods, were rung, and the donor of the tea speedily showed that his hand had not lost its cunning, although for a space of 15 years he had not so much as pulled a bell. After tea, the captain of the tower (Mr. C. Sharples) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Foster for his generosity.—Mr. W. Bentham (hon. secretary to the Liverpool Diocesan Guild) seconded the motion, which was, needless to say, carried unanimously.—Mr. Foster suitably replied, and said it was the most enjoyable night he had ever spent, and hoped that it would become an annual affair.—The proceedings terminated at 11 p.m.

THE FIRST "LOCAL" PEAL OF ERIN.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The peal of Erin Triples rung by the Netherton company, and published in your last issue, is claimed to be the first peal in the method rung by a local band. This, however, is incorrect, as the first peal of Erin Triples for the Kent County Association, rung at St. Paulinus, Crayford, on Tuesday, October 24th, 1911, and published in the "Ringing World," November 3rd, was also by a local band. Perhaps we misled the Netherton company by omitting to state this fact in the footnote to the peal. The members of this band are also Church workers in other ways beside in the belfry, as will be seen by the following: Treble, W. Fletcher, assistant organ blower; 2nd, Reginald Brough, chorister and Sunday School teacher; 3rd, George Povey, chorister; 4th, Edward Audsley, chorister; 5th, Percy E. Bex, sidesman; 6th, Edwin Barnett, junr., chorister; 7th, Edwin Barnett, senr., parish clerk and sexton; tenor, William Floyd, chorister.

I think it would be rather interesting to hear if any other bands have scored peals with such staunch Churchmen taking part. Two or three years ago, while on their annual excursion, eight choristers from Crayford climbed the steps of a neighbouring tower, and rang several touches of Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. Barnett, senr.—Yours sincerely,
Crayford.

A. R. BROUGH.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

The monthly combined practice for the Sonning branch was held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on Saturday last. Members were present from Binfield, Wokingham (All Saints'), Hurst, Easthampstead, Sandhurst, and Yateley. Some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob, Forward and Kent Treble Bob Major, were rung.

LANCASHIRE MEETINGS.**BLACKBURN BRANCH.**

A meeting of the Blackburn branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Padilam last Saturday, when a large number of ringers from Blackburn, Colne, and Burnley, met at St. Leonard's Church, where ringing was indulged in for about two hours in the afternoon. After tea, Mr. Wm. Heaton (branch president) occupied the chair at the meeting.—On the motion of Mr. T. Redman, a vote of condolence was passed to Mrs. Ridyard and her family, in the death of Mr. Richard Ridyard.—It was proposed to hold the next branch meeting at the Holy Trinity, Burnley, on Saturday, March 30th.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and also to the ringers for having the bells in good order.—After the meeting, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, were rung.

PRESTON BRANCH.

A meeting, for practice, was held at Samlesbury, on Saturday last, but owing to the wretched weather there was only a small attendance. The bells, however, were well utilised from 3.30 to 7.30, the methods rung being Bob Minor and Major, Kent Minor and Major, Stedman Doubles and Triples. The towers represented were: Brindle, Chorley St. Mary's, Walton-le-dale, Leyland Parish, Whittle-le-Woods, and the local men. The quarterly meeting will be held at Eccleston, in April.

HELPING BEGINNERS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your article re helping the beginners is interesting one or two of us here. Two of us, in conjunction with our Vicar (who is used to call changes only) have set out to raise a set of change ringers. We got about half-a-dozen men together, and, after great difficulty, owing to the "stand-offishness" of the old ringers (call changers) got them to raise a bell and ring rounds. As the next move, we purchased a set of handbells to practice method ringing. Then came our difficulties. The tenor man said, "I'm not going to bother getting this lot in my brain." He wants the cards in front of him. Another man said he could do the change ringing if he had a paper to follow. To meet this we have thought of inviting one or two young ladies to join us. If we get a set made up, we should like a good instructor. How have we to go about this?

We are a long way from any change ringers, and as yet we belong to no Association. Could you tell us how to join an Association—have we to do a certain amount of ringing to gain admission? If this should meet the eye of any change ringer who is likely to come to this district, which is near Malton, I wonder if, in mercy, he would come to our rescue. Wishing your paper, which we young "Rope-sighters" read with interest, every success.—Yours sincerely,

Illovington, Yorks.

PERCY KIDD.

[In reply to our correspondent's two questions, we suggest his first step should be to write either to the Secretary of the Yorkshire Association (Mr. C. Glenn, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield), or to the Secretary of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association (Mr. T. Metcalfe, 26, High Street, North Ormesby), whichever Association covers his particular district.—Ed.]

A REPLY.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Will you please kindly allow me a little space in which to disagree with a statement in Mr. Ludkin's letter, concerning helping beginners. He says he thinks that throughout the whole Exercise legislation that will assist those who are more or less beginners is sadly neglected. Now, anyone who reads "The Ringing World" each week, carefully, must know, by the reports of the monthly meetings, combined practices, etc., of the various Guilds, that such is not the case. Of course, with ringing, as with everything else, the man is most successful, who perseveres and tries to help himself. Almost all ringers are only too pleased to help a youngster, when they find he is keenly interested, and works at it with pencil and paper at home, as well as when he is in the tower at practice. Concerning the recording of peals of Minor, in an Association's peal book, I should think the ringing of the various Minor methods was the important part to the ringers concerned, as if persevered with a peal in seven Minor methods would ultimately be the result.

Iver Heath, Uxbridge.

G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: E. J. Green 1, Harry Collis 2, W. Reeves 3, J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 4, W. Coster 5, C. Green 6, J. C. Truss 7, E. Horns 8.

TAUNTON.—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, in 45 mins., at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Maddock 1, J. Matthews 2, H. J. Foote 3, W. S. Dobbs 4, T. Doble 5, W. Evans 6, E. E. Burgess (conductor) 7, W. Tarr 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BARLEY.—Herts Association. — On Thursday, Feb. 1st, 2160 Doubles (1560 Grandsire, 360 Canterbury, 120 Morning Star, 120 Dream): D. Hales 1, H. Howard 2, H. Slater 3, N. Hayes (longest touch away from treble) 4, W. Mansfield 5. Grandsire and Canterbury conducted by W. Mansfield; Morning Star and Dream by H. Howard.

ASTON MANOR.—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, at the Parish Church, after morning service, 1277 Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins.: A. Jones (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Scrivens 2, J. Jones 3, W. Webb 4, H. Jones 5, J. Hopkin 6, J. Perry 7, W. G. Ellis (composer and conductor) 8, F. Bennett 9, W. Davis 10.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Davies 1, J. Jones 2, H. Jones 3, J. Hopkin 4, A. Jones 5, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 6, F. Bennett 7, C. Allen 8.—After evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Corrigan 2, others as before, F. Bennett, conductor.

BATH.—The Bath and Wells Association.—At St. Mary's Church, Bathwick, on Sunday, Jan. 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. R. E. Waterson 1, J. Odey 2, A. E. Seers 3, T. Hogsflesh 4, H. E. Lewis 5, C. Densley 6, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, N. Davis 8.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, on the occasion of the Patronal and Dedication festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: E. Alexander 1, J. Odey 2, A. E. Alexander 3, A. E. Seers 4, T. Hogsflesh 5, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 6, C. Densley 7, N. Davis 8.—On Feb. 6th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: W. H. Seers 1, J. H. Odey 2, H. E. Lewis 3, A. E. Alexander 4, A. E. Seers (composer and conductor) 5, C. Densley 6, R. J. Cousins 7, R. Whatley 8. The composition is now rung for the first time.

BLEWBURY.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Jan. 24th, two 168's Stedman Triples: W. Webb 1, T. East (conductor) 2, F. James 3, Joe Napper 4, C. Gregory 5, R. James 6, Jim Napper 7, G. Welch 8. Also 168, with M. Caudwell and H. Bishop ringing. First 168 on tower bells by all except the conductor.—On January 26th, for practice, two 168's Stedman Triples, in which G. Rice (first 168) took part.

BELTON, RUTLAND.—On Jan. 25th, an attempt for a peal of Minor, as a birthday compliment to the conductor, came to grief near the end of the second 720 of Oxford Bob, through a mis-call: J. Grocock 1, C. Reeve 2, F. Bindley 3, S. Atkin 4, J. J. Jackson (conductor) 5, A. Jarman 6. Later in the evening, the same band had the satisfaction of scoring the first 720 of Kent Treble Bob ever rung by a local band in the county of Rutland. Except the conductor, all the band are "new hands," having had barely five months' training, so their progress speaks for itself.

PORTMADOC.—The North Wales Association.—On Thursday, Jan. 25th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: E. Buckingham (first quarter-peal) 1, H. McMillan 2, S. Roberts 3, John Owen (conductor) 4, Eric Thomas 5, H. Wakefield 6, J. Parsons 7, J. P. Thomas 8. Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone by Lady Harlech of the new church at Borthygest, Portmadoc.

SHROPHAM.—Norwich Diocesan Association.—On Jan. 25th, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Doubles, consisting of three six-score of Grandsire and one six-score each of Stedman, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, by R. Allen 1, H. Allen 2, W. Allen 3, F. Shingfield 4, H. Mason (conductor) 5. First touch by all in four methods.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 26th, 720 Plain Bob: Miss B. Mitchell (first 720) 1, F. Denman 2, T. Adams 3, G. Lucas 4, J. Bowell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6. Also 120 Oxford Single, 240 Cambridge, and 120 each Violet and New London Pleasure.—On Sunday, Jan. 28th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Denman 1, T. Adams 2, R. Bowell 3, G. Lucas 4, J. Bowell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Jan. 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Saunders 1, H. Percival 2, G. Walker 3, P. Hadfield 4, J. Cadle (conductor) 5, G. Griffin 6, H. Powdrill 7, H. Cornford 8. Rung with the bells fully muffled, and tenor open at back stroke, as a last token of respect to the late Thomas Bailey, who was interred in Hugglescote Cemetery the same day. The muffled ringing was also continued on Sunday, January 28th. An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples on the Tuesday following came to grief, after ringing about an hour and a half: P. Hadfield 1, H. Percival 2, G. Walker 3, J. Cadle 4, G. Griffin 5, Rev. R. P. Farrow (conductor) 6, H. Powdrill 7, H. Cornford 8.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.—At the Parish Church, on Jan. 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: A. C. Limpus 1, F. G. Goddard 2, A. H. Winch 3, T. Beadle 4, W. New 5, A. Dean 6, W. T. Elson (composer and conductor) 7, G. Spencer 8. This quarter-peal was arranged for A. C. Limpus, who hails from Vancouver, B.C., Twickenham having been his former home. The band wish to thank the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.—The Lancashire Association. — On Jan. 27th, at a combined practice of Kendal and Ambleside ringers, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: R. Satterthwaite 1, E. L. Bennett 2, G. Whitlam 3, A. Newton 4, W. Atkinson (conductor) 5, T. F. Thwertson 6, J. Braithwaite 7, W. Fisher 8. Afterwards touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples were rung, with T. Haslam, C. Heap, L. Townley, R. Dennison and W. Robinson standing in.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 27th, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Bob Minor: G. Gatland 1, H. Stalham 2, T. Burtenshaw 3, J. Boyd 4, B. Challen 5, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 6. Also two 120's of Stedman Doubles. This was rung after meeting short for a peal of Bob Major.

EATTERSEA.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 27th, in memory of Mr. W. Ambrose, for 37 years steeple keep at St. Mary's, a muffled peal was attempted by local ringers: Messrs. Essery, Burton, Dean, Watkin, Reeve, Newman, Mance, and Pullen, but it unfortunately came to grief after 2½ hours' ringing.

EECCLES, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, Jan. 27th, 700 Grandsire Triples: H. Reynolds 1, H. Hopson 2, C. Parnell 3, W. H. Fussell (conductor) 4, F. Naunton 5, T. King 6, H. Ling 7, H. Goate 8. Also 378 Grandsire Caters: H. Goate 1, H. Hopson 2, H. Reynolds 3, W. H. Fussell 4, A. E. Mickleburgh 5, C. Parnell 6, F. Naunton 7, A. Spalding 8, H. Ling (conductor) 9, T. King 10. The ringer of the 2nd is in his 82nd year.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Saturday, Jan. 27th, at St. Alphege's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, H. Shepherd 2, A. Bragg 3, W. Meeks 4, G. Martineau 5, S. Bragg 6, J. Bragg 7, Sam Bragg 8, R. Bragg (conductor) 9, H. Foster 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, and tenor, and also by an entirely local band.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Jan. 28th, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: R. W. Green 1, E. G. Fenn 2, C. H. Hughes 3, E. Levitt (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, J. Milner 5, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 6, H. W. Hibbert 7, T. A. Askell 8.

HARROLD, BEDS.—On Sunday, Jan. 28th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. After service, another 720 (46 calls): H. Boston 1, F. G. Crouch 2, H. Gayton (conductor) 3, W. Stock 4, H. Robinson 5, G. Thew 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, Jan. 28th, for Divine service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 28 mins.: W. Payne 1, J. Rookwood 2, B. Wilson 3, C. Wing 4, F. Hunt 5, H. Shepherd 6, H. Walker 7, A. King (conductor) 8. Longest touch in the method on the bells by an entirely local band. On Saturday, Feb. 17th, a quarter-peal (1280 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 51 mins., by members of the Beds Association: W. Payne 1, H. Walker 2, B. Wilson 3, B. Jarman 4, F. Hunt 5, C. Wing 6, J. Rookwood 7, A. King (conductor) 8. Rung in honour of the safe return from India of their Majesties the King and Queen.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, 973 Stedman Caters: R. Coles 1, F. Hayes 2, G. Mute 3, F. Eggs 4, E. Markham 5, J. Gransbury 6, G. F. Williams 7, J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 8, B. Page 9, W. Hoing 10.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: J. Herbert 1, A. Hubbard 2, M. Honeyball 3, H. Cook 4, C. Hunt 5, T. Bolton 6, W. T. Elson (composer and conductor) 7, H. Whanslaw 8.—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: C. Colles, junr., 1, J. Kent 2, S. Jones 3, W. Honeyball 4, G. W. Honeyball 5, T. Bolton 6, J. Herbert (conductor) 7, H. Whanslaw 8.

EWHRST, SURREY.—On Friday, Feb. 9th, 240 each of Grandsire, Canterbury, and Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, Alfred Francis 2, W. Tidy 3, John Luff 4, R. Whittington 5, W. Denyer (conductor) 6. First 720 in three methods by all, except the ringer of 5th.

SOUTHSTOKE, OXON.—At the Parish Church, on Feb. 10th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: J. Bower 1, J. Smith 2, Miss E. O. Nind 3, W. Geall 4, W. Goodenough (conductor) 5. Great credit is due to the last three ringers, who are members of the local band, and who have recently been having instruction from J. Bower. It is believed to be the first 720 ever known to have been rung in which local ringers have taken part.—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, 480 in the same method, the ringers standing as above.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: *G. Chaplin 1, A. Chaplin 2, E. Hawkins 3, E. Butler 4, G. Playle 5, J. Dale 6, W. Watson (conductor) 7, *C. Barlow 8. * First quarter-peal.

DEVONPORT.—On Feb. 10th, at the Dockyard Chapel, 720 Bob Minor: W. Ford 1, W. Hornbrook 2, *E. W. Marsh (conductor) 3, W. Rundie 4, W. Richards 5, J. Woodley 6. * First 720 with bob bell.

PULSEY, YORKS.—At St. Lawrence's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 11th, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: E. Hoyle 1, R. C. Mathers 2, J. W. T. Place 3, W. F. Thorpe 4, J. Smith 5, E. Mann (conductor) 6.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, for evening service, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: V. Morgan (aged 14), first quarter-peal, 1, A. E. Morgan 2, J. Bullen 3, S. Jones 4, J. W. Jones 5, C. Greedy 6, F. Morgan (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, S. Baiss 8.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, at St. John's Church, for evening service, the ten different 120's Grandsire Doubles, with 4, 6, 8 covering: R. Fosdike 1, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 2, A. G. Bennington 3, C. Block 4, F. W. Richardson 5, W. Daynes 6, J. Law 7, C. H. Maeklin 8. This was the last ringing on bells before rehanging, by Mr. Bowell, of Ipswich.

NOTICES.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells ready at 6.—Walter Hughes, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Haslingden, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Branch Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, March 9th, at SS. Peter and Paul, Mitcham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at the Queen's Head at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited.—Frank A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Kendal, on Saturday, March 9th, 1912. The Parish Church bells (10) available from 3 p.m., meeting in the School at 5 p.m.—William Robinson, Branch Secretary, Thom Fold, Smithy Brow, Ambleside.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The bells of St. Andrew, Bishop Auckland, will be reopened on Wednesday, the 13th March, at 3 p.m. All members are invited, and tea will be provided for those intimating their intention of being present to Mr. Pallister, Eryholme, Cockton Hill, Bishop Auckland, by the 11th.—Chas. Todd, Hon. Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Borden, near Sittingbourne, on Saturday, March 16th, 1912. Bells available from 3 p.m. Half rail fares up to 2/- allowed at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due. It is hoped that all members who possibly can, will attend to discuss the proposed Benevolent Fund.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, on Saturday, March 16th. The tower will be open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. at 6d. per head for those who notify me not later than the 14th inst.—William H. Hotten, Hon. Sec., 42, Thornhill Road, Barnsbury, N.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, March 16th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. There will be a committee meeting on the same day.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton, on Saturday, March 16th, 1912. Meeting at the Lamb Hotel, at 3.30 p.m., tea to follow. Service in the Parish Church, at 6 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at

St. John's, Hackney, on March 19th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 14th and 28th; at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 19th; and Southwark Cathedral on the 26th. St. Magnus 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings at 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

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. F. W. A. Wilkinson), at Heston, on Saturday, March 23rd. Ringing from 3.30. Tea will be provided free in the Church Room at 6 o'clock.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield, Gorton, on March 23rd. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Cheltenham on Easter Monday. Notice has been given of a resolution affecting the latter part of Rule 1 (re Central Council).—W. A. Cave, Honorary Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, April 13th. The sermon will be preached by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Willesden. Full particulars will be announced later.—C. T. Coles, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretaries.

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LEEDS SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Armley, on Saturday. At the business meeting, held in the evening, at the White Horse Hotel, the President (Mr. P. J. Johnson) occupied the chair, supported by members from Leeds, Holbeck, Bramley, Tong, Pudsey, Mirfield, Guiseley, and the local band. The retiring officers were individually nominated for re-election, and Mr. P. J. Johnson was nominated as Central Council representative. Messrs. J. W. Baxendale and F. Gaunt were elected as auditors.—It was decided to leave the arrangements for a peal attempt at Hunslet on March 30th, in the hands of Mr. P. J. Johnson.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Armley, and to the local band, was proposed by Mr. J. W. Holgate, seconded by Mr. G. Bolland, and carried unanimously.—Mr. J. Thackray responded, and the meeting then closed.

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Mr. Ernest F. Poppy, of Eye, Suffolk, wishes to state that the amount sent by him was from the Eye ringers.

Mrs. A. W. Reeves wishes, through "The Ringing World," to thank all those who so kindly contributed to the above fund, which has and will be such substantial help to her in her bereavement. The fund is now closed, and Mr. A. W. Osborne, the hon secretary, wishes to thank one and all for the hearty response to his appeal.

DAGENHAM.—At SS. Peter and Paul's, on Sunday, Feb. 4th, after evening service, a quarer-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes): D. Chaplin 1, A. Chaplin 2, E. Hawkins 3, E. Butler 4, G. Playle (conductor) 5, F. Freestone 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Fife.

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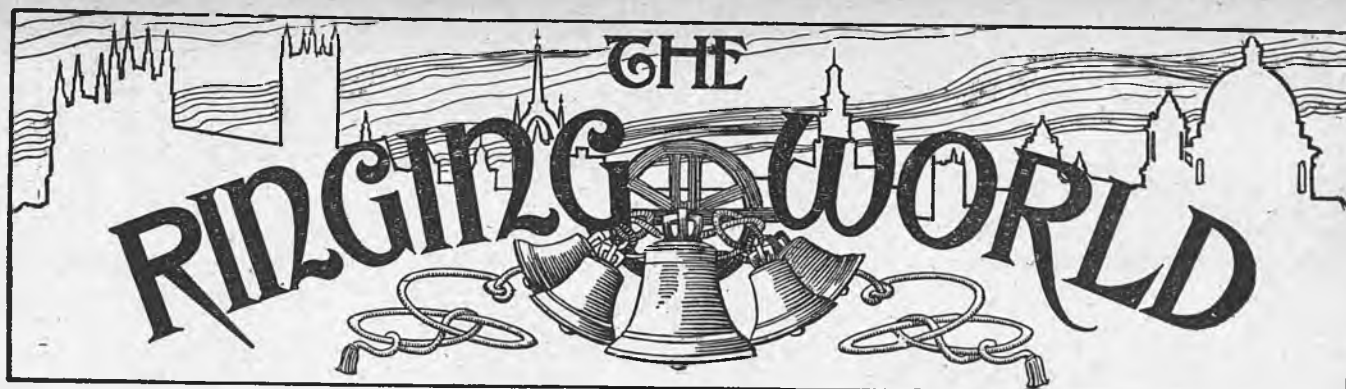
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With this number "The Ringing World" completes its first year, and we think we may be pardoned under the circumstances if, for a moment, we dwell upon some of the thoughts to which this gives rise. Reaching the first milestone, as it were, in our career is naturally an occasion for taking a survey of the land over which we have travelled, and once more we must say how gratifying has been the support accorded us by the Exercise. The first year in the history of a publication is always a precarious one, because even when early promises are of roseate hue, expectations are not always fulfilled, for when the novelty wears off there is a slackening of interest which is reflected in the support that is given by the public. Happily this has not been the experience of "The Ringing World."

Since our first number was launched we have never looked back. "The Ringing World" has, we believe, appealed to a wider public than its predecessors, partly, perhaps, because of the increasing interest in the Art, and partly, we believe we may flatter ourselves, by the wider scope of the matter which appears in our columns. The paper has stimulated the desire of ringers to have prompt news of the doings of importance in the campanological world, and our efforts in this respect have been rewarded by a steadily increasing support. From the outset it has been our aim, while giving first consideration to the requirements of the Exercise and endeavouring to provide for it as it deserved, to establish "The Ringing World" upon a sound commercial basis, which can be the only lasting foundation. To run such a journal as a philanthropic undertaking, by giving greater value than the return warranted, is to foredoom it to inevitable failure. We have ample proof that in taking the practical line which we have adopted, we have the whole of the thinking members of the Exercise at our back.

"The Ringing World" is out of its swaddling clothes; it is a sturdy youngster now well able to run alone. Despite what happened at the Central Council meeting last year a speedy recognition of the position of this paper in the Exercise took place, and the rejected request for equal treatment quickly gave way to a realisation, among those chiefly concerned, that "The Ringing World" could not be ignored. The rapid rise of this journal in popular favour made this recognition inevitable, and if it is necessary to discuss the matter when the new Council meets in London at Whitsun there is no reason for supposing that it will be received in any but an amicable spirit. On this question, however, there will be opportunities for saying more later on. All that we will add now with regard to our first year is that it has been for "The Ringing World" a year of success, and we feel that there has been "something attempted, something done."

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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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Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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On Saturday, March 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANCES;

Tenor 33 cwt., in C.

THOMAS RUSSAM... ..	... Treble	EDMUND J. HYLAND... ..	7
PERCY O. LAFLIN	2	ALBERT WALKER	8
CHARLES DICKENS	3	JOHN NEAL... ..	9
HERBERT KNIGHT	4	SAMUEL GROVE... ..	10
THOMAS MILLER	5	JAMES E. GROVES	11
ALF. PADDON SMITH... ..	6	SIDNEY J. JESSOP	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This peal has the extent with the 5th at home in the tittums, and 11 courses in the handstroke, with all the 5, 6, 7, 8's, the treble and 2nd's place bell throughout. A. Walker's 50th peal of Stedman Cinques and the conductor's 50th peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(ASTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

PERCY O. LAFLIN ... ..	... Treble	JAMES HOPKIN	6
JAMES JONES	2	JOHN JENNINGS	7
WILLIAM H. JONES	3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS	8
JOHN CORRIGAN	4	FRANK BENNETT	9
JOHN CARTER	5	WILLIAM DAVIES	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled for the late John Paulton, who was a member of the Aston Society and was much respected. The peal contains the 6th six times right and 24 times behind the 7th in the inverted tittums position, and 24 times at home for the hand-stroke home position.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE TOWN HALL, ALBERT SQUARE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 52 cwt.

*JOHN T. BOTTRILL ... ..	... Treble	TITUS BARLOW	6
*ISAAC SCHOFIELD	2	JOSEPH RIDYARD	7
*FRED PAGE	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	8
*GEORGE R. NEWTON	4	RICHARD NEWTON	9
†CHARLES PAGE	5	HARRY CHAPMAN	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by H. CHAPMAN.

! Rung as a birthday compliment to Police Sergt. William Cartwright, the genial conductor of the Town Hall Band; also to Mr. and Mrs. R. Newton, and to celebrate the completion of twenty-six years' service in the Manchester City Police by P.C. Richard Newton. Mr. C. Page hails from Stoke-on-Trent, and was elected a member of the Association previous to starting. Messrs. Bottrill and Chapman belong to Pendleton, Schofield to Oldham, F. Page and R. Newton to Town Hall, G. R. Newton and Davies to Liverpool, Barlow to Bolton, and Ridyard to Worsley. * First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. W. Davies' 100th peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 9, 1912, in Four Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 7000 CHANCES;

CHARLES BOWER... ..	... Treble	BENJAMIN GILL... ..	6
THOMAS JAKEMAN	2	SAMUEL BOOTH... ..	7
JAMES WOOD	3	ALBERT ADAMS... ..	8
JOSEPH MELLOR... ..	4	BENJAMIN THORP	9
SAMUEL WOOD	5	ARTHUR E. PEGLER... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HILLINGDON, WEST.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.

*THOMAS SMITH... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
EDGAR HANCOX... ..	2	JAMES BLACKMORE	6
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	3	HENRY H. CHANDLER	7
HENRY WAITE	4	PERCY E. JONES	Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. MOORHOUSE, and
Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

* First peal away from Tenor.

BENHILTON, SUTTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

FRANK FORD... ..	... Treble	ALBERT CALVER	5
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT	2	JAMES WARWICK	6
EDWARD MILES	3	ALFRED CLAYTON	7
WILLIAM H. JOINER	4	JOHN WEBB	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED CLAYTON.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, March 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

EDWARD ROBBINS ... ..	... Treble	WALTER ROBINSON	5
JESSE MOSS... ..	2	THOMAS RILEY	6
WILLIAM LAMBERT	3	GEORGE W. BEMROSE	7
THOMAS BETTISON	4	JOHN FLINT	Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGET, and
Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, March 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

COX'S COMPOSITION.

Tenor 17 cwt.

AMOS COOPER ... ..	... Treble	BERT HORTON	5
*EDWARD ROBERTS	2	ALFRED PLANT... ..	6
ALFRED J. WALLETER	3	EDWIN J. TYLER	7
THOMAS HILL	4	WILLIAM HILL... ..	Tenor

Conducted by B. HORTON.

* First peal.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.
THE LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, March 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs., in E flat.

HARRY PAGE ... ..	... Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN	5
GEORGE CROSS	2	GEORGE WINES... ..	6
JAMES CROSS	3	TOM PAGE	7
WILLIAM PAGE	4	SAMUEL WEAVER	Tenor

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss S. Page, sister of the conductor and ringers of treble and fourth.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Friday, March 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... Treble	JOSEPH MILNER ... 5
*ROBERT W. GREEN ... 2	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES ... 3	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 7
HAROLD P. BURTON ... 4	THOMAS WALKER ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal with a bob bell in any method.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble	*CHARLES J. EDWARDS ... 5
SYDNEY CARTER ... 2	BERTRAM PREWETT ... 6
*JOSEPH J. PRATT ... 3	*ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 7
HENRY C. CHANDLER ... 4	†ERNEST R. GLADMAN ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and
Conducted by ERNEST R. GLADMAN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conducted. Rung as a birthday compliment to Alan R. Macdonald.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

FREDERICK S. PRICE ... Treble	PERCIVAL PRICE ... 5
ALLAN R. HICKTON ... 2	RICHARD DRAGE ... 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 3	JOSEPH BAILEY ... 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN ... 4	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and the ringer of the 4th; also to celebrate the 21st birthday of the ringer of the 2nd.

GUISELEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM DIXON ... Treble	JOHN B. JACKSON ... 5
ALFRED HARDWICK ... 2	STANLEY WALKER ... 6
FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 3	CHRISTOPHER STEPHENSON ... 7
CHARLES E. WAITE ... 4	WILLIAM B. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble on attaining his 13th year. This was his first peal.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, MATFELON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
ARTHUR N. HARDY ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 3	WILLIAM SHIMMANS ... 7
WILLIAM BERRY ... 4	HARRY FLANDERS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, Senr. ... Treble	*FRANK COPEMAN ... 5
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 2	GEORGE HOWCHIN ... 6
ALFRED FUNNELL ... 3	JOHN ALDIS, Junr. ... 7
WILLIAM STEELE ... 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to B. J. Howchin, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE MANCHESTER AND BLACKBURN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, March 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

THOMAS WILSON ... Treble	*WALTER WATTS ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	JOHN WATSON ... 6
WILLIAM HENRY IDLE ... 3	WILLIAM EDWARD WILSON ... 7
WILLIAM HOLBROOK ... 4	ROBERT DAVIES ... Tenor

Conducted by W. E. WILSON.

* First peal. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY ... 5
WALTER G. ROWE ... 2	*CHARLES H. RUSSELL ... 6
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... 7
HENRY W. WILKES ... 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday peal to W. H. George; also to Mrs. Williams, mother of the conductor, who completed her 93rd year on the day previous.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

GEORGE WOODMAN ... Treble	JOHN COOK ... 5
JAMES BURDFIELD ... 2	WILLIAM STANFORD ... 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLMANN ... 3	ALFRED GREENFIELD ... 7
ARTHUR B. CORDEN ... 4	WESLEY PETTIFER ... Tenor

Composed by W. MATTHEWS, and
Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Monday, March 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

JOSEPH HANDS ... Treble	*HARRY TUCKER ... 5
*HUBERT HATTO ... 2	EDWIN J. MENDAY ... 6
CHARLES STONE ... 3	GEORGE ESSEX ... 7
ALBERT D. CULLUM ... 4	ERNEST W. MENDAY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by ERNEST W. MENDAY.

* First peal of London and first attempt.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Reverse Cambridge, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford
Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent, College Single, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLIE WATERS Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND ... 3	ALBERT J. DAY Tenor

Conducted by A. J. DAY.

This peal was rung on the 16th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which was also rung on Leap-Year day, the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, and tenor having taken part in it.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Reverse Cambridge, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford
Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent, College Single, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

HARRY JEWIS Treble	ALBERT J. DAY 4
CECIL C. BISHOP 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND ... 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Wells Lichfield, Worcester and Killamarsh Surprise, Violet, Woodbine and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt., in F.

*GEORGE E. LAWRENCE ... Treble	WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... 4
WILLIAM C. TAYLOR ... 2	ERNEST TIGWELL ... 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... 3	†FREDERICK T. DAWSON ... Tenor

Conducted by F. T. DAWSON.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. E. Tigwell hails from Biddulph. The Rector congratulated the band after the peal was rung.

WEST TARRING.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*C. GOLDRING Treble	E. H. LINDUP 4
*C. STREET 2	*I. FARMER 5
*H. TULETT 3	A. GROVES Tenor

Conducted by A. GROVES.

* First peal of Minor.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

FREDK. ROWLEDGE Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 4
FRANK ROLLINS 2	FRED. HOPPER 5
THOMAS LAW 3	FRED. WILFORD Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 8, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the "George the Fourth," Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1—2	*FRANK BENNETT 5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3—4	*FRANK I. HAIRS 7—8
†ALFRED W. GRIMES 9—10	

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire: EDWARD E. GRIMES.

* First peal of Caters on handbells. † First peal on handbells.
First handbell peal in the method by the Association.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
In the Belfry of St. Nicolas Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

CHARLES WILLSHIRE ... 1—2	MAURICE SMITHER 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 7—8
FRANK BLONDELL 9—10	

Composed by J. CARTER, and

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: S. RADFORD.

This Composition is No. 4 on the "Broadsheet."

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At Leyland, Queen's Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1—2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3—4	*FERRIS SHEPHERD, Senr. 7—8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire: FERRIS J. SHEPHERD.

* First peal in the method on handbells. This composition contains
the full extent of the 6th at home.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, March 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At 11, Fisher Road,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANCES;

JOHN THORPE 1—2	CLEMENT GLENN 5—6
GEORGE LEWIS 3—4	SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 7—8
R. WILFRED COLLIER ... 9—10	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire: JAMES EVINSON.

Owing to the mistake on the part of a correspondent a peal appeared
in our last issue as having been rung at Beckenham, whereas it was
rung at Eynsford, Kent.

PEAL CARDS.

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Ringers who visit ancient belfries have, no doubt, occasionally seen the quaint old rules which used to govern conduct in the tower. Sometimes these regulations have been put into verse. The "Northampton Herald" has just published a collection of these ancient rhymes in one of a series of articles on the lore of the church by Mr. John T. Page. The writer quotes first a specimen from St. Peter's Church, Bishops Waltham, Hants, dated 1737:—

"You ringers all who use this belfry,
Your hats throw off, your gloves lay by,
The stewards' fees you can't deny.
For if a bell you overthrow,
You shall pay twopence ere you go,
And if you take God's Name in vain,
You shall pay sixpence for your pain.
And if you shall a wager lay,
Or such a thing presume to say,
You shall for that a penny pay,
And when you come the bells to ring,
Drink soberly—God save the King."

* * *

At All Saints' Church, Hastings, there are these lines:

†

I.H.S.

This is a belfry that is free
For all those that civil be,
And if you please to chime or ring,
It is a very pleasant thing.
There is no music played or sung
Like unto bells when they well rung.
Then ring your bells well if you can,
Silence is best for every man,
But if you ring in spur or hat
Sixpence you pay, be sure of that,
And if a bell you overthrow,
Pray pay a groat before you go.

1756.

* * *

At Heene, in Sussex, there is a very enthusiastic band. The bells have just been rehung by Messrs. Warner and Sons, and the ringers have not waited for the bell hangers to get out of the tower before ringing a peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

MISTLEY.—Essex Association.—On Feb. 24th, at St. Mary's Church, a date touch of Plain Bob Minor (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 5 mins.: C. Honeywood 1, S. Souter 2, W. Harvey 3, J. Souter 4, F. Souter 5, W. Honeywood (conductor) 6. Also 360 of Plain Bob, with H. Saunders 3. Rung in honour of the birthday of Mrs. C. F. Norman, the wife of Canon C. F. Norman, of Mistley. On Sunday, Feb. 25th, 720 Double Court: W. Harvey 1, S. Souter 2, J. Souter 3, E. Eady 4, F. Souter 5, W. Honeywood (conductor) 6. Also 120 in the same method, with H. Saunderson the treble.

BARNET.—Middlesex County Association.—On Sunday evening, Feb. 4th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): J. F. Chandler 1, W. J. Baldwin 2, J. Sumpter 3, H. Burlingham 4, W. Childs 5, F. A. Milne (conductor) 6, R. Roffey 7, A. T. New 8.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: W. Peart 1, T. Taylor 2, Y. Griffiths 3, F. Bendall 4, A. Mills 5, J. Screen (conductor) 6, W. Cooper 7, T. Fieldhouse 8.

BAGLAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.—The Llandaff Association.—On Saturday, Feb. 24th, 720 Bob Minor: R. James 1, J. W. Jones 2, J. Evans 3, R. Evans 4, F. Chamberlain 5, S. Dawe (conductor) 6. Rung after a failure to ring a peal of Triples at Aberavon on the same day by a band which hailed from Newport, Cardiff and Bridgend.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, for evening service, 1280 Bob Major: S. B. Weatherston 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, C. H. Hughes 3, H. W. Hibbert 4, E. J. Ridler (late of Bristol) 5, J. Milner 6, A. D. Barker 7, F. J. Hardy 8.

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 are one or two other points in calling Grandsire Triples which I must mention, and one is the not unimportant matter of learning to call by the bells "before." There are occasions when it is easier to call a peal or touch by knowing which bells are coming "before" (that is, to make 3rd's place), than it is to learn all the different places into which one particular bell must be called. To do this, however, requires a certain amount of practice, because, while a conductor will know where he will be at the next treble lead it is not quite so easy to see exactly that somebody else is going to do. Now, the bell coming "before" is the bell which hunts down to lead immediately in front of the treble, so that when the conductor has to call a bell "before" he has to go on with the plain course work until, in hunting up, he finds the bell he wants coming down next before the treble, and, when that bell begins to lead, he calls the bob.

It is possible, of course, between two bobs to run a full five leads. In this, or in any other case, the conductor will be able to watch the bell he wants getting one nearer to the treble as every lead passes, until he eventually finds it hunting down with the treble following immediately behind. Let us take an example from the practice touch which I gave on page 106. At the third bob we have the 2nd before; at the next bob, three leads later, the 3rd is called before. Let us once more assume that the conductor is ringing the 7th. The lead-end with the 2nd before was 1524736, so that between the 3rd and the treble there will be the 6th and the 7th. At the next lead—a plain lead—the 7th will make third's, and leave only the 6th between the treble and 3rd; and in the next lead there will be no bell between the 3rd and treble, and the bob will be called in that lead. Thus the conductor can see the bell he wants coming gradually nearer the treble, and this enables him to be prepared for making the call. There is one position which the conductor must be on the look out for so that he may not be "caught napping." If in the coursing order he himself is immediately in front of the bell that is to be called before, he must be on the alert to see that at the proper lead he calls the bob in time, for he will find that while the other bell is leading, and he is looking for the treble, he will have passed the latter, which will be the next bell he will meet, and the bob will be late. It is in such a position as this that we find the value of watching the bell lead by lead getting nearer to the treble.

When a bell is called before and another bob follows at the next lead, it is sometimes termed calling a bell before "with a double." This method has its advantages; among them, it avoids learning quite so many different bells, and it tells the conductor when there are consecutive bob leads. By the bells before, the touch on page 106, would be called as follows:—

First half: 5 with a double, 2, 3, 7 with a double.

Second half: 4 with a double, 3, 2, 7 with a double.

CONDUCTOR.

ST. KEA, TRURO.—On Thursday, Feb. 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. C. Daubuz, of Killiow, who takes the keenest interest in all ringing matters throughout the diocese, as well as in his own parish: H. Cheg-widden (aged 13) 1, W. Greet (aged 14) 2, P. Harfoot 3, Miss E. Fisher (aged 16) 4, H. Harris 5, Rev. R. H. Sowell (Vicar) 6, J. Thomas (conductor) 7, C. Gallehawk 8.

EARLY AMERICAN BELLS.

DR. ARTHUR NICHOLS' RESEARCH.

Bell literature has received another interesting addition by the publication of an article upon the products of one of the earliest foundries established in America. This latest contribution to the antiquarian side of our Art is from the pen of Dr. Arthur H. Nichols, of Boston, whose researches on the other side of the Atlantic have led to the unearthing of much interesting material. The article in question was published in the last volume of the "Historical Collections of the Essex Institute," Salem, Massachusetts, and deals with the bells of Paul and Joseph W. Revere. It forms an interesting record of some of the first bell founding carried out in the United States, and incidentally treats of the neglected condition of the belfries in the new world. The following advertisement, says Dr. Nichols, appeared in the "Boston Gazette," of March 12th, 1770:—

"A Bell Foundry lately erected by Aaron Hobart, of Abington (By an air furnace), where bells are cast of any size, suitable for Churches, equal to and cheaper than can be imported. Enquire of Joseph Webb, of Boston, or the said Hobart."

Additional information, says Dr. Nichols, relative to the establishment of this foundry, probably the first of its kind in America, is contained in Hobart's History of Abington, Mass., wherein it is stated that in 1761 a deserter from the British Army, Gillmore, at one time a workman in an English foundry, was employed by Col. Aaron Hobart, and retained in service for many years. Besides casting two bells for the First Religious Society, in use till about 1850, he sold others to adjoining and remote towns, and some to go out of the State. It was this enterprise of Col. Hobart which later led Paul Revere to add bell casting to his versatile work; for when the former gave up business he sent one of his sons with a blacksmith to Boston and taught Revere to mould and cast the first bell which he ever made. Prior to 1770 a few bells had been cast in the Colonies, notably the Liberty bell, made in Philadelphia in 1753 by Pass and Snow; and that of the First Baptist Church, Providence, R.I., recast in 1787 at the Hope Furnace by Jesse Goodyear. As a rule, however, all bells had been ordered up to this time from the Whitechapel Foundry, London, or from Rudhall, in Gloucester. This first bell was cast in 1792, at the foundry in Lynn Street, Boston, where, for four years, Revere had been making brass cannon, bolts, spikes, and other composition work. It proved to be rough, unhomogeneous casting, and its sound was correspondingly harsh, panny, and unmusical.

The bell was hung in the belfry of the New Brick (Second) Church in Hanover Street; its shrill tone and convenient location rendered it, however, useful in sounding fire alarms, but its carrying power was far less than that of the Old South and King's Chapel; hence its more powerful neighbour of the New North was rung at morning, noon and night, as long as that custom was kept up. The steeple, rebuilt in 1844, was blown over in the gale of 1869, and the bell was then placed in storage till 1901, when it was sold to St. James' Church, Cambridge, where it is still doing active service. Revere learned, as the result of his first experience in this new craft, that the art of bell founding is intricate, subtle, and of infinite difficulty. . . . Now it is certain that Revere was a practical ringer, having been a member of the Guild which had charge of the eight sweet-toned bells of Christ Church, cast, 1744, by Rudhall. These bells, moreover, together with those of the West Church and the First Church of Roxbury from the same foundry, supplied him with perfect models. In other Boston steeples, moreover, were suspended some of the best productions by the Whitechapel foundry, and he even took pains to import a model bell from the foundry of Warner, Cripplegate, sold in 1795 to the North Congregational Society of Newburyport. With resourceful industry, Revere sought persistently to correct and improve his methods. In 1804 he sent his son, Joseph Warren Revere, then associated with him in business, to visit the principal foundries in England and the Continent, and from information thus gleaned, and increasing experience, he was enabled, after a few years, to turn out superior instruments, of which his masterpiece still booms out from the massive tower of King's Chapel, filling the neighbourhood with its dignified, mellow reverberation.

Between the years 1792 and 1828, 398 bells were cast at the foundry of Paul Revere and Son. Of these, the heaviest, weighing 2,884 lbs., was sent to Providence, R.I. Many of the lighter bells were shipped to Cuba and Puerto Rico for use on sugar plantations. In 1804 the foundry was transferred to Revere's estate, in Canton, still owned by his descendants. Paul Revere died in 1818, and the business was carried on by his son Joseph, till 1828, when it was conveyed to the Revere Copper Company, which never undertook bell casting. Bells from this foundry were inscribed in flat Roman letters, with no attempt

at ornamentation, "Paul Revere," "Paul Revere and Son," or "Revere and Co.," but followed almost without exception by the date of casting. They can thus be distinguished from those cast by an older son, Paul, associated with his father until 1801, but who later cast bells on his own account, which were usually inscribed "Revere," and rarely bore a date. Upon the inner waist of many bells can still be discerned the figures in blue chalk written at the time of casting to record the weight.

The following indicates the fate of 220 bells, whose history has thus far been authentically traced: Still in use, 78; damaged by cracking, 47; destroyed by fire, 39; destroyed by lightning, 2; preserved as relics in good condition, 4; preserved as relic, cracked, 1; exchanged or sold, 20; recast, 2; disappeared, 28.

Dr. Nichols appends to the article a list of the 398 bells, and their weights and history so far as they are known.

In another article we shall give his comments on the condition of American Belfries.

SHOREDITCH CHURCH BELLS.

THE PROPOSED RESTORATION.

"When I grow rich, said the bells of Shoreditch."

The fund to repair the bells of Shoreditch church has now reached about £100. It has been proposed to put in a new steel frame to carry the top five bells, thus relieving the weight on the lower frame, to brace up the bottom frame with massive angle plates, steel girders to run under the whole, so as to make a good foundation. New stocks and fittings are to be added to all the bells, and the bells themselves are to be tuned and cleaned. This work will once again give Shoreditch one of the finest peals in London, and we are now looking forward to the day when all ringing associations will be invited. After the work is completed ringing societies will be welcomed from time to time, whether it be for a peal or practice.

This extensive scheme of restoration will cost far more than was at first anticipated, and will mean an expenditure of some hundreds of pounds. Ringers and friends are, therefore, earnestly asked to support the undertaking, and even a modest sixpence will be most welcome. In a neighbourhood like Shoreditch, where there are so many poor, money to any extent is impossible to raise.

The following subscriptions have been received: Bishop of London, £5; profits on concert held on Nov. 18th, 1911, £6 2s. 7d.; Middlesex Association, £2 2s.; Rev. C. O. Hulton, £2; J. F. Stillwell, £2; Rev. Preb. Shelford, £2 2s.; Sir A. Heywood, £1; Mears and Stainbank, £1 1s.; Gillett and Johnson, £1 1s.; R. S. Sievier, £1 1s.; Sir E. Durning Laurance, £1 1s.; R. Guinness, £2; J. Warner and Sons, £1 1s.; Kent County Association, Lewisham District, £1 1s.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, £1 1s.; St. Margaret's Society, £1 10s.; C. Carr and Co., £1; Rev. W. Bryant Salmon, £1 1s.; Mrs. R. C. Carton, 10s.; Kent County Association, Canterbury District, 10s. 6d.; Rev. W. Moore Ede, 10s.; B. B. Evans, 10s. 6d.; Rev. E. L. Tuson, 10s. 6d.; Ven. E. Barber, 10s.; J. S. Holmes, 10s. 6d.; Rev. Lowndes, 10s.; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 10s. 6d.; Anon, 7s. 6d.; H. G. Chancellor, 5s.; W. H. Thompson, 5s.; Arch. Spooner, 5s.; Rev. R. L. Twells, 5s.; A. T. King, 5s.; Rev. G. M. Edmonds, 5s.; Rev. E. C. Gill, 5s.; Rev. E. W. Carpenter, 5s.; Rev. R. F. Rumsey, 5s.; W. Pole Routh, 5s.; Rev. F. C. Davies, 5s.; Anon, 5s.; Miss Marriott, 5s.; Canon Papillon, 5s.; Llandaff Association, 6s. 6d.; thirty-two sums under 5s., £3 4s. 9d.; total, £45 5s. 10d. The following subscriptions have been promised: J. Ween, £1 1s.; Rev. Maitland Kelly, £1 1s.; Royal Cumberland Youths, £5; Ven. D. Holmes, Rev. S. Buss. The following ringing societies and associations are collecting: Royal Cumberland Youths, Ancient Society of College Youths, London County Association, Shoreditch Society, St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, Yorkshire Association, Lancashire Association, Warwickshire Guild, Sussex Association, Bedford Association, Surrey Association, Essex Association, Lincoln Guild, and various others.

The work is to be put in hand as soon as possible, and it is hoped that a good response will be made to this appeal. Subscriptions may be sent to Mr. H. J. Bradley, hon. secretary of the fund, the Parish Church, Shoreditch, who will also be glad to supply collecting cards, or to the Vicar, the Rev. E. R. Ford, M.A., Shoreditch Vicarage, E.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING AT KENDAL.

On Saturday last, the half-yearly meeting of the Furness branch was held at the Parish Church, Kendal. About 25 members were present from Ambleside, Brathay, Burton, Crosthwaite, Dalton-in-Furness, Kendal, and Silverdale. In the afternoon several short touches were rung, and at four o'clock the members adjourned to the schools for an excellent tea, kindly provided by the Kendal ringers. The business meeting followed, the Rev. T. Heelis (Vicar of Crosthwaite) presiding. Dalton-in-Furness was chosen for the annual meeting to be held in September.—Several new members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks to the local ringers for their kindness in entertaining the ringers to tea was carried unanimously. Subsequently the tower was again visited. During the day touches of Plain Bob, Kent and London Surprise Minor, Grandfire Triples and Caters and Plain Bob Major, were rung.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE NEW MASTER OF THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The London County Association has been fortunate in securing for the Mastership a succession of able ringers, and the new occupant of the office is no exception. Mr. Henry Stephen Ellis, who was elected the other day to succeed Mr. Fardon, is among the best known of London ringers, for he was a member of the band at St. Stephen's, Westminster, when that company were not only leading the way in Surprise ringing in the Metropolis, but had few equals anywhere in the land. For 25 years he has been a member of the London County Association, joining it in 1887, when it was still the St. James' Society, and when the meetings were held in Wych Street,



MR. HENRY S. ELLIS.

demolished a few years ago for the great Strand improvement, and now the site of Aldwych. The meetings at that time, by the way, were well attended, especially when the seven-bell peal was rung at Tottenham and the band wanted it booked. Mr. Ellis has always taken a keen interest in the society, particularly since it enlarged to the London County Association, and is a regular attendant at the practices. In addition to being a ringer, he is a sidesman at St. Stephen's, Westminster, secretary of the Men's Bible Class, held on Sunday afternoons by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Twining), and a member of the C.E.M.S.

Mr. Ellis was born at Brighton on June 17th, 1858, and at the age of twelve years had the misfortune to lose his mother. A year later he went to London and started work under his father as a stonemason, subsequently joining the Operative Stonemasons' Trade Union, in which he has filled all the principal offices up to chairman of the Executive Committee. It was at St. John the Baptist's,

Croydon, that he first saw change ringing. While working on the restoration of part of the church, he went into the tower on practice night. He thought then how much he would like to learn ringing, but the opportunity did not occur until the latter end of 1883, when young men were wanted at St. Stephen's, Westminster. At that time only "stoney" was rung, but the band, being all young men, petitioned the Vicar, at that time the Rev. W. M. Sinclair, who became later the Ven. Archdeacon of London, for an instructor to teach them the art of change ringing. Very soon an instructor was appointed, and it was no less a person than that good heavy bell ringer, the late John Murray Hayes, who soon taught the band both in the tower and on handbells. Their first peal was Grandsire Triples, rung at St. Stephen's on September 24th, 1887, being the first peal on the bells by a local band, and it was conducted by Mr. Hayes. In 1892, the jubilee year of the Hearts of Oak Benefit Society, eight of the members rang a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Stephen's, conducted by Mr. Hayes, who was the senior member of the band. In this peal Mr. Ellis rang the 6th.

The year 1901 was the year of Mr. Ellis' best records. In that year he took part in the first non-conducted peal of London Surprise, which was rung at St. Stephen's, on January 5th, in three hours ten minutes, and then, on April 27th, he rang in three Surprise peals in one day. The first was a peal of London at Old Windsor, Berks, in two hours 57 minutes, conducted by J. N. Oxborrow; the second, Superlative, at Wraysbury, Bucks, in three hours, conducted by C. T. P. Brice; the third, Cambridge, at Staines, Middlesex, in two hours 55 minutes, conducted by H. R. Newton. On May 18th another non-conducted peal, Cambridge, was rung, and on December 11th in the same year Mr. Ellis took part in his first peal of Treble Bob Maximus, at St. Giles', Cripplegate.

On February 6th, 1904, he rang in a peal of Treble Bob Maximus at St. Paul's Cathedral in four hours and eight minutes, that esteemed ringer, H. R. Newton, turning the tenor in single-handed and conducting the peal. On February 27th, 1904, Mr. Ellis took part in yet another good performance, a peal of Superlative on the back eight of St. Saviour's, Southwark, the heaviest peal of Major ever rung. This, also, was conducted by H. R. Newton, and took three hours 43 minutes. Mr. Ellis has only called one peal, Holt's Original. He has left the conducting to others, recognising that all cannot be conductors. He is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Norwich Diocesan Association, the Kent County Association, the All Saints', Fulham, and St. Margaret's, Westminster Societies. He has rung 191 peals as follows:—

Grandsire Triples	...	...	...	...	14
Grandsire Caters	...	...	...	...	5
Stedman Triples	...	...	...	...	35
Stedman Caters	...	...	...	...	9
Stedman Cinques	...	...	...	...	1
Bob Major	...	...	...	...	2
Duffield Major	...	...	...	...	1
Duffield Royal	...	...	...	...	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	...	...	...	...	13
Kent Treble Bob Royal	...	...	...	...	10
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	...	...	...	...	2
Oxford Treble Bob Major	...	...	...	...	3
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	...	...	...	...	2
Double Norwich Major	...	...	...	...	16
Double Norwich Royal	...	...	...	...	7
Westminster Surprise Major	...	...	...	...	1

St. Stephen's Surprise Major	...	...	1
Superlative Surprise Major	...	...	20
Cambridge Surprise Major	...	...	15*
London Surprise Major	...	...	33*
Total			191

*Includes one non-conducted.

ODD CHANGES.

Of all the performances which have come under our notice we think the following "takes the biscuit." It appeared in a local paper under the heading of Norton Fitzwarren, but unfortunately the date of the issue was not sent us by the correspondent who forwarded the cutting. Without doubt, however, the young band are making progress.

On Thursday evening the young band of ringers rang out for the first time after a short training by Mr. Edwin Elson, who with his great ability got them through some good work. Methods rung:—Rounds, Queens, Tittums, Elton's Delight, Sweaty's Pleasure, Arney's Failure, Hurdle Surprise, Newby's Slow Course, Seaby's Quick Work, Howit's Change Course; also about 1,579 rounds of firing, which was very good. The time occupied for this performance was one hour 15 minutes. The young band are to be congratulated on their excellent performance.

"A Sussex Churchwarden," who has been interested in the action of the authorities at Brigg in disposing of two bells to repair the rest, inquires whether those responsible for the sale of the bells first obtained a faculty from the Bishop. If they did not do so their action, he maintains, was illegal. We are unable to say whether a faculty was obtained, but, perhaps, one of our Lincolnshire correspondents can answer the question. If the legal formalities were complied with it would be interesting to know what inquiries the Bishop made into the matter before giving his sanction to the proposal.

The unusual ringing on a Sunday afternoon at St. Ignatius, Sunderland, when two peal boards were unveiled, was the cause of a remark which is worth recording as showing what some people know of church bells. The following morning the charwoman, on arriving at a house near the church, asked her mistress why the bells had rung the previous afternoon, the lady replied, "Why, don't you know! They have got two new oak bells, and were trying them."

It may be that this is in some degree a shadow of what is to follow, for it is whispered that at no distant date two trebles will be added to the present six, but not of oak.

The pleasure of anticipating such a desirable addition to the church property is being discounted by the impending departure of Mr. R. H. Blakey for Canada. He leaves England with his wife and family at the end of next month, and his place as a church worker at St. Ignatius will be impossible to fill. He is not only Vicar's warden and an ideal leader of the ringers, but has laboured so hard for other parish organisations as to have become almost indispensable.

The bells of Childwall Church, Liverpool, are to be recast into a new steel frame with the most modern fittings. The work has been entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London. In writing

of Childwall, Chris Healy says "the splendid tower contains a beautiful peal of bells which have tolled the curfew in continuity from an earlier church whose bells pealed out William the Conqueror's stern command in the stark year of 1066 that right onward no Saxon should have a light in his house nor fire on his hearth after eight in the evening."

An annuity of over £50 was left to the bellringers of Bath Abbey by Lieutenant-Colonel Nash, says "Tit Bits," "provided they should muffle the clappers of the bells of the said abbey and ring them with a doleful accentuation from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. on each anniversary of his wedding day, and during the same number of hours, only with a merry peal, on the anniversary of the day which afforded him a happy release from domestic tyranny and wretchedness."

Some of our ringing boys are to the fore again this week, William Dixon has rung his first peal—Bob Major—at Guiseley on his 13th birthday. At Mill House, Tasburgh, near Norwich, last Sunday, the three young brothers Duffield rang 720 Bob Minor on handbells: James F. Duffield (aged nearly 12 years) 1-2, Edward P. Duffield (aged 13) 3-4, William C. Duffield (aged 16), conductor, 5-6. Promising material, this.

What about these touches, also, for a "family affair": On handbells at Tunstall, Staffs, 504 Stedman Triples: Walter Washbrook 1-2, James W. Washbrook, junr., 3-4, James W. Washbrook (conductor) 5-6, Harry Washbrook 7-8. A course of Grandsire Cinques: W. Washbrook 1-2, H. Washbrook 3-4, J. W. Washbrook, junr., 5-6, J. W. Washbrook 7-8-9-10, Mark Washbrook 11-12. The name of Washbrook is evidently still a name to conjure with.

In mentioning last week the instances of husband and wife taking part in peals together we overlooked the two peals of Doubles rung on handbells in 1895 and 1896, in which Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Lambert, of Halesworth, took part. One peal was in four methods and the other in five methods, Mrs. Lambert ringing 5-6. Both peals were conducted by her husband.

The ring of five bells at Saltwood, near Hythe, Kent, have been taken to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's bell foundry. Some are to be recast and a treble added. In their absence a small bell, with rope attached, was fixed in the beautiful old lych gate, at the entrance to the churchyard. The bell has since been removed, but is still used for services, as it has been fastened in one of the trees in the churchyard. It is evident that the church people of Saltwood are determined not to be without a bell.

St. Peter's Church, South Croydon, possesses a ring of eight bells, with a tenor weighing 26 cwt., all cast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. Although there is nothing definitely decided, there is now a scheme on foot to have all the bells recast into a ring of ten with a tenor about 30 cwt., but, as is usually the case, the lack of funds presents a somewhat formidable obstacle. However, with the sum of money which is already in hand, it is hoped that the work will soon be commenced, and doubtless some source could be found from which the balance could be obtained without much difficulty.

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" 20	" 6 "	E	...	3	15	0	...	4	15	0	...	5	5	0	...	6	10	0	...	7	15	0
" 19	" 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	F	...	3	10	0	...	4	10	0	...	5	0	0	...	6	5	0	...	7	10	0
" 18	" 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	G	...	3	5	0	...	4	5	0	...	4	15	0	...	6	0	0	...	7	5	0
" 17	" 5 "	A	...	3	3	0	...	4	0	0	...	4	10	0	...	5	15	0	...	7	0	0
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ANNUAL DINNER AT SHEFFIELD.

The annual dinner of the St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield, to commemorate the memories of the late John Lomas and Thomas Hattersley, was held at the Yorkshireman's Arms, Burgess Street, on Saturday week. The peal of twelve at the Parish Church was open for ringing in the afternoon, when touches in the various Standard methods were successfully accomplished, the visitors including Mr. W. Willson, of Leicester, and Mr. S. Wesley, of Nottingham.

A sumptuous repast was very ably served by Hostess Mrs. Worthington, a company of twenty-four sitting down. Through the enforced absence of the President (Mr. C. H. Hattersley) the post of honour was occupied by the vice-president, Mr. F. Willey, who proved himself a capable substitute.—After the toast of the "King, Church and State," the harmony was opened by a touch of Grandsire Caters on the handbells by Messrs. S. F. Palmer, Geo. Lewis, C. Glenn, W. Wilson, and R. W. Collier, which was followed by a song, "Moods and Tenses," by Mr. J. T. Rew.

HALF A CENTURY AGO.

In proposing the toast, "To the memories of the late John Lomas and Thomas Hattersley," Mr. F. Willey said his mind was carried back to his early ringing days, and he asked the company present to bear with him on his inability to do this toast justice, as he could not tell them of all the many performances on the dear old parish church bells and other peals throughout the country of these two ringers. As regards Mr. Lomas, it only bore out a statement that he had often made before, that ringers were born, and not made, for they found his father a ringer of no mean merit before him, and taking part in peals with other Sheffield worthies. He asked the company to rise and drink in solemn silence to the memory of both their departed friends.

Mr. W. Lomas, who responded, expressed regret at the absence of Mr. C. H. Hattersley. He understood from his speech at the last dinner, that ringing was practically dormant from 1847 to 1862. He had, however, been looking up his late father's records, and found this was not so, as eleven peals of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob were rung by him during that period. Although not so many performances were accomplished at that time, he always understood that the peals were good ones, and the ringing generally of a high standard. Mr. Thomas Hattersley and his (the speaker's) father were practically brought up together, and were always together in their ringing, keeping the ringers of Sheffield together until the present generation took it up. The few performances were probably due to no ringing papers being published, as only a very small portion of "Bell Life" was devoted to the recording of peals, whereas at the present time they had their own papers wholly devoted to the interest of the Art, which he considered did a great deal towards making peal ringing as universal as it now is.

Mr. J. Biggin and Mr. J. Atkin next entertained the company with a song and recitation respectively.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.

The toast, "The Success of the St. Peter's Amalgamated Society," was proposed by Mr. Willey, who said how well he remembered the time in the early eighties when the Society was formed for the advancement of change ringing. In its early days it had a flourishing time, both as regards peal ringing and convivial gatherings. He recollected that the first outing was to Derby, where they were met by the late Mr. J. Howe, who did everything in his power to make their visit a success. This and many other subsequent gatherings soon cemented a lasting friendship amongst a wide circle of ringers, and although it had for years fallen into a comatose or sleepy state, he hoped with the new blood infused, that the Society would again flourish and be successful. To do this it would need the help of every member of the science and art to put his shoulder to the wheel and give it a good lift up. He strongly advised everyone to sink all party jealousies and party grievances, and with one united effort put the Society once more to the front. In submitting the toast, he coupled with it the names of a dear old friend, Mr. J. T. Rew, who, he was sure, they all deeply respected, and whose presence among them carried them back to the good old happy days of long ago.

Mr. Rew said it gave him great pleasure to reply to the toast, as he was present at the formation, and had had the interest of the Society at heart ever since. He was sorry for the absence of their president, through continued illness, and he begged leave to move that the best wishes of the members, with an earnest hope for his speedy recovery, be conveyed to him.

Mr. W. Allwood gave an excellent performance on the handbells by tapping a course of Bob Royal, in faultless style, and Mr. Willey sang, by request, "My Village Home."

Mr. J. T. Rew gave the toast of "The Visitors," to which Mr. W. Willson replied. The latter gentleman stated it was his first visit to Sheffield, and he assured them it had been a very pleasant one, and would not be the last. From what he had gathered from the remarks of the chairman, he could see that there was a little friction amongst the ringers of the district, and he found it was the same in all other towns and districts he had visited. He strongly advised them to sink

all petty jealousies and party feelings, and try to do that which was right. He knew only too well that as soon as a man became prominent he at once made enemies, as he had experienced that kind of thing himself. He had, however, always stuck up for that which was right, and had tried to live down the opposition, and he only hoped that in time his actions would eventually prove the correct ones. Every encouragement should be given to the good and capable young men, but they in turn should not forget they owed a duty of respect to the older men who had been at pains in teaching them.

Several tunes were then given on the handbells by Messrs. J. Evinson, W. Burgar, J. A. Dixon and Geo. Lewis, in their well-known style.—A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. C. Glenn to the hostess, on whose behalf Miss Brown replied.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman was accorded musical honours, and the proceedings were brought to a close with the National Anthem.

HELPING BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am reading with interest your correspondence about helping beginners. May I ask whether it is not possible to unite more in local centres for meetings every fortnight? I have in mind a centre in Essex, where I have been for some years. There the arrangement is answering well. Goldhanger, Tollesbury, D'Arcy and Great Totham, and I think Maldon, all five or six-bell towers, meet in this way at one or other of the towers in turn, giving the first hour to instruction of beginners, and then practising the more advanced methods.

The interest has increased remarkably, and, as you know, nothing can be done without continued practice. I owe all my knowledge to the conductor of Goldhanger Tower, who inaugurated this arrangement, and I hope to get the Association here to try and do the same.

—Yours faithfully,
Tansor, Oundle.

B. H. D. FIELD.

WHAT SOME OF THE EXPERTS HAVE DONE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I cannot quite understand the accusation which has twice been levelled through your columns at "the experts." If one takes the counties of England as they stand, from Northumberland to Cornwall, and take "the experts" of each county, and examine their doings, I think it will be found that it is the poor expert who does all the helping of the beginners. How much quiet and unobtrusive help has been given to ringers in Northumberland and Durham by the late Mr. R. Storey, and Messrs. W. Storey, C. L. Routledge, T. T. Goffon, no one except those who know them intimately are aware of. Those experts who call peals of London on the Saturday, and then leave their business the following Wednesday to call a peal of Minor in seven plain methods with one first-peal and three firsts of Minor, are they not helping? When one gets to Manchester there is Mr. Harry Chapman, at Pendleton, who has devoted his life to teaching "the young uns." I have walked a mile or two with him on teaching errands. Then, who has done more helping than the late John Aspinwall, of Liverpool, while Messrs. G. R. Newton and E. Caunce are the first to be appealed to for help. How many young hands has Mr. Sam Wood got through their first in the method, and the help and encouragement given by Mr. C. H. Hattersley will never be fully known. Mr. W. Pye has the reputation, and it is well earned, of having got more ringers through their first Surprise peal than any other man, and Mr. George Williams is a helper par excellence.

It is easy to sit at home and say the experts do nothing, but each ringer or beginner must first realise to the full the old adage, that "God helps those who help themselves." I have in my short life walked as many miles as the majority on helping expeditions from one end of the land to the other, and only those who have done it know how discouraging it is, after walking five miles in the rain, to find that we are two short, and the rest have had no time to look at it. I visited towers in Derbyshire last year that had not heard of the ringing Press, and when asked why they did not leave "stone" for "the method," one would answer, "I would, but the others don't care for it." If all are willing very little help is needed from the experts. There is among the Lancashire hills a band who began on "stone," and had no help whatever from outside, but they rang the first peal of Bristol in the county in a small country village. In that case the great whole-hearted enthusiasm of the Helmsdale leader was enough, but in the majority of cases the enthusiasm of the one is not enough to counteract the apathy of the many. But in the interests of one expert may we remind Mr. Ludkin of how much that one expert has done for his county. We know he is paid for it, but he earns every bit of it, and Mr. Ludkin must admit that Mr. Short is one of the experts. I hope I have not taken up too much of your space in saying what you could no doubt say much better. If I have, please accept the apologies of one who is

NOT AN EXPERT.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, at the Parish Church, 600 Bob Minor, for morning service: J. Clarke 1, G. Basford 2, L. A. Smith 3, C. Faulkner 4, W. Sharp 5, A. J. Green (conductor) 6. Longest touch of Bob Minor by ringers of 2, 3, and 4.

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BIRMINGHAM RINGERS AT WOLVERHAMPTON.

The ringers of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, very kindly invited the St. Martin's Guild to ring the second peal on their new ring of twelve, and this was successfully accomplished on Saturday last, Mr. H. Knight standing in the place of one who did not put in an appearance. At the conclusion of the peal a very pleasant hour was spent with a large number of local ringers, with Mr. R. Cartwright in the chair. After the inner man had been satisfied, the Chairman congratulated the band on their excellent striking, and hoped the Birmingham ringers would ring many more peals on their bells.—Mr. A. Paddon Smith, in reply, congratulated the Wolverhampton ringers on having such an excellent ring of twelve, and trusted that it would not be long before the St. Peter's ringers would come and ring a peal at St. Martin's.

CHORISTERS, ETC., AS PEAL RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your last issue, Mr. A. R. Brough, of Crayford, mentioned the peal rung in October, 1911, at Crayford, stating that the band were also Church workers in other ways, beside in the belfry, and further enquired if any other bands have scored peals "with such staunch Churchmen taking part." I have pleasure in putting before the readers of "The Ringing World" the fact that the Whitwick branch of the Midland Counties Association hold the record in this direction, seeing that the Whitwick company rang a peal of Grandsire Triples (5040 changes), on June 11th, 1904, to which is appended the following note, "This is the first peal ever rung in England, and therefore in the world, by a band who are all ringers and choristers at the same church." Several other peals have been rung by this company with five, six and seven choristers, as well as ringers taking part. On January 8th, 1905, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung for evensong by a band made up by seven choristers and one churchwarden, the conductor being also choir-master. On November 27th, 1904, a date touch was rung by a band composed of seven ringers and choristers and one churchwarden. The present band of ringers at this church includes the clerk and seven choristers. It will be interesting to hear of similar cases, if any, in other places.—Yours faithfully,

Whitwick.

STORIER W. WEST.

THE DUDLEY & DISTRICTS GUILD.

The annual meeting of the above Guild was held at Dudley, on Saturday week. The belfry was open for ringing during the afternoon, and the Guild service was held in church at five o'clock, conducted by the Vicar of Dudley, the Rev. A. Gray Maitland (president). An encouraging address was given by the Rev. G. H. Burnett (of the Parish Church). After service, a substantial tea was provided in the King Street School-room, free to members, and other ringing friends, from funds collected by the Ringing Master (Mr. S. Spittle).

The business meeting followed, at which between 60 and 70 members and friends were present. Twenty-five new members were elected, including the Rev. G. H. Burnett, of Dudley, and the Rev. E. V. Cox, of Walsall.—The Rev. A. Gray Maitland was re-elected president; Sir Arthur G. Boscawen, M.P., the Rev. S. J. Marriott, the Rev. H. H. Dibben, and Mr. H. Mason were elected vice-presidents; Mr. S. Spittle, ringing master; Mr. W. R. Small, treasurer; and Herbert Sheppard, hon. secretary.—Coseley was the place selected for the next meeting.—At the close of the business a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and president for conducting the service in church, to the Rev. G. H. Burnett for his encouraging address and for presiding during the temporary absence of the Vicar, who had to attend another meeting; to the ladies who presided at the tables, and who had worked so hard in preparing and serving the tea; to Mr. Spittle for collecting the necessary funds; and to all who had assisted in making the meeting a happy and most successful one.—The National Anthem was sung at the close.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association took place on Saturday last at Mitcham, by the kind permission of the Rector, who extended a very hearty welcome to the Association. Some good touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung, and afterwards the business meeting was held at the Queen's Head. The chair was occupied by the Master (Mr. H. S. Ellis), and it was decided that the next meeting be held the third Saturday in May, at Putney, failing that, St. Mary's, Battersea. Afterwards an enjoyable musical evening was spent, songs and recitations being given. The proprietor's daughters (the Misses Bance) kindly presided at the piano, and also contributed to the programme. The following members and friends also gave songs: Messrs. Wilson, Milner, Barker, Hughes, Hardy and Smith. Touches on the handbells were also given.

PEAL BOARDS UNVEILED AT SUNDERLAND.

On the afternoon of Sunday, March 3rd, most of the leading members of the congregation gathered in the ringing chamber of the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr, Sunderland, to witness the unveiling of two peal boards recording peals of Surprise Minor rung by the Guild, the last being on Coronation Day. The boards are nicely designed and beautifully finished, being of polished oak, with gold lettering, that for the Coronation peal being appropriate to the occasion. The cost of the material and lettering has been paid out of the Church funds, the boards being made by Mr. R. H. Blakey, captain of the Guild, who is, in addition, Vicar's warden.

The unveiling ceremony was performed by Mrs. R. H. Blakey, after a short Dedicatory service by the Vicar (the Rev. Edward Sykes), and the boards were greatly admired by those present.—Votes of thanks were moved and suitably responded to: To Mrs. Blakey by Mr. C. Dru Drury, the people's warden, and to the wardens and Church Council by Mr. Joseph W. Parker, on behalf of the ringers, who specially mentioned their indebtedness to Mr. Blakey for his labour and care in making the boards. The ceremony concluded by the ringing of 240 London Surprise.

YARMOUTH TENORS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—To those who are fortunate enough to possess the Rev. W. C. Pearson's book giving the principal rings of bells in the Eastern Counties, I send the correct size and weight of the two new bells put in at St. Nicholas' Parish Church, Great Yarmouth, last November, so that those who wish may keep their book correct and up to date. The eleventh is 50½ inches, 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs.; the tenor, 57½ inches, 30 cwt. 0 qrs. 12 lbs., C sharp.

They are two splendid bells, and to-day Great Yarmouth has a better peal of bells than ever it had. To tell you how well they go, Mr. R. Christian, one of our smallest members, who is over 70 years of age, rang the tenor in to a 576 of Bob Major without the least exertion, and I cannot over-estimate the praise and credit due to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for the way in which they carried out the work of taking the old bells away and replacing the new ones. This was done within 14 days, and without disturbing the daily services, which are numerous, as all visiting ringers know who have had the pleasure of ringing upon our grand peal.

Great Yarmouth.

DENISON HAYWARD,

Belfry Warden.

NOTICES.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Borden, near Sittingbourne, on Saturday, March 16th, 1912. Bells available from 3 p.m. Half rail fares up to 2/- allowed at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due. It is hoped that all members who possibly can, will attend to discuss the proposed Benevolent Fund.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, on Saturday, March 16th. The tower will be open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m.—William H. Hotten, Honorary Secretary, 42, Thornhill Road, Barnsbury, N.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, March 16th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. There will be a committee meeting on the same day.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton, on Saturday, March 16th, 1912. Meeting at the Lamb Hotel, at 3.30 p.m., tea to follow. Service in the Parish Church, at 6 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on March 19th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 28th; at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 19th; and Southwark Cathedral on the 27th. St. Magnus 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings at 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapton, S.W.

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. F. W. A. Wilkinson), at Heston, on Saturday, March 23rd. Ringing from 3.30. Tea will be provided free in the Church Room at 6 o'clock.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield, Gorton, on March 23rd. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells ready at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Derby on March 23rd. Bells of St. Peter's, St. Altmund's and St. Andrew's available from 3 p.m. Meeting in St. Andrew's belfry 6.30.—R. G. Basson, District Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, March 30th, 1912.

Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hunslet on March 30th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting in the Parish Room, behind the church, at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—The quarterly general meeting will take place on Monday, April 1st, at St. Clement's Danes, Strand, W.C. Tower open at 8 p.m. Business meeting at 9.30 in the tower room. The society also meets the second and fourth Sunday in each month at 10 a.m. for service ringing.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Cheltenham on Easter Monday. Notice has been given of a resolution affecting the latter part of Rule 1 (*re* Central Council).—W. A. Cave, Honorary Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, April 13th. The sermon will be preached by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Willesden. Full particulars will be announced later.—C. T. Coles, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretaries.

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BARNESLEY, YORKS.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins., by the following members: T. Bone 1, A. Rackham 2, W. Richardson 3, C. D. Potter 4, J. Waddington 5, A. Lister 6, E. Credland (conductor) 7, J. Holmes 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Feb. 20th, 252 Stedman Triples: J. Butler, Marlborough (first touch) 1, A. Lawrence 2, G. W. Townsend 3, R. W. Hyner 4, G. Lancaster 5, C. J. Gardiner 6, E. J. Oliver (conductor) 7, J. M. Brinkworth 8. Also a plain course of Superlative Surprise Major. First course in the method by G. Lancaster and F. Looker, of Stratton St. Margaret.

BOURNEMOUTH.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—At St. Peter's Church, on Feb. 20th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 50 mins., this being the longest touch in this method by any of the band except the conductor: Jas. G. Bennett 1, F. Phillips 2, C. Forfitt 3, W. Kirley 4, F. Forsyth 5, E. T. Green 6, Eli Waters 7, C. W. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LONDON.—The Ancient Society of College Youths.—On Sunday, March 3rd, for morning service, at the following Cathedrals and Churches, touches of Stedman Cinques and Caters were rung. — St. Paul's Cathedral, Stedman Cinques (three courses): E. Horrex 1, E. Gibbs 2, A. B. Peck 3, R. French 4, H. Springall 5, E. Wallage 6, C. S. Burden 7, C. F. Winney 8, S. E. Joyce 9, H. Langdon 10, W. T. Cockerill (conductor) 11, H. R. Newton 12.—Southwark Cathedral, Stedman Cinques (seven courses): W. E. Garrard (conductor) 1, F. G. Symonds 2, A. V. Selby 3, Hayward 4, W. A. Garrard 5, A. E. Bradley 6, W. J. Daubney 7, E. G. Stibbons 8, J. R. Mackman 9, H. G. Miles 10, A. F. Harris 11, F. Rednap 12.—St. Magnus-the-Martyr, City, Stedman Caters (five courses): C. H. Hughes 1, C. F. Winney 2, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 3, R. W. Green 4, H. T. Gowell 5, E. J. Ridler 6, H. Langdon 7, F. J. Hardy 8, A. D. Barker 9, J. Milner 10. Also two courses, with J. Milner 6, and E. J. Ridler tenor.—For afternoon service, at St. Paul's Cathedral, three courses of Stedman Cinques: A. B. Peck 1, A. Jones 2, W. E. Garrard 3, H. R. Newton 4, H. Springall 5, E. Wallage 6, C. S. Burden 7, H. Langdon 8, S. E. Joyce 9, T. H. Taffender 10, W. T. Cockerill (conductor) 11, W. Prime and T. Langdon 12.

GLASBURY.—The Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Friday, Feb. 9th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins.: *Brychan Jones 1, J. Vizer 2, L. Lewis 3, J. P. Hyett 4, E. Jones 5, *T. Vaughan 6. * First quarter. First with a bob bell by J. Vizer. First as conductor by E. Jones.—On Tuesday, Feb. 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 39 mins.: E. Pugh (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Vizer 2, L. Lewis (conductor) 3, E. Jones 4, J. P. Hyett 5, T. Turner 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

MAID'S NORTON.—Oxford Guild.—On Feb. 9th, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. R. Hooper, and sister of Mr. E. Nichols, a quarter-peal of Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): A. Jones 1, H. Jones 2, H. Jones, senr., 3, H. Stopp 4, E. Nichols (conductor) 5, H. Hayden 6. On the occasion of the funeral, on Feb. 3rd, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, at Newton Longville, was lost, after 1½ hrs., while on Sunday, Feb. 4th, the bells at Maid's Norton were also rung, half-muffled.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: A. J. Le Clercq 1, C. Edwards 2, A. Smith 3, W. H. Lawman 4, G. Upshall 5, T. Upshall 6, G. Williams 7, W. Sheffield 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal in the same method: C. Edwards 1, Dr. T. E. Harwood 2, A. Smith 3, G. Upshall 4, F. A. Barnett 5, G. Williams 6, T. Upshall (conductor) 7, H. Kimber 8.

DEPTFORD.—Kent County Association.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, Feb. 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: S. Roberts 1, T. G. Deal 2, E. E. Richards 3, G. E. Rawlings 4, T. H. Hawkins (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, A. Papworth (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 6, G. H. Daynes 7, F. H. Gooch 8.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 14th, the local band rang, with the bells deeply muffled, in memory of the late Duke of Fife, 720 Bob Minor: C. Kidd 1, R. Haines 2, T. Wornes 3, A. Webb 4, H. Spurgeon 5, S. Nunn (conductor) 6.

LAMBERHURST.—Kent County Association. — On Sunday, Feb. 11th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a date touch of 1912 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins., being 720 of College Single, 720 of Oxford Bob, 360 of Canterbury Pleasure, and 112 of Plain Bob Minor: J. Tapp 1, G. Fuller 2, A. Marshall 3, W. Marshall 4, J. Bailey 5, A. Relfe (conductor) 6.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On Wednesday, Feb. 14th, as a welcome to the Rev. E. W. Michell, on his being instituted and inducted into the Vicarage of Bolney, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: W. Vincent 1, T. Gasson 2, W. Wheeler 3, F. Stoner 4, W. H. Parkham 5, G. Lewry 6, W. Walder (conductor) 7, G. Parkham 8.

WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 14th, at All Saints' Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: H. Cutting 1, D. Leggitt 2, A. Andrews 3, G. Berry 4, C. Fisher (conductor) 5, R. Miles 6. Arranged for Mr. A. Andrews, of Billingborough, Lincolnshire, a visitor in Woodbridge.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.—An attempt for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was made at the Parish Church on Feb. 17th, but after 1 hr. 42 mins. good ringing, "staud" had to be called, owing to two bells having changed places: A. Clements (Pettistree) 1, H. Burch (Hasketon) 2, A. Andrews (Billingborough, Lincs) 3, J. Last (Grundisburgh) 4, Geo. Abiltt (Burch) 5, D. Leggitt (Woodbridge) 6, Chas. Fisher, conductor (Ufford) 7, W. Burrows (Woodbridge) 8. The band was a mixed one, and had met for the first time in Major. The peal was arranged for Mr. Andrews at the completion of his visit in Woodbridge.

CFRESHUNT.—The Hertfordshire Association.—On Thursday, Feb. 15th, 168 Grandsire Triples: G. Andrews 1, G. Thurgood 2, G. Maxim 3, F. Jelfs 4, R. Smith 5, H. Cornwall 6, G. Radley 7, D. Tucker 8. Also 336 and 504: W. Darlington 1, F. Jelfs 2, G. Maxim 3, G. Thurgood 4, G. Radley 5, H. Cornwall 6, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 7, H. Simons 8; and 168, W. Darlington 4.—On Thursday, Feb. 29th, 210 Grandsire Triples, conducted by F. Jelfs; 518 conducted by H. G. Rowe; and 168 by C. F. Johnston.

BLOCKLEY.—The Four Shires' Guild.—On Monday, Feb. 19th, at the Parish Church, a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles (2520 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 30 mins., by: H. Evans, junr., 1, J. Keyte 2, E. Shepherd 3, R. Lyddiatt (conductor) 4, H. Barnes 5, G. Mabson 6. This is the longest touch by all the above, except the conductor. All but R. Lyddiatt belong to the local band. This is also the longest touch in which any of the local band have taken part for over twenty years.

PATRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.—At St. Patrick's Church, on Feb. 19th, 1440 Bob Minor, in 50½ mins.: A. Cuthbert 1, J. W. Dexter 2, R. Andrew 3, E. Pickering 4, H. Andrew (conductor) 5, E. T. Found 6.

TONBRIDGE.—Kent County Association.—On Wednesday, Feb. 21st, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): G. Thompson 1, A. Lawrence 2, F. J. Laker 3, W. Latter 4, W. Steed 5, F. White 6, S. Perkins (conductor) 7, S. Corke 8. Rung, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal in the same method, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. A. H. Beeching, J.P.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Feb. 15th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: C. Russell 1, W. G. Edwards (first in method) 2, G. Williams 3, A. Marks 4, W. H. George 5, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 6. Also 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Williams 1, O. H. Giles (first touch) 2, W. G. Edwards 3, C. Russell 4, A. Marks 5, W. T. Tucker 6, W. H. George (conductor) 7, J. Thompson 8.

WHITECHAPEL, E.—On Friday, Feb. 16th, at the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 36 mins., by the following members of the Foundry band: S. Lawrence 1—2, W. Hasell 3—4, J. Thomas (conductor) 5—6, T. Lawrence 7—8. The above was rung in the dinner hour.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Deny's Church, on Saturday, Feb. 17th, 720 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering: H. Hammond 1, A. Harman 2, O. Holmwood 3, E. Bishop, junr., 4, F. Hammond 5, C. Brasier (conductor) 6, W. Hammond 7, E. Bishop, senr., 8. Longest length by the ringer of the treble, who is only 15 years old, and longest length by the ringer of the second. Also 120 Stedman Doubles.

LLANGARRON, HEREFORDSHIRE.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Saturday, Feb. 17th, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Minor, but after 2 hrs. 40 mins. ringing it came to grief, when only 312 changes from the finish: H. Weale 1, E. Summers 2, F. Voyce 3, Walter Poston 4, J. Cartwright 5, William Poston (conductor) 6. H. Weale's first attempt at Minor.

RYE, SUSSEX.—Sussex County Association (Rye Branch).—At St. Mary's Church, for evening, on Sunday, Feb. 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: H. G. Ticehurst 1, L. T. H. Seers 2, H. F. Cobon 3, J. B. Bennett 4, W. Bennett 5, G. J. Youngs 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, E. H. Whiteman, junr., 8.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, on handbells: A. Harrison 1—2, G. H. Harding 3—4, S. Hector (conductor) 5—6.

NEWPORT, MON.—Landaff Diocesan Association.—On Feb. 29th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: A. E. Morgan 1, V. Morgan 2, J. W. Jones 3, B. Millard 4, S. Jones 5, C. Greedy 6, F. E. B. Charles (conductor) 7, T. Max 8. First quarter-peal in the method as conductor, and also first quarter-peal in the method for B. Millard.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.—Warwickshire Guild. — On Sunday, Jan. 28th, for evening service, 336 Double Norwich Major: W. Wiles 1, J. H. White 2, F. Pervin 3, E. Johnson 4, W. F. Cox 5, C. Freeman 6, J. Smallwood 7, A. Roberts (conductor) 8.—Also on Sunday, Feb. 11th, 448 in the same method: R. Bosworth 1, the rest as before. These are the first touches of Double Norwich ever known to be rung in the City of Coventry by a local band.

ALLESLEY.—Warwickshire Guild.—On Saturday, Feb. 10th, three 720's Bob Minor: H. Kettle 1, F. Pervin 2, A. Roberts 3, J. H. White 4, W. T. Cox 5, J. F. Smallwood (conductor) 6.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.—On Saturday evening, Jan. 27th, at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,008 of Bob Major was rung: A. W. Baldwin 1, R. Waterson 2, J. Spooner 3, F. Williamson 4, W. Savory 5, C. Adcock 6, C. Cooke 7, W. E. Bason (conductor) 8. A touch of 352 was also rung.

RHYL, N. WALES.—On Jan. 30th, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Duke of Fife: *B. Collis 1, A. W. Brighton (conductor) 2, G. Bell 3, F. Wallis 4, *T. Evans 5, J. Ellis 6. * Longest touch in any method.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On Friday, Feb. 2nd, on the occasion of the golden wedding of the parents of two well-known ringers, Mr. J. Emery, St. Peter's, Hershham, Surrey, and Mr. I. Emery, member of the Kent County Association, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles, each 120 called differently: F. Sear 1, H. Ashley 2, I. Emery (conductor) 3, G. Durling 4, H. J. Blackwell 5; and 120 of Bob Doubles conducted by I. Emery, and 120 of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by G. Durling.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for service, at St. Helen's Church, 708 of Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Hinton 1, J. Morris 2, W. C. Jones 3, W. H. Johnson 4, W. Page (conductor) 5, A. Hill 6, J. Brettel 7, G. Checketts 8. Longest touch in the method by Messrs. Hinton, Johnson and Morris.

ISLEWORTH.—For men's service, on Sunday, March 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: J. Crockford (first quarter-peal) 1, G. A. Ransom (conductor) 2, H. C. Chandler 3, T. Beadle 4, C. S. Bird 5, E. F. Cole 6, A. Harding 7, G. Miles (first quarter-peal) 8.

HILLINGDON, WEST.—At St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, March 3rd, 1078 Grandsire Triples: J. Peddle 1, E. Hancox (conductor) 2, A. Bateman 3, H. Waite 4, G. Gutteridge 5, W. Henley 6, P. Jones 7, W. Foster 8.

BURTON LATIMER.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Minor (360 Double Oxford, 360 Double Court, 240 Oxford Bob, 300 Plain Bob): E. Hodson, aged 77 (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Pettitt 2, H. Meadows 3, M. Norton 4, A. Henman 5, G. Lines (conductor) 6. This was Mr. Hodson's first attempt for a quarter-peal, and he was congratulated at the finish by the band.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—At St. Peter's Church, on Feb. 5th, a peal of Grandsire Triples (Parker's Twelve-part), was attempted in celebration of His Majesty King George's safe return from India, but after ringing for 1 hr. 35 mins. in was brought round at 2688 changes, owing to a change course: J. T. Godwin 1, S. G. Hodges 2, C. F. Uphill 3, T. Page 4, T. Woolley 5, C. B. Hurst 6, G. T. White (conductor) 7, W. J. Benger 8.

STANSTED.—The Essex Association.—On Wednesday, Feb. 7th, 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor: G. Jordan 1, H. Little 2, T. J. Watts 3, T. Jordan 4, H. Smale (first 720's in the methods), Harlow Common, 5, W. Watts (conductor) 6, A. Jordan 8.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, H. Little 2, J. Ansell, Elsenham, Essex, 3, W. Prior 4, H. J. Tucker (Bishop Stortford) 5, T. J. Watts 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, T. Jordan 8.

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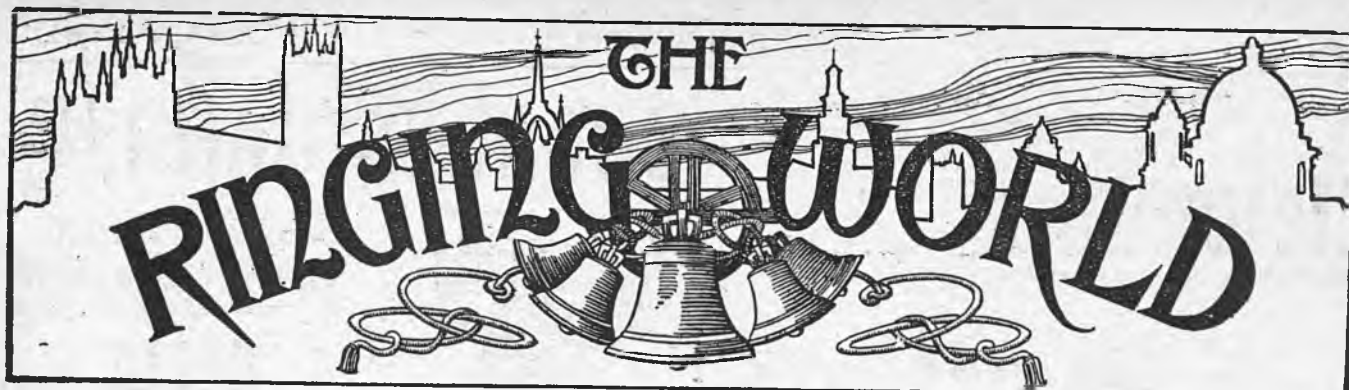
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HELPING THE BEGINNERS.

Our previous article, prompted by the letter of a correspondent, upon the subject of helping the beginners, has ventilated a matter that is apparently of considerable interest. This week we publish in another column a pointed letter from an eminent authority, Canon Papillon, who, as a practical ringer and Master for many years of the Essex Association, speaks with a good deal of knowledge upon the question. His experience has, without doubt, been that of many others, who, anxious to advance the interests of the Art, have ever been ready to assist those just entering upon its mysteries.

In many cases those who complain of the inaction of the "experts" in helping the beginners have themselves to blame, for they frequently fail to show that keenness which would warrant an expert devoting his time to their instruction. As Canon Papillon points out, the unpunctuality of the lukewarm ones disheartens those who strive to help them, and a band that wants to get on is far better without them. They should be weeded out and replaced by others more ready to grasp the opportunities afforded. The process may be difficult, and it may be some time before a complete company can be found all keenly desirous of getting on, but in the end it will be found the best means of assuring progress. Wherever there is a band ready and anxious to go ahead, they would not, we feel sure, appeal in vain for help to any "expert" who has opportunity and facility to assist them. A large number of men voluntarily and cheerfully give their time to helping others, but however willing they may be they cannot be expected to waste their time upon ringers who are indifferent as to whether they advance or not.

As we have mentioned before, one of the best means that bands can adopt in order to get on, is to unite with their neighbours for periodical combined practices. These meetings are sure to bring together some good men able to help others with less knowledge than themselves, and provide the best means for general advance. There is great room for extension in this field of work to which the associations might well turn their attention. In a great number of districts it probably only wants someone to take the initiative, and the necessary arrangements could easily be made. Let the beginners themselves move in the matter. Those who desire to organise such practices as this, and who, through lack of "knowing the ropes," are unable to take the arrangements in hand themselves, might achieve their end by getting the district secretary of their association to act in the matter. If they show they are in earnest, help, we are sure, will not be wanting from those "higher up the ladder."

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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.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qrs. 12 lbs.

*CHARLES PIDGEON Treble	ROBERT CHRISTIAN 6
*JOHN G. W. HARWOOD 2	HARRY WRIGHT 7
*CHARLES HARDING 3	DENISON HAYWARD 8
WILLIAM T. BLYTH 4	FREDERICK PESTELL 9
*EDWIN R. TODD 5	*WILLIAM LEE Tenor

Conducted by D. HAYWARD.

* First peal on ten bells. The composition was from the Clavis.
Arranged as a birthday peal for E. R. Todd.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, March 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

THOMAS H. BURKITT Treble	*WILLIAM BAYLISS 6
THOMAS HUGHES 2	ALBERT E. BLUNDELL 7
WILLIAM FISHER 3	GEORGE HUGHES 8
*SAMUEL BAKER 4	HARRY PRICE 9
*DANIEL JONES 5	BENJAMIN GOUGH Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and
Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. This peal was arranged and rung as a farewell to Mr. Alfred J. Wallater, of Wood Green, Wednesbury, who is leaving England for San Francisco, and the above ringers desire through this medium to wish him a good voyage, safe landing, and God-speed in his new sphere of labour. Messrs. Burkitt, Blundell, T. and G. Hughes, belong to the Wednesbury Parish Church; Fisher, Baker and Gough, to Coseley; Bayliss, to Bradley; Jones, to St. Luke's, Wolverhampton; and Price, to Netherton.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ASTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*ALFRED JONES Treble	JAMES HOPKIN 6
ALBERT SCRIVENS 2	JOHN JENNINGS 7
JAMES JONES 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8
JOHN CORRIGAN 4	FRANK BENNETT 9
WILLIAM H. JONES 5	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

* First peal of Caters. Rung as a compliment to the tower keeper, Mr. James Jones, on his 62nd birthday.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HARRY MEETENS Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES 5
JOHN H. PAICE 2	ARTHUR ARNELL 6
BENJAMIN BASSETT 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7
GEORGE J. NORRIS 4	FREDERICK M. LINDUP Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Warner & Sons. The "go" is perfect and the work reflects great credit upon the firm and their employees.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs.

*HARRY THOMAS Treble	WALTER THOMAS 5
EDWARD EDWARDS 2	RICHARD JONES 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	*ALBERT E. RICHARDS 7
GEORGE JONES 4	JAMES MORGAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

* First peal of Major.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOHN SMITH Treble	GEORGE ARCHER 5
ARTHUR LUDER 2	WILLIAM IRELAND 6
GEORGE BAILEY 3	ABEL HART 7
CLEMENT MOORE 4	JOHN SOUTER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by J. SOUTER.

Arranged for G. Bailey, who hails from Rickingham, this being his first peal. Composition taken from 1894 report (page 55).

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

CHARLES W. SMITH Treble	WILLIAM WARD 5
THOMAS L. SIMMONS 2	GEORGE N. PRICE 6
FRANK T. MARTIN 3	HUBERT EDEN 7
CHARLES N. LEMAN 4	HENRY HODGETTS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by HUBERT EDEN.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOSEPH BIRD Treble	JESSE SCREEN 5
FRANK G. BURLEIGH 2	*JOHN BANK 6
WILLIAM FISHER 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
REUBEN HALL 4	JOHN FORD Tenor

Conducted by FRANK G. BURLEIGH.

* First peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED GRIMES Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
*CYRIL F. JOHNSTON 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
HENRY J. RANZETTA 3	THOMAS LANGDON 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by FRED. DENCH, and

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble	EDWIN BARNETT 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUNR. ... 2	ALFRED GRIMES 6
HENRY J. RANZETTA 3	THOMAS LANGDON 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

This is believed to be the first peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

SOUTHGATE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, SOUTHGATE.)

On Thursday, March 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

*HERBERT ARMSTRONG ... Treble	*HARRY MILLER 5
*GEORGE BESTER 2	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... 6
JOHN ARMSTRONG 3	FREDERICK G. TEGG 7
JOHN E. MILLER 4	WILLIAM PICKWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT, and
Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd, 5th and 7th.

GARGRAVE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REEVE'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH LANGSTROTH ... Treble	JOHN MCKELL 5
WILLIAM H. BIRTWHISTLE 2	ARTHUR R. JONES 6
*H. JOSHUA LOFTHOUSE ... 3	JAMES WANE 7
WALLACE BRADLEY 4	HENRY BIRTWHISTLE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. J. LOFTHOUSE.

* First peal as conductor, and first attempt. † First peal away from the treble. Rung by an entirely local company at the close of a confirmation service by the Bishop of Ripon on the occasion of his first official visit to the village. Members of the congregation (to whom the ringers tender their most hearty thanks) provided a tea at the completion of the peal, a kindness much appreciated and enjoyed.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, Rotherhithe,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE ... Treble	HAROLD W. CLARK 5
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	REUBEN SANDERS 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	ERNEST PYE 7
WILLIAM PYE 4	HENRY DARE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... Treble	SIDNEY BARRON 5
DICK THORNTON, JUNR. ... 2	GEORGE TINGLE 6
JAMES A. TEALE 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
FRANCIS WOODHEAD 4	WILLIAM E. H. ASH ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS BARKER.

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BARKER ... Treble	WILLIAM TAYLOR 5
ALFRED WALLACE 2	† JAMES L. WRIGHT 6
HARRY GREGORY 3	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE ... 7
† EDWARD ELLIOTT 4	WALTER WALLACE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by WALTER WALLACE.

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

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*CHARLES A. HUGHES ... Treble	THOMAS BEADLE 5
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 2	NEWLAND ALDERMAN ... 6
ARTHUR N. HARDY 3	RICHARD BEVAN 7
HENRY DEW 4	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Major. This peal was rung on the 58th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wightman, of Cretingham, Suffolk, the father and mother of the ringer of the tenor.

WOOBURN GREEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART REVERSED.

ARTHUR MARTIN ... Treble	JAMES W. WILKINS & ... 5
GEORGE TWITCHEN 2	ARTHUR F. ASHMAN ... 6
WILLIAM PHIPPS 3	RICHARD R. BUCKLAND ... 7
JAMES GRANSBURY 4	FRANK BOXALL Tenor

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. West, the local foreman, for getting ready.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

STANLEY COLE ... Treble	WILLIAM IRELAND 5
GEORGE DOWDESWELL ... 2	WILLIAM HASTINGS 6
*GEORGE PACKER 3	FRANK COLE 7
ALBERT WRIGHT 4	*WILLIAM BANYARD Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal in any method.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN OLDHAM ... Treble	CHARLES FOWLER 5
FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 2	JOSIAH MORRIS 6
ARTHUR PETTIT 3	RICHARD H. BARTRAM ... 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	EDWARD READER Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT, and
Conducted by E. READER.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Lewisham,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	† WILLIAM HEWETT 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
HENRY J. RANZETTA 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES ;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

THOMAS W. GORE Treble	JOHN R. BROOKES 5
FREDERICK E. PARSONS 2	FRANK JACOBS 6
JONATHAN THOMPSON 3	GEORGE A. THOMPSON 7
WILLIAM T. PALMER 4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung with half-muffled clappers, as a token of respect to the memory of the late Hon. and Rev. Canon C. J. Littleton, formerly Vicar of Chesterfield, who was interred at Penkridge, Staffs, on the above date.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF CUMBERLAND DELIGHT MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 19 cwt.

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

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.

This is the first peal in the method, which is the most intricate yet rung. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Parker.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES ;

Tenor 12 cwt.

W. H. METCALFE Treble	JAS. BAXTER 5
E. J. TITT 2	J. ROBINSON 6
G. W. PEVERELL 3	T. WICK 7
J. G. GREEN 4	R. ROBINSON Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by G. W. PEVERELL.

First peal on the bells since the re-dedication on Wednesday, March 13th, 1912.

DEANE, BOLTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES ;

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRED. ABBOTT Treble	JOSEPH LOWE 5
ARTHUR RIDYARD 2	ROBERT WALLWORK 6
ARNOLD NUTTER 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

This was the conductor's 50th peal of Treble Bob, and the first peal in any method on eight bells by A. Nutter and J. Leatherbarrow.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WM. CLIFFORD, Senr. Treble	JOHN CHARLES DICKEN 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	WM. CLIFFORD, Junr. 6
FREDERICK S. PRICE 3	EDWARD J. BOOT 7
ARTHUR LOWE 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

First Surprise peal by all, the first on the bells and the first ever rung in the County of Notts by a local band. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Donald Coppock, brother of the conductor, who left that day for Australia.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

AND CHURCH OF ENGLAND MEN'S SOCIETY (TUNSTALL BRANCH).

On Tuesday, March 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of Reverse Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob, College Single, and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY JEWISS Treble	WILLIAM E. SPICE 4
GEORGE H. SPICE 2	ALBERT J. DAY 5
THOMAS JULL 3	WILLIAM SPICE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SPICE.

First peal by the Association with all members of the C.E.M.S. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. E. Spice.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Grassendale,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS J. MORRIS Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 4
THOMAS JENMON 2	JOHN TURNER 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	JOHN ALLEN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This peal was rung to welcome home from Canada the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. P. Hyatt, M.A.)

BELTON, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN GROCOCK Treble	*THOMAS ATKIN 4
*CHARLES REEVE 2	†JOHN J. JACKSON 5
WILLIAM WILLSON 3	*ALBERT JARMAN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. JACKSON.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. All except Mr. Willson are members of the local band and the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th and tenor have learnt their ringing since last September.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Norwich, Chester, London, Wells, Lichfield,
Worcester, and Cambridge.

LEONARD CLARKSON Treble	*ERNEST TIGWELL 4
WILLIAM WHEELDON 2	DANIEL PRESTON 5
CLEMENT POINTON 3	CHARLES PRESTON Tenor

Conducted by D. PRESTON.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor.
Rung, at first attempt, as a birthday compliment to E. Tigwell, who
comes from Biddulph.

STRENSHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*JOHN MORRIS Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4
WILLIAM C. JONES 2	GORDON CHECKETTS 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN R. POULSON Treble	THOMAS REED 4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2	JOHN KING 5
HARRY CRICK 3	ARTHUR SYMONDS Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

This was the first peal on the bells, and was rung to celebrate the
19th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. King, of Polstead.
H. Crick hails from Preston, T. Reed from Hadleigh, the others
from Lavenham.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, College
Single, College Bob iv, Willesden Delight, and Old Oxford
Modernised. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 25 lbs.

*ERNEST J. DANE Treble	HARRY KILBY 4
GABRIEL CHALKLEY 2	GEORGE M. KILBY 5
LAWRENCE B. PORTER 3	THOMAS LANGDON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell peal for E. Dane, who is leaving
Wilkesden for Canada.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, March 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOM, TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

E. MAURICE ATKINS 1-2	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 5-6
(St. Catharine's)	(Trinity)
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3-4	*REGINALD O. STREET 7-8
(Trinity)	(St. John's)

Composed by HY. DAINS, and
Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.
Umpire, J. B. WILLIAMSON (Trinity).

* First peal of Treble Bob. This was the President's (the Rev.
A. H. F. Boughey) rooth peal.

LAVENHAM.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.
On Monday, March 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE TOWER OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

W. R. JOHN POULSON 1-2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 5-6
ARTHUR SYMONDS 3-4	WILLIAM DENT 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.
Umpire: F. A. POULSON.

First peal of Major on handbells by the first three, first handbell
peal by W. Dent. Also the first peal of Major on handbells in
Lavenham. A. Symonds' rooth peal.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

SYDNEY R. ROPER 1-2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Junr. 5-6
WALTER S. WISE 3-4	THOMAS H. COLBURN 7-8

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.
Umpire, AMOS W. CLARKE.

This peal was rung at the works of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston,
bell founders, by four employees of the firm, and is the first handbell
peal rung under these conditions.

JUBILEE BIRTHDAY PEALS.

WESTMEON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs., in F.

EDWIN HORREX Treble	FREDERICK J. HARDY 5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2	ARTHUR D. BARKER 6
HENRY R. NEWTON 3	ALFRED B. PECK 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 4	FRANCIS E. DAWE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

The picturesque village of Westmeon is the birthplace of Mr. F. E.
Dawe, who completed his 50th year on the above date. At the finish
of the peal the bells were "fired" 50 times.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-UPON-CORNHILL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 41 cwt., in B.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	FREDERICK J. HARDY 7
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 2	FRANCIS E. DAWE 8
ALFRED B. PECK 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 9
GEORGE R. FARDON 4	HENRY R. NEWTON 10
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 5	HERBERT LANGDON 11
CHARLES S. BURDEN 6	WALTER PRIME Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

This peal was specially arranged for, and rung to commemorate
the birthday of Mr. Dawe.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, March 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MAURICE SMITHER 1-2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	FRANK BLONDELL 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. E. Dawe, a respected
member of the Winchester Guild.

LATE PEALS.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES ;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	HARRY FRANCE ...	5
ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG ... 2	*SAMUEL WATKINSON ...	6
FREDERICK HARWOOD ... 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR ...	7
*ARTHUR ROBINSON ... 4	EDWARD ARMSTRONG ... Tenor	

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

* First peal of Major.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, March 18, 1912, 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 City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure,
College Exercise, Roystone Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, and
Violet. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT H. NICHOLLS ... Treble	ROBERT J. RICKETTS ...	4
JOSIAH PANTHER ... 2	EGERTON G. NICHOLLS ...	5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... 3	ALBERT NASH ... Tenor	

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a last token of respect to
Mr. F. J. Thompson, for many years people's warden at the above
Church, who was interred at Wath on the above date.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

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

J. HERBERT BENFIELD ... Treble	WALTER PIGOTT ...	4
MISS SARAH PIGOTT ... 2	GEORGE PIGOTT ...	5
HORACE HOWELL ... 3	JOSEPH PIGOTT ... Tenor	

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

First peal of Minor by all the band except the conductor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—At St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of
Grandsire Triples (Shipway), in 44 mins.: H. Wolstencroft 1, J. W.
Holmes 2, C. Broadbent 3, R. Wimpenny 4, Geo. Garnett 5, H. Palmer
6, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, A. Scott (first quarter-peal) 8.

BARLEY, HERTS.—The Hertfordshire Association.—On March 11th,
at St. Margaret's Church, 2280 Doubles, in eight different methods, in
1 hr. 25 mins., consisting of 600 changes St. Dunstan's, conducted by
N. Hayes; 240 Morning Star, and 240 Dream, conducted by H. Howard;
480 Grandsire, conducted by R. Howard; 240 Plain Bob, conducted by
H. Slater; 240 Canterbury Doubles, 120 Oxford Single and 120 April
Day, conducted by W. Mansfield. First attempt of conducting by N.
Hayes and H. Slater. Rung in honour of the coming of age of R.
Howard, the band wishing him many happy returns of the day. The
band would like to know if this is a record on five bells.

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THE GLOSSOP ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL DINNER.**

The members of the Glossop Association, which is in a thoroughly prosperous condition after its two years' existence, held their annual dinner at Dinting, the Rev. H. Lawrance (Vicar of Dinting) presiding over a company of about 40. After the loyal toast had been honoured, Mr. F. H. Morris (Whitfield) submitted "Success to the Glossop Change Ringers' Association," and, as a church officer, spoke appreciatively of the good work done by the ringers, and of the pleasant relations existing between the ringers and the clergy and officers of the various churches.

Mr. James Buckley (secretary) responded, remarking that an excellent feeling also existed between the ringers of the three local churches. The Association had now been in existence two years, and they had had no difficulties they were unable to surmount. Everything was working smoothly, and everyone was doing his best for the success of the Association (applause).

Mr. J. Nield, who proposed the toast of the "Vice-Presidents and supporters of the Association," said the success of the Association was, he thought, chiefly owing to the support and encouragement given them by the clergy and other gentlemen in the different parishes. He hoped as time went on they would never lose the confidence of their supporters.

The Chairman, in responding, said they were indebted to the ringers for the way in which they discharged their duties, and he suggested that if the secretary looked about him he might be able to enrol one or two vice-presidents in the room that evening (hear, hear, and laughter). He saw from the balance sheet that the Association was in the fortunate position of having a balance in hand, which could not be said of many Church organisations in that or any other town. It was not generally known that the ringers, apart from other Church workers, occupied a legal status, for the vicars were obliged to have the church bells rung twice every Sunday. One bell must be rung, if not more, before morning and evening service. But even apart from this legal status, the ringers had a very important task thrown upon their shoulders, and this was, by ringing the bells every Sunday, to let the people know that services were being held. The ringers did their part in this respect, and then the responsibility rested upon the people if they failed to attend church. From that point of view the ringers occupied an important place in their Church organisation. Mr. Morris had stated that he could not see why there should not be similar associations of other Church workers, and they might have an association of choristers, or even an association of churchwardens (laughter). Such associations helped to remove misapprehensions and promoted good feeling, and helped them to realise that although they had different duties to perform, they were all working for the same cause. Concluding, the Chairman wished the Association a prosperous future, and hoped that all connected with it would continue to do their best to make it a success (applause).

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Chairman and to the Host (Mr. F. Charlesworth). During the evening, touches were rung on handbells, and the Vale Quartette Party contributed some enjoyable vocal items.

Earlier in the day an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, at Whitfield, but was unfortunately lost. Messrs. H. Chapman and R. Newton, of Manchester, were included in the band.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ROCHESTER DISTRICT MEETING.**

The half-yearly meeting of the Rochester District was held on Saturday, at Borden, near Sittingbourne. There were about 60 members present, representing Queenboro', Bobbing, Tunstall, Rodmersham, Sittingbourne, Upchurch, Gillingham, Chatham, Rochester, Milton-next-Gravesend, Herne Hill, and Boughton, and the local band. At the business meeting, held in the belfry, Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins, of Sheerness, was elected chairman, and 26 new members were elected. Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppy, was selected for the next meeting, to be held in June. The proposed benevolent fund was considered desirable, and a motion was passed requesting the general secretary to bring it before the annual meeting on Whit-Monday.—A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for placing his tower at the disposal of the Association. During the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major, were rung.

OAKLEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 22nd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: *W. Titcomb 1, W. Hunt 2, J. Ballard (Basingstoke) 3, H. White, Basingstoke (conductor) 4, E. Lodge 5, *J. Lewis 6. *First 720. Also 720 Bob Minor: W. Titcomb 1, W. Hunt 2, W. Pither (first 720) 3, J. Ballard (conductor) 4, E. Lodge 5, J. Lewis 6.

ROYSTON.—Herts Association.—On Feb. 21st, at the Parish Church, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor: A. Bonnett 1, W. Mansfield (first in the method) 2, R. Wilkerson 3, A. Gilbert 4, W. C. Darlow 5, R. G. King (conductor) 6.

MERROW, SURREY.—On March 8th, 720 Bob Minor: A. Bridger 1, P. Gould 2, G. J. Nichols 3, A. J. Boniface 4, H. Mason 5, H. Stovell (conductor) 6.

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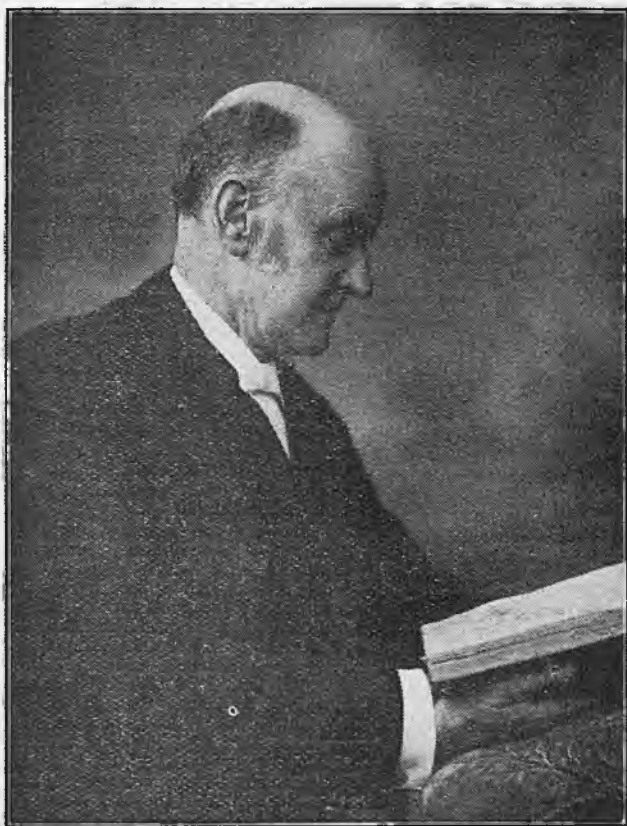
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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

Recorded in its due place in our peal columns will be found a report of the 100th peal rung by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, of Trinity College, Cambridge, who has been the only president of the Cambridge University Guild since its foundation in 1879. It is entirely due to his energy and perseverance that the Guild has been able to maintain a continuous existence. Most men reside at the University for three years and spend only six months out of every twelve in residence at Cambridge; and it must also be remembered that the majority of those who join the Guild



THE REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY.

have never touched a rope before, or even heard of change ringing. To have kept together a ringing society under such a handicap for over 30 years is a great achievement—worthy of the highest commendation. It is a task which would have dismayed any but the greatest and most patient enthusiast.

Sometimes for years together there has been no one except Mr. Boughey himself capable of more than ringing a single handbell in Plain Bob. It will thus be seen that the president has had more than one man's share of the drudgery of training young hands, who are certain to leave just when they are becoming proficient. But in spite of this, his keenness has steadily increased, and he has imparted his own enthusiasm for ringing to many of the younger generation. He has long been an honorary mem-

ber of the Central Council in recognition of his services to the Exercise.

He rang his first peal in April, 1890. His third was one of Double Norwich in hand—a feat never before accomplished—which opened the eyes of the Exercise to new possibilities, and was the precursor of the wonderful performances of the brothers Pye and their band. But his real activity as a peal ringer began in 1903. He took part in the first clerical peal of Major (Kent Treble Bob) and in the first clerical peal of Double Norwich; and although he has never had the opportunities for practicing the higher methods, yet he has rung peals of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise. The peal ringing activities of resident members of the University Guild have, of necessity, been restricted to handbell performances, and this accounts for the fact that a large proportion of Mr. Boughey's peals have been rung "in hand"—including Stedman, and, as above mentioned, Double Norwich.

About three years ago Mr. Boughey became Vicar of the University Church of St. Mary the Great, Cambridge, with its ring of twelve bells, dating from 1770. Under his rule the two trebles have been recast, and the whole twelve rehung with new fittings. These bells are, perhaps, best known from the fact that on them the famous "Cambridge Chimes"—often wrongly called "Westminster Chimes"—composed (from a phrase in Handel's Messiah) by Dr. Jowett and William Crotch in the year 1793, were first heard.

Mr. Boughey's genial personality and ready hospitality towards his brother ringers are well known to a large circle, and few men have done more towards the solution of the crying problem of promoting an intelligent interest in bells and bell ringing among the clergy and the educated classes.

Rev. A. H. F. Boughey's peals are as follow:—

	Towers.	Handbells.
Minor Three Methods	1	...
Minor Seven Methods	1	...
Bob Triples .....	...	1
Bob Major	4	12
Bob Royal	2	4
Bob Maximus .....	...	1
Grandsire Triples	6	...
Grandsire Caters	1	1
Little Bob Major	1	...
Double Norwich Major	8	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	...
Kent Treble Bob Major	9	4
Kent Treble Bob Royal .....	...	1
Stedman Triples	30	6
Stedman Caters .....	...	1
Superlative Surprise Major	1	...
Cambridge Surprise Major	3	...
Totals ...	68	32

Including the first peal of Double Norwich in hand and the first peal of Little Bob ever rung.

The C.E.M.S. is doing magnificent work in linking together in one great brotherhood, the men of our Church. It is one of the organisations through which ringers can render further service to the Church, and we record with pleasure this week a peal rung at Tunstall, Kent, by members of the C.E.M.S., and published as a peal by "the Kent County Association and the Church of England Men's Society."

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

We have received many congratulations, coupled with good wishes, upon the completion of our first year. It is impossible to reply to all these correspondents individually, and we hope they will accept our grateful thanks for their kind and encouraging messages.

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Another band has added to its laurels by ringing the "first Surprise peal by all." This was at Beeston, and was the first ever rung in the county of Notts by a local band. Congratulations to Mr. Albert Coppock and his men. The "first" is usually but the precursor of many others. We hope the Beeston company have permanently joined the ranks of the Surprise peal ringers.

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In connection with the appeal for £400 for the restoration of Holy Trinity bells, Guildford, about £200 has been promised or given, and a general appeal to the townspeople will, it is hoped, result in the balance being raised.

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At the same time that Holy Trinity are rehung, it is proposed to call in the bellhangers to attend to the ten at St. Nicolas, which have been unpealable for about a year. When this is done we may expect Surrey's county town to contribute its share to the church bell peals, just as it has in the last twelve months taken the lead and put up some records in handbell peals.

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Among the oldest of the rhymes embodying belfry rules is that to be found at Tonge, Shropshire, which runs as follows:—

If that to ring you do come here,
You must ring well with hand and ear,
Keep stroke of time and go not out
Or else you forfeit out of doubt.
Our law is so constructed here
For every fault a jug of beer.
If that you ring with spur or hat,
A jug of beer must pay for that.
If that you take a rope in hand
These forfeits you must not withstand,
Or if a bell you overthrow,
It must cost sixpence ere you go.
If in this place you swear or curse,
Sixpence you pay, out with your purse;
Come, pay the clerk, it is his fee,
For one that swears shall not go free.
These laws are old and are not new,
Therefore the clerk must have his due.

—George Harrison, 1694.

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The bells of St. Mary's Church, North Finchley, are to be rehung and retuned. The work will be commenced soon after Easter, and will be carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London.

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A conference of the United Patriots' National Benefit Society is to be held at Manchester on April 8th next. If any members of the Exercise have been elected as delegates will they kindly communicate with Mr. W. Keeble, 5, North Street, Kelvedon.

Wyldbore's Day was celebrated at Peterborough on Friday, when the bells of the parish church were rung throughout the day. The custom dates from 1781, when Mr. Matthew Wyldbore, M.P., in gratitude for finding his way after being lost in the snow by hearing the bells of the parish church, left money for this annual celebration.

CUMBERLAND DELIGHT.

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Up to the present ringers have always regarded London Surprise as the most intricate of the methods practised, Bristol not excepted. Now, however, we have a method than can claim to be more tricky even than London, and it is not a Surprise, but a Delight method. Cumberland Delight is another product of the inventive genius of the Rev. E. Bankes James, and a study of the lead given below will show what a difficult method it is to ring. Any composition in Superlative will go to it, providing 5—6 are not reversed.

Despite the intricacy of the method, however, the first peal has been rung, and it goes to the credit of the Royal Cumberland Youths, through the Edmonton band. The peal was rung at the second attempt, the first having failed, after an hour's ringing on Saturday week. It was conducted by Miss Edith Parker, who is to be congratulated upon adding another brilliant accomplishment to her many great achievements.

THE METHOD.

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BISHOP AUCKLAND BELLS.

The re-dedication of the bells at the Parish Church, Bishop Auckland, took place on Wednesday week, by the Lord Bishop of Durham, assisted by the Rural Dean and Vicar of the parish, and assistant clergy. Members of the Durham and Newcastle Association were present from Darlington, Newcastle, North Ormesby, Chester-le-Street, and Staindrop, together with the local ringers, and a representative band rang the opening touch.

The whole peal has been re-cast, the mechanism renewed throughout, and the bells tuned on the Simpson principle, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The old oak frame has been retained, as it was found to be in splendid condition, and it now contains the heaviest peal that it is capable of carrying. The new tenor is 12 cwt., and the total weight of the peal is 52 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs. The "go" and tone of the bells leave nothing to be desired, and the greatest satisfaction with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's work was expressed on every side, the Vicar, churchwardens and Bell Committee being highly pleased with the result, it being felt that they have now a peal worthy of the ancient and venerable church.

After the ceremony, the ringers were entertained to an excellent tea at the Cockton Hill Hall, when, in the unavoidable absence of the President, the Secretary (Mr. Chas. Todd) expressed the great pleasure it had been to the members to attend the service and open the bells. After tea, touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. As will be seen from another column, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was scored on Saturday, and the verdict of ringers is summed up in the word "excellent."

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HELPING BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your columns have recently contained a good many expressions of opinion on this subject, some wise and some otherwise. Without discussing these, may I briefly summarise the actual experience of a parochial clergyman, who for many years, first as learner and afterwards as ringer, attended every practice, and most of the Sunday ringing in the belfry of his parish church; and who more recently, as head of a large Association, was either concerned in, or consulted about, many schemes for providing beginners with instruction, or for "missionary" expeditions to places where change ringing was unknown? A great deal—more than some of your correspondents think—has been and is being done on each of these lines in the area which I know best; and doubtless in many others.

Let me say at once that I have found expert ringers, on the whole, ready and willing to do their best to help beginners. In their own parishes or districts it is obviously their interest to do so; and where this duty is neglected, the reward is sooner or later reaped in the break-up of a band and the disuse of change ringing. There are, however, difficulties for which allowance must be made. In the first place, not everyone has the gift of teaching others what he knows himself, or the patience necessary for dealing with young beginners. This is particularly the case in rural districts, where patience and perseverance are not invariable virtues. Another drawback is the apparently incurable unpunctuality of the class from which our ringers have to be drawn. You get your beginners together, and arrange with some good ringers to meet them at a particular hour for practice and instruction before the regular ringing begins: as likely as not, some don't come at all, or loaf in casually half or three-quarters of an hour late. Is it wonderful that efforts to help them are discouraged? In my own early ringing days, I was very nearly giving up the whole thing in disgust with the unpunctuality and irregularity of so many ringers, and the waste of time involved in waiting about for men who seemed to have no thought for the convenience of others, and had not the common politeness to notify their absence beforehand, if it was unavoidable. Had I done this, I should perhaps have set a bad example of impatience: I can only hope that unpunctual people are unaware of the real annoyance that they cause to others.

There is one other difficulty, not, I trust, very prevalent, but to my certain knowledge existing in some places where sums of money are divisible among ringers, viz., that those in possession are unwilling to admit others to a possible share. I know one important tower where change ringing was for many years—and for aught I know may still be—successfully kept out (the clergy being apathetic) by a band of call-change ringers; one or two of whom were good change ringers, but would do nothing to help others. I was once asked by a clergyman in a neighbouring county, who had lately succeeded to a parish with a fine ring of eight bells, to come and advise him what to do to get up the ringing. The foreman of the ringers, himself a competent change ringer, assured the new Rector that, do what they would, they could not get any young men to learn, and were obliged to be content with ringing only six bells. This seemed strange, in a parish of 2,000 to 3,000 inhabitants; and a private interview with the said foreman soon revealed the fact that there was a fixed sum of money divisible among the ringers, and that the existing six were not at all keen about bringing in two others to share in it! The foreman, of course, implied to me that not he, but the others were to blame. I, however, felt bound to tell the Rector that until this man resigned or was deprived of his post, and a clean sweep made of existing arrangements, I did not see what could be done: but whether any action was taken, I never heard.

Such cases are few, and become every year fewer: I think that they may almost be left out of consideration. That young ringers, and young hands, are being everywhere helped by older and expert ringers is, I think, provable from the records of most ringing associations, and from the columns of the ringing papers. Perhaps there might be better organisation of instruction: but there again, only those who have attempted it in widely-scattered rural areas know what the difficulties are. I do know; and I cannot cast the first stone at the experts.

T. L. PAPILLON

(Late Master of the Essex Association).

To the Editor.

Sir,—I trust you will kindly allow me a little space to reply to a letter in "The Ringing World," by Mr. Gutteridge. One cannot disagree with his remarks as far as they go, but one must go a good deal deeper to get to the root of the matter. My experience as a "spade worker" teaches me this, that the hardest thing one has to fight against, in coaching a beginner, or a band of beginners, is to keep them from losing heart, and if you can get them enthusiastic about peal ringing, and anxious to score their first peal, then half the battle is won. As an example, we will take a six-bell tower, in an agricultural district. In most cases, the avocation of these ringers prevents them from attending District or County Association meetings, and they are left chiefly to their own resources. Allowing Mr. Gutteridge's point, the ambition of these ringers will be to ring a peal of Minor, in seven different methods. Now what happens? One method is learnt, then, perhaps, number two is mastered; then one of the ringers has to go into the towns or cities for a livelihood, and if he is anything like

a decent ringer, he is picked up by a tower where learners are not tolerated, and so it goes on, one set making ringers for another set. Are these "stay-at-homes" to be prevented from having their names in the ringing Press as performers, or being honoured with a page in the Association's books, simply because, through no fault of their own, they cannot ring 720 changes seven times over in seven different methods? What to them is a loss, must be a gain to others. This is where the real help is needed, and to bring forward legislation, which will prevent them from giving their best in a peal ringing sense, is making the work of the "spade worker" fifty times harder, and to the ringers themselves is a gross injustice.

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H. LUDKIN.

A JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

A man's jubilee while it must inevitably remind him of the passing years, is nevertheless an epoch which many like especially to celebrate, and the bells of a Hampshire village, and of one of London's proudest churches, were set ringing on Saturday to commemorate the 50th birthday of Mr. Francis Edward Dawe, a past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Years ago, Frank Dawe was a leading spirit in the Exercise in the Metropolis, but, like Rip Van Winkle, he went to sleep, as far as ringing is concerned. He has, however, awakened to the old enthusiasm, and now for the first time in a varied career, he has rung two peals in one day, for it was with a peal of Kent Treble Bob in the morning, and a peal of Stedman Cinques in the evening that he celebrated his jubilee.

Mr. Dawe was born in a charming old thatched house in the picturesque village of West Meon, Hants, on March 16th, 1862, and he returned to his native heath for his 50th birthday peal upon the bells which, he was always told, were ringing when he came into the world. To fit in two peals in one day, one in the heart of Hampshire, and the other in the city, would at no time be an easy matter, but with the train service disorganised, through the great coal strike, the difficulties seemed almost insurmountable. With the cordial co-operation of his friends, the College Youths, however, the obstacles were overcome, and the peals recorded elsewhere were the result. On reaching the village of West Meon, on Friday night, Mr. Dawe received a special welcome from the local ringers, the bells sounding sweetly in the evening air. The London contingent arrived next morning, and a good peal of 5280 of Kent was brought round in 3 hrs. 5 mins., after which the bells were "fired" 50 times. Then a photo of the group was taken as a memento of the occasion, and the thatched house was visited.

After a hurried luncheon, the band returned to London for a peal of Stedman Cinques (Mr. Dawe's favourite method), in the evening

... at St. Michael's 'pon Cornhill,

In famous London City,

Where the big bells are so grand,

And the little ones so pretty.

Here again success was achieved, and the many listeners who assembled were unanimous in the opinion that the ringing would rank amongst the best of the twelve-bell peals in St. Michael's tower.

Mr. Dawe wishes to express his highest thanks to the band, some of whom had to leave home at 4 a.m., in order to catch the train, and to all who did their best to make the day the great success it proved to be. Particularly he wishes to thank the Rev. J. H. Fair for the use of West Meon bells, and Mr. Gregory, the head ringer at that church, for having the bells up and everything in order; Canon Bell for granting permission for the peal at Cornhill, and Mr. A. Hughes for having the bells up and greased, and ready for the start.

It is an interesting fact that Mr. Dawe rang St. Michael's tenor for the late Mr. H. W. Haley's last peal, and among the many other excellent achievements in his record, he conducted a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on his 20th birthday, and a peal of Stedman Cinques from the 11th at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on his 21st birthday. He also had the gratification of conducting a peal of Triples on the golden wedding day of his own father and mother, and, a year later, on that of his wife's parents.

On Monday, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells at Guildford, to celebrate Mr. Dawe's birthday.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

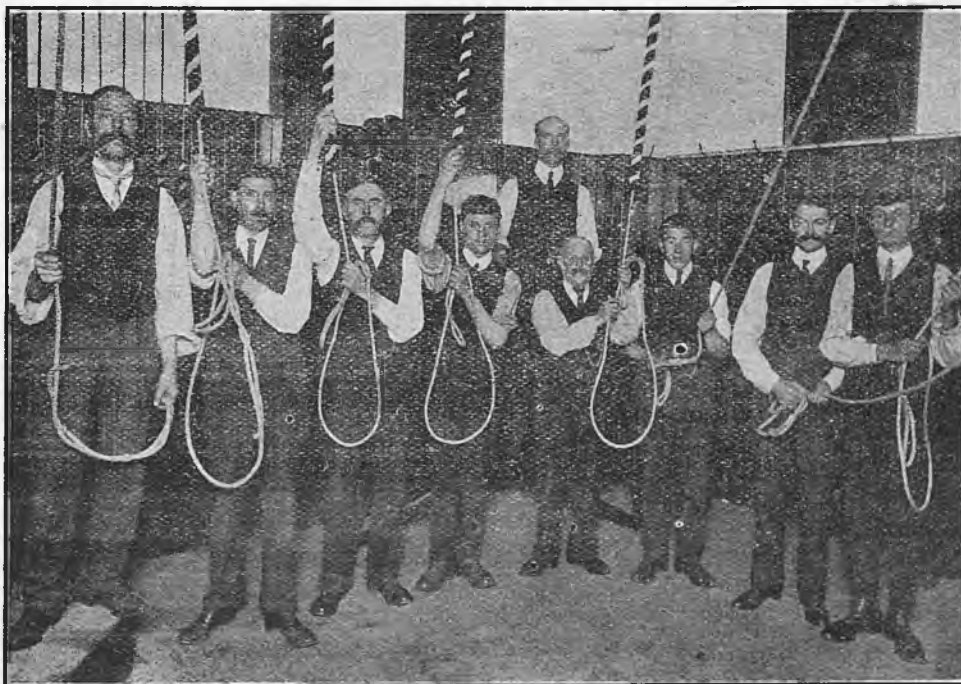
The second meeting of the Biggleswade and District Branch of the Beds Association was held at Everton, near Sandy, on Thursday, March 7th, when seventeen members attended from Patten, Sandy, Blunham, Clifton, and Biggleswade, and the local band. The business meeting was held in the tower, with Mr. A. F. Love, of Sandy, in the chair. Two performing members were elected, including the Rev. T. H. Drake (late of Hitchin), who has recently taken up his residence at Sandy. Seven honorary members were also elected, including the Vicar of Everton (the Rev. F. Bell), and the Vicar of Biggleswade (the Rev. R. S. Bagshaw), Mr. J. G. Cooper, Mus. Bac. (organist), Mr. W. C. Birch (organist of Old Warden, Beds), Dr. R. D. Bridger and Mr. J. C. H. Daniels.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the ringers the use of the bells was proposed by the Rev. T. H. Drake, and carried unanimously.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman was also passed, and afterwards there was further ringing on the handy peal of five bells.

ANOTHER STRIKE OF RINGERS.

GODALMING MEN RESENT ACCUSATIONS OF INEFFICIENCY.

Yet another strike! This time it is the bellringers of Godalming, Surrey. Their action is due to the allegations of the Godalming Church Finance Committee—through whom the ringers are paid £24 a year (in lieu of former Christmas boxes) for their services—who allege that the ringing is not satisfactory. The churchwardens received from the committee, the following resolution, which had been passed unanimously, "That the churchwardens be informed that there is great dissatisfaction at the bell ringing, and the committee give notice that, unless there is a marked improvement, they may withhold the whole or part of the grant another year." Mr. G. Manfield, the captain,

the ringing are very unjust and very unfair to us, and that unless their resolution is withdrawn and a satisfactory answer given before next Friday evening, when a meeting will take place in the belfry, the whole of the ringers will place their resignations in the hands of the Vicar (who has sole control of the belfry), and for whom and the churchwardens we are very sorry, as everything has been carried on very pleasantly before, and there will be no ringing after that date by us. You must remember that we have young ringers to instruct, and we cannot teach them without letting them practise, so that they may help when sickness or other reasons will not allow others to attend. We have always guaranteed the vicars respectively (four in my time) to ring for church services, about 113 times per annum, gratuitously, and have always done so, besides about 40 times for practice to help young members to learn (which takes a very long



THE GODALMING RINGERS IN THE BELFRY.

V. SMITH, C. CHILD, W. LAWES, W. CLISSOLD, P. MANFIELD, G. MANFIELD, W. SMITH and A. TICZ.
Behind is A. BOXALL.

in a letter to the secretary of the committee, replied that the ringers desired an explanation of the letter, "As this is the first time in my recollection, from my 40 years of ringing, that there has been any complaint of the ringing. . . . If you will kindly call a meeting as soon as possible next week, giving me 24 hours' notice, so that I may get the ringers to meet you and talk it over before they decide as to the future, we should feel obliged. If you have an expert ringer on the committee, or any other you may appoint, we should like him to come to the belfry (giving us notice of the time and date), and test us as to our ability in ringing."

In the course of further correspondence which followed, Mr. Manfield wrote to the churchwardens: "In answer to your letter of the 13th inst. respecting the resolution passed by the Godalming Church Finance Committee, a meeting was held in the belfry on Friday night, and I am instructed to inform you that a resolution was passed unanimously that the threat and the statement as to the dissatisfaction at

time). The following are the names of the ringers and the number of years that they have rung at Godalming Church: G. Manfield, 40 years; W. Clissold, 29 years; W. Smith, 23 years; C. Child, 18 years; A. Tice, 15 years; P. Manfield, 14 years; W. Lawes, 4 years; V. Smith, 3 years; A. Boxall, 9 years; W. Dunsby, 2 years; and R. Smith, 8 months. These are all members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers. If the committee would like to meet us and give us a proper explanation we would meet them any evening this week if due notice is given. No member of the committee attended on Friday night at the belfry as requested by us with the exception of Mr. Houlder (hon. secretary) unofficially."

The only result of this letter was a special meeting of the committee, at which a motion, adhering to the previous resolution, was passed. In consequence the Godalming ringers have resigned in a body, and, up to the time of going to press, no alteration in the situation has taken place.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday week a very successful meeting of the North Western Division of the Essex Association was held at Sawbridgeworth, about 20 members being present from Saffron Walden, Stansted, Bishop Stortford, Harlow (St. Mary's), Harlow Common, Braintree, Great Bentley, and Wormley, with the local band. The tea and business meeting were held at the King William IV. Mr. F. Pitstow (District Master) presiding, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association), and Mr. W. Watts (district secretary). The Rev. W. M. Bellamy (Vicar of Newport) was elected an hon. member, and the following ringing members were elected: Mr. S. C. Searle, of Newport; Messrs. L. T. Cordell, H. Morris, T. Hard, C. Peacock, F. Whitby, of Harlow Com-

mon; Messrs. W. T. Cook, A. Reddington, and A. Levey. It was decided that the next meeting be held at Wenden and Littlebury.—Mr. Penning spoke in favour of a benevolent fund for the benefit of ringers being started.—The Chairman said he thought it would be a good thing to keep in touch with the railway companies about the cheap fares to those attending ringing meetings.—The Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Mr. H. C. Bradley asking for a subscription for the restoration of the Shoreditch bells. It was decided to refer the matter to the annual meeting on Whit-Monday.—The members afterwards made a move to the tower, when the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise.

NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m.; and Southwark Cathedral, on the 27th, at 8 p.m.; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings at 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapton, S.W.

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. F. W. A. Wilkinson), at Heston, on Saturday, March 23rd. Ringing from 3.30. Tea will be provided free in the Church Room at 6 o'clock.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield, Gorton, on March 23rd. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.—W.W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells ready at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Derby on March 23rd. Bells of St. Peter's, St. Altmund's and St. Andrew's available from 3 p.m. Meeting in St. Andrew's belfry 6.30.—R. G. Basson, District Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, March 30th, 1912. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hunslet on March 30th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting in the Parish Room, behind the church, at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Cheltenham on Easter Monday. Notice has been given of a resolution affecting the latter part of Rule 1 (*re* Central Council).—W. A. Cave, Honorary Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The thirtieth annual meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 8th. The bells at St. Peter's, Holy Trinity, Lenton, and St. Mary's, Bulwell, will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m. Committee meeting at Calvert's Café, Long Row, at 3.15. Tea, 1s. 3d. each, in the same room at 4 o'clock. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify the Hon. Sec. by Thursday, April 4th (first post at the latest). All the towers will be closed during the time of tea and meeting.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary, Cotgrave, Notts.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Service at the cathedral at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. A. J. Langdon, Rector of Great Munden, followed by meat tea and annual business meeting for elec-

tion of officers, in the Abbey Institute, at 5.50 sharp. Will secretaries of bands please notify the probable number of their members who will attend not later than Easter Monday morning. Price of tea, 6d. to members, 1s. 3d. to non-members. St. Albans is an unique place for a bell-ringers' gathering, possessing four peals of bells, a grand cathedral, and historical ruins and associations possessed by no other city in the world. It is the place for a day's holiday.—G. W. Cartmel, Honorary Secretary, Duffield, St. Albans.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Mitcham on Easter Monday. Ringing at the Parish and Christ Church during the afternoon and evening. Short service at Christ Church, to be followed by tea, at the invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens. Further details next week.—C. F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above Association will take place at Huntingdon on Easter Monday, April 8th. A short service will be held in All Saints' Church at 12.30 p.m. The dinner and business meeting will be held at the George Hotel at 1.30 p.m. The bells of All Saints (6), St. Mary's (8) will be available during the day, and Godmanchester (8) after 3 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, April 3rd.—T. R. Dennis, General Secretary, 33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, April 13th. The sermon will be preached by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Willesden. Full particulars will be announced later.—C. T. Coles, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretaries.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—The quarterly general meeting will take place on Monday, April 15th, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C. Tower open at 8 p.m. Business meeting at 9.30 in the tower room. The society also meets the second and fourth Sunday in each month at 10 a.m. for service ringing. No meeting will take place on April 1st as previously advertised.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Messrs W. H. Doran and F. Doran have removed to 89, Pitchford Street, West Ham Lane, Stratford, E.—Mr. Wm. B. Biss has removed to 18, Hirwin Street, Cathays, Cardiff.

VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mrs. Walker's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

WESTWARD HO!

PRESENTATION TO A WEDNESBURY RINGER.

On Tuesday week, at St. Paul's Institute, Wednesbury, the ringers of St. Paul's Society met, with the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. R. Wilkin), the curate (the Rev. J. Howe), and a few friends from Walsall, and Mr. C. Wallater (Willenhall), to partake of a supper, provided by the local men, as a farewell to Mr. A. J. Wallater, who is leaving this country for San Francisco. After supper a presentation was made to Mr. Wallater, the gift consisting of a handsome dressing case, subscribed for by the Vicar, Mr. A. Fouks (a former churchwarden), and the members of the local band.—The Vicar, in making the presentation, expressed his regret at losing Mr. Wallater, as his place would be difficult to fill, both as a ringer, and as a Sunday School teacher. He

hoped he would be successful in his new sphere of life, and assured him that he was going to a lovely country.—Mr. Wallater suitably responded.—Mr. E. J. Tyler (head ringer) added a few words, giving a resume of the work accomplished by the band during Mr. Wallater's connection with it. Mr. Wallater, he said, had been connected with the band eight years, during which time they had seen many ups and downs, but he was proud to say, the present band was the best that had been at the church since the bells were put in, nearly 25 years ago. This was in no small measure due to Mr. Wallater's ability and enthusiasm. The speaker went on to say that he had worked with him both as a ringer and as a Sunday School teacher, and had always found him everything that goes to make a man, in the strict sense of the word. He wished him every success in the land of his adoption, and hoped that he would not forget the ringers, as he felt sure they would not forget him. His place would be hard to fill, and he would be missed, not only by the local band, but by the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Mr. B. Horton, Mr. E. Smith and Mr. C. Wallater also spoke, the last-named saying that he wished to thank the band for their kindness shown to his brother, and also the speakers for the kind words said about him. He hoped the young ringers would try and emulate his good example, and not be satisfied with being the best local band, but try to be the best band in the society.

The rest of the evening was spent in an informal manner, some ringing handbells, others expressing their good wishes to Mr. Wallater as an opportunity presented itself.

Mr. Wallater has rung in 39 peals, including the first peal of Erin Triples rung by the above society, which he conducted. All the ringers who took part in it were present at the supper. An attempt was made on Saturday, March 9th, to ring a peal of Stedman Triples as a farewell peal, which would have been the first peal by an entirely local band, but it unfortunately came to grief, owing to a change course, after ringing 24 hrs.

Mr. Wallater's 39 peals were made up of: Grandsire Triples, 10, conducted, 1; Bob Major, 4; Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Triples, 10; Stedman Caters, 8; Darlaston Bob Triples, 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Erin Triples, 1, conducted, 1; Double Oxford Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 2; total, 39; conducted, 2. Rung in 11 different towers.

PRESENTATION TO A WIGAN RINGER.

On Saturday evening last a pleasant little gathering of ringers took place in the tower of the Parish Church, Wigan, to bid farewell to Mr. J. Watts, who is leaving Wigan for Canada on March 29th.—Mr. W. Bentham (Aughton), who presided, explained the nature of the meeting, and spoke of the many happy hours Mr. Watts and he had spent together in visiting various towers, and doing all they could to push forward the Art of change ringing. Where Mr. Watts was going, he (the Chairman) believed there were no bells, and by accepting a present from himself, Mr. Watts would have something to remind him of the happy hours they had spent together in England.—Mr. Fisher (foreman of the tower) added a few words, and Mr. T. Walker, of Standish, spoke of the sterling worth of Mr. Watts, who had given them every help he could.—Mr. Watts, who was taken by surprise, thanked the donor for his kindness, and said the gift would remind him of the many happy hours they had spent together.—The present consisted of 14 handbells, and were greatly admired by the ringers present.—Afterwards, a touch of Grandsire Triples (504 changes) were rung on the splendid tower bells by the following members of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild: R. Fisher (conductor) 1, A. Shaw 2, J. Gummerson 3, W. Bentham 4, J. Watts 5, R. Fisher, junr., 6, J. Barker and T. Walker 7, S. Hall 8, brought an enjoyable meeting to a close.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A GOOD MEETING AT OLDHAM.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch was held at Oldham Parish Church, on Saturday, when upwards of fifty members were present from Oldham Parish, Glodwick, Moorside, Rochdale, St. Alban's, Todmorden Parish, Todmorden Unitarian, Milnrow, Middleton, Manchester, Blackburn, Burnley, Preston, Lytham, Walkden, Bolton, Stockport, Rawtenstall, Ashton, Helmshore. The bells were ready at 3.30, when members of the committee had a short touch of Grandsire Caters. The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. H. J. Elsee.—After the usual votes of thanks, the bells were kept going in Grandsire Doubles, Triples, Caters and Stedman Triples and Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Major and Bob Royal, till nine o'clock.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 27th, at St. Mary's Church, touches of Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, with half-muffled bells, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. W. P. Gale, for many years a sidesman and Sunday School teacher: W. Pierce, F. Lambert, junr., C. Moss, E. Easter, H. Pratt, J. O'Neill, J. Howard, F. C. Lambert, A. Head, and J. Jolly.—On Wednesday, Feb. 21st and 28th, on handbells, a course of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, and seven courses of Stedman Triples: A. Lee 1—2, H. Barton 3—4, F. C. Lambert 5—6, J. O'Neill 7—8.

SOUTHGATE.—The Middlesex Association.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 49 mins.: *H. Armstrong 1, A. R. Glasscock 2, *G. Lester 3, J. Armstrong (conductor) 4, J. E. Miller 5, H. Miller 6, *N. A. Tomlinson 7, †F. G. Tegg 8. * First quarter-peal of Treble Bob. † First quarter-peal of Treble Bob with bob bell.—On Sunday, March 10th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1280 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Armstrong (first in method) 1, G. Bester 2, J. Armstrong (conductor) 3, J. E. Miller 4, H. Miller 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, F. G. Tegg 7, W. Rickworth 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, 672 Kent Treble Bob: L. B. Bailey 1, F. W. Bailey 2, E. S. Bailey 3, G. Hardy (Kelsale) 4, J. M. Bailey 5, C. F. Bailey 6, E. H. Bailey 7, W. R. Bailey (conductor) 8.—On Tuesday, March 5th, for Confirmation service, 576 Oxford: A. F. Bailey 1, F. W. Bailey 2, G. Wilson 3, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 4, E. S. Bailey 5, J. M. Bailey 6, C. Samson 7, E. H. Bailey 8.—On March 9th, 1024 Superlative Surprise Major: L. P. Bailey 1, G. Wilson (longest length in the method) 2, N. R. Bailey 3, F. J. Smith 4, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 5, E. S. Bailey 6, J. M. Bailey 7, E. H. Bailey 8. Also 640 Kent Treble Bob: A. F. Bailey 1, L. P. Bailey 2, F. W. Bailey 3, C. F. Bailey 4, E. S. Bailey 5, C. Samson 6, J. M. Bailey 7, E. H. Bailey 8.

MAIDSTONE.—At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, in 50 mins.: R. D. Paine (Mersham) 1, G. Moore 2, H. C. Chapman 3, A. E. Gasson 4, W. Crooks 5, J. Bonny 6, T. Mannerling 7, J. Roberts 8, F. Wellard 9, L. Holmwood 10.

GARGRAVE.—Yorkshire Association.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Feb. 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1288 changes): J. McKell 1, W. H. Birtwhistle 2, J. Lofthouse (conductor) 3, W. Bradley 4, W. Townson 5, C. Langstroth 6, J. Wane 7, H. Birtwhistle 8.—On March 3rd, for service, 672 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, conducted by J. McKell.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 28th, the young company practising at this church, rang several 120's of Bob Minor, by: L. Kemp, J. Nunn, L. Hembling, W. Kemp, F. C. Lambert (conductor), J. Mouser, A. Head.

OXHEY.—The Hertfordshire Association.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, for evening service, 1184 Bristol Surprise: H. Hodgetts 1, T. L. Simmons 2, F. W. Brinklow 3, C. H. Leman 4, G. N. Price 5, G. C. Howchin 6, H. Eden (conductor) 7, F. White 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, 588 Stedman Triples: H. Porter 1, A. Jarvis 2, S. Faithfull 3, G. Thompson 4, W. Smith 5, F. J. Laker 6, S. Perkins (conductor) 7, J. Muggridge 8.—On Feb. 20th, 560 Double Norwich Major: J. Muggridge 1, G. Thompson 2, W. Latter 3, A. H. Verralls 4, W. Smith 5, F. J. Laker 6, F. White 7, S. Perkins (conductor) 8.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—The Towcester and District Association.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes): G. Bessley (longest touch) 1, F. Hopper 2, G. Basford 3, C. Faulkner 4, W. Sharp (conductor) 5, W. Wilkinson 6.

STAMFORD HILL.—At St. Ann's Church, on Feb. 18th, for afternoon men's service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: A. Keay 1, F. Gerken 2, F. Ringrose (conductor) 3, A. Howell 4, C. Ross 5, J. Skipp 6.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, for evening service, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Crook 1, E. Watkinson 2, B. A. Knights (conductor) 3, A. Robinson 4, H. France 5, S. Watkinson 6, E. Banister 7, J. Harrison 8.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.—On Feb. 18th, at St. Leonard's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 41 mins.: J. Hollows 1, J. Arrowsmith 2, T. Oldham 3, E. B. Shaw 4, J. Harrison (conductor) 5, W. Schofield 6, D. Renshaw 7, T. Wellens 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. Fletcher, curate at the above church.

WOOLWICH.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 18th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 46 mins.: A. J. Neale 1, A. Scambler 2, W. Watchorne 3, W. Truss 4, W. J. Aldridge 5, J. Scholes 6, G. Hayden 7, H. Torble (conductor) 8.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Feb. 13th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: R. Keen 1, A. Brooks 2, H. Hollis 3, E. Brown 4, E. Tomlinson 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, T. Bull 7, G. Brooks 8.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: H. Long (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 1, A. Brooks 2, H. Hollis 3, E. Brown 4, T. Bull 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, G. Brooks 8.

LECKHAMPTSTEAD.—Towcester and District Association.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Doubles (240 each of Grandsire, Antelope and St. Dunstan's), in 26 mins.: H. Carter 1, T. Carter 2, W. T. Carter 3, J. Warner 4, D. Carter (conductor) 5. Also 240 Grandsire Doubles, with P. Warner conducting.—On Feb. 24th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire and Antelope and St. Dunstan's Doubles, as a birthday compliment to L. Smith, came to grief, after 45 mins. excellent ringing, owing to the conductor missing a call: H. Carter 1, Leonard Smith 2, W. T. Carter 3, P. Warner 4, D. Carter (conductor) 5. 720 St. Dunstan's was rung afterwards by the same ringers.

WHITCHURCH, Nr. CARDIFF.—At St. Mary's Church, on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 120 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Thomas 1, C. O. Hobbs 2, W. B. Biss 3, J. Bailey 4, F. Chamberlain 5, S. Dawe (conductor) 6.—Also 720 Oxford: *C. O. Hobbs 1, D. Thomas 2, W. B. Biss (conductor) 3, *J. Bailey 4, *F. Chamberlain 5, *S. Dawe 6. * First 720 of Oxford, and first on the bells. First as conductor, W. B. Biss. The above touches were rung by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. L. L. Lloyd-Davies, after meeting short for a peal of Bob Major, arranged for Machen, Mon.

LITTLE HEATH.—Essex.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles, being six 120's called different: C. Weaver 1, A. Pye 2, L. Pye 3, W. A. Pye 4, J. Loosemore (conductor) 5. Also two 120's: T. Loosemore 1, C. Weaver 2, A. Pye 3, A. Stroud 4, W. A. Pye (conductor) 5.

MACCLESFIELD.—On Sunday morning, Feb. 25th, at Christ Church, six 120's Grandsire Doubles (called differently): E. Greenwood 1, F. Stonley (conductor) 2, F. Hirst 3, S. Stanway 4, N. Wheelton 5, F. Stanway 6.—In the evening, another 720, with 7-6-8 covering, A. Hirst and C. Gallymore taking part. First 720's by Christ Church ringers.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, for evening service, at St. Mary Magdalene's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, from Thurstans' four-part: H. Flanders 1, R. Charge 2, H. Dains 3, A. Hart 4, G. Charge 5, A. J. Baynes 6, H. J. Ranzetta (conductor) 7, G. Gomer 8. First in the method as conductor.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Feb. 26th, five courses of Stedman Cinques: J. Purser 1, J. E. Groves 2, W. Fisher 3, R. Pickering 4, W. F. Hartshorn 5, G. Hughes 6, H. Knight 7, W. G. Hall 8, R. Cartwright 9, E. Dawe (conductor) 10, J. H. Shepherd 11, Albert Little 12.

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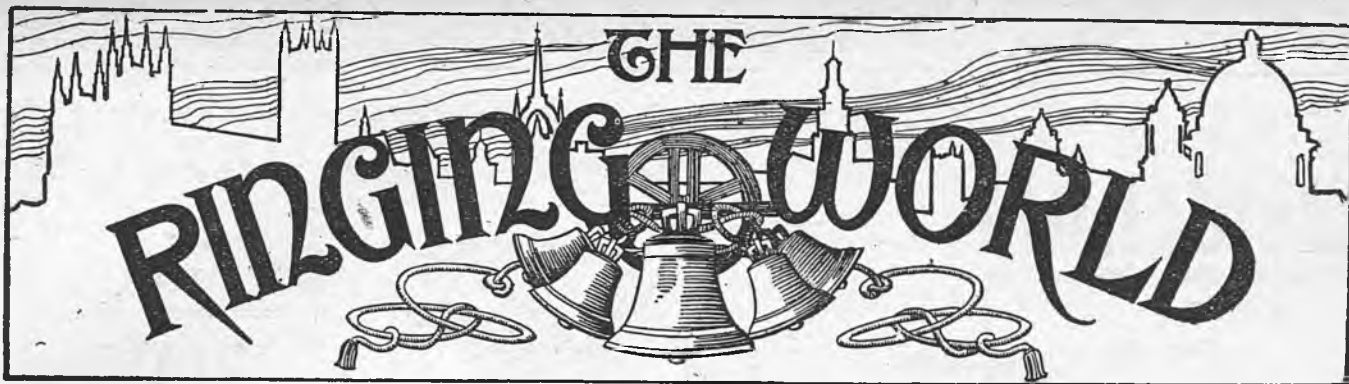
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Where the priests of the church are willing to allow the bells to be rung, no one, we think, can call the ringing into question, but where, as is not infrequently the case, Lent is more closely observed by the churchfolk, their views and their feelings ought to be most scrupulously respected. The more or less complete absence of the ringing clergy from church bell peals rung during Lent may have been noticed by some of our readers, and it recalls the fact that that Grand Old Man of the Exercise, the Rev. F. E. Robinson—enthusiast that he was—for a great number of years refrained from taking part in peals during Lent. What applies to peals applies also to the ringing of lesser lengths. There are many instances where the curtailment of the operations in the tower during Lent would incur no hardship and prove no drawback to the ringers, while it would, as showing an appreciation for the most solemn season of the Church's year, earn for the ringers a further recognition of their efforts to serve the Church loyally and unselfishly.

And after the silence or the moderated practice of Lent, how much greater would be the appreciation outside of the glad pealing which would herald Easter and celebrate the great festival. The ringing then would be the more purposeful, would touch a deeper chord, and the pealing of the bells would carry a more vigorous message. No ringer who has genuinely at heart the true interests of our cult can ignore the primary use of our church bells, and the more he adapts his calling to the times and seasons, the stronger will be his position and the higher his recognised status.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANCES;

HERBERT STANSFIELD ... Treble	WALTER WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
CHAS. BOWER ... 2	*FRED PAGE ... 8
GEORGE GARNETT ... 3	SAMUEL BOOTH ... 9
THOMAS JAKEMAN ... 4	JOHN HARRISON ... 10
SAMUEL WOOD ... 5	BENJAMIN THORP ... 11
*TOM WILDE ... 6	BENJAMIN GILL ... Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Tom Wilde. * First peal of Cinques.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 23, 1912, in Four Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX ... Treble	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 7
HARRY R. PASMORE ... 2	FREDERICK DENCH ... 8
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3	JOHN W. GOLDING ... 9
THOMAS FAULKNER ... 4	HERBERT LANGDON ... 10
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 11
HENRY R. NEWTON ... 6	ALFRED B. PECK ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by A. B. PECK.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.*On Saturday, March 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,*

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANCES;

HARRY HEAP ... Treble	SAMUEL WOOD ... 7
THOMAS JAKEMAN ... 2	BENJAMIN GILL ... 8
CHARLES BOWER ... 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 9
TOM WILDE ... 4	ALBERT ADAMS ... 10
JOSEPH MELLOR ... 5	SAMUEL BOOTH ... 11
GEORGE GARNETT ... 6	BENJAMIN THORP ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

This peal was rung with the bells muffled in memory of Joseph Gillott, one of the oldest ringers of the local company of St. Michael's Tower, who died at the age of 86 years and was buried on the above date.

TEN BELL PEAL.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, March 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES FAULKS ... Treble	WILLIAM GOODMAN ... 6
GILBERT GUEST ... 2	FRANK G. BURLEIGH ... 7
JOHN GOODMAN, Junr. ... 3	HARRY GOODMAN ... 8
HERBERT SHEPPARD ... 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 9
JOHN GOODMAN, Senr. ... 5	HORACE GOUGH ... Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. B. Gough.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*GILBERT THOMPSON ... Treble	NORMAN ADDISON ... 5
*JOHN SINCLAIR ... 2	GEORGE CATTLE ... 6
WILLIAM RUDD ... 3	WILFRED ADDISON ... 7
*RONALD CHISHOLM ... 4	†J. HENRY PINKNEY ... Tenor

Composed by H. PRICE, and
Conducted by J. H. PINKNEY.

* First peal in any method. † First peal as conductor. This peal is the first rung by an entirely local band since the bells were hung in 1899. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. R. Hawley Sharpe, who was recently inducted as Vicar of this parish.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	GEORGE GOWER ... 5
EDWARD LUBBOCK ... 2	HENRY ADCOCK ... 6
EDWIN WHITING ... 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... 7
ERNEST WHITING ... 4	TOWNSON ADCOCK ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and
Conducted by F. BORRETT.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Monday, March 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 0 qrs. 27 lbs.

EDWIN H. WHITEMAN, Junr. Treble	WILLIAM BENNETT ... 5
HAROLD F. COBON ... 2	GEORGE KENWARD ... 6
ALFRED JOHNSON ... 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 7
JOSEPH B. BENNETT ... 4	GILBERT J. YOUNGS ... Tenor

Composed by A. E. BAMES, and
Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

Mr. Johnson comes from Appledore, Mr. Kenward from Iden, and the rest are Rye ringers. Rung on the occasion of the 64th birthday of H.R.H. the Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, the eldest direct member of the Royal Family.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Monday, March 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS (CITY),

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

H. JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY PRING ... Treble	JESSE B. TYLER ... 5
CHARLES H. TOMKINS ... 2	GEORGE CONDICK, Junr. ... 6
HENRY BROWNJOHN ... 3	JOHN A. BURFORD ... 7
GEORGE SEAWARD ... 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

First peal of Surprise by G. Seaward, and was arranged and rung as a farewell compliment to him on leaving for Australia.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES ;

CHARLES MILLS Treble	GEORGE ARCHER 5
CLEMENT MORE 2	THOMAS FORD, JUNR. ... 6
JOHN SMITH 3	JOHN SOUTER 7
ALFRED KEEBLE 4	HARRY CATERMOLE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by J. SOUTER.

Taken from 1895 report page 40.

BOLTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

W. MORT Treble	J. MAKIN 5
*W. H. MAKIN 2	P. NUTTALL 6
J. NUTTALL 3	†W. PENNINGTON 7
W. TIBAY 4	P. CROOK Tenor

Composed by J. ASPINWALL, and
Conducted by W. PENNINGTON.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 19, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES ;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR AINGE Treble	JOHN PALFRAMAN 5
JAMES COTTERELL 2	BERNAL E. HOWE 6
JOHN LAWSON 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7
JOHN WM. CUNDALL 4	THOMAS B. KENDALL ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

Rung with the bells muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late B. T. Copley, a past secretary of the Association, whose remains were interred at Undercliffe Cemetery, Bradford, during the afternoon.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES ;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	WILLIAM TAYLOR 5
E. ROGER MARTIN 2	SAMUEL WATKINSON ... 6
ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG ... 3	*EDWARD BANNISTER... .. 7
HARRY FRANCE 4	EDWARD ARMSTRONG ... Tenor

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

* First peal of Treble Bob.

EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES ;

Tenor 17½ cwt., in F.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... Treble	EDWARD F. COLE 5
GEORGE A. CARD 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
*WALTER J. BOWDEN... .. 3	JAMES PARKER 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	GEORGE PAICE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First Surprise peal.

EARLSHEATON, DEWSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES ;

Tenor 14 cwt.

STANHOPE RIGG Treble	JAMES COTTERELL 5
JOHN WM. DEWS 2	JOSEPH BROADLEY 6
WALTER IDLE 3	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... 7
HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD... 4	GARFORTH TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Stanhope Rigg, also on the occasion of the 21st anniversary of the formation of the local branch of the C.E. Girls' Friendly Society, and the opening of a new peal of 15 handbells by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughboro'.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt., in F sharp.

WILLIAM DAVIES Treble	WILLIAM G. ANKER... .. 5
CHARLES STARKEY 2	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 6
THOMAS VERRY 3	FRANK BENNETT 7
JAMES HOPKIN 4	STEPHEN DANBY Tenor

Conducted by W. G. ELLIS.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute to Mr. Hathaway Price, parish clerk of Handsworth.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

TAMERTON-FOLIOTT, SOUTH DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. ANDREW'S AND EMMANUEL SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being 42 six-scores, 5 different callings.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE T. SMITH Treble	WILLIAM SHEARS 4
WILLIAM T. LINNELL 2	HAROLD BENNETT 5
JOHN H. GLUYAS 3	GEORGE H. KERSWILL ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD BENNETT.

First peal on the bells. Rung in company of the vicar (the Rev. Forster Brown) and the local ringers. The vicar, after the peal, entertained the ringers, and also presented each with a photograph of the church.

BRAMLEY, NEAR LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight, Arnolds' Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford Treble-Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERNEST THORNTON ... Treble	GEORGE B. BOLLAND ... 4
SAMUEL HELLIWELL ... 2	JOHN W. T. HOLGATE ... 5
JOHN W. CHADWICK ... 3	GEORGE HILL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE B. BOLLAND.

* First peal. Mr. Bolland hails from Tong and Mr. Hill from Hoylandswaine. The peal was arranged for Mr. Hill who was on a visit to Leeds.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor about 14 cwt.

JAMES HENDRY	Treble	PEARL INSKIP	4
CHARLES W. CLARKE	2	*ARCHIE HENMAN	5
HARRY MEADOWS	3	GEORGE LINES	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE LINES.

* First peal away from the treble.

LECKHAMSTEAD, BUCKS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES 5040 CHANCES;

Being 14 six-scores each of Antelope, Grandsire and St. Dunstan's.

Tenor 13½ cwt., in F.

HERBERT CARTER	Treble	WILLIAM T. CARTER	3
LEONARD A. SMITH	2	PERCY E. WARNER	4
DENNIS CARTER	Tenor		

Conducted by DENNIS CARTER.

First peal in three methods on the bells, and also by the local band. Rung at the second attempt, and as a birthday compliment to W. T. Carter. Also to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, grandparents of the ringer of the 2nd, the ringers extending to the old couple many hearty congratulations.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of London, York, Lightfoot Wearmouth, Durham, Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE S. TAYLOR	Treble	MICHAEL F. HARRISON	4
WILLIAM A. CARR	2	R. H. BLAKEY	5
*JAMES AYRES	3	JOSEPH W. PARKER	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First peal away from the treble. Rung in honour of the Festival of the Annunciation. Also as a farewell peal to Mr. R. H. Blakey, who leaves for Canada next month.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE "GEORGE THE 4TH," BRUNSWICK ST., HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

BERTRAM PREWETT	1-2	ERNEST PYE	5-6
WILLIAM PYE	3-4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires, F. BENNETT, R. SANDERS and W. HEWETT.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, March 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

ARTHUR E. MOORE	1-2	FREDERICK G. DEWELL	5-6
HARRY A. TURNER	3-4	FRANK J. LEVITT	7-8

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and

Conducted by JOHN F. LEVITT.

Umpire: CHARLES WOODCOCK.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT 43, HEATH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANCES;

HUBERT EDEN	1-2	WILLIAM HODGETTS	5-6
HENRY HODGETTS	3-4	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN	7-8
GEORGE N. PRICE	9-10		

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire, FRANCIS A. SMITH.

The conductor has called a peal of Stedman Caters from each pair of bells.

LONDON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT 16, ST. PETER'S GROVE, HAMMERSMITH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT	1-2	*FREDERICK G. SYMONDS	5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	3-4	FREDERICK G. WOODISS	7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire, WILLIAM A. GARROD.

* First peal on an inside pair. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 6th sixteen times wrong and twenty times right.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT 21, THORPE ROAD, STAMFORD HILL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILBY J. HAZELL	1-2	JOHN THOMAS	5-6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER	3-4	JAMES PARKER	7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Umpire, HENRY DAINS.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

GEORGE LEWIS	1-2	JOHN THORPE	5-6
CLEMENT GLENN	3-4	R. WILFRED COLLIER	7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

Umpire: TOM O'HARA.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT 2, CARLTON STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

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 by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

First peal of Caters by all, and first in hand by the Association.

FULHAM, LONDON, S.W.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Monday, March 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ...	1—2	JAMES W. DRIVER ...	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS ...	7—8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire, W. J. S. KNIGHTS.

This peal contains all the combinations of 4-5-6, with the 2nd never in 5-6 at a course end.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

† JAMES M. BAILEY ...	1—2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ...	5—6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ...	3—4	* EDGAR H. BAILEY ...	7—8

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire, G. WILSON.

* First peal on handbells. † First peal away from 7—8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANCES;

JAMES HUNT ...	1—2	MAURICE SMITHER ...	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	* SEPTIMUS RADFORD ...	7—8
		FRANK BLONDELL ...	9—10

Composed by A. KNIGHTS and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Caters on an inside pair.

A peal of Union Triples has been rung at Heywood, Lancs., but has been forwarded without date or time. We should be glad if the sender will kindly rectify the omissions.

In the peal at Diss rung on March 11th, the ringer of the 2nd was Arthur Leeder, not Luder, as published.

CHURCH BELLS IN AMERICA

A SAD STORY OF NEGLECT.

As mentioned in our previous notice of the article upon the bells of Paul and Joseph Revere, Dr. Nichols, the author, comments upon the generally neglected state of belfries in American churches. He personally ascended many towers in tracing the history of Revere's bells, and says: "It would be an ungracious task to describe the neglected disorderly condition of most church towers visited. Many steeples were so faultily designed as to be virtually inaccessible, or approached only by a ladder from the ridgepole of the main edifice. Circuitous narrow passages leading to the belfry are often made the receptacle of combustible rubbish, the accumulation of many years, all covered with grime, soot, dirt and dust. In one tower inspected, conditions were so bad that canvas suits were provided for the benefit of visitors wishing to mount

the steeple, and were found as necessary as in the descent of a coal mine."

AMERICAN NEGLECT.

Under these circumstances, continues Dr. Nichols, it can be easily imagined how little attention is bestowed upon the bells, which were found with appurtenances loose and unadjusted; or, perhaps, the clapper, worn at the crown staple, had dropped down so as to strike near the rim of the bell, thus emitting a faulty sound or even detaching fragments of the metal. In no single instance was there found a genuine bell rope in use, like those made for at least a century in England, and which is absolutely necessary for the safe and easy management of the bell. Modern American founders ignore the existence of bell-ropes, and fancying that a bell should be tucked up in a curved yoke and hauled back and forth like a suspended cart wheel, supply invariably an ordinary rope of three times the required weight, with a superfluous coil resting on the floor . . .

While Revere adopted the English method of hanging his bells, the bungling sexton has generally bolted a counterweight above the headstock, fancying that by rendering the rotation more slow the instrument can be easily handled. The effect thus produced is in fact the reverse of that intended. Not only is the friction thus created adequate to make the bells more or less unmanageable, but the clapper, being thus made to rest upon the sound bow at its impact, interrupts suddenly the sound waves in such a way as to cause, sooner or later, fracture. Although such cracking is exceedingly rare in bells properly hung, it has proved the principal mode of destruction of Revere's bells, no less than 50 having met this fate.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

The next cause of mortality has been conflagration, again due in most instances to the culpable carelessness of a sexton. Upon one occasion the writer chanced to be passing a stately church edifice when, through a cellar-window, he could discern a small flame just starting in some woodwork near an overheated furnace. Although a dash of water would then have extinguished the fire, access to the interior was impossible, and before fire engines could reach the scene, through deep snow, the entire edifice was gutted, with damage estimated at 80,000 dollars (about £16,000). This story with, perhaps, slight variation, will describe the loss of 41 Revere bells. Seventy-one of his bells are known still to survive, though others are doubtless in use.

By this record it will be seen how little regard has been shown by Church officials to the proper care and preservation of Revere's bells, whose superiority is often first appreciated when the attempt is made to replace them. Nor can we hope for any reform in this matter until the care and management of bells is entrusted to bell lovers, as has been the custom in England, where the organised guilds now number more than 30,000 members, supporting two weekly papers, "The Bell News" and "The Ringing World," devoted exclusively to campanology and the achievements of ringers. Under this system towers and belfries, each assigned to a separate steeplekeeper, are kept neat and orderly, while their bells have a life-time of centuries. In this country, on the other hand, our Church officials are indifferent as to the care of their bells, which, like all machinery, should receive constant overhauling and adjustment. Hence we are led to the sombre reflection that in the course of another century, at the present rate of destruction, all Revere bells not preserved as relics will have been lost.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY LOST.

Unfortunately, by reason of an erroneous, narrow-minded conception of their commercial interests, the powerful influence of American founders has hitherto been arrayed against scientific change ringing as practised by the ringing societies of England. While admitting their inability to cast instruments, equipped to meet the requirements of skilled ringers, their policy has been to discourage by misrepresentation the importation of foreign bells, upon which, furthermore, a high tariff is imposed. To what extent this opposition has been pushed may be illustrated by a single instance in which a generous offer to instal a heavy peal of twelve bells in the lofty tower of the new Boston Custom House, reproducing the famous Bow bells of London, was defeated by the protests of a prominent American firm made before a Congressional committee at Washington. Thus came to naught a rare and, perhaps, unique opportunity of introducing the Art of scientific ringing on musical bells, which would have benefited the manufacturer by stimulating the demand for better instruments, and, perhaps, have furnished later employment to thousands.

TUNSTALL, STAFFS.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, March 3rd, 1120 Superlative Surprise Major; also for practice on March 6th, 1344 Superlative Surprise; and on Sunday, March 10th, 1120 in the same method by Harry Washbrook, Walter Washbrook, J. W. Washbrook, junr., J. W. Washbrook, G. A. Smith, J. Godver, Wm. Thompson, A. Clay, J. Darlington, conducted by J. W. Washbrook.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Saturday, March 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), from Holt's Original: J. Plant 1, R. Pickering (conductor) 2, J. Perry 3, W. R. Hughes 4, J. Taylor 5, J. Elton 6, J. C. Adams 7, E. Westwood 8. Also 504 in the same method, conducted by J. C. Adams.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last, the members of the Manchester branch met at "Brookfield," and the meeting was acknowledged to be one of the most successful held for a long time.—Mr. Idle, who was voted to the chair, welcomed all present, and spoke of the utility of the monthly meeting.—Messrs. Ronald Ryder, Harold Jones and John Turner were elected members.—The Branch Secretary (Mr. Wolstencroft) strongly urged upon all members the necessity of keeping their subscriptions up to date.

A vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. Joseph Gillott, of Ashton-under-Lyne, was passed, the deceased being laid to rest during the day.—Ringing was freely indulged in various methods by members from Manchester, Prestwich, Stockport, Ashton, Reddish, Pendleton, etc.—A vote of thanks for the use of the bells, to the official, and local ringers, and last, but not least, to the Chairman, brought the meeting to a close.

MEMORIAL PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

At Sutton Coldfield, on Sunday, at evening service, Canon Barnard (Rector and Rural Dean) dedicated a memorial tablet, which has been erected in the tower, recording a muffled peal of Stedman Triples rung by the service ringers on May 20th, 1910, the day the late King Edward VII was interred at Windsor. After the third collect, the first four verses of the hymn, "As the morning gilds the sky," were sung, during which the Rector and assistant clergy, accompanied by the choir, and led by the churchwardens, with their symbols of office, proceeded to the tower, where, surrounded by the ringers, the Rector held a short special service, and dedicated the tablet to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of His Majesty King Edward VII. The last four verses of the hymn were sung, while the clergy and choir returned to their places and the ringers to their seats. There was a good congregation, and all seemed delighted with the beautiful simplicity of the service. The tablet is the work of Messrs. Caspar and Co., of London, and is in marble. It was subscribed for by the Rector and churchwardens, the Mayor, five local gentlemen, and the ringers.

After the evening service was over, the Rector kindly allowed a quarter-peal of Bob Major to be rung. It was brought round in 51 minutes by the following: John Jennings 1, Arthur Allsopp 2, Chas. Waithman 3, Bernard Claydon 4, Thomas Bloore 5, William Allsopp 6, George Roberts 7, Bertram Leedham (conductor) 8.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Dulverton, on Saturday week, when about 30 members were present from Chipstable, Stogumber, Milverton, Taunton St. James', Dulverton, and some members from Tiverton tower, which belongs to the Devon Association. The meeting was held at the Lamb Hotel. The Rev. C. C. Parker (Master of the Association) presiding, supported by the Rev. H. J. Green (Vicar of Dulverton), and Dr. G. T. Sydenham (churchwarden). Three honorary and 60 performing members were elected, four towers becoming affiliated to the Association.—The next meeting, being the annual, will be held at Yeovil.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. H. J. Green for the use of the bells, and for arranging for the service; and, the Vicar, in responding, gave the members a very hearty welcome. After tea, touches of Grand sire and Stedman Triples were rung, and the members then attended service, at which the Rev. H. J. Green officiated, and gave a very suitable address. The full choir was also present to lead the singing.—Afterwards the bells were again kept going until a late hour.

FAREWELL DINNER AT BRISTOL.

For the purpose of bidding farewell to one of their number, the St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, held a dinner on Tuesday week. The arrangements for same were in the hands of Mr. R. J. Wilkins, and right well he carried them out. At 7.45, dinner was served, to which 17 sat down, after which Mr. W. Knight, the secretary of the Guild, said he had been deputed, on behalf of the members, to bid farewell to Mr. G. Seaward, who was leaving shortly for Australia, and to wish him God-speed and good luck in his new country. He spoke of the good comradeship that had been shown during his stay with us.—Mr. G. Staddon also added a few words of appreciation.—Mr. Seaward, in reply, said he should always think of St. Stephen's Guild as the best set of comrades and ringers it had been his pleasure to be associated with. He thanked them all for what they had done for him during the time he had been in Bristol.—The evening passed pleasantly with songs and recitations, changes and tunes on the handbells, etc., amongst those contributing to the programme being: "Miss" Georgie Weeks, Messrs. Wilkins, Staddon, Tomkins, Vickery, Bryant, Coles, Burford, Horton, Brownjohn, and Cave. "That's all" was called at 11 o'clock, and, for once, was not a welcome call.

The writer would like, through the medium of "The Ringing World," to add a word or two to what was said at the dinner. Mr. Seaward came to Bristol a trifle less than a year ago, at a time when St. Stephen's tower was closed owing to illness, and although he has not rung as many peals as he probably would wish, he has spent the year profitably in learning new methods. Cambridge, Bristol, London and Superlative, in that order he had mastered, and it was opportunity that was wanted to ring a peal in each.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPTS.**THE BRISTOL SURPRISE RECORD.**

On Easter Monday, all being well, eight members of the Hertfordshire Association of Change Ringers will attempt a long peal of Bristol Surprise Major (12,000 changes) at Knebworth, starting at 9 o'clock.

A 14,000 OF TREBLE TEN.

On Easter Monday also a record length of Kent Treble Bob Royal is to be attempted at St. Michael and All Angels', Ashton-under-Lyne. The band will, if all's well, be the same as that which rang the 7000 on March 9th, and if the attempt is successful, it will be a more than usually interesting celebration of the 12,000 of Treble Twelve rung at the same church on Easter Monday last year. The start will be at 7 a.m., and the following are the figures of the composition, which is by S. Wood and J. Reeves:—

						14,000			
2	3	4	5	6	M	In and	5th's	W	H
3	6	4	5	2	1				2
4	5	3	6	2				1	1
5	6	3	4	2				2	
6	5	2	4	3	2				2
6	3	5	4	2		x		1	1
3	4	5	6	2				2	

ARBORFIELD BELLS.**PROSPECT OF A PEAL OF EIGHT.**

The bell frame in the Church of St. Bartholomew, Arborfield, Berks, has, for some time, been in a most insecure condition. Now, however, this has been remedied, and the bells, six in number, have been rehung in a new steel frame, the work being admirably carried out by Messrs. Webb and Bennett, of Kidlington, who have previously done similar work in several of the neighbouring towers. The new frame is provided with accommodation for two new bells, which it is hoped may be added at some future date. This would give a fifth eight-bell tower out of the eleven in the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Guild.

The dedication of the new frame, and re-dedication of the bells, took place at a special service on Saturday week.—The Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) officiated at the ceremony, and, after a shortened evensong, addressed a few most impressive words to a full congregation, who had assembled for the festival service, among them being a number of ringers from other parishes in the Deanery. During the remainder of the evening, touches were rung by the local band, and others.

The Vicar, who is very keen on every good work connected with the church, is to be heartily congratulated on the successful completion of this restoration, and we feel sure that the ringers themselves, and other parishioners, are most grateful to those who financially supported the scheme.

GIFT TO THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, on Saturday week, a good number of members putting in an appearance in the belfry for the preliminary ringing. A very substantial tea was arranged by Mr. Turner (the leader of the St. Mary Magdalene band), but the number that sat down was very disappointing.—The business meeting was presided over by the Master (Mr. A. D. Barker), and a programme of meetings for the year, put forward by the committee, was unanimously adopted.—Mr. Barker presented a chairman's hammer, in the shape of a bell, for the sole use of the Northern District, the gift being greatly appreciated.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the tower and room, and to Mr. Turner for providing tea.—Afterwards the members again visited the tower.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's, for Divine service, on Mar 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples, in 43 mins.: S. Coley 1, 1. Large 2, W. G. Taylor 3, A. T. Scrivens 4, J. T. Perry 5, W. H. Carr 6, J. B. Collett (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, T. Pearce 8.

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In some parts of the Eastern Counties there have been great difficulties in the way of progress and so great are the handicaps and disappointments, oftentimes, that those who have with perseverance and determination advanced in the Exercise can be counted on as both enthusiastic and reliable ringers. One such is Mr. J. W. Seamer, the hon. secretary of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, who, in face of difficulties and discouragements, has done much to keep ringing alive in Grimsby and to promote the interests of the Guild in a district where facilities for ringing are exceptionally limited. Born on May 26th, 1877, his interest



MR. J. W. SEAMER.

in bells began at a very early age, for he used to visit St. James' tower, Grimsby, with his father, who, assisted by another, used to chime the bells for service. When the bells were rehung and restored in 1886 Mr. Seamer, senr., was elected tower master, and taught his son the rudiments of change ringing. Mr. J. W. Seamer rang his first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples when about twelve years of age, but the breaking up of the company in 1893 put a temporary stop to his progress. In 1894 he was asked to join St. Andrew's Company. This he did, and has been attached to that tower ever since, being now the only one left of the members of that time. He was elected to the conductorship in April, 1905, resigning the position last year.

Mr. Seamer has been a member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild since its formation in 1899, when it absorbed the

North Lincolnshire Association, to which he had previously belonged. He was elected on the committee of the northern branch of the Guild in 1905, and hon. secretary in 1907, which position he still holds, while he has represented the Guild on the Central Council since 1909. To instance the difficulties which have to be encountered in the neighbourhood, one has only to point to the fact that apart from the two towers in the town and a peal of six four miles away, the nearest tower is twenty miles away from Grimsby, and connected by only a bad train service at that. Then, too, there has been the handicap of losing members, just at the time when they have become useful, through work calling them away to other places.

Even in the matter of peal ringing Mr. Seamer has had to face many disappointments. His first attempt for a peal was in November, 1899, under the conductorship of Mr. Herbert P. Harman, but it came to grief, and it was not until October, 1903, that Mr. Seamer rang his first peal. His perseverance should, at any rate, be an example to others who are struggling in the face of difficulties. Mr. Seamer's first peal as conductor was scored in November, 1903, and the 39 he has rung include the first peals of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major in Grimsby. His peals, rung in seven towers in two counties, are:—

Minor in 3 Methods	2	Conducted	2
Grandsire Triples	18	Conducted	12
Grandsire Caters	1		
Bob Major	10	Conducted	7
Kent Treble Bob Major	7	Conducted	5
Stedman Triples	1		

Total ... 39 Conducted 26

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Members of the Hertfordshire Association intend to make another attempt for the long peal of Bristol. Knebworth bells have again been secured for the purpose, and the attempt will be made on Easter Monday.

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On Saturday the College Youths added another peal of Cambridge Maximus to the records of the society. It was rung at Southwark Cathedral. Cambridge Maximus is not yet a method in which peals are rung every day, and a successful band deserves every credit for their performance.

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At St. Michael's Church, Bath, where extensive repairs have been carried out in the church, the restoration of the bells is to be taken in hand. The peal of eight (tenor 16 cwt.) were cast by Abel Rudhall in 1757. The seventh is now to be recast, and the whole ring retuned and rehung in a modern steel frame. The work of restoration has been entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London.

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The funeral took place at Weybridge on Thursday week of Mr. William Faithful, who for 25 years had been a ringer at the parish church, and for 16 years was sexton. The bells were rung muffled as a last tribute of respect to the deceased.

The quaint belfry rules which we have quoted, can be found, with variations, in a number of towers, but the following are interesting because they take the form of an acrostic in each case. No doubt the author of the second was inspired by the first, the two towers being about five miles apart.

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In a manuscript called "Remarks on a Rambling Club of Ringers" to be seen in Guildhall Library the following, written by William Laughten in 1733, appears:—

At our last meeting it was agreed
At Shoreditch next for to proceed,
And there accordingly we came
And rung these peals which I shall name.
But first of all we viewed the church,
And it is old and ruin'd mutch,
Tho when twas built does not appear,
But we guess about 500 years.
There is an ancient tomb stands in it,
Which is worth their seeing who ne'er have seen it.
Mind the old pot woman's monument,
Death called for her and away she went,*
Tis two Deaths splitting of an oak,
None can withstand that fatal stroke.
There's one glass window very fine,
The rest are all destroyed by time.
It is time that will destroy all things;
Beggars are equal to the kings.
We rung four different six scores,
And cow'd have rung out many more.
Grandsire went first, old doubles next,
Simonds and new Doubles were the rest.
The peal of bells are not Extra-ornary,
Some of them being very Ord-nary,
They'd be mutch better if they had
A good second and third, for those are bad.
The other three are not bad bells,
For pretty well they tolld their tales.

* These monuments are to be seen in the present church.

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Then later in the manuscript follows a description of the performance as follows:—

"Grandsire, old Doubles, Simonds and new. Doubles at St. Leonard, Shoreditch, on Thursday, 14th February, 1733, the first two by: Jeremiah Gilbert treble, William Nash 2, Nathaniel Rippin 3, William Laughten 4, George Corbory tenor. The last two by: James Benson treble, William Nash 2, Nathaniel Rippin 3, Tobias Marshall 4, George Corbory tenor. We met at the Black Spread Eagle, near the church.

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In the belfry at St. Lawrence, Frodsham, Cheshire, is the following: Rules for Ringers in General to be used in Frodsham Parish:—

F-rom faults observe you Ringers well,
R-ing true and don't or'turn your Bell;
O-n each default by him that's made,
D-own sixpence surely shall be paid;
S-wear not in this most sacred place,
H-ere come not but with awful grace;
A-nd whoe'er rings with Spur or hat,
M-ust sixpence pay or forfeit that.

Edward Moss

Samuel Buirchwood

Wardens,
1776.

The following lines are in the belfry of All Saints' Daresbury, Cheshire:—

Dare not to come into this sacred Place,
All you good Ringers, but in awful Grace;
Ring not with Hatt, nor Spurs, nor Insolence;
Each one that does for ev'ry such Offence,
Shall forfeit Hatt, or Spurs, or Twelvepence;
But who disturbs a Peal, the same Offender,
Unt^o, the Box his sixpence shall down Tender;
Rules such no doubt in ev'ry Church are us'd,
You and your bells, that may not be abus'd.

Peter Lowton

John Olnell

Wardens, 1730.

Multa rogare, rogata tenere, retenta docere;
Hoc tria Discipulum faciunt superare Magistrum.

* * *

"Anon" writes, with regard to church officers as ringers: "At a village in Bucks, there is a band capable of ringing, and who do occasionally ring, a peal of Stedman Triples, composed of churchwarden, sidesmen and choristers. As a diversion may perhaps be pardoned in view of the recent scurrilous attacks on ringers generally as to their sobriety, etc., it is interesting to note that every single one of this band is the owner of freehold property, in each case the result of his own industry, and a steadier lot of men it would be difficult to find anywhere."

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"A Young Ringer" (Manchester) has sent a letter complaining of the lack of opportunities for getting on given to beginners in Lancashire, but as he has not enclosed his name and address we are unable to publish the communication.

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The Rector of Wittersham, Kent, the Rev. A. Howell Smith, gave an excellent dinner to his church workers on Tuesday in last week. Among those present were the "chimers," who it is hoped will some day become "ringers." At the present time, however, the peal of five bells at Wittersham Church, with a magnificent tenor, are in a very dilapidated condition, unsafe to ring, hence they are only chimed, and that, perhaps, not very often. We trust, at some future date, we may have the pleasure of chronicling in our columns the restoration of these bells. Possibly this may turn out to be the case. At any rate, we trust the Rector, who has accomplished wonderful work in restoring the interior of the church, will be entertaining "ringers" instead of "chimers" at his annual banquets in the future.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

May I call the attention of those hon. secretaries of Guilds and Associations affiliated to the Council, who have not yet sent in their affiliation fees, to the fact that nearly three months have passed since the fees became due. At the moment of writing little more than half the number (22 out of 40) have sent their quota. I would earnestly urge those who have not done so to forward the amount without further delay, accompanied by a list of names and addresses of their newly elected (or re-elected) representatives to the new Council.

Now that I am writing I take this opportunity of saying that I shall be out of England from April 8th (Easter Monday) until the 19th or 20th. All important communications will be acknowledged at once, and will receive full and careful attention on my return.—Charles D. P. Davies, Fretherne, Stonehouse, Glos.

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DEATH OF AN ACTON RINGER.

Acton has lost an ardent bellringer in the person of Mr. George Ilsey, whose death took place at 75, Bolts Bridge Road, Acton. Born November 27th, 1840, he rang for Queen Victoria's birthday on May 24th, 1854, and every year since up to her death, and on other occasions, birthdays, weddings, Coronation day of the late King Edward VII, wedding and Coronation days of his present Majesty George V, the proclamation of peace with Russia, the Reliefs of Lucknow and Mafeking. During the last 57 years he has seen five Rectors to Acton Parish Church; has rung at St. Margaret's, Westminster, Windsor, Slough, and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and in many other churches in London. During the last year he has taken great interest in a band of young ringers who are being trained at St. Mary's, Acton. He was buried on Wednesday, March 13th, the Rev. G. S. De Sausmaraz officiating at the service both in the church and afterwards at the grave. A muffled peal was rung in the evening in his memory. The deceased was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the Waterloo Society and London County Association.

HELPING BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—While agreeing with Mr. Ludkin on the above question, I must also agree with Canon Papillon, and, moreover, I think his remarks are very much to the point. My own experience has been, perhaps, somewhat peculiar, having at one time or other been a member of different companies in various parts of the country. No one will, I think, reject the plain fact that there are beginners and beginners, as there are teachers and teachers, and it does not necessarily follow that because an expert conductor is able to conduct that he is absolutely the best instructor. Again, those who sometimes offer to give advice and instruction to those willing to learn, how are they rewarded? I could give instances where such help has been refused.

Now, sir, the point I wish to emphasise is this, if only beginners will try to help themselves they will, generally speaking, find plenty of willing helpers. I admit there must be exceptions. Take the case of a struggling six-bell band with, perhaps, no other band or single ringer within a dozen miles. These are, now, I think exceptions, and as time goes on will become fewer still. One more point, and I have finished. The art of ringing is not learnt in the belfry, it is learnt at home. Beginners should remember they go to the belfry to practice what they have learnt or studied at home, and the beginner who neglects this will either have to remain at the bottom of the ladder, or get pushed out to make way for others.

Kelvedon.

W. KEEBLE.

A VILLAGE AWAKENED.

The bells of Strensham, Worcestershire, originally a ring of five, hung idle and almost useless for a number of years, two being damaged, one minus a piece of about 20 lbs. Now, however, they have been thoroughly restored by Messrs. J. Taylor and Son, of Loughborough, by recasting the faulty ones, and adding a new treble, making a very good ring of six. The undertaking has been carried out in the firm's well known thorough manner. The restoration and addition were made possible almost entirely through the generosity of Mr. A. J. Taylor, of The Moat, Strensham.

The peal recorded elsewhere was rung at the second attempt, the first being lost in the fifth 720 on Feb. 15th. The ringers were heartily welcomed on each occasion by the Rev. Davenport, and were most hospitably entertained at each visit by Mr. A. J. Taylor, the ringers expressing their appreciation at his generous treatment. One thing only is needed to make ringing in this tower a real pleasure, and that is the re-arrangement of the ringing chamber. This is a matter which much needs attention, and will probably be put in hand if a means can be found to surmount the very obvious difficulty.

It is also hoped the restoration of Strensham bells will have the effect of introducing change ringing into a district where at present it is little known. Mr. W. C. Jones, Master of Worcester Cathedral Guild, is engaged giving instruction to a promising band of learners, the whole village being awakened to enthusiasm by the restoration of their bells.

RESTRICTIONS ON RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is some consolation to know that matters do not run smoothly in other towers as well as the one I was a member of. A

complaint was received from one of the parishioners (a non-member of the Church) that the bells were rung too much, and threatening the Rector with an action at law to have them stopped. We were in the habit of ringing for an hour before service every second Sunday in the morning and fourth Sunday in the evening, and practice during the winter months for 1½ hours once a week.

The Rector then drew up the following rules: Commence rising bells three-quarters of an hour before service, and bells to be down quarter of an hour before service, and not to be rung more than seven minutes at a stretch. Practice: Commence rising at 7.45 p.m., bells to be down by 8.45 p.m., and not to be rung more than seven minutes at a stretch. We were to rest at least four minutes between each seven minutes' ringing.

If we wanted to go in for any long touches we were to obtain the Rector's permission, and if we wanted to attempt a peal he would obtain a tower for us. Being a voluntary band, and the majority of us living nearly a mile away from the church, we considered it was not worth walking that distance to ring under these rules.—Yours truly,
Hereford. H. B.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: A. King 1, J. Rookwood 2, C. Wing 3, B. Wilson 4, F. Hunt 5, H. Shepherd 6, H. Walker (conductor) 7, H. Shaw 8. First quarter-peal as conductor. — On Sunday, March 10th, 1912, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: C. Wing 1, H. Walker 2, B. Wilson 3, T. H. Colburn 4, F. Hunt 5, J. Rookwood 6, A. King (conductor) 7, H. Shaw 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except ringers of 4 and 7. Longest touch in the method as conductor. All the ringers belong to the local band, except T. H. Colburn, who resides at Croydon.

FRENSHAM.—On March 2nd, at St. Mary's, for combined practice, 720 Bob Minor: W. Court 1, S. Upshall 2, A. Chuter 3, H. Chaffey 4, H. Rendell 5, C. Edwards (conductor) 6. First 720 of Minor by ringers of treble and third, also first on inside bell by the ringer of fifth.—Several 120's of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, with G. Fletcher standing in, were also rung.

CHESTERTON, CAMBS. — At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, March 10th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 23 mins.: W. Mansfield 1, T. W. Dickerson 2, H. Mansfield 3, F. Brown 4, A. Wilkenson 5, W. Eusden (conductor) 6.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Durham and Newcastle Association. — At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Sunday, March 3rd, for evening service, 720 Durham Surprise Minor, in 24 mins.: H. S. Bates, Consett (first 720 of Surprise) 1, J. W. Forster 2, R. Dixon 3, T. H. Surtees 4, R. Charlton 5, F. Barren (conductor) 6.

WISBECH.—On Sunday, March 3rd, at the Parish Church, 720 of Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: R. Narborough 1, H. Goakes 2, A. Goakes 3, G. Piggins 4, C. Goakes 5, C. Goakes, junr. (conductor) 6, T. Haines 7, H. Cheesewright 8. For evening service, 720 of Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering: H. Piggins 1, T. Haines 2, W. H. Freeman 3, H. Banham 4, C. Goakes 5, G. Piggins 6, R. Narborough (conductor) 7, H. Cheesewright 8.

WILESDEN, MIDDLESEX. — On Tuesday, March 5th, a 720 of Double Stedman Slow Course Minor (60 calls, 34 bobs and 26 singles): B. Foskett 1, G. M. Kilby 2, G. Chalkley 3, T. Langdon 4, H. Kilby (composer and conductor) 5, A. Hill 6.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Tuesday evening, March 5th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: T. Tabrett 1, C. W. Player (conductor) 2, T. Wenham 3, E. G. Johnson 4, A. C. Kay 5, C. W. Everett 6, A. J. Dyson 7, A. Webb 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Willshire, of Birchington, whose composition it was.

RYE, SUSSEX.—The Sussex County Association.—On Sunday morning, March 10th, at St. Mary's Church, 1232 Grandsire Triples: H. G. Ticehurst 1, H. F. Cobon 2, W. Bennett 3, J. B. Bennett 4, G. J. Youngs 5, G. Kenward 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, E. H. Whiteman, junr., 8. Taken from a five-part peal by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

ROYSTON.—Hertfordshire Association.—At the Parish Church, on March 6th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Bonnett 1, R. Howard 2, H. Wilkerson 3, S. E. Roberts 4, E. Bonnett 5, R. G. King (conductor) 6. First 720 of Minor by R. Howard, who hails from Barley.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—Winchester Diocesan Guild. — On Sunday, March 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: G. Edser, senr., 1, F. Shepherd 2, W. Shepherd (conductor) 3, J. Emery 4, A. Woodrow 5, A. F. Shepherd 6, F. J. Shepherd 7, R. J. Polley 8.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild. — On Sunday evening, March 17th, 720 College Exercise: D. Beer 1, Miss W. Carden 2, C. H. Barton 3, G. W. Barton 4, E. A. Collins (conductor) 5, L. H. Page 6.

HAUGHTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, March 17th, in 44 mins., 1320 Doubles, eight six-scores of St. Dunstan's and three of Grandsire, each called differently: L. Johnson 1, W. Wilson 2, C. Smith 3, G. Booth 4, J. Taylor (conductor) 5.

READING, BERKS.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, March 17th, for Divine service, in the evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 49 mins.: L. Osborne 1, Miss E. Goodship 2, N. Cox 3, C. Higgs 4, A. Bailey 5, F. Griffin 6, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 7, A. H. Burgess 8.

SWANSEA.—West Wales Association.—On March 5th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: F. Morgan (late of Newport) 1, W. Rice 2, R. Morse 3, C. Morse 4, J. Davies 5, C. Hoare 6, J. A. Hoare (conductor) 7, E. Davies 8.

BLACKMORE, HANTS.—Winchester Guild, Guildford District.—On Sunday, March 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 40 mins.: A. Prior 1, H. Prior 2, E. Prior 3, G. Chiverton 4, W. Read (conductor) 5, J. Norris 6. First attempt by A. Prior, who only learned to ring last year.

IDEN, SUSSEX.—Sussex County Association.—At All Saints' Church, on Tuesday, March 12th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, by: G. Wood 1, G. Kenward 2, W. Cloke 3, F. Wells 4, W. R. Wood 5, G. Billenness (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.—For morning service, on Sunday, March 17th, by the same band, a quarter-peal of Minor (1260 changes), in 41 mins., being 360 Grandsire, 360 Oxford Single Bob, 360 Canterbury Pleasure, and 180 Plain Bob. First quarter-peal in four methods by the band, and rung at the first attempt. For evening service, a quarter-peal in the same methods, in 41 minutes. First quarter-peal in four methods, with an inside bell, by G. Wood. The conductor belongs to Rye, and the rest are members of the local branch of the Association.

FREETON, YORKS.—On Sunday, March 17th, for evening service, 240 Violet, 240 Duke of York, 240 Kent, 240 Oxford, 120 Plain Bob: J. Tinkler 1, T. Whitworth (conductor) 2, A. Whitworth 3, F. Hanson 4, J. Revill 5, G. Wright 6.

BUSHEY.—The Hertfordshire Association.—On Sunday, March 17th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: B. Prewett 1, J. J. Allen 2, R. E. Stavert 3, T. R. Scott 4, W. I. Oakley 5, F. A. Smith 6, M. F. R. Hibbert (conductor) 7, Fred G. George (longest length) 8.

COSELEY.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—On Sunday, March 17th, the local ringers rang at the Parish Church the following touches: For morning service, 266 Grandsire Triples and 336 Oxford Bob Triples. In the evening, for confirmation service, 512 Canterbury Pleasure Major, and 210 Darlaston Bob Triples; and after service, 336 Bob Major. Those taking part were: W. A. Jeavons, A. Baker, W. Grinsell, S. Pearce, B. Gough, W. Fisher (conductor), R. Dunn, S. Baker, and A. E. Law.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday morning, March 17th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, composed by H. Withers: W. Palmer 1, F. Sumner 2, A. Pritchett 3, T. Pritchett 4, J. Withers 5, F. Withers 6, A. Chambers (conductor) 7, Mr. Pritchett, junr., 8.

OMBERSLEY.—Worcester and District Guild.—On March 11th, on the occasion of a wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes): A. Atkins (conductor) 1, W. Pardoe 2, S. Duggan 3, E. Wood 4, H. Davis 5, S. Miles 6. Also their first 720 of Grandsire Minor, standing in the same order, except L. Longney (Claines), conductor, 6.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, March 10th, at St. John's Church, 720 Bob Minor: B. S. Hill 1, J. Woodyatt 2, W. Page 3, S. Hinton, junr. (first as conductor) 4, J. Pardoe 5, S. Checketts 6.—On Tuesday, March 12th, 720 Bob Minor: W. Thomas 1, J. Woodyatt 2, B. S. Hill 3, L. Longney (conductor) 4, J. Pardoe 5, W. Edgington 6.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—Recently, on various dates, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, and 720 Canterbury Pleasure, conducted by W. Shercliff, 720 each Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Grandsire and Double Bob, and touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, conducted by A. P. Wakley. The Minor was rung by C. Sanders 1—2, A. P. Wakley 3—4, W. Shercliff 5—6. The Major by C. Sanders 1—2, W. Shercliff 3—4, A. P. Wakley 5—6, Miss W. Sanders 7—8. D. Cotton, J. Hough and H. Hurdman also took part in courses of Major and Triples.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On March 9th, 720 Oxford Single Bob: L. Turrell 1, T. Adams 2, W. Pierce 3, A. Coote 4, W. Denman, junr., 5, H. Turrell (conductor) 6.

OAKLEY, HANTS.—On March 7th, 720 Bob Minor: P. Smith 1, H. Garrett 2, H. White 3, T. Ballard 4, W. Hunt (first 720 as conductor, and first attempt) 5, T. Lewis 6. Messrs. White and Ballard belong to Basingstoke, the rest to Oakley.

SITTINGBOURNE.—Kent County Association.—On March 6th, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Dover for a confirmation service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins., by: H. Whitehead (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, W. Burley (first with a bob bell) 2, F. J. Bottle 3, H. J. Tidy 4, H. E. Simpson (conductor) 5, A. J. Day 6, F. S. Macey 7, A. Burley (first quarter-peal) 8.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—The Warwickshire Guild.—On Sunday, March 3rd, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court (1280 changes): O. J. Hunt 1, J. H. White 2, F. Smallwood 3, E. H. Johnson 4, W. T. Cox 5, F. Pervin 6, C. Freeman 7, A. Roberts (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except ringers of 6 and 8. Also first quarter-peal in the method in the City of Coventry by a local band.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church, on March 11th, 504 Stedman Triples: G. B. Lucas 1, J. C. Adams 2, *G. W. Cooper 3, W. J. E. Jones 4, *W. J. Cooper 5, T. Cutforth 6, H. F. Hull (conductor) 7, *A. Bullock 8. *First 504 Stedman Triples.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.—Llandaff Association.—On March 14th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: H. Page (conductor) 1, J. Cross 2, G. Wines 3, F. Chamberlain 4, T. Hamlin 5, W. Page 6, T. Page 7, H. Crabbe 8. Arranged for Mr. F. Chamberlain, a visitor from Cardiff, and it was his first quarter-peal in the method. Also 168 Erin Triples, with S. Weaver 8.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—The Herts Association.—On Sunday, March 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: W. G. Darlington 1, W. Irons 2, G. Maxim 3, H. Cornwall 4, G. Gray 5, R. Smith 6, H. G. Rowe (composer and conductor) 7, H. Simmons 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells. The ringers of the 2nd and 5th belong to Hertford, the rest to the local band.—On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Simmons 1, G. Andrews 2, G. Maxim 3, H. Cornwall 4, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 5, R. Smith 6, C. Dille 7, D. Tucker 8.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Darlington 1, G. Andrews 2, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 3, H. Cornwall 4, G. Maxim 5, R. Smith 6, C. Dille 7, H. Simmons 8. First 504's by local band.

SUTTON, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, March 17th, for Divine service, at Benhilton Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, containing the twenty-four 4—6's at back stroke, with calls at each: E. Bryant 1, S. Rayner 2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3, P. A. Coard 4, T. King 5, J. Warwick 6, J. Webb 7, F. Ford 8.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.—The Chester Diocesan Guild.—At St. Mary's Parish Church, on March 14th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 12 mins.: A. G. Clarke 1, W. Gordon, senr. (composer) 2, J. H. Mason 3, J. W. Hartley 4, J. Fernley 5, H. Reynolds 6, A. S. Gordon (longest length as conductor) 7, *E. A. Hulme 8. *Aged 16. First date touch. Rung on the 60th birthday of Mr. Charles Gordon, brother of the composer, and uncle of the conductor.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, March 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes): G. Edser, senr., 1, W. Shepherd (conductor) 2, A. F. Shepherd 3, W. A. Woodrow 4, A. Woodrow 5, J. Emery 6, F. J. Shepherd 7, F. Shepherd 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—The Midland Counties Association.—On Sunday, March 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1263 changes): E. Leslie 1, J. Smith 2, C. Harriman 3, E. Cartwright 4, E. Abbott 5, J. Oldham 6, H. Abbott 7, J. Hutchby 8, E. Reader (conductor) 9, J. Powell 10.

FOXEARTH, ESSEX.—On March 12th, at the Parish Church, 1008 Bob Major: J. Taylor 1, T. Chinnery 2, A. Taylor 3, S. Gridley 4, Rev. H. S. Carpenter 5, A. Maxim 6, P. Gridley 7, S. Evans (conductor) 8. Longest touch by the Rector (the Rev. H. S. Carpenter).

FULHAM, S.W.—The All Saints' Society.—On Monday, March 11th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes): L. Attwater 1—2, J. W. Driver 3—4, W. Shepherd (conductor) 5—6, F. I. Hairs 7—8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On March 12th, 1008 Double Norwich: C. Button (longest length of Major) 1, N. R. Bailey 2, F. W. Bailey 3, E. S. Bailey 4, G. Wilson 5, E. H. Bailey 6, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, J. M. Bailey 8.—On Thursday, March 14th, on handbells, 1056 Bob Major: J. M. Bailey 1—2, E. S. Bailey 3—4, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 5—6, E. H. Bailey 7—8 (longest length).

ILKLEY.—On March 8th, in honour of the first visit to Ilkley of the new Bishop of Ripon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Parish Church in 44 mins.: S. Raynor (first quarter-peal) 1, A. South 2, T. W. Crawshaw 3, W. Cook 4, R. R. Richmond (first quarter-peal) 5, J. R. Feather 6, G. W. Birkin 7, C. E. Spencer 8.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, March 10th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 480 of Oxford Single Bob: E. Marchant 1, A. E. Gasson 2, A. C. V. Gasson 3, P. J. Hall 4, H. Bourn 5, C. Holman (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 of Oxford Single Bob: A. C. V. Gasson 1, C. Holman 2, F. Streeter 3, P. J. Hall 4, H. Bourn 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6.—720 of Plain Bob, conducted by C. Holman, and 720 Canterbury Pleasure, conducted by A. E. Gasson. First 720 in the method by P. J. Hall.

ALDRERSHOT.—On March 13th, at St. Michael's Parish Church, Aldershot, 720 Bob Minor, the first on the bells with local men taking part: G. Fisher 1, C. Edwards (Farnham), conductor, 2, W. C. Fisher 3, J. Mann 4, Alf. Croucher 5, J. Hall 6.

SWANSEA.—West Wales Association.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 12th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: Charles Hoare 1, William Rice 2, Richard Morse 3, Charles Morse 4, John Davies 5, Frank Morgan (conductor) 6, James Hoare 7, Edwin Davies 8.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On March 12th, 720 Duke of York: F. Denman 1, T. Adams 2, C. Killick (first in method) 3, G. Lucas 4, J. Bowell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Denman, junr., 1, T. Adams 2, R. Bowell 3, G. Lucas 4, A. Cripps 5, O. Sippetts (Crawley), conductor, 6.

BENFIELDSDALE.—Durham and Newcastle Association.—On March 12th, at St. Cuthbert's, 720 London Surprise: J. H. Surtees 1, J. Marshall (first on inside bell) 2, J. W. Forster 3, R. Dixon 4, A. Charlton 5, F. Barron (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, March 30th, 1912. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hunslet on March 30th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting in the Parish Room, behind the church, at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Service at the cathedral at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. A. J. Langdon, Rector of Great Munden, followed by meat tea and annual business meeting for election of officers, in the Abbey Institute, at 5.50 sharp. Will secretaries of bands please notify the probable number of their members who will attend not later than Easter Monday morning. Price of tea, 6d. to members, 1s. 3d. to non-members. St. Albans is an unique place for a bell-ringers' gathering, possessing four peals of bells, a grand cathedral, and historical ruins and associations possessed by no other city in the world. It is the place for a day's holiday.—G. W. Cartmel, Honorary Secretary, Duffield, St. Albans.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above Association will take place at Huntingdon on Easter Monday, April 8th. A short service will be held in All Saints' Church at 12.30 p.m. The dinner and business meeting will be held at the George Hotel at 1.30 p.m. The bells of All Saints (6), St. Mary's (8) will be available during the day, and Godmanchester (8) after 3 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, April 3rd.—T. R. Dennis, General Secretary, 33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the society will be held at Leeds on Easter Monday, April 8th, 1912. Peal attempt at 10.30 a.m. Bells (12) available all day. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m. at the Royal Oak Hotel.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Wolverhampton on Easter Monday. Ringing at St. Peter's (12) from 11.30, St. Luke's (8) from 11; Lettenhall (8) from 11. Evensong in St. Peter's at 4. Tea at Fleming's Restaurant, North Street, at 4.30; 6d. each to fully-paid members; to others 1s. Please notify not later than Tuesday, April 2nd.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Widford on Easter Monday. Bells at 2 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 8d. each, at the White Horse. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by Thursday, April 4th. Whistle bells will be open for ringing from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Arundel on Monday, April 8th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Business to follow. All members intending to be present

please notify the undersigned by Thursday, April 4th.—H. Evans, Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Naton, near Sheffield (not Maton, as stated on some of the fixture cards) on Easter Monday, April 8th. Church of St. James, 8 bells (tenor 16 cwt.), available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and possibly earlier in the afternoon. The church is about 20 minutes' walk from the Woodseats tram terminus.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Mitcham on Easter Monday. Bells open at 3 p.m. Ringing during the afternoon and evening at the Parish Church and Christ Church. Short service at Christ Church at 5.15, to be followed by tea in the Church Room (High Street, Collier's Wood) at 5.45 at the invitation of the Vicar, churchwardens and local band. Business meeting after tea.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The thirtieth annual meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 8th. The bells at St. Peter's, Holy Trinity, Lenton, and St. Mary's, Bulwell, will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m. Committee meeting at Calvert's Café, Long Row, at 3.15. A proposition will be made to give new members a copy of the rules in lieu of a report and to alter Rule 4b accordingly. Tea, 1s. 3d. each, in the same room at 4 o'clock. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify the Honorary Secretary by Thursday, April 4th (first post at the latest). All the towers will be closed during the time of tea and meeting.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary, Cotgrave, Notts.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Evesham on Easter Monday, April 8th, 1912. Service at 1.30, address by the Vicar, the Rev. J. M. Walker. Meeting in the Parish Hall at 2.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, April 3rd. Subscriptions received, etc., in the Parish Hall between 12 and 1. Bells available: Bell Tower (10), Bengeworth (6) and Great Hampton (6).—J. R. Newman, Honorary Secretary, Bransford, Worcester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Cheltenham on Easter Monday, April 8th. Service at the Parish Church at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Rev. F. L'Estrange Fawcett, M.A. (Rector). The business meeting will be held immediately after the service. The bells of the Parish Church (12) will be available from 10.30 to 11, and for one hour in the afternoon. Prestbury (8) and Charlton Kings (8) will also be available in the afternoon. Dinner at Criticon Restaurant at 1 p.m.; usual allowance made to those only who inform me before Thursday, April 4th, of their intention to be present.—W. A. Cave, Honorary Secretary, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 11th and 25th, at 7.30 p.m.; at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 16th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 16th and 30th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 30th, at 8 p.m. Also on Saturday evenings at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALAGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The annual meeting will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, April 13th. The bells of the Parish Church (12) will be available from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The business meeting will take place immediately afterwards, at which all members are respectfully requested to attend, as matters of importance will be brought forward for decision.—S. F. Palmer, Honorary Secretary, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. O. R. Dawson) on Saturday, April 13th, 1912. Service at 5 p.m., with sermon by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Willesden. Tea, 6d. each, at 6 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Members and friends cordially invited. The following towers will be available for ringing: St. Matthew's, from 3 to 5, and after the meeting; St. Paul's, Homerton, and St. John, at Hackney, from 3 to 5; and St. Mary's, Walthamstow, from 7.30 to 9. Will all who intend being present kindly inform their district secretary before April 10th. Nearest station Clapton (G.E.R.).—C. T. Coles, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—The quarterly general meeting will take place on Monday, April 15th, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C. Tower open at 8 p.m. Business meeting at 9.30 in the tower room. The society also meets the second and fourth Sunday in each month at 10 a.m. for service ringing. No meeting will take place on April 1st as previously advertised.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

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At the last meeting of the North Bucks branch of the Oxford Guild two well known ringing clergy took part in the service. The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) read the lesson, and the Rev. W. W. C. Baker preached the sermon. Several other clergy were also present. The Lathbury ringers were admitted into membership of the branch at the business meeting which followed. The annual meeting of the branch is to be held at Shenley on June 1st.

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 these notes upon conducting Grandsire Triples which I have been writing, the touches have been given by the lead ends. Thus on Page 106 we had the following:—

2 3 4 5 6 7	3 2 5 4 6 7
—7 5 2 6 3 4	—7 + 3 6 2 5
—4 6 7 3 5 2	—5 6 7 2 4 3
4 3 6 2 7 5	5 2 6 3 7 4
—5 2 + 7 3 6	—+ 3 5 7 2 6
5 7 2 6 + 3	+ 7 3 6 5 2
5 6 7 3 2 4	4 6 7 2 3 5
—+ 3 5 2 6 7	—5 2 + 3 6 7
+ 2 3 7 5 6	5 3 2 7 + 6
—6 7 + 5 2 3	—6 7 5 + 3 2
—3 5 6 2 7 +	—2 + 6 3 7 5
3 2 5 + 6 7	2 3 + 5 6 7

There is another and a shorter way in which a touch like this can be given, and it is by the lead ends at which the bobs are called, and which, for brevity, are termed the "bob leads." In order to show the number of leads between the bobs a small figure is put out on the right hand side of the column, and, as each row is a bob, there is no need to indicate it by the little dash on the left. Given by the bob leads the above touch would be:—

2 3 4 5 6 7	continued
7 5 2 6 3 4 1	7 + 3 6 2 5 2
4 6 7 3 5 2 1	5 6 7 2 + 3 1
5 2 + 7 3 6 2	4 3 5 7 2 6 2
+ 3 5 2 6 7 3	5 2 4 3 6 7 3
6 7 + 5 2 3 2	6 7 5 + 3 2 2
3 5 6 2 7 + 1	2 4 6 3 7 5 1
	PL 2 3 4 5 6 7 1

The P.L. means that the bells come round at a plain lead. This means of writing out touches and peals is a great saving of time and effort, and for my readers who wish to start pricking out touches, etc., for themselves, I append a table showing the transposition of bobs at different leads from rounds.

	2 3 4 5 6 7
Bob at the first lead	7 5 2 6 3 4
Do. second lead	6 7 2 4 5 3
Do. third lead	4 6 2 3 7 5
Do. fourth lead	3 4 2 5 6 7
Do. fifth lead	5 3 2 7 4 6

"Yorkshire."—It is really a waste of time to practise Yorkshire Court Minor as a true 720 cannot be got.

"F. C."—Any true touch of Bob Major without singles can always be doubled in length by calling a single for one of the bobs, and repeating the whole. Wherever you have three consecutive "homes" (without intervening calls), the omission of the three bobs reduces the length of the touch or peal by two courses (224 changes).

CONDUCTOR.

DAGENHAM.—The Essex Association.—On March 3rd, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Playle 1, E. Hawkins 2, G. Chaplin 3, F. Freeston 4, G. Playle 5, W. Palmer (first 720) 6.—For afternoon children's service, another 720: A. Playle 4, and F. Chaplin (first 720) 6, the rest as before.—For evening service, 720 College Single: Miss C. Playle 1, E. Hawkins 2, A. Playle 3, E. Butler 4, G. Playle 5, F. Freeston 6. After evening service, 720 Woodbine, with A. Chaplin 1, the rest as before. All conducted by G. Playle.

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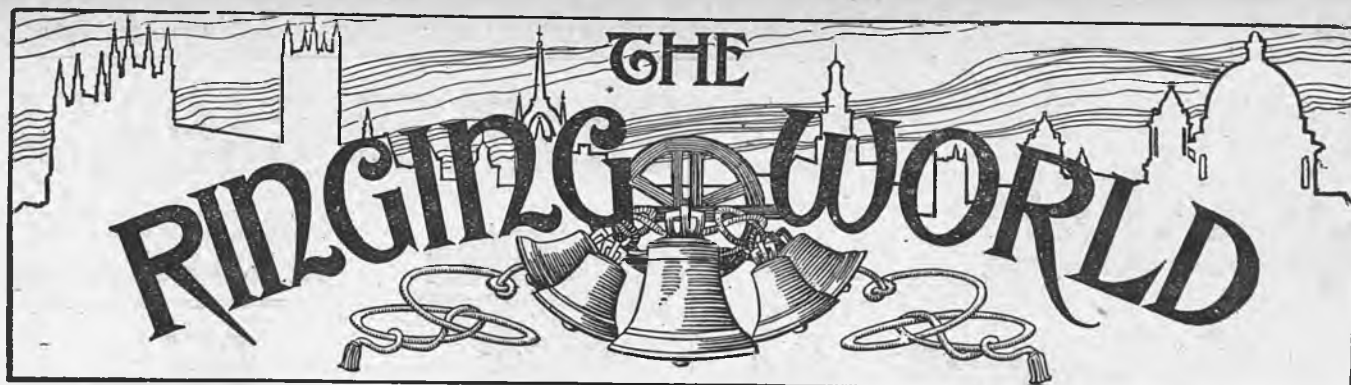
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A good deal of interest will centre on Monday in the result of the two long peal attempts which have been announced, the one at Ashton-under-Lyne and the other at Knebworth. While there may be some, even among ringers, who object to long peals, every member of the Exercise must admire the pluck and determination of a band which sets out to establish a record. Such feats require the exhibition of many qualities which Englishmen appreciate, for they are among the traits which have established the prowess of the nation not only in the realm of athletics, but in the more serious phases of life. A long peal demands from all who take part in it the possession, not only of physical stamina, but strong mental powers, and great concentration of thought, and a grit that will subjugate, if need be, the bodily exhaustion that must be felt after long hours at the end of a bell rope. Moreover, long peal attempts denote a spirit of aspiration, and while great lengths are not often possible on account of consideration which must be given to those who live in the neighbourhood of the church, yet it is well for the Exercise that there should be in its ranks those who desire to excel the great performances of the past, and demonstrate that there are still men in the ringing world to-day as great as those who have gone.

At Ashton-under-Lyne Mr. Sam Woods' merry men hope to bag the record for Kent Royal, to add to their very fine performance last Easter Monday, when they credited themselves with the Treble Bob Maximus record. A few weeks ago they had a very good practice, when they rang half the 14,000 which they will attempt on Monday, and, barring accidents, the peal ought to be well assured.

The attempt for the Bristol Surprise record at Knebworth cannot, in the very nature of things, be looked upon as anything like such a "dead snip," if we may be pardoned for borrowing a sporting phrase. Bristol Surprise is among the most tricky methods to ring, and, however much the band may be in practice, it is a method that will demand of them the exercise of all their talents if the 12,000 is to be rung. Ringers everywhere will wish the two companies success in their endeavours next Monday.

In addition to these two attempts, ringers will be busy in many towers in the country, and the usual crop of Easter peals may be expected. Except, perhaps, at Christmas, there is no season of the year when ringing is more appreciated than at Easter. The comparative silence of the bells during Lent has something to do with the additional welcome with which they are heard upon the greatest festival in the Church's calendar. Many of the associations, too, will be busy next Monday with their annual gatherings—events to which the members usually look forward with the most pleasurable anticipation.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, March 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

ALBERT WALKER... ..	Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS	7
THOMAS RUSSAM... ..	2	SAMUEL GROVE... ..	8
CHARLES DICKENS	3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	9
ALF. PADDON SMITH... ..	4	JOHN NEAL... ..	10
PERCY O. LAFLIN	5	JAMES E. GROVES	11
EDMUND J. HYLAND	6	SIDNEY J. JESSOP	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung in honour of the enthronement of the late Rector of Birmingham (Canon Denton Thompson) as the Bishop of Sodor and Man, which took place the previous day in York Minster. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. A. P. Smith, was the 50th peal of Stedman Cinques by Mr. C. Dickens and the first by Mr. Morris J. Morris.

TEN BELL PEAL.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD	Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY	6
THOMAS W. GORE	2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	7
*HERBERT DAY	3	GEORGE A. THOMPSON	8
FRANK JACOBS	4	†WALTER WALLACE	9
SAMUEL WESLEY	5	BART MITCHELL	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WALTER WALLACE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, March 20, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

JOSEPH JOHNSON... ..	Treble	CHARLES MACKENZIE	5
THOMAS MILLER... ..	2	FRANK SWANN	6
THOMAS J. BRATTON	3	JOHN COLLETT	7
THOMAS COLLISON	4	*WALTER GOSSAGE	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS MILLER.

* First peal.

HEYWOOD, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND ST. LUKE'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

FIVE-PART PEAL.

Tenor 21¾ cwt.

*FRANK FLETCHER	Treble	JOHN MILLETT... ..	5
ALBERT CHADWICK	2	*WILLIAM H. ASCROFT	6
GEORGE WALMSLEY	3	JOSEPH PARTINGTON	7
*JOSEPH TATTERSFIELD	4	*JAMES CHADWICK	Tenor

Composed by MR. W. H. THOMPSON, and
Conducted by JOHN MILLETT.

* First peal of Union. This is the first peal rung on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The "go" is perfect and reflects great credit on the firm. The peal is taken from Mr. Thompson's "Diagram on Union Triples," No. 24, page 45.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JAMES R. KEMP	Treble	JOSHUA WOODHEAD	5
FRANK R. CUNDALE	2	PERCY J. JOHNSON	6
GEORGE A. JOWETT	3	WILLIAM E. H. ASH	7
RICHARD H. HOWLAND	4	FRANCIS WOODHEAD... ..	Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN, and

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Albert Stanley Mitchell, who for some years was a member of the Holbeck band, and who was interred on that date.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, March 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*JOSEPH F. SIMPSON	Treble	†JOHN J. TAYLOR	5
ROBERT PICKERING	2	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY	6
DANIEL JONES	3	HERBERT KNIGHT	7
GEORGE CLAYBROOKE	4	*BENJAMIN CLARK	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to D. Jones (towerkeeper), and A. Fallon (Hon. Sec.), of St. Luke's tower.

PENDLETON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 10 lbs.

FRANK SMITH	Treble	HARRY WILSON	5
FRANK WILD	2	HERBERT BARLOW	6
HARRY HAMPSON	3	THOMAS BOTTRILL	7
JOSEPH OGDEN	4	HARRY CHAPMAN	Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and
Conducted by H. HAMPSON.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND

LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD,

AND THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 8 lbs.

*FRANCIS A. SMITH	Treble	WILLIAM PYE	5
BERTRAM PREWETT	2	ROBERT E. STAVERT	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	*MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	ERNEST PYE	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method.

NETLEY ABBEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER... ..	Treble	CHARLES H. RUSSELL	5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS	2	*FREDK. J. OXENBURY	6
ALAN R. MACDONALD	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
WILFRED ANDREWS	4	OWEN GILES	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal in any method.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD BUCKLAND Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	*JAMES BLACKMORE 6
CECIL C. MAYNE 3	GEORGE ALLDER 7
HARRY COX 4	JESSE ELDRIDGE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*A. BUTLER Treble	J. GLEW 5
W. BATES 2	J. FLOWER 6
†A. BRAINES 3	†F. HICKLING 7
G. DAWSON 4	H. WARD Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by F. HICKLING.

* First peal. † First peal on tower bells and first attempt. ‡ First peal as conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

FRED. H. DEXTER Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
J. LEONARD ALLEN 2	SAMUEL COLTON 6
LOUIS E. ALLEN 3	CHARLES H. FOWLER 7
ARTHUR PETTIT 4	JOSIAH MORRIS Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

This is the first peal of Double Norwich rung in the Borough of Leicester by an entire company of resident Leicester ringers.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	FREDERICK BUTCHERS ... 5
ANDREW MARSHALL ... 2	PHILIP HODGKIN 6
*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 3	JIM BEACH 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 4	EDWIN LAMBERT Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and
Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

* Fiftieth peal. First peal on bells after rehanging by Messrs. Bowell, of Ipswich. Rung on the back eight.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HOLBETON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Single Court and Canterbury Pleasure, and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

Rev. E. S. POWELL ... Treble	ERNEST W. MARSH ... 4
*WARREN HORN BROOK ... 2	*WILLIAM RUNDLE ... 5
REGINALD DOBSON ... 3	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal of Minor. First peal in three methods in the county.

BRINDLE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lbs.

FRED BERRY Treble	JOHN FOWLER 4
THOMAS STOTT 2	THOMAS BLACKWELL ... 5
WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 3	WILLIAM FOWLER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

First peal of Minor by all the band.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

REV. B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE 1—2	GEORGE D. COLEMAN ... 5—6
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3—4	HERBERT FIELDS ... 7—8

Composed by J. BARKER, and
Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.
Umpire: E. C. CHASTY.

COMBINED MEETING AT BETHERSDEN.

A combined meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild and the Ashford Division of the Kent County Association was held at Bethersden on Saturday, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. D. H. Creakton). The attendance totalled about 24, the towers represented being: Appledore, Ashford, Charing, High Halden, Iden, Little Chart, Rolvenden, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden, Woodchurch, and the local tower. The ringing consisted of a 720 of Bob Minor, and several shorter touches in that method. Other methods rung were: Kent Treble Bob Minor, Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles.—There was no business meeting in connection with the Kent Association, but the Romney Marsh Guild had several items on their agenda. Mr. C. Tribe (hon. secretary), Ashford Division, Kent Association, presided, as the Master (Mr. G. Billenness) had the secretarial duties in hand, owing to the unavoidable absence of the hon. secretary (Mr. G. J. Youngs).—Rye was selected as the rendezvous for the next meeting to be held on the last Saturday in April. It was also agreed to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples at Rolvenden, on the Saturday after Easter.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells.—This concluded the business, and further ringing followed.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

There was a large attendance of ringers at the monthly meeting of the Swindon branch, at Corsham last Saturday. In addition to the local men, there were members present from Bremhill, Grittleton and Swindon. The tower of St. Bartholomew's Church contains a grand ring of six bells, with a tenor about 25 cwt., and Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Minor were rung on these during the afternoon. A substantial t. was provided by Mr. J. Daymond, and a meeting followed, when the business of the branch was dealt with.—In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Ernest Bishop (Branch President), Mr. O. W. Layng was voted to the chair. Six new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Bishopstone (Wilts), on April 27th.—A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, the Rev. A. A. Slack, for allowing the use of the bells.—During the evening several six-scores of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles were rung, in which some of the local ringers took part.

AN APPEAL.

The fund, established by the Milnrow Parish Church ringers (Lancs.) for the benefit of Mr. Pitton is to be closed next week, and we are asked to request those towers who wish to subscribe, but have not yet done so, to forward their contributions without delay, to Mr. S. Brierley (president), Mr. S. Fielding (treasurer), or Mr. H. C. Massey (hon. sec.), who wish gratefully to acknowledge the subscriptions that have already been sent.

ROYSTON.—The Hertfordshire Association.—On March 20th, at the Parish Church, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor: H. Wilkerson 1, W. C. Darlow (conductor) 2, R. Howard (first in the method) 3, R. G. King 4, E. Bonnett 5, S. E. Roberts 6.

ELEMENTARY COMPOSITION.**GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.—II.**

BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

I am pleased to see so many succeed with the little problem I gave in my previous article upon the composition of Grandsire Triples. It was Holt's Six-Part. It now remains for those gentlemen to experiment on their own to get original compositions, of which there is a wealth in the table I gave. One gentleman got out the first half correctly, and instead of taking the remaining leads to make up the second half merely added an ordinary single, and repeated the whole. This is not possible with Grandsire, the reasons for which, and the possibilities, I will deal with later.

For the present I will deal with two simple ways of singling up the blocks obtained from the table.

The first is by the use of Holt's singles. These singles can only be used when our peal comes out in two large blocks similar to Holt's Six-Part. They appear to be well understood, so I will not dwell on them. Our other is by means of bob blocks and ordinary singles, which will be found to be far more interesting, and give greater scope for original ideas.

A "bob block" is a touch of three leads, produced by three bobs in succession. The beauty of these blocks is, that they can be connected to the main blocks between ordinary singles. For example, the last three leads of Holt's Original. Let us examine one of these blocks and find its connections.

In course.

235476—

642735—

576342—

To fling it out of course, transpose any one lead by 325476, or, in other words, take any one handstroke lead, and prick three bobs. The result will be found to contain every change of the original.

Out of course.

A 324567—

B 753624—

C 467253—

These three leads will be found to connect with ordinary singles to each of the following touches at the points marked :—

234567	234567	234567
342567 4	752634 1	342567 4
423567 4	657423 5	543726 5
A 234567 4	346257 1	745632 5
	B 573624 2	C 647253 5
	675432 5	246375 5
	246375 1	Round next lead

Round next lead

When they make up the following touches :—

234567	234567	234567
342567 4	752634 1	342567 4
423567 4	657423 5	543726 5
S 324567 4 A	346257 1	745632 5
753624 1 B	S 753624 2 B	S 467253 5 C
467253 1 C	467253 1 C	324567 1 A
S 234567 1	324567 1 A	753624 1 B
	S 573624 1	S 647253 1
	675432 5	246375 5
	246375 1	Round next lead
	Round next lead	

It will be interesting and instructive to take each touch and see how a portion of another can be spliced on. Thus : In the first touch if a single is called at 753624 it takes us to 573624 in the second touch. It can then be completed by bobs at 5 and 1, or again if a single is called at 467253 it takes us to 647253 in the 3rd touch, when a bob in 5 produces rounds. Each touch can finish with the end of the other two if required. For practice write out these nine touches, as similar cross connecting is at times required for connecting together the various blocks that go to make a peal.

Now, in getting out blocks for peals more often than not we get one or more of these "bob blocks." I will give several specimens showing from where they are got and how they are connected. I may remark that two of them are the result of the previous article. Our first is by Mr. A. J. Corrigan, who bobbed the 7th into the hunt in the following manner :—

3rd lead of top three courses	746352	736254	726453
1st " 2nd " "	743625	732645	724635
H 3rd " 3rd " "	746523	736542	726534
1st " 4th " "	745632	735624	725643

Note.—To get peals in regular parts care must be taken to treat the 2nd and 3rd course to the right in H in the same manner as the first.

Now, these twelve leads with 7th bobbed into the hunt, as before explained, each turn four other leads into bobs. Prick out the remaining four of each according to instruction in the previous article. Then mark those leads as bobs in your table, sixty in all. If the table is correctly marked, each of the three columns will be marked alike. Start from rounds and trace through your table, ticking off each lead as you include it in your touch, and the follow ing touch of 57 leads appears :—

234567	Cont'd.
672453 2	746523 4
726453 4	(2) 547362 5
427365 5	625734 2
534627 1	476325 1
275463 2	374562 5
472356 5	573246 5
374625 5	275634 5
423756 3	(1) 342567 2
(2) 674523 1	57

This, it will be seen, can be twice repeated. If we start at 325467 another touch of 57 leads appears :—

325467	Cont'd.
743625 1	725643 2
647532 5	(1) 627354 5
476532 4	276354 4
(2) 324657 2	432576 1
573462 2	274365 3
475236 5	372546 5
274653 5	(1) 573624 5
672345 5	245367 2
536472 1	57

It will now be seen that all but six leads in each column have been ticked off. These six leads, all bobs, give us

two bob blocks of three leads per column, or six in all :—

1	425376—	345276—	235476—
	634725—	623745—	642735—
	576234—	576423—	576342—
2	326475—	436275—	246375—
	543726—	524736—	532746—
	675243—	675324—	675432—

These turned out of course give :—

1	243567—	432567—	324567—
	752643—	754632—	753624—
	367452—	267354—	467253—
2	234657—	342657—	423657—
	762534—	763542—	764523—
	457362—	257463—	357264—

They are now ready for singling in. Each block can be singled in in three different places noted by the side of the 57 lead touches in brackets. To make a regular peal single in one bob block per part. In the peal given below Mr. Corrigan has singled one each of the three No. 1 bob blocks to the end of each part of the first touch obtained from rounds ; and one each of No. 2 to each part of the second touch, singled in on the xxx657 lead ends. This brings our peal into two halves, which can be cross singled together in a similar manner to the singling from one touch to another as previously shown. Here it is set out :—

SIX-PART PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By A. J. CORRIGAN, DUBLIN,

(Rung at St. Patrick's, Dublin, February 17th, 1912, conducted by Gabriel Lindoff).

First Half. Second Half.

234567	342657
672453 2	763542 1
726453 4	257463 1
427365 5	S 432657 1
534627 1	574263 2
275463 2	275346 5
472356 5	372654 5
374625 5	673425 5
423756 3	546273 1
674523 1	735624 2
746523 4	637452 5
547362 5	376452 4
625734 2	243576 1
476325 1	372465 3
374562 5	473526 5
573246 5	B 574632 5
275634 5	325467 2
S 432567 2	743625 1
A 754632 1	647532 5
267354 1	476532 4
S 342567 1	S 234657 2

Twice repeated.

Twice repeated.

S for bob at (A) in any part of first half produces corresponding lead (B) in second ; from this lead the three parts of second half are called, concluding with S for bob at (B) to bring up (A). All the call-distances of the two halves are in reverse relationship.

(To be continued).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The President of the Lancashire Association (the Rev H. J. Elsee) presided at a well-attended meeting of the Bolton branch of the Lancashire Association, held at St. George's on Saturday week. Members were present from Walkden, Tyldesley and Deane, together with the local men.

THE TRUMPETS OF GOD.

"The cause why the bells are rung is for to make the evil spirits afraid and to flee; the evil spirits that be in the region of the air, doubt much when they hear the trumpets of God, which be the bells rung."

"The Golden Legend of the lives of the Saints," translated by William Caxton.

Pull steadily, steadily, brave, strong men,
Ye ringers who ring so well ;
Each man in his place, each man at his rope,
And each at his favourite bell.

Do ye know what your forefathers thought, my lads,
When they rang each tuneful bell?
The self-same bells which ye ring to-day,
In the tower they loved so well.

The Trumpets of God they named the bells,
"The Trumpets of God," said they,
"Shall sound far and wide, and the call to prayer
Will drive evil spirits away."

For "prayer is the power which moves God's heart,"
The power which evil ones fear ;
It is said that Satan himself doth quail
When a little child kneels in prayer.

So ring with reverence, oh my lads,
The bells which are now your care ;
Ye have offered yourselves for the sacred work
Of calling the faithful to prayer.

Perchance some wanderer from the Fold,
To penitent life may be stirred,
By the well remembered chime of the bells
As in days of innocence heard.

Then quit you like men, true Christian men ;
Can a nobler service be found?
"To the glory of God" is carved on the bells,
And the belfry is thrice hallowed ground.

Between earth and heaven ye work unseen,
As the angels who watchful fly
Hidden from sight, between heaven and earth,
On the service of God Most High.

Oh the hands that ring must be pure and good,
Ye ringers who pull so well,
Each man in his place, each man at his rope,
And each at his favourite bell.

L. N.

PRESENTATION AT GLOSSOP.

That thriving little organisation in Derbyshire, the Glossop Association, have taken farewell of one of their members, Mr. William Haigh, who is leaving for Canada. They gave him a hearty send-off at a gathering presided over by Mr. W. Marsden. Mr. Cooper, the senior ringer at Old Glossop, presented Mr. Haigh with a beautiful silk muffler subscribed for by the ringers at the three local churches. Mr. Haigh suitably acknowledged the gift, after which songs were given by Messrs. F. Garside, C. Brooks, S. Cuthbert, F. Bridge and J. Buckley, while tunes on handbells were rung by the Whitfield ringers. The Glossop Association, established in a town of 22,000 inhabitants, is fortunate in possessing three towers (two of eight bells and one of six). The Association has a roll of about 60 honorary and performing members, and a splendid feeling exists between the ringers and the Church officials. Meetings are held on the first Saturday in the month at the different churches in rotation, and the methods rung are Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples and various Treble Bob Minor methods.

CHESTER'S ANCIENT BELLS.

RECORDS OF NEARLY THREE CENTURIES AGO.

It is one of the glorious traditions of our Exercise, that the bells of England have played their part in most of the stirring events in the history of our country for centuries. It is seldom, however, that any record is available to show the specific occasions upon which a particular peal of bells has been rung, but among the archives of the ancient city of Chester, from which the history of St. John's Church has been compiled, there exists a record of some, at all events, of the occasions when the bells in this steeple were pealed. Mr. E. Harrison sends us the following list of events (copied from the church history) upon which St. John's Church bells took part in national rejoicings, and it is particularly interesting as it goes back to the time of the civil war:—

- 1642. Sept. When the King (Charles I.) came to Chester.
- 1642. Several times, for the King's victories at Middlewich, and in Lancashire, and when Liverpool was taken.
- 1644. When Prince Rupert came to Chester.
- 1660. When the King (Charles II.) was proclaimed.
- 1673. For Peace between England and Holland.
- 1683. For Defeat of the Duke of Monmouth.
- 1688. Proclamation of King William and Queen Mary.
- 1690. When King William came to Chester for to go for Ireland.
- 1699. For Battle of Boyne and Siege of Londonderry.
- 1704—1706. Many times for the Duke of Marlborough's victories.
- 1715. For the rout of the Rabbels at Preston.
- 1731. For the Navigation (i.e., the River Dee cutting to Queen's Ferry).
- 1743. For His Majesty's Victory at Dettingen.
- 1746. For the defeat of the French and Spaniards in Italy.
- 1759. King of Prutia beating the Russians. For Battle of Minden. Taking of Quibek, and several Victories at Sea.
- 1761. Taking of Pondicherry.
- 1782. Rodney's Victory. Hood's Victory.
- 1796. Defeat of Spanish Fleet by Admiral Jarvis (Earl St. Vincent).
- 1798. Nelson's Victory (Battle of Nile).
- 1801. Peace of Amiens.
- 1805. When Volunteers returned. Nelson's Victory (Trafalgar).
- 1805. Nov. 11. Duckworth's Victory.
- 1815. Battle of Waterloo.
- 1815. Buonaparte having delivered himself to British.
- 1855. For fall of Sebastopol.

The records show that "the 3rd and 5th bells were new cast in the year 1686, and in the same year bells and frames being in great disrepair were newly hung." In 1710 the five old bells were recast by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, and in 1733 two new bells were added to the peal. These bells were in the tower when it fell, and are now preserved in the belfry. They bear the following inscriptions:—

- 1. Prosperity to all our benefactors, 1710.
- 2. Peace and good neighbourhood, 1710.
- 3. Abm. Rudhall cast us all.
- 4. Jas. Crewe, junr., Esq., Sir Robt. Grosvenor, Bart., Sir Charles Bunbury, Bart., Watkin Williams Wynn, Esq., Gabl. Wettenhall, Esq., Jas. Comberbach, Alderman, Churchwardens, 1733.
- 5. Prosperity to the Church of England.
- 6. Raml. Stanway, Thomas Dodd, Churchwardens, 1710.
- 7. God Save Queen Anne, 1710.
- 8. Prosperity to the Society of Chester Scholars.

The following set of rules for the ringers was beautifully painted in large letters upon the belfry wall, and enclosed in a floriated border with cherubs at the corners:—

Ye ringers all observe these orders well,
He forfeits 12 pence that turns off a bell;
And he that doth ring with either spurr or hatt,
His sixpence certainly shall pay for that.
He that doth spoile, or doth disturbe a peale
Shall pay his fourpence for a . . . of ale;
And he that is heard to curse or swear
Shall pay his 12 pence and forbear.
These customs elsewhere now be used,
Lest bells and ringers be abused;
Ye gallants then that on purpose come to ring,

See that ye coyns along with you do bring.
And further also that if you ring here,
You must ring truly both with hande and eare;
Or else your forfeits surely pay,
And that full speedily without delay.
Our laws is old that are not new.
The sexton looketh for his due. A.D. 1686.

EGHAM PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

AUGMENTED PEAL OPENED.

Egham, a little township in North-West Surrey, was very joyous on Saturday last on hearing once again the old Church bells, which were rung many times during the afternoon and evening. Since October last the six old bells have undergone a great change, having been recast and tuned upon the Simpson principle. Two new bells have been added, a treble and tenor, the latter weighing 17 cwt., and Egham can now boast of possessing one of the finest rings of eight in the county. The frame containing the bells consists of steel and iron girders welded to the tower, etc., and all the fittings are upon the most recent and scientific principles.

A selected band of ringers from the Surrey Association were invited to open the bells, including Messrs. Shepherd, of Hersham (father and three sons), with A. F. Woodrow, C. J. Hamblin, H. Walker and F. G. Woodiss. Other ringers attended from Old Windsor, Wolverhampton, Chertsey, Woking, Old Woking, Slough, Farnham Royal, Staines and Egham. After an inspection of the work by Mr. C. F. Johnston, of the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, who pronounced everything in order, the word was given to stand clear, and at 3.15 the bells were rung up, and at 3.30 they showered forth a joyous peal. Very many parishioners and visitors attended, and witnessed the skill of the ringers, amongst whom was the Rector of Petworth, Sussex, who journeyed from London to hear the ring.

At 5 o'clock the ringers were entertained to a meat tea at the Church Room, when the Vicar presided. The company numbered 55, including the Rev. A. C. Tranter, curate; Messrs. Hopkins and Hill, churchwardens; Messrs. Smith, Marshall, Danby, Hook and Keeling, sidesmen; Messrs. C. H. Hughes and E. Budgen, lay readers; Mr. A. E. Danby, organist, Mr. N. Kennerell, acting clerk; and Mr. G. Gigg, sexton, a member of the Surrey Association, who invited the ringers. —The Vicar made a neat little speech upon such an interesting event, and congratulated not only the parishioners upon possessing such a fine peal of bells, but Messrs. Gillett and Johnston upon so successfully carrying out their contract. —Mr. Hopkins thanked all the visiting ringers for their kindness in coming to make the opening day a success. —Mr. Hill also spoke, dwelling principally upon the work carried out by the contractors. —Mr. Johnston returned thanks.

The bells were lowered at 8.30, when the ringers repaired to a room at the Catherine Wheel Hotel for parting refreshment. At 9.30 the company dispersed, the visitors expressing their delight at having spent a very happy day.

The following information of the bells may be of interest:—

	Notes.	Diameter.	Weight.	
		ins.	cwt.	qrs.
1	F	25½	3	2
2	E	26 1-8	3	3
3	D	28 1-16	4	1
4	C	30½	5	1
5	B flat	33½	6	3
6	A	36	8	2
7	G	40½	12	0
8	F	44 7-8	16	3
		Total Weight	61	3
				20

No service was held, owing to the unavoidable absence of the Bishop, but it is understood that the dedication will take place about the middle of April. The first touch was a well-struck 312 of Stedman Triples, and at its conclusion everyone heartily congratulated Mr. C. F. Johnston on the splendid tone of the new peal, and the ringers were loud in their praises with regard to the "go," which is everything that could be desired. For the benefit of conductors this musical touch is given, for it forms an ideal touch for use on such occasions as this. The calling (7th observation) is as follows: 5, 6, 12 13; 7, 8, 9, 10, 11; repeated.

The weather being fine, a large number of visiting ringers attended, among those who took part in the ringing being such well known men as Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Wolverhampton) and Mr. J. J. Parker (Farnham Royal). Touches of Grandsire, Bob Major, Stedman and Double Norwich were brought round before tea. Afterwards there was some handbell ringing, in the shape of Grandsire Caters and Bob Major, by Messrs. F., F. J., A. F. and W. Shepherd, with F. G. Woodiss, also a tune by the four Messrs. Shepherd. On returning to the tower ringing in various methods was carried on till 8 p.m., when the selected band took the ropes for the last touch. The belfry was full of ladies and gentlemen eager to witness the ringing; a very fine touch of Stedman was brought round by the following: H. Walter, A. F. Shepherd, A. Woodrow, F. Shepherd, F. G. Woodiss, C. J. Hamblin, F. J. Shepherd, W. Shepherd (conductor). To Mr. George Gigg the ringers owe many kindnesses, and his untiring efforts deserve the very best of thanks of all the visitors.

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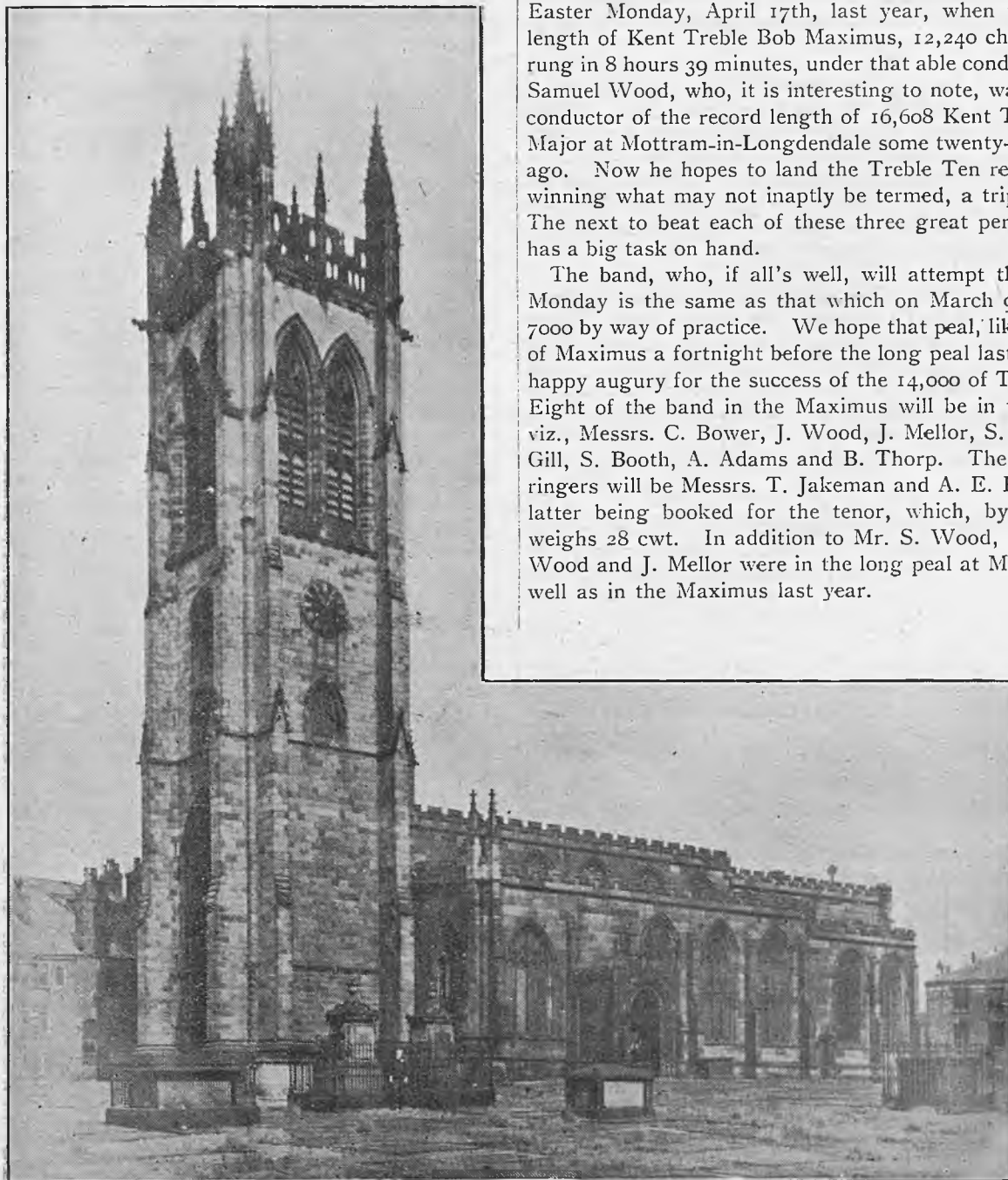
OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

It is in the noble tower depicted on this page that the attempt for the record peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal is to be made next Monday by members of the Lancashire

Association and the Ashton-under-Lyne Society. Not a few noteworthy performances have taken place in the belfry of St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, but the greatest of all was that accomplished on Easter Monday, April 17th, last year, when the record length of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 12,240 changes was rung in 8 hours 39 minutes, under that able conductor, Mr. Samuel Wood, who, it is interesting to note, was also the conductor of the record length of 16,608 Kent Treble Bob Major at Mottram-in-Longdendale some twenty-nine years ago. Now he hopes to land the Treble Ten record, thus winning what may not inaptly be termed, a triple crown. The next to beat each of these three great performances has a big task on hand.

The band, who, if all's well, will attempt the peal on Monday is the same as that which on March 9th rang a 7000 by way of practice. We hope that peal, like the 6000 of Maximus a fortnight before the long peal last year, is a happy augury for the success of the 14,000 of Treble Ten. Eight of the band in the Maximus will be in the Royal, viz., Messrs. C. Bower, J. Wood, J. Mellor, S. Wood, B. Gill, S. Booth, A. Adams and B. Thorp. The other two ringers will be Messrs. T. Jakeman and A. E. Pegler, the latter being booked for the tenor, which, by the way, weighs 28 cwt. In addition to Mr. S. Wood, Messrs. J. Wood and J. Mellor were in the long peal at Mottram, as well as in the Maximus last year.



THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

ODD CHANGES.

Records of peals rung on Bank Holiday should be posted to this office on Monday night in order to secure insertion in next Friday's issue. As there is certain to be a large number of peals rung, it will be an advantage if conductors will, as far as possible, send on their reports the same night. Good Friday having necessitated going to Press a day earlier this week, some reports, arriving late, are unavoidably held over.

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An interesting article appeared in last week's "Uttoxeter Advertiser," recalling the past successes of a famous band of Uttoxeter handbell ringers more than 50 years ago. On four occasions at Manchester this band won the championship open to the world, and in these competitions they were the smallest company in point of numbers, but used the largest number of bells. After winning the championship the fourth time they were debarred from competing further—a sufficient tribute to their ability. The founder and leader of the band was the grandfather of Mr. William Richardson, of Uttoxeter, an enthusiastic campanologist, who has still in his possession the bells used by this wonderful band.

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When, some weeks ago, the peal at Great Munden, was recorded as the first non-conducted peal of Minor, it was quickly pointed out that the first non-conducted peal on six bells was rung at Buckland, on April 6th, 1897. But now comes evidence that even this company were not the first to set up the record. Mr. Thomas Stead, of Crossland Moor, Huddersfield, informs us that an unconducted peal of Minor was rung at Batley, Yorks, exactly 30 years before.

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On April 6th, 1867, the following company rang seven 720's—Oxford, Violet, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight, and Arnold's Victory—without a word being spoken from "go" to "that's all." : John Stead 1, George Clay 2, H. Robinson 3, Thomas Stead 4, John Collins 5, Tom Haigh 6. The whole band belong to Huddersfield, and the performance was accomplished in the presence of two expert ringers as referees. Four of the band and both referees are dead, but Mr. Thomas Stead and Mr. Tom Haigh are still engaged at Huddersfield Parish Church.

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The bells of Finedon, Northants, a peal of eight, are to be rehung in an iron frame, and several of the leading founders have been asked to tender for the work. The tower is to be restored and the bells rehung in memory of a friend and benefactor of the parish, the late Miss Mackworth-Dolben, and a suitable tablet erected in the church to record the fact. The work is now urgent, and it is felt it would perpetuate her memory in a way that would be most pleasing to one who loved the church as she did. A meeting to explain the scheme to the parishioners is shortly to be held.

WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this Association took place at Aberavon on Saturday week, when members from St. Mary's, Swansea, Sketty, Aberavon and Baglan were present. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the number of lady ringers present from Baglan. Various touches were rung, Miss Llewelyn, of Baglan, taking part in a 420 of Grandsire Triples. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Baglan, in June.—A hearty vote of thanks, accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, brought a very successful meeting to a close.

EASTER EVENTS.

Among the events for Easter Monday are the following :—

Attempt for 14,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal at Ashton-under-Lyne, starting at 7 a.m.

Attempt for 12,000 Bristol Surprise Major, at Knebworth, Herts, at 9 a.m.

Annual meeting Hertfordshire Association at St. Albans.

Annual meeting Ely Diocesan Association at Huntingdon.

Annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association at Nottingham.

Annual meeting of the Worcestershire Association at Evesham.

Annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association at Cheltenham.

Annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association at Bedford.

Annual meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society at Leeds.

Annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford at Wolverhampton.

Annual meeting of the North Wales Association at Wrexham.

Essex Association meeting (South-Eastern District) at Widdford.

Quarterly meeting of the Surrey Association at Mitcham.

Quarterly meeting of the Sussex Association (Western Division) at Arundel.

Monthly meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Association at Norton.

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53246		—			53246	—			
35642		—	I	2	35642	—	I	2	
54326		—		*	54326	—			
52643		—	2	I	45623	—	I	2	
24536		—			52436	—			
23645		—	2	I	23564	—			
34256		—			23645	—		I	
43652		—	I	2	34256	—			
35426		—			43652	—	I	2	
32654		—	2	I	35426	—			
25346		—			53624	—	I	2	
24653		—	2	I	32546	—			
45236		—			repeated				
54632		—	I	2	<p>These two peals contain the 6th, her full extent in front of the tenor in the least possible number of changes as a one part and as a two part.</p> <p>* Call 1 H in this course and it brings up 35426. Proceed from that point to the end and it is 5152.</p>				
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42356		—							
45623		—	2	I					
52436		—							
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" 20	6 "	E	...	3	15	0	...	4	15	0	...	5	5	0	...	6	10	0	...	7	15	0
" 19	5¾ "	F	...	3	10	0	...	4	10	0	...	5	0	0	...	6	5	0	...	7	10	0
" 18	5½ "	G	...	3	5	0	...	4	5	0	...	4	15	0	...	6	0	0	...	7	5	0
" 17	5 "	A	...	3	3	0	...	4	0	0	...	4	10	0	...	5	15	0	...	7	0	0
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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Service at the cathedral at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. A. J. Langdon, Rector of Great Munden, followed by meat tea and annual business meeting for election of officers, in the Abbey Institute, at 5.50 sharp. Will secretaries of bands please notify the probable number of their members who will attend not later than Easter Monday morning. Price of tea, 6d. to members, 1s. 3d. to non-members. St. Albans is an unique place for a bell-ringers' gathering, possessing four peals of bells, a grand cathedral, and historical ruins and associations possessed by no other city in the world. It is the place for a day's holiday.—G. W. Cartmel, Honorary Secretary, Duffield, St. Albans.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above Association will take place at Huntingdon on Easter Monday, April 8th. A short service will be held in All Saints' Church at 12.30 p.m. The dinner and business meeting will be held at the George Hotel at 1.30 p.m. The bells of All Saints (6), St. Mary's (8) will be available during the day, and Godmanchester (8) after 3 p.m.—T. R. Dennis, General Secretary, 33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the society will be held at Leeds on Easter Monday, April 8th, 1912. Peal attempt at 10.30 a.m. Bells (12) available all day. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m. at the Royal Oak Hotel.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Wolverhampton on Easter Monday. Ringing at St. Peter's (12) from 11.30, St. Luke's (8) from 11; Lettenhall (8) from 11. Evensong in St. Peter's at 4. Tea at Fleming's Restaurant, North Street, at 4.30; 6d. each to fully-paid members; to others 1s.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Widford on Easter Monday. Bells at 2 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 8d. each, at the White Horse. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by Thursday, April 4th. Writtle bells will be open for ringing from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Arundel on Monday, April 8th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Business to follow. All members intending to be present please notify the undersigned by Thursday, April 4th.—H. Evans, Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The thirtieth annual meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 8th. The bells at St. Peter's, Holy Trinity, Lenton, and St. Mary's, Bulwell, will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m. Committee meeting at Calvert's Café, Long Row, at 3.15. A proposition will be made to give new members a copy of the rules in lieu of a report and to alter Rule 4b accordingly. Tea, 1s. 3d. each, in the same room at 4 o'clock. All the towers will be

closed during the time of tea and meeting.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary, Cotgrave, Notts.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Evesham on Easter Monday, April 8th, 1912. Service at 1.30, address by the Vicar, the Rev. J. M. Walker. Meeting in the Parish Hall at 2.30. Subscriptions received, etc., in the Parish Hall between 12 and 1. Bells available: Bell Tower (10), Bengeworth (6) and Great Hampton (6).—J. R. Newman, Honorary Secretary, Bransford, Worcester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Cheltenham on Easter Monday, April 8th. Service at the Parish Church at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Rev. F. L'Estrange Fawcett, M.A. (Rector). The business meeting will be held immediately after the service. The bells of the Parish Church (12) will be available from 10.30 to 11, and for one hour in the afternoon. Prestbury (8) and Charlton Kings (8) will also be available in the afternoon. Dinner at Criterion Restaurant at 1 p.m.—W. A. Cave, Honorary Secretary, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Norton, near Sheffield (not Morton, as stated on some of the fixture cards) on Easter Monday, April 8th. Church of St. James, 8 bells (tenor 16 cwt.), available 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. The church is about 20 minutes' walk from the Woodseats tram terminus.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Mitcham on Easter Monday. Bells open at 3 p.m. Ringing during the afternoon and evening at the Parish Church and Christ Church. Short service at Christ Church at 5.15, to be followed by tea in the Church Room (High Street, Collier's Wood) at 5.45 at the invitation of the Vicar, churchwardens and local band. Business meeting after tea.—Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Wrexham on Easter Monday, April 8th. Bells (10) available from 9 a.m., and Cresford (8) from 12 noon. Full particulars from Mr. H. Moore, junr., Castle, Pentrefelin, Wrexham. All welcome.—S. A. Cullington, Honorary Secretary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Practices at Yorktown, April 9th, Ottershaw, April 13th, both at 6.30 p.m. Cycle run April 20th. Quarterly meeting, Horsell, May 4th. Visitors gladly welcomed. Kindly apply for full details of the above to G. B. Edser, 52, Shirland Road, Paddington, W.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 11th and 25th, at 7.30 p.m.; at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 16th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 16th and 30th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 30th, at 8 p.m. Also on Saturday evenings at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALAGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The annual meeting will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, April 13th. The bells of the Parish

Church (12) will be available from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The business meeting will take place immediately afterwards, at which all members are respectfully requested to attend, as matters of importance will be brought forward for decision.—S. F. Palmer, Honorary Secretary, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cannington on Saturday, April 13th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Anchor Hotel, meeting to follow. Bells available from 2 p.m.—W. G. Sellick, junr., Honorary Secretary, Huntspill, Bridgwater.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Todmorden Unitarian Church on Saturday, April 13th, 1912. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. O. R. Dawson) on Saturday, April 13th, 1912. Service at 5 p.m., with sermon by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Willesden. Tea, 6d. each, at 6 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Members and friends cordially invited. The following towers will be available for ringing: St. Matthew's, from 3 to 5, and after the meeting; St. Paul's, Homerton, and St. John, at Hackney, from 3 to 5; and St. Mary's, Walthamstow, from 7.30 to 9. Will all who intend being present kindly inform their district secretary before April 10th. Nearest station Clapton (G.E.R.).—C. T. Coles, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, April 13th. Tower open from 3 to 8.30. Evensong 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. F. W. Champneys, M.A.). Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know by April 10th.—George H. Howse, Divisional Honorary Secretary, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—The quarterly general meeting will take place on Monday, April 15th, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C. Tower open at 8 p.m. Business meeting at 9.30 in the tower room. The society also meets the second and fourth Sunday in each month at 10 a.m. for service ringing.—E. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, April 20th. Tower open at 3.30, meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-Dale.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, April 20th, 1912. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Short service 5 o'clock. Meat tea at the George Inn 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. All members intending to be present for tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, April 16th. A charge of 3d. per member will be made to ensure better tea.—G. Moore, District Secretary, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

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IRTHLINGBORO', NORTHANTS.—On March 23rd, 1120 Bristol Surprise Major: W. Perkins (conductor) 1, A. Perkins 2, J. Ward 3, H. Horn 4, J. Houghton 5, W. German 6, A. Tyler 7, J. Garratt 8. Longest touch of Bristol by all except W. Perkins.—On Sunday, March 24th, a course each of Superlative and Cambridge, and 448 London: J. Mawby 1, A. Perkins 2, A. Tyler 3, J. Houghton 4, H. Horn 5, W. German 6, J. Ward 7, J. Garratt (conductor) 8. Also touches of Double Norwich and Stedman, with F. Jones and G. Downing taking part.

STURMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET.—Salisbury Diocesan Guild, East Dorset Branch.—On March 23rd, a plain course of Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Ridout 1, C. C. H. D'Aeth 2, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards 3, W. W. H. D'Aeth 4, A. Hussey 5, A. Burn 6. First Surprise by all the band, and by local members of the branch.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: C. Holland 1, N. Short (conductor) 2, A. Moss 3, H. Oliver (first quarter-peal) 4, Chas. Bird 5, Wm. J. Thyng 6, Geo. Vamplew 7, Hy. Strickland 8.—On Sunday, March 17th, 1344 Bob Major, in 52 mins.: Wm. Miller 1, N. Short 2, Wm. J. Thyng 3, *H. Oliver 4, Chas. Bird 5, *Hy. Strickland 6, A. Moss 7, Geo. Vamplew (conductor) 8. *Longest touch in the method.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, March 24th, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Bob Minor: F. March (South Weald) 1, E. Furbank (Haverling) 2, R. Mison (Navestock) 3, G. Rashbrook (Warley), conductor, 4, A. Rainbird (Bentley) 5, W. Leggett (Shenfield) 6.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. Bowkett 1, G. Hinton, junr. (longest touch) 2, W. Rouse 3, T. Bullock 4, E. Winterton 5, W. Page 6, G. Checketts (conductor) 7, J. Pardoe 8.

EWELL.—Surrey Association.—On Tuesday, March 19th, after an attempt for a peal of Darleston Bob Triples, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 43 mins.: R. Etherington 1, J. A. Lambert 2, J. Beams 3, Dr. A. B. Carpenter 4, E. Grove 5, H. G. Beams 6, C. Read 7, J. Beams (conductor) 8.—On Sunday, March 24th, for morning service, 546 Grandsire Triples: W. Sharman 1, H. G. Beams 2, J. Beams 3, E. Grove 4, S. Wilson 5, H. Greenhill (conductor) 6, C. Read 7, F. Laver 8. Also for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On March 23rd, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. G. Lancaster 1, T. Moulden 2, R. W. Hyner 3, G. Lancaster 4, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 5, F. Looker 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.

WORCESTER.—On March 19th, at St. John's Church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: J. Pardoe 1, B. S. Hill, aged 67 (first 720 in method) 2, G. Hinton, junr., 3, L. Longney 4, W. Page (conductor) 5, G. Checketts 6.—On March 21st, at St. Helen's, 512 Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. Checketts 1, G. Hinton, junr., 2, J. Brettel 3, J. Morris 4, W. C. Jones 5, W. Page (conductor) 6, E. Watkins 7, W. H. Johnson 8. Longest touch in method by all except Messrs. Checketts, Jones and Page.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, March 17th, at Christ Church, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Lawrence, O. W. Layng, R. W. Hyner, G. W. Townsend, T. Robinson, S. Palmer, C. J. Gardiner (conductor), E. J. Oliver.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.—The Salop Archidiconal Guild.—On Sunday evening, March 24th, in 27 mins., 756 Stedman Triples: J. Hanley 1, J. Overton 2, A. Newsome 3, J. Elcock 4, S. Downing 5, W. Overton (conductor) 6, Wm. Saunders 7, J. Garbett (longest length) 8. The ringers of treble, 5, 7, and tenor, belong to Holy Trinity, Coalbrookdale.

SOUTH STOKE (OXON).—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Saturday, March 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: Sidney Kew 1, James Smith 2, Miss E. O. Nind 3, William Geall 4, William Goodenough (conductor) 5. First quarter-peal by all and the first ever rung on the bells.

DUFFIELD.—Midland Counties Association.—On March 8th, at St. Alkmund's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1248 changes): Geo. Basson 1, C. Draper 2, Bart Mitchell 3, F. Hickling 4, J. Flower 5, E. Clarke 6, H. Letts 7, J. Pagett (composer and conductor) 8.

CAERLEON.—On Sunday, March 17th, at St. Cadoc's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: N. Evans 1, E. Davies 2, G. Stafford 3, C. O. Hobbs 4, F. Bolton 5, C. Davies 6, P. Stafford 7, V. Davies 8. Also 882 Grandsire Triples: N. Evans (longest touch) 1, E. Davies 2, C. Davies 3, H. Holmes 4, G. Stafford 5, C. O. Hobbs 6, P. Stafford (longest touch as conductor) 7, V. Davies 8.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On March 16th, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. Moulden 1, R. W. Hyner 2, W. G. Lancaster 3, F. Looker 6, G. Lancaster (conductor) 5, C. J. Gardiner 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Monday, March 18th, at 135, Brighton Road, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor: S. Roper 1—2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3—4, A. Clark 5—6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles by A. J. Perkins and S. Roper.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—At St. George's Church, on Sunday, March 10th, for evening service, 1440 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Avis 1, R. Tall 2, A. Constant 3, R. Smith 4, R. Constant 5, J. Constant 6, A. Martin 7, L. Silver (conductor) 8.

MALDON, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's, on March 16th, a peal was lost, after ringing 720 each of Double Court and College Exercise, and about 600 of New London Pleasure: A. Peake 1, H. Finch 2, H. J. Mansfield (conductor) 3, A. South 4, A. Gozzett 5, F. Chalk 6.—On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, 720 New London Pleasure: J. Gozzett 1, H. Finch 2, H. J. Mansfield 3, A. South 4, T. Gozzett 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 360 Cambridge Surprise by E. W. Finch, W. Keeble (conductor), H. Finch, A. South, T. Gozzett, and A. Gozzett.—At All Saints', on Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 120 Plain Bob.—At the men's service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: E. Mansfield 1, R. Hutson 2, A. Peake 3, H. J. Mansfield 4, F. Chalk 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, by E. Mansfield, H. J. Mansfield, A. Peake, J. Baker, F. Chalk (conductor), C. Tabor.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, for the men's service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: J. Jennings 1, A. Allsopp 2, C. Waithman 3, B. Claydon 4, T. Bloore 5, W. Allsopp 6, G. Roberts 7, B. W. Leedham (conductor) 8. Rung on the occasion of the farewell visit of Canon Denton Thompson, Rector of Birmingham, and Bishop Designate of Sodor and Man.

BRDINGTON.—The Warwickshire Guild.—On Saturday, Feb. 17th, at the Abbey, after meeting too late for a peal, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: T. Ward 1, G. Parsons 2, J. Jennings 3, C. Waithman 4, T. Bloore 5, B. W. Witchell (conductor) 6, G. Roberts 7, B. G. Leedham 8.

OHESHUNT, HERTS.—The Herts Association.—On Sunday, March 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: G. Andrews 1, W. G. Darlington 2, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 3, H. Cornwall 4, F. Jelf 5, R. Smith 6, G. Maxim 7, D. Tucker 8. First quarter-peal by local band.

in seven bell methods? To give those companies who care to do so, and who do not aspire to Surprise Royal ringing, some opportunity of practising other methods than Grandsire and Stedman Caters we give below a lead and peal each of Double Norwich and Union Caters:—

DOUBLE NORWICH.

123456789

214365879

241638597

426135879

462318597

643281579

463825197

648352917

463859271

648395721

684937512

869473152

684971325

869417235

689142753

861924735

816297453

182694735

128967453

Bob

684971325

869417352

5004

By SAM THOMAS.

23456789

63254978*

A 64352

36452

32654

34256

23456

26354

24653

62453

46253

43652

42356

62354

34562

Repeat 11
courses from
A gives

25463

25364

35624

45326

23456789†

Repeat last 12
courses, omitting bob
at 1, produces

25364

35624

45326

23456789†

* By bobs at 4, 5, 7.
† By bobs at 2, 3s (five lead course). Has the 5th the
in course extent and the 6th the full extent behind the 9th
in the 9-7-8 position.

UNION.

123456789

213547698

231456789

324165879

342618597

436281957

463829175

648392715

684937251

869473521

896745312

987654132

978561423

795816243

759182634

571928364

517293846

152798364

125973846

Bob

As in Grandsire

5040

By JOHN CARTER.

23456789

56342789

62345789

42537689

32457689

52347689

Seven times repeated.
Single for Bob at end
of 4th and 8th parts.

Single either

312456789

132457698

123546789

or

312456789

132547698

132456789

Has the twelve

7-6-8-9's and 6-7-8-9's

VARIETY IN METHODS.

DOUBLE NORWICH AND UNION CATERS.

On more than one occasion we have urged the introduction of greater variety into the methods rung on the higher number of bells. Probably there is less variety in Cater ringing than on any number except eleven and twelve bells, for it is very seldom indeed that anything but Grandsire and Stedman Caters are rung. Erin Caters is now being taken up to some extent and very occasionally one reads of a peal of Double Norwich Caters being rung, but few bands know this method. Why should there not be as much variety in the ringing of nine bell methods as

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 different occasions I have dealt with the ringing of Plain Bob Minor and Treble Bob Minor, and it will probably interest a number of young ringers anxious to push on in the Art if I now turn attention to some of the other methods based upon the plain and Treble Bob hunts. All methods, which have a plain hunt for the treble, are known as plain methods, and they are, generally speaking, after all, only an elaboration of Plain Bob. It is well that young bands should have an ambition, and where their bells are limited to six, their goal should be to reach a peal in seven different methods.

Now among the six bell methods there are instances of one being the reverse of another, or of a bob lead of one being a plain lead of another and vice versa. Thus it will be seen that by learning one method the ringer will really have acquired two. One young band have asked me to advise them as to what plain method to take up now that they have rung Bob Minor. Well there is considerable variety from which they may choose, and Oxford Bob is one to which they might turn attention. In this the treble has a plain hunt, and the rules are fairly simple. To begin with 2nd's place is made when the treble leads, just as in Bob Minor, but in addition there are in each lead two 4th's places made, one immediately after the treble has led and one immediately before the treble leads and these places are made by the same bell. Before the first of these places, the bell has a dodge in 3-4 up (with the bell that made 4th's in the previous lead—the dodge occurring while treble is actually leading), while, after the last of the places, the bell has a dodge in 3-4 down (with the bell that is going to make 4th's in the next lead). Just as the 4th's place at a bob in Bob Minor causes the bell that makes it to return to lead without going behind, so does each of the 4th's places in this method, and this turning of the bells in 4th's, necessarily keeps two other bells dodging in 5-6. They come together as the treble passes through 5-4 going down and remain dodging until the treble comes back again to part them. This involves what is known as a three-pull dodge. In other words the bell that dodges up strikes one blow in 6th's and one back in 5th's three times before it eventually lies a whole pull behind. For those who would like to work out the full course, I give a lead of the method:—

1 2 3 4 5 6	Bob
2 1 4 3 6 5	5 6 1 3 2 4
2 4 1 3 5 6	5 1 6 3 4 2
4 2 3 1 6 5	1 5 3 6 2 4
4 3 2 6 1 5	1 3 5 6 4 2
3 4 6 2 5 1	3 1 6 5 2 4
3 6 4 5 2 1	3 6 1 5 4 2
6 3 5 4 1 2	6 3 5 1 2 4
6 5 3 1 4 2	
5 6 1 3 2 4	
5 1 6 3 4 2	
1 5 3 6 2 4	
1 5 6 3 4 2	

The work in table form would be set out as follows:—

Pass treble in 5-6, three pull dodge in 5-6 down, lead whole pull;

Pass treble in 2-3, dodge in 3-4 up, make 4th's and lead;

Pass treble in 3-4, make 4th's, dodge in 3-4 down and lead;

Pass treble in 4-5, three pull dodge in 5-6 up, lie whole pull behind;

Pass treble in 1-2, make 2nd's place and lead again.

It will be noticed that passing the treble does not come in quite the same regular order as in Bob Minor, but this should present no difficulties if the beginner will but remember the order of the places where he should look for the treble, first in 5-6; then 2-3; then 3-4; then 4-5; then 1-2. As a matter of fact the work of the bells below 5-6 is precisely the same as in Bob Singles.

The bobs are made by cutting out the 2nd's place, and making 4th's as in Bob Minor; the bells that pass the treble either in 3-4, 2-3, or 1-2 making 4th's place, without any dodge before or after, and returning to lead.

"Inquirer."—I believe the "Old Ten," which one finds occasionally rung by heart by ringers who have not taken up scientific ringing; is what is known to the Exercise as Original Doubles, in which all five bells do the plain hunt, and, therefore, come back into rounds at the end of ten changes.

CONDUCTOR.

LEEDS SOCIETY AT HUNSLET.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Hunslet on Saturday, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major being rung in the afternoon. The business meeting was held in the schoolroom, with the President in the chair, supported by members from Armley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Holbeck, Kirkheaton, Leeds, Mirfield, Pudsey, and Tong, and the local band.—The President announced, with regret, the death of Mr. Albert Stanley Mitchell, the late secretary, and a vote of condolence and sympathy with his parents was passed by all standing in silence.—On the motion of Mr. G. Bolland, seconded by Mr. H. Dransfield, it was resolved that a letter expressing the society's sympathy be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell.—Mr. J. Rangeley, of Kirkheaton, was elected a member of the Society.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Hunslet and to the local band was passed, to which Mr. W. Powell responded, and the meeting closed. The tower was again visited, and further ringing was done.

DEATH OF A LEEDS RINGER.

It is with the greatest regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Albert Stanley Mitchell, a member of the band at Holbeck, Leeds, who passed away on March 22nd, at the early age of twenty-one, a victim of that dread scourge, consumption. Commencing ringing at the early age of fourteen, at Holbeck, Leeds, he, when opportunity offered, made rapid strides, and became one of the most brilliant young ringers in the city. He rang all his peals within the short space of three years. These were twenty in number, and comprised eight on handbells of Bob Major, Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters, and twelve on the tower bells in the four standard methods. About two years ago the disease to which he succumbed first manifested itself. After this his strength gradually waned, and although he bore up bravely under his affliction, he had to give up ringing early last year, and, to the regret of all his friends, passed peacefully away as above stated. The deceased was secretary of the Leeds and District Society for some eighteen months—a work he had to abandon owing to illness—and a numerous gathering of members of the society met at the funeral, which took place on Tuesday week. After service in the church, at which a large congregation was present, the remains were finally laid to rest at the Cemetery. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by Messrs. Cundale, Johnson, Williams and Jowett, and in the evening a muffled peal was rung on the bells he loved so well, a record of which will be found in its proper place. His genial face and enthusiasm is sadly missed in the tower, where his kindly disposition won him the highest regard of all his friends.—R.I.P.

On Friday, March 22nd, on the day of Mr. Mitchell's death, the whole pull and stand was rung at Holbeck Church, with the bells deeply muffled, by: F. R. Cundale, J. W. Blaxendale, G. A. Jowett, R. H. Howland, J. R. Kerap, J. Chilton, J. R. Moger, P. J. Johnson (tenor); and on Sunday week, for evening service, 1264 Bob Major, by: Percy L. Cooper 1, John Chilton 2, George A. Jowett 3, Richard H. Howland 4, Joshua Woodhead 5, Frank R. Cundale 6, John R. Moger 7, Percy J. Johnson 8.

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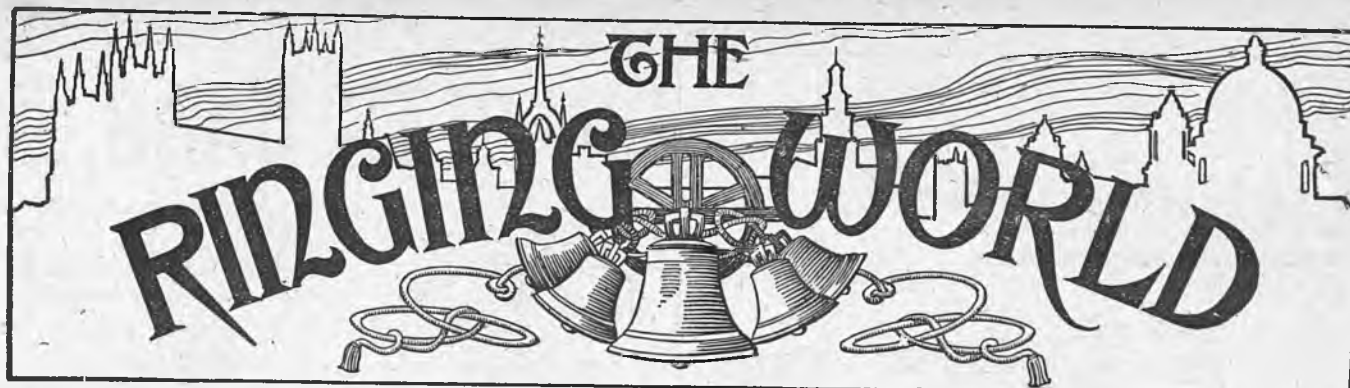
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MODERN WORK.

THE EASTER MEETINGS.

Ringers were busy throughout the country on Easter Monday, and many of them put in a very full day in the belfries and in conducting the affairs of their associations. Pretty well a score of meetings were held, many of them annual meetings, up and down the country, and, all things considered, they were exceedingly well attended. The effects of the great strike were still felt on the railways where the restricted train services rendered travelling, in many cases, inconvenient. Added to this, the weather conditions were not altogether favourable to those who delight in the joys of the cycle. But, notwithstanding these drawbacks, most of the associations could claim a good attendance and the gatherings were of a very pleasant nature. These bank holiday meetings serve an excellent purpose, because they enable practically all members to participate. Saturday or mid-week meetings must have their limitations, because business inevitably prevents one section or other from attending. But with the bank holiday festivals it is different. So generally is work suspended on the "Feast of St. Lubbock" that there are few ringers who, if they are sufficiently interested, need be absent from a meeting fixed for such a day. Speaking generally, ringers readily avail themselves of the opportunity which bank holiday thus presents, and as the day enables all to meet where under other circumstances some must be kept away, the holding of, at any rate, the annual gathering on a public holiday is to be commended if only because the principal business of the year can be attended by a more representative gathering.

Many ringers prefaced their day on Monday with a peal or a peal attempt, and a good many successes are to be recorded. Chief among the performances, however, is the accomplishment of the record peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Knebworth. The 12,160 changes were rung in seven hours 18 minutes, and the whole Exercise will join in congratulating Mr. George Price (the conductor) and the rest of the band upon a record, which for difficulty on account of the method, as much as for the length, will ever rank as one of the finest ringing performances of these days. No long peal in the method had been rung before, but this, at any rate, is a length which will make future attempts a serious undertaking if it is to be beaten. although, of course, it would never be surprising to learn that such an attempt was to be made.

It was unfortunate that unavoidable circumstances made it impossible to start for the record peal of Royal at Ashton-under-Lyne, but the attempt may be expected in the not far distant future, and will, we hope, be attended with the same success that was achieved in the Treble Twelve last year.

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Dear Sirs,

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We consider that the work reflects great credit upon your firm, and believe that your system of hanging the bells reduces the vibration of the steel frame supplied by you to a minimum.

The CHURCHWARDENS unite with ME in this expression of opinion. The BELLRINGERS are also unanimous in their praise of the alterations effected by you.

Yours truly,
CHAS. EDMUNDS,
Vicar of Broomfield.

Messrs. C. CARR,
Smethwick.

Kindly ask us to inspect, Report and Tender before deciding your Contract,—we may be able to assist you.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ... Treble	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE ... 6
FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 2	EDWARD E. FOREMAN ... 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... 3	*CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 8
*WILLIAM H. WOOD ... 4	PHILIP H. PIERCE ... 9
EDWARD TRENDILL ... 5	EDWIN G. BUESDEN ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

This composition has all the 4-6-8's. * First peal of Stedman Caters.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6160 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*FREDERICK SMITH ... Treble	THOMAS W. GORE ... 6
GEORGE HOLLIS ... 2	*ALBERT R. COPPOCK ... 7
*HERBERT DAY ... 3	SAMUEL WESLEY ... 8
FRANK JACOBS ... 4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 9
*JOHN C. DICKEN ... 5	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

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

* First peal of Oxford Royal.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

HENRY J. PHIPPS ... Treble	THOMAS EDWIN ... 6
JAMES HEMMING ... 2	FREDERICK JORDON ... 7
HERBERT JORDON ... 3	FRANK COOK ... 8
WILLIAM SHORT ... 4	HARRY MIDDLETON ... 9
FRANK MOSS ... 5	WILLIAM WORKMAN ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and
Conducted by HARRY MIDDLETON.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lbs.

EDWARD A. HERN ... Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 6
ERNEST E. FERRY ... 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER ... 7
WILLIAM STORY ... 3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 8
JOSEPH W. PARKER ... 4	ROBERT RICHARDS ... 9
*BENJAMIN C. DIXON ... 5	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

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

* First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

THE BRISTOL SURPRISE RECORD.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Seven Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 12,160 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	JOHN THOMAS ... 5
HUBERT EDEN ... 2	FREDERICK WHITE ... 6
HENRY HODGETTS ... 3	GEORGE N. PRICE ...
GEORGE IRVINE ... 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

This peal, which has the tenors together throughout, is the longest length yet rung in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, March 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. REEVES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. THYNG ... Treble	CHARLES H. BIRD ... 5
NORMAN SHORT ... 2	H. STRICKLAND ... 6
T. P. HOCKNELL ... 3	A. MOSS ... 7
*R. OLIVER ... 4	GEORGE VAMPLEW ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE VAMPLEW.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the treble and 5th.

GOSFORTH, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

NORMAN C. FLECK ... Treble	R. ALDER GOFTON ... 5
ROBERT W. FALCONER ... 2	ALFRED F. HILLER ... 6
JOHN F. BIRD ... 3	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 7
JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and
Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

HUNSLET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED
SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM E. H. ASH ... Treble	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 5
GEORGE A. JOWETT ... 2	WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 6
WILLIAM B. SMITH ... 3	JOSEPH RANGELEY ... 7
FRANK CUNDALE ... 4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM SPARROW ... Treble	FRANK COOK ... 5
LEWIS SPARROW ... 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
AUGUSTUS DORE ... 3	JOSEPH FAULKNER ... 7
FRANK MOSS ... 4	JAMES ADDIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MATTHEWS' TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLLMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM STANFORD... .. 5
STEPHEN STONE 2	JOHN NETLEY 6
LEONARD STILLWELL... .. 3	ALFRED GREENFIELD ... 7
PERCY H. DOICK 4	PETER KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED GREENFIELD.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 2	WILBY J. HAZEL 6
GEORGE B. LUCAS 3	JAMES PARKER 7
JOHN H. BENSTEAD 4	GEORGE PAICE Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by MISS EDITH K. PARKER.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS H. COLBURN ... Treble	DAVID WRIGHT 5
ARTHUR J. LEWIS 2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr. 6
GEORGE THOMPSON 3	WALTER S. WISE 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Rung as a birthday
compliment to T. H. Colburn.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM DIAPER ... Treble	PETER LAFLIN 5
ERNEST S. BAILEY 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 3	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 7
EDGAR H. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER... Treble	PERCY BALLANCE 5
†CHARLES HENRY BAKER ... 2	*HERBERT TORR 6
JOHN CHARLES TINKER 3	JOHN THOMAS LADD 7
WILLIAM DICKENSON... .. 4	J. GERALD M. BOWER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Rung as a farewell to
J. G. M. Bower, who is shortly leaving the neighbourhood for
British Columbia, his brother ringers wishing him every success in
the future.

HARLOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

HARRY BOTTRILL ... Treble	WALTER TARLING 5
WALTER HOBBS 2	*HARRY SMALE 6
GEORGE F. MARGETSON ... 3	WILLIAM WATTS 7
HENRY J. TUCKER 4	*CHARLES HOY Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

* First peal in the method.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' SIX-PART TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 32 cwt.

*J. FRANK PROCTOR ... Treble	JOHN C. WHETSTONE ... 5
†ERNEST NIDD 2	WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 6
HARRY THORPE... .. 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR 7
ALBERT C. DARNELL 4	THOMAS H. HALL Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung after meeting:
short for Caters.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM DAYNES ... Treble	JOSEPH LAW 5
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON ... 2	FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON 6
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE ... 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 7
THOMAS G. DEAL 4	CHARLES H. MACKLIN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since the rehanging by Messrs.
Bowell, of Ipswich.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART, No. 29. Tenor 23½ cwt., in E flat.

LUKE SUTHERS ... Treble	JAMES RICHARDS 5
WILLIAM CRABTREE 2	*GEORGE WHITEHEAD ... 6
*SAM HARTLEY 3	JAMES WHITEHEAD 7
HARRY WHITEHEAD... .. 4	JOHN CROWTHER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CRABTREE.

* First peal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALBERT D. STONE ... Treble	JOHN CAPP 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6
ROBERT J. DAVE 3	KEITH HART 7
ALFRED J. TURNER 4	PHILIP ALLFREY Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble	JOHN CAPP 5
ALBERT D. STONE 2	KEITH HART 6
ROBERT J. DAWE 3	WILLIAM C. HART 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

SIX BELL PEAL.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Kent Treble Bob each called differently.

HERBERT JORDAN Treble	FREDERICK JORDAN 4
JAMES HEMMING 2	HARRY MIDDLETON 5
WILLIAM SHORT 3	THOMAS EDWIN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, March 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE.

FREDERICK DEWELL ... 1-2	ARTHUR E. MOORE ... 5-6
HARRY A. TURNER ... 3-4	*WALTER RADLEY ... 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

Umpire: FRANK J. LEVITT.

* First peal double-handed.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, March 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. OSBORN,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES.

†JOHN W. LAKE 1-2	*JAMES OSBORN 5-6
†RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	*ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... 7-8

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and
Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

Witnesses: MRS. J. OSBORN and MRS. A. HOLMES.

* First peal of Major in hand. † First peal in the method in hand.
First peal in the method in the county and by the Guild, also the first handbell peal of Major by a resident band.

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

On Monday, April 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT GEORGE IV, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

BERTRAM PREWETT ... 1-2	ERNEST PYE 5-6
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4	WILLIAM PYE 7-8

ALFRED W. GRIMES 9-10

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: T. LANGDON.

Messrs. C. T. Coles, H. J. Ranzetta and J. E. Davis also heard the greater part of the peal.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

*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.

Umpires: JAMES EVINSON, TOM O'HARA, and JOSEPH ATKIN.

* First handbell peal of Royal. This is the conductor's 100th handbell peal. It is also the first handbell peal of Royal in Sheffield for over 100 years.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, April 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
AT 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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: R. CHAPMAN.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

JAMES HUNT 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 7-8

*THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 9-10

Composed by J. CARTER, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Caters in hand. A. H. Pulling's 200th peal as conductor. This composition is No. 8 on Broadsheet.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. WULFRAM'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

HARRY THORPE 1-2	WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 3-4
SIDNEY PROCTOR 5-6	

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

Umpire: ARTHUR TAYLOR.

First handbell peal by all, and also first ever rung in the town of Grantham. It was rung at the first attempt.

The ringer of the tenor in the peal at Dudley on March 23rd was Horace Belcher.

The peal rung at Reigate on Monday has been sent without the number of changes.

LATE PEALS.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT W. WHEALE... .. Treble	JAMES PARSONS... .. 5
JOHN FEIST 2	THOMAS STRINGER ... 6
ERNEST E. BISH... .. 3	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 7
HENRY J. GRAVETT 4	WILLIAM STENNING... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. W. GRAVETT.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs., in D flat.

CHARLES TRIBE Treble	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 5
JIM BEACH 2	EDWIN LAMBERT 6
ANDREW MARSHALL 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 7
FREDERICK BUTCHERS ... 4	PHILIP HODGKIN Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and
Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

First peal of Major in this tower since 1771. It is also the first peal of Major on record, in which this tenor has been rung throughout by one man only.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*A. VICTOR MORGAN ... Treble	FRANK MORGAN 5
ARTHUR E. MORGAN ... 2	JOHN BUTLER 6
JOHN BULLEN 3	FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES ... 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	JOHN GODDARD Tenor

Conducted by F. E. B. CHARLES.

* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. A. V. Morgan is only 15 years of age and the peal was rung as a birthday compliment to him and to the conductor.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

*WALTER WEBB Treble	FREDERICK JAMES 5
THOMAS EAST 2	RICHARD JAMES 6
WILLIAM NAPPER 3	JAMES S. NAPPER 7
JOSEPH NAPPER 4	GAUUS WELCH Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS EAST.

- First peal.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lbs., in E.

*GEORGE ANDREWS ... Treble	*HENRY CORNWALL 5
GEORGE GRAY 2	HENRY G. ROWE 6
†GEORGE MAXIM 3	WILLIAM IRONS 7
JESSE PUPLETT 4	*HORACE SIMMONS Tenor

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers of the 2nd and 7th belong to Hertford, the 4th to Hoddesdon, and the rest to the local band.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG 7
WILLIAM MILLER 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN E. MILLER Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	JOHN ARMSTRONG 6
GEORGE H. JAYE 3	ERNEST PYE 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung on occasion of the election of churchwardens. The above is the conductor's 50th peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*WILLIAM HOW Treble	FRANK DIAMOND 5
FRANK J. DAVEY 2	JULIUS SNOW 6
*ARTHUR D. SOWELL ... 3	JOHN HAYMAN 7
FREDERICK MILFORD ... 4	GEORGE STOCKER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HAYMAN.

* First peal.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lbs., in F sharp.

*FRANK UNSWORTH ... Treble	CHARLES BOYERS 5
RICHARD DAGNALL 2	†ARTHUR UNSWORTH 6
JOHN A. CALLAND 3	EDWIN H. LEWIS 7
BENJAMIN TREVITT 4	WILLIAM BIBBY Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

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

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK C. RICH ... Treble	JOHN TAYLOR 5
*HORACE TAYLOR 2	CHARLES W. BELL 6
*FRANCIS W. CANNINGS ... 3	SIDNEY HILLIER 7
THOMAS F. KING 4	†WILLIAM HAYWARD Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. BELL.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal and first attempt. Rung on the 37th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

PUTNEY.

ST. MARY'S (PUTNEY) ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt., in F.

†HENRY WHANSLAW ... Treble	*GEORGE W. HONEYBALL ... 5
ARTHUR JONES 2	THOMAS BOLTON 6
JOHN KENT 3	†JOSEPH HERBERT 7
*WILLIAM HONEYBALL ... 4	*CHARLES COLLIS, JUNR. ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR JONES.

* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. ‡ First peal of Grand-sire on tower bells. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells by a local band, the first peal by the Association, and the first attempt.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
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On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of London Scholars and Sandal Exercise, 720 of Islington and Duke of Norfolk, 720 of Oxford and Burton, and 720 each of Killamarsh, Coventry, Woodbine and Kent. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE D. WARBURTON ... Treble | JAMES FERNLEY ... 4
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 2 | ALLEN S. GORDON ... 5
HARRY LANGLEY ... 3 | JOHN W. HARTLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. HARTLEY.

ELEMENTARY COMPOSITION.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.—II (Concluded).

BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Our next example sets forth the value of these bob blocks, showing how they can be used as shunts as well as connections.

Bob H in the following manner:—

3rd lead of 1st three courses.

1st " 2nd "

1st " 3rd "

5th " 4th "

And the following is produced:—

	Cont'd.	Cont'd	Contd.
234567	473652	375426	672534
A 672453 2	524367 2	753426 4	576423 5
346572 1	675432 2	457632 5	625734 3
723654 2	476253 5	574632 4	476325 1
627435 5	324576 1	325467 2	374562 5
736254 3	473265 3	743625 1	573246 5
237465 5	274536 5	647532 5	275634 5
B 542637 1	652374 1	256347 1	(234567) (3)
375264 2	276543 3	472635 2	————— 117
273456 5	572364 5	234756 3	674235 —
352764 3	375426 5	672534 1	526374 —
473652 1			435726 —

Now this is actually one third of a peal, which, if it had come to a convenient part-end, could have been twice repeated. But, as it does not do so, we must seek some other way. Our bob block thrown out of course is:—

A 762453

347562

B 253647

A singles to A in the long part from 234567, B singles to B in the long part started from 342567. Here then is a connection between two parts with one bob block. Therefore, with the assistance of two of these blocks, the three long parts can be singled together with the following results.

SIX-PART PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

BY ANDREW J. CORRIGAN (Dublin).

	Cont'd.
234567	627543
*S 762453 2	356427 1
347562 1	273645 2
S 523647 1	342756 3
475362 2	673542 1

374256 5
453762 3
274653 1
532467 2
675243 2
276354 5
432576 1
274365 3
372546 5
653472 1
376524 3
573462 5
475236 5
754236 4
257643 5
572643 4
435267 2
724635 1
627543 5

576234 5
635742 3
276435 1
472563 5
574326 5
375642 5
(342567) (3)

Twice repeated.

A 672453

346572 1
723654 2
627435 5
736254 3
237465 5

S 452637 1

*S 674352 1

Twice repeated.

In any part a bob is called for the S marked (*) in first calling, bringing up A from which the second three parts are called, concluding with a bob for single marked (*).

The last specimen that I lay before you is one by myself, a nine-part peal, the first produced. It is obtained by bobbing H in the following manner:—

First three courses, 1st and 3rd leads.

Second " " 1st lead.

Third " " 3rd lead.

Fourth " " 1st and 5th.

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 9-PART.

234567	324567	647253
752634 1	S 573624 1	476253 4
S 437265 2	245367 2	324576 1
524637 1	732645 1	473265 3
765324 1	637524 5	274536 5
S 347265 1	456237 1	652374 1
523647 1	374625 2	276543 3
475362 2	253467 2	S 342657 2
374256 5	672345 2	763542 1
453762 3	536472 1	257463 1
274653 1	725643 2	S 432657 1
452736 3	257643 4	574263 2
674352 1	S 752643 4	275346 5
746352 4	A 367452 1	752346 4
657423 3	243567 1	637452 1
726534 3	Twice repeated	Twice repeated
527463 5	with Single at	with S last call of
635742 2	A in last part	3rd part followed
276435 1	produces	by S at 1 produces
472563 5		rounds.
574326 5		
375642 5		
423567 2		

Twice repeated
with S at end
gives

In concluding this portion of my article I trust my friends will find my remarks on Grandsire composition helpful in guiding their footsteps to the more scientific plan of composition as given in "Grandsire."

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

At the annual meeting of the Hertfordshire County Association on Monday Mr. George William Cartmel was unanimously elected honorary secretary for the ninth time, and was accorded the best thanks of the members for his services. The expressions of appreciation which were voiced were never more deserved than in the case of Mr. Cartmel, to whom the association owes a great deal, not only for the businesslike ability and the tact with which he has conducted the affairs of the association, but also for the spade work which he has done in spreading change ringing in the county, where little was known of the Art



MR. G. W. CARTMEL.

thirty years ago. One happy result of the efforts, in which Mr. Cartmel with other pioneers shared, has been the spread of the Exercise throughout the county.

Mr. Cartmel, whose father was a native of Carlisle, was born on September 29th, 1865, and first handled a rope in the autumn of 1883, becoming a constituted member of the St. Albans Cathedral Society in January, 1884, under the tuition of Mr. N. N. Hills. In those days there was no change ringing at St. Albans, and Bennington and Hertford were the only towers in the county where the Art was practised. Mr. Cartmel rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, on August 29th, 1885, conducted by H. J. Tucker, at the cathedral, and on January 12th, 1886, rang at the cathedral in the first peal by entirely local men for upwards of 120 years. This was conducted by Mr. Hills. Handbell ringing was taken up with much zeal, and on April 28th, 1886, he rang 7-8 to a peal of Grandsire, con-

ducted by Mr. C. F. Winney. Handbell peals became fairly frequent after this, and on Monday, September 12th, 1887, at the meeting house of the College Youths, the Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, he called his first peal, Holt's Original, ringing 1-2, with Messrs. Debenham, Winney and W. H. L. Buckingham. The peal was almost faultless, the umpires, Messrs. J. M. Hayes and G. T. McLaughlin, expressing their enjoyment of the performance, and adding that their services were not needed. Since then Mr. Cartmel has called Holt's Original from every pair of handbells, being the first ringer to accomplish this feat, which he completed on September 19th, 1889. With the exception of Sundays, for a long period scarcely a day passed without a handbell touch. A hasty midday meal, and fifteen minutes spent at the shop of Mr. Henry Lewis, in the "little room," in company with Messrs. Lewis, Hills and Battle, was the invariable rule, and repeated knocks upon the counter could not tempt the host to lay down his pair of bells. Not satisfied with this, however, Mr. Cartmel arranged with Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham and J. C. Mitchell to meet at his own place of business at 5.30 a.m. several mornings each week, when they used to roll off 720's in a great variety of methods.

Joining the College Youths on June 6th, 1885, Mr. Cartmel was for a long period a regular attendant at the annual dinner, and on one occasion the St. Albans' contingent, with the assistance of Mr. Winney, had the honour of ringing a touch upon the handbells—a very trying ordeal for youngsters—which passed off successfully to the great delight of the gathering. Mr. Cartmel was also a member of the St. James' Society, the Waterloo Society, the Sussex, Surrey and Essex Associations, and still retains his membership of the Bedfordshire Association. In 1889 he was appointed by the Rector as conductor of the St. Albans' Cathedral Society, which post he held for five years, resigning after a somewhat prolonged serious illness. In consideration of his services he was elected a life member of the Cathedral Society.

Under medical orders he abstained from ringing for a few years, during which interval he took up a more spiritual side of church work. He became a teacher in the Abbey Sunday Schools, and has the satisfaction that during the many years' service at these schools he was never once late. About three years ago he gave up this branch of the work and attached himself to Christ Church to take up Bible Class work among young men. In this he is still engaged twice every Sunday, in addition to which he interests himself in giving Gospel addresses to men, and in simultaneous missionary addresses to Sunday Schools in the deanery, while he is also a prominent temperance worker and secretary of various church organisations. Mr. Cartmel, it will be realised, is a very busy man, who devotes his leisure from business by working in many spheres for the benefit of others.

He succeeded as secretary to the Herts Association at Easter, 1904, upon the resignation of Mr. E. P. Debenham, who held that office continuously from the year 1888, during which period Mr. Cartmel acted in the capacity of assistant secretary. He entered the secretariat at an important crisis of the society, for at the same annual meeting it was decided to divide the county into three districts. The district secretaries entered heartily into the new project, and through their exertions it has proved a step forward in the right direction.

As a Churchman Mr. Cartmel holds most strongly that every ringer should be a communicant, and a regular

attendant at the place of worship, and that the ringers' motto should be "First things first." Ringing should be taken up as a definite church work, and given as an offering of praise to the Great Creator. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." This, Mr. Cartmel maintains, is the infallible cure for the jealousies that germinate in so many of our belfries, often resulting in spoiling much patient work of conductors.

Mr. Cartmel is engaged in the printing industry, becoming a partner in the firm of W. Cartmel and Sons upon the death of his father. The claims of business deny to him, to a great extent, the enjoyment of ringing so frequently as he would like, but nevertheless he has rung a good many peals.

On Tower Bells.

Grandsire Triples	24	Conducted	5
Bob Triples	5	Conducted	1
Bob Major	2		
Bob Royal	1		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	2		
Oxford Treble Bob Royal ...	1		
Kent Treble Bob Major	2		
Oxford Treble Bob Major ...	1		
Grandsire Caters	10	Conducted	2
Stedman Caters	2		
Stedman Triples	7		
	57		8

On Handbells.

Grandsire Triples	16	Conducted	6
Bob Triples	5	Conducted	1
Bob Major	2	Conducted	1
Bob Royal	1		
Kent Treble Bob Major	1		
Grandsire Caters	5	Conducted	1
	30		9

In Grandsire Triples Mr. Cartmel has never called any other peal but Holt's one-part.

ODD CHANGES.

Of the two long peal attempts that were announced to be made on Monday, that at Knebworth was, we are pleased to say, successful, 12,160 Bristol Surprise Major being rung in 7 hours 18 minutes. The record of the peal will be found in its proper column. Hitherto nothing beyond an ordinary 5000 has been rung in this method.

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Owing to unforeseen circumstances the 14,000 Treble Bob Royal at Ashton-under-Lyne has had to be postponed until a latter date. At Chesterfield on Monday a 6160 of Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung at the church with the famous crooked spire.

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The bells of Barkway Church, near Buntingford, Herts, are in a very dilapidated condition, and require the attention of a bellhanger.

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The church of St. Michael and All Angels, Star Street, Paddington, W., possesses a ring of eight bells (tenor 20 cwt.), which are now being rehung by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London.

The Easton Neston (Northants) ringers have just given a very fine flag staff to the church to commemorate the jubilee of the Rector (the Rev. R. C. Collins).

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Until the rehangng of the bells is completed all ringing is suspended at St. Woolos Church, Newport, Mon. The various founders are submitting estimates, and it is hoped that the work will shortly be put in hand.

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The Primate of the English Church celebrated his 64th birthday on Easter Day. Before becoming Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Davidson was successively Bishop of Rochester and Bishop of Winchester.

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Practices will be resumed on Monday, April 15th, at St. John's, Deptford, where the rehangng of the bells has been completed.

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Mr. Clement Glenn, of Sheffield, is the second ringer to reach 100 peals on handbells. This total has been put together in a variety of methods, and all but four have been conducted by Mr. Glenn. This is a splendid record, particularly in view of the many difficulties that have from time to time had to be surmounted. Mr. Glenn has helped many ringers to score their first "in hand," and the methods include Bob Minor, Major and Royal, Little Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Triples. The only other ringer who has scored 100 peals on handbells is Mr. W. Pye, although both Messrs. E. and G. R. Pye are close upon the double-handed century.

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A good many attempts have been made from time to time in recent years for a peal of Major on the fine peal of bells at Tenterden, but it has been reserved to men from local towers to be the first to score a peal of Bob Major being rung on Monday. The previous peal of Major was 5184 of Oxford Treble Bob, rung by the Leeds ringers in 1771, with two men on the tenor, and in which the famous James Barham took part. Monday's performance—after a lapse of over 140 years—is the first time on record that the tenor has been rung through a peal by one man.

BARCOMBE BELLS DEDICATED.

MEMORIAL TO A JUDGE.

The little village of Barcombe, Sussex, the home of the late Sir William Grantham, entered at Easter upon the possession of a peal of six bells, which have been erected as a memorial to the deceased judge. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have recast the three old bells and added three new ones, the tenor being 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 9 lbs. The bells have been tuned on the Simpson principle, and hung in a new steel and iron frame. The dedication took place on Easter eve, the Bishop of Lewes officiating, and preaching an interesting discourse from the words, "Let Him that heareth say come." He referred to the appropriateness of the day for dedicating to the service and worship of Almighty God something which was new and for linking the present with the past. He alluded to the Divine purpose of the bells, and urged those within their hearing to induce others to come to worship; to the sacredness of the office of bellringing and to the improved demeanour of the ringers compared with olden times; and added that the parish had got a splendid peal of bells which they would no doubt be very proud of. —The concluding hymn was "Resting from his work to-day."

On Easter Day the bells pealed merrily at intervals, the ringing having been arranged by Mr. A. Edwards. Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung, and the villagers were delighted with the tone of the bells, while the ringers expressed complete satisfaction with the way in which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have carried out their work.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—At St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, on Easter Day, 576 Bristol Surprise: W. Watson (conductor) 1, A. Chaplin 2, G. R. Pye 3, G. Briggs 4, W. Woodgate 5, H. Dawkins 6, G. Jaye 7, E. Pye 8.

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No. 22	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.	C	...	4	10	0	...	5	5	0	...	5	15	0	...	7	5	0	...	8	5	0
" 21	6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	D	...	4	0	0	...	5	0	0	...	5	10	0	...	6	15	0	...	8	0	0
" 20	6 "	E	...	3	15	0	...	4	15	0	...	5	5	0	...	6	10	0	...	7	15	0
" 19	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	F	...	3	10	0	...	4	10	0	...	5	0	0	...	6	5	0	...	7	10	0
" 18	5 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	G	...	3	5	0	...	4	5	0	...	4	15	0	...	6	0	0	...	7	5	0
" 17	5 "	A	...	3	3	0	...	4	0	0	...	4	10	0	...	5	15	0	...	7	0	0
" 16	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	B	...	3	0	0	...	3	17	6	...	4	7	6	...	5	10	0	...	6	15	0
" 15	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	C	...	2	17	6	...	3	15	0	...	4	5	0	...	5	7	6	...	6	12	6

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THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Leeds on Monday. A peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 10 mins. Four members then tried for a peal of Bob Major on handbells, but this was also lost after two hours' good ringing. The tower bells were rung until the business meeting, which was held at the Royal Oak Hotel in the evening.

The President occupied the chair, supported by members from Mirfield, Tong, Shipley, Halifax, Burley, Headingley, Holbeck, Pudsey, and the local band. The president, two vice-presidents, treasurer, hon. secretary and committee, were all re-elected.—Mr. P. J. Johnson was elected as representative to the Central Council, and a grant of £1 was voted towards his expenses.—The rota of meetings for 1912-13 was passed, and the balance sheet for the year adopted, and ordered to be printed.

A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was moved by Mr. H. Lockwood, and seconded by Mr. J. Broadley, and Mr. P. J. Johnson responded.—The arrangements for a peal attempt at Guiseley on April 20th were left in the secretary's hands.—A vote of thanks to the church authorities at Leeds and to the local company was proposed by Mr. J. Cotterell, seconded by Mr. T. Maude, and carried unanimously.—Mr. W. Woodhead responded, and the meeting closed.—The tower bells were then again rung.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING AT NOTTINGHAM.

The thirtieth annual meeting was held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, and for some reason or other was very sparsely attended, the Coal Strike, and the absence of excursion fares on the railways being, perhaps, mainly the cause of this. The bells at St. Peter's, Holy Trinity, Lenton, and St. Mary's, Bulwell, were available for ringing from early in the day, and touches in various methods were rung. All ringing has been stopped at All Saints', in deference to the inhabitants of the neighbourhood, who complain of the noise; and St. Mary's bells, owing to structural alterations to the church, are for the time being silent. Therefore, these towers were not open as usual when the Association meets in Nottingham.

The committee met at 3.15 in Calvert's Cafe, and at 4 o'clock tea was served at the same place, the number sitting down being no doubt the smallest on record for an annual meeting, and it was noticed that not even one local ringer was present.

At the subsequent general meeting, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., took the chair, supported by the Rev. A. W. Dewick (St. Peter's, Nottingham), the Rev. J. P. Hales (Cotgrave), Mr. W. W. Worthington, Mr. D. D. Taylor, the hon. treasurer, and others.—The Treasurer presented his report for the past year, and on the proposition of Mr. C. Draper (one of the auditors), seconded by Mr. H. W. Abbott, the balance sheet was adopted.—The general officers were thanked for their services in the past, and unanimously re-elected.—At this stage the chairman was obliged to leave the meeting, and on his proposition, Mr. W. W. Worthington kindly took his place.

Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., and Messrs. John W. Taylor, Joseph Griffin and Edward C. Gobey, were chosen delegates to the Central Council for the ensuing three years.—Bakewell, Bolsover and Whitwick, were selected as the places at which the quarterly meetings of the year should be held.—Thirteen ringing members were unanimously admitted.—The proposed alteration of Rule 4b was carried without dissent, and new members on entrance will now be entitled to a copy of the rules and objects of the Association, and not to a full report of the past year as heretofore.

Thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells and for their presence at the meeting were given on the proposition of Mr. W. W. Worthington, seconded by Mr. E. D. Taylor.—The Rev. E. W. Dewick and J. P. Hales made suitable acknowledgments, and spoke of the pleasure it gave them to be present, and of their interest in the work of the Association.—Thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

After the morning service, on Palm Sunday, a peal board to commemorate the first peal on the eight bells, rung for the Coronation of King George V, at Easton Neston, was unveiled. In asking the Rector to unveil the board, Mr. Slarke paid a high tribute to the donor, Mr. F. Collins (the Rector's son), as one who had always taken a deep interest in bells and bell ringers. They all very much regretted his absence that day, but they desired to thank him for his generous gift.

The Rector, after unveiling the board, made a felicitous speech, and Mr. Fred Wilford, the secretary of the Central Northamptonshire Association, thanked Mr. Collins for his generosity.

Short touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung before and after the morning service, the following taking part: Messrs. F. Wilford and F. Hopper, Northampton; A. H. Martin, Higham Ferrers; T. Law and F. Rollins, Weston Favell; F. Rowledge, Moulton; G. Basford, Bradden; A. J. Green, Wicken; C. Valentine and W. Bonham, Stony Stratford; and the local ringers.—Mr. Slarke very kindly entertained all the ringers, and was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his hospitality.

ST. JOHN'S, DEPTFORD.

The peal of eight at St. John's, Deptford, was cast at the White-chapel foundry, and installed in the tower towards the close of 1874. After over 37 years' wear, without having the attention of a bell hanger, it was thought advisable recently to have the peal overhauled and rehung, and at the same time board up the louvres. Tenders were asked, and it was decided to entrust the work to Messrs. Bowell, of Ipswich. The result is, the bells are now in excellent going order, and as soon as Mr. Bowell and his men had completed their work on Saturday, March 30th, an attempt was made for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. W. Daynes, J. Law, A. G. Bennington, F. W. Richardson, H. G. Welham, A. Bowell, W. J. Jeffries (conductor), and C. H. Macklin. Unfortunately, however, after nearly an hour's ringing a "shift" occurred. Afterwards, some touches were rung, in which Mr. W. Weatherstone took part. All the ringers present were quite satisfied that the "go" of the bells left nothing to be desired, and this remark has been entered in the minutes of the society. Messrs. Bowell have recently carried out work in Kent, at Leeds and Malden, and, amongst other peals, are now engaged on the bells at Bishops Castle, Salop; Tetley, near Grimsby; and Otley, Suffolk.

BISHOP GIVES A PEAL TABLET.

On Thursday, March 28th, previous to a confirmation service at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Chatham, the Lord Bishop of Rochester (the Right Rev. J. R. Harmer) accompanied by the Rector, Dr. Burr, who acted as Bishop's Chaplain, ascended to the ringing chamber and dedicated a beautiful marble tablet peal tablet, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on October 28th, 1911, on the occasion of the Dedication Festival. The tablet was given to the tower by the kindness of the Lord Bishop. It is mounted on a four-inch English oak frame, and reflects great credit upon the manufacturers, Messrs. Caspar and Co.—A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. F. Belsey, and seconded by Mr. G. Riordan, was accorded to the Bishop for the gift. Before the confirmation service 630 Grandsire Triples was brought round in good style on the bells by the local ringers, and another touch was rung after the service.

DEATH OF TWO YORK RINGERS. LIFE-LONG FRIENDS.

Tuesday, April 2nd, and Saturday, April 6th, 1912, will long be remembered as sad days by the members of the York Minster company, for in the early hours of the former day John Wm. Cundall passed away after a brief illness, whilst near mid-day Robt. Thompson was taken with a sudden seizure, and died almost immediately, and on the latter day both were taken to the Minster together, and thence to the cemetery. The two men were life-long friends; born in Clifton, a suburb of York, 50 odd years ago, they attended the same school, played together in the old rugby football team, took up change ringing together at Clifton Church, and together joined the Minster company more than thirty years ago. Both were life members of the Yorkshire Association.

The funeral service in the Minster was solemn and impressive, and the scene will not be soon forgotten. The first part of the joint obsequies, which were conducted by the Very Rev. the Dean of York, were witnessed by a large congregation of mourning relatives and friends, who assembled at the Minster to pay the last tribute of all to the friends who were united in death as they had been in life. In death they were not divided, and the mortal remains, enclosed in oaken shells, rested side by side on purple-clothed biers, which were placed directly in front of the stalls of the Dean and Canons of the Minster. The service was fully choral. The lesson was read by the Bishop of Sheffield, and the prayers were recited by the Dean. The bearers in each instance were ringers, the remains of Mr. Cundall being borne to their last resting place by Messrs. T. Hodgson, T. F. Earnshaw, L. Woodcock, G. Horner, P. Firth, and C. W. Fountain; and those of Mr. Thompson by Messrs. A. Feamley, E. Rickitt, H. Imeson, G. Worth, A. Haigh and A. Leadley. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells at each graveside; and to conclude a sad and solemn day the ringers assembled in the Minster tower in the evening, and rang a few courses of Grandsire Caters with the bells muffled.

RESTORATION AT SHIPLEY, YORKS.

The bells at Shipley, Yorks, have been restored, and the church clock renovated, the former work having been carried out by Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the latter by Messrs. Potts and Sons, of Leeds. The bells were retuned and rehung in new fittings, and the frame strengthened by iron angle brackets. Both the tone and "go" are now excellent. The dedication was carried out by the Bishop of Knaresborough, who also set the clock in motion. The Bishop preached a most appropriate discourse from the first four verses of Psalm xix., and the service was attended by a large congregation. After the service, "Queen's," and touches of Treble Bob were rung, and a date touch was rung before evening service. The bells are a nice ring of eight, with tenor 15 cwt., in F.

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HERTFORDSHIRE ANNUAL MEETING.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

THE REV. A. G. LANGDON ELECTED PRESIDENT.

St. Albans, whose history goes back to the days of the Cæsars, was on Monday again the scene of the annual gathering of the Hertfordshire Association. Apart from its great antiquarian interests, St. Albans has many attractions for ringers, for it has four peals of bells—in the towers illustrated on this page. Despite the disorganised train service, and the boisterous day that made cycling anything but a pleasant pastime, a large number of members put in an appearance from all parts of the county, and spent the afternoon in the various belfries. At five o'clock they gathered in the grand old Abbey for evensong, which was choral, and had all the brightness of an Easter service. The lessons were read by the Dean and the Rev. Canon Papillon, and the address, a manly and practical discourse, was given by the Rev. A. G. Langdon, Rector of Great Munden.

Basing his remarks upon the words, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive,' the preacher applied them to the practice of ringing, referring first of all to punctuality. The man who invariably came late, he said, was a man who only received and did not give. He received other people's time, and would not give his own. With regard to the helping of beginners, he always thought there was no body of men who were so willing at all times to help beginners, as ringers were. Granted that a man, or a boy, however young, was keen on what he was going to do, there were always plenty who would give him a helping hand. And what a splendid thing that was; because he thought, especially in their far away country parishes, that bell ringing was sometimes the salvation of those who took it up. They got so wrapped up in it and got so keen upon it, that they could never get enough of it, and it was a perfectly wholesome pursuit. It was the wholesome things, and the keenness of their minds for them that was wanted to keep them from other dangers and temptations. It was far better to give a helping hand to someone than to make themselves over so skilful or proficient. Lastly, with regard to those who were

outside the belfry, outside the church. They wanted, there again, to give more than they received. They all knew that the ordinary person knew almost nothing at all about bell ringing, but he did know the difference between good striking and bad striking. For the ringers it might be a greater pleasure to undertake some high method, and so improve themselves. But that was only receiving. What they wanted to do was to help people's devotions in the church services, and if they were going to do that and put others into a frame of mind to be able to go into the Church of God and there worship Him, they must be willing to give, as well as to receive, to give good striking as well as ring difficult methods. Indeed, they should be ready, particularly on Sundays, to take some simple method which should be struck well, and which would appeal to those outside. He did not think they could find in the Bible a better motto for bell ringers and for all Christians, than the text he had given them. They were the words of the Lord Jesus, and they were also the life of Jesus Christ. They were, therefore, fit enough motto for all who wished to be His disciples.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

After the service, a party, numbering about 80, sat down to an admirably served meat tea in the Abbey Institute. The chair was taken by the retiring president (Mr. H. L. Waddington), who was supported by Dean Lawrence, Sir Hildred Carlile (M.P. for St. Albans), the Rev. A. G. Langdon, Canon Papillon, the Rev. H. T. Drake, Mr. Toulmin, Mr. Rupert Cecil, Mr. H. Lewis, Mr. E. P. Debenham (hon. treasurer), Mr. G. W. Cartmel (hon. secretary), Mr. B. Prewett (hon. auditor), etc.

During the proceedings, a telegram announcing the success of the long peal of Bristol at Knebworth was read, and received with great enthusiasm.

Three honorary members (Messrs. C. E. Gabain and C. E. Head, churchwardens of Bushey, and Mr. A. P. Ginn, of Hertford) were elected, as well as over 30 ringing members, including the Rev. W. A. Errington, of Hunsdon.

Mr. Debenham presented the financial statement, which showed that the balance in hand had been increased from £2 19s. 1d. to £9 3s. 6d. as the result of the year's working. The total amount received by subscriptions was £16 14s. from ringing members, and £4

10s. from hon. members.—The balance sheet, which was considered very satisfactory, was adopted.

THE REPORT.

Mr. Cartmel then read his annual report.

The report stated that financially the Association was in a much stronger position, and Coronation year had certainly been a year of progress from many standpoints. One pleasing feature of the work was that the hon. secretary had been able to give advice in many instances to clergy considering the rehanging or augmenting of their bells. He wished it was more widely known that the Association, through the committee, was always willing to advise in any matters pertaining to church bells.

The Committee had discussed the advisability of granting small sums of money for the purpose of providing an instructor to weak or new hands. It was felt that although there was at present no urgent need for help, as far as the committee knew, a little discussion by the annual meeting would be helpful. He would suggest that a small committee, consisting of the three District Secretaries, the Auditor, and the Hon. Secretary might be empowered to collect information, and present a scheme for consideration at the next annual meeting. During the year 39 peals had been rung, 34 on tower bells, and five on handbells. About 123 members had taken part in Association peals during the year, and the peals had been rung in 21 churches, with 17 conductors; or including the "silent" peal, 22 conductors. The peals comprised one of Stedman Caters, 5 Superlative, 1 New Cambridge, 1 London, 3 Bristol, 1 Double Norwich, 2 Kent Treble Bob Major, 6 Stedman Triples, 3 Grandsire Triples, 9 of Minor in various methods (one non-conducted), 2 peals of Doubles. Upon handbells, 3 of Stedman Triples, 1 Stedman Caters, 1 Grandsire Triples.—Mr. G. N. Price was to be heartily congratulated upon accomplishing the feat of ringing and conducting Stedman Caters from each pair of handbells. The Bushey Society has rung its first peal of Superlative by an entirely local band, which bespeaks progress. The Eastern members generally did something "great" each year, and the year under review afforded no exception. Messrs. N. Patmore, B. Patmore, H. Wallace (Great Munden), F. Williams, W. H. Lawrence and A. Hodston (Little Munden) had rung a silent or non-conducted peal of Minor in seven methods. It was an excellent performance, one meriting the erection of a peal board in the Great Munden tower. The Royston Society also claimed to be the first Hertfordshire band to ring London Surprise in a Minor peal. Only two peals were rung on Coronation Day, one at Great Munden, and a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Albans, which made Mr. Price's 400th peal. A deep debt of gratitude was due to the district secretaries year by year. The Northern secretary, the Rev. Tyrwhitt Drake, had removed to Sandy, but he was willing to continue his work if the meeting so desired. The district had never been worked better or more enthusiastically. The report thanked Mr. R. A. Kirby for his services as hon. librarian, and Mr. H. Eden for entering the peals, and concluded by counselling the ringers to be regular and punctual at the practices and for Sunday ringing, and to show still further their whole-heartedness in the work by regular attendance at the House of Prayer. Put first things first. "Stick up" for the dear old Church of England, and its grand liturgical services; "stick up" for the parson and cheer him in the "trivial round, the common task."

The adoption of the report was moved by Canon Papillon, who said that the report showed progress all round—progress in the extension of the higher methods and progress by those who were beginners. He was very glad to hear mentioned in the report the names of those who had rung their first peal, because the Association existed to encourage young ringers. He congratulated the Association on the work it was carrying on, and upon the report which the secretary had been able to present to them.—The report was adopted.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

The Rev. H. T. Drake said he had been present at the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association that morning, and they wished him to convey to the Hertfordshire Association their brotherly greetings, and every good wish for their continued success (applause). Proceeding, the reverend gentleman proposed the election of the Rev. A. G. Langdon as president of the Association, referring to the whole-hearted interest which Mr. Langdon had in ringing, and to the good work he had done in the eastern part of the county. He thought it was a great help to an Association to sometimes have one of the beneficed clergy at the head of it, because he could influence his brother clergy to have their bells better rung.—Mr. Toulmin seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.—Mr. Langdon briefly acknowledged the honour that had been done him, and then took the chair amid applause.

Mr. E. P. Debenham was re-elected hon. treasurer, and in proposing the re-election of Mr. Cartmel as hon. secretary, the President expressed the grateful thanks of the Association to that gentleman for his great services for many years past.—The motion was carried by acclamation, and Mr. Cartmel replied.—Mr. B. Prewett was re-appointed auditor and representative on the Central Council, and the district secretaries were also re-elected: The Rev. H. T. Drake (Northern Division), Mr. W. H. Lawrence (Eastern), and Mr. H. Eden (Western).

Dean Lawrence, who said that the Association was established at

a meeting in his own house in 1884, stated that he had watched its steady progress and the enthusiasm that the members displayed, and he hoped they would go on increasing in numbers and efficiency every year. He proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. A. G. Langdon for his practical address.—Canon Papillon seconded, and, in replying, the Chairman mentioned the remarkable performance of Miss Parker, who was a member of their Association, in calling the first peal of Cumberland Delight. He felt, he said, far more inclined to support the cry of "Votes for Women," because one had rung a peal of that sort, than if they had been engaged in breaking the windows in Oxford Street (laughter and applause).

Sir Hildred Carlile proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean of St. Albans, and to the Vicars of St. Peter's, St. Michael's and St. Stephen's, for the use of the bells during the day. He referred to the debt which the ringers owed to the kindly sympathy of the clergy, and spoke of the excellent work which the ringers themselves did, a work which Churchmen looked upon not only with respect, but also with reverence.—The motion having been carried, the Dean replied, and the meeting terminated, after a vote of congratulation had been passed to the band who had rung the long peal at Knebworth.

Afterwards the various towers were again visited, and ringing in a great variety of methods indulged in.

NOTICES.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale to-morrow (Saturday, April 13th). Bells ready at 4.30. Members intending to be present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Churchill to-morrow (Saturday, April 13th). Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting to follow. Tea kindly provided free. Bells available from 2 p.m.—J. Harris, Branch Secretary, Burnham.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Todmorden Unitarian Church on Saturday, April 13th, 1912. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. O. R. Dawson) on Saturday, April 13th, 1912. Service at 5 p.m., with sermon by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Willesden. Tea, 6d. each, at 6 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Members and friends cordially invited. The following towers will be available for ringing: St. Matthew's, from 3 to 5, and after the meeting; St. Paul's, Homerton, and St. John, at Hackney, from 3 to 5; and St. Mary's, Walthamstow, from 7.30 to 9. Will all who intend being present kindly inform their district secretary before April 10th. Nearest station Clapton (G.E.R.).—C. T. Coles, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, April 13th. Tower open from 3 to 8.30. Evensong 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. F. W. Champneys, M.A.). Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know by April 10th.—George H. Howse, Divisional Honorary Secretary, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The annual meeting will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, April 13th. The bells of the Parish

Church (12) will be available from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The business meeting will take place immediately afterwards, at which all members are respectfully requested to attend, as matters of importance will be brought forward for decision.—S. F. Palmer, Honorary Secretary, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Practice, Ottershaw, April 13th, at 6.30 p.m. Cycle run April 20th. Quarterly meeting, Horsell, May 4th. Visitors gladly welcomed. Kindly apply for full details of the above to G. B. Edser, 52, Shirland Road, Paddington, W.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—The quarterly general meeting will take place on Monday, April 15th, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C. Tower open at 8 p.m. Business meeting at 9.30 in the tower room. The society also meets the second and fourth Sunday in each month at 10 a.m. for service ringing.—E. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade and District Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Blunham on Thursday, April 18th, 1912, from 6 to 9 p.m. Business: To elect officers for working the branch. All members are invited to attend.—F. Blood, Honorary Secretary, pro. tem.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 25th, at 7.30 p.m.; at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 16th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 16th and 30th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 30th, at 8 p.m. Also on Saturday evenings at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on April 20th, 1912. Peal attempt at 2.30, and business meeting in the Parish Room at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, April 20th, 1912. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Short service 5 o'clock. Meat tea at the George Inn 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. All members intending to be present for tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, April 16th. A charge of 3d. per member will be made to ensure better tea.—G. Moore, District Secretary, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Crondall, on Saturday, April 20th, 1912. 3 p.m., bells available (6); 5.30, service at All Saints' Church, preacher, Rev. E. B. Cotton, Vicar; 6.15, tea at the Castle Hotel. Tea tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at or before the meeting.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Deansgate, Manchester, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. Election of committeeman.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at Bull's Head Hotel at 5 o'clock, 1s. each, followed by business meeting. A trustee will be elected in place of Thomas Reynolds, deceased.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, April 20th. Tower open at 3.30, meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-Dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's on Saturday, April 20th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea can only be arranged if members let me know by April 20th of their intention to be present.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, The Parsonage, Shotton.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Lee, S.E., on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. R. Meddings (Rector) at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow in the Kingswood Hall, the Rector presiding. All outstanding subscriptions should be 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.—A meeting will be held at Hadley on April 27th. Bells available from 3.30.—Tea, 6d. each, at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. All are welcome.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Eckington on Saturday, April 27th. Service with an address at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after service. The Vicar, the Rev. W. Ismay, will kindly provide tea for those only who notify me of being present not later than Monday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m.—J. Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

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THE MIDDLESEX MEETING.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, to give it its full and dignified title, is among the most "live" of the many active territorial organisations throughout the country, and its success since the time when, fifteen years ago, it was formed by the amalgamation of the two old Middlesex societies has been almost phenomenal. It has maintained a healthy and vigorous growth, without, to any serious extent, infringing upon the "preserves" of the older London societies, its membership having been built up largely by bringing into union the towers in the county that were outside the real circle of metropolitan influence. Where its scope overlaps the sphere of other associations, its genesis promoted a healthy rivalry which has done not a little to stimulate ringing in and around London.

The foundations of its prosperity were laid in the early days by Mr. Arthur King, who served so long in the onerous office of secretary. His energy and his optimism were infectious, and the members with such a leader could not sit idly by. Although he has now put off the harness, and has gone to reside beyond the sphere of the Association, Mr. King still retains his old love for the structure which he did so much to create, and his presence at the meeting at Clapton was warmly appreciated by the members, who were glad once more to have his genial personality among them and to listen to his cheery good humour. In establishing the fortunes of the Association Mr. King was happy in gathering round him men who were enthusiastic in the cause, and, next to the first secretary, the Association owes a big debt to Mr. William Pye for all he has done in the Middlesex belfries.

And when Mr. King sought retirement from executive office the Association was again fortunate in securing in his place two secretaries in Messrs. C. T. Coles and H. C. Chandler, who begrudge neither time nor effort in maintaining the prosperity of the organisation. To conduct properly the affairs of a society with over 600 members is no light task, but the Association showed on Saturday that it has the right men in the right place when it declined to listen to Mr. Chandler's suggested resignation and re-elected both gentlemen. The meeting, indeed, was a most harmonious one, and fully in accord with the note struck earlier in the afternoon in the excellent address which the Bishop of Willesden gave in Clapton Church. The Association were fortunate in having the Bishop to preach to them, but, by acceding to the request, he provided only another instance of the readiness with which the clergy and the high dignitaries of the church take the opportunity of showing their appreciation of the work done by the ringers in these days.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE NORMAN TOWER (ST. JAMES' CHURCH),

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANCES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

ARTHUR E. MOORE Treble	ROBERT WILDING 6
ARTHUR SYMONDS 2	CHARLES WOODCOCK 7
FREDERICK DEWELL 3	WILLIAM DENT 8
WALTER RADLEY 4	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON 9
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 5	HARRY A. TURNER Tenor

Composed by ROBERT WILLIAMS, and
Conducted by HARRY A. TURNER.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal by all except the ringers of the treble and 2nd. Also the first by the Association on tower bells.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 27 cwt., in D.

HENRY DAY Treble	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 6
JOHN HARRIS 2	TOM COX 7
DAVID THOMAS 3	ALLEN ROWLEY 8
WILLIAM B. BISS 4	WILLIAM COOMBES 9
SIDNEY DAWE 5	WILLIAM BOLTON Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by W. COOMBES.

First peal of Royal by all except W. Biss. Rung on the occasion of the nineteenth anniversary of the marriage of W. Bolton.

BRISTOL.

THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5025 CHANCES;

FRED G. MAY Treble	*WILLIAM WHITE 6
*ALFRED E. REEVES 2	*FRANK K. HOWELL 7
ALBERT STOWELL 3	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 8
FREDK. W. WADE 4	ISAAC LONG 9
*CHARLES PERRY 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

* First peal of Erin.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES GILES Treble	*FREDERICK NEWMAN 6
*FREDERICK ALEXANDER 2	ALBERT E. REEVES 7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 3	ERNEST W. MENDAY 8
†CHARLES COX 4	FRANK HOPGOOD 9
†RICHARD N. RUNHAM 5	HENRY TUCKER Tenor

Composed by JOHN NELMS, and
Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. Rung with the bells half muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Edward Bailey, of Reading, who was interred in the Reading cemetery the same day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, April 3, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

GEORGE B. SELBY Treble	JAMES HEASMAN 5
ARTHUR J. LEWIS 2	*EDWARD J. HOAD 6
ALBERT BELTON 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 7
CYRIL F. JOHNSTON 4	HENRY J. SELBY Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss D. L. Warde, daughter of Lieut.-Col. C. A. M. Warde to Mr. A. H. Streatfield, both of Westerham.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS Treble	ALFRED FUNNELL 5
FREDERICK J. WHITHAM 2	GEORGE POYNTZ 6
FRANK COPEMAN 3	JOHN ALDIS, Junr. 7
JOHN F. WILSON 4	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS, and Conducted by WM. STEELE.
Rung with the bells half muffled.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

LINDOFF'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN HOUGH Treble	WALTER HAIR 5
W. W. WORTHINGTON 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3	ALBERT P. WAKLEY 7
*DAVID L. COTTON 4	REUBEN STEVENSON Tenor

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. First attempt for a peal by the ringer of the tenor who was elected a member previous to starting. Rung at the request of the Rector, Canon H. E. Worthington, with the bells half-muffled.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM FISHER Treble	THOMAS HUGHES 5
ARTHUR BAKER 2	HENRY W. WILDE 6
WALTER GRINSELL 3	FRANK W. PERRINS 7
WILLIAM BAYLISS 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

Rung with the bells half muffled. The ringers wish, through the medium of "The Ringing World," to thank the Vicar of Wombourn for the use of the bells, also to thank Mr. Rowland Cartwright for his kindness in meeting them, and having everything in readiness.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5,120 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
WILLIAM HEWETT 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
HENRY RANZETTA 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells and by the association

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

*WILLIAM A. HEMPEL ... Treble	†JOHN ALDIS, Junr. ... 5
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 2	GEORGE HOWCHIN ... 6
ALBERT G. WARNES ... 3	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 7
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 4	WILLIAM STEELE ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

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

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS ... Treble	WILLIAM STEELE ... 5
ALFRED FUNNELL ... 2	FREDERICK J. WHITHAM ... 6
JOHN F. WILSON ... 3	JOHN ALDIS ... 7
*FRANK COPEMAN ... 4	GEORGE POYNTZ ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

* First peal in the method.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE ... Treble	THOMAS W. STEDMAN ... 5
WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 2	ALFRED FULICK ... 6
ERNEST JONES ... 3	FRED W. TAYLOR ... 7
E. R. TREVOR CORBETT ... 4	HARRY HALL ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED W. TAYLOR.

First peal as conductor.

HADDENHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 18½ cwt., in E.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
JOHN EVANS ... 2	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 3	RICHARD BUCKLAND ... 7
*HERBERT COX ... 4	†ARTHUR F. ASHMAN ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. † First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES ;

Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE MURTON ... Treble	FREDERICK BRUNNING ... 5
CHARLES NUNN ... 2	WILLIAM ROSE ... 6
WILLIAM CLOVER ... 3	FREDERICK DAY ... 7
LEONARD LAST ... 4	ERNEST POPPY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ERNEST POPPY.

First peal on eight bells by the ringers of 3rd and 4th to whom great credit is due for the way in which they rang their bells.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF WATERLOO MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 2	WILLIAM HEWETT ... 6
HENRY RANZETTA ... 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is the first peal accomplished in this method, and the conductor's 700th peal.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

*ARTHUR E. HIBBERT ... Treble	JOSEPH MILNER ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES ... 3	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 7
ROBERT W. GREEN ... 4	THOMAS WALKER ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM B. SMITH ... Treble	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 5
HARRY C. WALTERS ... 2	FRANCIS BARKER ... 6
ARTHUR WALKER ... 3	ARTHUR GILL ... 7
GEORGE W. STEEL ... 4	FRANCIS WOODHEAD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM B. SMITH ... Treble	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 5
ARTHUR WALKER ... 2	FRANCIS BARKER ... 6
HARRY C. WALTERS ... 3	ARTHUR GILL ... 7
FRANCIS WOODHEAD ... 4	GEORGE W. STEEL ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

UGBOROUGH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*WARREN HORNBROOK ... Treble	WILLIAM RICHARDS ... 5
WILLIAM G. HISCOCK ... 2	ERNEST W. MARSH ... 6
*REV. E. S. POWELL ... 3	G. HARRY MYERS ... 7
WALTER H. MARSH ... 4	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

GUISELEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Oswald,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM DIXON Treble	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 5
ALFRED HARDWICK 2	WILLIAM B. SMITH ... 6
JOSEPH WAITE 3	CHRISTOPHER STEPHENSON ... 7
CHARLES E. WAITE 4	JOHN B. JACKSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. H. L. Bell, who is leaving this church for South Africa.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, April 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... Treble	*WILLIAM HODGETTS ... 5
FRANK T. MARTIN 2	*GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ... 6
HENRY HODGETTS 3	GEORGE N. PRICE 7
HUBERT EDEN 4	*ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

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

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANBSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt., in E flat.

*HARRY G. SPRINGATE ... Treble	STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... 5
GEORGE W. RIORDAN 2	FRANK BELSEY 6
*HARRY HOGARTH 3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 7
*CORPL. J. BENNETT, R.M.L.I. 4	*GEORGE R. LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BELSEY.

* First peal. All the ringers are members of the local band.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN Treble	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 5
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 2	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON ... 6
*ALFRED KNIGHT 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
E. MAURICE ATKINS 4	ALBERT V. INNS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

* First peal of Norwich with an inside bell.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS WHITE Treble	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE ... 5
JAMES L. WRIGHT 2	EDWIN BLACKWALL ... 6
HENRY GREGORY 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR 7
HUGH W. GREGORY 4	GEORGE COOK Tenor

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

First peal of Stedman by all except the conductor. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
ARTHUR CHAPLIN 2	HARRY F. DAWKINS ... 6
GEORGE H. JAYE 3	WESLEY WATSON 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.

JOSEPH J. PARKER Treble	HENRY H. CHANDLER ... 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	*JAMES BLACKMORE ... 6
EDGAR HANCOX 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ... 7
JOSEPH J. PRATT 4	THOMAS SMITH Tenor

Conducted by REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the Easter Festival. Birthday greetings to the ringer of 3rd.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY TUCKER Treble	ALBERT E. REEVES ... 5
CHARLES GILES 2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 6
AMBROSE W. OSBORNE ... 3	ALFRED WATMORE ... 7
ERNEST W. MENDAY ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Arranged for Mr. A. H. Pulling, who was on a visit to Reading.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	WALTER A. WEBB ... 5
RICHARD RUNHAM 2	JOHN SWAIN 6
ALFRED T. REEVES 3	CHARLES COX 7
CHARLES GILES 4	REUBEN SAWYER Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM ... Treble	FRANK HALL 5
WILLIAM H. BRADLEY ... 2	BENJAMIN GODDARD ... 6
ROBERT WALKER 3	JOHN HARROP 7
JOHN J. PEMBERTON ... 4	JOSEPH GODDARD Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and

Conducted by ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mrs. Edward Chapman, formerly of Hill End, Mottram.

SAWSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... Treble	PERCY TAYLOR ... 5
T. R. DENNIS ... 2	GEORGE TAYLOR ... 6
PERCY WEBB ... 3	B. B. BUTTRESS ... 7
REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE 4	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by the Rev. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

REVELSTOKE, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(CHARLES' SOCIETY, PLYMOUTH.)

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM HOOPER ... Treble	REGINALD DOBSON ... 5
ERNEST W. MARSH ... 2	WALTER H. MARSH ... 6
WARREN HORN BROOK ... 3	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 7
*REV. E. S. POWELL ... 4	JOSEPH WOODLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal on the bells.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt., in F sharp.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	CHARLES TRIBE ... 5
ALFRED JOHNSON ... 2	GEORGE JOHNSON ... 6
FREDERICK G. BURDEN ... 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 7
*ALFRED DAW ... 4	ALFRED BLACKMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.

* First peal of Triples.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS B. KENDALL ... Treble	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... 5
ERNEST A. MURGATROYD ... 2	JOHN JOYCE ... 6
*EMMANUEL WICKHAM ... 3	JOE A. ROSS ... 7
WILLIAM JOYCE ... 4	GEORGE A. O. NETTLETON Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. J. W. Taylor & Co. The "go" is excellent and reflects great credit on the firm. Rung on the occasion of the re-election of the churchwardens, Mr. F. C. M. S. Rhodes and Mr. Albert H. Horne. * First peal away from the treble.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER ... Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 5
GEORGE PIGOTT ... 2	JOHN BARBER ... 6
JOHN BASS ... 3	WILLIAM SHORT ... 7
WILLIAM SHILVOCK ... 4	SAMUEL GROVE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Samuel Grove's 200th peal.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lbs.

†WALTER G. DARLINGTON ... Treble	GEORGE MAXIM ... 5
FRANK JELF ... 2	HENRY G. ROWE ... 6
GEORGE RADLEY ... 3	WILLIAM SABAN ... 7
HENRY CORNWELL ... 4	*ROBERT SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. The ringers of the 3rd and 7th belong to Broxbourne, the rest to the local band.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM LETTY ... Treble	WILLIAM HOLMES ... 5
JAMES BAXTER ... 2	WILLIAM BROADLEY ... 6
*THOMAS BECKWITH ... 3	THOMAS METCALFE ... 7
JOHN GEORGE HALL ... 4	†SAMUEL LEYBOURNE ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES BAXTER.

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

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES ARMSTRONG ... Treble	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE ... 5
E. R. MARTIN ... 2	FRED HARWOOD ... 6
JOHN BAILEY ... 3	*RICHARD BROUGHTON ... 7
ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG ... 4	EDWARD ARMSTRONG ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL and
Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. This composition contains 4, 5 and 6 the extent in 6ths, the 2nd never in that position and is now rung for the first time.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt., in F sharp.

ERNEST MORRIS ... Treble	FRED. H. DEXTER ... 5
JOSIAH MORRIS ... 2	HARRY ARGYLE ... 6
DUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... 3	THOS. W. CHAPMAN ... 7
CHARLES H. FOWLER ... 4	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and
Conducted by ARTHUR ROBERT ALDHAM.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, April 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

RAYMOND WOOD ... Treble	PERCY H. DOICK ... 5
STEPHEN STONE ... 2	ALFRED GREENFIELD ... 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLMAN ... 3	WILLIAM STANFORD ... 7
JAMES BURDFIELD ... 4	HARRY J. DOICK ... Tenor

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
*RICHARD DARLOW 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6
THOMAS R. SCOTT 3	JOSEPH J. ALLEN 7
FRANCIS A. SMITH 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

CAPEL, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Violet, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, College Exercise and Oxford.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ALBERT HILLS Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS 4
JOHN AKEHURST 2	ARTHUR W. TULLETT 5
*PERCY F. WELLER 3	FREDK. R. TULLETT, Senr. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. TULLETT, Senr.

* First peal.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

HARRY JEWISS Treble	WILLIAM E. SPICE 4
FREDERICK S. MACEY 2	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 5
THOMAS JULL 3	ALBERT J. DAY... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

Rung for the early service.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*SPENCER MARSHALL ... Treble	GEORGE H. SPICE 4
FREDERICK S. MACEY 2	WILLIAM SPICE 5
ALBERT J. DAY... .. 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

* First peal of Minor. Rung for the evening service.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

WILLIAM B. MEADOWS ... Treble	PEARL INSKIP 4
JOSEPH SADDINGTON 2	HARRY MEADOWS 5
GEORGE LINES 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Plain Bob, and three 720's each of Kent and Oxford.
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN WEBB Treble	JOHN JOHNSON 4
JAMES HAMMAN... .. 2	SIDNEY HOUGH 5
FRED COCKRAM... .. 3	ARTHUR GIDMAN Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY HOUGH.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal as conductor.
First peal on the bells, which were cast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1748. The above ringers are all members of the local band.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Called in ten different ways.

FRANK SMITH Treble	CHARLES QUANTRILL 4
ERNEST FOOTER... .. 2	ARTHUR ROLFE... .. 5
GEORGE SPARROW 3	ALFRED ELY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

The ringers wish to thank the Rev. J. S. Pratt for the use of the bells.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN SPENCER Treble	JOHN LARTER 4
*ALBERT J. NAUNTON 2	*EDWARD NUNN 5
†FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 3	†NORMAN R. BAILEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by N. R. BAILEY.

First peal of Minor as conductor. * First peal of Treble Bob.
† First peal of Treble Bob Minor. The ringer of the 2nd is 68 years of age, and has been a member of this association for 33 years.

CAPEL, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, April 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ALBERT HILLS Treble	FREDK. R. TULLETT, Junr. 4
JOHN AKEHURST... .. 2	ARTHUR W. TULLETT 5
PERCY F. WELLER 3	FREDK. R. TULLETT, Senr. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. TULLETT, Senr.

NEWTON LINDFORD.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(GROBY BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 36 six scores of Grandsire and six of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

JAMES SPENCER Treble	VICTOR GEARY 3
EDWARD GEARY 2	FRED BALL 4
GEORGE H. GEARY Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE H. GEARY.

First peal on the bells.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford and one 720 each Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.

*CHARLES BAILEY Treble	*ARTHUR BLYTH... .. 4
CHARLES CHENERY 2	GEORGE BAILEY 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	ARTHUR BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR BAILEY.

* First peal. Arthur Blyth was elected a member previous to starting, and the peal was rung by the local company.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Violet and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... Treble	WALTER W. BONHAM ... 4
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 5
ALBERT J. GREEN ... 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ... Tenor

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. G. Edwards and A. J. Green.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Single Court, Double Oxford, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROLAND O. POLLARD... .. Treble	WALTER J. HORTON ... 4
THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 2	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ... 5
ROBERT C. CLIFFORD ... 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

CHIPPENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDK. SALTER Treble	ALFRED TURNER ... 4
ALFRED MACRO 2	WILLIAM STANNARD... 5
PERCY FORDHAM... .. 3	THOS. FITZJOHN ... Tenor

Conducted by THOS. FITZJOHN.

This is thought to be the first peal on the bells.

BENGWORTH, EVESHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores.

THOMAS MIDDLETON Treble	JAMES HEMMING ... 4
JOHN HAMPTON 2	WILLIAM GISBORNE ... 5
SAMUEL CHURCHLEY 3	WILLIAM HARRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

First peal by all the band except the conductor.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Bob Minor.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	*REV. EDWARD J. TEESDALE 4
CHARLES VARO 2	†WILLIAM DENT... .. 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3	ROBERT JOHN POULSON ... Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea by the Rev. E. J. Teesdale, of Chelsworth Rectory.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 18 cwt., in D.

*HARRY FLEET Treble	*REV. ALBERT RUST... 4
*EDMUND HOBBS 2	CYRIL HERBERT ... 5
*HORACE SMITH... .. 3	MARK LANE Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL HERBERT.

* First peal. This is the first peal on the bells since the recasting of the tenor and rehanging by Messrs. John Taylor & Sons.

WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob each called differently.

ROBERT WILDING Treble	CECIL WOODCOCK ... 4
FREDERICK DEWELL ... 2	GEORGE BAILEY ... 5
OLIVER BULLMAN ... 3	ARTHUR BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR BAILEY.

First peal on the bells. Robert Wilding was proposed a member previous to starting for the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, April 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE RECTORY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5—6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 3—4	*WALTER PERKINS ... 7—8

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by the Rev. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.
Umpire: W. C. LEWIS.

* First peal in hand.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, April 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUNR. 1—2	WALTER S. WISE ... 5—6
ACKLAND J. PERKINS ... 3—4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SENR. 7—8

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUNR.

Umpires: THOS. H. COLBURN and SYDNEY S. ROPER.

* First peal as conductor on handbells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. T. DYKE, 156, WYGGESTON STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

CHARLES SANDERS ... 1—2 | ALBERT P. WAKLEY ... 5—6
WILLIAM SHERCLIFF ... 3—4 | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 7—8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
Umpire, GEORGE BULL.

First peal in the method by all, and first handbell peal by the conductor.

ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 14, 1912, in One Hour and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF G. F. ALEXANDER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

MERVYN DUCK ... 1—2 | ALBERT COATES ... 3—4

GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... 5—6

Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.

Umpire, JOHN W. LOWTHER.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 14, 1912, in Two Hours,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. OSBORN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

JOHN W. LAKE ... 1—2 | RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3—4

JAMES OSBORN ... 5—6

Conducted by J. W. LAKE.

Witness, MRS. OSBORN.

This is the first peal in seven methods ever rung in hand.

LATE PEAL.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;

EDWARD DEWEY ... Treble | WILLIAM BASHFORD ... 6
HENRY A. HOAD ... 2 | GEORGE F. HOAD ... 7
HENRY F. EWINS ... 3 | ALBERT HARMAN ... 8
*HARRY JORDAN ... 4 | GEORGE H. CROUCHER ... 9
†THOMAS BROWN ... 5 | HARRY W. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by T. HOPGOOD, and

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters. Great credit is due to Mr. T. Brown for the able way in which he rang throughout the peal, he being in his 69th year.

We record this week an interesting wedding, one of the lady ringers having entered the bonds of matrimony. Miss Frankum, who was a member of the Oxford Guild, has now become Mrs. Philip Byles, the bridegroom being a member of the Oxford Constabulary. It is quite in accord with the fitness of things that a ringer and a "peeler" should be united.

ARDINGLY, SUSSEX.—On March 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins.: E. Holman 1, H. Tomsett 2, G. Tomsett 3, A. Tomsett (conductor) 4, F. Willie 5, H. Attree 6. Longest length by E. Holman, who belongs to the local band. The rest hail from Lindfield. First quarter on the bells since being rehung and a new treble added. The "go" is excellent.

WATERLOO MAJOR.

A NEW AND MUSICAL EIGHT BELL METHOD.

The first peal of Waterloo Major was rung on Easter Monday. Its claims to musical qualities are unchallengeable, and it is new in so far that it has just been rung for the first time, although it has been in existence for several years, and Mr. J. A. Trollope, the composer, used it as an illustration in the Central Council "Methods Report" (vide Rules and Decisions," page 24). It is the first legitimate Major method to be rung with a bell in the hunt, Grandsire Major being, of course, a mongrel. As there are six working bells, there is a six lead course.

12345678

21436587

24135678

42316587

43261578

34625187

43652817

34568271

43658721

46385712

64835172

46381527

64318257

46132875

41623857

14268375

12463857

Bob.

41263857

14268375

14623857

41268375

Single.

41623857

14268375

14263857

41628375

Course Ends.

Middle 43652

Wrong 52436

Right 34256

3rd's & 5th's 25364

The lead ends are alternately odd and even, so that out-of-course course ends can be got without singles.

Although the course is short, it is full of work. Some of it is rather tricky, and it takes a good bit of ringing, the band that rang it being of the opinion that it is at least as hard as, say, Superlative. It has been called "Waterloo" Major, after St. John's, Waterloo Road, where it was first practised, and where it was intended to have rung the first peal. The band, however, being out on a ringing expedition on Easter Monday, rang it at Erith after having rung Norfolk Surprise at Swanscombe earlier in the day. It is also an interesting fact that it was the conductor's 700th peal. The composition (5088), which is as follows, has only the 4th, 5th and 6th in 6th's place.

23456	M	W	R	24365	M	W	R
24536	—	—	—	43265	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	42635	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—	25634	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—	56234	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	52364	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—	23564	—	—	—
43526	—	—	—	35264	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—	32654	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—	26354	—	—	—
26435	—	—	—	63254	—	—	—
*64235	—	—	—	62534	—	—	—
*36245	—	—	—	24356	—	S	—
32465	—	—	—	43256	—	—	—
*24365	—	—	—	32456	—	—	—

Repeat the whole, omitting courses marked *.

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The long peal of Bristol Surprise is now an accomplished fact, and the 12,160 rung at Knebworth on Easter Monday stands to invite competition. There is, among the experts, divergence of opinion as to whether Bristol is really as difficult to ring as London, the points allotted to it by the Central Council putting the methods upon equality in this respect, but whatever may be the relative value of the two, the fact remains that the peal at Knebworth was a great performance. From beginning to end the striking was good, and the peal was never in doubt. The chief anxiety in connection with the attempt seems to have occurred the night before, when Mr. Tom Hibbert missed the only train from King's Cross, owing to the Great Western train, by which he had travelled to London, being an hour and a half

late. Eventually, however, he got on by telephone to the remainder of the party at the hotel where they were staying, and a conveyance was sent to meet him at Hatfield, eight miles away. The explanation of his absence, received, thanks chiefly to the kindly perseverance of a post office clerk who, curiously enough, came from near Knebworth, and the promise of his speedy arrival, acted as a tonic to the spirits of those gathered together in anticipation of the morrow's task.

A start was made at 9 a.m. exactly, and at 4.18 p.m. the welcome 13254768 (which had been toasted overnight) rolled up, followed by the pleasing words "That is all." As an example of the regularity of the ringing we may quote the remark of the treble man, that "right through the peal

there was always a bell ready to dodge with him on coming into a dodging place"—and that is saying something in a complex method like Bristol.

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23456	M	B	W	H	25634	M	B	W	H	46253	M	B	W	H
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26543	—	—	—	—	54632	—	—	—	—	36524	—	—	—	—
64235	—	—	—	—	43526	—	—	—	—	62345	—	—	—	—
64352	—	—	I	—	32465	—	—	—	—	24653	—	—	—	—
45623	—	—	—	—	26435	I	—	—	—	24536	—	—	I	—
52436	—	—	—	—	63254	—	—	—	—	43265	—	—	—	—
56234	—	I	I	—	35642	—	—	—	—	36452	—	—	—	—
63542	—	—	—	—	54326	—	—	—	—	32654	—	I	I	—
34562	I	—	—	—	54263	—	—	—	I	42356	—	—	I	—
34625	—	—	I	—	46532	—	—	—	—	25463	—	—	—	—
23645	—	—	I	—	63425	—	—	—	—	23564	—	I	I	—
34256	—	—	—	—	65324	—	I	I	—	36245	—	—	—	—
45362	—	—	—	—	52643	—	—	—	—	56342	—	—	I	—
56423	—	—	—	—	32546	—	—	—	I	64523	—	—	—	—
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KNEBWORTH CHURCH, WHERE THE LONG PEAL WAS RUNG.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT HUNTINGDON.

The Ely Diocesan Association held its annual general meeting at Huntingdon on Easter Monday, when a good muster of members and friends attended from Cambridge, Ely, Chatteris, Thetford, St. Neot's and Eynesbury, Mildenhall, Sutton, Wilburton, Raunds, and Kettering, together with the local ringers. The towers of All Saints' and St. Mary's, Huntingdon, and Godmanchester were kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the Vicars, the Rev. W. R. Gardner and Canon A. Sloman. During the morning ringing was confined to the two Huntingdon towers, where touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob on All Saints', and Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich at St. Mary's, were rung until time for service, which took place at All Saints', and was conducted by the Rev. W. R. Gardner (the Vicar), a short and eloquent address being given by the Venerable Archdeacon of Huntingdon, who took for his text, Psalm 122, verse i., "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord."

ARCHDEACON'S ELOQUENT ADDRESS.

In the course of his address, the Archdeacon referred to the appropriateness of the words of the Psalm as a motto for their thoughts that day when the Association met, not only to carry out the objects for which it was founded, namely, for the promotion of change ringing and of belfry reform, but to worship together as well as to ring together, and at least once in the year to grasp the hands of old friends whom a common love for bellringing had drawn together. It

was, he continued, the power of association which they awakened within them which was the chief attraction of church bells. Even before a child was old enough to go to church he got accustomed to the sound of the bells, knew to what they belonged, and, perhaps, why they rung—his earliest thoughts of churchgoing would almost certainly be associated with them, and though he might have little knowledge of the importance of the services to which they summoned, it was the bells which first told him to be ready to go up unto the House of the Lord. And so it was the sound of the bells which in later life recalled the days of childish innocence—which brought back such a flood of recollections—sweet now to cherish. They spoke of companionships almost forgotten, of events of sorrow, and of joy, now faded into the dim distance. Those same old bells which ushered in the happy Christmases of former days, which tolled out solemnly to the wild sky the departing year, and with joyous peal welcomed in the new, might well lead a man, as he heard them once again, to pass in review the years that had fled, and to breathe to himself the Psalmist's prayer, that he might so be taught to number his days that he may apply his heart unto wisdom. Once those same bells rang out for his sister's wedding, or, perhaps, for his own, they tolled when the spirits of those who made home dear to him were called away—and thus—associated with the Sundays of youth, with the prominent events of family life, changing their musical voice of sympathy as to rejoice with those that do rejoice, and to weep with those that weep—they preached a sermon which might well be laid to heart by those who were not deaf to it—which fell upon the ears of all, whether they would hear or whether they would forbear. As an old friend, added the preacher, who still remembered the days when he was reckoned at Great St. Mary's as one of the "Cambridge Youths," he asked them on that festival day to consider whether their love for bells and their skill in ringing should be allowed to lead than no further than the practice of the Art. "Let us go up unto the house of the Lord" could not for them mean that they should not go beyond the belfry. Their peal on Sundays was intended to draw the worshippers together. Could that duty, which they had taken upon them be said to be satisfactorily performed when they and their fellow ringers descended the belfry steps not to join the rest in the service to which they had summoned them? The ringers, like the minstrels of old time, had their part to take in the service of the church, and if they bade others to come unto the House of the Lord they should surely be the last to turn away from it themselves.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual dinner and meeting were held at the George Hotel, a company, numbering 44, sitting down. Those present included: Ven. Archdeacon Vesey, in the chair, the Revs. A. H. F. Boughey, H. S. T. Richardson, W. R. Gardner, J. M. Clarkson, K. H. Smith, and Messrs. T. R. Dennis, J. Taylor, G. Taylor, W. B. Kempton, E. M. Atkins, A. E. Pilgrim, G. D. Coleman, S. J. Coleman, A. J. Abrams, F. Rowlinson, and others.

At the conclusion of the dinner, the Chairman regretted his inability to stop for further proceedings, as both he and the Rev. W. R. Gardner had a funeral to attend. He rejoiced to see the Association visit Huntingdon once more, and was always pleased to be of any service he could. He was particularly pleased to notice that the Association had instituted a service in connection with its meetings, and hoped the practice would be continued. He also made some interesting remarks in connection with the Cambridge Youths, of which he had the honour to be a member.

The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the clergy for their kindness that day, and this was carried with acclamation.

The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey was unanimously voted to the vacated chair, and business was proceeded with.—The General Secretary and Treasurer gave their annual reports, which were entirely satisfactory, and showed an increase of the balance in hand of over £3, compared with 1911.—It was unanimously decided to hold the next annual meeting at Bury St. Edmunds, on Easter Monday.

The following officers were elected: General secretary, T. R. Dennis; treasurer, the Rev. K. H. Smith; district secretaries: Hunts Archdeaconry, Rev. J. M. Clarkson; Archdeaconry of Ely, P. Webb; Archdeaconry of Sudbury, the Rev. R. L. Gardner; Isle of Ely, F. Rowlinson; auditor, H. A. Turner.—New members from Ingham, Livermere, Worlington, Timworth, Barrow, Lavenham, Chatteris, Cambridge, Wilburton, numbering 16, were also elected.—Votes of thanks to the Vicars for the use of the bells terminated the meeting. The company then distributed themselves to the various churches, where ringing was kept up till nearly 8 p.m., various methods being practised.

It is hoped the meeting will be the precursor of greater things throughout the county, especially in the restoration of one or two of the peals. Although Godmanchester bells are at the present time ringable, there are abundant signs that the presence of the bellhanger is required. The fine peal of eight at St. Neot's is at the present time unringable, and it is to be hoped a movement may be set on foot to put them in order.

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ODD CHANGES.

There was a good deal of ringing in London on Saturday, and no fewer than three twelve bell peals were attempted. But, alas, it was evidently not a twelve-bell day for neither of the attempts was successful. The first start was as Cornhill, where under the auspices of the Hertfordshire Association, Stedman Cinques was rung for two hours before a mistake brought the peal to grief. Miss Edith Parker was the conductor.

At St. Saviour's, Southwark, the Kent Association attempted Kent Treble Bob Maximus, Mr. Tom Groombridge being the conductor. The ringing, however, was very short lived, but afterwards a fine touch of Stedman Cinques was rung, and then a course of Bristol Surprise Major on the back eight, Mr. Ernest Pye turning in the magnificent 50 cwt. tenor.

The greatest disappointment of all, however, was at St. Paul's Cathedral. It is seldom indeed that this majestic ring of bells can be got for a peal, and since they were put into the tower in the year 1878 only seven peals have been rung upon them. The last was for the late Dean Gregory's 90th birthday nearly three years ago.

The excellent band of the College Youths which started for the peal of Stedman Cinques on Saturday had every prospect of success, and for nearly 4 hours, so far as listeners outside could glean, all went swimmingly. Then, almost without warning, the 62 cwt. tenor refused to go any longer; there was a clash as she dropped among the other bells, and a great attempt was frustrated, only a course and a half from home. Naturally, after having rung such a length, the loss of the peal was a grievous disappointment to the ringers, but to none more than to Mr. Walter Prime, who had so gallantly rung the great bell, and to Mr. Frank Dawe, the conductor, to whom the signal honour of calling a peal at St. Paul's Cathedral has been a cherished ambition for more than a quarter of a century.

To be beaten with the goal so nearly achieved is indeed galling, and the band received the commiseration of a large body of listeners who had assembled in the hope of hearing the end of the peal. This company included many who had taken part in the other twelve-bell attempts on Saturday, and others who had come from the Middlesex annual meeting at Clapton. The regrettable failure serves, to our mind, to emphasise the need for lubricators on the gudgeons of big bells, which, however much attention they may receive before starting, are almost certain to run dry before the end of a peal.

Out of the peal of 5019 changes, only 200 remained to be rung, the peal coming to grief after 3 hrs. 53 mins. The ringers were E. Horrex 1, E. Gibbs 2, H. Springall 3, S. E. Joyce 4, F. J. Hardy 5, C. S. Burden 6, F. E. Dawe 7, C. F. Winney 8, H. Langdon 9, T. H. Taffender 10, A. B. Peck 11, W. Prime 12.

A party of ringing clergy are meeting next Monday and two following days at Cheltenham, Painswick and Stroud, when they hope, if fortune favours them, to bring off the first clerical peals of Surprise, Stedman Cinques, and Royal. Success to their efforts!

It is a long time to wait for the first peal on the bells, 1748—1912. The first peal on Knutsford bells, cast by A. Rudhall, of Gloucester, 164 years ago, was rung on Easter Monday.

At the Easter Vestry, at St. Margaret's, Lee, S.E., the Rector (the Rev. R. Meddings) was asked why the bells had not been rung on the last two Sundays. He replied that he had desired that they should be rung for evening service as well as morning, but his request had been refused. He had therefore no course open but to terminate all existing arrangements. It was his intention to seek for a team of ringers who would ring both morning and evening on Sundays, and who, after ringing the congregation to church, would themselves attend the services.

The Rector has since appointed Mr. Edward E. Richards, of 8, Maidenstone Hill, Greenwich, to the care of the tower and bells, and it is hoped that ringers attached to neighbouring belfries will assist him occasionally in his endeavours to form and educate a young band.

St. Mary's Church, Waldron, Sussex, possesses a ring of eight bells with a tenor 10 cwt. The peal is a mixed lot of variable quality. The 2nd and treble were cast by Wm. Mears in 1779 and 1780 respectively; the 3rd and 6th by Thos. Janaway in 1773; the 4th and 5th by Richard Phelps in 1732. The tenor and 7th were originally cast by Richard Phelps, but were recast by John Warner and Sons in 1887 to commemorate the Jubilee of Queen Victoria. The bells thus represent the work of four different founders, each of whom cast two bells. The bells are now to be recast into a new ring of eight with a tenor to weigh 12½ cwt., and hung in a modern steel frame. The work of restoration has been entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of The Spitalfields Foundry, London, and the new bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Lewes on June 27th.

Mr. W. E. Appesley, formerly of St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, is leaving this country, with his wife, for Melbourne, Australia, on April 26th. They take with them the good wishes of a large circle of friends. On his arrival Mr. Appesley might look up Mr. A. E. Barnes, 118, Hodgkinson Street, Clifton Hill, Melbourne, who welcomes ringers from the old country with open arms.

Last year some correspondence was published in our columns as to who holds the record for Sunday service ringing. The performance at Tunstall, Kent, last Easter Day, will, however, take some beating. A peal of 5040 in seven Minor methods for early service, two 720's for 11 a.m. service, another 5040 for evening service, and touches of 360 and 120, making a total of 12,000 changes rung for the three services. Mr. A. J. Day wants to know if this is a record? We should think it is.

Mr. Fewell, of St. Albans, one of the ringers at St. Peter's Church, met with a serious accident on Saturday. On the top of Holywell Hill he was knocked down by a motor-car, and was removed to hospital suffering from severe concussion. He has since had periods of consciousness, but his condition gives cause for grave anxiety.

Congratulations to the Lincoln Guild band, who have rung the first peal on handbells in seven methods. It is a smart performance.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT CLAPTON.

A BISHOP AND BELLRINGERS.

The annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, and despite the fact that Clapton, the venue of the gathering, is by no means centrally situated, there was a large and representative gathering. During the afternoon there was ringing both at St. John's, Hackney, and St. Matthew's, Clapton, and the members attended service at the latter church. The arrangements for the service had been made by the Vicar (the Rev. O. R. Dawson), and in addition to the attendance by the choir, the Association were honoured by having as preacher the Bishop of Willesden. The service was intoned by the Curate (the Rev. W. A. Rundall), himself a ringer, and special Psalms, appropriate to the occasion, were sung. The Bishop took for his text the words, "Whatsoever ye do in word or in deed do it in the name of the Lord," and his discourse, thoroughly practical as it was, was followed with the closest attention. He first welcomed the ringers to the service, and went on to say that fifty years ago such a service would have been impossible. They were constantly told by people, who were always drawing the black side of things, that everything was so miserable and wretched, and going to pieces in the Church and State. He did not believe all the stories that were told about the belfries of years gone by. Like everything else, they were sure to be exaggerated, but to compare the conditions of things now in regard to ringing and what they could imagine was the State half a century ago, matters were far better than they seemed to be in some people's judgment. Proceeding, the Bishop took three points in regard to ringing, and applied them to spiritual life—physical strength, practice, and harmony. Without physical strength a man could not possibly undertake the strain of ringing a bell, and a good bellringer, therefore, had to take care of his bodily health. Any breach of God's law with regard to the body brought its punishment sooner or later. To be a good bellringer a man need not necessarily be a teetotaler—as he had been for the last 40 years of his life—but he must be a sober man. If their bodies were to be kept fit and proper for the physical exercise of bellringing they must be kept in temperance, soberness and chastity. Moreover, they wanted to be not merely strong physically for their work, but they wanted to be strong Churchmen, to stand up in these days, when everybody seemed to be starting something ill, and to be satisfied with the old order of the Church which, rightly and properly carried out, produced the best results. As they rang the bells for the services, let them be themselves strong in the faith as delivered to the Saints. Then, those who would be good bellringers must have an immense amount of practice. A man who was slack in his practice was bound to bring dishonour upon the whole of the bellringers. They could not attain to anything without practice, and equally if they would succeed in their spiritual life it could only be attained by practice. He could imagine nothing more beautiful than a set of bellringers who, when they were ringing peals for the service of the church, realised God's presence and prayed to God, asking for his help for themselves and for others. Lastly, harmony was essential to ringing. They would have no harmony if each ringer thought only of his own bell. Spiritually, also, they all had their work to do not merely in the salvation of their own souls, but in doing their work and their duty just where it lay, at home, in the workshop, or in the office, each bearing his own burden, and so helping to bear one another's burdens. So let there be no discord among those who rang the bells in the parish, but rather a true spirit of harmony, endeavouring to help each other, everywhere and onward in the battle of life. Thus would their Association receive its highest blessing.

The service concluded with a special ringers' hymn, and an offertory was taken on behalf of the bell restoration fund of St. Matthew's Church.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

At tea in the Parish Institute, at which the wants of the ringers were attended to by a numerous party of ladies, the Rev. H. G. Bird (President of the Association) was in the chair, supported by the Bishop of Willesden, the Rev. O. R. Dawson, the Rev. W. A. Rundall, Mr. A. T. King, Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. sec.), etc.—Before the Bishop left, the President expressed the deep gratitude of the Association to him for his presence, and for his sermon.

At the subsequent business meeting, the report and balance sheet were presented, the latter showing that the balance on the general fund had increased by £1 14s. 8d. to £19 13s. 3d.

The report was in the hands of the members in printed form, and was of a voluminous nature. It reviewed at length the events since September, 1910, to the end of 1911, the additional period being included by the change in the date of the annual meeting from September to Easter week. Between the annual meeting in September and the end of 1910 25 peals were rung.

	No. of Peals.
Grandsire Triples	2
Bob Major	2
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	1
Superlative Surprise Major	5
Bristol Surprise Major	3

Stedman Triples	4
Stedman Caters	5
Stedman Cinques	3

Total ... 25

of which two were rung on handbells, viz.:—Stedman Caters one, Stedman Cinques one.

The successful peals rung during the year 1911 were 83 in number, and are classified as follows:—

	No. of Peals.
Kent Treble Bob Major	4
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2
Grandsire Doubles	1
Grandsire Triples	5
Grandsire Caters	1
Oxford Bob Triples	1
Bob Major	2
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	1
Superlative Surprise Major	12
Cambridge Surprise Major	4
New Cambridge Surprise Major	2
London Surprise Major	6
Bristol Surprise Major	9
Cambridge Surprise Royal	5
Stedman Triples	16
Stedman Caters	6
Stedman Cinques	6

Total ... 83

Of which four were rung on handbells, viz.:—

	No. of Peals.
Grandsire Triples	1
Stedman Triples	1
Stedman Cinques	2

Total ... 4

The report recorded the regret of the Association at the death of the late Master, Mr. J. Basden, and other members, and referred to the various works of restoration carried out among the bells of the county during the period covered by the report.

MANY NOTEWORTHY PEALS.

The report added:

During the year we rang many noteworthy peals, and we congratulate the band to whom fell the honour of ringing the 1,000th peal by the Association, a peal of Superlative at St. Mary Magdalene, Enfield, on April 29th, conducted by Mr. Sidney Wade. It is also a great pleasure to once more congratulate Miss Edith Parker, this time upon being the first lady to conduct a peal for the Association, a peal of Stedman Triples, at Waltham Abbey, on March 4th. Nor must we omit to mention three peals of London Surprise, conducted by this gifted young lady, during the month of December. Our congratulations are also due to those who rang the handbell peal of Grandsire Triples at Pinner on May 26th, after great perseverance and many disappointments, conducted by Mr. Frank Martin. The peal of Cambridge Royal at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on December 16th, was the 1,000th peal by the conductor, Mr. William Pye, the highly esteemed Master of the Association. We congratulate him most heartily on his wonderful achievement, and we take this opportunity of placing on record our thanks to him for the great service he has rendered to the Association during his long and memorable connection with it. Another great achievement, viz., the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Southwark Cathedral on the 25th November, 1911, enables us to congratulate Mr. Ernest Pye on having rung his 800th peal, and what we say of one of these talented brothers applies to them all, that the high standard they set as ringers to the ringing world at large may be equalled, but cannot possibly be surpassed.

In addition to five peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal, we have gone far in an attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, most coveted, because most intricate. Out of ten courses to ring, the band had completed seven courses and nine leads in 2 hours and 52 minutes, when the peal had to be stopped owing to the difficulty of persuading the tenor to be on its best behaviour. This happened on February 25th, at St. Giles', Cripplegate.

We should like very much to have rung a complete peal in celebration of the Coronation of our beloved King and Queen, but the attempts unhappily failed. Much good ringing, however, was done at the different towers up and down the county, and if, as ringers, we failed in our aim, we by no means fell short in our loyalty.

The number of meetings held in 1911, exclusive of the annual meeting, was 17, and the attendances, with one or two exceptions,

were quite satisfactory. During the period covered by this report we elected three honorary members and 88 ringing members, and after allowing for deaths, resignations, etc., we close the year with a satisfactory total membership of well over 600.

Four elections of members were confirmed, and 20 new members, including the St. Giles' in the Fields' band, were elected.

Mr. A. T. King eulogised the work of the officers during the past year, and proposed the re-election of the President (the Rev. H. G. Bird) and the treasurer (Mr. Milne), and the Master (Mr. W. Pye). Referring to the latter, he said all the work he had done for the Association had been done in the most cheerful spirit. He did it out of his own heart and *con amore* for the Association.—These elections were seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles, and carried.

Mr. King then proposed the re-election of the joint hon. secretaries, Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. H. C. Chandler, and spoke of the very valuable services which both had rendered to the Association. Mr. Chandler had expressed a desire to retire, but they must retain his services.—Mr. J. Armstrong seconded, and the motion was carried.—The auditors (Messrs. W. Pickworth and J. E. Miller) were re-elected, and Messrs. A. T. King, J. R. Sharman, J. H. B. Hesse and W. Pye, were elected representatives on the Central Council.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING.

At the suggestion of the Central Committee, it was decided to abolish the title of patron, except for the Bishop of the Diocese, and that the existing patrons should become vice-presidents.—Mr. King explained that the reason why they had the two offices was that when the amalgamation of the two old societies took place one had patrons and one vice-presidents, and the arrangements were not changed.

It was resolved that the Association peal books should remain for the year in the tower of St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, and that a strong box be provided for their preservation.

On the recommendation of the Central Committee, the Hon. Secretary introduced the subject of a scheme for recording Sunday service touches, on the lines now adopted by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, with the provision of an illuminated certificate to the tower scoring the most points.—The matter was referred back to the committee to bring up a report at the next annual meeting.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. O. R. Dawson) for arranging the service, and the use of the bells at St. Matthew's; to the Rev. H. Moseley, Hackney; C. E. Andrew's, Homerton, and the Rev. C. D. Lampen, Walthamstow, who placed their bells at the disposal of the members, and to the ladies who assisted at tea.—The motion having been carried by acclamation, the Rev. O. R. Dawson responded, and expressed the greatest pleasure at meeting such a stalwart body of church workers. He acknowledged the services rendered by his own ringers, and remarked that while he sometimes got complaints about the bells, these complaints were dying down, as he did not encourage them (hear, hear). He hoped to be able to welcome the Association again in the future.

The meeting then terminated, and the ringers returned to the towers, where, during the day, touches in various methods from Grandsire to Superlative, Cambridge and Bristol, were rung.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING AT WOLVERHAMPTON.

The annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Wolverhampton on Easter Monday, when more than 70 members assembled from Birmingham, Bloxwich, Coseley, Haughton, Netherton, Pulford, Rushall, Sedgley, Smethwick, Tamworth, Tettenhall, Tipton, Walsall, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Willenhall, Wolverhampton, Wombourn, Wood Green, and Wordsley. The bells at St. Peter's and St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, and St. Michael's, Tettenhall, were made good use of in such methods as Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinquses, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinquses, Erin Triples and Cinquses, Plain Bob Major and Maximus, Kent Treble Bob Maximus, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. There was a fairly good attendance at evensong at St. Peter's, after which a substantial tea was provided at Fleming's Restaurant.

At the general meeting, which followed, Mr. S. Reeves was voted to the chair. Apologies for non-attendance were read from the President (the Rev. Archdeacon Blakeway), and the Rev. Preb. Alfred Penney (Rector of Wolverhampton).—The report and balance sheet were passed—the former indicating that the Society was making headway, while the latter showed a balance in hand of £19 17s. 9d. The committee, the Rev. W. Solly, the Rev. O. W. Steele and Mr. W. W. Worthington, were re-elected, as were also the clerical secretary-treasurer (Rev. E. V. Cox) and the lay secretary (Mr. H. Knight). Mr. G. Hughes was appointed ringing master, in the place of Mr. T. J. Elton (retired). Messrs. R. Cartwright and S. Reeves were re-elected as representatives on the Central Council.—Two honorary, fourteen ringing and one life members were added to the list, and the following places were selected for the coming meetings: Brewood in June, Wombourn in September, Perry Barr in January, and Walsall for the annual. Cycling meetings are to be revived, the first to take place on April 27th, at Norton Canes.—Votes of thanks to the Rector and the other incumbents for the use of the bells, to the retiring ringing master and honorary secretaries for services rendered, and to the chairman for presiding, concluded the business.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT EVESHAM.

For the first time in the history of the Association, the annual meeting was held this year south of Worcester, Evesham being visited on Easter Monday.—Although the town is at any time worthy of inspection for its archaeological interest, yet at this season of the year, with the surrounding country a mass of blossom on the thousands of fruit trees with which the land is covered, a visit is particularly pleasurable, and makes one realise that the district is one of the most productive in England. Notwithstanding the inconvenient train service, and the distance the majority had to travel, the meeting was very well attended, and most successful in every way. No sooner had the local men finished ringing a peal of Grandsire Caters than several who had arrived had the bells in the Campanile going to the tune of Stedman Caters. This tower is a splendid example of Abbot Lichfield's work of the purest perpendicular style, and is, with one or two small exceptions, all that remains of the magnificent Abbey, which made Evesham a place of such great importance in olden times.

The usual service was held in the Church of All Saints, the organist and some of the choir being kind enough to attend and assist in making it enjoyable.—The Vicar, the Rev. J. M. Walker, delivered a most useful address, and afterwards remarked upon the way in which those present joined in the singing. Following the service, the meeting was held in the interesting old Church House, at 2.30. Owing to a wedding, the Vicar was unable to take the chair, but the Rev. Sidney Phillips, for many years clerical secretary, and whom everyone was pleased to welcome, consented to preside.—It was proposed that a belfry repairs fund be formed, but after some discussion, the matter was deferred for twelve months.—At the last meeting, the secretary had been delegated to arrange a peal of Double Norwich Caters, and as the peal has not yet been rung it was decided to attempt it again.—The next annual meeting was fixed for Stourbridge.—Messrs. T. J. Salter and J. R. Newman were elected Central Council representatives.—It was decided to admit life honorary members at a subscription of two guineas.

The President and Vice-Presidents were re-elected, but, with much regret, it was found necessary to elect a Master in place of Mr. T. J. Salter, who wished to resign the office, and Mr. A. E. Parsons, of Old Hill, was elected in his place.—The Chairman also wished to resign the position of clerical secretary, which he had held for a good many years, and on his proposal, the Rev. J. F. Hastings, of Martley, was elected. The hon. secretary and treasurer were re-elected, and Mr. H. Mason was elected on the Central Committee. The auditors were re-elected, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, to the Rev. Walker, the organist and choir boys, and Mr. T. J. Salter.

Those present then partook of an excellent tea, which had been made all the more substantial by the help of local friends, and the arrangements for which had been made by the enthusiastic local secretary, Mr. G. Nind.

While the business portion of the meeting was in every way successful, it was by no means the only reason members attended, for the opportunity to obtain practice in new methods was fully taken advantage of, and the bells in the Campanile, one of Rudhall's magnificent peals of eight which have recently been augmented by the addition of two trebles, together with the rings of six at Great Hampton and Bengeworth, were kept going in a variety of methods from Royal to Doubles, both before the service and during the evening, until a move had to be made to the station. The visitors, on their departure, took with them pleasant recollections of their visit to Evesham.

THE SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.

The April meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at Norton (Derbyshire), on Easter Monday, and proved very successful.

The Church of St. James', an interesting old building, situated amidst pretty surroundings, is noted as the burial place of Chantry, the famous R.A. and sculptor, whose tomb is within the shadow of the tower, which contains a beautiful ring of eight bells (tenor about 16 cwt.).

The attendance was good, about 40 ringers turning up from Bolsterstone, Dore, Eastwood (Rotherham), Eckington, North Wingfield, Norton, Pitsmoor (All Saints), Ramnook, Sheffield Parish Church, St. Marie's (R.C.), Treeton and Worksop. The methods rung during the day were: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, and Superlative Surprise Major, and some good striking was heard.

A committee meeting was held in the Parish Room, Mr. J. P. Tarlton (vice-president) in the chair, and Mr. S. Thomas kindly performing the secretary's duties. The fixtures for the forthcoming year were settled upon.

A general meeting followed, at which 12 new members were elected, including ten from Worksop.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells and Parish Room, and to the local company for making all arrangements, was carried unanimously, Mr. W. Biggin suitably replying.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business.

NEW PEAL OF EIGHT FOR MANCHESTER.**SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S GENEROUS GIFT.**

The dedication of a new ring of eight bells, with a tenor, 12 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lbs., took place at St. John's Church, Miles Platting, Lancs, on Saturday, in the presence of a good congregation. The Vicar (the Rev. A. Anderton) conducted the service, and the Rev. H. J. Elsee, President of the Lancs Association, was the preacher. He based his discourse upon 1 Corinthians, xiv., 10, "There are so many kinds of voices in the world." He spoke of the voice of the street traffic, the railway traffic, the voice of the children at play, and also of the voice of the bells heard for the first time that day.

After the service the bells were rung by the local company, and were then thrown open to the visitors, who numbered about 40. The first touch was Stedman Triples, rung by J. Shaw 1, W. H. Shaker 2, W. Holbrook 3, W. H. Idle 4, E. D. Taylor 5, J. T. Bottrill 6, R. Davies (conductor) 7, H. Eekersley 8. Touches of Bob Major and Minor, Kent, Superlative, and Grandsire, were brought round, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., conducting several touches. The visitors were invited by the Vicar to the Schools after the service, where an informal "Five o'clock tea" was partaken of.—Sir Arthur said a few words suitable to the occasion, expressing the hope that the ringers would keep together, and that the congregation would bear with them when they were talking together in their special language.

The bells were kept going till after 9 p.m. by members from Duffield, Bolton, Loughborough, Newchurch, Pendleton, Prestwich, Worsley, Hyde, Oldham, Manchester Cathedral and Town Hall, Rusholme, Leyland, Ashton, Reddish, Kelvedon, and other towers. The bells were warmly praised, both as regards tone and "go." Originally they were a peal of six put in in 1872, but the tower shook so badly that it had to be repaired and strengthened. While the work was being done, Sir Arthur Heywood generously offered to have the bells recast and increased to eight and rehung in a new iron frame, the result being another credit to the firm of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.

LADY RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday last, the picturesque village of Mapledurham was the scene of a very pretty wedding, when Miss "Belle" Frankum (a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the "St. Peter's Society," Caversham), was united to P. C. Phillip Byles, of the Oxford County Constabulary. The bride, who has rung one peal of Doubles at St. Margaret's, Mapledurham, and one peal of Grandsire Triples at Caversham, has not been able to do much ringing recently, owing to business obligations. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. St. John Thackeray, and the organist, Mr. C. Ford (a cousin of the bride), played the party into church, and then the hymn, "The voice that breathed o'er Eden," was sung. After the signing of the register, the organ pealed forth Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," and the bells were raised by six of the bride's fellow members of St. Peter's Society, a fine 720 of Bob Minor was rung, and the bells fired by A. D. Cullum, J. Hands, G. Essex, E. J. Menday, H. Hatto, and R. T. Hibbert. The company, after partaking of an excellent repast, were invited to walk through the beautiful grounds and gardens of the Vicarage. The evening was spent by the guests in tripping the "light fantastic toe," the dances being interspersed by songs, duets, etc., until the witching hour of midnight brought to a close a most enjoyable evening. The thanks of all were tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Frankum and family for their lavish hospitality, and the stalwart "Bobby" and his wife were the recipients of good wishes from all present. The St. Peter's Society especially tender their best wishes that the "Great Conductor" of human destinies may allow the future of the happy couple to roll on in smooth long courses, and their troubles to be few and as short as plain courses of "Original." — R. T. H.

BANK HOLIDAY IN SOUTH DEVON.

On Easter Monday, nine members of the Devonshire Guild met at Ugborough, bent on testing the bells of South Devon, after the usual manner of ringers. Ugborough possesses a good ring of eight, but while they go well, they sorely need retuning. Bob Major was on the programme, and after three and a half hours' good ringing, the welcome "That's all" was heard. After lunch the band walked two or three miles to North Huish, where a light ring of five was found. Owing to the bad go, it was with difficulty that some six scores of Grandsire could be rung. "Diptford one mile," said the map, but the intricacies of country lanes proved our downfall, and it was a good hour and a half before the tower hove in sight. Tea having been partaken of, the belfry was visited, and a pretty ring of six by Mears, found. The majority of the bells were discovered to have broken stays, but in spite of that difficulty the bells were raised, and Grandsire, Stedman, and a course of Bob Minor accomplished before they were lowered. Two and a half miles saw us at Brent, where we were rewarded by finding a splendid peal of six. After some trouble with the lighting arrangements, "Go, Treble Bob," was called, and a well-struck 720 seemed certain, but a broken rope in the last course dashed our hopes. Time not permitting another attempt the day was wound up with courses of Grandsire Triples and a six-score of Doubles on handbells. So ended a successful trip that will long be remembered by all who took part.—W. D. J.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Wrexham on Easter Monday. There was a splendid gathering considering the curtailed railway service, members representing the following towers being present: Wrexham, Portmadoc, Rhyl, Bangor, Llangollen, Gresford, Buckley and Hawarden, whilst many non-residential members attended. Lunch was supplied at 12 o'clock by the Wrexham ringers. The business meeting was held in the ballroom of the Wynnstay Hotel, the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Vicar of St. David's, Bangor, presiding. In the absence of the general secretary, Mr. H. Moore, junr. (Wrexham district secretary) read the annual report, which stated that a total number of six peals had been rung during the year, viz., Stedman Triples, at Bangor (W. T. Pegler conductor); Stedman Caters, at Wrexham (C. R. Lilley); Grandsire Doubles, at Portmadoc (J. Owen); Stedman Triples, at Llangollen (H. Moore, junr.); Kent Treble Bob Major, at Llandudno (W. T. Pegler); Stedman Triples, at Buckley (C. R. Lilley). The standard of quality of the peals was being well kept up.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Chairman, the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Vicar of St. David's, Bangor; master of ringers, Mr. A. E. Pegler, Bangor; hon. treasurer, Mr. Edward Rowland, Wrexham; hon. secretary, Mr. H. Moore, junr., Wrexham. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Bangor, and the half-yearly meeting at Rhyl.—The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.—A short service was held in the Parish Church for the ringers at 2.30, when an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. J. R. Evans, M.A. Tea was supplied by the local ringers at the Wynnstay Arms Hotel.—During the day, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Kent Treble Bob were rung.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Southwold-on-Sea, on Easter Monday. The towers of the surrounding district were well represented, and the ring of eight in the Parish Church was kept going in various methods throughout the day. Dinner was served in the Parish Room, under the presidency of the Rev. Wm. C. Pearson, supported by Messrs. G. Moy, F. C. Lambert, and A. J. Naunton (district secretaries), Mr. H. Hopson, and Mr. C. E. Borrett (secretary). The usual loyal toasts were honoured after dinner, and a vote of thanks passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the Parish Room.

The Secretary announced that the new report was ready for distribution, and would be in the hands of members within a few days. He also mentioned that a pageant was to be held at Norwich, in the grounds of the Bishop's Palace, on June 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th, in connection with the church and parish of St. Peter Mancroft. The members of the Ringers' Guild desired it to be made known that the bells of St. Peter Mancroft would be open to the use of any visitors on those dates. Particulars could be obtained from the hon. secretary of the Guild, Mr. F. H. Phillips, 67, Carrow Road, Norwich.—A number of new members were elected before the close of the meeting, after which both handbells and tower bells were kept going until the end of the day.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South and East district was held at Widford on Easter Monday. After ringing in the afternoon, a service was held, conducted by the Rev. F. R. Thurlough (Rector), who gave an address, in which he accorded the members and the Association a most hearty welcome. It was the first meeting of its kind held at Widford, and, coming in the Jubilee year of the church and bells, he was delighted to meet the ringers there that day. Mr. A. S. Firman, organist of Stock, kindly officiated at the organ.

Tea was served at the White Horse, the Rector being in the chair, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master). At the business meeting which followed, Mr. Edwards (District Master) presided.—Messrs. G. Camp, W. Green, E. G. and P. Sitch, of Fryerning, were elected members.—It was decided to hold a meeting in the Shenfield district in June, and the next quarterly meeting in August, at Rayleigh.—The Secretary read a letter asking for support for the fund for the restoration of Shoreditch bells, and this was referred to the annual general meeting on Whit-Monday.—On the motion of Mr. Kirton, seconded by Mr. Wiles, and supported by Mr. Howard, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for the enjoyable and instructive service.—The Rector suitably replied.—Members attended from Baddow, Boreham, Braintree, Bentley (South Weald), Chelmsford, Dagenham, Fryerning, Writtle, and Widford, and during the afternoon Writtle bells were in great demand. The methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire Doubles (by the newly-formed Fryerning Company) to Superlative Surprise.

A meeting of the Sonning branch of the Oxford Guild for combined practice was held on Saturday last at Wargrave, thirteen members being present, representing Binfield, Hurst, Easthampstead and the local band. Touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Minor and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. Several courses of Triples were also rung on the handbells.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT MITCHAM.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Mitcham on Easter Monday. Between 60 and 70 members attended from various towers, and it was a pleasing feature having both towers available for ringing, both in the afternoon and evening. At 5.15 a choral service was held in Christ Church, and a very impressive address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. Donald McDonald). A splendid meat tea was partaken of in the Church Hall, presided over by the Vicar, who welcomed the ringers in a few well-chosen remarks. At the business meeting, which followed, Dr. A. B. Carpenter thanked the Association for the honour the members had done him by electing him as Master, and explained that, as the election took place at Kingston in his absence, this was the first opportunity he had had of referring to it. The report and financial statement for 1911 were adopted, and it was reported that since the last meeting six peals had been rung in towers and three on handbells.—Eleven new members were elected, including the band at Egham.

Notice was given by Mr. C. F. Johnston of a motion to be brought forward at a special meeting, which would be convened at the conclusion of the next quarterly meeting, to rescind rule X., which deals with peal booking fees; and it was agreed that a committee meeting should be called previous to the next meeting to consider the motion, and to enable representatives to discuss it with their respective members.

It was suggested by the Chairman that, in future, arrangements be made for one of the peal books to be on view at quarterly meetings, and a further suggestion was made by Mr. Jones (Guildford) that all the peal books be kept in a special case at the Croydon Parish Church. The committee were instructed to consider the matter.

A vote of thanks was then moved by the Master, seconded by the secretary, to the Vicars and wardens of SS. Peter and Paul and of Christ Church for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. Drewett and Lambert of the former church, and Mr. Broadbridge of the latter, for having everything in readiness in the belfries; also to the Vicar, wardens and ringers of Christ Church for the service, and for their hospitality in entertaining the Association to tea.—This was carried, with applause, together with votes of thanks to the organist for his ready assistance at the service, and to the ladies who assisted at the tea.

The Vicar suitably responded, and conveyed the members' congratulations to Mr. H. Brooker (South Croydon) on his restoration to health, and being able to be present that day.—The business over, a move was made to the two towers, where more ringing took place. Handbell ringing was also indulged in, and among the ringing in this direction was a course of Kent Treble Bob Major by A. F. Shepherd 1—2, A. J. Perkins 3—4, W. Shepherd 5—6, S. R. Roper 7—8.

A NORTH YORKSHIRE DAY OUT.

On Easter Monday about 20 members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association met at Sharow for a day's ringing, ringers being present from Sharow, Ripon, Middleham (including three ladies), North Ormesby and Pateley Bridge. Ringing commenced about 10 a.m., and the bells were set going to Grandsire Triples, of which four very good touches were scored, also a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major. An excellent dinner was provided at the Half Moon, and a very enjoyable hour was afterwards spent with songs by the "musical" members of the company, while Mr. H. Collinson, of Middleham, produced roars of laughter with his comic recitations. During the afternoon the tower was again visited, and some more very good touches were scored. The ringers from Middleham were most unfortunate on their journey home. Owing to their train leaving Ripon an hour and a half late, they lost their connection at Northallerton, where they had to spend the night in a waiting room, taking the 4.40 a.m. mail train for Leyburn. This train ran half an hour late, but the ringers at last reached home, tired, but none the worse for their long wait. The day's ringing was a huge success, and it is such meetings as these that makes one glad that they are ringers.

MIDDLESBROUGH RINGERS' OUTING.

On Easter Monday, ringers from Middlesbrough Parish Church had their annual outing, and visited Middleham, where a new peal of eight from the Loughborough foundry have recently found a home. The party, which numbered 15, on arrival at noon found everything in readiness for an early start, and the bells were kept running merrily at intervals for the rest of the day, at the conclusion of which it was found that touches of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, and Bob Major, had been brought round, Dr. and Mrs. Pauli taking part in the Bob Major, and Mr. Sykes, of the local band, in the Treble Bob Major, and Superlative. The catering, which is one of the principal items in a ringers' outing, was satisfactorily carried out by Host Beswick, of the Commercial Hotel. Although the weather was of such a very tempestuous nature, the outing proved in every way thoroughly enjoyable, and the bells (tenor 18 cwt.), which are of a rich and mellow tone, were greatly admired. The best thanks of the party are due to Dr. Pauli, for the part he took in arranging for their enjoyment, and to the Rector for the use of the bells.

NOTICES.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Cycle run April 20th. Quarterly meeting, Horsell, May 4th. Visitors gladly welcomed. Kindly apply for full details of the above to G. B. Edser, 52, Shirland Road, Paddington, W.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on April 20th, 1912. Peal attempt at 2.30, and business meeting in the Parish Room at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, April 20th, 1912. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Short service 5 o'clock. Meat tea at the George Inn 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. All members intending to be present for tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, April 16th. A charge of 3d. per member will be made to ensure better tea.—G. Moore, District Secretary, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Deansgate, Manchester, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. Election of committeeman.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at Bull's Head Hotel at 5 o'clock, 1s. each, followed by business meeting. A trustee will be elected in place of Thomas Reynolds, deceased.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, April 20th. Tower open at 3.30, meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-Dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's on Saturday, April 20th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 25th, at 7.30 p.m.; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 30th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 30th, at 8 p.m. Also on Saturday evenings at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SAINT MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.—A very important business meeting will be held in the tower on Friday, April 26th, at 8.30 p.m. Members are earnestly requested to attend.—James E. Davis, Honorary Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea can only be arranged if members let me know by April 20th of their intention to be present.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, The Parsonage, Shotton.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Lee, S.E., on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. R. Meddings (Rector) at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow in the Kingswood Hall, the Rector presiding. All outstanding subscriptions should be 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.—A meeting will be held at Hadley on April 27th. Bells available from 3.30.—Tea, 6d. each, at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. All are welcome.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Eckington on Saturday, April 27th. Service with an address at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after service. The Vicar, the Rev. W. Ismay, will kindly provide tea for those only who notify me of being present not later than Monday, April 22nd. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m.—J. Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place to Norton Canes on Saturday, April 27th. Ringing from 3.30. Cannock Station $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. All ringers welcome.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Honorary Secretary, 6, Upper Forster Street, Walsall.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 27th, 1912. Service in cathedral 4.45 p.m., with address by the Bishop. Tea at Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 5.45 p.m. Meeting immediately after tea. For further particulars see circular.—J. W. Seamer, Honorary Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Titchfield on Wednesday, May 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea by the invitation of the Vicar (Rev. C. E. Matthews) at the Parish Room at 5.30 p.m. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by April 27th.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Mistley on Saturday, May 4th. Tea at the Parish Institute 5.30 p.m., 9d. each, will be provided for those sending notice to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 4th, St. Peter's tower open from 11 to 1 and from 6 to 8 p.m., St. Nicholas' from 6 to 8 p.m. Luncheon at Unicorn Hotel, North Street, at 1.30. Members' tickets 1s. 6d. The Lord Bishop of Chichester will preside at the luncheon and at the business meeting which follows. Ringers' service at St. Nicholas' Church at 4 p.m. Preacher Canon Southwell. Half railway fares with a maximum of 2s. will be allowed members attending the meeting, but it is hoped that if possible they will avail themselves of the cheap fares. Those intending to be present should notify same to me not later than Tuesday, April 30th.—G. Watson, St. Leonards, Honorary General Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the South and West District will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. H. G. Bird) at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at 6. Ringing will be held at Heston on the second Sunday afternoon of each month from 2 till 3, when all ringing friends will be heartily welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at Chesterfield Parish Church of St. Mary and All Saints; 10 bells (tenor $24\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.), available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The business meeting will be held about 6 p.m. either in the vestry, or (if numbers warrant it) in St. James' Mission Room, Vicar Lane. The business will include election of officers for the ensuing year, presentation of balance sheet, secretary's report, etc., and a good attendance is hoped for.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Chorley, with Whittle-le-Woods, on Saturday, May 11th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Liverpool branch was held at Grassendale on Saturday, members attending from Liverpool, Garston Widnes, Farnworth, Luebrook and Walton, together with the local company. Tea was kindly provided by Mr. Theo. Garnett, who presided over the business meeting, and was supported by the Rev. T. P. Hyatt and Mr. C. Hanson (churchwarden). Mr. J. Allen, junr., was elected a member, and the Rev. T. P. Hyatt and Mr. C. Hanson, life members of the Association.—The Rev. T. P. Hyatt welcomed the members to Grassendale, and afterwards a collection was made towards the fund to enable the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards to add another bell to the four at his church at Kington Magna.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for use of bells, and also to Mr. Garnett for the tea.—The methods rung on the tower bells during the day were: Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

RINGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

The Tunstall ringers (Kent) have received a shock by the tragically sudden death of one of their number, Mr. Albert J. Day, who was well-known, and much respected by all who knew him. He was in his usual place on Easter Day, rang and conducted a peal of Minor before the early service at 8.30 a.m., received the Holy Sacrament, rang again for the 11 o'clock service, and another 5040 for the evening service, which proved to be his last peal, for on Wednesday, April 10th, he had a paralytic seizure, was carried home, and died within a few hours, not being able to speak to his wife. He was buried on Monday last, being borne to the grave by his sorrowing brother ringers at Tuntsall. The coffin was covered with many beautiful wreaths from ringers in the district, some of whom attended the funeral, together with members of the C.E.M.S., of which the deceased was a member.

The deceased was a good ringer, and always ready and willing to give a helping hand in connection with the furtherance of bell ringing. He leaves a widow and three children in very straitened circumstances, he having been out of work for three months.

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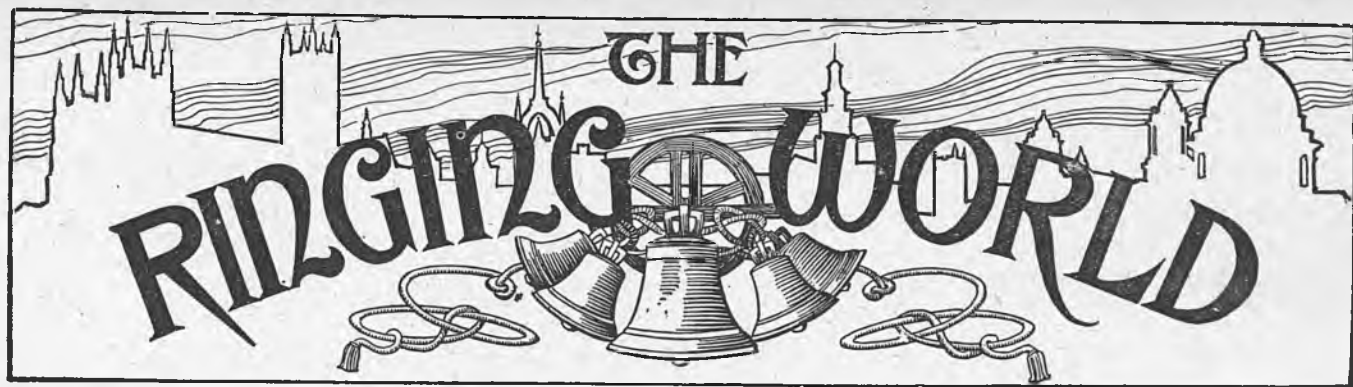
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MODERN WORK.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

In preparation for the next Central Council meeting many Associations have been recently electing their representatives to serve for the triennial period. Only once in three years are the members elected, and when the appointments take place there is sometimes a voice raised in opposition to the Council, and the inquiry is frequently made: "What has the Council done for ringers?" or "What is the good of the Council?" which, in effect, is the same thing. Viewed in an unprejudiced light, it must be admitted that the Council has done a good deal to raise the standard of ringing. Its legislation has not always been of the practical type, and it has sometimes been said that the meetings are merely the debating ground for theorists. To some extent this may be true, but it must be remembered that the theory must precede the practice.

On the other hand it cannot be ignored that there have been occasions, such as last year, when there has been little result to the Council's proceedings, but what is the reason for this? Speaking generally, discussion at the meetings is confined to a small proportion of the members, the rest seem content to sit still and listen. It would be refreshing if only these men, who we may assume represent the best talent of the Associations, would ventilate their views more freely. Again, as practical men, they have the means of getting practical matters placed on the agenda, but do not do so, and the "theorists" are not to be blamed for that.

At the annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association the question of seceding from the Central Council altogether was seriously discussed, and, while this step was not taken, the members went so far as to decide to send only one representative in future instead of the four to which it is entitled. This, too, in face of the fact that the Master of the Association is the honorary secretary of the Council, and that his influence, we may be sure, was used on the side of upholding the central authority. It would be a very regrettable matter if anything were done to jeopardise the existence of the Council, because, it must be obvious, that some central organisation, to draw together the many Associations and to focus opinion, is needed. If action like that of the Gloucester and Bristol Association were to be generally taken its effect would be serious, not only on the Central Council, but upon the Exercise as a whole, for there would be nobody to standardise the ringing or to secure uniformity of practice—there would be, in fact, no court of appeal. We do not for a moment anticipate that anything like extinction of the Central Council will happen, nor, indeed, is it even threatened, but it is well not to ignore the sign of the times in the west. It rests with the Council itself to see that it does not lose in the popular favour.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, April 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL Treble	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 6
WILLIAM TRUSS 2	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3	EMANUEL HALL 8
HERBERT LANGDON 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 9
JAMES SCHOLES 5	THOMAS LANGDON ... Tenor

Composed by J. H. BARRETT, and Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

JOHN SMITH Treble	GEORGE ARCHER 5
ARTHUR LEEDER 2	ELLIS HAYWARD 6
ERNEST POPPY 3	JOHN SOUTER 7
CLEMENT MORE 4	ABEL HART Tenor

Conducted by J. SOUTER.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANCES;

Tenor 21½ cwt., in G.

ROBERT H. YOUNG Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 3	RICHARD BUCKLAND ... 7
FRANK BOREHAM 4	JOHN EVANS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

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in 2-3.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
AND THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, April 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKNUND,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

*GEORGE BASSON Treble	JOHN FLOWER 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 2	*FRED HICKLING 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	*HENRY LETTS 7
ERNEST H. CLARKE ... 4	JAMES PAGETT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE FREEBREY, of Derby, and
Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

* First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the
first time. The figures will appear in due course.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Four-and-a-half Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lbs., in E.

*ERNEST POXEN Treble	CECIL J. BAKER 5
COL.-SERGT. J. H. ILIFFE ... 2	HENRY HARRISON 6
*ISAAC HUFTON 3	*JAMES F. GEORGE 7
JOSEPH HALL 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Major, and first on the bells. This peal was rung in
honour of the wedding of Capt. A. H. Longdon, of Stanton-by-Dale.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lbs.

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... Treble	CHARLES J. HAMBLIN ... 5
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 2	DAVID WRIGHT 6
JOHN H. B. HESSE 3	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ... 7
ALFRED WOODROW 4	ALFRED J. HISCOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been converted into a
splendid ring of eight and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM ... Treble	JOSEPH GODDARD 5
WILLIAM HENRY BRADLEY ... 2	BENJAMIN GODDARD ... 6
ROBERT WALKER 3	JOHN HARROP 7
JOHN J. PEMBERTON ... 4	CHARLES H. MARSLAND ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and
Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

Rung as a wedding and a farewell peal to C. H. Marsland, who has
left the district, the ringers wishing him much happiness and success
in his new sphere. The peal was also a birthday compliment to
W. H. Bradley.

BENNINGTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

HENRY S. REEVES Treble	BARNARD PATMORE 5
GEORGE H. BARKER 2	ARTHUR WOOLSTON ... 6
ALFRED TALBOT 3	SAMUEL PAGE 7
ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Composed by J. LOCKWOOD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 22, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY ... Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5
*ALLEN F. BAILEY 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 6
FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 3	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 7
GEORGE WILSON 4	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... Tenor

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

* First peal away from the treble. Rung as a birthday compliment
to F. W. Bailey.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Monday, April 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

J. H. BENFIELD Treble	HORACE HOWELL 5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
WALTER PIGOTT 3	GEORGE PIGOTT 7
JOHN BASS 4	JOSEPH PIGOTT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

This is the first peal in the method by the Association, by all the
band, and on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Reverse Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury Pleasure,
Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, College Single
and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE H. SPICE Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
WILLIAM SPICE 2	WILLIAM WALKER 5
WILLIAM HYLAND 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled after the funeral of Albert James Day, who died suddenly on April 10th.

GREAT TOTHAM.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Tuesday, April 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise,
New London Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and
Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

PERCY C. SAYER... .. Treble	FREDERICK WHITE 4
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 2	FRED CHALK 5
ALFRED SOUTH 3	JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all and on the bells.

FREISTON, LINS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Canterbury, each called differently, and four of
Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BRADLEY Treble	HAROLD PALMER 4
*JOSEPH BURCHNALL 2	*HARRY MITCHELL 5
ARTHUR H. PALMER 3	JOHN SHARP Tenor

Conducted by J. SHARP.

* First peal.

SUDBURY, DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*T. FRANCIS WEEKS Treble	†CHARLES SANDERS 4
†WILLIAM SHERCLIFF 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
*LESLIE C. SMITH 3	ALBERT P. WAKLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal on tower bells. ‡ First peal on tower bells with a bob bell. The treble ringer was elected a member before starting.

STOW, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four 720's of Kent, each called
differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES HENRY BAKER ... Treble	JOHN THOMAS LADD ... 4
JOHN CHARLES TINKER ... 2	WILLIAM DICKENSON ... 5
FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER ... 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all and first peal on the bells.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
At the Parish Church;

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Killamarsh, London Scholars, Islington, Woodbine,
Oxford and Kent, and 360 each of Coventry and Burton.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY Treble	JOHN W. HARTLEY 4
HARRY LANGLEY 2	ALLEN S. GORDON 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3	JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints, Upper Weston,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lbs.

*FREDERICK C. RICH... .. Treble	FRANCIS W. NEATE 4
JOHN TAYLOR 2	CHARLES W. BELL... .. 5
FRANCIS W. CANNINGS ... 3	HORACE TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by HORACE TAYLOR.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. Francis A. Bromley, for his kindness in granting the use of the bells.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob,
College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... Treble	*ALBERT RELF 4
ANDREW MARSHALL... .. 2	EDWIN LAMBERT 5
*GEORGE FULLER 3	JIM BEACH... .. Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW MARSHALL.

* First peal in seven methods. First as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
In the President's Rooms, Trinity College,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY... 3-4	*WILLIAM D. JAMES... 7-8

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

HACGERSTON, LONDON, N.E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the "George the Fourth," Brunswick Street,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5067 CHANGES;

BERTRAM PREWETT ... 1-2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD... 5-6
ERNEST PYE 3-4	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ... 7-8
ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 9-10	

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpires: Messrs. E. E. GRIMES, T. LANGDON and J. E. DAVIS.
Mr. E. Pye's rooth peal on handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tuesday, April 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

JAMES HUNT 1—2	MAURICE SMITHER ... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 7—8
FRANK BLONDELL 9—10	

Composed by J. CARTER, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Pulling. The composition is No. 9 on Broadsheet.

A LANCASHIRE WEEK.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,*

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANCIS SMITH... .. Treble	*WILFRED J. MOSS 5
*JOSEPH LOWE 2	*JOHN T. BOTTRILL 6
GEORGE E. TURNER ... 3	SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... 7
WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble	ALFRED CROSS 5
WILFRED J. MOSS 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 6
ISAAC SCHOFIELD 3	JOHN T. BOTTRILL 7
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and
Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung after meeting short for Superlative.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, April 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED CROSS Treble	JOHN T. BOTTRILL 5
JOSEPH LOWE 2	WILFRED J. MOSS 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM ... 4	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, April 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCE

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JAMES H. RIDYARD Treble	JOHN WELSBEY 5
PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 2	JOHN T. BOTTRILL 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
ARTHUR RIDYARD 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

This is the 100th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

HULME, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, April 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,*

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER BROWN... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 5
HARRY CHAPMAN 2	ALFRED CROSS 6
GEORGE E. TURNER 3	JOHN T. BOTTRILL 7
WILFRED J. MOSS 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

The peal at Westerham was rung on April 10th, not April 3rd as published.

THE "TITANIC" DISASTER.

The following peals have been rung with muffled bells in connection with the disaster to the "Titanic."

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, April 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN 6
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	JOSEPH BAILEY... .. 7
SAMUEL WESLEY 3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 8
R. GEORGE BASSON 4	THOMAS W. GORE 9
FRANK JACOBS 5	GEORGE DAVIES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE HOLLIS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the unfortunate victims of the "Titanic" disaster; also to the late Mr. Markham, a prominent churchworker, who passed away in London on April 20th.

WOOLWICH.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, April 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

AUGUSTUS A. SCAMBLER ... Treble	HENRY BECKFORD 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	*FRANK C. NEWMAN... .. 6
JAMES SCHOLES 3	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 7
ARTHUR D. BARKER 4	ALFRED JOYCE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung, half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the heroes who went down in the SS. "Titanic."

FULMER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

*On Sunday, April 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being a 720 of Oxford Bob and three each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE... Treble	JOHN WALDEN 4
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	RICHARD BUCKLAND... .. 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 3	JAMES BLACKMORE Tenor

Conducted by G. F. WILLIAMS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, at the request of the Rector, as a mark of sympathy at the loss of the "Titanic."

IRTHLINGBORO', NORTHANTS. THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 22, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ANDERSON Y. TYLER...	... <i>Treble</i>	JAMES HOUGHTON	...	...	5
JAMES GARRATT ...	... 2	WALTER J. GERMAN	...	...	6
WALTER PERKINS	... 3	JOHN J. MAWBY	...	...	7
J. HUBERT HORN	... 4	JAMES T. WARD	...	...<i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who lost their lives through the "Titanic" disaster.

Muffled touches have been rung at many churches, including the following:—

Aldenharn, Herts—504 Grandsire Triples.
Barming, Kent—720 Grandsire Doubles.
Fenton, Staffs.—1260 Grandsire Triples.
Gainsborough, Lincs.—1260 Grandsire Triples.
Heanor, Derbyshire—504 Grandsire Triples.
Ilkeston, Derbyshire—504 and 408 Stedman Triples.
Isleworth, Middlesex—1260 Grandsire Triples.
Rotherfield, Sussex—1260 Grandsire Triples.
Sandiacre, Derbyshire—Attempt for peal of Minor.
Southwark (St. George the Martyr)—1260 Stedman Triples.
Tarrington, Herefordshire—840 Grandsire Doubles.
Walthamstow—Attempt for peal of Grandsire Triples by members of the London Society of Compositors.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FORMATION OF DISTRICTS.

The annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Bedford on Easter Monday, and was one of the most successful meetings that the society has held. Notwithstanding the lack of facilities for railway travelling, and the awful cycling weather, the attendance was much greater than has been the case for a number of years. The bells of St. Paul's and St. Peter's Churches were kept going to a great variety of methods, ranging from Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise Major, Stedman Caters and Treble Ten. Even the "young hands" were not forgotten, a number of them ringing rounds on ten for the first time in their lives.

The annual dinner was held in All Hallows' Schoolroom, at 1 p.m. The Mayor (Mr. W. Roff) presided, supported by the president (the Rev. W. W. C. Baker), the hon. secretary (the Rev. A. Rust), the Rev. Tyrwhitt Drake, the Misses E. and D. Steel, and Mr. Edwin Ransom. After dinner, the President made a brief speech, in which he gave a hearty welcome to the Mayor.—His Worship, in responding, expressed the pleasure that it gave to him to meet so many enthusiastic gentlemen. Personally, he knew nothing of the intricacies of change ringing. He knew the objects of their society were good, and to carry out those objects a good deal of mental, and sometimes physical, labour were required. The ringing of bells was certainly connected with his family, for on his father's wedding day an incident occurred, which might have made a material difference to him. It was at the village church, and, of course, the bells being rung in honour of the event, a visit was made to the belfry. Somehow one of the ropes became entangled round his father, and he was quickly taken up, nearly to the ceiling. Needless to say he came down again. His Worship considered it proper that all should learn to play some musical instrument, if only a bell, for bell ringing was a national music. Before he got married, he had no instrument to play, but after he found that he had to play second fiddle—to his wife. He was sure that all present enjoyed the music of the bells, and he hoped that after enjoying their own music, they would go down into the church to enjoy the music inside in prayer and praise to God, their Creator, and to Jesus Christ, their Saviour.

The Secretary presented the annual report and balance sheet. Both were very satisfactory. The quarterly meetings and summer festival were very well attended. Change ringing had never been done previously in such advanced methods in the county. The expenditure had been heavy, but the society still had a good balance in hand. Peal

ringing did not count everything, but the number of peals that had been rung was very satisfactory; and though the standard was high, next year in all probability the standard would be higher.

DISTRICTS FORMED.

The President then moved: "That the area of the Association be divided into three districts, to be called respectively, the Bedford, Biggleswade, and Luton districts; that the annual meeting on Easter Monday and the summer festival be continued, but in place of the other quarterly meetings, there be held in each district meetings at convenient dates; that each district elect its officials from members resident within that district, and that the district hon. secretaries be responsible to the general hon. secretary for all the business transacted within their districts." He considered that if the resolution was adopted it would be beneficial to the members, and would greatly assist in spreading the principles that each member held so dear.—Mr. J. W. Barker seconded. He considered that the resolution would not push the Association in advance of the times, but would bring the Association up-to-date. No one could take up change ringing without becoming better, mentally; and if, as he thought, they would by means of this resolution, plant change ringing where it had never been practised, and assist those to a higher grade who at present practised it, then not only would the ringers be benefited, but, through their influence, it would be beneficial to the community as a whole.

The Rev. Tyrwhitt Drake recommended the scheme to the members, and said he was sure that the members could do no wrong in adopting it. At some meetings they would have few members; at some many members, but in all meetings they would be stepping forward. He then gave a very interesting account of the district meetings that take place under the auspices of their neighbour, the Herts Association.—A number of questions were satisfactorily answered, and the meeting unanimously accepted the resolution.—Messrs. J. W. Barker, Bedford; F. Blood, Biggleswade; and A. King, Luton, were asked to convene the first business meeting of their respective districts.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Rural Dean of Dunstable, was unanimously re-elected president; the Rev. Canon Haddock, Messrs. Charles Herbert and Edwin Ransom, vice-presidents.—The Rev. W. W. C. Baker and Messrs. Herbert and Ransom are the only three members who were present at the inauguration of the society twenty-nine years ago.—The Rev. A. Rust was re-elected hon. secretary, with acclamation, and Mr. G. C. Walker was re-elected hon. auditor, with thanks for past services.

The general committee were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. F. Blood, Biggleswade.

LEGITIMATE METHODS.

In proposing the Rev. W. W. C. Baker as the representative on the Central Council, Mr. J. W. Barker said that he would like to see the report on Legitimate Methods made an absolute rule. He knew that difficulties existed, but he believed they could be surmounted. Eight and ten-bell ringers had, almost to a man, given up ringing methods that were not properly constructed and that did not conform to the principles laid down by the Central Council. He was sorry that such was not the case with all six-bell ringers. If every leading ringer did his best, illegitimate methods would soon die a natural death, but he thought it was now time that the Council made a move.—The Rev. W. W. C. Baker, in thanking the members for electing him as their representative, said that he thought the idea of the Central Council was to give the best advice possible to the Associations. Difficulties did exist, not only of the Council, but on the Council in the matter referred to by Mr. Barker. The Council preferred to permeate the Associations with its principles rather than use coercion with resolutions, and the former method, if not as effective as some desired, had certainly effected good work, and he believed lacked that irritation which would probably be caused if the Central Council made the question a specific rule.

A vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding was carried with acclamation, and the fraternal greetings of the society to the Herts Association were sent by the Rev. H. T. Drake.—The meeting was closed with some handbell ringing.

BIGGLESWADE BRANCH.

A meeting of the Biggleswade branch of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Blunham, on Thursday evening in last week, when there was a good muster of members from Sandy, Bedford, Elstow, Everton, Clifton, Old Warden, Northill, and Blunham, the Misses D. and E. Steel, two lady ringers, being among those present. The meeting was held in a room kindly lent by Mr. Payne, of Blunham. The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake was elected chairman, and reported upon the annual meeting at Bedford, on Easter Monday, when it was decided to divide the Association into three districts. He informed those present that the main business before them was to elect officers to carry out the work of the Association in the Biggleswade district. The following gentlemen were elected to fill the offices as follow: President, the Rev. R. S. Bagshaw, Vicar of Biggleswade; vice-presidents, the Rev. John Richardson, Vicar of Sandy; Mr. Guy Pym, of Sandy; secretary, Mr. F. Blood, Biggleswade; committee, one representative from each tower attached.—Ringing took place in the tower, after the meeting. The church has only five bells, but they are a heavy peal, and would be an ideal five for augmentation, as there is plenty of room, both in the tower and frame as at present constructed.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

A well-attended meeting of the Preston Branch was held on Saturday last, at Eccleston, and the methods rung during the afternoon ranged from Bob Minor to Woodbine.—Mr. J. R. Taylor presided at the business meeting, when Scorton and Chipping were selected for practice meetings, and Croston for the quarterly meeting. Nine new members were elected, all belonging to the local band, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the church authorities for the use of the bells. Ringing was again indulged in, the Leyland St. James' company going through a faultless 720 of Arnold's Victory. Mixed bands afterwards kept the bells going till eight o'clock. The towers represented were: Brindle, Chorley, Whittle-le-Woods, Leyland Parish and St. James', Penwortham, Preston, Samlesbury, Walton-le-Dale, Standish and Aughton.

On Saturday last, the usual monthly meeting of the Manchester branch was held at St. John's, Deansgate, Manchester, members being present from Pendleton, Eccles, Stockport, Reddish, Middleton, etc.—Mr. James Barratt was voted to the chair, and in a few well-chosen remarks, he welcomed all present.—Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft was elected as committeeman, it being deemed advisable that the branch secretary should act on the committee.—Eccles was chosen as the next place of meeting.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, wardens and ringers, for the use of the bells.

A well-attended meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday last, when 16 members were present from Walkden, Tyldesley and Deane, with several of the local ringers. Some very good touches of Treble Bob, Stedman and Plain Bob, were rung, and one new member elected at the business meeting.

On Saturday week, the members of the Rochdale branch held their monthly meeting at Todmorden Unitarian Church, when about thirty members were present from: Todmorden Unitarian, Todmorden Parish, Crosstones, Colne, Rochdale Parish, Newhey, Middleton, Oldham, Heywood, and Walsden.—Mr. W. Crabtree presided over the meeting, when four new members were elected.—East Crompton was selected for the next monthly meeting.—Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung during the day.

LEEDS SOCIETY AT GUISELEY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held at Guiseley on Saturday. The bells were half-muffled, as a token of respect to the victims of the Titanic disaster, and of sympathy with the bereaved relatives, and a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted in the afternoon, but was lost after ringing about 1,200 changes. Touches were then rung until the meeting, which was held at the Red Lion Hotel.—The President presided over a representative assembly, consisting of members from Bolton, Calverley, Holbeck, Hunslet, Leeds, Mirfield, Pudsey, and the local band. The President announced the death of Mr. B. T. Copley, of Bolton, a former secretary of the Yorkshire Association, and a vote of condolence and sympathy was passed by all standing in silence.—Arrangements were made for a peal attempt at Shipley on May 11th, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Guiseley, and to the local company, was proposed by Mr. F. Hopwood, and seconded by Mr. W. Woodhead, and carried unanimously.—Mr. F. W. Dixon responded.—The bells were again rung until late in the evening, the methods including Treble Bob, Bob Major and Double Norwich.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**PRESENTATION TO LATE DISTRICT SECRETARY.**

A quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery branch was held at Churchill on Saturday week, some 30 members being present, and the following towers being represented: Burnham, Burrington, East Brent, Congresbury, Churchill, Cheddar, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare, and Rowberrow. Service was held in the Parish Church, at which a capital address was given by the Vicar (the Revs. S. P. Jose), who, with other friends, subsequently entertained the visitors to tea in the Rectory Reading Room.—The Rev. G. H. Lewis (president of the branch) presided at the business meeting, and thanked the members for electing him as their President for the year. Nine new performing members were duly elected, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at East Brent, about the second Saturday in June.

A presentation was made to Mr. A. Davies, in recognition of his services as branch secretary from 1908 to 1912. The gift consisted of a marble clock, and was suitably acknowledged by Mr. Davies.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. S. P. Jose for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, arranging the service and address, and for his and other friends' kindness in providing tea.—A vote of thanks was also passed to the ladies for kindly assisting with the tea.—The Vicar responded.

A WEDDING GIFT.

Mr. G. H. Mason, who has been one of the band at Merrow Parish Church, Surrey, for the past 14 years, has been presented with a silver onet on the occasion of his wedding. It was a gift from his brother ringers, and the presentation was made by Mr. H. Stovold (the captain).—Mr. Mason suitably replied, and subsequently 720 Bob Minor was rung to mark the event.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Crondall, on Saturday last, and was attended by nearly 40 members. As the tower is over four miles from any railway station, and a very limited service of trains was running, this may certainly be reckoned as a good attendance. There was ringing both afternoon and evening. Service was held at All Saints' Church, and an address was given from the chancel steps of the quaint old building (which dates from 1100 A.D.) by the Vicar (the Rev. E. B. Cotton), who warmly welcomed the Guild, that being the first occasion a meeting had been held there.

Mr. C. Willshire presided at the tea held in the old Schoolroom, in which Cromwell's troopers are said to have stabled their horses. Among other business, questions were asked and statements made concerning members drawing their train fare to Winchester without attending the meetings, and the representatives were instructed to bring the matter forward at the annual general meeting, at Winchester, on June 29th.

THE KENT ASSOCIATION.**PRESENTATION TO MAIDSTONE DISTRICT SECRETARY.**

The annual meeting of the Maidstone district was held at Leeds, Kent, on Saturday last, when 80 members from various parts of the county took advantage of the glorious weather, and the privilege offered them to ring in the old and historical belfry, which contains a fine old ring of ten, that have recently been rehung. Everyone was highly delighted with the "go" of the bells, which do great credit to Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich; whom the work of restoring the bells was entrusted to. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar of Leeds, who, in a short address, gave a very interesting account of the history of the bells and church.—At the conclusion of the service a collection was made, on behalf of the Gillingham belfry fund, and amounted to 16s. 4d.—A splendid meat tea was provided for the visitors at the George Inn.—At the business meeting which followed, Mr. G. Moore, Maidstone, was again elected district secretary; Mr. T. Manning, district representative.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Boxley, on Saturday, July 20th.—At the close of the business, a pleasant surprise was in store for the district secretary, who was presented with a handsome travelling bag and fountain pen, subscribed for by the Rev. G. H. Hughes (Vicar of Leeds) and members of the district.—Mr. Hayzelden, of East Farleigh, in making the presentation, paid a warm tribute to the way in which the secretary had carried out his duties.—The Secretary, in replying, said they had indeed taken him totally by surprise, and it was difficult to find words sufficient enough to thank them for the magnificent gifts they had given him. He should always cherish them, as they would remind him of the esteem they held for him. He thanked the secretaries of all the belfries for the splendid way they had rallied round him, and he was proud to say the district was making splendid progress.—Mr. H. Hollands afterwards read some interesting old papers on the famous peal at Leeds.

WATERLOO MAJOR.**A FALSE PEAL.**

The band that rang the Waterloo Major, at Erith on Easter Monday, will be chagrined to hear that the peal was false. Mr. E. Hims, of Bicester, writes: "The peal of Waterloo Major which appeared in this week's issue is false. For instance, figure out the first lead from course 52436 and the second lead from 23654, and you will find a repetition. There are false rows in this method the same as in Treble Bob. I am very sorry for the band who rang the peal." The Waterloo Road men will doubtless have another "cut" at the method, and put up the first true peal.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The peal of Waterloo Major we rang at Erith in false. I ought to have known better, but I did not suspect false course ends in a perfectly constructed Major method, with a plain hunting treble. I can only apologise deeply to the band for spoiling what would have been a first-rate performance—two peals in two methods in one day, each the first by the Association, and in the county.—Yours truly,
J. A. TROLLOPE.

THE SEVEN MINOR METHODS ON HANDBELLS.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—Referring to the peal of Minor rung at Bourne, and published in your paper of April 19th, I beg to say a peal of Minor in seven methods was rung in hand by the following members of the Midland Counties Association on March 15th, 1898, viz.: Walter Stone 1—2, Thos. W. Chapman 3—4, Harry Argyle 5—6, conducted by T. W. Chapman. While thus robbing the Bourne ringers of their presumed record, allow me to offer them my congratulations on their achievement, as I know seven Minor methods in hand take a lot of ringing.—Yours truly,
HARRY ARGYLE.

7, Globe Road, Nuneaton.
P.S.—A peal in seven Treble Bob methods was also rung by the same Association on May 23rd, 1909.—H.A.

Several other correspondents have written pointing out that seven methods had previously been rung.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

Among the ringing clergy there is no greater enthusiast for the Art than the Rev. C. Carew Cox, who is now the honorary secretary of the Warwickshire Guild. Like some of the other clergy, who are so prominently connected with the Exercise, he is not fortunate enough to have a peal of bells at his own church, and all his ringing has now to be obtained by going far afield. But with Mr. Cox obstacles only serve to whet his enthusiasm, and the Warwickshire Guild is extremely fortunate in possessing as its chief executive officer, a gentleman who is not only an able ringer and a clergyman to boot, but also one who has had the additional advantage of a business training in former years.

Mr. Cox was born at Croxley Green, Hertfordshire, in 1882, and resided in Hammersmith from 1886, receiving his early education at St. Paul's School. Before going to



THE REV. C. CAREW COX.

college, Mr. Cox had nine years' business experience in the City and West End of London. During that time he was for six years a member of the London Scottish Volunteer Corps, and was always keen on shooting. He still takes a keen and active interest in this valuable pastime, being President of Shottory Miniature Rifle Club, and a member of the Stratford-on-Avon Rifle Club. At Shottory they are fortunate in possessing a 1,000 yards range. Mr. Cox has won many shooting prizes. He completed the theological course at King's College, London, with honours, and graduated B.A. at University College, Durham, in 1908.

He was first taught to handle a bell at Stockland, East Devon, by his ringing cousin, the Rev. E. V. Cox, in 1902, and the same year he joined the Guild at Hammersmith, where there was a voluntary band, but only call changes were rung. He became secretary to the Guild about eighteen months later. The band was gradually reduced to five or six members, who started learning change ringing from Troyte's book. It was slow and often disappointing work, but with the aid of some of the Chiswick band on practice night they gradually made some progress.

Mr. Cox had got into touch with the London County Association, and much of his Grandsire and Stedman ringing was learnt at St. Clement Danes. As a result of his own experience Mr. Cox believes in learners getting about to as many ringing meetings as they can if they want to get on. He has himself picked up a great deal by doing so, and most, if not all, of his first touches in the higher methods were obtained at Association meetings. The Hammersmith band, once change ringing was laid on a solid foundation, never went back, and now all their members, we believe, have rung peals. They are still a voluntary band, and when Mr. Cox left them to take up his first curacy they presented him with an engraved badge in the shape of a gold bell.

Mr. Cox rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples on the treble) at Hammersmith in December, 1904, and his first peal of Stedman two years later in the same tower. The latter was conducted by Mr. William Pye. He called his first peal (Holt's Original) on April 1st, 1907, at Chiswick. This was Mr. Cox's seventh peal, and nearly all who took part in it were members of the Hammersmith band.

He went to his first curacy at Stratford-on-Avon in March, 1909, and found himself in a very isolated district as far as change ringing was concerned, but he soon identified himself with the Warwickshire Guild, and last July was elected secretary of the Guild in place of Mr. A. Coleman. He called the first peals of Kent Treble Bob and Stedman Caters for the Guild. Mr. Cox was appointed in charge of Shottory about 18 months ago, but his opportunities for attempting peals in the higher methods have always been few and far between. His first peal of Double Norwich was his fiftieth peal, and this he conducted.

He is a member of seventeen ringing Associations, and he has been able to ring peals for them all. Among the more interesting peals he has taken part in are the following:—Stedman Triples at Gateshead in February, 1908, which Mr. W. H. Barber conducted blindfolded (Carter's odd bob one part from a non-observation bell); the first peal of Stedman rung in the Isle of Anglesey in August, 1907; Holt's original (silent) at West Bromwich in November, 1909; the first clerical peal of Stedman Caters at Warwick in October, 1910; while this week he was due to call the next attempt for Clerical Cinques and Clerical Royal at Painswick and Stroud respectively.

Unfortunately there is no change ringing at Stratford-on-Avon tower, and the present members are against it. Mr. Cox, however, has started a handbell band, and hopes that some of the youngsters who are learning will become useful ringers later on. His list of peals is as follows:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire Triples	12 (one silent)	3
Grandsire Caters	2	1
Stedman Triples	21	7
Stedman Caters	8	2
Stedman Cinques	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	2	2
Bob Major	4	
Minor	2	2
Double Norwich Major	3	3
Superlative Surprise	1	
Total ...	56	20

Rung in 38 towers and 15 counties.

BASINGSTOKE.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: W. Leavey 1, F. Wilson 2, H. White conductor) 3, O. F. Mansford 4, J. Ward 5, A. Burgess 6, J. E. Ballard 7, H. E. White 8.

ODD CHANGES.

Some of our readers may have noticed a pathetic coincidence in our last issue. We recorded two peals rung at Tunstall, Kent, on Easter Day, and in these notes mentioned the fact that at that church 12,000 changes were rung for the services and put forward the inquiry, made by Mr. A. J. Day, as to whether this was a record. In another column we recorded the death and funeral of Mr. Day, the report of which came to hand just as we were going to press.

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We received the peals with Mr. Day's letter on the very day he died, and we now learn with the deepest regret that, through being for a considerable time out of work, he leaves his widow and family in very straitened circumstances. Cut off thus unexpectedly, the blow to those left behind is all the more severe, and this is an instance in which the value of a Benevolent Fund would make itself felt. However, we are certain that, if need be and despite other claims upon their generosity, ringers will rise to the occasion and do their best to assist those who have been bereaved with such tragic suddenness.

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The bells of Christ Church, Crewe, which have just been recast into a peal of ten, were originally placed in the tower by public subscription in 1877 to commemorate the building of the 2,000th engine in Crewe Works.

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Mr. S. W. West, one of the oldest ringers at Whitwick, Leicestershire, has been unanimously elected to the office of parish warden. He held the position from 1901 to 1905.

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From Mr. R. F. Deal, who a few months ago went to Australia, we have received by the last mail the report of a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung on Wednesday, March 13th, at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. The ringers were: A. Brown (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Guest 2, C. Stocks 3, R. F. Deal (conductor) 4, A. Fitzgerald 5, A. E. Barnes 6, H. Blakeley 7, T. Perry 8. It was rung on the light octave, the 11th being out for repairs. On the preceding Sunday at St. Patrick's (R.C.) Cathedral three courses of Stedman Triples were rung.

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A correspondent writes: "We shall be glad to have opinion as to whether the tone of our tenor and seventh would be improved by having lighter clappers. The weight of the tenor is 24 cwt. 3 qrs. 8 lbs. in D and the weight of the clapper is 1 qr. 10 lbs. The 7th weighs 17 cwt. 0 qr. 11 lbs., and the clapper is 1 qr. 2 lbs. Our opinion is that these bells are too heavily clappered." What say our readers?

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Mr. W. Bottomley, one of the youngest of the Macclesfield ringers, has left the old country to seek his fortune in Canada. Before his departure he was presented by his fellow-ringers with a handsome travelling rug as a token of their esteem and good wishes. The presentation was made by Mr. J. Norling, and suitably acknowledged by the recipient.

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The monthly practices, hitherto held every third Wednesday at Romsey Abbey, are to be transferred to North Stoneham at 7 p.m. on and after May 15th.

Mr. John Beams, of Ewell, writes that the peal of Grandsire Triples published in our article on composition, on April 5th, as having been composed by Mr. Corrigan, was composed by Mr. J. J. Parker in 1888, and is published in the Central Council "Collection of Peals."

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The London Society of Compositors can muster a band between them, and on Saturday, at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, they made their first attempt for a peal (Holt's Original), but unfortunately it was lost owing to a change course, after ringing 4000 changes in 2 hours 25 minutes. The bells were half muffled as a mark of esteem to those who lost their lives in the "Titanic" disaster, and the ringers were: J. A. Dart 1, T. Loosemore 2, J. Bartlett 3, C. N. Leman 4, G. F. Margetson 5, W. H. Dickinson 6, J. D. Matthews (conductor) 7, J. Millmen 8.

PEAL OF TEN AT CREWE.

Crewe is now in the happy possession of a peal of ten bells, for the octave, placed in the tower of Christ Church about 35 years ago, have been recast into the higher number and rehung in a new frame. The work has been carried out in a most thorough manner by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. Up to the present a sum of £300 has been raised towards the cost, and the balance has to be found by Christmas. With a view to augmenting the fund, Mr. Bowen Cooke, who is himself an enthusiastic ringer, and has taken the warmest interest in the scheme, has kindly offered the use of his grounds at Chester Place for the purpose of a garden party during the summer.

THE BELLS.

The weight of the bells, with their inscriptions, are as follow:—
Treble: 4 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. This peal was cast from the original peal of bells hung in 1878. Walter Bidlake, Vicar; Charles R. Wooldridge and John Knott, churchwardens.

No. 2: 4 cwt. 2 qr.; inscription same as that on No. 1.

No. 3: 4 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. "My tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness." Given by Rev. J. Nadin, Vicar, 1877.

No. 4: 4 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. "I shall be here if I am treated just when they are mouldering in the dust." Given by the churchwardens (W. Adamson and E. Lockitt), 1877.

No. 5: 4 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. "Ring in the name of love and right." Given by the foremen of Crewe Works, 1877.

No. 6: 5 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. "To the Lord of praise my voice I'll raise." Given by the artisans of Crewe, 1877.

No. 7: 8 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. "Our voices shall with joyful sound make hill and valley echo round." Given by the artisans of Crewe, 1877.

No. 8: 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. "Glory to God in the highest." Given by the Tradespeople, 1877.

No. 9: 13 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. "Let Atkinson's bell continually be rung, the truth still preached and Hallelujahs sung." Given by J. Atkinson, first Mayor of Crewe, 1877.

Tenor: One ton. "To those who can hear, but cannot see, may the sound of this bell ever welcome be." Given by F. W. Webb, chief engineer.

The dedication was performed by Canon Howson, who was for 13 years Vicar of Christ Church, and he preached an impressive sermon, upon the message of the bells and the ringer's office. The completion of the dedication was signalled by the ringing of the bells, those taking part being: W. T. Holding 1, J. H. Riding 2, R. Langford, senr., 3, H. F. Holding 4, R. T. Holding, junr., 5, G. H. Crawley 6, A. Crawley 7, C. J. B. Cooke 8, R. T. Holding, senr., 9, J. Tentith 10.

RINGERS' OPENING.

The ringers' opening of the bells took place on Saturday week, the tower being open to the members of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and about 45 members attended from Ashton-under-Lyne, Alsager, Lawton, Barthomley, Nantwich, Northwich, Market Drayton, and Whitechurch. Ringing commenced about 2 p.m., the methods rung being: Grandsire Caters, Grandsire Triples, and Treble Bob Major, under the conductorship of Messrs. Cyril Johnston, of Croydon; S. Wood, Ashton-under-Lyne, and R. T. Holding, senr. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Bidlake), was served at the Euston Coffee Tavern.—Afterwards a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. James Edwards, of Alsager, and seconded by Mr. W. Cartwright, to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also for so kindly providing tea.—This was responded to by Mr. R. T. Holding, senr., in the absence of the Vicar.—The Vicar shortly afterwards entered the room, accompanied by Mr. C. J. Cooke, and gave a cordial welcome to all present. He hoped they were all satisfied with the bells, and that they would spend a pleasant afternoon.—After a short service in the church, ringing once more was indulged in. The ringers were well pleased with the tone and "go" of the bells, and satisfied that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had made a splendid job of the work entrusted to them.

MUSICAL HANDBELLS.

No.	Tenor. Size	Note.		Set of 8.				Set of 10.				Set of 12.				Set of 15.				Set of 19.		
				£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
22	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.	C	...	4	10	0	...	5	5	0	...	5	15	0	...	7	5	0	...	8	5	0
21	6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	D	...	4	0	0	...	5	0	0	...	5	10	0	...	6	15	0	...	8	0	0
20	6 "	E	...	3	15	0	...	4	15	0	...	5	5	0	...	6	10	0	...	7	15	0
19	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	F	...	3	10	0	...	4	10	0	...	5	0	0	...	6	5	0	...	7	10	0
18	5 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	G	...	3	5	0	...	4	5	0	...	4	15	0	...	6	0	0	...	7	5	0
17	5 "	A	...	3	3	0	...	4	0	0	...	4	10	0	...	5	15	0	...	7	0	0
16	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	B	...	3	0	0	...	3	17	6	...	4	7	6	...	5	10	0	...	6	15	0
15	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	C	...	2	17	6	...	3	15	0	...	4	5	0	...	5	7	6	...	6	12	6

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD AT KING'S NORTON.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held on Saturday last, at King's Norton, in ideal weather. King's Norton is a very ancient place, and it is proudly asserted by the inhabitants that at one time the postal address of Birmingham was "Near King's Norton." Whether this is correct or not the writer is unable to say, but, at any rate, the district is now a part of the "second City in the Empire," having been recently absorbed by its big neighbour under the Greater Birmingham scheme. It is still a very rural place, and when standing on the village green and gazing round at the old half-timbered houses, it is very difficult to imagine that one is within five miles of the centre of a large city, and actually within its boundaries.

The church stands on a hill, and dominates the whole village. It is a very interesting building, and possesses a noble tower and spire containing a fine ring of eight, and will be known to many ringers as the home of the record length of London Surprise Major. The genial tower keeper, Mr. W. Palmer, had everything in apple-pie order, and ringing was indulged in until 5 o'clock, at which hour the company partook of a substantial meat tea at the Bull's Head Hotel.

With the Vice-President, Mr. Samuel Reeves, in the chair, the short agenda was soon got through, the business being mostly formal.—Perry Barr was decided upon as the place for the next meeting, to be held in July.—The tower elections of several men were ratified, and Mr. C. Dickens was unanimously elected a trustee, in place of Mr. Thomas Reynolds, deceased.

During the afternoon and evening, touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were rung, but an attempt for a course of London unfortunately came "unstuck."—The members desire, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Palmer for his courteous attendance, and for having everything in readiness.

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.

The annual meeting of the above Society was held at Sheffield, on Saturday week, about thirty members being present. The bells of the Parish Church were fully occupied in the various methods during the afternoon and evening. The business meeting was held in the tower, Mr. F. Willey presiding in the unavoidable absence of the President, through indisposition.

The accounts, showing a balance in hand of £2 13s. 10d., which was considered very satisfactory, were passed.—Messrs. C. H. Hattersley, F. Willey and W. Lomas were re-elected president, vice-president, and hon. treasurer respectively, and Mr. James Evinson was elected hon. secretary, vice Mr. S. F. Palmer, the latter having tendered his resignation owing to inability to regularly attend ringing meetings, through business claims.—Messrs. C. Glenn and J. Thorpe were re-elected Ringing Master and Deputy Ringing Master respectively, and a working committee was elected, which was composed of one nominee from each tower where meetings are held.—Three alterations of rules were decided upon, and two new members were made.—A vote of thanks to the past officers, and to the Chairman, concluded the business.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Western Division of the Sussex Association had a successful meeting at Arundel, where the members received a cordial welcome. The bells have been idle in the tower for some six months, as the local ringers deem them unsafe, but touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Treble Bob were successfully brought round. At the meeting, which followed tea, the Master of the Association (Mr. F. B. Tompkins) presided, supported by the churchwardens (Messrs. Bartlett and Peckham). Six new members were elected (five from Arundel), and thanks were accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

PRESENTATION AT WHITWICK.

An interesting presentation has been made at Whitwick, Leicestershire, to Mr. Alfred Clarke, on his departure for Sydney, Australia. His fellow ringers, as a mark of their appreciation of the services Mr. Clarke has rendered for upwards of nine years, presented him with a silver albert with pendant, in the shape of a bell, on which was neatly engraved the following inscription: "A mark of esteem from the Whitwick Church Bellringers to Mr. Alfred Clarke. Epiphany, 1912."

At the close of an interesting speech, the Vicar made the presentation, and Mr. Clarke suitably responded, thanking the ringers for their kindness.

Mr. S. W. West gave a short account of Mr. Clarke's progress as a ringer, showing that by perseverance and study he had risen to an excellent position amongst the local change ringers. On behalf of the ringers, Mr. West expressed the hope that Mr. and Mrs. Clarke and daughter would have a safe journey and successful future.

Mr. H. Partridge also spoke in similar terms, and proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Mr. W. Fern seconded, and it was carried.

SWANSEA.—West Wales Association.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 19th, 534 Stedman Triples: Frank Morgan (conductor) 1, P. Kneath 2, R. Morse 3, C. Morse 4, J. Hoare 5, C. Hoare 6, J. Davies 7, E. Davies 8.

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.

One of the Minor methods which is very popular with those who go in for variety in six bell ringing is Double Court. It is easy to ring, and leads us a step further in learning how to master some of the more intricate methods. It may seem superfluous, but perhaps I ought to explain that a Double method is one in which half the plain course work of the bells in one direction is exactly repeated in the opposite direction to form the other half. Thus, in Double Court the work that is done after passing the treble in any place while hunting up, is done again, at a later stage, after passing the treble in the corresponding place while hunting down. Let me give you an example of what I mean. Suppose, that after passing the treble in 2-3, you have to have a dodge in 5-6 and lie a whole pull behind; then the "double" of this is that after passing the treble in 5-4 going down you dodge in 1-2 down and lead a whole pull. In other words, crossing the treble in 5-4 is really passing it in 2-3 from behind, and the dodge and the whole pull on the front is the reverse of the dodge and the whole pull behind.

Therefore, we have to learn, in addition to passing the treble in hunting up, to pass the treble in hunting down, treating 6-5 as 1-2; 5-4 as 2-3; 4-3 as 3-4; 3-2 as 4-5; and 2-1 as 5-6. This may seem at first sight rather to complicate matters, but in reality it reduces the work to be memorised by one half. In Double Court there is one thing always to be remembered. Every working bell dodges in 1-2 both before and after leading, and in 5-6 both before and after the whole pull behind, unless the treble (which is in the plain hunt) intervenes to prevent it. If you take the treble off at lead, you cannot, of course, dodge, as the treble is not a dodging bell; if the treble takes you off at lead again it is impossible to dodge. Similarly, when you are behind the same thing must happen.

The place making is slightly different to anything we have had before. It consists of a whole pull in 4th's, followed by a whole pull (by the same bell) in 3rd's, when hunting up, and a whole pull in 3rd's and another in 4th's when hunting down, each time the treble is passed in 1-2 up or down respectively. For the rest every bell runs straight through 3-4. It is useful to note that all the places are at handstroke, and backstroke, and that, as the bell which is making the places passes from 4th's to 3rd's or vice-versa, the bell that it passes is the treble.

When you pass the treble, then, in 1-2 from the front or behind, you have to do the place making. If you pass the treble in 2-3 it is straight to a single dodge before lying or leading; if you pass the treble in 4-5 it is a single dodge both before and after lying or leading; if you pass the treble in 5-6 it is a single dodge after lying or leading.

I give below a lead of the method, and, with care, my readers will be able to prick out a full course. Then if they will take a coloured pencil and mark a continuous line through one bell, as it passes up and down they will get a diagram which will show at a glance the symmetry of the work. The treble similarly marked with a pencil of another colour will make the diagram additionally useful.

A bob, it will be seen, does not affect the bells, coming from and going to the place making, but is made by the other three. The bell that passes the treble in 2-3 makes 4th's and returns to the dodge each way on the front, and

the two bells behind, which began to dodge when the treble passed down through 5-4, continue to dodge until the treble comes up to part them again; making a three pull dodge in all. A single is made by these two bells lying still in 5-6 instead of having the second dodge.

Plain Lead.

1 2 3 4 5 6

2 1 4 3 6 5

2 4 1 3 5 6

+ 2 3 1 6 5

2 4 3 6 1 5

4 2 6 3 5 1

+ 6 2 5 3 1

6 4 5 2 1 3

+ 6 5 1 2 3

6 4 1 5 3 2

6 1 4 5 2 3

1 6 5 4 3 2

1 5 6 3 4 2

Bob

6 1 4 5 2 3

1 6 5 4 3 2

1 5 6 4 2 3

5 1 4 6 3 2

Single

6 1 4 5 2 3

1 6 5 4 3 2

1 5 6 4 3 2

5 1 4 6 2 3

"Inquirer."—A 720 of any Minor method, in which the bobs are made by the three front bells, can be got by bobs, W.R., and W, twice repeated, with single half way and end in the case of a plain method. When the bobs are made by the three back bells the calling I.O., and I. twice repeated, with Single at O. after the last bob, will produce 720.

CONDUCTOR.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

THE ASSOCIATION AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Cheltenham on Easter Monday, when, despite the absence of cheap trains, what must be considered a satisfactory number of members put in an appearance during the day. Owing to weakness in the spire of the Parish Church, ringing here was limited to half-an-hour before the service, and one hour in the afternoon, Stedman and Grandsire Cinques being rung.

Service was held at 11 a.m., the preacher being the Rev. F. L'Estrange Fawcett, Rector of Cheltenham, who took for his text, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee the crown of life." The organist and some of the choir boys kindly gave their help in making the service musical, for which the visitors were very grateful. The business meeting was held in the Parish Room (by the kind permission of the Rector), and was presided over by the Master, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

In the absence of the Hon. Treasurer (the Rev. H. A. Cockey), the Hon. Secretary read a rough draft of the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of just over £22.—All the officers were re-elected.

Before the election of representatives on the Central Council took place, Mr. R. J. Wilkins moved a resolution which would have had the effect of the Association ceasing to recognise the Central Council. It was seconded by Mr. F. K. Howell, but an amendment was carried, that, instead of sending the full complement of representatives, only one be sent.—Mr. J. Austin was elected representative.

The Master, having to leave at this point, Mr. F. K. Howell was voted to the chair. The next item on the agenda was "Any other business," and if time had permitted it is probable that some interesting discussions might have taken place. One member complained of the frequency with which one or another of the officials of the Association had to leave before the business of the meetings was over. Another hoped that at future meetings of the Association better arrangements would be made for ringing. He did not refer to the present meeting, but to some that had gone before, and especially to that of last year at Bristol.

The Chairman moved a vote of thanks to the incumbents for the use of their bells, to the organist for his services, and to Mr. W. T. Pates for the help he had rendered the hon. secretary in making arrangements for the meeting.—This was carried with acclamation.

A meeting of the Management Committee was subsequently held. Only a small amount of business was transacted, but a fuller agenda will be placed before the members at their next meeting at Stonehouse, on Saturday, September 21st, when a full attendance is asked for.

The bells of Prestbury and Charlton Kings were rung during the afternoon, and it was a subject for remark that the striking throughout the day had been much above the usual for Association meetings.

DEATH OF MR. T. DAY.

The death has occurred at Willenhall, Staffs., of Mr. Thomas Day, who had many ringing friends throughout England. He was a member of the St. Giles' band, and on Sunday evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect: H. Ward 1, E. Hortin 2, F. Ward 3, C. Beech 4, W. Pardoe 5, C. Wallater 6, F. W. Perrens (conductor) 7, J. Adams 8.

HELPING BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue of March 22nd, you printed an admirable letter on the above subject from Mr. H. Ludkin, of Goole. He writes of the difficulty in keeping up enthusiasm in coaching a beginner, or band of beginners, and of keeping them from losing heart. He gives as an example a six-bell tower in an agricultural village that exactly fits our own case—a village in rural Rutland of 300 inhabitants, and 10 miles by road from the nearest Triples band—Oakham, and no connection by rail. Our bells were opened on August 30th last, augmented from four to six, and all rehung. I had to start with the very worst material—men who thought they could ring, and took hold of the rope with much the same style and vigour they use when heaving at a waggon rope, hands wide apart, etc.—result: a broken stay in less than 10 minutes.

After four months' hard work, and much weeding and sifting, we got five inside men and two trebles, who stuck together and progressed splendidly. Two attempts for a peal in January failed. Arrangements were made for a third try on March 16th. As late as the evening of the 15th, one of the inside men found he couldn't get off, but a wire to our mutual friend, Mr. W. Willson, found him disengaged. He cycled over from Leicester, completed the band, and a good Minor peal in three methods was scored.

Now we fit in with Mr. Ludkin's letter again. One of our youngest and most promising members, Harold Crabbe, aged 16, has gone to earn his livelihood at Barrow-in-Furness. He didn't start ringing until last November. We hoped to send him with a peal to his credit, attempted Easter Monday, but after 2 hrs. and 10 mins. good ringing a change course settled matters in the negative. However, I have much pleasure in recommending him to conductors in that part of the world as a very useful recruit. His address is H. Crabbe, 1, Parade Street, Barrow-in-Furness.—Yours faithfully,

Belton Old Hall, Rutland.

J. J. JACKSON.

NON-CONDUCTED MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I was not at all surprised to see that ours was not the first non-conducted peal of Minor ever rung, and if we ever did claim ours to be first, I unreservedly withdraw that claim on behalf of the five ringers, still living, who took part in it, one having since died. However, I have looked up my own record of our peal, and also the peal board in St. Mary's belfry, and I find that the only footnote to our peal is: "This is the first silent peal of Surprise Minor ever rung in England," which is a very different thing to claiming it to be the first non-conducted peal of Minor, irrespective of methods.—Yours, etc.,

35, High Street, Hucknall.

D. PRESTON.

DEATH OF A READING RINGER.

The tower of St. Lawrence, Reading, has lost, by death, one of its most promising young members, Mr. Edwd. Bailey having passed away on Easter morning, from pneumonia, after only a few days' illness. The deceased, who was only 22 years of age, and a book-binder by trade, had been a ringer for about six years, having been a pupil under Mr. W. Newell. He was quick at grasping method ringing, but acting upon medical advice, he had never rung a peal, his longest length being a quarter. He was a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters, and was a sergeant in the Lads' Brigade, being an ambulance instructor, and with his team, having won several prizes.—The Vicar officiated at the funeral, both at the church and cemetery, and there was a large attendance of friends, including the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild), the secretary (Mr. A. E. Reeves), Mr. Newell, Mr. Newman, etc. On the same evening a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung with the bells half-muffled, by members of the Reading branch of the Oxford Guild, particulars of which have appeared in the peal list.

WATH-ON-DEARNE.—Yorkshire Association.—On March 30th, at All Saints' Church, a date touch of Minor (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 5 mins., consisting of 16 Original, 96 Violet, 360 each of Gladstone Delight, Woodcock's Delight, Nelson's Delight, City Delight, and Roy-stone Delight: A. H. Nicholls 1, A. Panther 2, W. Woodcock, junr., 3, A. Gill 4, E. G. Nicholls 5, A. Nash (conductor) 6. Rung after failing at a peal attempt.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, for morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples: V. Sear 1, J. Mead 2, H. Sear (conductor) 3, A. Crane 4, L. Meager 5, E. Marks 6, W. Sear 7, F. Goodman 8. For evening service, the last 742 from Holt's Original: A. Crane 1, J. Mead 2, T. Best 3, F. Stanton 4, L. Meager 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, F. Goodman 8.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: E. Casin 1, H. Cowell 2, P. Almond 3, J. Bowell 4, G. Humm 5, W. J. Nevard 6. For evening service, another 720 Bob Minor, and after service another 720: W. Dines 1, H. Cowell 2, P. Almond 3, J. Bowell 4, G. Humm 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6, P. Clarke 8. Each 720 called differently.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Monday, April 1st, at 135, Brighton Road, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells: T. Groombridge, junr. (conductor) 1—2, A. J. Perkins 3—4, W. S. Wise 5—6, T. H. Colborn 7—8. Also a 504 with A. W. Clark 1—2.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins., at the Church of All Saints: V. Morgan 1, J. W. Jones 2, J. Bullen 3, C. Bowen 4, F. E. B. Charles 5, F. Morgan (conductor) 6, A. E. Morgan 7, T. Max 8.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: J. Hearman 1, E. Leigh, junr., 2, E. Seal 3, W. Leigh 4, G. Malyan 5, R. Jenner 6, J. W. Steddy (conductor) 7, E. Leigh, senr., 8.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Sunday, March 31st, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Bloor 1, H. Page 2, J. Woodward 3, E. Landon 4, T. Austin 5, C. Page 6, S. Churton (conductor) 7, F. Page 8. Longest length by the ringers of the treble and the 4th.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Easter Day, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: H. Pink 1, J. W. Whiting 2, A. Cummings 3, F. L. Tull 4, J. Churcher 5, H. Barry 6, S. R. Churcher (conductor) 7, C. Privett, junr., 8.

READING.—Oxford Diocesan Guild, Reading Branch.—On Wednesday afternoon, March 27th, to welcome the new Bishop (Dr. Gore) to St. Laurence Church for confirmation, several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, and in the evening for the special service for those who had been confirmed, 1106 Grandsire Triples: W. Newell 1, F. Alexander 2, A. Holliday 3, E. Hallaway 4, R. Runham (conductor) 5, F. Newman 6, S. Bristow 7, A. Nailor 8. Rung as a farewell to S. Bristow, who is leaving Reading for Lincoln, his brother ringers wishing him success in his new sphere of labour. Mr. Bristow has only taken up ringing about two years, but under the tuition of Mr. W. Newell, has made such good progress that he will be much missed in the belfry.

POTTON.—Bedfordshire Association.—On Tuesday, March 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: *W. H. Compton 1, *W. G. Inskip 2, *A. O. Bailey 3, C. A. Pratt 4, W. T. Lightfoot 5, F. Blood (conductor) 6. *First 720 Treble Bob. Mr. Lightfoot belongs to St. Paul's, Bedford.—On Sunday, March 31st, 720 Single Oxford Bob: W. H. Compton 1, W. G. Inskip 2, A. O. Bailey 3, J. H. Mason 4, F. Flood (conductor) 5, C. A. Pratt 6.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday morning, March 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: H. Ward 1, C. Beech 2, F. Ward 3, D. Appleby 4, L. Williams 5, R. Baker 6, F. W. Perrins (conductor) 7, J. Adams 8.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On several occasions recently some of the Bridport ringers have visited Bradpole for the purpose of combined practice. That they, as well as the local band, have benefited by the co-operation, is evinced from the fact that on Tuesday, March 26th, the following three touches of Grandsire Triples were successfully accomplished: 336: W. Bishop 1, Rev. C. F. Langford 2, W. Oates 3, J. Zealley 4, T. H. Beams 5, Hy. Way 6, T. Lathey 7, J. Lathey 8. 504: E. J. Manuel 1, T. H. Beams 2, W. Oates 3, J. Zealley 4, E. Powell 5, Hy. Way 6, T. Lathey 7, W. Bishop 8. 504: J. Lathey 1, P. Hayden Beams 2, W. Oates 3, J. Zealley 4, E. Powell 5, Hy. Way 6, T. H. Beams 7, T. Lathey 8. All the touches were conducted by T. Hervey Beams.

WITNEY, OXON.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, March 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: H. Long 1, A. Brooks 2, H. Hollis 3, E. Brown 4, T. Bull 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, G. Brooks 8.—On Saturday, March 16th, for confirmation service, 420, 168 and 84.—On March 18th, 896: C. Walker 1, A. Brooks 2, T. Bull 3, E. Brown 4, G. Brooks 5, J. Monk 6, J. Brooks 7, A. Trinder 8.—On March 26th, a quarter-peal, in 47 mins.: H. Long 1, A. Brooks 2, T. Bull 3, E. Brown 4, G. Brooks 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, C. Walker (first quarter-peal) 8.—On Sunday, March 31st, for morning service, 420 Grandsire Triples. For evening service, 420, standing as above.

WOLSTANTON.—Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—On Sunday, March 31st, at St. Margaret's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: A. Austin 1, H. Roberts 2, W. Alhnan 3, C. Bishop 4, J. Simister 5, J. Morley 6, W. Fitchford, senr. (conductor) 7, W. H. Fitchford, junr., 8.

NOTICES.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Lee, S.E., on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. R. Meddings (Rector) at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow in the Kingswood Hall, the Rector presiding. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on the 30th April; at Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 30th, at 8 p.m. Also on Saturday evenings at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hadley on April 27th. Bells available from 3.30.—Tea, 6d. each, at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. All are welcome.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Eckington on Saturday, April 27th. Service with an address at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after service. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m.—J. Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place to Norton Canes on Saturday, April 27th. Ringing from 3.30. Cannock Station 2½ miles. All ringers welcome.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Honorary Secretary, 6, Upper Forster Street, Walsall.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 27th, 1912. Service in cathedral 4.45 p.m., with address by the Bishop. Tea at Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 5.45 p.m. Meeting immediately after tea. For further particulars see circular.—J. W. Scamer, Honorary Secretary.

THE BEDS ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The business meeting will be held at Elstow on Saturday next, April 27th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Meeting in Vestry at 5 p.m.—John W. Barker.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Titchfield on Wednesday, May 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea by the invitation of the Vicar (Rev. C. E. Matthews) at the Parish Room at 5.30 p.m. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by April 27th.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting, Horsell, May 4th. Visitors gladly welcomed.—G. B. Edser, 52, Shirland Road, Paddington, W.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Mistley on Saturday, May 4th. Tea at the Parish Institute 5.30 p.m., 9d. each, will be provided for those sending notice to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hursley on Saturday, May 4th. Church tower open during the afternoon and evening. Tea in Vicarage garden at 5.30, if weather unfavourable in Parish Room.—Jas. W. Elkins, 20, Culvin Villas, Winchester.

SALOP GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Market Drayton on Saturday, May 4th. There will be ringing in the afternoon in the Parish Church, followed by a meeting in the Vestry.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, M.A., Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowdon and Stockport Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Mottram on Saturday, May 4th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Branch Secretary, New Mills.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, May 4th, 1912, at 6.30 p.m. It is expected the bells at Mytton Church will be available during the afternoon.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield (8 bells) on Saturday, May 4th. Tower open at 4 p.m.—J. Evinson, Honorary Secretary, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Secretary.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of April 27th will be postponed to Saturday, May 4th, and will be held at the Parish Church of St. Michael's, Ashton. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited.—Charles Bower, Secretary.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at Chesterfield Parish Church of St. Mary and All Saints; 10 bells (tenor 24½ cwt.), available from 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. The business meeting will be held about 6 p.m. either in the vestry, or (if numbers warrant it) in St. James' Mission Room, Vicar Lane. The business will include election of officers for the ensuing year, presentation of balance sheet, secretary's report, etc., and a good attendance is hoped for.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the South and West District will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. H. G. Bird) at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at 6. Ringing will be held at Heston on the second Sunday afternoon of each month from 2 till 3, when all ringing friends will be heartily welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 4th, St. Peter's tower open from 11 to 1 and from 6 to 8 p.m., St. Nicholas' from 6 to 8 p.m. Luncheon at Unicorn Hotel, North Street, at 1.30. Members' tickets 1s. 6d. The Lord Bishop of Chichester will preside at the luncheon and at the business meeting which follows. Ringers' service at St. Nicholas' Church at 4 p.m. Preacher Canon Southwell. Half railway fares with a maximum of 2s. will be allowed members attending the meeting, but it is hoped that if possible they will avail themselves of the cheap fares. Those intending to be present should notify same to me not later than Tuesday, April 30th.—G. Watson, St. Leonards, Honorary General Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—James H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, May 11th. The bells of St. Stephen's (8) and St. Dunstan's (6) will be available from 3 till 9 p.m.; of St. Alphege (6) from 3 till 4 p.m., and of the Cathedral (10) after 4 p.m. Tea, for which a charge of 3d. each will be made, will be taken in St. Peter's Parish Hall at 5 p.m. The usual business meeting will be held after tea. Will all members who intend to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday, May 8th. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid before the meeting.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Chorley, with Whittle-le-Woods, on Saturday, May 11th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shaker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual report of the above Guild for 1911 is now ready. Members under Rule XI can have them by sending three penny stamps to the Secretary, Albert E. Reeves, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

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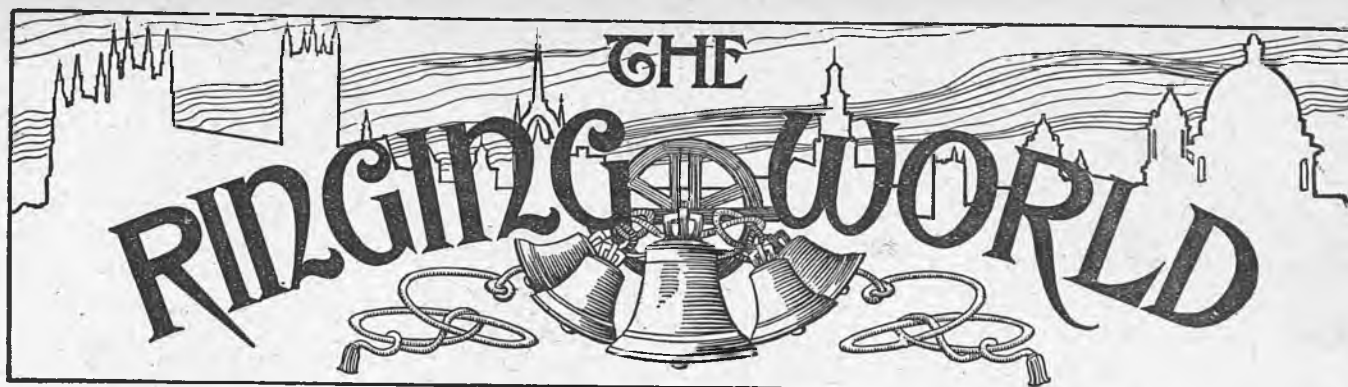
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MODERN WORK.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND PROPOSAL.

We return to the question of the Benevolent Fund proposal again this week, and for more than one reason. We are anxious that some steps for the formation of a fund of this kind should be taken by all the associations, because we are convinced that there are occasions when it may be of incalculable benefit. As has been pointed out before, even the Insurance Act does not do away with the value of a fund of this kind, and only when it is in working order will its advantages be fully appreciated. That a benevolent fund appeals to the majority of the ringers is proved by the fact that at a number of association meetings up and down the country the subject has been discussed. It is a matter, however, that cannot be hurried, and opinion must be given time to ripen. Two instances of taking practical steps are however before us.

The scheme put forward by the honorary secretary of the Kent County Association we have already referred to, and by the acceptance it has met with at the district meetings where it has been debated, there is little doubt that it will be adopted when it comes before the annual meeting of the Association on Whit-Monday. Sussex is also taking up the subject, and a proposition is to be put forward at the annual meeting at Brighton to-morrow by which a benevolent fund shall be established. This Association has thus the opportunity of being the first to set up a scheme of this kind, and we have little doubt that the members will readily adopt the proposal. And when schemes are actually established in Sussex and Kent we believe that, the ice once broken, other associations will quickly follow suit. The tendency is evidently in one direction; that of each Association managing its own funds, instead of having one centralised fund. It must be said that, while small associations will be to some extent handicapped, this mode of procedure is likely to be the best for the general success of the proposals, as we believe it is impossible to expect the Central Council to do anything in such a matter. But whatever course is to be pursued, the first step is the important one, and, when Kent and Sussex have given the proposal a trial, others will be able to profit by their experience. In regard to the Sussex scheme, it is not to be run on an additional contribution from the members, the idea being to build up the fund from the subscriptions of life honorary members, interest on a fixed reserve fund, and such sums as may be voted from time to time from the general fund. By this means all the benefits of the fund can be obtained without the slightest extra demand on the pockets of the members, and in the case of many large Associations, doubtless, this course could be pursued.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*THOMAS J. SALTER Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 6
*ARTHUR CHAMBERS 2	JOHN WITHERS 7
WILLIAM SHILVOCK 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS 8
WILLIAM SHORT 4	OLIVER JAMES 9
GORDON CHECKITTS 5	CHARLES F. WHITE Tenor

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* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wulfram,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*J. FRANK PROCTOR Treble	WILLIAM G. THORPE 6
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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

J. PALLISTER Treble	G. H. TAYLOR 5
H. LENTON 2	J. SMITH 6
*W. H. WILSON 3	W. KINGDON 7
G. W. PEVERELL 4	E. TITT Tenor

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

REV. F. J. O. HELMORE ... Treble	REV. E. V. COX 5
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 6
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE ... 7
REV. C. CAREW COX 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... Tenor

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On Tuesday, April 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael, Bishopwearmouth,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... Treble	ROBERT C. HUDSON 5
*WILLIAM H. DENTETH 2	†JOHN PICKERING 6
JOHN F. BIRD 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
ROBERT W. FALCONER 4	THOMAS W. DITCHBURN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First peal in the method
as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. W. H. Denteth, who
leaves for Australia next month.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

WILLIAM PARDOE Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5
EDWARD HORTIN 2	RALPH BAKER 6
*FRANK WARD 3	CHARLES BEECH 7
EDWIN J. TYLER 4	JAMES ADAMS Tenor

Composed by JAMES BRUERTON, and
Conducted by C. WALLATER.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of
respect to the late Mr. Tom Day, who was a member of the local
band, and was interred at Coalbrookdale on the above date.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter-the Great,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

SAMUEL EELES Treble	THOMAS BULL 5
ALBERT BROOKS 2	JOHN MONK 6
GEORGE CLARK 3	JESSE BROOKS 7
ERNEST BROWN 4	GEORGE BROOKS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

*WALTER SEAR Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 5
GEORGE N. PRICE 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
CHARLES W. SMITH 3	HENRY HODGETTS 7
*FRANK T. MARTIN 4	CHARLES N. LEMAN Tenor

Conducted by HENRY HODGETTS.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half muffled as a
last tribute to those who perished at sea in the "Titanic" disaster.

SCARBOROUGH.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*JOHN R. FRYIRS Treble	HARRY GIBSON 5
†ALBERT COATES 2	JOHN R. BARTON 6
HERBERT MILLNER 3	JAMES DIXEY 7
FRANK HODGSON 4	THOMAS COLE Tenor

Conducted by J. DIXEY.

* First peal. † First in the method.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Wednesday, April 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road, S.E.,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

JARROLD HAYWARD Treble	ERNEST G. STIBBONS 5
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS 2	HENRY G. MILES 6
ALBERT N. SELBY 3	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS 7
JAMES R. MACKMAN 4	WILLIAM E. GARRARD Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE, and
Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, April 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDELENE, HOLLOWAY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

P.C. W. G. DARLINGTON Treble	P.C. WILLIAM BOTTRILL	5
P.C. ERNEST BRETT ... 2	P.C. CORNELIUS CHARGE	6
P.S. ARTHUR W. BARKUS ... 3	P.C. GEORGE CHARGE ... 7	
P.C. CHARLES G. JANE ... 4	P.C. ALFRED G. CRANE Tenor	

Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

The above are members of the Metropolitan Police Force, and it is believed to be the first peal ever rung by a band of policemen.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, April 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE ... Treble	WILLIAM T. COX ... 5
E. HARRY STONELEY ... 2	FRANK E. PERRIN ... 6
THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 3	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 7
HAROLD D. ARGYLE ... 4	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

First attempt for peal in the method by Messrs. Vallance, Cox and Smallwood. This peal is No. 35 Central Council's Peal Collection, Section 3.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

GEORGE B. SELBY ... Treble	HENRY J. SELBY ... 5
ARTHUR J. LEWIS ... 2	EDWARD J. HOAD ... 6
ALBERT BELTON... ... 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 7
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE... 4	JOHN W. STEDDY ... Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

This peal was rung with the bells fully muffled (except the tenor, which was open at back-stroke) as a last token of respect to the late Lieut.-Col. C. A. M. Warde, of Westerham, who was a life member of the Association, and was buried that day.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

*JOHN ALDIS, junr. ... Treble	HENRY GARNHAM ... 5
EDWIN WHITING ... 2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 6
ALFRED SMITH ... 3	ALBERT G. WARNES ... 7
WILLIAM STEELE ... 4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY, and Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE TOWN HALL, ALBERT SQUARE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 52 cwt.

ROBERT DAVIES... Treble	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 5
*JOHN T. BOTTRILL ... 2	FREDERICK PAGE ... 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 7
EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 4	†RICHARD NEWTON ... Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

* 50th peal. † 70th peal. First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells. This is the heaviest peal of bells yet rung to Triples by eight men only.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

ARTHUR CRAVEN ... Treble	JONATHAN THOMPSON ... 5
*HARRY GREAVES ... 2	WILLIAM T. PALMER ... 6
WILLIAM DAFFIN ... 3	W. HENRY TURTON... 7
FREDERICK E. PARSONS... 4	JOHN R. BROOKS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. CRAVEN.

* First peal on eight bells.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK DAY ... Treble	WALTER LAST ... 5
WILLIAM ROSE ... 2	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 6
WILLIAM CLOVER ... 3	FREDERICK BRUNNING ... 7
HUBERT DAY ... 4	ERNEST F. POPPY ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and

Conducted by ERNEST F. POPPY.

Arranged for Mr. Naunton, of Wrentham.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT V. MOORE ... Treble	WALTER ROBINSON ... 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... 2	JOHN FLINT ... 6
*CHARLES MASON ... 3	JESSE J. MOSS ... 7
EDWIN ROBBINS ... 4	GEORGE W. MOSS ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method. G. W. Moss' 100th peal.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY TUCKER ... Treble	FRANK BLONDELL ... 5
CHARLES GILES ... 2	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ... 6
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ... 7
ERNEST MENDAY ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

HENRY TUCKER ... Treble	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 5
REV. CYRIL JENKYN ... 2	FRANK BLONDELL ... 6
CHARLES GILES ... 3	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ... 7
ERNEST MENDAY ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

ORMESBY, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR TEMPLE... .. Treble	WILLIAM HOLMES 5
ROBERT STEPHENSON 2	JOHN GEORGE HALL 6
JAMES BAXTER 3	WILLIAM NEWTON 7
THOMAS BECKWITH 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and
Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

SIDNEY GOODALL Treble	JOHN F. CLAYTON 5
WALTER KNOTT 2	FRANCIS WOODHEAD 6
WILLIAM CLARK 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
GEORGE STEEL 4	WILLIE BREARLEY Tenor

Composed by J. FIRTH, and Conducted by SIDNEY GOODALL.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 8 lbs.

FRANCIS A. SMITH Treble	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY 5
JOSEPH J. ALLEN 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	ROBERT E. STAVERT 7
THOMAS R. SCOTT 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY, and
Conducted by FRANCIS A. SMITH.

First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Reverse Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.

CHARLES WATERS Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
WILLIAM SPICE, Senr. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

This peal was rung half-muffled by the entire wish of the local band, in memory of Mr. A. J. Day who died on the 10th April and who had been instructing them in change-ringing. The ringer of the treble belongs to the local company.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

*WILLIAM DENMAN, Junr. Treble	GEORGE LUCAS 4
THOMAS ADAMS 2	JAMES F. BOWELL 5
RICHARD H. BOWELL 3	ALFRED CRIPPS Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED CRIPPS.

* First peal. The band, who belong to Shipley, take this opportunity of thanking the rector, the Rev. F. C. Campion, for granting permission to ring, and Mr. H. Tourle for having everything in readiness.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine 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
HARRY BARTON 3	JOHN PUNCHARD Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung as a welcome home to Captain and Mrs. Balfour, of Wissett Hall, and Mr. and Mrs. Colvert, of Spexhall Manor, after their recent visit to South Africa. Also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

NORWOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, called differently, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs., in A.

*WALTER EMMETT Treble	HENRY C. CHANDLER 4
THOMAS J. BARKER 2	ERNEST R. GLADMAN 5
*CHARLES S. BIRD 3	SYDNEY CARTER Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.

* First peal of Minor. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Miss Macdonald.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Norwich Surprise, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

JOHN FARRELL Treble	ERNEST TIGWELL 4
JOHN E. WHEELDON 2	HENRY WHITEHURST 5
CLEMENT POINTON 3	DANIEL PRESTON Tenor

Conducted by E. TIGWELL.

First peal as conductor. Rung on the first anniversary of what was believed to be the first peal on the bells.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

BERNARD FISHER Treble	PEARL INSKIP 4
WILLIAM JACQUES 2	CHARLES A. ROBINSON 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(GROBY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Grandsire, College Single, Plain Bob, and one of Oxford Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES SPENCER Treble	JOHN W. SPENCER 4
FRED BALL 2	GEO. H. GEARY 5
VICTOR GEARY 3	EDWARD GEARY Tenor

Conducted by GEO. H. GEARY.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the heroes that went down with the SS. "Titanic."

WICKHAM SKEITH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

REGINALD LAST Treble	*GEORGE BAILEY 4
LEONARD LAST 2	*ARTHUR BAILEY 5
THOMAS DAVY 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

* First peal in seven methods.

WOLVERLEY, KIDDERMINSTER.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN WOODBERRY 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 mark of respect for those that lost their lives at the sinking of the SS. "Titanic."

HANDBELL PEALS.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

HARRY F. DAWKINS ... 1—2	ERNEST PYE 5—6
GEORGE R. PYE 3—4	WESLEY WATSON 7—8

Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

Umpire: A. CHAPLIN.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
IN THE TOWER OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

W. R. JOHN POULSON ... 1—2	ARTHUR SYMONDS 5—6
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS... 3—4	*CHARLES VARO 7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal on handbells by C. Varo, to whom it was rung as a farewell peal on leaving Chelsworth, with the Rev. E. J. Teesdale, for Burstow, Surrey.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, April 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOMS; TRINITY COLLEGE,

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

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trinity College) 1—2	*REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON (Trinity College) 5—6
*E. MAURICE ATKINS (S. Cath. College) 3—4	*WILLIAM D. JAMES (Pembroke College) 7—8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD (Trinity College), and

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

Umpire, G. G. BELL.

* First peal of Double Norwich in hand.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

JAMES HUNT 1—2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN... 7—8
FRANK BLONDELL 9—10	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire, S. RADFORD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

JAMES HUNT 1—2	MAURICE SMITHER 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 7—8
FRANK BLONDELL 9—10	

Composed by J. CARTER, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

This composition in No. 10 on the Broadsheet.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A quarterly meeting was held at Bedworth, on Saturday last, and a representative gathering was present. Members turned up from Nuneaton, Stoke Golding, Lutterworth, Coventry and Stratford-on-Avon, and some of the local men also put in an appearance. The bells are a light ring of eight, and go fairly well, but at present good striking on them is not the easiest thing to obtain, principally owing to the unwieldy nature of the ropes. These, it is hoped, will be removed in the near future, and more modern ropes substituted. Bedworth lies between Nuneaton and Coventry, in the mining district, and at first sight does not give an encouraging impression, but it is evidently one of those places which must not be judged on first impressions only, for the Rector assured the meeting that "it is the best place in the world."

A substantial tea was partaken of in the Schoolroom, and this over, a little formal business was transacted, the Rector, Canon F. R. Evans, vice-president of the Guild, taking the chair.—The place for the October quarterly meeting was discussed, and Rugby met with general favour. It was decided that, failing Rugby, Stratford-on-Avon should be applied for, and failing the latter, Boldmere.—Two new members were elected, one of whom had cycled twenty-five miles to get to the meeting.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for the arrangements he had made for the tea, and then more ringing was indulged in, the methods rung during the afternoon and evening including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

KENT ASSOCIATION MEETING AT LEE.

The experience of the Lewisham District of the Kent Association, on Saturday, when they visited St. Margaret's, Lee, S.E., for their quarterly meeting on Saturday, was not altogether successful. Several touches were brought round, but although the Rector had been asked to arrange a special service and give an address, nothing had been done. Short evensong was said in the Lady Chapel by the curate, and was attended by half-a-dozen ladies, and about 30 ringers, but there was no music and no address. The members, in the absence of any explanation, felt somewhat slighted at the action of the Rector, who, they were informed, had discharged the local ringers without giving any reason for the action.—At the meeting held in the Kingswood Hall, Mr. W. J. Jeffries presided, and Eynsford was selected as the place for the next meeting, on the third Saturday in July.—The Chairman expressed a hope of seeing a bigger muster on that occasion, as the meeting at Lee was the smallest for a considerable time.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells.

BLACKMORE, HANTS.—The Winchester Diocesan Guild (Guildford District).—At St. Matthew's Church, on Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 40 mins.: A. Prior (first attempt) 1, H. Prior 2, E. Prior 3, G. Chiverton 4, W. Read (conductor) 5, J. Norris 6.

SOUTHWARK.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, March 24th, for evening service, 649 Stedman Cinques: R. Sanders 1, A. W. Grimes 2, J. A. Trollope 3, W. Pye (conductor) 4, F. Hairs 5, J. Howes 6, F. Bennett 7, W. Hewett 8, J. H. B. Hesse 9, T. Langdon 10, E. Pye 11, G. Spencer 12. Also two plain courses, with T. Cranfield 5, G. Spencer 8, and J. N. Frossell 9.

CLERICAL RINGERS' VISIT TO GLOUCESTERSHIRE. THE FIRST SURPRISE PEAL.

With a view principally to reversing the result of the clerical ringers' visit to High Wycombe last October, a three days' tour had been arranged, with headquarters at Cheltenham. The difficulty of bringing together just those clergy most accustomed to twelve-bell ringing was once more experienced, writes one of the clergy.

This time the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson was unable to join the party, owing to an engagement with his Bishop, which could not be cancelled. It would be simply a truism to say that he was sorely missed. On Monday, April 22nd, eight of us were kindly entertained to tea at Prestbury Vicarage previous to an attempt for the first clerical peal of Surprise. This proved successful, after 3hrs. and 10 mins. good ringing, and will be found recorded elsewhere. It was a distinctly gratifying success, as it was achieved at the first attempt. The second start for the peal proved abortive in a very minutes, owing to one of the band showing in a practical but involuntary manner his desire to keep cool, a desire which had the result of causing the other seven to be convulsed with laughter, with which the intricacies of Superlative had no sympathy.

The Vicar (the Rev. Urling Smith) placed us under a deep debt of gratitude by allowing us to ring through festal evensong. The trap-door in the floor of the ringing chamber had been left open, and towards the end of the peal we became aware of a delightfully sweet odour permeating the ringing chamber, which soon made us realise that a service was proceeding, and that the fragrant incense was rising upward. It was our first experience of ringing in such an atmosphere, as it was also the assistant priest's first experience of preaching a sermon to the harmony of the bells. From what he said afterwards, we believe the bells had the best of it. Next morning saw twelve clergy at Painswick, bent on recording the first peal of clerical Stedman Cinques. But alas! it was not to be. A more delightful spot in such ideal weather as we experienced throughout the tour one could hardly want. The Vicar most kindly entertained us to a substantial dinner, for which we are very grateful to him. In the evening, through the kindness of Messrs. G. H. Phillott and W. T. Pates, we visited St. Mary's, Cheltenham, where a course of Stedman Cinques was rung with some of the local men. This is an ideal place for peals on twelve bells, but unfortunately the spire is said by the architect to be unsafe for much ringing.

On Wednesday, an early start was made for Stroud, where Grandsire Caters was on the programme. Again, we were disappointed, for after 1 hr. and 20 mins. ringing the peal came to grief. Hardly had we come away from the tower than who should meet us but the Rev. Maitland Kelly, who had come from Bath to hear the ringing. Although our attempts did not meet with the success we should have liked, we all, nevertheless, had a thoroughly enjoyable outing, and we desire to thank those incumbents who so kindly placed their bells at our disposal, and the respective steeplekeepers who had everything ready for us. Further, our best thanks are due to the Cheltenham band for the loan of their handbells during our stay in the town. The Cinques band stood as follows: Revs. E. V. Cox, C. W. O. Jenkyn, E. B. James, A. T. Beeston, H. Law James, F. J. O. Helmore, C. D. P. Davies, C. Carew Cox (conductor), C. A. Clements, G. F. Coleridge, H. A. Cockey, W. W. C. Baker; while the Caters band was the same, with the exception of the Revs. E. B. James and W. W. C. Baker, who stood out. Nothing daunted, arrangements will be made later on for another attempt to place Stedman Cinques on the list of clerical peals.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The fifth meeting of the year of the Romney Marsh and District Guild was held at Rye, on Saturday, representatives attending from Appledore, Hawkhurst, Iden, Stone-in-Oxney, and the local tower. Capital practice in Grandsire Doubles, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples was indulged in, many touches being successfully accomplished.—The Master (Mr. G. Billenness) presided at the business meeting, which was held in the belfry.—It was unanimously resolved to hold the next meeting at Stone-in-Oxney, on the third Saturday in May.—The Hon. Secretary read a letter from Mr. H. S. Humphery, who stated he would be pleased for the Guild to attempt a peal at New Romney.—The Chairman proposed that the offer be accepted, and that a peal of Grandsire Triples be attempted at that tower on the second Saturday in May.—This was agreed to. Two new members (Messrs. H. G. Ticehurst, of Rye, and P. Nash, of Iden) were admitted in the society. A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. G. Kenward, and seconded by Mr. A. Daw, was passed to the Vicar (the Rev. A. P. Howes) for the use of the bells.—Subsequently further ringing was indulged in.

GUILDFORD.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—At St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on Sunday, March 24th, 1201 Stedman Caters: E. Etheridge 1, J. Hunt 2, E. Raddon 3, C. Willshire 4, W. Loader 5, R. Wood 6, M. Smither 7, C. Hazelden 8, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 9, S. G. Steer 10. Longest length on ten bells by E. Etheridge and R. Wood. Rung by five members of the Holy Trinity Society (4, 6, 7, 8, 9), and five of St. Nicolas'. Mr. Wood left Guildford for Lee, Kent, on the 25th, with the best wishes of all the band.

MERROW, SURREY.—On March 22nd, 720 Oxford Bob Treble Minor: A. Bridger 1, *G. J. Nichols 2, J. Goacher 3, W. Day 4, *A. J. Boniface 5, H. Stovell (conductor) 6. * First 220.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PROGRESS OF THE DORCHESTER BRANCH.

The first annual meeting of the Dorchester branch of the above Guild was held at Dorchester on Thursday week, and proved to be most successful. Representatives attended from Bournemouth, Charminster, Fordington St. George's, Hilton, Milton Abbey, Puddletown, West Lulworth, Wyke Regis, and the local band. The fine peal of St. Peter's (8) and Fordington St. George's (6) were at the disposal of the ringers, and both peals were fully utilised. The members, numbering 60, were entertained to high tea at St. Peter's by the Rector and Churchwardens, a kindness which was much appreciated. The Rector (the Rev. A. Medcalfe) occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. W. P. Schuster (general secretary of the Guild), the Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary) East Dorset branch), and the churchwardens of St. Peter's, Mr. R. N. Dawes (chairman of the branch), Mr. Pouncey, Mr. Godwin, and the hon. secretary of the branch.—At the close, the Rev. W. P. Schuster proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and his churchwardens for their kindness in providing such an excellent tea, for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. A. Medcalfe for the service which was afterwards to take place. He congratulated the branch on such a good meeting, and said he knew how well it must have been worked. He also proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. R. G. Bartlott for the use of his bells.—The Rev. C. A. Phillips seconded, and said that the sub-division of the branches which Mr. Beams had worked to bring about had proved a great success, especially from what he had seen of such a gathering that day. The East Dorset branch had not yet been divided, but he had no doubt it would in the future, although at present it was going on well.—The vote of thanks was carried with acclamation, and the Rector, in replying, said he was pleased to welcome the Guild to St. Peter's, and to give them the address. There were considerably more members present than on the last occasion, when a meeting was held at Dorchester.

The business meeting was then presided over by Mr. R. N. Dawes.—The Rev. A. L. Helps wired his apology for absence, and apologies were also received from the Rev. A. B. Dobie and Mr. Martin Stewart (Master of the Guild). The Charminster band (nine in number) were elected members of the Guild, and welcomed by the chairman and secretary.—The Chairman was re-elected, on the motion of Mr. Jennings, who said it would be impossible to find a more hard-working chairman than Mr. Dawes. Mr. White was re-elected as Ringing Master, and Mr. Bengier, Deputy Ringing Master. Mr. Jennings was re-elected as hon. secretary and treasurer, and the Chairman paid a high tribute to the way in which he had carried through his first year's work.—The thanks of the meeting were given to the hon. secretary, who, in returning thanks, said that although the West Dorset branch had only been sub-divided just over twelve months and the Dorchester branch started with five towers and 48 members, it now had seven towers, and the membership had increased to 67 (ap- plause).—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Puddletown in July, Mr. W. Hewlett, on behalf of the Rev. A. L. Helps, giving the branch a cordial invitation.

Afterwards the members attended the special service of the Salisbury Guild, at St. Peter's Church, the Rector giving a most suitable address, taking his text from the 89th Psalm, 15th verse. The service proved that the ringers could sing as well as ring.—After the service, another visit was paid to the two towers, and the bells were kept going till 9 o'clock to the tune of Stedman and Grandsire, Messrs. White and Bengier conducting.

RINGERS' CYCLE RUN.

As the result of a cycle run in connection with the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, a capital meeting took place at Norton Canes on Saturday last. Beside the local band, there were twelve ringers present, representing Bloxwich, Bradley, Haughton, Rushall, Tamworth, Tettehall, West Bromwich (All Saints'), Wolverhampton (St. Peter and St. Luke). Several touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor. We believe that as an outcome of this meeting, the local band will rejoin the Society. The next run will take place on May 18th, to Church Eaton.

GRANDSIRE COMPOSITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to your paragraph in the issue of April 26th, stating that the six-part published in Mr. Lindoff's article on April 5th was originally composed by Mr. James Parker in 1888, and is to be found in the Central Council's Collection over his name, I have the Collection before me as I write, but fail to see the peal your correspondent refers to. May I, therefore, ask him, through your columns, to be good enough to point out more exactly the composition he has identified with that published by you on April 5th? Thanking you in anticipation for the favour of publication.—Yours sincerely,

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

MR. WILLIAM KEEBLE.

One of the men who have helped to make history in peal ringing is Mr. William Keeble, who, particularly in conjunction with the Brothers Pye, raised handbell ringing to a higher plane than it had ever before reached. He was one of the quartet who rang the first peals of New Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise ever rung on handbells, as well as peals of Superlative, performances which for all time will rank among the greatest achievements in the realm of change ringing. And, like many other great ringers, Mr. Keeble has done not a little in helping others up the campanological ladder.

Born March 29th, 1878, Mr. Keeble began ringing at his native place, Kelvedon, Essex, at the age of 16, when the bells were a peal of five. In March, 1895, however, a new treble was added, and on this bell he rang his first 720 in May, and his first 5040 in February of the following year. His next peal he conducted from an inside



MR. W. KEEBLE.

bell, and followed this by calling 5040 in seven methods. Not content with six-bell ringing Mr. Keeble, shortly after this, made frequent journeys to Coggeshall, where, under the able tuition of his friend, Mr. David Elliott, he soon mastered Major ringing, and eventually took part with the local company in peals of Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Bob Major. Leaving home in 1899, Mr. Keeble joined the Leytonstone company, who were just then advancing as a good Surprise Minor band. With them he found scope for his abilities, and came into contact with the Brothers Pye, with whom he was not long in securing his first handbell peal—this was Kent Treble Bob Major rung on June 2nd, 1901. With Messrs. G. R., W., and E. Pye, Surprise methods were assiduously practised, and peals of Superlative, New Cambridge, London and Bristol followed in due course, including the only non-conducted Surprise peal ever rung "in hand." Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques were also added.

In 1907 Mr. Keeble removed to Bolsover, Derbyshire, where he remained for three years, helping the local company to score their first peals of Superlative, New Cam-

bridge and London Surprise. He also formed a handbell band, and rang peals of Bob Major, Treble Bob Minor, Major and Royal, Superlative, Double Norwich and New Cambridge. Having now returned to his native place, he hopes to see once more a good company at the tower where he first learnt his ringing. Mr. Keeble's 311 peals have been rung in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, in 26 counties and 101 towers, under 16 Associations and Guilds and with 276 ringers. The peals are as follow, and, as will be seen, include the 14,112 London Surprise record at King's Norton :—

	On Tower Bells		On Handbells	
	Rung	Cond'd	Rung	Cond'd
Minor 1 Methods	3	2		
Minor 2 Methods	1	1		
Minor 7 Methods	26	20		
7 Treble Bob Minor Methods			1	1
Bob Major	4	2	14	11
Bob Royal			2	1
Double Norwich Major	23	12	4	4
Double Norwich Royal	1			
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2		2	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	13	8	15	12
Kent Treble Bob Royal	8	2	4	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1			
Cambridge Surprise Major	3			
New Cambridge Surprise Major ...	20	9	4	1
New Cambridge Surprise Royal ...	3			
Superlative Surprise Major	55	21	9	4†
London Surprise Major	48*	17	5	1
Bristol Surprise Major	9	3	3	1
Stedman Triples	11		1	
Stedman Caters	10		2	
Stedman Cinques	3		1	
	244	97	67	38

*Including record, 14,112.

†Including the only "silent" Surprise peal on handbells.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

We have received from the Hon. Sec. of the Central Council a copy of the report and the analyses of the peals rung during 1911, but it reached us too late for publication this week.

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Last Saturday was the 51st anniversary of the peal of 8,580 Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, a record length in the method, which stood for over 20 years, until broken by Mr. Henry Johnson's 72nd birthday peal at Birmingham. Of the band that rang at Cornhill, only one remains with us to-day, Mr. Matthew Wood.

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The story of this peal, of course, has been handed down in the famous verses by James Dwight, the lines referring to Mr. Wood being the following :—

Now, who is that that rang the ninth
 With so much ease and grace ;
 From the treble to the tenor
 He is never out of place.
 Young ringers all take my advice,
 Study him you should,
 Copy well his attitude
 'Tis famous Matthew Wood.

Saturday also was the anniversary of the 15,840 Kent Treble Bob rung at Bethnal Green in 1868. Only four of this band, Messrs. M. Wood, E. Horrex, W. Cooter and J. Pettitt, are alive, and, while all are well past the allotted span, it is with regret that we have to say that the two last-named are quite invalids. Mr. Pettitt, who is well known as the conductor at St. Paul's Cathedral for so many years, and called the first peal there, celebrated his 78th birthday on Thursday of last week. He is, unhappily, confined to a bed of sickness.

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The policemen of London have rung a peal—a "peelers" peal we are tempted to remark. The Force have made many captures in their time, but never before have they captured a 5040 of Grandsire Triples. There were two separate "Charges" in this case, Cornelius and George.

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Ringers do not often get their services publicly recognised, but at the Vestry meeting of St. Mary's, Rye, Sussex, the Vicar (the Rev. A. P. Howes) proposed, and the Vicar's Warden (Mr. F. W. Biddle) seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the bellringers for their services during the past ecclesiastical year. The motion was carried unanimously. Two of the ringers (Messrs. G. J. Youngs and J. B. Bennett) have been re-appointed sidesmen by the Vicar and churchwardens for the ensuing year. These gentlemen have served in the ranks of the sidesmen for several years.

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The ring of five bells that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank took away from Saltwood, near Hythe, Kent, are ready to be placed back in the tower. Several have been recast, and a treble, the gift of the Right Hon. Laurence Hardy, M.P., in memory of his wife, has been added. Although the bellhangers have everything in readiness, the work will have to remain at a standstill for a time, as repairs have to be done to the tower, and the floor of the bell chamber lowered slightly.

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A noteworthy performance appears in our peal columns this week. It is the record of a peal of Double Norwich Major rung on handbells by the Cambridge University Guild. Double Norwich "in hand" is not so frequently rung as to place the achievement in the common ruck, and this peal is the more interesting inasmuch as it is the first peal of Double Norwich on handbells by the Guild since the famous one in 1891, which was the first ever rung.

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The claim of the Midland Counties Association to the first double handed peal of Minor in seven methods will not, apparently, stand. Mr. G. R. Newton, of Liverpool, informs us that the Lancashire Association rang a peal on September 18th, 1897, the ringers being Messrs. Isaac Whalley 1-2, Charles Sharples 3-4, Robert Parkinson (conductor) 5-6. The time occupied was 2 hrs. 6 mins., and the methods were Merchant's Return, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Some few years previously, on June 3rd, 1891, to be exact, a peal of a similar character was rung at St. Albans, by Messrs. J. C., S. E., and E. R. Mitchell. Unfortunately, however, among the seven methods was included Yorkshire Court, which Mr. J. J. Parker, a few years afterwards, conclusively proved to be false.

The announcement made in another column that Messrs. Warner and Son have secured the contract for the restoration of Shoreditch bells indicates that the work on this famous peal is now within measurable distance of being put in hand. More than ordinary interest is being taken in this big scheme, because so many ringers throughout the country have contributed their mite to the restoration fund, and because the bells of this famous peal are so well known even to the children by reason of the old nursery rhyme "Oranges and lemons."

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Curiously enough a manuscript has recently been discovered by Messrs. Warner and Sons giving both the words and the score of these lines, and they reproduce the old print on another page. Are there any of our readers who can supply information of the origin of the words and the music?

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It is rather a unique experience, we think, for a man to ring his first peal of Caters at the age of 66 years, and that, too, after being a ringer at the same church for over 40 years. This, however, is the fortune of Mr. William Cawton, who last Saturday rang his first peal of Caters at Grantham with the recently formed local band. And in the peals this week also, we notice Mr. Tom Salter's first of Grandsire Caters. The late Master of the Worcester-shire Association has waited some time for this, for his 250 odd peals include most things worth ringing from Minor to Stedman Cinques, and Bob Major to London Surprise.

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Mr. H. W. Abbott writes that for the present the bells of All Saints', Loughborough, are not available for peal ringing, owing to severe illness near the church.

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Stedman Triples on the back eight at Manchester Town Hall is a pretty big order, but it was successfully accomplished on Saturday. The tenor is 52 cwt., and this is the heaviest ring of bells rung to a peal of Triples by eight men only.

THE CAMPANILE OF ST. MARK'S.

THE STORY OF ITS BELLS.

On Thursday of last week, the rebuilt Campanile of St. Mark, Venice, was opened. Ten years ago, the original structure, erected a thousand years before, fell down, and its reconstruction is undoubtedly one of the most wonderful achievements of modern times. The new Campanile is not merely a copy of the old one, but practically a perfect reproduction of it. Every fragment of the old tower, which was 322 feet high, however small that could be saved has been used again, and the original design has been faithfully reproduced in every detail. The cost of the rebuilding has been over £80,000.

Out of the five historical bells of the Campanile four were irrevocably destroyed with the fall of the tower; but the fifth one was undamaged. The Pope has replaced at his expense the four destroyed bells, which were cast with great care, and tuned exactly like the original ones, of which they are perfect reproductions. The bells have been blessed and given their original names. One is called the "Marangona," or carpenter's bell, and it was sounded to regulate the hours of work at dawn and sunset when the carpenters in the dock-yards of Venice began and ended their work. The second bell is named "Nona" (ninth), and it rings at noon, the ninth hour. The third one is named "Mezza-terza" (half-third), and it announced the meetings of the Senate. The fourth bell, named "Trottiera" (trotter), was rung to summon the nobles to the Grand Council, and derived its name from the trotting mules of the nobles who hurried to the palace. Finally, the fifth bell, named "Maleficio" (crime), was sounded when a prisoner was put to death.

The different intonations and methods of ringing the bells had different meanings, but they are only rung all together at the Feast of St. Mark, or to announce a great victory.

St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch.

ORANGES & LEMONS

Oran-ges and le-mons, says the bells of 'St. Clemen's'; You owe me five farthings, says the D.C. When will that be? says the bells of Step - ney; I do not know, says the bells of St. Mar-tin's; When will you pay me, says the bells of Old Bai - ley; great bell of Bow.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

PROTEST AGAINST WELSH DISESTABLISHMENT.

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Lincoln, on Saturday. During the day ringing took place at St. Peter-at-Arches, St. Peter-at-Gowts, and St. Botolph's. After evensong, Bishop Hicks addressed the members in the morning chapel at the Cathedral.—The Dean of Lincoln (who is president of the branch) presided over the business meeting of the Guild, which was held in the Co-operative Society's Hall. He was supported by the Rev. Reginald Bond (general secretary), the Rev. H. Law James (Master), Mr. F. F. Linley (hon. treasurer), together with the branch secretaries and officials.

The Dean observed that this was a day when Churchmen must stand resolutely together (hear, hear). He had just finished an analysis of the Welsh Disestablishment Bill, and he thought he had never read through a Bill so mean (hear, hear). He was a Liberal Churchman, in favour of a minimum wage and a number of other things, but he was not in favour of the Welsh Disestablishment measure. Under that measure the graveyards that had not been closed, which were part and parcel of the Church's heritage, were going to be handed over to the Urban District Councils and Parish Councils of the neighbourhood ("Shame"). Could they conceive anything more calculated to wound the deep and abiding sentiment of all who loved the Church? In future, if a Churchman wanted to be buried in the churchyard, leave would have to be obtained through the Parish Council, or the Urban Council, as to time, hours, and so forth.

Mr. R. Mackman, of Spalding, moved a resolution, strongly protesting against the proposal to dismember the Church, by cutting off the four Welsh dioceses, and to despoil it, by confiscating to secular uses, endowments created to the service of God, and urging all Christian people, irrespective of political party, to unite in uncompromising resistance to any Bill embodying such proposals.—Mr. F. F. Linley (Gainsborough) seconded.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

All the officers of the Guild and the representatives on the Central Council were re-elected.

Over 200 members and friends sat down to tea, and Mr. Linley presided at the branch meeting, when the report presented showed a total membership of 344, a net gain on the year of 24. The financial statement disclosed an increase in the balance of £3 8s. 2d., which was considered very satisfactory.—The report was adopted, and the officers were re-elected.—Votes of thanks to the various incumbents for the use of the bells during the day concluded the business.

A well-tapped touch of Stedman Triples by Mr. C. Glenn, and a course of Caters by Mr. W. Allwood were loudly applauded.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING.

One of the most pleasant and successful meetings of the Southern branch of the Worcester and Districts Association took place on Saturday last at Eckington, a pretty village which lies on the west side of Bredon Hills. Ringers were present from Worcester, Evesham, Pershore, Malvern, Wolverhampton, Upton-on-Severn, Strensham, etc., and ringing took place during the afternoon. The service was well attended, the Vicar (the Rev. W. Ismay) giving a most eloquent address on bell ringers and bell ringing, pointing out that the bell ringing of to-day was very different to that of the past.

After service, a substantial tea was served in the Institute, kindly provided by the Vicar, and Mrs. B. and Mrs. P. Smithin. The Vicar and Mr. White, churchwarden, were present, and the ringers' wants were attended to by Mrs. B. Smithin, Mrs. P. Smithin, and Miss Ismay. The number present was 45.—A business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided. One honorary member and several performing members were elected, and it was decided to attempt the next quarterly peal at Eckington, with Mr. H. Salisbury as conductor.—Overbury was selected for the next meeting, subject to no invitation coming from another place.—A resolution was passed sympathising with the Rev. C. J. Hunt, of Fladbury, who has recently undergone a serious operation, the members wishing him a speedy recovery.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, for presiding, for the use of the bells, for his most eloquent address; and to Mrs. B. Smithin, Mrs. P. Smithin, and Miss Ismay.—The Vicar briefly replied, and said he would convey the vote of thanks to the ladies. He hoped at some future time to welcome them to Eckington again.—A move was made to the belfry, where further ringing took place. Bredon's Norton bells were available in the evening, and were utilised by some of the visitors on their way home.

MR. G. W. MOSS' 100 PEALS.

Doubles for seven Methods, 1; Minor for three Methods, 3; Grand-sire Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 2; Bob Major, 11; Kent Treble Bob Major, 14; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 20; Superlative Surprise Major, 18; Cambridge Surprise, 4; London Surprise, 4; Norfolk Surprise, 2; Forward Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 3; Stedman Caters, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 5; Forward Royal, 1; Double Norwich Royal, 1.—On handbells: Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5.—Total, 100.

JUBILEE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

COLLEGE YOUTHS ENTERTAINED.

Mr. Francis E. Dawe, who celebrated his 50th birthday by calling a peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells of his native village of West Meon, and a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, invited his friends of the College Youths, who took part in the peals, and in the recent attempt at St. Paul's, to supper at the Coffee Pot on Wednesday week, to further commemorate the event. The ringers, augmented by a few friends, numbered a couple of dozen, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. At Mr. Dawe's request, the chair was taken by the Master of the College Youths (Mr. T. H. Taffender), who was supported by the host, the veteran Mr. Ted Horrex, Mr. Challis Winney, Mr. E. Gibbs, Mr. H. R. Newton, Mr. A. B. Peck, and other well-known London ringers.—The toast of the King and Church was honoured and the Chairman then proposed "The Health of Our Host." He recalled the fact that Mr. Dawe was, formerly, for six years Master of the College Youths, an honoured position which no one else has held for so many years. He had also devoted efforts to ringing peals on Cathedral bells, and had succeeded in ringing and calling peals at 14 different Cathedrals, and in ringing in every Cathedral tower except Truro. Only recently he attempted to call a peal at St. Paul's Cathedral, but through an unfortunate incident the attempt failed. They were greatly indebted to Mr. Dawe for the manner in which he had entertained them that evening. There had been no stronger supporter of the Society than he had been, and they wished him long life, health and happiness (applause).—The toast was drunk with musical honours.

A PROUD RECORD.

Mr. Dawe, in replying, said he supposed his career in regard to ringing had been as varied as anyone's. They read of marvellous performances being done, but, looking through his collection of peals and the circumstances under which they had been accomplished, he would not change it for that of anyone he knew (hear, hear). One great thing was that the vast majority had been rung in all parts of the country under the name of the Ancient Society of College Youths (hear, hear). Thirty years ago he called a peal on his 20th birthday, and he called another on his 21st. It reminded them of the passing years, and among the old ringers he missed many faces. Of those who took part in the peals 29 and 30 years ago many were no longer in existence. He missed the dear old faces of Pettitt, Wood, Cooter, Jameson, Dornington, Hayes, and others, men who were the backbone of that Society, when they were not so numerous as they were at present. With regard to the performances on his 50th birthday, he thought he was safe in saying that no bell ringer had ever before celebrated his jubilee in such a fitting manner. But whatever his ambitions may have been, he could not possibly have achieved these ambitions without the able and united support of his oldest and best friends. He thanked them for all their kindness and consideration, and for the trouble they put themselves to oblige him.

A VETERAN RINGER.

It was very gratifying to have his old friend Mr. Horrex in one of the peals.—Mr. Horrex was in his first peal 33 or 34 years ago—and if he (the speaker) lived as long as Mr. Horrex, he hoped his arm would be as strong, his eye as clear, and his nerve as steady as Mr. Horrex's were. Having referred to the great disappointment he experienced in losing the peal at St. Paul's, he made a sympathetic reference to the "Titanic" disaster. Passing on, he mentioned that he regretted the absence of two or three friends that night, including Mr. Cockerill and Mr. Arthur Hughes, the latter that evening being engaged in celebrating the 21st birthday of his youngest son. He wished to bestow his very best thanks, he continued, on his friends for helping to bring his 50th birthday celebration to a successful issue; Mr. Winney, who had helped him to the best of his ability over his difficulties; Mr. Langdon who had also assisted very materially; but above all, Mr. Taffender, whose business-like efforts had been largely responsible for solving the difficulties.

Mr. Dawe afterwards presented to each one present a handsomely executed record of the peals rung on his birthday, together with a splendid photograph, taken by himself, of the tower of St. Michael's.—For these gifts he was thanked by Mr. Winney, who was in Mr. Dawe's 20th and 21st birthday peals, as well as in his 50th. He congratulated him on his ability as a bob caller, and expressed the hope that he would some day complete his ambition of calling a peal at St. Paul's (applause).

The remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony, songs being rendered by members of the company, and a course of Stedman Caters rung on handbells.

CAERPHILLY.—The Llandaff Association.—The first touch by members of the St. Martin's Guild was rung on Easter Monday, when they brought round 336 Grandsire Triples. This is a new band of ringers, who have only learnt to ring during the last twelve months, having been taught by Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport. The ringers who took part were: E. Phillips 1, W. Dare 2, D. Stephens 3, W. Kathro 4, G. Cooke (captain) 5, F. Garrard 6, D. Coleman 7, S. Tucker 8.

SHOREDITCH BELLS.

'When I grow rich said the bells of Shoreditch.'

It has now been decided to have a new steel frame to carry the top five bells at Shoreditch Church, and brace up the lower frame which carries the back seven, to have modern cast iron headstocks and new fittings to all the bells, and have the bells themselves cleaned and tuned. The work is to be carried out by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, the well-known founders of Spitalfields, who have recently carried out some excellent work. When this is completed, it will again enable Shoreditch to boast of one of the finest peals in London. The cost will run into some hundreds of pounds, far more than was at first anticipated, and ringers and their friends are earnestly asked to support the scheme to the fullest extent, as the effort to raise the necessary money in a poor district like Shoreditch is well-nigh impossible. The order is to be placed and the work commenced as soon as two-thirds of the necessary money has been raised, which means that the authorities must have another £50 in sight before action can be taken. Subscriptions, however small, will be most welcome, and so that the smallest sums may be got in, subscription cards may now be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. J. Bradley, the Parish Church, Shoreditch, to whom also subscriptions should be sent.

**THE LATE MR. T. W. DAY.
FUNERAL OF A YOUNG RINGER.**

Mr. Tom Watson Day, to whose death we referred last week, was born at Coalbrookdale, Shropshire, and commenced to ring when he was a chorister at Holy Trinity Church. He was taught to handle a bell by his father, Mr. Joseph Day, a ringer at Coalbrookdale, and at the age of 14 rang his first peal (Grandsire Doubles), and his first peal of Grandsire Triples a few months later, conducted by Mr. W. Short. He was an excellent striker, and a sure ringer, and had rung three peals of Grandsire Doubles, and 14 peals of Grandsire Triples. On coming to Willenhall, he joined St. Giles' band, and took part in the first peal on the bells by a local band, he being the youngest of the company. He took a keen interest in Stedman, and was looking forward to ringing a peal in that method. He was taken ill last Christmas, and died on April 18th, 1912, at the age of 18 years. He was a member of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, the Herefordshire Association, and the Salop Guild.

The funeral took place on Tuesday week, the first part of the burial service being at St. Giles' Church, Willenhall, and the interment at Holy Trinity Churchyard, Willenhall. On the departure of the coffin from St. Giles' touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells deeply muffled, and the organist played the "Dead March." At Willenhall the coffin was met by the ringers, wearing white ties and gloves, who acted as bearers, and after the committal prayers, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by: H. Aston 1-2, J. L. York 3-4, F. S. Downing 5-6, W. Saunders 7-8. Among the floral tributes were wreaths from the ringers of Coalbrookdale and Willenhall, and his fellow workmen. In the evening the tower bells were rung, muffled, and on Sunday, April 21st, 504 Stedman Triples (the first by a local band), by: J. Hanley 1, H. Aston 2, H. Bailey 3, F. S. Downing 4, J. L. York 5, W. Jones 6, W. Saunders (conductor) 7, A. Gorbett 8.

**BELL RESTORATION AT WEST CHARLTON.
CHANGE RINGING SPREADING.**

Travellers on the G.W.R. new line, between Castle Cary and Taunton, will have noticed the small station of Charlton Mackrell. The church, seen from the railway, is in the Parish of Charlton Adam, Charlton Mackrell, or West Charlton Church, being a short distance further on towards Somerton. Friday, April 19th, was a red-letter day to the parishes, as on that day the bells of West Charlton were reopened, after being thoroughly overhauled.—The Ven. Archdeacon Brymer, who is in charge of the parish, conducted the service of dedication.

After the local ringers had rung the bells, some of the visitors were invited to have a pull; and a 120 Grandsire Doubles was tapped off by: T. Doble (conductor) 1, W. S. Doble 2, S. Hawkins 3, H. Hillburn 4, E. Creed 5, M. S. Welshman 6. Other six-scores were rung during the evening, the general opinion being that the "go" of the bells was excellent, and reflected great credit on Messrs. Doble and Son, of Taunton, who were entrusted with the work, which consisted of strengthening the cage by putting in long tie bolts and corner plates, recasting the 3rd (which was done by Messrs. Taylor), quarter turning the others, and adding new fittings to all. The tenor is 14 cwt., in F.—Tea was kindly provided for all by the Archdeacon and Mrs. Brymer, in the schools; and during the repast, 120 Doubles on handbells was rung by: S. Hawkins 1, E. Dabbinett 2, G. H. Head (conductor) 3, E. Creed 4, T. Doble 5-6.

Members of the Association attended from Castle Cary, Kingweston, Kingsdon, Street, Taunton St. James', and West Lydford. There are promising signs that change ringing is "taking on" in this part of the country; and there are several rings that have been put in repair during the past few years. It is hoped the local men will back up the Archdeacon, by becoming members of the Bath and Wells Association.—The thanks of the ringers are due to the Archdeacon and Mrs. Brymer, Mr. Butler, and Mrs. and Miss Tribbick, who attended to their wants at the tea.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**A "SIX BELL" MEETING.**

In beautiful weather a meeting of the North and East District was held at Monken Hadley on Saturday last, when the pretty peal of six was at the disposal of the members for the afternoon and evening. About 30 ringers from Barnet, Northaw, Finchley, Southgate, Stanmore, Hornsey, Hatfield, Wanstead, Walthamstow, Tottenham, and Stamford Hill attended, and some capital ringing was indulged in, touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob being rung. Tea was partaken of in the open, almost a record, we should think, for April. The popular Master of the district, Mr. J. Armstrong, presided at the meeting, supported by Mr. F. A. Milne, hon. treasurer, and the hon. secretary. Five new members were elected, and votes of thanks were cordially passed to the Rector (the Rev. R. H. Stubbs), for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for their kind welcome.—The Hon. Secretary said that he was very pleased to be able to arrange a meeting at Hadley, and was glad to see such a good attendance, especially of six-bell ringers, who should not be lost sight of when meetings were being arranged. He had an idea that, at no very distant date, two new trebles would be added to the existing six at Hadley. He trusted that this was so.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hornsey, some time early in June. The ringers then adjourned to the tower, where ringing continued until late in the evening in a number of methods, including Oxford Bob, College Single, Double Oxford, and Cambridge Surprise.

**THE RE-BUILDING OF ST. GEORGE'S,
LEICESTER.**

An important event, in the history of St. George's Church, Leicester, took place on St. George's Day, when the memorial stone of the new nave was laid by Earl Howe. This is the first stage in the task of reconstructing the church, which was demolished by the great fire in October last, when the whole edifice was reduced to ruins. The total cost of the scheme will be £16,200, of which £10,220 has been paid by the insurance company. In response to an appeal, £2,000 has been received by the Vicar, but another £4,000 is required.

The ceremony last week extended over the day, and commenced with a celebration of Holy Communion in the chancel of the church. Later on there was a service in St. Martin's Church, three courses of Stedman Caters being rung before the service, which was largely attended, the congregation including the Mayor and members of the Town Council. Canon Scott Holland was the preacher. Four courses of Stedman were rung immediately after the service, which was followed by a dinner in the old Town Hall, Earl Howe presiding.

After this, the assembly journeyed to the site of the new church, and here in the nave the ceremony was performed by Earl Howe. As the stone was laid a flag was hoisted on the tower, which was a signal to the ringers at St. Martin's, and four courses of Stedman Caters were brought round in excellent style. The longest touch of the day was prior to the evening service, 1008 of Stedman Caters being rung by: G. Holmes 1, F. H. Dexter 2, G. Pilmore 3, H. Jenney 4, A. Pettitt 5, L. Allen 6, J. Morris 7, C. H. Fowler (conductor) 8, A. Martin 9, E. Morris 10 (longest length by 1, 3, 4). In addition to the above, the following rang in various touches during the day: J. Buttery, J. S. Needham, E. E. Smith, T. Taylor, W. H. Inglesant, and H. Argyle (Nuneaton).

The original church, it may be stated, was erected in 1823 from a grant by Parliament, as a national acknowledgment of the victory of Waterloo. It is interesting to note that the stone was laid by Lord Howe of that day, an ancestor of the present Earl who performed the corresponding office on St. George's Day.

SHOREDITCH SOCIETY.

The annual meeting was held on Friday, April 19th, the Vicar and President (the Rev. E. R. Ford, M.A.), presiding.—The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer gave the state of finances, showing receipts amounting to £8 9s. 6d., and expenditure to £7 5s. 6d., leaving a balance of £1 4s., which, considering it was the first year of the society, was thought good. The whole of the expenditure was on the repairs to the chiming lines, ringing chamber, and necessary appliances. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: The lay clergy, Rev. A. A. Duffield Harding and Rev. P. E. Boswell; Mr. Howard Wall and Mr. W. Field, vice-presidents; Mr. A. E. Bradley, hon. sec.; Mr. H. J. Bradley, steeplekeeper and foreman; Messrs. W. Bradley, F. Barber, W. White and B. Hunter, committee.—Mr. H. J. Bradley, the hon. sec. to the fund to repair the bells, gave a short account of the proposed work to be done, and the financial position of the scheme, and urged the members to do all they could in obtaining subscriptions.—It was asked that the society should be allowed to send a representative to the Church Council, and this was referred to the Vestry meeting.—The Rev. A. A. Duffield Harding moved a vote of thanks to the retiring secretary, Mr. F. K. Sallaway, who was one of the founders of the movement for bringing the bells into action.—The vote was heartily carried.—The Vicar, in closing the meeting, congratulated all members of the society on the excellent work they had already done, and offered his best wishes for the future.

NOTICES.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting, Horsell, May 4th. Visitors gladly welcomed.—G. B. Edser, 52, Shirland Road, Paddington, W.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Mistley on Saturday, May 4th. Tea at the Parish Institute 5.30 p.m., 9d. each, will be provided for those sending notice to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hursley on Saturday, May 4th. Church tower open during the afternoon and evening. Tea in Vicarage garden at 5.30, if weather unfavourable in Parish Room.—Jas. W. Elkins, 20, Culvin Villas, Winchester.

SALOP GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Market Drayton on Saturday, May 4th. There will be ringing in the afternoon in the Parish Church, followed by a meeting in the Vestry.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, M.A., Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, May 4th, 1912, at 6.30 p.m. It is expected the bells at Mytton Church will be available during the afternoon.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Secretary.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at Chesterfield Parish Church of St. Mary and All Saints; 10 bells (tenor 24½ cwt.), available from 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. The business meeting will be held about 6 p.m. either in the vestry, or (if numbers warrant it) in St. James' Mission Room, Vicar Lane. The business will include election of officers for the ensuing year, presentation of balance sheet, secretary's report, etc., and a good attendance is hoped for.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the South and West District will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. H. G. Bird) at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at 6. Ringing will be held at Heston on the second Sunday afternoon of each month from 2 till 3, when all ringing friends will be heartily welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 4th, St. Peter's tower open from 11 to 1 and from 6 to 8 p.m., St. Nicholas' from 6 to 8 p.m. Luncheon at Unicorn Hotel, North Street, at 1.30. Members' tickets 1s. 6d. The Lord Bishop of Chichester will preside at the luncheon and at the business meeting which follows. Ringers' service at St. Nicholas' Church at 4 p.m. Preacher Canon Southwell. Half railway fares with a

maximum of 2s. will be allowed members attending the meeting, but it is hoped that if possible they will avail themselves of the cheap fares.—G. Watson, St. Leonards, Honorary General Secretary.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 4th. Business meeting in Parish Room 3.30 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Howard's Rooms 5 p.m. Members of kindred societies heartily welcome.—B. Darley, Honorary Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.—The annual festival will be held at Devizes on Monday, May 6th (King's Accession). Service by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. P. W. G. Filleul) in St. John's Church at 12.30 p.m. The sermon will be preached by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Luncheon at the Bear Hotel at 2s. each, at 1.45 p.m. By the courtesy of the incumbents the following towers will be offered: Peal of 8, St. John's, Devizes; peals of 6, St. Mary's, Devizes; St. James', Southbroom; St. Mary, Potterne; St. Matthew, Rowde.—W. P. Schuster, Honorary Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 9th and 23rd; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 14th and 28th; at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 14th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 15th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th at 8 p.m.; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—James H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, May 11th. The bells of St. Stephen's (8) and St. Dunstan's (6) will be available from 3 till 9 p.m.; of St. Alphege (6) from 3 till 4 p.m., and of the Cathedral (10) after 4 p.m. Tea, for which a charge of 3d. each will be made, will be taken in St. Peter's Parish Hall at 5 p.m. The usual business meeting will be held after tea. Will all members who intend to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday, May 8th. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid before the meeting.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Chorley, with Whittle-le-Woods, on Saturday, May 11th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 5.—Walter Hughes, Honorary Secretary.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Magor, Mon., on Saturday, May 11th, at 4.30.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., Caerphilly; John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Honorary Secretaries.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—

A special invitation meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday, May 11th, for the purpose of opening a new peal of eight. Ringing will commence at 3.30. A dedication service will be held at 5 o'clock, the Rev. W. Templeton King, the Rural Dean, officiating. The authorities have kindly offered to provide tea, and all those who intend to be present are asked to notify me not later than Tuesday, May 7th. Provision will only be made for those so doing. Members and friends will be heartily welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Shipley, on May 11th. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting at the Sun Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, May 18th, at St. Mary's, Putney. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at the Half Moon at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, May 18th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. G. Swindell. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Scorton on May 18th. Conveyances will be arranged for from Preston if desired. All ringers heartily welcome.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, May 18th, 1912. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5. Business meeting after the service. Half travelling expenses up to, but not exceeding 2s. each, will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Westerham on Whitsun-Monday, May 27th. At this meeting four representatives on the Central Council of church bell ringers are to be elected. Candidates must be nominated by two members, and their nomination papers forwarded to the honorary secretary before May 13th. For dinner tickets, etc., apply to Fred J. O. Helmore, Honorary Secretary, The Precincts, Canterbury.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual report of the above Guild for 1911 is now ready. Members under Rule XI can have them by sending three penny stamps to the Secretary, Albert E. Reeves, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

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UPHOLSTERER, Mattress and Blind Maker, all round hand seeks situation. Change ringer on 6 or 8 bells. Good references.—J. H. O., "Ringing World" Office, Woking.

SEXTON WANTED, for Bushey Churchyard, Herts; must understand thoroughly grave digging and simple gardening, and be courteous, tactful, with acquaintance of account keeping. Preference given to change ringer. Wages about 30s.—Apply Rector.

DEATH.

WILLIAMS.—On Thursday, April 25th, 1912, at Droxford, Hants, Mrs. Sarah Williams, aged 93 years, mother of George Williams, West End, near Southampton.

SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATION.

On Wednesday week, Mr. J. Summersall, the conductor of the Pateley Bridge band, among whom he has worked assiduously since the opening of the bells 19 years ago, entertained his brother ringers, their wives and friends, to a substantial repast at the Crown Hotel, to celebrate his silver wedding. After supper, the Rev. Rogerson proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. Summersall, in felicitous terms, and to this Mr. J. Sherwood added a few appropriate words.—In reply, Mr. Summersall thanked the ringers for the gift of a solid silver cruet, which they had previously presented to him to commemorate the event. He remarked that at the beginning of his career as a ringer he was often tempted to give it up, and he probably would have done had he not been encouraged by his wife, who was always ready to welcome ringers.—Among the other gifts which Mr. and Mrs. Summersall received were a silver teapot from Mr. and Mrs. Broader (who catered so admirably for the supper) and their family, and a silver hot-water jug from Mrs. Ann Summersall and family.

There was just one touch of sadness about the pleasurable gathering, opportunity being taken to say farewell to one of the band, Mr. John Raw, who is leaving for Canada.—On behalf of the ringers, the Rev. Rogerson presented him with a case of pipes, tobacco jar and pouch, a pocket wallet, and a gold-mounted walking stick.—Mr. Raw suitably acknowledged the gifts, which, he said, would always remind him of the happy hours he had spent in the belfry at Pateley Bridge.—The remainder of the evening was spent with games and dancing, interspersed with songs.

RINGER'S FUNERAL.

The first break in the band at Holcombe Rogus (Devonshire Guild), which was established about five or six years ago, has been caused by the death of Mr. Lewis Warren, who passed away at the age of 51. Although he got no further than ringing the tenor, he was very regular in attendance, and will be greatly missed. The funeral service at the church was fully choral, the "Dead March" being played by the organist (who is also a ringer). The remaining eight ringers acted as bearers, and carried the coffin with bell ropes. They also provided a floral bell, which was placed on the grave. The bells were rung deeply muffled for the whole pull and stand; and for some Grand sire Doubles. It may be interesting to note that the last the deceased did was to assist in lashing the bells for "dummy" practice during the last days in Lent.

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It was reported at the Easter Vestry meeting at Northiam, East Sussex, that £45 had been obtained towards the restoration of the church bells. The question of raising the remaining necessary capital was discussed, and the Vestry unanimously resolved that a public meeting should be convened shortly to decide what methods should be adopted to secure the required amount.

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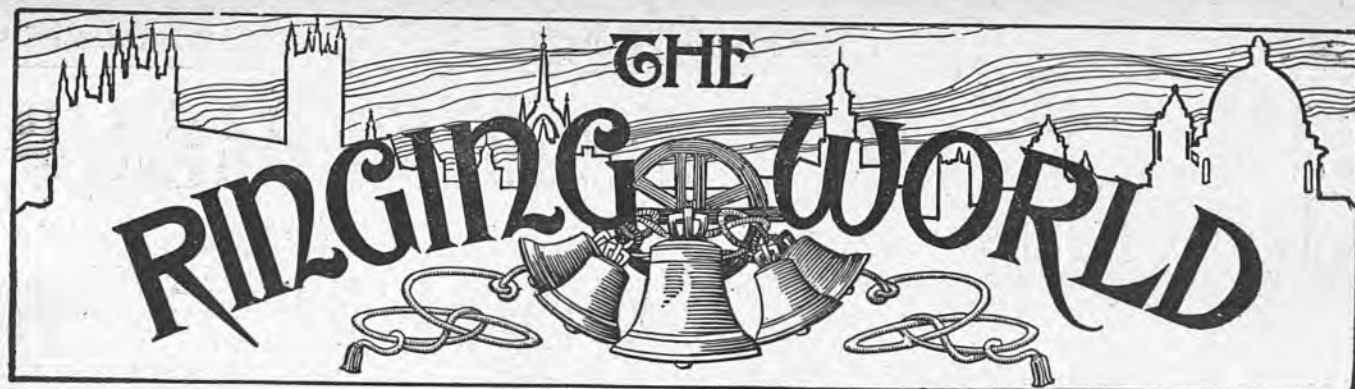
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MODERN WORK.

THE ANALYSIS.

We publish this week the full table of analysis of the peals rung during 1911, compiled by the Analysis Committee of the Central Council, and the record will be perused with interest. There are still some ringers who profess to have no liking for the Analysis, but their number is few, for even those whose associations seldom get high up the table, but who nevertheless are doing splendid work among their members in laying the foundations of the Art, are glad of the opportunity of studying in compact form the doings of the Exercise during the year. Without a table such as that compiled by the Central Council's Committee any comparison of the various association's doings would be impossible to the average ringer, and the Exercise owes a debt of gratitude to those gentlemen who from year to year collect and tabulate the statistics. Begun as a private effort by Mr. G. F. Attree, in the days when peal ringing was far from the standard, numerically at any rate, to which it has now attained, the Analysis was eventually officially undertaken by the Council, and the labour now involved is really colossal, for the committee are not content with the mere table, but enumerate many interesting facts which would be lost to sight but for their careful work.

Without repeating a lot of statistics which are already contained in the report, there are one or two points to which attention may be directed. First of all there is the fact that the number of peals rung during 1911 was greater than in any previous year, being 14 more than the record 1725 established in 1910. The total points, however, were 369 less, and the average points per peal were, therefore, also less. This, however, cannot be counted as indicating a lower standard in the methods rung—there were even more Surprise peals rung in 1911 than in 1910—rather, we think, it is evidence that more ringers have reached the peal ringing stage.

It is somewhat curious to notice how the first eight associations of 1910 were again first in 1911, with very little alteration of order, except that the Winchester Guild jumped to the front from the eighth place. This is the first occasion on which the Winchester Guild have occupied the premier position, and, as we have before pointed out, it is largely due to the handbell peals that have been rung. Indeed, one of the features of the year's ringing was the great increase in the number of handbell peals, no fewer than 119 being rung, compared with 56 in 1910. Winchester, of course, claims more than any other association, but quite a number of bands seem to have taken up the interesting practice who before had done no peal ringing on handbells.

Another remarkable feature of the year was the extraordinary number of peals rung in December. There were no fewer than 260, which, we should think, establishes a record for one month.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE, E.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	*EDWIN J. RIDLER ... 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	*WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 8
WILLIAM TRUSS ... 3	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN ... 9
FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 4	HERBERT LANGDON ... 10
*JAMES SCHOLES ... 5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 11
ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 6	THOMAS LANGDON ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt., in C sharp.

*GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE... Treble	*JOHN GRANSBURY ... 6
RALPH COLES ... 2	*ROBERT H. YOUNG... 7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 3	JAMES W. WILKINS ... 8
RICHARD BUCKLAND ... 4	*BENJAMIN PAGE ... 9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5	FRANK W. BOXALL... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE WATKIN ... Treble	FRANK A. SMITH ... 6
WILLIAM J. DEAN ... 2	ERNEST A. REEVE ... 7
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE ... 3	ALFRED G. H. NEWMAN ... 8
HAROLD BURTON ... 4	GEORGE SPENCER ... 9
WALTER G. MATTHEWS ... 5	HARRY MANCE ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT, and
Conducted by H. MANCE.

First peal of Bob Royal by all the band and by the Association.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

GEORGE SPENCER ... Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT ... 6
WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE... 3	*FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ... 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... 9
GEORGE R. PYE... 5	ERNEST PYE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal; also 200th peal. This peal was rung as a compliment to the Rev. Edgar Rogers, M.A., Vicar of the above church, on the eve of the eighth anniversary of his induction.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt., in F.

JAMES LIVERMORE, Junr. ... Treble	FRANCIS A. KENNETT ... 5
WALTER ALCOCK... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 6
GEORGE H. HOWSE ... 3	GEORGE WATSON ... 7
FRANK MEDHURST ... 4	HARRY DENMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung for evening service on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. Gerald W. Douglas as rector of the church by the Lord Bishop of Chichester. F. Bennett was re-elected a member of the Association prior to starting the peal.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

W. NAPPER ... Treble	F. JAMES ... 5
T. EAST... 2	J. BOWER ... 6
A. YATES ... 3	J. S. NAPPER ... 7
J. NAPPER, Junr. ... 4	A. WOODLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by T. EAST.

A. Woodley and A. Yates were made members of the Guild before starting for the peal.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SAMUEL MILLERSHIP ... Treble	HARRY FYLES ... 5
THOMAS JENNION ... 2	JOHN ALLEN ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	EDWARD CAUNCE ... 7
GEORGE WOODHALL... 4	†THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

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

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, May 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

SAMUEL PEARCE ... Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 5
ARTHUR BAKER ... 2	SAMUEL BAKER... 6
WALTER GRINSELL ... 3	WILLIAM FISHER ... 7
JOSEPH ROBERTS ... 4	ALBERT E. LAW ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rev. W. Spencer, M.A., who for 28 years was the highly esteemed vicar of the above parish.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 1, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDK. G. PERRIN ... Treble	FRANK HAIRS ... 5
ARMIGER J. TROLLOPE ... 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 6
FREDK. J. HOLDEN ... 3	THOMAS LANGDON ... 7
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES ;

*ROBERT H. YOUNG ... ..Treble	*GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	*GEORGE F. WILLIAMS. ... 6
*JOHN C. TRUSS... .. 3	RICHARD BUCKLAND... .. 7
*JOHN EVANS 4	*REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ...Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method, also first in the method by the branch.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER GAMMAGE ... ..Treble	TOM HAYNES 5
TOM TEBBUTT 2	FRED WILFORD 6
JOHN MACKAY 3	JOHN METHERALL 7
BERTIE O. SODEN 4	WILLIAM ROGERS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

This is the quickest peal rung on the bells, and Mr. F. Wilford's rooth peal for the Association.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

PETER ETHERIDGE ... ..Treble	STEPHEN KENWARD 5
JOSEPH KENWARD 2	ALBERT HARMAN 6
THOMAS WHITMORE 3	ALBERT LONGHURST... .. 7
GEORGE ILLMAN... .. 4	CHARLES OSBORNE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

Rung to celebrate the rooth anniversary of the dedication of the back six.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 2, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT GASCOIGNE ... ..Treble	SIDNEY BARRON 5
HAROLD BROWN 2	FIRTH HOPWOOD 6
SMITH COLLINSON 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
GEORGE BARRON... .. 4	WALTER TOTHAM ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS BARKER.

This peal was the rooth on the bells and the conductor's rooth peal. This is the first peal of bells on which the Yorkshire Association have rung 100 peals. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES ;Tenor 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

*JAMES W. TRAPPITT... ..Treble	ROBERT GRIMWOOD 5
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 2	†WILLIAM GROVES 6
*WILLIAM H. JOINER 3	ALFRED T. JONES 7
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 4	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... ..Tenor

Composed by R. FLEMING, and
Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

GUISELEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

ALFRED HARDWICK ... ..Treble	FRANCIS WOODHEAD ... 5
WILLIAM WOODHEAD... .. 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 6
JAMES A. TEALE 3	JOHN B. JACKSON 7
WILLIAM B. SMITH 4	CHARLES E. WAITE... ..Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. NIXON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. E. Waite. It was W. Woodhead's 50th peal, his first having been rung on these bells 21 years ago.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

REEVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 28 cwt.

*THOMAS REED ... ..Treble	CHARLES WOODCOCK ... 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2	WILLIAM FAIERS 6
GEORGE LAMBERT 3	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 7
JOHN SPARROW 4	ARTHUR SYMONDS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method on the bells. The ringers were entertained to tea by Dean Carter after the peal.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 23 cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN ... ..Treble	ALFRED H. MARTIN ... 5
*JOSEPH S. WHITE 2	FREDERICK SAWFOOT ... 6
CHARLES BIRD 3	DAVID NICHOLS... .. 7
*WILLIAM FAKEY 4	FRED WILFORD... ..Tenor

Composed by C. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by F. WILFORD.

* First peal in the method.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

THOMAS HUGHES... ..Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
ARTHUR BAKER 2	SAMUEL BAKER... .. 6
GEORGE HUGHES 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	HORACE BELCHER ... ..Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rev. W. Spencer, M.A., Vicar of Coseley.

CHESHUNT, HERTS:

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

HENRY G. ROWE ... ..Treble	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 5
FRED G. PERRIN... .. 2	ERNEST BRETT 6
WILLIAM HEWETT 3	HARRY FLANDERS 7
FRANK HAIRS 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... ..Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

SWANSEA.

WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR E. MORGAN Treble	JOHN DAVIES 5
PHILIP KNEATH 2	CHARLES HOARE 6
CHARLES MORSE 3	JAMES HOARE 7
FRANK MORGAN 4	HARRY WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HOARE.

First peal of Stedman rung in West Wales Diocese. First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman for all, except ringers of treble and 4th. Arranged for A. E. Morgan who hails from Newport, and who was elected a member before starting.

STOKE COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	WILLIAM T. COX 5
†JOSEPH H. WHITE 2	FRANK E. PERVIN 6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 3	†CHARLES FREEMAN 7
†EDWARD H. JOHNSON 4	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. ‡ First in the method with a bob bell. This is the first peal in the method in the city of Coventry by a local band. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Smallwood, who is leaving Coventry, for Staveley, Westmorland.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SWINDON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr.

JOHN M. BRINKWORTH ... Treble	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 5
GEORGE W. TOWNSEND ... 2	LOUIS A. WILSON ... 6
ROBERT W. HYNER... .. 3	ERNEST J. OLIVER ... 7
*FRANK LOOKER... .. 4	RICHMOND ROBERTS... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ROBERT W. HYNER.

* First peal. Rung after meeting one short for Stedman Triples.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD Treble	RICHARD DRAGE 5
ALLEN R. HICKTON 2	*JOSEPH HALL 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY 3	JOSEPH BAILEY 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH BAILEY.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Beatrice Bailey, daughter of the conductor.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 12 lbs.

HARRY WILSON Treble	HARRY SHUKER... .. 5
GEORGE E. TURNER 2	JOHN T. BOTTRILL ... 6
ALFRED CROSS 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 7
JOHN POTTER 4	HARRY CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lbs.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 5
JOSEPH J. PRATT 2	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ... 6
GEORGE SPENCER 3	ARTHUR HARDING ... 7
BERTRAM PREWETT 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. E. E. Charles, it being the first peal during his incumbency; also as a birthday compliment to Ferris J. Shepherd.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. DONALDSON... Treble	ARTHUR J. NEALE ... 5
ALBERT A. HUGHES... .. 2	HAROLD W. CLARKE ... 6
*ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 7
REUBEN SANDERS 4	DALBY HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES J. SALLAWAY ... Treble	THOMAS ED. HEPWORTH... 4
GEORGE B. BOLLAND ... 2	EDWARD ODDY 5
GEORGE LAMBERT 3	SAMUEL ODDY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE B. BOLLAND.

Rung, with the bells muffled, as a last token of respect to Mr. Fred. W. Hargreaves, who was some time a ringer at the above church, and who died, at the age of 41 years, at Cleethorpes.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY BARTON Treble	HERBERT PRATT 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... 2	THOMAS CRANE 5
JAMES SPALDING 3	CHARLES MOSS... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. BARTON.

Rung on the festival of SS. Philip and James.

THORPE MALSOR, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lbs.

ERNEST W. LENTON ... Treble	FREDERICK C. WOOLLEY 4
ALBERT E. WYKES 2	PERCY J. LENTON ... 5
GEORGE HOLLAND 3	HORACE W. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by H. W. SHARMAN.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Plain Bob, Single Court, Oxford,
Kent, Woodbine and Merchants' Return. Tenor 9 cwt.

*SIDNEY KIRK Treble	ADAM MARSLAND 4
HENRY KIRK 2	REV. A. T. BEESTON 5
FRED HOLT 3	CHARLIE WHITTAKER ... Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

* First peal.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford,
Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Grandsire, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST STONE Treble	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ... 4
ROBERT C. CLIFFORD ... 2	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 5
WALTER J. HORTON ... 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung for the festival of St. Philip and St. James. First peal in seven plain methods by all the band, on the bells and by the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MAURICE SMITHER 1-2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	FRANK BLONDELL 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: S. RADFORD.

EDMONTON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. THOMAS, 120, CROYLAND ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILBY J. HAZELL 1-2	MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	*THOMAS LAWRENCE 7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Umpire: J. PARKER.

* First peal.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, May 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT 14, TRUMPINGTON STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 1-2	REGINALD O. STREET ... 5-6
*WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 3-4	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire: FRANCIS R. WHITE.

* First peal on an inside pair of bells.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANCES;

†GEORGE A. JOWETT ... 1-2	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 5-6
FRANK R. CUNDALE ... 3-4	*JAMES R. KEMP ... 7-8
*WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 9-10	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Attested by JOHN R. MOGER.

* First handbell peal and first peal on ten bells. † First peal away from the tenors. First peal of Caters as conductor.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 5, 1912, in One Hour and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. S. PROCTOR,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Single Court and three 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

HARRY THORPE 1-2	WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 3-4
SIDNEY PROCTOR 5-6	

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

Umpire: LAWRENCE E. MEARS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. G. Thorpe and A. Taylor, members of the local band.

HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, March 10th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob: J. Plumb 1, F. Ringrose 2, W. Dixon 3, A. Howell 4, A. Jacob (conductor) 5, C. H. Ross 6.—For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Jacob (conductor) 1, F. Ringrose 2, C. H. Ross 3, A. Howell 4, W. Dixon 5, F. Fensom 6.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday evening, March 10th, at St. Mary Abbots', 1040 Kent Treble Bob Royal: F. G. Symonds 1, J. Hayward 2, C. J. Dobbie 3, W. G. Matthews 4, *R. Congreve-Pridgeon 5, W. A. Garrard 6, *Dr. Flaxman 7, A. V. Selby 8, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 9, H. G. Miles 10.—On Easter Sunday, in the evening, 1263 Stedman Caters: J. R. Mackman 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, G. B. Edser 3, F. G. Symonds 4, H. G. Miles 5, A. E. Bradley 6, W. A. Garrard 7, *Dr. Flaxman 8, A. F. Harris 9, F. J. Redknap 10. *First quarter-peals in the method.

CONDOVER.—The Sa'op Archidiaconal Guild.—On Tuesday, March 26th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): J. Gurney 1, W. T. Ashton 2, G. J. Taylor (conductor) 3, W. Pasmore 4, E. Jones (St. Chad's, Shrewsbury) 5, E. R. T. Corbett 6, T. W. Stedman 7, H. Davies 8.

SHREWSBURY.—The Sa'op Archidiaconal Guild.—On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, at St. Chad's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the back eight (tenor 43 cwt.), in 52 mins.: G. Scarratt 1, G. Tipton 2, W. R. Stockdale 3, W. J. Taylor 4, A. Teckoe 5, E. Jones 6, F. W. Taylor (conductor) 7, J. T. Wall 8.—On Friday, March 29th, at St. Alkmund's Church, 504 Stedman Triples and two courses Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Jones 1, G. Byolin (conductor) 2, G. J. Taylor 3, E. R. T. Corbett 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, W. J. Taylor 6, A. Fullick 7, F. W. Taylor 8.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 14th, for the afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: T. Burgess, F. C. Cowell 2, G. Jennings 3, P. Almond 4, G. A. Andrews 5, W. J. Nevard 6. After the service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. C. Cowell 1, G. Jennings 2, A. Andrews 3, P. Almond 4, G. A. Andrews 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6. These touches were rung as an introduction to Mr. G. A. Andrews, who was elected at the Easter Vestry meeting, church clerk and sexton.

READING, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild, Reading Branch.—On Wednesday, April 10th, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 53 mins.: L. Osborne 1, Miss E. Goodship 2, H. Osborne 3, C. Higgs 4, A. Bailey 5, G. Goodship 6, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 7, A. H. Burgess 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. H. B. Blandy, the interment taking place at Wokingham on this day.

WESTON FAVELL.—The Central Northamptonshire Association.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, each six-score called differently: W. Law 1, F. Rollings (conductor) 2, C. Haines 3, A. Richardson 4, T. Law 5.—On Easter Monday, April 8th, to celebrate the marriage of Mr. C. Haines (one of the local ringers) to Miss F. B. Kilpen, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Law 1, G. Luck 2, A. Richardson 3, F. Rollings (conductor) 4, T. Law 5.

THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

BENEVOLENT FUND SUGGESTED.

The Benevolent Fund suggestion is finding increasing favour among ringers, and there is every prospect that the Winchester Guild will consider the establishment of such a fund for its members. The matter was brought forward at a meeting of the Yorktown District, held at Horsell, Surrey, on Saturday, when a resolution in the following terms, moved by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, and seconded by Mr. Nye, was carried unanimously: "That this meeting of the Yorktown District request Mr. Fairey to move at the annual meeting of the Winchester Guild that it be an instruction to the Central Committee to consider and report to the next annual meeting as to the practicability of establishing a Benevolent Fund for the assistance of necessitous members of the Guild."—Mr. Fairey promised to do all he could both at the annual meeting and on the committee to further the suggestion.

The other business at the meeting, which was presided over by the Rev. N. Pares (Vicar), included the presentation of the Ringing Master's report. Mr. W. Shepherd stated that two combined practices had been held during the quarter, and one cycle run. The latter was the first of the kind held by the district, and such a good start was made that, given fine weather, he believed future runs would be a huge success. During the quarter, also, two peals (both Bob Major on handbells) had been rung, and five quarter peals in various methods.—The report was accepted, and arrangements were made for the ensuing quarter's combined practices and cycle runs.

A cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Pares for their kindness in entertaining the visitors, who numbered nearly 30, to tea, was proposed by Mr. Fairey, and the Rev. N. Pares, in responding, welcomed the Guild to Horsell, and spoke of the fact that not only he, but his wife also was an honorary member of the Guild.

Representatives were present from Hersham, Walton, Old Woking, Guildford, Bagshot, Camberley and Horsell.

During the afternoon and evening touches in a variety of Minor methods were rung, and the ringers attended evensong in the church. Both before and after the business meeting members of the Yorktown and Guildford districts rang Stedman Cinques on handbells.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

Members of the Winchester district held a most enjoyable quarterly meeting at Hursley, on Saturday. Some good touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Court, and Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung on the church bells during the afternoon and evening. An excellent meat tea was provided in the Parish Room, at 5.30, at which the Diocesan Guild Secretary (the Rev. W. E. Colchester) presided.—The Rev. E. W. Stuart apologised for the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. R. Pughe), who was engaged in a Missionary Mission in the Exeter Diocese.—Several new members were elected to the Guild, among them being two very enthusiastic and promising young lady ringers, viz., Miss Grace Russell and Miss Harman, who were admitted as members of the Winchester Cathedral band.—Mr. W. C. Lampard reported that he had completed a course of instruction to the Bishop Sutton band, and expressed his satisfaction with the progress they had made.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the Parish Room. Evensong was attended at 6.30.—Although Hursley is several miles from any railway station, there was a good attendance of members from Winchester, Southampton, North Stoneham, Twyford, and Dibden. The local band was also well represented.

MASTER ENTERTAINS MEMBERS.

By kind invitation of the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. E. Matthews, the quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at Titchfield on Wednesday week. The bells were placed at the disposal

of the visitors during the afternoon, and the ringers then assembled for a short service, which was conducted by the Master. The visitors were entertained to a meat tea in the Parish Room, 29 sitting down.—The usual business meeting followed, the Master presiding. He first of all gave the ringers a most hearty welcome to his parish, and hoped before very long to have them again. He specially welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, who had cycled from Cranleigh, Surrey, to attend the meeting. It showed their keenness in ringing, he said, to cycle 50 miles.—Two full members and nine probationers were elected.—It was decided to hold an extra meeting at Wickham early in July, to accept the kind offer of Col. and Mrs. Farquhar to tea.—Mr. A. T. King moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. C. E. Matthews for his kind hospitality.—Members were present from Wickham, Fareham, Bishops Waltham, Swanmore, Portsea, Portsmouth, North Stoneham, and Titchfield. The bells were kept going during the evening, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, being rung. Three lady ringers were present and took part, and all the visitors spent a very enjoyable time.

A VISIT TO UPHAM.

On Wednesday, April 24th, at the kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. H. L. Tew), the ringers from Wickham spent a very enjoyable evening at Upham, three 720's being scored on the bells, viz., 720 Bob Minor, 720 Oxford Bob and 720 College Single. Afterwards the Rector kindly entertained the visitors at his house, and gave them a welcome to Upham.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for his hospitality, and to the ladies for so kindly waiting upon the visitors.—The members taking part in the ringing were: Messrs. G. E. Chappell, W. F. Churcher, N. Welch, W. Singleton, H. J. Smith, H. W. Merrett, and H. Beckett. Grandsire Doubles were also rung with the local band.

SUCCESSFUL SALISBURY GUILD MEETING.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at All Saints' Church, Westbury, Wilts, on Saturday week. The Vicar of Westbury (the Rev. W. T. B. Hayter) occupied the chair, and was supported by Mr. Hy. Brownlee West, of Devizes, the hon. branch secretary. Ringing members were present from the towers of Devizes (St. John and St. Mary), Bradford-on-Avon, Southbroom, Upavon, Urchfont, Chirton, Westbury, Keevil, Hilperton, Potterne, Trowbridge, Bath, Bechingslake and Seend, and 39 sat down to an excellent tea in the Parish Room, which was kindly lent for the occasion by the Vicar.—A short business meeting followed, at which Mr. West proposed, and Mr. Hooper seconded, the election to the Guild of 10 new members from Edington; the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett proposed, and Mr. England seconded the election of eight new members from Bishop Cannings; and Mr. O'Leary proposed, and Mr. Ludlow seconded, the election of two new members from Keevil.—It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Upavon, on June 1st, and the following quarterly meeting at Bradford-on-Avon, on July 6th.—The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in allowing the use of the Parish Room for the tea and meeting, and also for the use of the church bells.—Mr. Hayter replied in a short but kind and effective speech, saying what pleasure it gave him, to welcome the Guild to Westbury.—The bells were kept going to various methods from 3 o'clock till nearly 8 p.m., thus bringing to a close a very happy and successful meeting.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Swindon branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Bishopstone, Wilts, on Saturday week. There was a very satisfactory attendance from Christ Church, Swindon; Stratton St. Margaret, Wootton Bassett and Wroughton, besides a few of the local ringers, and a very cordial welcome was received from the Vicar (the Rev. H. Ault), who readily granted permission to ring. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were successfully accomplished. Tea followed at the "True Heart," where a short business was afterwards held, Mr. Ernest Bishop (branch president) being in the chair. New members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Castle Eaton, on Saturday, May 18th.—The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Ault for his kindness and courtesy, and this was carried.—Further ringing during the evening concluded the proceedings of a pleasant gathering.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North Eastern District was held at Mistley on Saturday, the towers of Harwich, Mistley, Tendring, Great Bentley, Bromley and Bocking being represented.—Tea was provided in the Parish Institute, and followed by the business meeting, over which the District Master (Mr. D. Elliott) presided.—Thanks were accorded to the Rector of Mistley (the Rev. Canon Norman) for use of bells, and to Mr. Honeywood (leader of the local ringers) for making the necessary arrangements. Unfortunately a number of those present had to rush away to catch the last train home, while others visited the towers of Tendring and Great Bentley, thus leaving a very reduced number to continue the ringing at Mistley during the evening.

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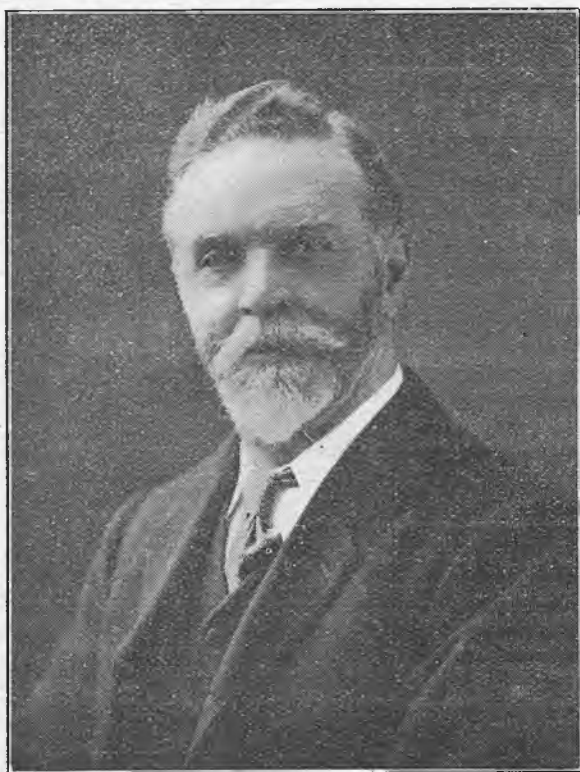
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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

Without being prominent among the peal ringers, there are many men who are nevertheless doing very excellent work by encouraging and helping beginners, and in other ways furthering the associations with which they are identified. These men who do not work in the limelight are of the backbone of our ringing organisations. Such an one is Mr. George Watson, of Hastings, the honorary secretary of the Sussex County Association. Mr. Watson had reached middle age before receiving his introduction to the Exercise, and the progress of ringing in his part of the county has always meant uphill work. It says not a little for his enthusiasm, therefore, that he has remained to be of great service to the Association.



MR. G. WATSON.

Mr. Watson was born at Whittlesea, Cambs, on January 22nd, 1855, and entered the scholastic profession, being a pupil teacher and a Sunday School teacher in his native place. After two years at St. Peter's College, Peterborough, he became assistant master in London, and then, in October, 1877, was appointed head master of Christ Church Boys' School, St. Leonards, a position which he still occupies. In those days Christ Church was in an unfinished state, and the tower, spire, clock and bells have since been added, the work being completed in December, 1894. The first band of ringers was formed there in 1895, Mr. Watson being among them. All were novices, and they received instruction in managing the bells from Messrs. S. Saker and F. Lock, of Blacklands. Mr. Watson was appointed captain by the Rector, and from Snowdon's "Grandsire" and from articles published by Mr. John Carter he learnt something of method ringing

and composition. In those early days he always pricked his own touches and quarter peals. In June, 1898, he rang and called his first peal—Hollis' six-part of Grandsire Triples. This was the first peal rung in the borough of Hastings, and six of the company were members of the local band. His next peal was Holt's Original, which he also conducted, and he has called this composition from four different bells. After this Mr. Watson induced the St. Leonards men to learn Stedman, and the start thus made had a good effect upon some of the neighbouring towers. Treble Bob followed, but Double Norwich practice has been handicapped by that all too frequent trouble, the migration of ringers. Although his opportunities for peal ringing have not been great, Mr. Watson has always endeavoured, from the love he bears for the Art, to help onward those who are making a start in change ringing—a modest but none the less useful vocation.

His official connection with the Association dates from 1897, when he was elected on the committee of the Sussex Association. He afterwards served as auditor, and in May, 1905, was elected as honorary secretary of the Eastern Division, when Mr. Saker retired from the office. In May, 1898, he was elected honorary general secretary of the Association in the place of Mr. A. B. Bennett, and he naturally finds that the work connected with an Association numbering over 800 members takes up a great deal of his leisure time. Mr. Watson has been largely responsible for placing the Association upon a sound financial basis, the balance in hand on the current account having been raised from £16 15s. 8d. in 1909 to £43 8s. 8d. in 1911, while the Reserve Fund also amounts to £31 16s. 9d. To attain this much "nursing" has been required. Old members have been retained, new subscriptions sought and great economy on the part of the management practiced. The time now appears to be ripe for establishing another fund for the benefit of those members of the Association who may be in need of assistance, and at the annual meeting of the Association last Saturday, when Mr. Watson was again elected honorary secretary, he had the pleasure of piloting through a scheme for establishing a Benevolent Fund.

Mr. Watson, who is also a member of the Peterborough and District Association, has represented the Sussex Association on the Central Council for six years. His peals have been as follows:—

Grandsire Triples	8	Conducted	7
Stedman Triples	34	"	3
Bob Major	7	"	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	5		

Total ... 54 Conducted 11

THE BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.

We have much pleasure in announcing that next week we shall begin a series of articles upon the bells of the English Cathedrals, which Mr. J. R. Jerram, of Salisbury, an eminent authority on the subject, is kindly writing specially for "The Ringing World."

The articles, which will be illustrated, will be of special interest to those who are fond of bell archæology, and will, we hope, serve to awaken in those who have not had the opportunity of studying this subject a desire to acquire some knowledge of the history of the bells they ring. Some of these ancient instruments of the churches are centuries old, and are treasured relics which have survived the turmoil, strife and spoliation which scarred the civil and religious life of the country in days of old.

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210 K.T.B. Maximus. f 9,056 K.T.B. Major. g 7,200 in ten Minor methods.

The 232 peals of Stedman Triples comprised: Thurstans' One-part, 2; Thurstans' Four part and Variations, 194; Carter's peals, 9; Sir Arthur Heywood's peals, 12; Washbrook's peals, 5; Lates' peals, 3; Bulwer's peals, 3; Wilde's peals, 2; Dr. A. B. Carpenter's peal, 1; Unnamed peal, 1.

A NEW RECORD CREATED.

The greatest number of changes in one peal was 13,440, viz.: Bob Major rung on handbells by the Yorkshire Association. A peal, on tower bells, of 12,240 Kent Treble Bob Maximus was rung by the Lancashire Association, and a performance in four Minor methods by the Midland Counties Association reached a total of 10,080 changes. Other long peals consisted of 9056, 8000, 7777, 7200, and 7023 changes respectively. Under 6000 changes, there were 1731 peals rung. The number of peals rung on Church bells were 1620; on handbells, 119; total, 1739 peals.

The peals rung are 14 more than last year, and create a new record. They were rung in the following months, viz.: January, 147; February, 143; March, 104; April, 137; May, 134; June, 155; July, 91; August, 68; September, 120; October, 179; November, 201; December, 260.

Ten ladies have taken part in successful peals during the year, 1911, viz.: Miss Elsie Bennett took part in two peals of Bob Major, and one of Grandsire Triples, all on handbells. Two of the peals were rung for the Kent County Association, and one for the Winchester Diocesan Guild. Miss Gillingham took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Bath and Wells Association.

Miss Jukes rang in and conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Bath and Wells Association.

Miss Sarah Pigott took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford; while, for the Worcester-shire and Districts Association, she rang in no less than three peals, a peal of Doubles in eleven different methods, a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, and a peal of Bob Major.

Miss Edith K. Parker has surpassed her brilliant performances in 1910, by an even more brilliant record for 1911. She rang in no fewer than 21 peals, of which she conducted 17.

The list is as follows, viz.:-

	Rung.	Conducted.
London Surprise	8	6
Superlative Surprise	6	5
New Cambridge Surprise	3	3
Stedman Triples	3	3
Forward Royal	1	—

Total 21 17

The peals were distributed among the following Associations: Royal Cumberland Youths, 10; Middlesex, 5; Midland Counties, 3; Hertfordshire, 2; Salisbury, 1. Miss Kate Stanfion took part in a peal of Bob Minor for the Norwich Diocesan Association. Miss Evelyn Steel took part in two peals for the Bedfordshire Association, one in seven methods of Minor, and the other Grandsire Triples. Miss May Thompson took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Midland Counties Association. Miss Alice White took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Miss Lilian Willson rang in the following peals for the Midland Counties Association, viz.: Two of Kent Treble Bob Major, one of Grandsire Triples, one of Superlative Surprise Major, and one of Stedman Triples. One of the peals of Kent Treble Bob was conducted by her.

THE CONDUCTORS.

The conductors of four peals and upwards were: A. H. Pulling, 67; W. Pye, 43; B. Prewett, 30; F. Bennett, 29; C. F. Bailey, 25; G. Williams, 24; J. Motts, 21; C. W. Clarke, C. Glenn and Keith Hart, 20; Rev. H. Law James, 18; C. R. Lilley and Miss Edith K. Parker, 17; T. H. Taftender and E. M. Atkins, 16; F. R. Borrett, J. E. Davis and Wm. Shepherd, 15; S. Grove, 14; R. Matthews and A. H. Ward, 13; B. Thorp, 12; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 11; J. E. Groves, F. C. Lambert, F. G. May, D. J. Nichols, W. Steel and Sam Thomas, 10; R. T. Houlding, senr., E. W. Marsh, George N. Price and George F. Williams, 9; E. J. Buesden, A. Coppock, J. Flint, F. Manser, W. Sawyer, E. Harry Stoneley, A. G. Warnes, G. Wightman and Challis F. Winney, 8; Edwin Barnett, senr., Rev. C. Carew Cox, T. T. Gofton, Joseph Griffin, T. Groombridge, senr., B. A. Knights, J. W. Lake, A. E. Moore, W. S. Smith, R. Sperring and A. Y. Tyler, 7; W. Bellamy, Rev. E. V. Cox, W. G. Ellis, A. Fallow, E. C. Gobey, Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, E. H. Lewis, W. Perkins, G. R. Pye, J. D. Scamer, Isaac Sidebotham, H. Springall, R. E. Stavert, S. H. Symonds and A. P. Wakley, 6; J. H. Blakiston, L. Bullock, T. W. Chapman, C. T. Coles, G. H. Cross, A. J. Day, R. F. Deal, D. Elliott, J. B. Fenton, W. Fisher, J. Goodman, junr., F. A. Holden, J. B. Hallifax, J. Hough, W. D. James, Arthur Mackears, Thos. Metcalfe, James Morgan, Joseph Pigott, E. Reader, William Short, Albert Simpson, J. Thomas, C. A. Valentine, William Watts and Samuel Wood, 5; G. T. Alexander, John Austin, Fred Bennett, Geo. Cattermole, W. H. Corbett, F. W. Dixon, A. W. Gravett, John G. Hall, Harry Hampson, Frank Holder, P. J. Howchin, Robert W. Hyner, T. B. Kendall, Arthur Knights, J. A. Lambert, William Latter, W. Lincoln, E. H. Lindup, W. Mallinson, Ernest Mann, H. J. Mansfield, Harry Page, W. J. Paice, W. H. Porter, W. Poston, F. W. Rice, R. Richardson, Joseph Ridyard, J. Souter, Geo. E. Symonds, William Taylor, F. Watkinson, H. W. Wilde, Edward Whiting, William Willson, and Albert Wright, 4. In addition to the above, 46 persons conducted three peals each; 101 two peals; and 295 one peal. Three peals were published without a conductor's name, and one peal was rung unconducted, viz., a peal of Minor in seven methods, by members of the Hertfordshire County Association, at Great Munden. Three ladies appear in the list of conductors: Miss Jukes, who conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples; Miss Edith K. Parker, whose peals as conductor having been referred to elsewhere, it need only be mentioned here that she conducted London Surprise and New Cambridge Surprise for the first time in 1911; and Miss Lilian Willson, who conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

The following peals were rung on handbells, viz.: Stedman Cinques, 4; Stedman Caters, 32; Stedman Triples, 26; Grandsire Caters, 6; Grandsire Triples, 15; Bob Royal, 1; Bob Major, 24; Minor, 7; Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; total, 119. The above handbell peals were rung for the following Associations: Ancient Society of College Youths, 1; Cambridge University Guild, 4; Central Northamptonshire, 7; Cleveland and North Yorkshire, 2; Essex, 5; Ely, 5; Hertfordshire, 3; Kent, 2; Lincoln, 4; Llandaff, 1; Middlesex, 4; Midland Counties, 4; Winchester, 64; Warwickshire, 2; Yorkshire, 8; Independent, 3; total, 119.

Note.—In reckoning points for peals, those over 7,000 and under 10,000 changes count as two peals; 10,000 and under 12,000 count as three peals, and so forth. Points were first used, to ascertain the relative position of ringing associations, in the analysis for the year 1895.

The following table gives the first twenty Societies and their positions since 1897:—

	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911
Winchester Diocesan	14	12	15	10	13	16	23	18	15	10	9	9	12	8	13
Middlesex County	25	18	9	4	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	3	3	2	1
Norwich Diocesan	5	9	5	6	6	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	4
Midland Counties	8	6	6	13	11	13	10	5	5	5	4	1	1	3	5
Kent County	7	8	3	3	4	4	6	9	3	3	3	4	5	4	4
Yorkshire	9	11	8	14	12	12	9	3	4	4	7	5	4	5	6
Sussex County	1	1	2	5	3	7	3	7	7	17	10	7	7	6	7
Worcestershire & Dis.	6	3	10	15	18	21	20	23	17	14	8	14	9	14	10
Lancashire	4	5	7	7	8	14	19	22	9	8	6	8	8	11	9
Oxford Diocesan	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	8	8	6	5	6	6	7	10
Essex County	11	10	12	9	10	9	8	6	6	7	11	11	10	9	11
Central Northampton	10	14	14	16	15	22	14	14	16	22	20	16	20	16	12
Hertfordshire County	19	13	18	20	14	8	12	12	13	16	12	13	13	17	13
Llandaff Diocesan	33	30	25	—	33	33	37	41	36	35	35	32	37	33	14
Chester Diocesan	24	22	23	21	20	19	22	28	20	9	23	19	19	15	15
Ancient Society of															
College Youths	2	4	4	2	5	5	5	4	10	11	16	21	22	22	16
Lincoln Diocesan	—	—	32	32	29	26	26	26	26	25	29	25	17	18	17
London County	34	37	35	27	34	32	28	21	19	20	18	17	24	21	18
Society for the Arch-															
deaconry of Stafford	21	17	13	19	19	17	18	25	21	21	13	18	18	19	19
Royal Cumberland Y.	17	23	24	22	23	20	25	19	23	18	19	20	15	23	20

The number of peals rung year by year from 1881, to the present time, are as follows:—

1881..156	1886..556	1891..878	1896..791	1901..1194	1906..1313	1911..1739
1882..224	1887..646	1892..802	1897..905	1902..1313	1907..1339	
1883..330	1888..759	1893..705	1898..1002	1903..1469	1908..1474	
1884..419	1889..797	1894..859	1899..912	1904..1512	1909..1628	
1885..500	1890..699	1895..766	1900..924	1905..1519	1910..1725	

Grand Total .. 20,875

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, 72, Shobnall Street, Burton-upon-Trent.
E. W. CARPENTER, Boothby Pagnell Rectory, Grantham.
ARTHUR T. KING, 2, Sussex Place, Southsea, Hants.

HEADINGLEY RINGERS' LOSS.

DEATH OF MR. L. FLINT.

The Headingley St. Michael's Society have to record with extreme regret the death, from pneumonia, on April 22nd, of Lomas Flint, or "Tom" as he was always called. He was one of about 18 young men who volunteered to learn to ring when the present peal of eight was placed in the tower some 22 years ago, and ever since he has remained true to the work he then undertook. He was held in high regard by the Vicar and wardens, and his loss to the society will be most keenly felt, not only as a practical ringer, but because his whole mode of life was a valuable example to others, and especially as a true and loyal son of the Church. His capabilities as a ringer were of a high order, the 23 peals standing to his credit in the Yorkshire Association's records, embracing nearly all the standard methods. He was an excellent striker, and was justly proud of the high quality of the peals in which he had taken part, many of them having been rung without a slip on his part. In the days when four Surprise Methods were regularly rung in the tower he could take an inside bell with any. Double Norwich was his favourite method, and nothing gave him greater pleasure than a well-struck touch for service, which he usually attended. For many years he had charge of the bells, to the entire satisfaction of the authorities and his fellow ringers, who often said that no peal could be better looked after, and they appreciated to the full his cheerful willingness to do all in his power to make a peal successful, and for the general comfort of the band.

Mr. Flint first saw the light in the little Leicestershire village of Shearsby, in 1856, where he spent his boyhood, and where his aged father and mother still live. At the age of ten, he struck out into the world to make his way, and came to Leeds when about 22 years of age. For 32 years he was employed by the Leeds Corporation at their waterworks at Headingley, and he was much respected by the officials and fellow workmen. A number of them attended the funeral.

The first part of the service was held in St. Michael's Church, the Rev. C. Dunn (curate) officiating, in the absence of the Vicar (Canon F. J. Wood). Prior to the service, the bells were rung, deeply muffled. Four of his comrades acted as bearers at the church, and his remains were carried to the grave by his fellow workmen, and laid to rest in St. Mark's Churchyard, Woodhouse, near his wife, who only predeceased him by three weeks, after a long and painful illness. A course of Grandire Triples was rung at the graveside by Messrs. Johnson, Talbot, Wood and Williams, a touching farewell to a much-respected comrade. The whole scene in the churchyard, in the afternoon sunshine, with relatives and friends grouped around the open grave, was one of peace and rest, and quite in accord with the peaceful, genial disposition of the deceased, of whom it can be truly said that he never made an enemy and never lost a friend, and that his voice was always on the side of justice and peace, and for the best interests of his fellows. The Society of Oddfellows, to which he had belonged for many years, was represented at the funeral. The bells were rung, muffled, on the Sunday following the interment, and on the Tuesday a touch of Double Norwich (1504 changes) was rung by: W. Talbot 1, F. Cundale 2, R. Thomas 3, W. Wood 4, G. Slack 5, P. J. Johnson 6, H. Lindsay 7, H. Williams (conductor) 8.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

BENEVOLENT FUND ESTABLISHED. SUSSEX LEADS THE WAY.

The annual meeting of the Sussex County Association was held at Brighton on Saturday, the company numbering nearly seventy. Three towers, St. Nicholas' (10), St. Peter's (8), and St. Paul's (8), were at the disposal of the members at various times during the day, and the methods practised included: Grandire Triples, Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Major, Stedman Caters, etc.

The annual dinner was partaken of at the Unicorn Hotel, and, in the absence of the Bishop of Chichester (President of the Association), the Master (Mr. F. B. Tompkins, of Chichester) proved to be an excellent substitute. He was supported by the Rev. Canon Southwell, and the Rev. Hugh Horden, of St. Nicholas', Brighton, Messrs. Cyril Johnston (Croydon), Messrs. R. C. Ford (hon. treasurer), G. Watson (hon. secretary), G. H. Howse and H. Evans (divisional hon. secretaries), etc. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the Mayor of Brighton (Mr. C. T. Stanford), Rev. Canon Masters, Rev. J. B. Orme, Rev. W. Kelly, Rev. Mr. Fallows, Mr. R. J. Dawe, etc.

After a splendidly served meal, the Chairman submitted "The King," and, as is customary at the annual luncheon of the Association, the toast of the "Church and State" followed, Mr. Cyril Johnston proposing it in felicitous terms.

Canon Southwell, in response, said that "Church and State" was a very noble toast, because he thought that anyone would agree with him when he said that "Church and State" were responsible for all laws passed in England, and that was a matter for them to think about. He sincerely trusted the two would always go together, for alterations to that method of procedure would mean harm to England. As regards the position of ringers on the question, he asked them to assist in keeping the two intact. His experience of ringing was not very successful, but he had a recollection of trying to learn to ring about four or five years ago. The clergy owed a great debt of gratitude to their ringers, who were indeed Church workers. It was a very great pleasure to him to be present that day, and he thanked them for so enthusiastically receiving the toast.

BUSINESS MEETING.

The business meeting was then proceeded with, and the following new members were elected: The Rev. Gerald W. Douglas, of Christ Church, St. Leonard's, a life member; Canon Southwell, an honorary member; Messrs. G. H. Davey (Hurstpierpoint), James Segden and Thomas Farrier (Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings), E. W. Pickell, Charles Wood, C. Smith and L. Sheppard, active members; and Mr. A. W. Holly (Battle), an independent member.

The Rev. Hugh Horden moved that the Bishop of the Diocese be re-elected President, remarking there was no one more suited to occupy the position.—Mr. Norris seconded, and the motion was carried with acclamation.—The General Secretary proposed that all the vice-presidents, which include many clergy and prominent members of the laity, from all parts of the county, be re-appointed, with the addition of the Rev. Canon Southwell, the Rev. Gerald W. Douglas, and the Rev. Hugh Horden.—On being seconded, this was approved of.

On the proposition of Mr. H. Evans, seconded by Mr. W. Franks, Mr. F. B. Tompkins was unanimously chosen Master for the ensuing year.—In reply, Mr. Tompkins thanked them for the honour they had again conferred on him. He did not think he had much to address them upon, but the Association was certainly in a distinctly flourishing condition at the present time. With regard to the Central Council, he thought it would be a good thing for them to have discussions at their divisional meetings on matters they wished the delegates of the Association to place before the Council. By so doing more interest would be created in ringing. One thing worthy of consideration at the divisional meetings was the value of peals. This question had been before the Central Council for many years, and one vital point in connection with it was that six-bell peals were of larger value than eight-bell peals. A very large majority of the peals rung in Sussex were in eight-bell towers, so such a matter was bound to effect the Association. In the circumstances, he was desirous of seeing the question brought before the divisional meetings, so that they could instruct their delegates what they required done. In conclusion, the speaker said he would like to hear something about the question, and he again thanked them for re-electing him Master.

The following officers were also re-elected: Hon. treasurer, Mr. R. C. Ford; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Watson; divisional secretaries: Messrs. G. H. Howse (Eastern) and H. Evans (Western). Owing to the resignation of Mr. R. J. Dawe, who intimated that he could not stand again as hon. secretary of the Central Division, Messrs. Stalham and A. D. Stone were nominated for the vacancy, and on being put to the vote, Mr. Stone was chosen.—The names of Messrs. A. R. Miles, Geo. Baker and Arthur Gravett were submitted as hon. auditors, the voting resulting in the two former being appointed.—Messrs. F. B. Tompkins, G. Watson, G. H. Howse and K. Hart, were appointed Central Council Delegates.—The Hon. Secretary announced that Mr. F. Lock had decided to resign his post as a member of the general

committee, and of the committee of advice. Mr. H. R. Butcher was appointed in his place on the general committee, and Mr. F. Medhurst on the advisory committee. There was also another vacancy on the general committee, and Mr. F. Morris Bacon was appointed.

THE REPORT.

The adoption of the report and balance sheet followed. The report, which was for 1911, said that in submitting the 27th annual report, the committee again were able to congratulate the members upon the financial position of the Association, which was continuing to improve, and now warranted, in their opinion, the starting of a fund from which necessitous ringers might receive temporary assistance. The cordial co-operation of all the members was earnestly solicited in the effort to make that fund of real practical help to those in need. One very effectual way of doing this would be to induce some of those towers not yet affiliated to the Association to join it as soon as possible. Ten meetings had been held during the course of the year, and again it was the pleasant duty of the committee to thank the clergy of the towers visited for the very kindly welcome accorded the members, and in several cases for the hospitality shown in addition. The number of peals rung during the past year was not so great as the previous year, but the average number of points per peal was slightly higher, thus proving them to be of a higher quality. The two Brighton towers—St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's—headed the list, the former winning the challenge bell for the first time in the history of the competition. For their success, the ringers of that tower deserved the heartiest congratulations of all their brother ringers. The thanks of the members were again due to Mr. Penfold for the very efficient manner in which he had prepared the peals' analysis and allotted the points to the various towers. The bell foundries had been fairly busy in Sussex during the past year. At Barcombe the three old bells had been re-cast, three new ones added, the whole being hung in an entirely new frame, and the work accomplished in a highly satisfactory manner by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. At Heene, Messrs. Warner and Sons had rehung the bells, new boxes and spindles being provided. At Waldron, the bells were being recast and rehanging in a steel frame by Messrs. Warner and Sons.

The balance sheet showed a balance of £43 8s. 8d., and the reserve fund totalled £31 16s. 9d.—On the proposition of Mr. W. Alcock, seconded by Mr. K. Hart, the report and balance sheet were unanimously passed.

The General Secretary moved the following resolution: "That a sum of £18 be taken from the general fund and paid into the reserve fund, so as to make the balance of that fund up to £50." Speaking in support of the motion, he referred to the highly satisfactory balance in the general funds, and said by transferring a portion to the reserve, it would make a substantial sum large enough for any emergency.—Mr. Keith Hart seconded, and the resolution was adopted.

The General Secretary next moved a series of alterations in the rules. Hitherto a rule has existed, although it has not been carried out to the letter, "that practising members and probationers shall be admitted by the committee, or at any meeting of the Association, when a quorum of the committee is present, and they join singly or in bands." The proposed alteration was to omit the words "when a quorum of the committee is present." Another rule has been that a balance sheet and report shall be prepared by the hon. secretary and sent to the members prior to the annual meeting.—The Hon. Secretary moved that the balance sheet and report be presented to the members at the annual meeting. Another proposal by the Hon. Secretary was to make it possible for two members to be elected in a tower previous to starting a peal, instead of one as had been the rule.—Mr. A. D. Stone put an amendment, that if there was a majority of the band in the Association they could elect as many members as they desired, thereby making it possible to elect three before commencing a peal in an eight-bell tower.—The Hon. Secretary agreed with the amendment, and intimated he would vote for it.—The amendment was carried, as were the other revisions of rules.

BENEVOLENT FUND SCHEME CARRIED.

The next item was the most important one on the agenda. It read as follows: "That a fund be established to be called the 'Benevolent Fund'; to be composed of all life honorary subscriptions, interest from the reserve fund, and such sums as shall be from time to time ordered to be paid at any general meeting. Grants from such fund (in accordance with a scheme to be prepared by the committee) to be made to necessitous ringers who shall have been members of the Sussex County Association for at least five years."

Two years ago, the Hon. Secretary said he could not have proposed a resolution such as the above, for at that time the financial state of the Association was bad. At one period they were giving greater benefits than they could afford. They had spent a lot at their district meetings, but during the last two years, the expenditure in that direction had been minimised. Now that the Association was in a good financial position, the question was what they should devote their surplus to. Would they all go back to their old rule and allow the members a maximum fare of 2s. for attendance at meetings? He knew how that worked in the past, and thought it would be unwise to adopt that method again. It had been suggested in the "Ringing World" that a Benevolent Fund should be established for ringers. Of course, an experiment of that nature would have to begin in a small way. His proposal was a very modest one, and he did not ask them to

put their hands in their pockets at all. They would have to be as economical as possible in the working of the fund, but he thought temporary assistance could be derived from it. It had been the custom to spend money on tuition, and he reminded them that if bands required tuition, the Association were still agreeable to help them in that respect. They did not mind spending money as long as they could see some kind of return for it. That was not always the case, for they had from time to time made grants to bell and repair funds, but he noticed the clergy to whom the grants were given, did not attend to the question of affiliating their ringers to the Association. They must look after their own members more, and in proposing the establishment of a benevolent fund, he thought that would be the means of doing so.

The Master, in seconding, said it was the first time anything of the sort had been brought forward. A Benevolent Fund had been spoken extremely highly of in the "Ringing World." He could remember bringing forward the idea at a meeting of the Central Council many years ago, but he met with defeat. He did not want to take any credit for the resolution he was seconding, and he congratulated Mr. Watson on his proposal, which did not ask them to contribute one halfpenny. It appeared to him to be a good scheme, and well worth trying.

On being put to the vote, it was carried unanimously, and with applause.

Mr. H. Stalham proposed and Mr. W. Hart seconded, the following resolution, which, after being discussed, was out-voted: "That one member of the committee from each division shall retire annually, and shall not be eligible for re-election under three years."

Eastbourne, Lewes, Horsham, and Chichester, were the places submitted for the next annual meeting, and the show of hands proved to be in favour of Lewes.

The Chairman moved a vote of thanks to Canon Southwell and the Rev. Hugh Horden for arranging a service, and to the clergy for the use of the bells at the churches the members were visiting that day.

The Hon. Secretary seconded, and the passing of the vote of thanks concluded the business.

THE SERVICE.

Subsequently a service was held at St. Nicholas.

The Rev. Hugh Horden intoned the prayers, and the hymns, "We love the place, O God," and "Praise my soul, the King of Heaven," were sung, while the 150th Psalm was chanted.

The Rev. Canon Southwell occupied the pulpit, and took for his text, Exodus xxviii., 34, "A golden bell and a pomegranate." In the great church, said the reverend gentleman, during the past 50 or 60 years, he rejoiced in the recognition that had taken place, largely, no doubt, due to an Association of their kind, of bellringers as church-workers, and as a part of the church. No doubt a good many there that day could remember that in years gone by the belfry was a dirty and untidy place, not like a part of God's building, and the ringers disappeared outside the tower after they had finished ringing for service. That was the old state of things, and such a gathering as they had held that day, followed by a service in church, would have been a most unlikely thing years ago. But now a change had been brought about, and he rejoiced at the change. If one was travelling through England by train or by road, one of the most characteristic things was the church, which, in city, town or village, the traveller could see standing up, with its tower or spire pointing up to Heaven. The call of the bells, if anything, was even more characteristic, and took a very essential part on a Sunday. If they looked back through the history of church bells in the past, they would find clear intentions of them as far back as the sixth century. Later, towards the end of the seventh century bells were used for calling people to prayer, and the first set of bells, a sweet, harmonious peal, were put up at Croyland. In the old Saxon towers, there was clear evidence they had been erected for the reception of bells, a proof of this being the curfew bell that was rung at the time of the Norman Conquest. The ringers, themselves, in the very early days, were clerks in minor orders, and held their own places in the Church. He placed those facts before them, not because they were interesting, but because they would serve to show the real purpose of bells and the privilege of ringers, which was to remind people of their duty of worship. Bell-ringing was not simply a pleasant, interesting occupation, but was instituted for calling people to prayer. What did the bells of to-day remind them to do? They sent forth the message for them to join in the prayers of God's Church. The first thing, therefore, for them to remember was that bells were used in God's service as a call to prayer. Quite true they were used for other purposes, and were rung for public rejoicings, and on the other hand in times of sorrow. To turn one's back upon the bells was to neglect the service to God, and if that be true, ringers had a high duty and privilege in their work. Church workers indeed they were, and workers together with Christ, each one in place and turn, dependent on each other for these peals of fellowship and harmony. It was most important that an Association like theirs should hold together its members, who should not only be Church workers, but communicants, and when ringing should remember their duty before leaving was to take part in public worship.

An offertory, realising an appreciable sum, was devoted to the Benevolent Fund.

The gathering was considered to be a most satisfactory meeting.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

The sad circumstances under which the death of Mr. A. J. Day took place at Tunstall, Kent, appeals with pathetic force to ringers. The deceased, it may be recalled, rang in two peals on Easter Day, and died suddenly on the following Wednesday. Unfortunately, for four months previous to his death, he was out of employment through no fault of his own, and consequently his widow and three children are left in very straitened circumstances.

We are glad to learn that efforts are being made among the members of the Kent Association, of which Mr. Day was an active member, to assist the widow. Mr. Spice, of 4, Pond Cottages, Tunstall, Sittingbourne, has, with the permission and support of the honorary secretary of the Kent Association, issued an appeal to the various bands in union with the Association, and, in addition, contributions from all ringers will be gladly welcomed. The following sums have been forwarded through "The Ringing World": Pulborough (Sussex) band, per Mr. P. H. Doick, 5s.; Rev. N. Pares, Horsell (Surrey), 5s.; Mrs. Pares, 5s.; Anon, 4s.

The death has occurred at Cleethorpes, of Mr. F. W. Hargreave, who was formerly a member of the Tong branch of the Yorkshire Association. The deceased, who was 41 years of age, took part in the longest length on six bells by the Association, viz., 10,440, at Tong in April, 1896. He also rang in the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by the Association, which was achieved at Drighlington in 1899. He removed to Cleethorpes about twelve years ago. His old colleagues at Tong on Wednesday week rang a muffled peal to his memory.

A most interesting book upon the history of St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, has been published by Mr. Ernest Morris, a young Leicester ringer. The tower and north side of the church are undergoing restoration and some £500 is still needed to complete the work. All the profits on the book are to be devoted to the fund, and it is hoped, when the renovation of the fabric is completed, that the rehangings of the bells, which are now in a very bad state, may be taken in hand.

The book is very artistically produced, and is packed full of information, written in interesting fashion, about the historical church, the forerunner of which was built between 653 and 737, A.D. The story of the bells, of course, comes in for special treatment. Ringers should find much to interest them in the little volume, which can be obtained post free for the small sum of 1s., from Mr. E. Morris, 11, Devonshire Street, Leicester.

A stroke of bad luck met the Irthlingboro' men on Saturday, when, after ringing 2 hrs. 58 mins. for a peal of Bristol Surprise Major, they lost it ten leads from home.

Ringing is now suspended on Lavenham bells, as they are being overhauled by Messrs. Day & Sons, of Eyre.

In stating last week that the claim of the Midland Counties Association to the first peal in seven Minor methods on handbells could not stand, we perhaps made a statement

that was rather misleading. The M.C.A., we gather, has made no claim to the first performance, their peal only being mentioned as proof of the fact that one had been rung before the peal at Bourne.

A peal of Stedman Cinques is to be attempted at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, on Saturday by the members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

The peal of Bob Major at Staveley on April 27th was rung to celebrate the 51st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. W. Price, one of the Eckington ringers.

The death has occurred at Otley of Mr. John Nunn, formerly one of the company at the Parish Church, and on Sunday last the bells were rung half muffled as a last tribute of respect to the deceased.

At the vestry meeting at Staunton-on-Arrow a special vote of thanks was accorded to the ringers of the Parish Church for their regular and constant attention to their duties. The captain (Mr. J. Preece) has been able to maintain for many years a good belfry team, despite leakages and removals, and we believe he has the distinction of training more "new hands" than any other leader in the Herefordshire Guild. Mr. J. Charlton Parr, of Staunton Park, is a warm friend of the ringers, and is always ready to supply a new set of ropes when the old ones, through constant usage, show signs of wear.

Mr. J. Beams' reply to Mr. Corrigan on the subject of the variation of Grandsire compositions is unavoidably held over.

Mr. C. W. Clarke sends a record of 720 Bocking Treble Bob rung at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Thursday in last week by J. Bates 1, P. J. Cooke 2, C. W. Clarke 3, C. Stapleton 4, C. A. Robinson 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6. This method, says Mr. Clarke, is published in the new edition of "Standard Methods" as College Bob IV, while in the Central Council's "Collection of Legitimate Methods" another method is given as College Bob IV. Give credit where credit is due. The one in "Standard Methods" I have had in a collection 20 years or more as Bocking Treble Bob, by A. Huckson, of Braintree.

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.

Owing to pressure on space this week my usual article is unavoidably held over.

W. M.—I do not know the methods you mention, but am trying to get the figures for you.

"Doubtful."—With common bobs and singles only I do not think a composition such as you name is possible, but I will verify this and give you a definite answer later.

BISHOP RYDERS, BIRMINGHAM.—Midland Counties Association.—On Sunday, March 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: S. Coley 1, G. A. Taylor 2, A. T. Scrivens 3, W. F. Webb 4, J. T. Perry (conductor) 5, W. H. Carrod 6, J. B. Collett 7, T. Pearce 8.—On April 14th, Thankoffering Sunday, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1344 changes), in 48 mins.: S. Coley 1, J. B. Collett 2, A. T. Scrivens 3, W. F. Webb 4, J. T. Perry (conductor) 5, *W. H. Carrod 6, G. A. Taylor 7, J. Porter 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On April 12th, touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Also three courses of Grandsire Triples: E. Hills 1, W. J. Nevard 2, A. Pye 3, L. A. Pye (first touch inside) 4, P. Almond 5, W. A. Pye 6, J. Bowell 7, G. Humm 8.

St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch.

ORANGES & LEMONS

Oran-ges and le-mons, says the bells of 'St. Clemen's'; You owe me five farthings, says the D.C. When will that be? says the bells of Step - ney; I do not know, says the

bells of St. Mar-tin's; When will you pay me, says the bells of Old Bai - ley; great bell of Bow.

D.C.
When I grow rich, says the bells of Shore - ditch; Here comes a can-dle to

light you to bed, And here comes a chop-per to chop off your head.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT BRANCH MEETING AT MOTTRAM.
INTERESTING PRESENTATIONS.

Interesting associations, not the least so to ringers, cluster round Mottram and its Parish Church. Here William Harrison lived, a giant in ringing and composition in his day; and here he is buried, and over his remains stands a fitting monument to his memory, erected by his brother ringers. The church, too, standing on high ground overlooking the surrounding country on all sides, is most interesting from the points of view of antiquity and judicious restoration; and the bells, to those who know them, are a real attraction, inasmuch as they are a brand new ring of Taylor's, possessing all the qualities valued by ringers, for the production of which the firm is deservedly noted.

And last Saturday's meeting of the Stockport branch proved to be, and certainly will always remain, of great interest to all who were present, particularly to one who was brought into prominence without his being previously made aware of what awaited him. The branch meetings invariably commence with a service in the church, which on this occasion was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave a short address. About 50 members were present. This number had swelled to upwards of 90, when all had seated themselves round the tea-tables. Needless to say, the reputation of ringers at the meal table was fully maintained. No doubt, atmospheric conditions contributed to this, as did a walk across the moors of six or seven miles by a number of members who apparently had anticipated their visit with much interest.

Tea over, the usual routine business, together with a few special items connected with temporary circumstances, was transacted, and the usual opportunity of bringing forward any matter of local or other interest by any member was announced by the Chairman, the Rev. F. C. L. Hamilton, of Northenden. He was the first to avail himself of the opportunity, and did so in order, as he said, "to spring a surprise on the hon. secretary." He then proceeded to speak of the splendid work done by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, and ended by asking him to accept a gold watch subscribed for by the members of the branch as an expression of their appreciation of his services during the past eight years.—In gratefully accepting the present, the Hon. Secretary expressed himself as being "jiggered" by the extraordinary development which had taken place at the meeting. He had rung peals, he said, in a large variety of Surprise Methods, but this was his first serious experience of a surprise of this kind. He assured his hearers he keenly appreciated their handsome gift, and regarded it as a sign that he had, unconsciously to himself, succeeded in winning their kind thought and goodwill, which was indeed something of which any man could be justly proud. His work as secretary had always been one of love and real pleasure, and while he could not promise to do more for them in the future than he was doing, he could promise to do as much as he had in the past, so long as they were pleased to entrust him with their affairs (applause).

The watch, a gold hunter, has a monogram inscribed on the outside, and a bell on the inside of the case, within the lines of which is the following inscription:—

Chester Diocesan Guild.
Stockport and Bowdon Branch.
Presented to the
Rev. A. T. Beeston

for services as Secretary to the above Branch by the Members.
May 4th, 1912.

The meeting did not close without a further item of interest being introduced, viz., a presentation to one of the local ringers, who is leaving the district. At the request of his colleagues, the Hon. Secretary presented the gift—a case of cutlery—to Mr. Charles H. Marsland, as a token of the value they set on his past companionship and co-operation, and of their regret at his departure; and in doing so he was glad to seize the opportunity of referring from his own knowledge to Mr. Marsland's sterling qualities as a comrade and a change ringer, and expressed a hope that his future home would not be so far distant as to necessitate his complete severance from the branch.

The Chairman was thanked for his services in the chair, and thus ended a meeting which is a record in attendance in the history of the branch, and certainly one in respect of the nature of the matters which were brought under consideration.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Market Drayton last Saturday, about 40 members being present from Shrewsbury, Shifnal, Coalbrookdale, Conover, Malins Lee, Dawley, and Crewes. During the afternoon various touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob were rung.

The business meeting was held in the tower, the chair being taken by the Rector of Market Drayton (the Rev. Dr. F. W. T. Greenwood).—Mr. J. Bradney, of Shifnal, was re-elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council for another three years.—Tea was held at Bell's Temperance Hotel, at 6.30, 35 sitting down.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Dr. Greenwood for the kind use of the bells.

VETERAN RINGER'S DEATH.

A REMARKABLE CAREER.

"Such an one goes not unhonoured to his grave."

It is with very deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. John Coales, who had been a member of St. Andrew's Society of Change Ringers, Rugby, since its formation in 1895, and verger at the Parish Church for upwards of 22 years. He had been in failing health for some time, and passed peacefully away on Monday, April 29th, in his 82nd year, from heart failure, following a painful illness, borne with characteristic fortitude and courage. He leaves a widow, three sons and one daughter to mourn his death.

Mr. Coales had a remarkable career—a career any man might truly be proud of. He was born at Titchmarsh, near Thrapston, and as a young man assisted his father in his business as a blacksmith. Village life, however, did not appeal to him, for at the age of 21 he joined the Metropolitan Police Force, being on duty at the opening of the Crystal Palace. When the Crimean War broke out he enlisted in the Commissariat Department, going over the town of Sevastopol, after the famous siege, and being on the field of Balaklava and Inkerman. He received the English and Turkish service medals, which are now fondly cherished by members of the family.

He was then for a number of years a sorter in the Post Office, travelling between Rugby and Carlisle, retiring on a pension in 1886, when he became curator of the Art Museum at Rugby School. In 1890 he was appointed verger at the Parish Church, which position he held almost to the time of his death.

Mr. Coales was of a quiet, unassuming, but jovial disposition, always ready with his kindly advice and help, and most attentive to his duties. To know him was to love him, and his loss will be keenly felt, his place hard to fill. He learned to handle a bell when quite a lad, but it was not till the year 1895, when a new peal of eight bells was opened at Rugby, that he commenced to learn change ringing with the newly formed band, under the instruction of Mr. James George. He belonged to that old school of perfect strikers, which the present generation would do well to follow; a very safe ringer, and rarely absent from service or practice ringing.

Opportunities for peal ringing were very few, and he had only rung one 5000—Grandsire Triples, but it is worthy of note that he learned to ring Bob Major and Stedman after his 75th year. He was Deputy Ringing Master of the St. Andrew's Society for a number of years, and although he had not been able to ring for some months prior to his death, he retained his interest to the last.

The funeral took place on Friday last, the remains being conveyed to the Parish Church, where the first part of the service was read by the Rector, Canon Baillie, who also officiated at the interment. Several ringers attended to represent the St. Andrew's Society, and after the committal prayers, and the coffin had been lowered to its last resting place, a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung over the grave by: J. W. Chandler 1—2, J. B. Fenton 3—4, A. J. Hessian 5—6, and H. O. White 7—8. A floral tribute in the shape of a bell was also sent by the St. Andrew's Society.

In the evening, as a last mark of respect to their departed comrade (time not permitting a quarter-peal), 1008 Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, by the eight oldest members of the society, conducted by a very old friend of the deceased, Mr. James George, the band standing as follows: A. J. Hessian 1, R. Watson 2, H. O. White 3, J. W. Chandler 4, J. B. Fenton 5, A. Bramall 6, J. George 7, R. Clarke 8.

"Though lost to sight to memory ever dear." May he rest in peace.—A.J.H.

FOSTERING THE ART IN YORKSHIRE.

The ringers of Fishlake Goole, Snaith, and surrounding villages, journeyed to Thorne on Saturday, with the object of holding their first combined practice in change ringing. Touches of Bob Major and Minor were rung by mixed bands. During an interval, the Convener (Mr. S. Smith) gave a brief account of the inauguration of the scheme. He stated that the idea originated in Goole with the object of fostering a spirit of good fellowship amongst change ringers in the district, and of advancing the art of change ringing.—Mr. H. Ludkin, of Goole, was appointed instructor for the year. He expressed a hope that every hand would do its best, not only at the practices, but at home, and he had no doubt that eventually everyone there would soon be eligible for membership in the Yorkshire Association, and that, with perseverance and practice, would soon be ringing the more advanced methods. He went on to say that striking was the thing that mattered. A man might be able to ring any of the methods, but if he was a bad striker he was, in the speaker's opinion, a bad ringer.—Ringing was again indulged in, and although the ringers from some of the villages had not attempted anything further than "set" changes, the way they got through the plain hunting course demonstrated very clearly that with perseverance a good standard of efficiency will soon be reached in change ringing. About 9 p.m. the bells were lowered, and a very profitable and enjoyable meeting was brought to a close.—It is proposed to hold these combined practices the first Saturday in each month.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**BEDFORD DISTRICT FIRST MEETING.**

Through the kindness of the Rev. C. F. B. Hawkins, the newly-formed district held its first meeting at Elstow on Saturday week. There was a very fair attendance, and good instruction was given to a number of ringers; the strangers to the tower expressing great pleasure at ringing on the historic bells. Had it been possible for the immortal tinker, ringer, and writer to have paid a visit to the tower, we feel sure he would have said that the ringing community was rapidly leaving Vanity Fair. Certainly in our ringing we have the Hill of Difficulty and sometimes get into Slough of Despond, but with a Great Heart with us we never despair. Some of the ringing that took place was what may be termed "meeting ringing," and some was change ringing. Among the latter was a 720 of Kent, also a 720 of College Bob IV (Standard Methods), in which each ringer rang his first 720 in the method.

The business meeting was held in the grand old vestry within the church, Mr. R. Gardner (Bromham) being elected to the chair.—Mr. J. W. Barker, as convener of the meeting, gave a brief resume of the events which led the parent society to divide the county area into districts, and also explained the power that was put into the hands of ringers resident within the districts.—The Rev. C. F. B. Hawkins was elected president for the ensuing year; Miss Evelyn Steel, vice-president, and power was given to future meetings, if necessary, to add to the list.—Mr. J. W. Barker was elected hon. secretary, and, in thanking the members, he strongly appealed for a good attendance at the meetings. Nothing, he said, was more disheartening to officials than that they should go to the trouble of arranging meetings, to send out invitations to companies and to ringers, and then find only a few attending. Each tower should always make a point of sending one representative at least.—It was decided that every tower should be represented on the committee, and that each should elect its own representative. It was decided to hold the meetings monthly, and at the invitation of the chairman, the society decided that the next meeting should be held at Bromham, on Saturday, May 25th.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. C. F. B. Hawkins and to Mr. R. Gardner concluded the business, and the ringers adjourned for tea. More ringers desired tea than had been anticipated, and in the delightful confusion that ensued the desirability of lady ringers was most emphatically pronounced. The ready manner in which the Misses E. and D. Steel adapted themselves to the circumstances and assisted to provide for the wants of their fellow ringers raised a feeling of thankfulness in the heart of even the most stern misogynist.—After tea, the bells were kept going, and altogether a happy half-day was spent.

A VISIT TO CAMBRIDGE.

On Wednesday week, the ringers of St. Mary Magdalen Church, Harlow Common, a party of fifteen, visited Cambridge for their annual outing. Calling on the way down at Sawston and Stapleford, touches of Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung at the former place, and Oxford, Kent, and Plain Bob Minor at the latter. These bells are a pleasing little ring of six, although the tenor is only seven cwt. Arriving at Cambridge, and having negotiated a splendid dinner at the Old Castle Hotel, the party found the bells of Great St. Mary at their disposal for an hour during the afternoon, thanks to the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey. Here Treble Bob and Grandsire were rung on the back eight, and rounds on ten, which number several of the company heard for the first time. Chesterton was next visited, and the fine ring of six were soon going merrily. Returning to Cambridge for tea, left only a short time in which to hastily glance round the exteriors of its many historic buildings, but the visitors did not forget to snatch a view of St. Benet's ancient tower, of such interest to ringers from the fact that the Stedman method was first rung there. A 640 Kent on the majestic bells of the Roman Catholic Cathedral, in which they were assisted at the heavy end by some of the Cambridge Youths, ended a typical ringers' day.—Thanks are extended to the various incumbents who placed the bells at their disposal, to the ringers who met the party, and especially to Mr. T. R. Dennis, who took such an interest in the visit, and whose hearty assistance did so much to make the outing a success.

MR. F. A. HOLDEN'S 200 PEALS.

London Surprise Major, 7; Bristol, 4; Cambridge, 4; New Cambridge, 1; Cambridge Royal, 1; New Cumberland Major, 1; Superlative, 15; Forward Royal, 1; Oxford Bob Major, 1, conducted, 1; Double Norwich, 25 (including 10,080), conducted, 4; Stedman Cinques, 5; Caters, 15, conducted, 2; Triples, 21, conducted, 5; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Royal, 4; Major (including 8000), 11, conducted, 5; Bob Royal, 1; Major, 17, conducted, 12; Grandsire Caters, 4, conducted, 2; Triples, 34, conducted, 22; in seven methods on six bells, 5; in five methods, 1, conducted, 1; in four methods, 1; in three methods, 2, conducted, 1; in one method, 1, conducted, 1. On handbells: Stedman Caters, 6; Triples, 1; Bob Major, 7, conducted, 4; Grandsire Caters, 3. Total, 200, conducted, 60. Rung in 95 towers and 13 counties.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—James H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, May 11th. The bells of St. Stephen's (8) and St. Dunstan's (6) will be available from 3 till 9 p.m.; of St. Alphege (6) from 3 till 4 p.m., and of the Cathedral (10) after 4 p.m. Tea, for which a charge of 3d. each will be made, will be taken in St. Peter's Parish Hall at 5 p.m. The usual business meeting will be held after tea. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid before the meeting.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Chorley, with Whittle-le-Woods, on Saturday, May 11th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 5.—Walter Hughes, Honorary Secretary.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Magor, Mon., on Saturday, May 11th, at 4.30.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., Caerphilly; John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Honorary Secretaries.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A special invitation meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday, May 11th, for the purpose of opening a new peal of eight. Ringing will commence at 3.30. A dedication service will be held at 5 o'clock, the Rev. W. Templeton King, the Rural Dean, officiating. Members and friends will be heartily welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Shipley, on May 11th. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting at the Sun Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade Branch.—A combined practice will be held at St. Leonards Church, Old Warden, to-morrow (Saturday), May 11th. Bells ready at 6 p.m.—F. Blood, Honorary Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, May 18th, at St. Mary's, Putney. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at the Half Moon at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Sedgley on

Saturday, May 18th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. G. Swindell. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Scorton on May 18th. Conveyances will be arranged for from Preston if desired. All ringers heartily welcome.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, May 18th, 1912. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5. Business meeting after the service. Half travelling expenses up to, but not exceeding 2s. each, will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 23rd; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 14th and 28th; at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 14th; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 15th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th at 8 p.m.; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 18th. For full particulars see circular.—Clement Glenn, Honorary Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place to Church Eaton (3.30 p.m.) and Haughton (6 p.m.) on Saturday, May 18th. A free conveyance has been offered from Penkridge Station (return by train from Haughton) to those who notify me by first post on the previous Tuesday.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Honorary Secretary, 6, Upper Forster Street, Walsall.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Meeting at 6.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. The president (Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A.) will unveil a peal board, and a good attendance is desired.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ditchat on Saturday, May 25th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea provided free in the Church Schools 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers invited.—T. G. Vincent, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Westerham on Whitsun-Monday, May 27th. At this meeting four representatives on the Central Council of church bell ringers are to be elected. Candidates must be nominated by two members, and their nomination papers forwarded to the honorary secretary before May 13th. For

dinner tickets, etc., apply to Fred J. O. Helmore, Honorary Secretary, The Precincts, Canterbury.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The next general meeting will be held at Gosberton on Whit-Monday, May 27th. Divine service in the church at 3.30 p.m. Dinner at the Public Hall at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Business meeting immediately after dinner. Bells available all day.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at North Wingfield on Whit-Monday, May 27th, Church of St. Lawrence, 8 bells (tenor 16 cwt.). Available 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Rector, with his usual generosity, has offered to provide tea in the schoolroom about 5 p.m., but only to those who inform me by p.c. of their intention of being present not later than May 22nd.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kettering on Whit-Monday, May 27th. Bells available from 10 a.m.; service in the Parish Church at 12 noon; luncheon and business meeting at the Royal Hotel at 1 o'clock. As a definite number has to be given for lunch, will all those coming kindly notify me on or before Tuesday, May 21st.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

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WRAGBY, YORKS.—On Feb. 28th, 720 Tulip Treble Bob: O. Hewitt 1, J. Easter 2, G. Harrison 3, F. Atkinson 4, J. Adams 5, A. Adams (conductor) 6. Rung on the occasion of the first visit of the Archbishop of York (Dr. Lang) to the church.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—Yorkshire Association.—On Sunday, March 24th, at the Parish Church, 672 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Pickering 1, C. Pollard 2, J. H. Jones 3, F. Laverick 4, W. Pollard 5, J. Wedgewood 6, J. H. Blakiston (conductor) 7, T. Lancaster 8. First touch in the method by all except Messrs. Blakiston and Jones.—On Tuesday, March 26th, for practice, 520 Double Norwich, 336 Stedman Triples, and 384 Superlative Surprise, in which Messrs. C. Laverick, Passman, Rudd and Titchiner, took part.

BATH.—Bath and Wells Association.—On Sunday evening March 17th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Hogsflesh 1, R. E. Waterson 2, J. H. Odey 3, A. E. Alexander 4, C. Goodenough 5, A. E. Seers (composer and conductor) 6, R. J. Cousins 7, C. Densley 8. This quarter is now rung for the first time, on the occasion of the conductor's birthday.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.—For evening service, on February 18th, 720 Oxford Bob, in 22 mins.: *Rex Buswell 1, William C. Lewis 2, Albert E. Fount 3, Frank Talbutt 4, George A. Blaxley 5, Frank S. Andrew (conductor) 6.

STAMFORD HILL, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Ann's Church, on Sunday, March 10th, 720 Plain Bob: E. Davidson 1, T. Ringrose 2, F. Ringrose 3, A. Howell 4, F. Hull 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6. Rung as a compliment to F. Ringrose on his 18th birthday.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

REV. B. DARLEY RETIRES FROM SECRETARYSHIP.

The annual general meeting of the North Notts Association was held at East Retford on Saturday, when there was a very good attendance of members, nearly all the towers being well represented. In the absence of the Vicar, the chair was taken by the Rev. C. Leeper, who also conducted the service, preached the sermon, and presided at tea. Other clergy present were: The Revs. Canon Gray, R. D. Foster and B. Darley, hon. secretary.

The financial statement displayed a credit balance of £9 11s. 9d., and the report showed an accession of a dozen new members. So far good; but on the other hand, one tower and five individual members had dropped off, and the last act of the retiring secretary was to strike off the names of 16 unattached members who had failed to pay up. The membership roll now contains the names of 12 honorary and 116 performing members. From the report it appeared that the Anston band, besides a 5040 in seven Surprise Methods, had accomplished 17 new methods in the course of the past year. We understand that this indefatigable company can ring eighty different Minor methods, and we hardly suppose that any band of ringers can have a more extensive repertoire.

After the passing of the balance sheet and report, the President (the Bishop of Southwell), the vice-presidents and committee were re-elected.—The Hon. Secretary, after holding office for 17 years, placed his resignation in the hands of the members on account of pressure of work in his own parish of Harthill, Sheffield.—Mr. Haigh (Workshop) said that after Mr. Darley's explanation they did not like to press him to accept office again. He had served the Association faithfully and well, and during the last 17 years had put in some good spade work. Mr. Darley had gone about a great deal, and had been at a great deal of trouble in shepherding not only honorary, but performing members for their subscriptions.

Mr. S. Tallents proposed, and Mr. J. H. Hind seconded the election of Mr. Haigh as hon. secretary, and it was unanimously carried.—Mr. Haigh, in accepting the office, explained that he had twelve months of hard work before him in connection with other matters, but he would do his best to carry out the duties (applause).

Mr. Wilson (Workshop) was elected a member of the committee, in place of Mr. Haigh.—The next meeting in July was fixed to take place at East Markham.—Nine new members were elected, viz., six from Misson, two from East Retford, and one from Workshop.—Mr. Haigh was re-elected for three years a member of the Central Council.—It was decided in future to appoint a ringing master at the quarterly meetings, the same as is done in other Associations.—Mr. Haigh, in moving a vote of thanks to the Rev. B. Darley for his services to the Association, spoke of the splendid work he had done.—The Rev. B. Darley suitably responded.—After a capital tea, at which 67 members and friends sat down, the party dispersed for ringing at the three towers of East Retford (10 bells), West Retford and Ordsall (six bells each), and touches in various methods were rung, including a 720 London Surprise by the Anston team.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BRADFIELD.—Oxford Diocesan Guild (Bradfield Deanery Branch).—On March 6th, 720 Bob Minor: F. Wigmore 1, Miss M. Chillingworth 2, G. Parris 3, J. Abery (conductor) 4, S. Chapman 5, G. Abery 6.—On March 20th, 720 Oxford Bob: F. Wigmore 1, S. Chapman 2, Miss M. Chillingworth 3, G. Parsons 4, J. Abery (conductor) 5, G. Abery 6; and 720 Bob Minor: F. Wigmore 1, Miss M. Chillingworth 2, S. Chapman 3, C. Hunt (first 720 inside) 4, G. Parsons 5, G. Abery (conductor) 6.

BARKING.—St. Margaret's Society.—On Sunday, March 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: G. Jackson 1, W. Beard 2, T. Faulkner 3, R. Fenn 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, J. Norris 6, G. Cottis (conductor) 7, C. Fenn 8.—On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins.: G. Cottis 1, T. Faulkner 2, G. W. Faulkner 3, C. Fenn (conductor) 4, D. Simons 5, J. Norris 6, A. C. Hardy 7, E. A. Davies 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. A. Davies.

HOLLOWAY.—On Sunday evening, March 17th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. Hart 1, H. Ranzetta 2, J. Cornford 3, H. Dains 4, G. Charge 5, A. Baynes 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, W. Pateman 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.—On Sunday morning, March 24th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 45 mins.: *A. Baynes 1, *A. Hart 2, R. Charge 3, *H. Dains 4, A. Dew (conductor) 5, A. Turner 6, *G. Charge 7, H. Flander 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

WARMLEY. Near Bristol.—720 Plain Bob Minor: *F. Harnell 1, *S. Kilmaster 2, Charles H. Gordon 3, *W. A. Cave (conductor) 4, C. Harnell 5, W. Sims 6. *First 720 of Plain Bob.

HURST.—Oxford Guild.—On March 9th, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major, and a touch of Forward Major: A. Pierce 1, J. North 2, W. Horne 3, J. Rance 4, J. White 5, H. Bungay 6, W. J. Paice 7, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.—On March 20th, at the Parish Church, 630 Grandsire Triples: G. Stringer 1, T. Stringer 2, H. J. Gravett 3, G. Tomsett (conductor) 4, H. Tomsett 5, A. Tomsett 6, F. Willie 7, E. Patching 8.—On March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: G. Belton 1, A. Tomsett 2, R. Holder 3, H. J. Gravett 4, H. Tomsett 5, G. Tomsett (conductor) 6, F. Willie 7, H. Attree 8.

GLoucester.—Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—On Sunday, March 3rd, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 528 Grandsire Cinques: W. Curtis 1, W. C. Minchin 2, F. W. Bond 3, H. Lewis 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, J. J. Jefferies 6, J. C. Eden 7, F. Protherough 8, H. C. Bond 9, H. T. Gardner 10, F. Cole 11, W. G. Cook 12.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Feb. 28th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Duke of Fife: W. H. Wood 1, A. Andrews 2, J. T. Holmes 3, H. P. Nash 4, A. Dixon 5, W. Houlden 6, W. Dickinson (conductor) 7, T. Wright, junr., 8.

BATH.—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Feb. 25th, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), was rung by the following: F. C. Rich 1, G. H. Hill (composer) 2, Alf. Wright (first quarter-peal of Triples) 3, T. F. King 4, J. Taylor 5, C. W. Bell (conductor) 6, W. J. Prescott 7, W. Loxton 8.—On March 8th, with bells half-muffled, in memory of a well-known parishioner, 392 Grandsire Triples: L. P. Smith 1, A. J. Hill 2, A. Wright 3, G. H. Hill (conductor) 4, F. C. Rich 5, G. H. Barber 6, W. Brueton 7, W. Loxton 8.—At St. Saviour Church, on March 7th, 336 Bob Major: F. C. Rich 1, S. White 2, T. Grant 3, J. Taylor 4, J. Fussell 5, H. Taylor 6, G. Harding 7, C. W. Bell (conductor) 8.

FRYER, ESSEX.—On March 25th, 480 Grandsire Doubles (four different callings): E. Sitch 1, G. Camp 2, J. Sitch 3, P. Sitch 4, W. Green (conductor) 5. This touch was rung by a local band, unassisted; after only six lessons by an instructor, Mr. W. Lincoln, of Writtle, to whom much credit is due for the thoroughness of his coaching.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 24th, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Miss Jane Ashford, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: T. Buswell 1, B. Ridgway 2, J. Tansey 3, W. Sharpe 4, A. Moore 5, T. White 6, F. Cotton (conductor) 7, H. Sharrad (longest length) 8.

CRANSLY.—On Sunday, March 24th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: W. Bcllard (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Sharman 2, G. Holland 3, P. Lenton 4, F. Woolley 5, A. E. Wykes (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6. Rung after the unveiling of a peal board, recording the first peal rung on the bells by an entirely resident band.

SLINFOLD, SUSSEX.—For afternoon service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: G. Worsfold 1, E. Knight 2, A. Holloway 3, A. Kilner 4, G. Matthews 5, W. Stanford (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Violet Treble Bob: W. Short 1, *J. Burdfield 2, *R. Wood 3, W. Stanford 4, *W. Denyer 5, J. Pullen (conductor) 6. *First 720 in the method.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Tuesday, March 19th, on the occasion of a visit of the Lord Bishop of Oxford to hold a confirmation service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Alder 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, J. Eldridge 3, J. J. Parker 4, G. Martin (conductor) 5, J. Blackmore 6, W. Henley 7, E. Carter 8. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. The ringers represented six different parishes, i.e., Boyne Hill, Burnham, Farnham Royal, Stoke Poges, Chalfont St. Peter, and Fulmer.

LANGHAM, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 23rd, 720 Bob Minor (30 singles and six bobs): S. Denton 1, H. Deaves 2, A. Smith, senr., 3, W. Mead, junr., 4, A. Smith, junr., 5, F. Smith (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, March 24th, for evening service, 360 in the same method, in which T. Smith (Harwich) took part.

BRISTOL.—The Ancient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers.—On March 10th, a course of London Surprise Major and a course of Cambridge Royal.—On March 12th, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major: J. Tyler 1, G. Seward 2, H. Pring 3, J. Wilkins 4, W. Knight 5, G. Condict 6, J. Burford 7, W. Cave (conductor) 8. Also a course of Cambridge Royal: W. Cave 1, J. Tyler 2, H. Brownjohn 3, G. Seward 4, J. Wilkins 5, H. Pring 6, W. Knight 7, C. Horton 8, J. Burford 9, G. Condict 10.—On March 14th, at Clifton Parish Church, a course each of London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superalive Surprise Major, by: J. Wilkins, G. Seward, H. Brownjohn, W. Knight, G. Condict, W. Cave, C. Jordan, J. Burford, R. Clarke, W. Thomas.—On March 17th, for evening service, after meeting short for a quarter-peal of Cambridge Royal, a course of Cambridge Major: H. Pring 1, J. Tyler 2, C. Tomkins 3, C. Gordon 4, G. Seward 5, J. Wilkins 6, C. Horton 7, G. Condict 8. Also a course of Cambridge Royal: C. Horton 1, J. Tyler 2, C. Tomkins 3, G. Seward 4, G. Condict 5, J. Wilkins 6, H. Brownjohn 7, C. Gordon 8, J. Burford 9, W. Cave 10. Also several courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples. All the above were rung as a farewell to G. Seward, who is leaving England for Australia.

CARDIFF.—The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, 24th March, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: H. Day 1, D. Thomas 2, J. Harris 3, W. B. Biss 4, S. Dawe 5, F. Chamberlain 6, A. Rowley 7, J. Clutterbuck 8, W. Coombes (conductor) 9, W. Bolton 10. First quarter-peal of Royal by all, except W. Bolton.

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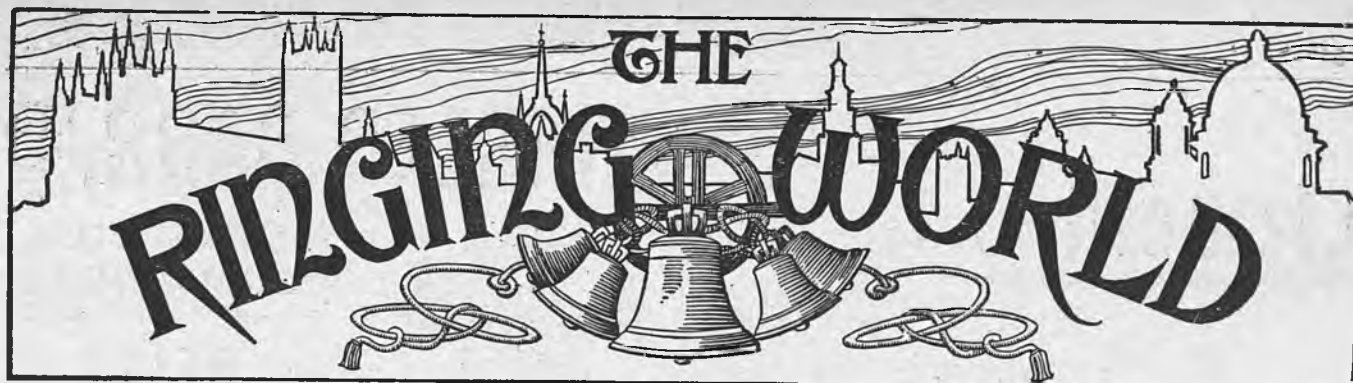
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MODERN WORK.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The agenda for the annual meeting of the Central Council, in London, on Whit-Tuesday is published this week, and, judging by the amount of business which it contains, it will doubtless provide the members with a full day's work. It being the first meeting of a new Council, there will be, of course, the election of officers for the triennial period, and other preliminary business; there are also the reports of five committees to be received and no fewer than eight notices of motion, some at any rate, of a very contentious nature, to be considered. But, while being lengthy, the agenda is certainly not an uninteresting one, and for the most part consists of matters which closely concern those who take part in peal-ringing. If the practical men qualified to speak on some of these subjects will only ventilate their views, a useful purpose will be served.

The question of peal values comes up in two forms—on the report of the Committee of Points for Peals, and on a motion with regard to the appointment of a Special Committee to consider the scale for six and five bell performances. The value of peals in various methods is a matter which has been debated for years, and it is one which seems as far off a satisfactory settlement as ever. The real divergence arises because of the marked difference between the views of the six-bell ringers and those who ring upon higher numbers as to the relative value of these performances, and while such a committee as is to be proposed could doubtless draw up a scale which would satisfy the six-bell men, the task which it is suggested to give them in conjunction with the Peal Values Committee of "finding a common denominator by means of which the value of such performances, compared with that of peals on higher numbers, can be fixed," is not an easy one. For such a purpose one requires men who are in the habit of ringing peals on all numbers of bells from five upwards—and these are not numerous.

The question of the number of true 720's which must be had to make up a peal is again to be brought up, doubtless by the Rev. H. Law James, who introduced it last year. Upon all the other resolutions we have not space in this issue to touch, but to us there is a special interest in two of them. One has reference to the relation between the Central Council and *The Ringing World* and to this subject we shall return next week. The other, which we are extremely pleased to see, is framed to give the Council's blessing upon any Benevolent Fund established on a sound financial basis, for the benefit of members of the Exercise who may stand in need of help. Such an action, if it should be carried—and we see no reason why it should not be—should give an impetus to the setting up of Benevolent Funds by all the stronger, at any rate, of our ringing organisations.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

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LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;**

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CHARLES W. BRETT 4	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 9
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 5	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

* First peal on ten bells. This peal was rung for Divine Service in the evening.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

PARKER'S.

Tenor 19 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lbs., in E.

*F. CHRICH Treble	J. P. POLLARD 5
J. T. POLLARD 2	F. ROWLEY 6
†ALFRED WYLD 3	A. PARKER 7
E. MANNERS 4	†J. WYLES Tenor

Conducted by A. PARKER.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. Rung as a farewell to Alfred Parker, who is leaving for West Australia; all the ringers wishing him success in his new sphere of labour. First peal on the bells by a local band.

KIRKBURTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT B. SHAW ... Treble	JOHN ROLLINSON 5
*HARRY ARMITAGE 2	†EDWIN R. ARMITAGE ... 6
WILLIAM MOORHOUSE ... 3	JOHN ALLEN 7
HERBERT PICKERING ... 4	JOE W. PICKERING ... Tenor

Composed by S. MARSH, and
Conducted by E. R. ARMITAGE.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt., in G.

FRED ABBOTT Treble	HARRY ALLRED 5
JAMES ALLRED 2	HERBERT ALLRED 6
JOHN T. ALLRED 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
JOSEPH RIDYARD 4	ROBERT ALLRED Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS, and
Conducted by ROBERT ALLRED.

Rung as a birthday peal to the ringers of the 3rd and 4th and tenor. This is the longest peal on the bells.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

WILLIAM WILLSON, Junr. Treble	FRED. W. HERBERT 5
*EDGAR VALLANCE 2	T. HENRY HARDY 6
REV. R. P. FARROW 3	JAMES HARRIS 7
MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON ... 4	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

* First peal on eight bells. This composition has 4th, 5th and 6th in 6th's place at a course-end.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

VICARS'.

Tenor 30 cwt. 0 qr. 12 lbs., in C sharp.

ROBERT CHRISTIAN ... Treble	*ROBERT SPALDING 5
EDWIN R. TODD 2	DENISON HAYWARD 6
CHARLES HARDING 3	FREDERICK PESTELL ... 7
CHARLES PIDGEON 4	WILLIAM LEE Tenor

Conducted by DENISON HAYWARD.

* First peal on eight bells. Arranged for Mr. Spalding, who hails from Thorpe.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RANMOOR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

SAM THOMAS Treble	MAURICE WARD 5
*THOMAS O'HARA 2	FRANCIS WARD 6
†J. E. L. COCKEY 3	WILLIAM BURGAR 7
*JAMES EVINSON 4	CHARLES HAYNES Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

* First peal of Double Norwich. † First peal in any method by
J. E. L. Cockey, to whom it was rung as a birthday compliment.

EGHAM, SURREY.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lbs., in F.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE...Treble	JOSEPH J. PRATT 5
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 3	CHARLES EDWARDS 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE... .. Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the steeple-keeper for having everything in readiness. First peal of Major on the bells. Mr. Hesse was elected a life member of the above Guild previous to starting. The band represents four counties and eight parishes.

NUNEATON.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROWLAND O. POLLARD ...Treble	*FRED COTTON 5
THOMAS DICKINS 2	E. HARRY STONELEY ... 6
*THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 7
ERNEST STONE 4	HARRY ARGYLE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by HARRY ARGYLE.

* First peal in the method.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN SINDEN Treble	JAMES LIVERMORE, Junr. 5
WALTER ALCOCK 2	GEORGE WATSON 6
ROBERT W. GREEN 3	WALTER FRANKS 7
*PERCY CARTER 4	JAMES LIVERMORE, Senr. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WATSON.

* First peal. First peal in the method by R. W. Green, who hails from London, and for whom this peal was arranged.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, Junr. ...Treble	EDWIN WHITING 5
*FRANK COPEMAN 2	*ALFRED FUNNELL 6
FREDERICK J. BORRETT ... 3	*GEORGE POYNTZ 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

* First peal in the method.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

BENJAMIN S. HILL ...Treble	JOSEPH BRETTTELL 5
GEORGE HINTON, Senr. ... 2	ALBERT HILL 6
*GEORGE HINTON, Junr. ... 3	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON ... 7
*WILLIAM BANKS 4	WILLIAM EDGINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and
Conducted by ALBERT HILL.

* First peal.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' TEN-PART (No. 3).

Tenor 8 cwt.

*ALFRED WHITE... .. Treble	ARTHUR HUTCHINGS... .. 5
HENRY STALHAM 2	FREDERICK W. STEELE ... 6
†JAMES W. WHITE 3	BERT CHALLON... .. 7
GEORGE GATLAND 4	*HARRY SAMSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. STALHAM.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Triples and first attempt.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(BATH DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, May 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JESSE HALLETT... .. Treble	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 5
*FRANCIS W. NEATE... .. 2	HENRY W. BROWN 6
GEORGE HILL 3	THOMAS F. KING 7
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 4	LUTHER P. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS F. KING.

* First peal on eight bells. This peal was arranged and rung as the quarterly peal for the Bath District, and it was the first as such.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS ...Treble	BEN. S. THOMPSON 5
FREDERICK KNIGHTS 2	*GEORGE ORFORD 6
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN... .. 3	GEORGE HOWCHIN 7
ALBERT G. WARNES 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by G. CROSS.

* First peal in method.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER SADLER ...Treble	JOHN SADLER 5
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 2	FRANK CLAYDON 6
WILLIAM NEVARD 3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH ... 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4	DAVID ELLIOTT... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung on the ninth anniversary of the 14, 112 London Surprise Major.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

WILLIAM R. J. POULSON...Treble	*FREDERICK A. POULSON... 5
ARTHUR SYMONDS 2	*CHARLES WOODCOCK ... 6
SAMUEL EVANS 3	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 7
*REV. EDWARD J. TEESDALE 4	WILLIAM DENT ... ..Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. The ringers were entertained to tea at Long Melford after the peal by the Rev. E. J. Teesdale.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.	
STANLEY COLE ... ..Treble	THOMAS WRIGHT 5
JOHN WIGMORE 2	*FRED MILLARD 6
ALBERT WRIGHT 3	FRANK COLE 7
WILLIAM HALE 4	HUBERT HANKS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Proctor, of Painswick, on attaining her rooth birthday.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD AND
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 31 cwt. 3 qrs.	
FREDERICK C. RICH ... ..Treble	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 5
SIDNEY HILLIER... .. 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 6
ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... 3	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 7
JOHN S. RUMMING 4	LUTHER P. SMITH ... } Tenor
	†FREDERICK HAYES ... }

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

J. S. Rumming and F. Hayes were elected members of the Bath and Wells Association previous to starting for the peal. † First peal.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.	
*B. RIDGWAY ... ..Treble	*S. WHITE 5
*A. MOORE 2	†F. COTTON... .. 6
*J. TANSEY 3	G. THOMPSON 7
*W. SHARPE 4	*H. SHARRATT ... ..Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

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

OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6368 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.	
FRANK WILD ... ..Treble	SAMUEL STOTT... .. 5
HARRY HAMPSON... .. 2	HERBERT BARLOW ... 6
JOSEPH GODDARD... .. 3	CHARLES MARSLAND ... 7
SAM BUTTERWORTH ... 4	ISAAC SCHOFIELD ... ..Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and
Conducted by HARRY HAMPSON.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. GARRARD ...Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 5
EDGAR PEMBERTON 2	HARRY BARTON... .. 6
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE ... 3	JAMES MOTTS 7
WILLIAM MOTTS 4	WILLIAM E. GARRARD ...Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal was arranged and rung for Messrs. W. E. Garrard and W. A. Garrard, of St. Mary Abbots' Society, London, and Mr. H. Barton, of Southwold, Suffolk. A peal should have been attempted at the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower, but owing to repairs to the steeple the Church authorities have forbidden the bells to be rung upon any occasion.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6240 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY BRIGGS ... ..Treble	FRED H. DEXTER 5
HARRY ARGYLE 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 6
ERNEST MORRIS... .. 3	CHARLES H. FOWLER ... 7
ARTHUR PETTIT 4	ARTHUR K. ALDHAM... ..Tenor

Composed by H. F. DEXTER, and
Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

This peal, now rung for the first time, is the longest on the bells and is also T. W. Chapman's rooth peal for the Midland Counties Association.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ASTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.	
WILLIAM DAVIES ... ..Treble	JAMES HOPKIN 5
JAMES JONES 2	WILLIAM G. ELLIS ... 6
JOHN CORRIGAN 3	*FRANK BENNETT 7
WILLIAM H. JONES 4	CHARLES ALLEN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal as conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt., in G.	
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ...Treble	ISAAC EMERY 5
*JACK BURLS 2	REUBEN BALDWIN ... 6
GEORGE HUXLEY 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 7
GEORGE DURLING 4	WILLIAM WEST ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal on eight bells.

READING, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(READING BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*LEONARD OSBORNE Treble	ALFRED WATMORE 5
CHARLES GILES 2	ROBERT J. DAWE 6
WALTER A. WEBB 3	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE 7
REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 4	REUBEN SAWYER Tenor

Conducted by AMBROSE W. OSBORNE.

* First peal of Stedman. Leonard Osborne is only 13 years 10 months old. R. J. Dawe, for whom the peal was arranged, hails from Seaford, Sussex. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to Horace Osborne, brother of ringer of treble.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(CHARLES' SOCIETY, PLYMOUTH.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT CHARLES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

REGINALD A. H. DOBSON Treble	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT ... 4
WALTER H. MARSH 2	FRANK HOCKADAY 5
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL 3	ERNEST W. MARSH Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

First peal in seven methods by all; also the first peal in seven methods in Devon and by the Guild.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, 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, Violet, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

*JOSEPH READ, Senr. ... Treble	CECIL A. VALENTINE ... 4
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 5
ALBERT J. GREEN 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Arranged for and rung as a birthday compliment to C. W. Clarke. The band wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. H. Nelson Ward, for the use of the bells.

IDEN, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Grandsire, and two 720's each of Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

†ERNEST P. BRYANT ... Treble	*FREDERICK WELLS 4
†GEORGE WOOD 2	†WILLIAM R. WOOD 5
†GEORGE KENWARD 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods. First peal in four methods by the Guild and on the bells. The conductor belongs to Rye and the rest are Iden ringers.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's:—i. Double and Single Court; ii. Double and Single Bob; iii. Oxford Bob; iv. Double Oxford; v. Cambridge Surprise; vi. Oxford Treble Bob; vii. Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. HUGH RICHARDSON ... Treble	C. WILLIAM SMITH 4
JOHN W. LAKE 2	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... 5
JAMES OSBORN 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, after the funeral of Mrs. James, mother of the Vicar of Surfleet, who was interred at Gloucester.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cumberland Exercise, London Treble Bob, College Exercise, College Pleasure, Killamarsh Treble Bob, Woodbine and Oxford.

JOHN E. WHEELDON ... Treble	*LEONARD CLARKSON ... 4
CHARLES PRESTON 2	DANIEL PRESTON 5
CLEMENT POINTON 3	WILLIAM WHEELDON ... Tenor

Conducted by C. POINTON.

* First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JAMES S. BETTS Treble	GEORGE FLINTHAM 4
*RICHARD T. SHARPE ... 2	*ARTHUR R. DUDLEY ... 5
GEORGE CHESTER 3	WILLIAM CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by JAMES S. BETTS.

* First peal. The band included members from all the four ringing towers of Lincoln.

BARTON ST. DAVID.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

S. HAWKINS Treble	*E. W. DABBINETT 3
G. H. HEAD 2	T. W. CREED 4
T. J. LLOYD 3	T. J. LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by T. J. LLOYD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Violet, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WILLIAM JACQUES ... Treble	WILLIAM FREEMAN 4
FREDERICK W. BOOTH ... 2	FREDERICK J. MYNARD ... 5
†GEORGE H. F. WEST ... 3	EDWIN S. MYNARD Tenor

Conducted by E. S. MYNARD.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal away from Treble. First peal as conductor.

HOPTON, NEAR THETFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.
On Sunday, May 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

HORACE W. FOWLGER ... Treble	FRANK J. LEVETT ... 4
OLIVER BULLMAN ... 2	FREDERICK DEWELL ... 5
ROBERT WILDING ... 3	CHARLES WOODCOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE W. FOWLGER.

MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.

On Sunday, May 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

*HARRY WHYMARK ... Treble	*LEONARD HEAD ... 4
ARTHUR KEEBLE ... 2	THOMAS REED ... 5
*WILLIAM GLEED ... 3	WILLIAM STIF ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STIF.

* First peal. W. Gleed belongs to Kersey, T. Reed to Hadley, and the rest to Monks Eleigh.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*HENRY S. BREALEY... Treble	GEORGE BASELEY ... 4
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 2	JOHN HOUGH ... 5
HERBERT HURDMAN... 3	DAVID L. COTTON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. HOUGH.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th and tenor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen-and-a-half Minutes,

AT 43, HEATH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANCES;

HENRY HODGETTS... 1-2	HUBERT EDEN ... 7-8
WILLIAM HODGETTS ... 3-4	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN... 9-10
GEORGE N. PRICE ... 5-6	CHARLES N. LEMAN ... 11-12

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpires: CHARLES W. SMITH and WALTER SEAR.

First twelve bell peal in the county and by the Association. It was rung at the first attempt.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT 3, HART'S LANE, NEW CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2	FRANK BENNETT ... 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7-8
FREDERICK G. WOODISS... 9-10	

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire: GEORGE H. DAYNES.

First peal of Bob Royal on handbells by the Association and by all the band. Rung at the first attempt. Miss Bennett is the first lady to score a peal of Bob Royal. This composition, which contains the extent of the 6th at home, is now rung for the first time.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOMS, TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6144 CHANCES;

*REGINALD O. STREET ... 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5-6
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3-4	REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 7-8

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD, and

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

* First peal in the method away from 7-8. In this peal the 4th, 5th and 6th bells have their extent each way in 5-6, and it contains the greatest number of changes ever rung to a peal by the Guild. The Composition is from Snowdon's "Treble Bob," page 13.

FYLLINGDALES, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

MERVYN DUCK ... 1-2	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER... 5-6
JOHN W. LOWTHER ... 3-4	*RICHARD DUCK ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.

Umpire: FREDERICK TOWNSEND.

* First peal on handbells. First peal of Major on handbells by all, and by the above Association.

The ringer of the 6th in the peal at Nuneaton, on April 26th, was Frank E. Pervin, and not Perrin as published.

The ringer of the 7th in the peal at Horley, published last week, was Albert Songhurst, and not Longhurst as stated.

BELL RESTORATION AT FONTMELL MAGNA.

The interest so readily shown when the work of restoration of the bells of St. Andrew's Church, Fontmell Magna, Dorset, was first taken in hand was still apparent on the day of the re-dedication service which was performed by the Archdeacon of Dorset. Quite a large congregation gathered at the Parish Church to take part in the service, the form used being very similar to that used at the opening of the Wimborne Minster bells. Following upon the actual prayers of dedication, the ringers repaired to the tower and rang a short touch. Then followed an appropriate address by Archdeacon Dundas, who chose as his text, "Let all things praise the Lord." The special hymn, beginning, "Lifted safe within the tower, now our bells are set on high," and the Blessing, brought the service to a close.

After the service, several touches were rung by the ringers, all of whom expressed themselves as very well pleased with the bells in their renovated condition. The work was entrusted to the well-known firm of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of London, and it is interesting to note that the bells were restored by the same firm some 50 years previously. The work of restoration, included the recasting of the third, and it is a matter of congratulation to all concerned to know that the work has been well and thoroughly done, and that so loyal has been the support of the parishioners that not a penny of debt now rests upon the village in connection with the scheme.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury district was held at Canterbury, on Saturday, when about 60 members attended, and the bells of St. Stephen's and of the Cathedral were available in the afternoon and evening. The tea, given by the Association, was provided by Mr. Sergeant, in St. Peter's Parish Room, and gave great satisfaction.—The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore presided at the subsequent meeting, and remarked that during the year 15 peals had been rung in the district, that 35 of its members had taken part in them, six had rung their first peal, and one acted as conductor for the first time.—The secretary and representative on the Central Committee were re-elected.—St. Peter's, Thanet, was chosen for the autumn meeting, Wickhambreau for the spring, and Ospringe for the annual meeting. An extra meeting was arranged for Hernhill.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, and for his work in connection with the Association generally, concluded the business.

A SCHOLASTIC PEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Lately we seem to have had several peals by men of various occupations. Parsons, policemen and printers have already been successful. Why should not a scholastic peal be attempted? I do not know to what extent the teaching profession is represented in the Exercise, but if any teachers who are ringers, and think anything of this suggestion, would drop me a post card, I should be delighted to do anything I could to forward matters.—Yours, etc.,

T. CUTFORTH.

2, Fairfield Cottages, Gordon Road, South Woodford.

CENTRAL COUNCIL.

AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The First Session of the Eighth Council (22nd Annual Meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, 28th May, 1912, in the "Small Hall," of the Church House, Westminster, 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.

N.B.—The entrance to the Small Hall is from Great Smith Street.

AGENDA 1912.

1. Election of President and of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.
2. Minutes of the last meeting.
3. Statement of accounts and of sale of publications.
4. Election of honorary members.
5. Introduction of new members to the President.
6. Election of Standing Committee.
7. To receive and discuss the reports of the following committees; and to re-appoint, or alter the constitution of the committees, as may be thought desirable, viz.:—
 - (a) Peal Collection.
 - (b) Church Press.
 - (c) Legitimate Methods.
 - (d) Peal Values.
 - (e) Peals' Analysis.
8. To discuss the following:—
 - (a) A peal of Minor must consist of at least seven true 720's, and the bells must strike rounds only once at the end of each, and immediately go into the next. The peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 720's fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 720 changes to make up some definite number.
 - (b) That a committee of five (?) six-bell ringers be appointed to draw up a scale of points for performances on five and six bells.
 - (c) That this committee, together with the Peal Values' Committee, try to find a common denominator by means of which the value of such performances, compared with that of peals on higher numbers, can be fixed.
10. That it is desirable to reconsider some of the conditions laid down for the legitimacy of methods as stated on page 18 of "Rules and Decisions," 1904.
11. That this Council, in extending its hearty welcome to the "Ringing World," has heard with satisfaction from the hon. secretary that he has from the first appearance of the paper sent for publication in its columns all essential official notices and reports of the Council, and notes with pleasure that the Analysis of Peals for the past year has been compiled from and has appeared in identical terms in both ringing papers alike.
12. That the hon. secretary of the Council be instructed to write to the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and request them to meet a deputation from the Council, and discuss the supposed danger to towers caused by substitution steel or iron bell frames for wooden frames. That the hon. secretary also bring to the notice of the Royal Institute of British Architects the Council's recommendations with regard to the proper height to hang bells relative to the belfry windows.
13. That the Council, while itself declining to take part in the formation or subsequent management of such an enterprise if set on foot, and without in any sense pledging its individual members, would nevertheless view with satisfaction the establishment on a sound financial basis of a Benevolent Fund for the benefit of members of the Exercise, who may stand in need of help.
14. That this meeting of the Council, while recognising the value of peal ringing generally, and the laudable desire of the members to assist in placing their own Association at the head of the peal table, wishes to express the strong conviction that the chief aim of all members should be the encouragement in all towers of ringing, rather than chiming the bells for Sunday services, thus helping to achieve the primary objects for which the bells are hung, viz., the Glory of God, and the calling of the parishioners together for His worship.
15. To fix the place of meeting for next year.
16. Other business, if any.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,

Hon. Secretary.

A social gathering will be held at the Westminster Palace Hotel at 9 p.m., to which Sir Arthur Heywood invites the members of the Council and their ringing friends.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE UPON PEAL VALUES.

Your committee, having carefully considered the questions referred to them at the meeting of the Council, at Leicester last year, beg leave to report as follows:—

As regards points for peals on seven bells and upwards, they recommend the adoption of the schedule brought forward by Mr. J. Griffin, and supported by Mr. A. T. King, and calculated from the formula.

$$VN^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$8^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

In the matter of points for peals of Minor, they recommend: 1 point for each 720 rung in any plain method, 2 for each 720 in any Treble Bob Method, 3 for each such in any method with "Broken Leads," and 4 for each such in any Surprise Method, each 720 to be counted as such, whether rung all through in one and the same method in the usual manner, or composed of touches in more than one method, making up, when taken together, one true 720. Also, in addition to the points thus apportioned to the seven 720's, of which the peal consists, they recommend that a point be given for each method rung, commencing with the second method. Thus, for a peal consisting of seven 720's in one and the same plain method, such as Plain Bob, 7 points would be given; and for one consisting of seven 720's in fourteen Surprise Methods 41 points would be given; that is, 28 points for the seven 720's, and 13 points for the fourteen methods.

(Signed) ARTHUR B. CARPENTER,

JOHN CARTER,

HENRY DAINS,

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Note.—Though signing this report, Mr. Carter wishes it to be stated that he is strongly averse to any 720, consisting of portions in different methods. He considers that each 720 should be rung straight through in one and the same method.

ORIGIN OF COLLEGE BOB IV.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In order to satisfy your correspondent who writes re "Bocking Treble Bob" (so-called), I have taken down Stedman's "Campanologia," A.D. 1677, and find the figures given in "Standard Methods" (last edition) as "College Bob IV." absolutely correct.

The "Collection of Legitimate Methods" contains much that is really good, intermixed with a fair amount of what I have previously termed "twaddle"; but why—except for pure "cussedness"—they did not label the true "College Bob IV." as such, and leave its neighbours alone, I leave to those fond of conundrums. What I consider worst in the collection is the weakness of many of the so-called "Surprise Methods." But why the alteration of a place at treble's lead should give us a new method worthy of a separate name is another puzzle!—Yours truly,

WM. SNOWDON.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Association was held at Magor, Mon., on Saturday afternoon, and was well attended by representatives from Llandaff, Cardiff, Newport, Caerleon, Llanfrechfa, Caldicot, Chepstow, Nash, etc. Previous to the meeting, touches in various methods were rung on the bells.

In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, through illness, Mr. J. Prickett, of Chepstow, was voted to the chair.—Acknowledgments were received for the receipts of the amounts sent to the Vicar of Marshfield, for the restoration of Peterston bells, and also from Shoreditch for the small amount sent there.—Instructors' reports were next dealt with, Mr. Jones reporting progress at Machen, and it was unanimously decided to again invite Mr. Jones to continue his instruction.

Rhymney tower had written asking to be re-elected, and also asked for an instructor, and it was decided to accept the offer of help given by members of the Caerphilly tower to Rhymney.

New members were also elected from Llanfrechfa, Blaenavon, Caerleon and Chepstow.—It was decided to hold the next Monmouthshire meeting at Bassaleg, the Glamorganshire meeting having already been arranged for Llanbradach.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, with an expression of regret that illness prevented him coming to the meeting.—A vote of thanks was also passed to the Chairman for presiding.—Further ringing then took place, the methods rung being Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent.

With one exception, the bells, a ring of six, are by Rudhall, 1785, and badly want attention, there being a great deal of movement in the frame, causing a thrust on the tower, while the bells, too, go badly. The frame is decidedly unsafe, especially between 5 and 6. It was stated that, through illness, the Vicar is resigning, and that it was not likely that anything would be done to the bells at present.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.—Norwich Diocesan Guild.—On Easter Sunday, 540 Bob Royal: G. Neale 1, J. Moy 2, E. Suffling 3, G. Soame 4, E. H. King 5, F. W. Elliott 6, Jacob Moy, 7, W. Rought 8, W. Miller 9, G. Moy (conductor) 10.—On Thursday, April 11th, 540 Bob Royal. Also a touch and a plain course of Grandsire Caters.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

PROPOSED RINGING COMPETITION.

The ancient town of Devizes was this year the scene of the annual festival of the Salisbury Guild, which was held last Monday week. Ringers gathered from all parts of Wilts and Dorset, assembling first in the fine old Parish Church of St. John for the service, at which the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Salisbury preached. He took for his text, St. Matthew xi, 28, "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." The Bishop dwelt most eloquently on the message of the words selected, specially showing the force of each individual word in a text which he called "the most beautiful text in the Bible." The duty of coming, the universality of the invitation—Come . . . all—the almost universality, too, of weariness which exists; all these were dwelt on with much care, and in a most impressive manner. Then the preacher powerfully brought home to ringers that it was their office to emphasise and repeat this welcome message. He also showed how the voice of the bells reaches further than the voice of any preacher. Not only a few hundred of people, but whole districts are within the sound of their voices—homes near and far, whether they are homes of godly or of ungodly people, are forced to hear their voice. He also spoke most urgently to the ringers to be true to their office, fulfilling their duties in the best possible way with zeal and earnestness, and in the fear of God.

A large congregation almost filled the church. Amongst the clergy present were: The Right Rev. F. Wallis, D.D. (Archdeacon of Wilts), the Revs. Canon Gardiner, B.D. (Vicar of Southbroom), C. A. Phillips (Bournemouth), H. E. Tilney Bassett (Beechingstoke), F. Ll. Edwards (Kington Magna), H. H. Mogg (Bishop's Cannings), A. E. G. Peters (St. Mary, Marlborough), E. C. Alexander (Edington). The Rev. P. W. G. Filleul (Rector of Devizes) read the service of the Guild, and the secretary, the Rev. W. P. Schuster, who read the lesson, 1 Pet. ii, 11—18, acted as Bishop's chaplain. The day being King's Accession, the Collect, "O God who providest," from the Accession Service, was said after the Collect for the day, and the first verse of the National Anthem was sung after the sermon.

An excellent lunch, to which 82 sat down, and at which the Bishop presided, was served by Mr. Studweeks, proprietor of the Bear Hotel.

THE BISHOP AND RINGING.

After the loyal toast, the health of the Bishop was cordially drunk, and his Lordship, in acknowledging the compliment, remarked that he had never heard such bell-like voices before (laughter). He said for some time past he had taken a very keen interest in ringing, and he had had a great deal to do with it in Middlesex, before he came into this diocese. It was a great joy to him to hear the bells. He had not been able to go round to their towers and see their work, but he had been rung into a good many of their parishes, and also rung out again (laughter). He was always delighted to hear the music of the bells. Anything he could do to further the bell ringing of this diocese would be gladly done, and with all his heart (applause).

The Rev. W. H. Kewley, speaking as Rural Dean, proposed the health of the hon. secretary, the Rev. W. P. Schuster, to whose work on behalf of the Guild he paid a warm tribute.—The Rev. W. P. Schuster replied, after the toast had been received with musical honours, and referred to the fact that out of four certificates which he had brought for signature by the Master of the Guild, three of them were for ladies (applause). He was glad to say that Mr. T. H. Beams had kindly offered to assist him during the coming year, otherwise he would not have been able to continue to carry out the duties. He concluded by proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. P. W. G. Filleul for arranging the service at his beautiful and interesting old church; also to the organist and choir.

The Rev. P. W. G. Filleul responded, saying it was a great pleasure to him to welcome them all at Devizes. He was especially glad to welcome the Bishop on the occasion of his first visit to their parishes. He was glad to welcome the ringers. They had a guild of ladies at St. John's, who helped in the ringing of the bells. At 6 o'clock on Easter Sunday there were five ladies, three men and himself present, and the ladies took their share of the ringing (applause). He (the Rector) only wished they would do more change ringing.

This concluded the toast list, and the Bishop left for an engagement in Dorsetshire.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The Rev. W. H. Kewley presided over this part of the proceedings. The report recapitulated the doings during the year, and stated that since the last meeting (at Bridport) history had been made. Instead of four there were now six branches, three in Wilts and three in Dorset. The year was also a record, inasmuch as there had been an addition of two bells to the ring at Wimborne Minster, making the only ten in the diocese. Death had deprived them of some well known and honoured members, and the report added a special tribute to the late Bishop, whose passing bell was tolled on August 16th, 1912. In his successor they were happy to have one who warmly appreciated the efforts and skill of the bell ringers.

The balance sheet showed that the year commenced with a cash balance of £36 5s. 3d. Other receipts brought the total up to £66 19s.

6d. There was a balance in hand of £35 3s. 6d., notwithstanding a heavy account for printing.

The Vice-Presidents were elected en bloc, and Mr. Martin Stewart was unanimously re-elected as Master of the Guild.

Mr. M. H. W. Devenish, of the Wilts and Dorset Bank, Salisbury, was re-elected hon. treasurer.—On the motion of the Rev. Canon Gardiner, seconded by the Rev. C. A. Phillips, the Rev. W. P. Schuster was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary. Mr. G. C. Filliter, of Wareham, was re-elected hon. auditor; and the committee were re-elected en bloc, on the motion of the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett.

SUGGESTED CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

The Rev. H. Tilney Bassett then introduced a matter which led to some discussion and a divergence of opinion. He suggested that it would be for the good of the Guild if they slightly altered its name and constitution, and called it the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers. (It is now the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers). They need not, he said, disturb the membership of the existing ringers, but give them two years' probation, in which to qualify themselves by passing a test of ringing the 120 half-pulls on the treble bell. There would be no difficulty about that. So far as round ringers were concerned, there was no inducement for them to go further in their practices, but change ringing was always progressive. There were some 60 Guilds of bell ringers in the country, and all, he believed, with the exception of about two, were change ringers. Let them, in this Guild, go on and not stand still. The change would affect no one in the Guild at present, but it would be for the benefit of those who came after, and it would be a distinct gain in 5, 10, or 20 years' time.

Mr. Rummig, of Salisbury, seconded, and said if the change were carried out they would all do their best to help the round ringers.

The Rev. Canon Thynne strongly opposed the change, as he believed it would be the greatest mistake, and was absolutely unnecessary. He was sure that it would lead to a large diminution in the number of members. The effect of this resolution, he thought, would be to make the round ringers feel that they occupied a sort of inferior position. He deprecated this, and said they ought to strive to encourage the most humble of the ringers in the diocese. He was sure it would be the very worst thing for the Guild to alter the name.

Some discussion ensued, in which various opinions were expressed, for and against the change, it being pointed out under one of the rules it was not possible to pass a resolution dealing with the constitution of the Guild unless proper notice had been given.—The Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett gave notice that he would bring the matter up again at the next annual meeting.—The Rev. Canon Thynne expressed a hope that sufficient notice would be given to every member before the next annual meeting that this matter would be considered.

Mr. Martin Stewart next introduced the subject of establishing a bell ringing competition among the members.—This appeared to be generally approved, though there was a strong desire expressed that the round ringers should have equal representation on the special sub-committee which had to consider details and report to the Central Committee, the latter body being empowered to act. Eventually a committee was appointed to deal with details, and the meeting closed.

During the afternoon and evening ringing took place in the towers of St. John and St. Mary, and Southbroom (Devizes), and also at Rowde, Potterne and Urchfont.

MARLBOROUGH BRANCH.

After several poorly attended gatherings, the Marlborough branch held a record meeting, from the point of view of numbers, at Overton, on Saturday last. The ringers met at St. Michael's Church, where, after ringing, a service was held, the new Guild Service being used for the first time in the branch. Afterwards the ringers enjoyed an excellent tea at the residence of Mr. Waite. At the subsequent meeting, the Rev. H. Tootell, Vicar of Overton, was made an hon. member of the Guild. The next three meetings were fixed for Wootton Bassett, Savernake and Compton Bassett respectively, if permission can be obtained.—The Rev. A. E. G. Peters, chairman of the Marlborough branch, gave a report of the annual festival held at Devizes, and business concluded with the election of the Chairman to represent the branch on a committee for the discussion of a competition for the Guild. Ringing was afterwards resumed.

LEEDS SOCIETY AT SHIPLEY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Shipley, on Saturday. A peal of Stedman Triples was attempted in the afternoon, but unfortunately was lost, after ringing about 2½ hours. Touches were then rung by visitors.—The business meeting was held at the Sun Hotel in the evening.—The President occupied the chair, supported by a large gathering of members from Bolton, Calverley, Guiseley, Holbeck, Hunslet, Leeds, Mirfield, Pudsey, and the local band.—The President announced the death of Mr. Tom Flint, of Healdingley, and a vote of sympathy and condolence with the bereaved relatives was passed by all standing in silence.—The arrangements for a peal attempt at Tong, on June 1st, were left in the secretary's hands.—Mr. J. Foster, of Queensbury, was elected a member of the Society, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Shipley, and to the local company, was proposed by Mr. W. Woodhead, seconded by Mr. J. W. Baxendale, and carried unanimously.—Mr. T. B. Kendall responded.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman was also passed.—The remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing.

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Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the College Youths.
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At the present time the south-west tower of Canterbury Cathedral contains a peal of ten bells, tenor 32 cwt. The inscriptions are as follows:—

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JOHANNES GOSTLING, A.M. SAM. KNIGHT, 1726.

Fifth.

☐ SAM-HOLCOMBE, S.T.P. IOHN CLARK, S.T.P.
S.K. R.B. 1726.

Sixth.

C. & G. MEARS FOUNDERS, LONDON. DAVID WILKINS, S.T.P.
EDWARDUS WAKE, S.T.P. S.K. 1726. A.D. MDCCCLV. BENJ.
HARRISON, A. M. THESAURO. H. G. AUSTIN, ARCHITO.

Seventh.

☐ IOHNNES GRANDORGE, S.T.P. IOHNNES
HANCOCK, S.T.P. S.K. 1727.

Eighth.

☐ EDUARDUS TENISON, S.T.P. HON—
EDUARDUS FINCH, A.M. S.K. FECIT. 1728.

Ninth.

☐ RADULPHUS BLOMER, S.T.P. ELLAS
SYDAL, S.T.P. S.K. FECIT. 1726.

Tenor

PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT. 1778.
YE RINGERS ALL THAT PRIZE YOUR HEALTH AND
HAPPINESS: BE SOBER, MERRY, WISE, & YOU'LL
THE SAME POSSESS.

It will be seen from the above inscriptions that this was originally a peal of eight, cast by Samuel Knight, in 1726; the tenor having been recast by Pack & Chapman in 1778. The two trebles were added by Thomas Mears in 1802, and the third and fifth were recast by C. and G. Mears in 1855.

The arms on the fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth and ninth are those of the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury; Azure, a cross argent charged with the Greek letter *Chi* surmounted by *Iota*. In a pent-house, on the top of the south-west tower, hangs the "Dunstan bell," weighing over three tons. It has the following inscription:—

GULIELMO FRIEND, S.T.P. DECANO, LESTER &
PACK OF LONDON FECIT, 1762, WM. CHAPMAN
MOLDED ME.

The original "Dunstan bell" was given by Prior Molash in 1430. Whether this bell survived till 1758 is not

known; but in that year the bell known as "Dunstan" was cracked. A futile attempt to mend the crack was made, of course without success. Eventually it was recast within the cathedral precincts in 1762, by William Chapman, then foreman and afterwards partner in the firm of Lester and Pack, of the Whitechapel foundry. While Chapman was moulding the bell he noticed a young man who appeared to be intensely interested in the work; and he offered to take him back to London with him to learn the art of bell founding. The offer was accepted. That young man was none other than William Mears; and thus the Whitechapel foundry came into the hands of the Mears family, who have carried it on for several generations.

The central tower contains a *Call-bell*, known as "*Bell Harry*," which is rung for the last quarter of an hour before the services. This bell is inscribed:—

JOSEPH HATCH ME FECIT 1635.

There is a tradition (probably an erroneous one) that the original bell, which this represents, was given by Henry VIII, hence the name by which it is known.

The following notes on the earlier bells of the Cathedral is taken from the *Church Bells of Kent*, by the late Mr. J. C. L. Stahlshmidt, published in 1887: From *Anglia Sacra* it appears that Prior Ernulph gave one large bell about the year 1100. This was recast by his successor, Conrad, who added four smaller ones to it. Some 60 years later Prior Wybert added a sixth bell of very large size—"Signum quoque magnum in clocario posuit, quod triginta duo homines ad sonandum trahunt," which means to say that it took 32 men to ring it. This shows that the bell must have been rung by treading a plank, and not by means of a rope. All these bells seem to have been hung in a detached campanile. In 1316 Henry of Eastry, Prior, added another large bell dedicated to St. Thomas-the-Martyr, which weighed 8,000 lbs. Between 1339 and 1370 Prior Hathbrand put up "duas magnas campanas in clocario, viz.: Jesu et Dunstan." In 1382 the campanile fell in consequence of an earthquake shock, when no doubt the bells were broken; but there is no record as to the disposal of the metal.

With regard to the central, or "angel" tower, this does not seem to have possessed any bells till 1317; when Prior Eastry bought three new bells and placed them therein. The largest of these is said to have weighed 1,460 lbs., the middle one 1,210 lbs., and the smallest 1,124 lbs. Archbishop Arundel also placed four bells in this tower about the year 1390, the largest of which weighed 7,188 lbs. About the same time Prior Chillenden is said to have given a bell, dedicated to the Holy Trinity, which was no doubt hung in the central tower. The register of the benediction of the five bells is preserved in the registry at Lambeth.

At the close of the fifteenth century the central tower was rebuilt, and the five bells, known as the "Arundel ring," were removed to the north-west tower, which was thenceforward called the "Arundel" tower. Other bells, however, remained in the central tower, viz.: Eastry's three and two others, of whose casting no record is preserved. These five were confiscated by the Crown at the dissolution in 1540, and their metal was sold.

With regard to the bells in the north-west tower, it is recorded that in 1316 Prior Henry of Eastry placed four bells therein, three of which evidently formed a peal of three, the largest weighing 2,400 lbs. The other was a small bell, and was used to summon the Chapter. To this tower, as has been already stated, the Arundel peal was removed. There is no record of any further changes or

additions; but it is certain that the tower contained six bells in 1726, which were taken down in that year and cast into the back eight of the present peal of ten in the south-west tower by Samuel Knight. The inscriptions on these six bells were as follows:—

1. Josephus Hatch me fecit 1635.
2. Josephus Hatch me fecit 1636.
3. Sancte Thoma Ora Pro Nobis. T. G. Prior.
4. Robertus Mot me fecit 1585. E.R.
5. Joseph Hatch made me 1606.
6. Beate Trinitati Campana hec sacra primo fusa 1408 secundo 1624. Josephus Hatch me fecit.

Previous to 1726 the south-west tower seems only to have contained the "Dunstan" bell. The present peal of ten were formerly hung in a timber frame, the front five above and the five larger bells below. In 1897 they were rehung in a massive cast iron frame, all on one level, designed by the writer of this article, and executed by Mr. Thomas Blackburn, of Salisbury. At the same time new quarter chimes were added to the clock, composed by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Precentor of the Cathedral.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

All being well, eight members of the Middlesex County Association will attempt a long peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Hornchurch, Essex, on Whit-Monday, starting about 8-30 a.m.

ANOTHER PEAL OF EIGHT FOR EALING.

OPENING BY THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

At the invitation of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, bell founders, the South and West District of the Middlesex Association held a most successful meeting at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday last, for the purpose of opening a new peal of eight, and Ealing is now in the proud possession of three peals of bells within a mile.

The new ring, with a tenor 14 cwt., was commenced as far back as 1908, three bells then being put in the tower. In 1908, a tenor and treble were added, and in 1911 the octave was completed. At that time, however, the bells were only hung for chiming, but they have now been tuned and completely rehung in an iron and steel frame by Messrs. Warner and Sons, who are to be congratulated upon their work, the tone and "go" of the bells being excellent.

The re-dedication on Saturday was performed by the Rev. W. Templeton King, the Rural Dean, who gave a most impressive address upon the message of the bells. He also alluded sympathetically to the late Vicar, who started the scheme, and whose ambition it was to complete the work, and to hear the bells ring out. Death, however, intervened, and he was called home before this was accomplished.

The first touch after service was a well-struck 216 of Stedman Triples by the following: J. H. B. Hesse 1, W. Lawrence 2, H. C. Chandler 3, C. S. Bird (conductor) 4, T. Beadle 5, A. Harding 6, H. H. Chandler 7, G. A. Gladman 8. Ringing was afterwards continued by members from Slough, Hanwell, Ealing, Isleworth, Putney, Hammersmith, Willesden, Shepherd's Bush, Heston, Burnham, Feltham, Norwood Green, Sunbury, Harrow Weald, Watford, Hornsey, Brockley, Bermondsey, New Cross, Hounslow, Teddington, Stamford Hill, and Hillingdon.

At 5 o'clock an adjournment was made to the Mission Hall for tea, which had been kindly provided by the churchwardens, the company numbering 50, and including Messrs. Robert and Andrew Warner, of the Spitalfields Foundry. Justice having been done to the good things provided, Mr. Gunning (churchwarden) bade the Association a very hearty welcome, and thanked them for coming upon that auspicious occasion.—Mr. T. Beadle, District Master, suitably responded, assuring the authorities that the best thanks of the Association were due to them, and Messrs. Warner, for inviting them to hold the meeting that day.—A short business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. A. T. G. Hunt. Three new members were elected, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Norwood Green, in June.—The tower was again visited in the evening, and touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, etc., concluded a very pleasant and successful meeting.

GREAT WOLFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Wednesday, April 10th, 720 Grandsire Minor: A. Large 1, C. Randall 2, G. Large 3, E. Large 4, W. Large (conductor) 5, C. Locke 6.

LLANDAFF.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, April 14th, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Rowley 1, J. Harris 2, W. B. Biss (conductor) 3, F. Pitcher 4, T. Cox 5, J. Clutterbuck 6, S. Dawe 7, J. Aldridge 8. Longest length Treble Bob Major by all.

St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch.

ORANGES & LEMONS

Oran-ges and le-mons, says the bells of 'St. Clemen's'; You owe me five farthings, says the D.C. When will that be?' says the bells of Step - ney; I do not know, says the

bells of St. Mar-tin's; When will you pay me, says the bells of Old Bai - ley; great bell of Bow.

D.C.

When I grow rich, says the bells of Shore - ditch; Here comes a can-dle to

light you to bed, And here comes a chop-per to chop off your head.

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ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

The members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, have added to the fame of the Society by ringing a peal of Stedman Cinques, at Southwark Cathedral. There is no Guild of ringers in the kingdom who can claim to have made more history in twelve-bell ringing than that of St. Martin's, and the present generation are worthily upholding the reputation handed down through the 157 years continuous existence of the Guild.

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In this connection we recall the fact that within recent years peals of Stedman Cinques have been rung by the Birmingham men at places so far apart as Shrewsbury, Sheffield, Painswick, and London, not to mention West Bromwich and Wolverhampton which are of course close home. Last Saturday's performance on the magnificent bells at Southwark is a crowning achievement, and Mr. Albert Walker and his band are to be congratulated heartily upon the peal.

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The day was a very full one for the band, who left Birmingham early on Saturday, and reached home again in the "wee sma' 'oors" of Sunday. The day's itinerary included a railway journey of considerably more than 200 miles, a trot round many of London's show places, including the Houses of Parliament and St. Paul's, concluding with an excellent peal in the evening, which was listened to by a large number of well-known London ringers.

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The ringers of St. John's Church, Deretend, Birmingham, have lost one of their number, Mr. Alfred Hall, who was killed while at work on the railway. The deceased leaves a widow and three children, for whom much sympathy is felt. An attempt for a half-muffled peal of Grandshire Triples was made at St. John's Church on Saturday week, as a last token of respect to the deceased, but a change course occurred after 45 mins. and a touch of 1,008 was then rung by S. Coley 1, T. Collinson 2, J. Corrigan 3, W. F. Webb 4, E. Large 5, A. T. Scrivens 6, J. B. Collett 7, T. Pearce 8. The bells were also rung muffled for both services on the following day.

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With regard to the seven Minor methods rung on handbells and to which reference has been previously made, Mr. W. Keeble inquires if seven Treble Bob Methods had been rung prior to the one at Bolsover in May, 1909, by members of the Midland Counties Association. If not, of course, the band can claim it as the first Treble Bob in seven methods rung "in hand."

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We are glad to learn that a good many of the bands affiliated to the Kent County Association have responded to the appeal issued by Mr. W. Spice, of Pond Cottages, Tunstall, for help for the widow and family of the late Mr. A. J. Day. There may, however, be other ringers who will like to assist this most pathetic case and their contributions should be sent without delay to Mr. Spice.

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The bells of Kingsland Parish Church, Herefordshire, are to be rehung and the tenor recast. The work of restoration is to be carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Son, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London.

The Bristol Surprise record set up at Knebworth on Easter Monday is soon to be challenged. The Middlesex Association intend going for a longer peal, either 13,472 or 15,264, as yet it is not decided which, at Hornchurch on Whit-Monday, where there is a good peal of bells with the tenor about 20 cwt.

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By a pure coincidence the peal at St. Paul's, Bedford, last Saturday, by Royal Cumberland Youths was rung on the 151st anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which, curiously enough, was rung by the same society. This was a peal of Bob Major, on May 11th, 1761. The peal last Saturday was arranged some weeks before it was discovered that it was an anniversary celebration.

WHERE CROMWELL FOUGHT.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD'S VISIT.

In a remote part of South Warwickshire is situated the little village of Burton-Dasset, and thither some members of the Warwickshire Guild from Coventry, Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon made their way last Saturday. Burton Dasset is also known in the locality as Dasset Magna, and the dwellers in the land state that it was once a flourishing market town. Whether this was so or not, the church and vicarage and one farm are all that can now be noted from the hill above: the remainder of the village lies hidden in the valley some distance away. From the top of the tower a fine view is obtained of the Edge Hill, and of the scene of the ancient battle between Royalists and Parliamentarians. The legend goes indeed that Oliver Cromwell actually watched the progress of the battle from the church tower, and then slid down a bell rope to make his escape! There is a record that three bells were in the tower from 1552, and a sanctus bell: now all that remains of the latter is its clapper. The present ring of six is a complete ring by Henry and Matthew Bagley in partnership, and all bear the date 1686. They are beautiful in tone, the tenor not much exceeding 13 cwt., although the local men would give her credit for being nearer 19 cwt.

The bells now hang in an iron frame, but unfortunately the two centre joists which bear the fifth and tenor are only superficially fixed at the ends, and the consequence is that they are on the move the whole time when the bells are ringing. This fact rather spoils the "go" of the bells, and, under present conditions, it would call forth some endurance to ring a 5000 on them. The following ringing was done, and it was probably the first change ringing ever done on the bells: a 360 of Plain Bob Minor, 720 of Kent Treble Bob and some Stedman and Grandshire Doubles, besides a few odd touches of Minor. The band for the 720 was: E. H. Johnston 1, Rev. G. C. Cox 2, F. Pervin 3, W. T. Cox 4, A. Roberts (conductor) 5, E. H. Adams 6. Mr. Pryce and Mr. W. G. Dickens also joined in the other touches. It may be noted, Mr. Adams, of Warwick, kindly lent the ropes for the occasion, the local ones being out of the question for change ringing.—Tea was partaken of by the visitors and the local ringers on the lawn of the vicarage, and the visitors feel very much indebted to the Vicar and his wife for their kind hospitality and hearty welcome. The afternoon proved thoroughly enjoyable, and full of interest for archaeologists and campanologists alike.—C. C. C.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES PETTITT.

Another veteran of the Exercise—a giant in his day—has passed away in the person of Mr. James Pettitt, than whom there has been no better known ringer in London.

A leading member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, he was for 30 years the conductor at St. Paul's Cathedral and throughout the wide circle of friends and acquaintances which he made he was universally esteemed and respected; he was truly a "fine old English gentleman," and to no one did his description apply more aptly than to James Pettitt. His was a striking personality and no man was ever more gentle or more just than he.

Advancing years and ill-health had kept him from the belfry for some time and now he has passed away at the ripe age of 78 years.

The funeral will take place to-morrow (Saturday), at Manor Park Cemetery at 4 o'clock. (Forest Gate or Manor Park Stations on the Great Eastern Railway.)

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING AT CHESTERFIELD.

A YEAR OF PROGRESS.

The annual meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held on Saturday week at Chesterfield, and proved very successful. The bells were raised about 3 p.m., and were kept going almost continuously till 6 p.m., and again from 8 to 9 p.m. The attendance was affected by the inclement weather, but nevertheless about 40 ringers turned up from Beighton, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Dore, Eckington, Killamarsh, North Wingfield, Ranmoor, Selstone, Sheffield, and Staveley. The methods rung included Kent Treble Bob Royal, New Cambridge Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Bristol, London and Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich and Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor, and some good striking was heard.

The business meeting was held in the Vestry, the Ven. Archdeacon Crosse, of Chesterfield, presiding, supported by the President (Mr. J. Flint), the vice-presidents and secretary.—The Archdeacon, who is very popular, and whose genial presence was much appreciated, opened the proceedings by remarking upon the pleasure it always gave him to be amongst the ringers.

THE REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary presented the balance sheet and his report. In the latter, it was stated that there were in the society 18 affiliated towers, and a membership of 187, this total including only those who took an active part in the society. About 30 new members had been enrolled since last May. Twenty-five peals had been rung, and the standard of methods had been very high—indeed it was doubted if it could be surpassed in any part of the country. The first peals of New Cambridge, Bristol and Norfolk Surprise, at Bolsover, and Double Norwich Caters at Chesterfield had been recorded by the Society. Mr. S. Thomas headed the list of conductors with 10 peals to his credit, Mr. J. Flint being a good second with eight, followed by Mr. A. Knights two, and Messrs. B. A. Knights, J. P. Brearley, D. Brearley, A. Craven and G. Lewis with one apiece. The Society's silver cup and framed certificate for the best Sunday ringing attendances for the year ended March 31st had been won by the Dore company with 99.5 per cent., followed by Doncaster (holders) with 95 per cent., and Ranmoor with 90.5 per cent. The Dore company were to be congratulated upon their fine record. The hope was expressed that all companies would enter for the competition. The importance of regular Sunday attendances (which it was the object of the competition to promote) could hardly be over-estimated, and good striking, which should be the aim of all change ringers would almost surely follow. In conclusion, the Hon. Secretary added: "I believe the Society is on the up grade. I believe that we are doing good work in the district, in promoting change ringing, with its attendant advantages of orderliness and decent behaviour in belfries, and in so doing I believe that we merit the support and interest of all incumbents who possess peals of bells, and of all ringers. I am glad to be able to say that we are all good friends one with another, as is only right in a branch of the Church to which we all belong. It is one of the aims of the Society to avoid all friction and ill-feeling in connection with the art of change ringing, and I hope and believe that we shall continue to set a good example in this matter. If so, I believe that there is a big future in front of the Society, and that we shall progress in every sense of the word."

The election of officers for the ensuing year was the next business. Mr. J. Flint was again proposed as President, but declined to stand again, remarking that he had had two years in office, and he thought that the honour should go round. He himself proposed Mr. G. Halksworth, of Doncaster (one of the vice-presidents), who was unanimously elected, and who suitably acknowledged the compliment paid him. Mr. J. P. Taitton (North Wingfield) was re-elected vice-president, and Mr. A. Knights (Chesterfield) was elected in place of Mr. G. Halksworth. Mr. D. Brearley (Bolsterstone), and Mr. J. E. L. Cockey (Ranmoor) were unanimously re-elected treasurer and hon. secretary respectively. Mr. G. Hollis (Chesterfield) was elected assistant hon. secretary in place of Mr. T. Riley (Bolsover), who did not seek re-election. Messrs. G. W. Bemrose (Bolsover) and W. Peabody (Chesterfield) were re-elected auditors. The committee were elected as nominated, the new members being: Messrs. G. Thompson (Chesterfield), J. Morton (Eckington), H. Haigh (Worksop), and J. Holman (Sheffield) for the unattached members.—It was decided that the Cup Competition Subcommittee should in future consist of the president, two vice-presidents, hon. secretary and trustee (Mr. S. Thomas).

ARCHDEACON'S PRAISE OF RINGING.

The next business was the presentation of the Society's silver cup and framed certificate to the Christ Church, Dore, Company, for the best attendance for Sunday ringing (90.5 per cent.) for the year ending March 31st, 1912.

The Archdeacon, in making the presentation, gave a most eloquent and encouraging address to those present. Bell ringers, he thought, were rather apt to be overlooked by other members of the Church, they were away by themselves and out of sight. It was different with the choir. People soon began to ask questions if there was anything wrong with their work, but somehow many people seemed almost to have the idea that the bells rang themselves. Nothing could be far-

ther from the truth. Ringers were most important Church workers, and those in authority were always under a great debt to them. It had been his experience to spend six months in South Africa, where churches were built mostly of tin and wood, and bells were a rarity. One could never realise till one got abroad how much one could miss the music of the bells of old England, he said. Proceeding, the Archdeacon related an incident in his experience. There was a meeting held in Johannesburg, in connection with the largest church in South Africa. They wished to build a new church. There was a committee formed, and the matter was started. The first money received was a cheque for £1,000, the donor stating that it was expressly intended for a peal of bells for the church. This, he said, showed how some people longed for the sound of the bells, when far away from home. Ringers, he added, should not only consider themselves as Church workers, but as an integral part of the national life. He was in Holland a short while ago. They had some good bells there, but he deplored the way they were rung, all clashing together, not even rung in rotation—a very travesty of music, and a great contrast to the beautiful pealing at home. One cannot realise, he said, until one is away, how real a part of national life bellringing is. It had been his experience to have to listen to a single bell at one of his parishes. It was cracked, and he had it for 13 years. He could hardly tell them of the pleasure he received when he first came to Chesterfield, in listening to their sweet-toned peal. Someone, who objected to the bells, expressed the hope that he would make very stringent rules with regard to the use of the bells. He did, and the rule was that they were to be rung on every possible occasion (applause). Change ringing, he said, is as great a piece of Church work as it is possible to give to the service of God. Another point which struck him was this: "The bells reflect their ringers." He verily believed that the ringers put their character into the bells, and when conducted by such men is in their Society, the bells not only gave out sweet music, but had an actual effect in raising the character of those listening. Change ringers, he believed, were born, not made. Some people, otherwise clever, might try, but if it were not in him, a "dunderhead" he would be at the start, and a "dunderhead" he would always remain. Change ringing was a special gift of God. Where better, then, could it be used than in the service of God? Ringers were a circle amongst themselves, it was in the nature of things, they were such keen chaps, always talking about change ringing, and they rather tended to keep themselves apart. They should always remember to stand by and encourage one another, and to cheer and help those who needed it. It gave him the greatest pleasure to present the cup and certificate to the Dore company, and to congratulate them on their fine record.

Mr. T. H. Greaves, receiving the cup, remarked on the hard work it had been to them all, to stick together, so as to put in every possible attendance, and of the pleasure it now gave them to receive their reward.

The fixtures for the forthcoming year were confirmed.

Notice of alteration of rules having been handed in by Mr. J. Flint, Mr. S. Thomas and Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, these were next discussed. The main point in Mr. J. Flint's proposal was the institution of a class of life members, residing outside a radius of 25 miles of either Sheffield or Chesterfield, who should be admitted to the Society upon a single payment of 2s. 6d.—Mr. S. Thomas' proposal was to the effect that "all nominations for any of the officers' position should be in the hands of the secretary by March 31st." The third proposal was a formal matter, relating to excursion fares.—After some discussion, all three proposals were accepted.

Mr. H. Ward (Eckington) and Messrs. G. Barron and J. Bailey (Derby) were elected members of the Society.

VOTES OF THANKS.

A very cordial vote of thanks to Archdeacon Crosse for his kindness in presiding at the meeting, and in granting the use of the bells, was proposed by Mr. S. Thomas (Ranmoor), who, after referring to the kindness and geniality of the Archdeacon, expressed the hope that other clergy in the district would follow his good example, and take a little more interest in the ringers than hitherto.—The motion was seconded by G. W. Bemrose (Bolsover), and was carried with acclamation.—The Archdeacon, in replying, again expressed his pleasure at being with the ringers, and assured the meeting that if there was any matter in which he could be of service to the society, it should have his attention. He concluded by wishing the Society every success.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Chesterfield company for their preparations for the meeting, was proposed by Mr. S. Thomas, seconded by Mr. G. Halksworth (Doncaster), and carried unanimously.—The last business was a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring President (Mr. J. Flint, Bolsover), proposed in a eulogistic speech by Archdeacon Crosse, seconded by Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, and carried with acclamation.—Mr. Flint, in replying, referred to the greatly improved standard amongst ringers, both as regards character and performance, and concluded by saying that what he had done as President, had been done for his love of the Art, and for the cause of God.—This brought a highly successful meeting to a close.

MACCLESFIELD.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—At St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: W. Bottomley 1, E. Atkins 2, G. Bottomley 3, W. Matthews 4, A. Burgess 5, A. Mottershead 6, J. Norbury (conductor) 7, S. Mottershead 8.

YORKSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

A VETERAN WHO LEARNED CHANGE RINGING AT 60.

At the ripe age of 75 years, Mr. John Easter, of Wragby, Yorks, the President of the Barasley and District Association, has passed away. He was at the last meeting of the Association, but contracted a chill soon after that attacked his hitherto robust constitution, and he succumbed after a very brief illness. The deceased had been head gardener to Lord St. Oswald for 21 years, and Lord and Lady St. Oswald were among the mourners who followed their trusted servant, full of years and honour, to the grave. All along the pathways through Nostell Park the coffin was borne shoulder high by relays of bearers, and the deceased was laid to rest beneath the shadows of the church he loved so well. With the bells fully muffled, 720 Oxford and 720 Primrose Treble Bob were rung, the latter being a method of which Mr. Easter was very fond. Although he learned to handle a bell as a youth, he was nearly 60 years of age before he became acquainted with change ringing, but so enthusiastic did he become that he was afterwards able to ring no fewer than 24 different Treble Bob methods. He was truly one of nature's gentlemen, gentle in thought, word, and deed, and, take him for all in all, it will not be easy to look upon his like again.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LUTON BRANCH POSTPONES BUSINESS.

A meeting was held at Dunstable, on Saturday week, by the kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, President of the Association, for the purpose of electing officers for the Luton district, which has just been established, and which comprises Luton, Dunstable, Leighton Buzzard, Woburn, Husbome Crawley, Aspley Guise, and the towers in the neighbourhood of these towns.

Owing, however, to showery weather, the attendance was small, numbering only just over 20, and it was thought best, seeing that all the towers in the district were not represented, to adjourn the business until the next meeting, which will be held at Leighton Buzzard on June 15th. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung including, Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman, Bob Major and Grandsire. Master James Wing, of the Luton band, scored his first touch of Grandsire Triples on this fine ring of bells, and was congratulated on his performance by the Mayor of Dunstable (Alderman E. Franklin), who is one of the local company.

PRACTICAL HELP.

Much is said nowadays about the lack of instructors; here is an instance of what can be done with the aid of willing helpers. Until the visit of Messrs. T. T. Goffton, J. Goffton and A. Payne, of Whitley Bay, on May 4th, the local band at St. Oswin's, Wylam, Northumberland, had not rung any Bob Minor. The instructors travelled 19 miles each way at their own expense, and had the satisfaction of finding a keen and eager company who put up a good performance.—Two 720's of Bob Minor were rung, the first by: A. Payne 1, J. Appleby (first attempt) 2, J. Goffton 3, J. Smith 4, W. Hepple (first attempt) 5, T. T. Goffton (conductor) 6; and the second by: F. Hall (first attempt) 1, W. Hepple 2, J. Appleby 3, J. Smith 4, J. Goffton 5, T. T. Goffton (conductor) 6.

MEETING AT BARTHOMLEY.

On Saturday last, the Crews branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held their monthly meeting at Barthomley, about 30 ringers attending from Alsager, Lawton, Crews, Northwich and Nantwich. Ringing took place during the afternoon in various methods, and tea was kindly provided by the Rector (the Rev. G. W. Skene, M.A.).—A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness in allowing the use of the bells, and for providing the tea, was carried with acclamation.—After passing the accounts for the past year, the visitors returned to the tower again, and touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Erin Triples, Treble Bob and Bob Major, were rung.

6240 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

The composition of the peal of 6240 Double Norwich, composed by F. H. Dexter, of Leicester, and rung for the first time at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, is as follows:—

23456	5	6	45236	5	6	54236	5	6
42635	—	—	24653	—	—	25643	—	—
64523	—	—	46253	—	—	56243	—	—
56342	—	—	24365	—	—	25364	—	—
35264	—	—	43265	—	—	53264	—	—
52364	—	—	32465	—	—	32564	—	—
23564	—	—	34265	s	—	53426	—	—
52436	—	—	42365	—	—	34526	—	—
24536	—	—	23465	—	—	45326	—	—
45236	—	—	42536	—	—	43526	s	—
			25436	—	—	35426	—	—
			51236	—	—	54326	—	—

The whole repeated.

The peal contains the extent of the 6th W. and R., with one call in a course, and is the smallest number with only four singles under these conditions.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANY TOPICS INFORMALLY DISCUSSED.

The half-yearly meeting was held at Chorley on Saturday last, and the day was a fortunate selection in point of weather. The first contingent arrived from Manchester and Bolton, and made their way to St. Mary's (R.C.) Church, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung. Afterwards boarding a char-a-banc, the party motored to Whittle-le-Woods, where a new peal by Taylor were utilised for Kent, Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich. Afterwards, the visitors made their way to Chorley Parish Church, where a short service was taken by the President (the Rev. H. J. Elsee), in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (the Ven. Archdeacon Fletcher).—A meeting was afterwards held in the Institute, presided over by the President. There being no formal business, a "free and easy" discussion of things of interest to the Association took place, among the topics coming up for consideration being peal records, a benevolent fund, the Shoreditch appeal, and items of minor importance. Several members spoke strongly about many branch meetings being held the same day, and thought they should not be arranged to clash with the general meeting of the Association, as they had done for several years past. This, to some extent, accounted for the small number present, only about 40 out of over 1,000 attending, Rossendale, Manchester, Bolton, Rochdale, Blackburn, and Preston branches being represented.

A vote of thanks was passed to the authorities for the use of the bells and institute, after which the towers were again visited, and touches of Superlative, and also of some Minor Methods were rung. St. Mary's seemed to come in for the greater share of the ringing after the meeting, although the tenor is badly in need of the attention of a bell hanger.—Thanks are extended to the Rev. H. J. Elsee for taking the service, and for showing the visitors the old family pews and other items of interest in the old Parish Church.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

A meeting of the Rochdale branch was held on Saturday last, at East Crompton Church. There being only six bells, the attendance was poor, only eleven members being present.—Mr. W. Schofield, of Middleton, presided over the meeting, and said the six-bell towers did not get justice done to them with regard to the meetings.—During the day, a few touches of Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung.

A meeting of the Blackburn branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Whalley, May 4th, when a large number of ringers from Blackburn, Burnley, Colne, Clitheroe, Church Kirk, Mytton, and Padiham were present. Having obtained permission from the Vicar of Mytton, a few took the advantage of visiting Mytton Church, a very ancient building, where a few short touches in different methods were rung. After tea, the meeting was held at Whalley Church.—It was decided to hold the next branch meeting at Rishton on June 1st.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicars of Mytton and Whalley for the use of the bells, also to the ringers for having all in readiness.—The Rev. R. Newman, Vicar of Whalley, suitably responded, and hoped the branch would hold another meeting there before long.—Afterwards several touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman, were rung, and the meeting proved one of the most representative held by the branch for some time.

OXFORD GUILD NEWS.

On May 4th, six members of the St. Mary's Society, Reading, visited Shenfield, a small village about four miles from Reading, where they found a nice ring of six bells, with tenor about 14 cwt. Having raised the bells in peal, the visitors brought round a well-struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Giles (conductor) 1, C. Cox 2, A. Watmore 3, W. A. Webb 4, J. Swain 5, A. E. Reeves 6. By this time some of the local ringers had arrived, with the Vicar (the Rev. H. Ll. Rice), who congratulated the party on the striking. The rest of the evening was devoted to the Shenfield men, who, by-the-bye, have lately joined the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and are struggling with change ringing, but before leaving all had rung in at least 180 of Bob Minor. The evening's outing was thoroughly enjoyed.

A combined practice for the members of the Sonning branch, was held at Hurst on May 4th, fifteen members being present, representing Easthampstead, Finchampstead, Binfield, Wokingham (All Saints'), Sandhurst, Hurst, and Reading. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Forward Major and Plain Bob Minor were rung, several members ringing their first touches. Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar in the Parish Room, and was much appreciated.

STOKE, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Monday, 120 Bob Doubles: J. Coleman 1, L. Wyman 2, R. Loveday 3, H. Guest 4, R. Dunkley (conductor) 5. 120 Grandsire: H. Guest 1, J. Hudson 2, J. Coleman 3, L. Wyman 4, R. Loveday (conductor) 5. Also another 120 Grandsire, with two of the local ringers standing in, and 120 Bob Doubles: J. Coleman 1, H. Guest 2, F. Tate 3, R. Loveday (conductor) 4, L. Wyman 5.

SHIPSTON-ON-STOURE.—On Monday, April 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins. *P. Bird 1, W. Faulkner 2, C. Bird 3, F. Bird (conductor) 4, H. Bird 5, *S. Begley 6. *Longest touch.

NOTICES.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A meeting of the above will be held at Eastwell, near Ashford, to-morrow (Saturday), May 18th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Special service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Lady Northcote has generously promised to provide Tea for the members attending and the gardens of Eastwell Park will be opened for them to look over.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, May 18th, at St. Mary's, Putney. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at the Half Moon at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, May 18th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. G. Swindell. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, May 18th, 1912. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5. Business meeting after the service. Half travelling expenses up to, but not exceeding 2s. each, will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place to Church Eaton (3.30 p.m.) and Haughton (6 p.m.) on Saturday, May 18th. A free conveyance has been offered from Penkridge Station (return by train from Haughton) to those who notify me by first post on the previous Tuesday.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Honorary Secretary, 6, Upper Forster Street, Walsall.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Meeting at 6.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 23rd; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 28th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th at 8 p.m.; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ross Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Helmshore on Saturday, May 25th. Bells will be ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. The president (Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A.) will unveil a peal board, and a good attendance is desired.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ditchat on Saturday, May 25th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea provided free in the Church Schools 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers invited.—T. G. Vincent, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Hampton-in-Arden, on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Shottery, Hon. Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Westerham on Whitsun-Monday, May 27th. Committee meeting in Vestry, 11 a.m. Service at 12, preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Rochester. Dinner in the Public Hall, 1 p.m. Towers open for ringing: Westerham (8), Brasted (6), Limsfield, St. Peter's (6) and St. Andrew's (6). The elected Central Council Representatives will be expected to attend the meeting on Whitsun-Tuesday.—For dinner tickets, etc., apply to Fred. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., The Precincts, Canterbury.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The next general meeting will be held at Gosberton on Whit-Monday, May 27th. Divine service in the church at 3.30 p.m. Dinner at the Public Hall at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Business meeting immediately after dinner. Bells available all day.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at North Wingfield on Whit-Monday, May 27th, Church of St. Lawrence, 8 bells (tenor 16 cwt.). Available 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Rector, with his usual generosity, has offered to provide tea in the schoolroom about 5 p.m., but only to those who inform me by p.c. of their intention of being present not later than May 22nd.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kettering on Whit-Monday, May 27th. Bells available from 10 a.m.; service in the Parish Church at 12 noon; luncheon and business meeting at the Royal Hotel at 1 o'clock. As a definite number has to be given for lunch, will all those coming kindly notify me on or before Tuesday, May 21st.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at West Hartlepool. Bells of St. Oswald, St. Aidan, and Stranton available all day. Committee meets at Grand Hotel 1.0 p.m. Dinner at 1.30.—Members intending to be present please notify Chas. Todd, Hon. Secretary, 26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whittlesea on Whit-Monday, May 27th. Bells available all day (St. Mary's 8, St. Andrew's 6.) Service at 5 p.m. Business meeting after.—F. S. Cook, Hon. Secretary, 195, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at Kelvedon. 11.0 Divine service at St. Mary's Church, with address by Rev. H. S. Sanders, Vicar of Woodford. 12.0 Annual meeting at the Infant

School. 1.30 Dinner at the Church Hall. Tickets 1s. each to members who give notice beforehand. Non-members 2s. each. To ensure accommodation at the dinner, notice must be given to me not later than May 22nd. A brake will convey ringers to the neighbouring towers after the meeting.—Henry T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The meeting at Scorton is cancelled, as I have received word that the bells will not be available.—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.

DEATH.

JAMES.—At 1, Palace Yard, Gloucester, on May 8th, Rosa James, the mother of the Revs. H. Law and E. Bankes James, aged 68.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 21st, 720 Wells Surprise: G. E. Lawrence 1, J. E. Wheeldon 2, W. C. Taylor 3, W. C. Lawrence (conductor) 4, W. P. Deane 5, F. T. Dawson 6.—On April 25th, 720 Violet: J. Walley 1, J. Jolley 2, W. C. Lawrence 3, J. Pointon 4, W. C. Taylor 5, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, April 30th, 720 Oxford: J. Turner 1, G. E. Lawrence 2, W. C. Taylor 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, B. Pegg 5, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 6.—On Easter Sunday, for Holy Eucharist, 720 Woodbine: J. Walley 1, E. Tigwell 2, J. E. Wheeldon 3, W. C. Lawrence (conductor) 4, W. C. Taylor 5, A. Ryles 6. This 720 was rung in honour of J. Walley's 22nd birthday. Also, for evensong, 720 Oxford.

BEDFORD.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, April 14th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: J. Bates 1, H. Cooper 2, C. W. Clarke 3, J. Cooke 4, A. Robinson 5, W. Stapleton 6.—720 College Bob IV.: J. Bates 1, J. Cooke 2, C. W. Clarke 3, C. Stapleton 4, A. Robinson 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the band, also in the county.

DENTON, LANCOS.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal (180 Plain Bob, 360 Duke of York, 360 Woodbine, 360 Kent): W. Wilde 1, W. Wright 2, A. E. Marshall 3, J. Pollitt 4, E. Walters 5, J. Heckingbottom (conductor) 6. The longest length for all except ringers of 3rd and 6th.

WOOD GREEN.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—On Easter Monday, at St. Paul's Church, Wood Green, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late verger, Mr. H. Mills: C. Tyler 1, B. Horton 2, E. Marlow 3, G. Peate 4, T. Hill 5, C. Wallater 6, E. J. Tyler (conductor) 7, W. Hill 8.

PORTSEA.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 13th, on the occasion of the marriage of Lieut. Poland to Miss Weston, 252 Stedman Triples: J. Symonds 1, C. Groves 2, S. Thomas 3, J. Wheeler 4, Rev. W. Colchester 5, A. Collins 6, J. Harding (conductor) 7, J. Matthews 8. Also 336 and 112 Grandsire, conducted by A. Collins and J. Symonds.—On Sunday, April 14th, 630 Grandsire and 252 Stedman: A. S. Beer 1, M. Ellesmore 2, J. Symonds 3, S. Thomas 4, J. Harris (conductor) 5, C. Groves 6, A. Collins 7, J. Matthews 8.—On March 31st, W. Wheeler rang his first 504 Grandsire Triples as conductor.—On April 2nd, 168 and 336 Stedman Triples: *J. Smith 1, J. Symonds 2, *S. Thomas 3, *J. Wheeler 4, J. Harris 5, *W. Wheeler 6, J. Harding (conductor) 7, C. Groves 8. *First touch of Stedman, and first as conductor.

BRIDGEND.—On Easter Day, for afternoon service, at St. Illtyd's Church, 720 Bob Minor: *W. Evans 1, A. J. Stanley 2, R. Evans 3, John Cox 4, F. J. Evans 5, J. Evans 6, E. Gregory 7, J. Paul 8. *First 720 and longest touch.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR.—Midland Counties Association.—On Sunday evening, April 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's

Original), in 50 mins.: J. Gray (longest length) 1, G. Wilson 2, W. Trigg 3, A. Trigg 4, W. Pervin 5, J. Wilson 6, H. Whittle (conductor) 7, W. Thorley 8. The above are all members of the Stanford band, of which Mr. Whittle was elected Master the previous week.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Easter Sunday, after evening service at St. Chad's (N.C.) Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes, in 46 mins.): W. Hunt 1, A. T. Scrivens 2, J. B. Collett 3, J. Corrigan 4, C. Mackenzie 5, J. Porter 6, E. Mullins (conductor) 7, T. Miller 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, April 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins.: J. Smith 1, J. H. Swinfield 2, E. W. Abbott 3, E. W. Cartwright 4, W. W. Worthington 5, H. W. Abbott 6, C. Harriman 7, J. Hutchby 8, E. Reader (conductor) 9, J. Powell 10.

UTTOXETER.—The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—On Easter Monday, at the Parish Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1912 changes): W. Cope (conductor) 1, J. Richardson 2, S. J. Kinnersley 3, A. B. Cope 4, W. Lunn 5, C. Smith 6, A. P. Cope 7, W. Walters 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Cope, who, on Easter Monday, completed his 60th year as a ringer at St. Mary's Church. This is also his longest touch.

ISHAM.—The Central Northants Association.—On Good Friday, for evensong, with bells half-muffled, a 720 Oxford Bob (26 singles and 34 bobs): R. T. Buswell 1, W. C. Lewis 2, W. T. Wilson 3, A. E. Fout 4, G. A. Blaxley 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 6.—On Wednesday, March 27th, a course of Cambridge: F. Andrew 1, W. Robinson 2, W. C. Lewis 3, J. E. Chapman 4, W. T. Wilson 5, E. M. Atkins 6.

YATELEY, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—At the St. Peter's Church, on Easter Sunday, at 6.30 a.m., 336 Grandsire Triples: C. Bunch 1, Miss B. Stilwell 2, W. G. Bunch 3, G. Butler 4, A. Hearmon 5, J. R. Bunch 6, S. Riddell 7, E. Denton 8. Also 504 in the same method at matins and evensong, with W. Horne and H. Tice taking part.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Sunday, for early service, 720, 216 and 180 Bob Minor. For morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 216 Bob Minor. For evening service, 240 and 144 Bob Minor, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. After Evening Service, 216 and 144 Bob Minor, conducted by J. Spencer and F. W. Naunton, the following taking part: G. Bertram, A. J. Naunton, F. W. Naunton, G. E. Naunton, L. Naunton, J. Spencer, E. Nunn, W. J. Sawyer.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.—On Monday, April 8th, 720 Bob Minor: G. Eastaugh 1, J. Spalding 2, F. W. Naunton 3, C. Button 4, J. Larter 5, N. R. Bailey 6. Conducted by N. R. Bailey.

EARNES, SURREY.—On April 14th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: M. Jacobs 1, E. H. Cook 2, H. Barrett 3, F. S. Revington 4, G. Hes 5, T. Bolton 6, C. F. W. Hunt (conductor) 7, J. Wilmott 8.

KIBWORTH.—On Easter Day, for early service, 350 Grandsire Triples. For morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Parker's six-part, in 40 mins.: H. Cutler 1, J. Waterfield 2, J. Taylor 3, D. Iliffe 4, W. N. Adkinson 5, J. Bolton 6, F. Stanforth (conductor) 7, E. Leech 8. For evening service, 882 Grandsire Triples, with J. Buckley tenor, and conducted by W. N. Adkinson.—On Monday, April 8th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, at Market Harboro' by the Kibworth Society, but after ringing about 2,000 changes, a shift brought it to an end.

NUNEATON.—On April 4th, at the house of Mr. T. W. Chapman, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: D. H. Argyle 1—2, T. W. Chapman 3—4, H. Argyle (conductor) 5—6, W. Martin (first quarter-peal on handbells) 7—8.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—The Essex Association.—On Easter Sunday for early service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, H. Little 2, G. Jordan 3, W. T. Prior 4, T. Jordan 5, T. J. Watts 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, A. Jordan 8.—On Sunday, April 14th, for morning service, 408 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, W. Prior 2, J. Ansell 3, F. Butler 4, H. J. Tucker 5, T. Jordan 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, A. Jordan 8.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, April 14th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Guest 1, J. Hudson 2, J. Guest 3, L. Wyman 4, R. Dunkley 5, R. Loveday (conductor) 6.

BRIGSTOCK, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Monday, 120 Bob Doubles: R. Dunkley 1, J. Hudson 2, L. Wyman 3, H. Guest 4, R. Loveday (conductor) 5. Also 120 Grandsire: R. Loveday (conductor) 1, L. Wyman 2, R. Dunkley 3, J. Coleman 4, H. Guest 5. Tenor, 25 cwt.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Monday, 720 Bob Minor (30 bobs, 2 singles): J. Coleman 1, J. Hudson 2, L. Wyman 3, H. Guest 4, R. Dunkley 5, R. Loveday (conductor) 6. Also 360 Oxford Bob: J. Coleman 1, R. Loveday (conductor) 2, J. Hudson 3, H. Guest 4, R. Dunkley 5, L. Wyman 6. Tenor, 11 cwt.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, April 14th, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Albert J. Day, 720 Bob Minor: S. J. Spice 1, W. G. Webb 2, T. Jull 3, H. Jewiss 4, W. E. Spice 5, G. H. Spice (conductor) 6. Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1260 changes), being four 120's of Plain Bob, and six and a half of Grandsire called differently: S. Spico 1, W. E. Spice 2, T. Jull 3, P. J. Spice 4, W. Spice (conductor) 5, F. Foreman 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—Central Northants Association.—On St. Patrick's Day, for morning service, at St. Edmund's Church, 252 Erin Triples: B. Soden 1, F. Wilford 2, A. Deacon 3, J. Metherill 4, S. F. Millward 5, W. Rogers 6, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 7, W. Gammage 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the Rev. — Sibthorpe, Vicar of Eye, Peterborough, and a former curate at the above church. This is the first time that Erin Triples have been rung in Northampton.

BOLNEY.—Sussex County Association. — For evening service, on Sunday, March 31st, at the Parish Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins.: J. King 1, G. Weller 2, A. Absalom 3, W. Wheeler 4, T. Gasson (composer and conductor) 5, G. Lewry 6, W. Vincent 7, W. Walder 8.

REIGATE, SURREY. — On Sunday, March 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1277 changes), in 48 mins.: H. Dewey 1, H. Reeves (composer and conductor) 2, E. Dewey 3, H. Ewins 4, T. Brown 5, G. Croucher 6, W. Smith 7, T. Sparks 8, H. Hoad 9, G. F. Hoad 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.—On Monday, April 1st, 480 Kent Treble Bob Royal: G. Croucher 1, H. Reeves 2, H. Ewins 3, A. Harman 4, A. Holman 5, O. Gilbey 6, W. Bashford 7, T. Sparks 8, H. Hoad 9, G. F. Hoad (conductor) 10.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday evening, March 31st, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. Canon E. C. Lowe, D.D., Canon Residentiary of Ely, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: W. Markwell 1, W. Lish 2, E. Lish 3, G. Payne 4, L. Payne 5, W. J. Amis 6, C. Tyler (conductor) 7, A. Hodges 8.

SUTTON, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, March 31st, at Benhilton Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 48 mins.: S. Rayner 1, G. Rayner 2, L. Ferrige 3, J. Webb 4, F. Ford 5, J. Warwick 6, T. King 7, A. Clayton (conductor) 8. Rung to commemorate the 14th anniversary of the wedding of the ringer of the 5th.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On March 29th, at the house of Mr. J. W. Lowther, Fylingthorpe, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), on handbells: M. Duck 1—2, J. W. Lowther 3—4, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 5—6, R. Duck 7—8.—On Palm Sunday, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: G. F. Alexander (conductor) 1, M. Duck 2, G. Welburn 3, J. W. Lowther 4, J. W. Wilkinson 5, R. Duck 6. For evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples: M. Duck 1, C. Watson 2, G. Welburn 3, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 4, J. W. Lowther 5, J. W. Wilkinson 6, R. Duck 7, F. Townsend 8.—On handbells, previous to ringing for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes): M. Duck 1—2, G. F. Alexander 3—4, J. W. Lowther 5—6, R. Duck (first quarter on handbells as conductor) 7—8.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On April 1st, 384, 672 and 1280 Bob Major, on handbells: C. Sanders 1—2, W. Shercliff 3—4, A. P. Wakley 5—6, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 7—8. First quarter-peal in the method by all.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On Sunday, March 31st, after Divine service, a 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Chandler 1, E. Bridger 2, A. Longley 3, G. Cook 4, H. Harrington 5, G. Edwards 6, E. Everest (conductor) 7, E. King 8. Rung as a farewell to R. Chandler, a past member of the band, who was leaving for Australia. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the 4th and 5th, who hail from Hever.

BENNINGTON, HERTS.—The Hertfordshire Association.—On March 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Kitchener 1, *A. Talbot 2, *F. White 3, L. Chapman 4, *A. Kitchener 5, *J. Warner 6, S. Page (conductor) 7, H. Bolter 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.—On Sunday, March 31st, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Kitchener 1, A. Talbot 2, F. White 3, H. Bolter 4, A. Kitchener 5, J. Warner 6, S. Page 7, E. White 8. Rung as a farewell to F. White, who is going to Enfield.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—The Yorkshire Association.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 24th, for evening service, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins.: Thos. B. Kendall (conductor) 1, E. H. Murgatroyd 2, F. London 3, W. Joyce 4, J. Broadley 5, J. Joyce 6, J. A. Ross 7, G. A. Nettleton 8. Longest length on the bells since they were retuned and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The "go" is excellent.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On March 28th, at the Parish Church, for confirmation service, 560 Double Norwich: T. Lawrence 1, O. W. Layng 2, A. Lawrence 3, G. W. Townsend 4, R. W. Hyner 5, T. Robinson 6, C. J. Gardiner 7, E. Bishop (conductor) 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples: O. W. Layng 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner 3, G. W. Townsend 4, T. Robinson 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, J. M. Brinkworth 8. — On Sunday, March 31st, for morning service, 560 Double Norwich. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples.

EASTHAMSTEAD, BERKS.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On April 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. North (conductor) 1, A. Herrington (first with bob bell) 2, A. Pierce 3, W. Newton 4, A. Gough 5, E. C. Lambert 6. 720 Double Oxford: A. Herrington 1, A. Pierce 2, J. North 3, W. Newton 4, J. Rance (conductor) 5, E. C. Lambert 6. Also a 720 in five methods, conducted by J. North. Also a course of Grandsire Triples, on handbells: A. Pierce 1—2, J. North 3—4, E. C. Lambert 5—6, J. Rance 7—8.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, 720 Kent: A. Herrington 1, H. Carder 2, R. Hawkins 3, W. Newton 4, A. Gough 5, J. North (conductor) 6. For evensong, 720 Oxford Treble Bob by the same ringers.

KEYNSHAM.—Bath and Wells Association.—On April 8th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): W. H. Seers 1, R. E. Waterson (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, A. E. Alexander 3, T. Hogsflesh 4, A. E. Seers (composer and conductor) 5, R. J. Cousins 6, C. Densley 7, E. J. Alexander 8.

FARNHAM ROYAL.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 42 mins.: J. Bovington 1, H. Skuse 2, J. J. Parker (composer and conductor) 3, H. Batten 4, G. Basden 5, J. Elderfield 6, W. Henley 7, W. Clarke 8.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.—St. Thomas' Guild.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Easter Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: E. Kerley 1, C. Hughes 2, W. Harrison 3, G. Arnold 4, E. C. Elliott (conductor) 5, H. F. Elliott 6, S. Clark 7, S. Morris 8.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS. — The Oxford Guild. — On April 2nd, 504 Stedman Triples: T. East (conductor) 1, W. Webb 2, W. Napper 3, J. Napper 4, F. James 5, J. Bower 6, J. S. Napper 7, W. Warwick 8. A 504 was also rung on March 19th, in which R. G. Rice, R. James and A. Woodley took part. These are the first 504's by all except Messrs. T. East and Rice. Mr. East has instructed the remainder of the band in the method with great success. The company includes Blewbury and Streatley ringers.

BLEWBURY.—On Sunday, March 31st, for evening service, 210 Grandsire Triples, first touch by Wilfrid Aldridge, aged 15, who rang the treble. He is a member of the young band who are being taught at this church.

DEPTFORD.—The Kent County Association.—At St. John's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, April 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: K. Fosdike 1, A. G. Bennington 2, J. Law 3, F. W. Richardson 4, T. G. Deal (conductor) 5, W. Daynes (first quarter with a bob bell) 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, C. H. Macklin 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Joseph Law on his 70th birthday.

FULHAM.—All Saints' Society.—On Sunday, April 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, in 49 mins., for Divine service: L. Attwater (conductor) 1, *B. Harvey 2, A. Cutmore 3, J. W. Driver 4, J. W. Kelly 5, *A. W. Darlington 6, W. J. Troughton 7, S. J. Collins 8, W. Hollier 9, G. F. Edwards 10. *First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters.

CAMBRIDGE. — Cambridge University Guild.—On May 5th, 1344 Bob Major, in the Master's room, St. Catherine's College: E. M. Atkins (conductor) 1—2, W. D. James 3—4, R. O. Street 5—6, J. B. Williamson (first quarter-peal) 7—8.

ROCHESTER, KENT. — At the Cathedral, on Easter Sunday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: J. Tulett 1, R. Paine 2, O. Sullivan 3, J. Kidd 4, W. Easter 5, W. J. Walker 6, W. Haigh (conductor) 7, J. Rayner 8.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, for evening service, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): G. Howse 1, J. Sharp 2, A. Gower 3, E. Bray 4, A. Miles 5, E. Gower 6, James George (composer and conductor) 7, C. Harfey 8. Arranged for Mr. George.

WORCESTER.—On Tuesday, April 16th, at St. John's Church, 720 Worcester Surprise Minor: W. Ranford 1, W. C. Jones 2, J. R. Newman 3, G. Checketts 4, A. Winterton 5, W. Page (conductor) 6. This is believed to be the first 720 of Worcester Surprise ever rung by the Worcester and Districts Association.—On Thursday, April 18th, at St. Helen's, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Page (conductor) 1, G. Hinton, senr., 2, W. C. Jones 3, J. Brettel 4, W. Edgington 5, E. Watkins 6. First 720 in method by all except Messrs. Page and Jones.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, April 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes): G. Edser, senr., 1, F. Shepherd 2, A. F. Shepherd 3, W. Shepherd 4, W. A. Woodrow 5, A. Woodrow 6, F. J. Shepherd 7, J. Emery (conductor) 8. — On Tuesday, April 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Day (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Emery 2, G. Edser, senr., 3, J. Loveridge 4, A. Woodrow 5, F. J. Shepherd 6, F. Shepherd (conductor) 7, R. J. Polley 8.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.—The Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On March 27th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Minor: A. Gwynne 1, H. Marklove 2, J. Blake 3, E. Summers 4, Walter Poston 5, Will Poston (conductor) 6. For 7 a.m. service, on Easter Day, 720 Canterbury, with J. Blake 2, J. Gwynne 3. For 11 a.m. service, 720 Bob Minor: R. Summers 1, J. Blake 2, J. Gwynne 3, E. Summers 4, Walter Poston 5, Will Poston (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Canterbury: A. Gwynne 1, H. Marklove 2, J. Blake 3, E. Summers 4, Walter Poston 5, Will Poston (conductor) 6.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On April 15th, at St. Saviour's Church, 1302 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: O. L. Twist 1, J. C. Adams 2, G. W. Cooper 3, W. J. Cooper 4, W. J. E. Jones 5, H. F. Hull 6, H. Rumens (conductor) 7, G. B. Lucas, senr., 8. Also the Plain Course of Kent Treble Bob, E. D. Lillywhite in place of O. L. Twist. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. G. W. Cooper.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.—On Saturday, April 13th, 720 New London Pleasure: G. Clarke 1, Rev. A. Rhys James 2, H. Woodhouse 3, E. Arrand 4, F. Clarke (conductor) 5, H. Trout 6. First 720 in the method on the bells, and by the local band.

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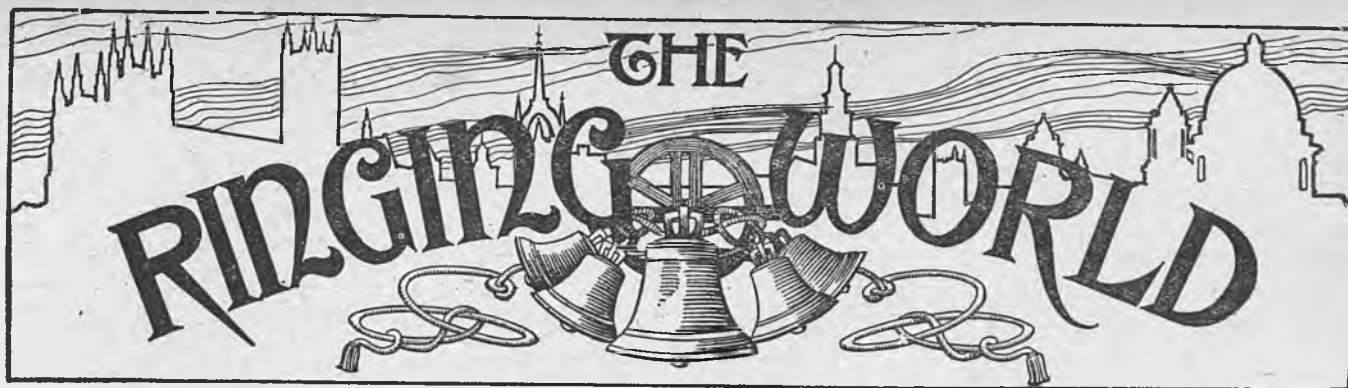
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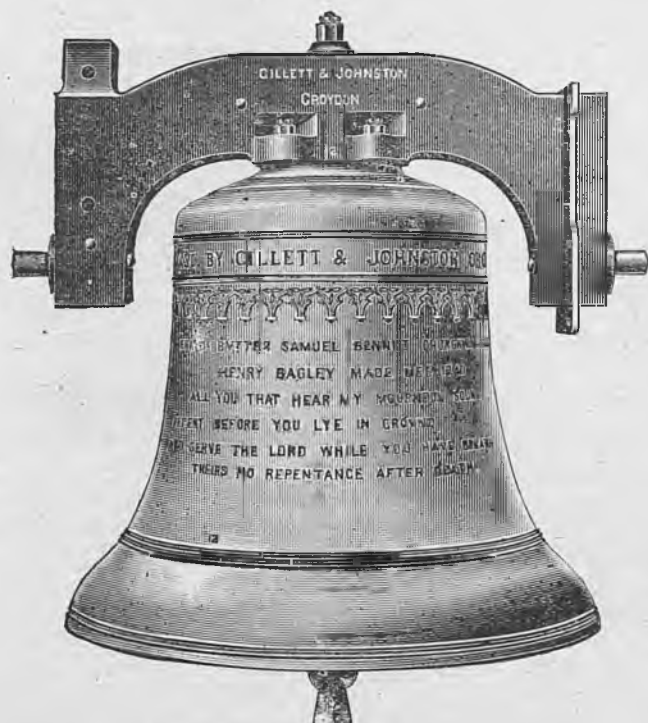
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MODERN WORK.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AND "THE RINGING WORLD."

As our readers will have observed from the agenda published last week, the relations between the Central Council and "The Ringing World" will be formally before the meeting of the former at the Clergy House, Westminster, next Tuesday, and will, we hope, be discussed in an amicable spirit. The terms of the motion which is to be moved are different from those which caused the storm of last year, when the question of recognition was discussed and shelved at Leicester. But since then things have changed. With the rank and file of the Exercise "The Ringing World" from its inception has been popular, and the twelve months that have elapsed since last the Council met have served to modify the attitude of those few gentlemen who, on that occasion, showed a desire to do an injustice to the many thousands of our readers, and, incidentally, to handicap the paper itself.

Few things have stirred the feeling of the Exercise so deeply as that did, and those members of the Central Council officially concerned quickly realised—and for their ready appreciation of the position they must be given credit—that a mistake had been made. The result was that, despite what had happened at the Council meeting, "The Ringing World" was given equality of treatment with its contemporary. And thus the matter has rested during the year.

The resolution which stands on the agenda for next week's meeting is one extending a hearty welcome to "The Ringing World," and noting with pleasure the fact that the peals analysis—one of the chief bones of contention—has been compiled from both ringing papers. Although worded in guarded phrase this resolution, we believe, is intended as an acceptance of the claims of this journal to be treated in all respects officially on equal terms with any other paper devoted to the interests of the Exercise. In that spirit we welcome it as providing us with the recognition we have desired and which, we are egotistical enough to believe, we have merited, and as assuring to our readers that the official communications of the Central Council shall be brought under their notice, and that their peals, published in these columns, shall be, as indeed they must be if the Analysis is to be worth the paper it is written on, officially acknowledged. "The Ringing World" and its readers are factors that cannot be ignored, and the motion to be moved next Tuesday will, in effect, place this upon the minutes of the Central Council. A large majority, if not the whole of the members, will go to this meeting fully cognisant of the feeling of ringers generally upon the subject and they will, we are convinced, be fully in accord with the intention of the resolution which is to be moved.

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On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Botolph,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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

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At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

*GEORGE BASFORDTreble	J. WILFRED SHARP 5
FRED HOPPER 2	FRANK ROLLINGS 6
*CHARLES FAULKNER 3	†WILLIAM ROGERS 7
ALBERT J. GREEN 4	THOMAS DENNEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the Rector (the Rev. R. C. Collins) as incumbent of the parish.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.

ERNEST FISHER ... ..Treble	ALFRED NEWSON 5
FRED SALTER 2	THOMAS FITZJOHN 6
ALFRED MARCO 3	CHARLES CARTER 7
WILLIAM ADCOCK 4	FRED BURROWS... ..Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by F. BURROWS.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. Treble	*HORACE W. HUMBLE 5
ROBERT BRETT SMITH... .. 2	GEORGE DURLING 6
SPENCER MARSHALL 3	ALFRED JAMES... .. 7
GEORGE FRENCH 4	HARRY DURLING ... ..Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

* First peal with a bob bell.

OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas, Moorside,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.

ALBERT CLEGG ... ..Treble	SAMUEL STOTT... .. 5
FRANK CHAPMAN... .. 2	HARRY HAMPSON 6
JOSEPH OGDEN 3	LUKE HAMPSON 7
FRANK WILD 4	CHARLES PLATT ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by HARRY HAMPSON.

HULME, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Philip,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES... ..Treble	HARRY CHAPMAN 5
ALFRED CROSS 2	RICHARD NEWTON 6
WILLIAM HOLBROOK 3	WILLIAM H. COOPER 7
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On Friday, May 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT TURNER... ..Treble	HARRY COOMBS 5
WALTER LONGSHAW 2	HARRY MILES 6
DANIEL COOMBS 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 7
GEORGE BARTLETT 4	ALFRED MILESTenor

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†P HAYDEN BEAMSTreble	ARTHUR HUGHES 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	*ERNEST POWELL 6
†WILLIAM OATES 3	T. HERVEY BEAMS 7
*JOHN ZEALLEY 4	*THOMAS LATHEYTenor

Conducted by T. HERVEY BEAMS.

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† First peal, aged 14 years. Also first peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

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On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*FRANK TALBOT ... ..Treble	JAMES HARRIS 5
MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON 2	*EDGAR VALLANCE 6
*LESLIE WILLARS 3	WILLIAM WILLSON 7
T. HENRY HARDY 4	CONYERS BOULTONTenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

* First peal of Triples.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, BATTERSEA, S.W.,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HAROLD BURTON... ..Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6
GEORGE H. JAYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	ERNEST PYE ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.	
GEORGE WOODMAN Treble	WESLEY PETTIFER 5
JAMES BURDFIELD 2	JOHN COOK 6
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*JOHN P. FOULDS 2	JOHN WATSON 6
EMMANUEL DUTESON 3	WILLIAM E. WILLSON 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 4	JAMES ASHTON Tenor

Conducted by W. E. WILLSON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. J. P. Fould's fiftieth peal. Rung on the 34th anniversary of W. Mallinson's first peal. The ringers of 2nd and 5th hail from Colne; the others belong to the local company.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.	
*ARTHUR WHITE Treble	*THOMAS BURTENSHAW, Senr. 5
HENRY EVANS 2	BENJAMIN BASSETT 6
*JAMES W. WHITE 3	HENRY STALHAM 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	EDMUND H. LINDUP Tenor

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS, and
Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

* First peal of Major.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.	
*F. CHELL Treble	C. PAGE 5
*T. CHELL 2	*J. GOODALL 6
S. CHURTON 3	P. PRESTON 7
E. LANDON 4	*J. ABBERLEY Tenor

Conducted by S. CHURTON.

* First peal.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lbs., in F sharp.	
HUBERT J. DAY Treble	PETER LAFLIN 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	JAMES BETTS 6
JAMES MOTTS 3	ERNEST F. POPPY 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.	
WALTER S. INWOOD ... Treble	WILLIAM HODGETTS ... 5
CHARLES N. LEMAN ... 2	HUBERT EDEN 6
*CHARLES W. SMITH ... 3	GEORGE N. PRICE 7
FRANK T. MARTIN 4	EDWARD WHITBREAD ... Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by EDWARD WHITBREAD.

* First peal in the method.

HURST, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lbs.	
*ALBERT PIERCE Treble	JAMES NORTH 5
JOSEPH WHITE 2	HENRY BUNGAY 6
FRANK LUSH 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 7
JOHN RANCE 4	JOHN PRINCE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. LAMBERT.

* First peal. This peal was rung as a farewell to James North, who sailed for Australia on May 23rd, the ringers wishing him every success.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.	
*MATTHIAS HOBBS ... Treble	ROBERT TURNER 5
ALFRED KNIGHT 2	DAVID J. NICHOLS 6
*WILLIAM MACE 3	ARTHUR E. PAYNE 7
CHARLES W. BIRD 4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. PAYNE.

* First peal in the method.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.	
THOMAS J. SALTER ... Treble	JOHN SMITH 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 6
WILLIAM SHILVOCK ... 3	CHARLES F. WHITE ... 7
*WILLIAM SMITH 4	JOHN WOODBERRY ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method.

THAXTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.	
FREDERICK SUCKLING ... Treble	HARRY E. BOWERS 5
HARRY P. EMERY 2	ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 6
FREDERICK C. RADLEY ... 3	H. WALTER SMITH 7
JOHN T. BARKER 4	EDWARD CLAYDON ... Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE, and
Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

W. ANDREWS, Junr. Treble	WILLIAM CHAPMAN 5
H. NORMAN 2	A. J. ANDREWS 6
R. SCOTT 3	C. R. LILLEY 7
E. CHAPMAN 4	C. NORMAN Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

C. Norman was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal.

WORKSOP, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JESSE J. MOSS Treble	GEORGE W. BEMROSE 5
GEORGE W. MOSS 2	WALTER ROBINSON 6
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3	JOHN HOLMAN 7
THOMAS BETTISON 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGET, and
Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

First peal in the method in the county. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Holman and W. Robinson.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, May 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.

* First peal on eight bells.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BEN THORP Treble	*WILFRED LLOYD 5
JOSEPH E. SYKES 2	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY 6
SAMUEL WESLEY 3	†R. WILFRED COLLIER 7
CLEMENT GLENN 4	JOHN H. BROTHWELL Tenor

Conducted by R. WILFRED COLLIER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, May 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE E. NAUNTON ... Treble	JOHN O'NEILL 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... 2	JOHN SPENCER 5
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 3	JOHN LARTER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN LARTER.

First peal in three methods on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Albert James Naunton on his 68th birthday. He is a member of the local company and father of the ringers of the treble and third.

LANE END, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, May 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire and Oxford Bob, and five 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 0 qr. 6 lbs., in B.

WILLIAM BOWNES Treble	RICHARD BUCKLAND 4
RICHARD BOLTON 2	ROBERT H. YOUNG 5
FREDERICK BOLTON 3	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

ROYDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, May 15, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's Oxford and four of Kent. Tenor 8 cwt.

*WILLIAM MORRIS Treble	†JOHN SMITH 4
HARRY BOTTRILL 2	ISAAC CAVILL 5
GEORGE DENT 3	†HARRY SMALE Tenor

Conducted by I. CAVILL.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Minor

GAYWOOD, KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, May 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven differently-called 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

CREAK SHIPP Treble	TOM GREENACRE 4
WILLIAM MITCHELL 2	B. M. TARGETT 5
PERCY JOHNSON 3	GEORGE HAWES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HAWES.

First peal on the bells, and by all the ringers, who are the company practising at the church.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

BERNARD FISHER Treble	EDWIN S. MYNARD 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	WILLIAM JACQUES 5
FREDERICK J. MYNARD ... 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM JACQUES.

First peal as conductor in seven methods.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HARRY G. KETTLE Treble	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON ... 4
JOSEPH H. WHITE 2	CHARLES FREEMAN 5
WILLIAM T. COX 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE,
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT 155, WATERLOO STREET.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

CHARLES SANDERS ... 1—2 | ALBERT P. WAKLEY ... 3—4
*WILLIAM SHERCLIFF ... 5—6

Conducted by WILLIAM SHERCLIFF.

Umpire: H. HURDMAN.

* First peal in seven methods and first as conductor. First peal in seven methods on handbells by all.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 1—2 | MAURICE SMITHER ... 5—6
JAMES HUNT ... 3—4 | FRANK BLONDELL ... 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: T. W. RADFORD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 17, 1912, in One Hour and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT COMMERCIAL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

PISTOW'S VARIATION.

MAURICE SMITHER ... 1—2 | JAMES HUNT ... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4 | FRANK BLONDELL ... 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung after meeting short for Caters.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT GEORGE IV, BRUNSWICK STREET, N.E.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 16 size, in B flat.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT ... 1—2 | FRANK BENNETT ... 5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3—4 | FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7—8

*ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 9—10

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Umpires: W. HEWETT and J. E. DAVIES.

* First peal of Bob Royal.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOMS, TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES ;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1—2 | REGINALD O. STREET ... 5—6
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3—4 | E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 7—8

*J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 9—10

Composed by G. HAYWOOD, and
Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

Umpire: FRANCIS R. WHITE.

* First peal. 50th peal by the Guild.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
IN THE TOWER OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 1—2 | STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 5—6
FREDERICK DEWELL ... 3—4 | W. R. JOHN POULSON ... 7—8

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Umpire: C. WOODCOCK.

First peal in the method on handbells by all except F. Dewell, who hails from Bury St. Edmunds. The calling and figures of the peal will be found in the Norwich Report for 1904, No. 1,357.

We have been asked to insert the three following peals, as they have not hitherto been published:—

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 3, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

WILLIAM IRELAND ... Treble | WILLIAM CHENERY ... 5
ERNEST POPPY ... 2 | FRED DAY ... 6
CLEMENT MORE ... 3 | JOHN SOUTER ... 7
GEORGE ARCHER ... 4 | JOHN SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS THURSTAN, and

Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 16, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

GEORGE ARCHER ... Treble | WILLIAM CHENERY ... 5
ARTHUR LEEDER ... 2 | WILLIAM BASON ... 6
WILLIAM IRELAND ... 3 | JOHN SOUTER ... 7
ELLIS HAYWARD ... 4 | JOHN SMITHER ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS THURSTAN, and

Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

CHARLES MILLS ... Treble | THOMAS FORD, Senr. ... 5
THOMAS FORD, Junr. ... 2 | ALFRED KEEBLE ... 6
CLEMENT MORE ... 3 | JOHN SOUTER ... 7
GEORGE ARCHER ... 4 | JOHN SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by E. TAYLOR, and

Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

FAR HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.—On May 17th, at St. Chad's Church, 720 Bob Minor: H. Drake 1, Rev. C. C. Marshall (first 720 as conductor) 2, H. Morris 3, —. Mann 4, W. Child 5, A. E. Sharman (first 720) 6.

ARUNDEL.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, May 12th, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Arnell 1, H. Evans 2, G. H. Lee 3, C. Hills 4, A. W. Groves 5, Chas. Blackman 6, E. Lindup (conductor) 7, G. Balchin 8.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On May 14th, 720 London Surprise Minor: F. C. Varo 1, O. Gilbey 2, F. Bashford 3, W. Cheesman 4, W. Bashford 5, H. Harman (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method on the bells, and by all the band.

ST. ALBANS.—The Hertfordshire Association.—On May 13th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. N. Price (conductor) 1—2, G. E. Howchin 3—4, C. N. Leman 5—6, E. Whitbread 7—8.

Mr. George Bolland and friends, of the Yorkshire Association, will be in Croydon from Saturday until Tuesday, and will be pleased to welcome any friends. Their headquarters will be The George IV, George Street. On Saturday evening they are holding a social, when any ringers will be heartily welcomed.

CENTRAL COUNCIL.

AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The First Session of the Eighth Council (22nd Annual Meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, 28th May, 1912, in the "Small Hall," of the Church House, Westminster, 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.

N.B.—The entrance to the Small Hall is from Great Smith Street.

AGENDA 1912.

1. Election of President and of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.
2. Minutes of the last meeting.
3. Statement of accounts and of sale of publications.
4. Election of honorary members.
5. Introduction of new members to the President.
6. Election of Standing Committee.
7. To receive and discuss the reports of the following committees; and to re-appoint, or alter the constitution of the committees, as may be thought desirable, viz.:—
 - (a) Peal Collection.
 - (b) Church Press.
 - (c) Legitimate Methods.
 - (d) Peal Values.
 - (e) Peals' Analysis.
8. To discuss the following:—
 - (a) A peal of Minor must consist of at least seven true 720's, and the bells must strike rounds only once at the end of each, and immediately go into the next. The peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 720's fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 720 changes to make up some definite number.
 - (b) That a committee of five (?) six-bell ringers be appointed to draw up a scale of points for performances on five and six bells.
 - (c) That this committee, together with the Peal Values' Committee, try to find a common denominator by means of which the value of such performances, compared with that of peals on higher numbers, can be fixed.
10. That it is desirable to reconsider some of the conditions laid down for the legitimacy of methods as stated on page 18 of "Rules and Decisions," 1904.
11. That this Council, in extending its hearty welcome to the "Ringing World," has heard with satisfaction from the hon. secretary that he has from the first appearance of the paper sent for publication in its columns all essential official notices and reports of the Council, and notes with pleasure that the Analysis of Peals for the past year has been compiled from and has appeared in identical terms in both ringing papers alike.
12. That the hon. secretary of the Council be instructed to write to the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and request them to meet a deputation from the Council, and discuss the supposed danger to towers caused by substitution steel or iron bell frames for wooden frames. That the hon. secretary also bring to the notice of the Royal Institute of British Architects the Council's recommendations with regard to the proper height to hang bells relative to the belfry windows.
13. That the Council, while itself declining to take part in the formation or subsequent management of such an enterprise if set on foot, and without in any sense pledging its individual members, would nevertheless view with satisfaction the establishment on a sound financial basis of a Benevolent Fund for the benefit of members of the Exercise, who may stand in need of help.
14. That this meeting of the Council, while recognising the value of peal ringing generally, and the laudable desire of the members to assist in placing their own Association at the head of the peal table, wishes to express the strong conviction that the chief aim of all members should be the encouragement in all towers of ringing, rather than chiming the bells for Sunday services, thus helping to achieve the primary objects for which the bells are hung, viz., the Glory of God, and the calling of the parishioners together for His worship.
15. To fix the place of meeting for next year.
16. Other business, if any.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,

Hon. Secretary.

A social gathering will be held at the Westminster Palace Hotel at 9 p.m., to which Sir Arthur Heywood invites the members of the Council and their ringing friends.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Arrangements have been made for a photographic group of the Council to be taken immediately the session is adjourned for the luncheon interval at 1 p.m. The photograph is to be taken at the entrance to the Clergy House in Dean's Yard, and as it is essential there should be no delay, on account of the limited time at the disposal of the members, it is hoped that everyone will do his best to facilitate this part of the proceedings.

The photograph is being taken specially for reproduction in "The Ringing World," but copies will be obtainable from this office at 2s. 3d. each, post free, and will form an interesting memento of the gathering. Orders, with remittance, should be sent at once.

The following towers will be open on Whit-Tuesday after the Council meeting:—

St. Margaret's, Westminster, 5.30 to 7 p.m.

St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 7 to 8 p.m.

St. Paul's Cathedral, 8 to 9 p.m.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPTS.

A long peal of Bristol Surprise Major (15,264 changes) will be attempted at Hornchurch, Essex, on Whit-Monday by eight members of the Middlesex Association, starting about 8.30 a.m.

All being well, five members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild will attempt a long peal of Stedman Caters (14,031 changes) on handbells on Saturday, June 1st, at Guildford, starting about 2.30 p.m.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT METHERINGHAM.

Some few months ago it was found that the fittings of the five old bells in Metherringham Church, Lincolnshire, were in a very dilapidated and unsafe condition. All ringing was stopped, and a meeting called to consider the question of restoration. Eventually, Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were entrusted with the work of supplying three smaller bells to complete the octave, and hanging the whole in a modern iron frame, the old bells being sent to the foundry to be tuned.

The opening ceremony was performed on Wednesday week, the service being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. I. S. Rawson. The other clergy present included the Rev. Canon Townrow, Lincoln; the Rev. H. Law James, Surfleet (Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild); and the Rev. C. H. Scott, Lincoln. The five old bells had been previously rung up, and immediately the dedication of the three new ones was over, these were also raised, and three loads of Grandsire Triples were then rung by: Rev. H. Law James, P. W. Stokes, R. Richardson, A. Mackears, A. Holmes, J. T. Holmes, W. Dickinson, F. R. Kettleboro. The service was then proceeded with, a very fitting sermon being preached by Canon Townrow.

At the conclusion of the service, a peal of Double Norwich Major was attempted, but this unfortunately came to grief, stand being called half-way through the peal, owing to a change course. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea in the Parish Room, afterwards returning to the Church to ring for evening service. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were successfully brought round. The sermon at this service was preached by the Rev. G. H. Chard, Vicar of Nocton.

Mr. J. W. Taylor, head of the famous Loughborough firm, was present at the dedication, and was warmly congratulated on the excellence of the work. The three new bells are exceptionally fine in tone, and harmonise beautifully with the rest, the result being a musical ring of eight, with a tenor of 8½ cwt. in A flat. All who had the pleasure of taking part in the ringing expressed themselves highly satisfied with the splendid "go" of the bells. At the present time there is no band of change ringers in Metherringham, but the local men have already started handbell practice, and it is to be hoped that before very long the first "local" peal may be attempted.

PROGRESS AT NEWCHURCH.

A well-attended meeting was held at Newchurch on Saturday last, when about 24 members were present. Some very good touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Stedman were rung. The Newchurch ringers are to be congratulated on the progress they have made since joining the Association, and upon having probably the youngest ringer in the Lancashire Association, a young man of 13 years, who is able to ring 720's.

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Weight, 50 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lbs.

This bell was recast, and the peal of twelve rehung by us in September last. Since then the following peals have been rung on the bells:—

Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the College Youths.
Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the College Youths.
Stedman Cinques by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, on May 11th, 1912.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED

For Rehanging, Retuning and Recasting.

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At the Handbell Contests, held annually in Manchester the First Prize for the last 14 years has been awarded to bands using our bells, and on twelve of those occasions they have gained the Second Prize also.

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THE LATE MR. J. PETTIT.

STORY OF AN INTERESTING CAREER.

The death of Mr. James Pettit, recorded in our last issue, has removed a well-known figure from the ranks of the Exercise, one whose gentleness of nature, quiet dignity and personal charm won the affection, as it commanded the respect, of all who knew him. For more than half a century he had participated in bell ringing, and he was among those who, in the days before the Art had attained its present standard, and before ringers were organised as they are to-day, were the backbone of the Exercise. It was with the College Youths that he was most closely identified. With the Ancient Society he rang most of his peals, and, as the leader for so many years of the St. Paul's Cathedral band, in its ranks he occupied a most prominent position. Born on April 25th, 1834, Mr. Pettit was a Hackney man, and began his ringing career at St. John's Church. He was associated with the men of a generation all but vanished—Haley, Wood, Cooter, Dwight and others no less notable in their day.



THE LATE MR. J. PETTIT.

The first peal booked by the College Youths in which he took part was Grandsire Triples at South Hackney, on December 3rd, 1857, conducted by William Green, and thereafter he took part in most of the notable performances by the society. His first peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Bethnal Green on November 26th, 1862, conducted by W. Cooter, followed by Kent Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green on May 22nd, 1863, and Stedman Caters at Bermondsey on November 28th; Kent Treble Bob Royal at Stepney on January 30th, 1864; Stedman Cinques at Southwark on March 18th, 1865, and 8448 Kent Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green on March 3rd, 1866. All these peals were conducted by Henry Haley. In 1866, also, Mr. Pettit rang in a peal of Kent Maximus at Cornhill, conducted by Matt. Wood, and that same year he became a member of the St. James' Society, while two years later he was one of the band that rang the 15,840 of Kent Major at Bethnal Green, which Mr. Haley called.

No one probably has called Holt's Original so many times as Mr. Pettit, and the first of this long series of performances was at South Hackney on January 20th, 1869. He called this peal often in an effort to help beginners, and many of the present members of the society rang Holt's Original for their first peal, conducted by Mr. Pettit. On July 27th, 1872, he called the composition at Waterford

Cathedral, the first peal ever rung in Ireland, and on October 23rd, 1884, took part in Holt's Original non-conducted at St. Giles-in-the Fields. It was not until 1881 that his first peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor was rung, this being achieved at Southwark on October 15th, and being followed on December 10th by the first peal on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, Mr. Pettit having previously been appointed conductor there. He has also called Stedman Cinques at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch—both in 1882, while in 1883 he conducted the then record peal of Stedman Caters, 11,111 in 6 hours 25 minutes at Fulham on December 8th. He was also the conductor in that memorable attempt for the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Cornhill, when, in a peal of 10,030 changes with only the last two bobs of the coming home course to be called, the tenth man collapsed after seven hours 35 minutes ringing.

From this date he may be reckoned the premier conductor of the society, and for the St. James' Society as well as the College Youths he called many peals in the standard methods. Unfortunately, however, a complete list of his peals is not for the present, at any rate, available. James Pettit was one of the safest ringers and conductors that ever stepped into a tower. It might almost be said of him that he never made a mistake. He was a composer, too, although we believe he never composed a 5000. It is said of him that he had a different three-courses of Stedman Cinques for every Sunday service in the year at St. Paul's, and many of them were touches which he had constructed.

On April 25th, 1896, his 62nd birthday, Mr. Pettit conducted a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Clement Danes, and was afterwards, at the Essex Head, presented with a testimonial and purse of gold as a small token of the regard and esteem in which he was held, and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Art of change ringing. As long as health and strength permitted he continued this good work with that personal charm and dignity before referred to and so well remembered by all who had the privilege of his intimate acquaintance. Stricken by illness, he ended his days in the Hackney Infirmary and passed peacefully away on Sunday week. His memory will long be cherished, for he was one of Nature's gentlemen.

Many ringers attended the funeral at Manor Park Cemetery on Saturday, when all that was mortal of James Pettit was laid to rest. The College Youths, the London County (late the St. James' Society), the Cumberland Youths, etc., were represented, and, after the service, a course of Stedman Caters was rung over the open grave by F. E. Dawe 1-2, T. H. Taffender 3-4, C. F. Winney 5-6, H. Langdon 7-8, W. T. Cockerill 9-10.

There was but one wreath, a handsome floral emblem, in which a bell, composed of violets and bearing the words "At rest," was encircled by choice flowers.

In the evening the customary whole pull and stand, denoting the age of the deceased, was rung at St. Paul's Cathedral as a tribute of respect to the memory of a good and true man. Afterwards, with the bells still half-muffled, a touch of Stedman Cinques was brought round. Arrangements were made for a muffled peal at Stepney last night, and another at St. Giles, Cripplegate, tomorrow at 3 p.m. Our photograph is from a group taken a few years ago by Mr. F. E. Dawe.

Peal cards 1s. 1d. per dozen, post free. Order and remittance must accompany the peal when sent us for publication.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Our readers are reminded that in order to ensure the insertion in next week's issue of peals rung on Monday, the reports should be posted to us the same night.

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Chelmsford bells, which are in a very bad state of repair, and considered unsafe, will ring out for the last time on Whit-Sunday next. The clergy and churchwardens are unanimous that the time has come for something to be done, and a meeting is to be held early next month to decide what improvements are to be made. All ringing is therefore suspended until further notice.

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The heavy ring of five at Sible Hedingham, Essex, are to be rebung in an iron frame and a new treble added. The Rector and churchwardens are inviting tenders, and the work is to be put in hand at once.

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An attempt for a new record of Bristol Surprise Major is to be made, as we announced last week, at Hornchurch, on Monday, by eight members of the Middlesex Association. The composition is a 15,264, about 3,000 longer than that rung at Knebworth on Easter Monday. Ringers generally will wish success to Mr. William Pye and his band. A start is to be made at 8.30 a.m. Hornchurch tenor is 20 cwt. in E.

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Last Saturday, May 18th, was the 66th anniversary of the first occasion upon which Thurstans' celebrated four-part peal was rung. The first person to call it was Henry Johnson, and that was in the year 1846.

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The peal of six at Newton, Cambs, has been restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have carried out the work in their customary first class manner. The dedication was performed by Bishop Harrison, and after the service members of the Wisbech band rang 720 Bob Minor: H. Banham 1, T. Haines 2, W. H. Freeman 3, G. Piggins 4, R. Narborough 5, C. Goakes (conductor) 6. Following some "firing," the local men rang a few rounds and set changes, and then, with the assistance of Messrs. Piggins and Collison, touches of Minor and Doubles were rung. Afterwards the ringers were entertained to supper at the residence of Mr. Churchwarden Goose, who, with the Rector and Mr. Churchwarden Eyre, has worked extremely hard to raise the necessary funds for carrying out the restoration. The beautiful "go" and pleasant tone of the bells is spoken of in the highest praise by both ringers and the villagers.

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In connection with the Suffolk County Show at Stowmarket on June 6th and 7th, the bells of the parish church will be available for visiting ringers.

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The Towcester Association have rung a peal to celebrate the jubilee of the Rev. R. C. Collins as Vicar of Easton Neston, and the ringers attached to the church have erected a flag staff on the tower to commemorate the event. The Rev. R. C. Collins holds an unique record. From 1851, the year he was ordained deacon, to 1855 he was curate of Towcester, from 1855 to 1861 he was curate of Easton Neston, since when he has held the office of Vicar.

The other day we spoke of the good work done in the Hereford Guild in regard to the training of young ringers by Mr. J. Preece. A correspondent informs us that Mr. J. P. Hyett, of Clifford, has also done a lot of teaching of young hands, no fewer than 21 having been through his hands since 1906. This is not a bad record when it is recollected that Mr. Hyett can only attend practices on alternate weeks owing to his duties as a signalman.

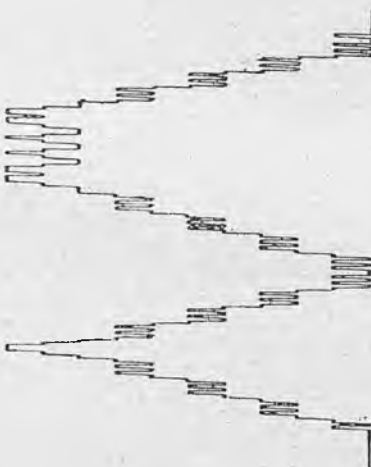
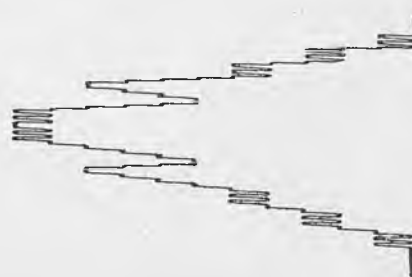
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The three peals rung by the Norwich Association early last year, and which we have now been asked to insert, as they have not yet been published, and have been omitted also from the Norwich Report for 1911, would, had they appeared at the proper time, have placed the Norwich Association second instead of third in the Analysis.

THE RINGING MACHINE.

Mr. John Carter's wonderful invention, the ringing machine, is rapidly progressing towards completion after twenty-four years of labour. Apart from the remarkable

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For the first time, the Exercise at large is able to see one of the results of the ringing machine, for we reproduce to-day a facsimile of two diagrams which the machine has drawn. The first of the two is a course of Duffield Maximus, showing the path of the tenor, the second a course of Stedman Cinques, showing the track of the eleventh. The perpendicular strokes at the beginning and end of each; show, of course where the rounds are being rung. The dots through the diagram show the actual place where the blow is struck, the place-making being indicated by a line of double length. For the rest, the continuous line shows the passing of the bell from one place to another. We have added figures at the top for the convenience of our readers.

NORTH STONEHAM.—The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Easter Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: *O. Giles 1, W. T. Tucker 2, W. G. Edwards 3, W. J. Rowe 4, A. Marks 5, C. Fray 6, W. H. George (conductor) 7, *J. Thompson 8. * First quarter-peal.

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Oran-ges and le-mons says the bells of St. Clemen's; You owe me five farthings says the
D.C. When will that be says the bells of Step - ney; I do not know, says the

11 : 9 : 12 | 10 : 8 : — | 9 : 7 : 9 | 7 : 5 : 6.7 | 8 : 6 : 9 | 7 : 5 : —

bells of St. Martin's When will you pay me says the bells of Old Bai - ley;
great bell of Bow.

9 : 7 : 9 | 5 : — : 6.7 | 8 : 6 : 9 | 5 : — : — | 10 : 8 : 12 | 10 : 8 : 9.10

When I grow rich, says the bells of Shore - ditch; Here comes a can - dle to

9 : 11 : 7 | 8 : — : 9 | 10 : 8 : 12 | 10 : 8 : 9.10 | 11 : 10 : 9 | 8 : — : — ||

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KENT ASSOCIATION.

BIG GATHERING AT ASHFORD DIVISION MEETING. LADY NORTHCOTE'S GENEROUS GIFT.

The quarterly meeting of the Ashford Division of the Kent Association was held at Eastwell, on Saturday, and, in view of the fact that the bells have recently been restored, the visit was a fitting one, to endeavour to secure the affiliation of the Eastwell tower to the Association. The happy result, we understand, will probably be achieved, and it is very gratifying to know that the efforts of the seventy odd members present succeeded in partly, if not wholly, inducing the local ringers to take up change ringing. The towers represented were: Appledore, Ashford, Boxley, Brabourne, Canterbury Cathedral, Chart, Headcorn, Horsmonden, Hythe, Iden, Merham, New Romney, Rolvenden, Rye, Sellinge, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden, and Woodchurch.

The church contains six bells. The tenor has been re-cast, and the whole peal hung most satisfactorily by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Previous to the rehanging, ringing was done on the ground floor, but a ringing chamber was erected at the time of the restoration. The whole expense was borne by Lady Northcote, of Eastwell House, in memory of the late Lord Northcote, and a tablet, with a suitable inscription, recording the fact, has been placed on the north wall, inside the tower, near the entrance.

By kind permission of Lady Northcote, the company were allowed to view the beautiful grounds at Eastwell House, a privilege which the visitors enjoyed to the full. The magnificent conservatories, full of the most exquisite blooms, were a source of great delight, while the well-kept gardens and lawns were much admired. After the tour of the grounds, the company returned across the park, which is 15 miles in circumference, to the church. To give our readers some idea of the size and magnificence of Eastwell House and its surroundings, it may be added that thirty gardeners are employed there.

A service was held at five o'clock, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, hon. secretary of the Association, intoning the prayers, while the hymns, "O God, our help in ages past," and "Saviour again, to Thy dear name we raise," were sung, and suitable psalms chanted.

The Rector (the Rev. J. A. Halloran) delivered an address from II. Timothy i., 9, "Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling." The last two words, said the reverend gentleman, seemed to so well describe ringers' work, which was a holy calling. Ordinary trades and businesses were often pursued by the same family from generation to generation, and that, he thought, was especially true about ringers. Probably it was so with some of the members of their Association, for several members of a family might form a part of the ringers at one tower. There seemed to him to be very often a sort of family inheritance in connection with bell ringing. The office of a ringer was a holy calling, and bell ringers could always feel they were doing a direct and special work for God, in calling people to church. The more they worked together and other kinds of church workers toiled together, and the more they recognised the respective callings they had, as sacred, holy callings, the more it would tend to uplift the whole work done into a sphere of sanctity and brightness. There was a very gracious duty, and they had to be skilful to perform it. They were God's messengers, summoning people to worship, and they, who rang the bells were doing God's work, by sending out the message. But they could not execute their duties without God's help. It was the same with the parson. He had to seek God's help, and if they also sought it, they would find their work would be much happier and more cheerful.

Subsequently an adjournment was made to the boat-house, near the pretty lake. Here, an excellent tea was kindly given by Lady Northcote.—The Rector presided, and the business meeting followed.

The Rector was elected an honorary member, and Messrs. H. C. Humphrey and Albert Noakes (New Romney) were admitted as probationers.

The Rev. F. Helmore moved a hearty vote of thanks to Lady Northcote for providing the tea, and extending to them the privilege of inspecting the grounds of Eastwell House. He thanked the Rector for the use of bells, and for his admirable address. He also mentioned that at the annual meeting of the Association, at Westerham, on Whit-Monday, a special form of service, which had received the sanction of the three episcopal heads, would be used.

The votes of thanks were carried with acclamation, and, in response, the Rector said he was very glad to welcome them to Eastwell. It was the first time they had visited there, and he hoped to have the pleasure of seeing them again. He would convey their message of thanks to Lady Northcote, who was not in residence at present, but he was sure if her ladyship was at Eastwell when they came again, she would attend personally. Continuing, the Rector referred to the restoration of the bells, and expressed the opinion that he thought the work was done well. He hoped the bells would long remain as a memorial to Lord Northcote, who was only with them a short period, before he was called to rest. They knew little of him, but he had a very distinguished career, and although his time was short in their midst, they learnt to admire and esteem him. In conclusion, the reverend gentleman wished success to the Association.

The bells were kept going in the afternoon and evening, among the methods practised being: Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Mr. A. C. Kay, of Ashford, kindly obtained permission for Kennington, another six-bell tower to be open during the evening, and some capital Minor was indulged in there. Ringing concluded at about nine o'clock, after one of the largest meetings held in the Ashford Division for some time.

SCARBOROUGH RINGERS' OUTING.

Through the kindness of the Vicar and churchwardens, the ringers of St. Mary's Parish Church, Scarborough, held their annual outing on Saturday week, and visited Selby and Hemmingbrough. At Selby, which was reached at 9.45, the party were met by Mr. A. Hall, the genial secretary of the Selby band, who had kindly obtained permission for the visitors to ring both at Selby and Hemmingbrough. The Rev. W. P. Wright, himself a change ringer, had met the party on their way to Hemmingbrough, where the bells, a nice handy ring of six, were raised in peal, and 120 Stedman Doubles and a touch of Bob Minor tapped off. After a look round the church, which was greatly admired, another touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in which the Rev. W. P. Wright took part, was rung, and the return made to Selby, where dinner was partaken of at the Abbey Cafe. The visitors were then met by the Selby ringers, and conducted round the historical Abbey, where they had the pleasure of listening to a short, but interesting lecture, on the foundation and building of the Abbey by the Monks. Then the bells, a magnificent peal of ten, were raised, and a touch of Grandsire Caters rung, followed by 672 Bob Major on the back eight, brought round in fine style by: H. Milner, H. Morley, H. Ferguson, J. R. Barton, W. Hinton, H. Gibson, J. Dixey, and the Rev. W. P. Wright, conductor. A stroll round the town, boating, bathing, and a visit to the cricket match, etc., filled in the time until tea was partaken of. Then the Abbey belfry was once more visited, and three courses of Grandsire Caters and 504 Grandsire Triples were rung. The return journey was begun at 9.45 p.m., and Scarborough reached at 11.55 p.m.—The best thanks of the visitors are due to Mr. A. Hall for the trouble he took in making the arrangements, the Rev. J. Solloway, and the Rev. W. P. Wright for the use of their respective peals of bells, and to the Selby ringers who helped to make this outing the most successful the Scarborough band have ever had.

OUTWARD BOUND.

PRESENTATIONS TO OXFORD GUILD RINGER.

Yesterday, Mr. James North, a well-known member of the Oxford Guild, sailed by the s.s. "Geelong" for Australia, and he carries with him the good wishes of a large circle of ringing friends, who have given tangible expression to their esteem by making him the recipient of some useful gifts. At a special practice, at Easthamstead, on Thursday week, after a quarter-peal of Minor in five methods had been rung, Mr. A. Gough presented Mr. North with a handsome set of hair brushes in case, with the initials, "J. N.," suitably inscribed.—Mr. Gough voiced the good wishes of the members for Mr. North's future success, and remarked that it would take a long time to fill the vacancy caused by his departure with another so talented a ringer.—Mr. North, in response, thanked his fellow members for their kind thoughts and good wishes, and said the present would be a constant reminder of the good fellowship which existed between himself and the ringers in his old tower at home.

On Saturday, a farewell peal was rung at Hurst, and afterwards a handsome Gladstone bag was presented to Mr. North. The gift was subscribed for by ringing friends in several towers in the Sonning branch of the Oxford Guild.—Mr. J. White, in making the presentation, expressed the sorrow which they felt in losing so good a ringer, so hard a worker, and so genial a friend, and he wished him every prosperity in the country of his adoption.—Mr. North, in acknowledging the gift, thanked the members for their kindness, and said the very useful present would serve to remind him of the happy times spent with his friends at the ropes, and of the good fellowship which existed between them.

BENTLEY BELLS RESTORED.

After having been silent for some six months, the bells of Bentley, Hants, have been heard once more. Last year it was found that two bells were badly cracked and required re-casting, while two others were so badly out of tune that re-casting was necessary in their case also. The six bells were removed, and four of them re-cast and fitted with new clappers, and a new bell frame was also fitted. The work has been done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the total cost has been nearly £190, of which sum £145 0s. 10d. was raised by the members of the C.E.M.S., by house-to-house visiting for donations.

On Saturday week, the bells were re-dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. W. H. Moody), who at the same time unveiled a small stained glass window to the memory of the late Mr. J. H. Petrie and his wife.

After the service the bells were rung under the conductorship of Mr. C. Edwards, of Farnham.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, May 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: V. Sear 1, J. Mead 2, T. Best 3, A. Crane (first quarter-peal inside) 4, H. Sear (conductor) 5, E. Marks 6, W. Sear 7, F. Goodman 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Crane and E. Marks.

THE FUNERAL OF MRS. JAMES.

Recorded briefly in our last issue was the death of Mrs. Rosa James, of Palace Yard, Gloucester, widow of the late Canon George James, Rector of St. Michael's, and mother of two of the best known of the ringing clergy, the Revs. H. Law James and E. Bankes James. The first portion of the funeral service took place in the Cathedral, and was of a most impressive character. The music, including the hymn "Come unto Me ye weary" and the anthem "Oh, for the wings of a dove" (Mendelssohn), was beautifully rendered by the Cathedral choir, who afterwards, at the graveside in the cemetery, to which the remains were conveyed in a four-horse funeral car, sang Dr. Brewer's anthem "I heard a voice from Heaven" and the hymn "Now the labourer's task is o'er." The chief mourners were the two sons, Miss G. W. R. James (daughter) and Mr. F. Hannam-Clark, and a numerous congregation attended the last sad rites.

As a tribute of respect, the St. Michael's Juniors rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (time not permitting a peal) with the bells muffled: T. Newman 1, J. Gillett 2, C. H. Austin 3, J. Austin (conductor) 4, A. T. Brunson 5, F. E. Hart 6, C. L. Sadler 7, R. A. Judd 8, E. E. Davis 9, T. Whiting 10. Afterwards a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells open.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association was held at St. Mary's, Putney, on Saturday, and there was a record attendance. During the afternoon touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise were rung. The business meeting was afterwards held at the Half Moon Hotel, the Master (Mr. H. S. Ellis) presiding.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Isleworth, on the third Saturday in July, or failing that, St. Stephens, Ealing.—A vote of thanks for the use of the bells was accorded the Rector, and to Messrs. Bolton and Honeyball (Master and secretary of the Putney ringers, respectively).—Subsequently a musical evening was enjoyed, most of the members of the company contributing songs or recitations, Mr. Mance deputising in the chair for the Master, who had to leave early.

THE LATE MR. A. J. DAY.

In response to the appeal on behalf of the widow of the late Mr. A. J. Day, of Tunstall, Kent, Mr. W. Spice, of 4, Pond Cottages (to whom contributions should be sent) acknowledges the following generous donations:—

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HINT TO MIDLAND COUNTIES' CONDUCTORS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir.—I find that a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Eastwood, Notts, on February 4th, 1911, has, through an oversight, been omitted from our annual report for the year. The total number of peals rung during the year should, therefore, be 159, and not 158 as published. I may be to blame for the omission, but to prevent a recurrence, may I ask the conductors of peals rung for the M.C.A. in the future to let me have particulars within 14 days, and not leave it to me to ferret them out from the ringing papers, and after that, in many cases, to be obliged to write for the composition.—Yours truly,

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on the 28th, and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th, at 8 p.m.; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ross Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Helmshore on Saturday, May 25th. Bells will be ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. The president (Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A.) will unveil a peal board, and a good attendance is desired.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ditchat on Saturday, May 25th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea provided free in the Church Schools 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers invited.—T. G. Vincent, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Hampton-in-Arden, on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Shotton, Honorary Secretary.

RE-OPENING AND DEDICATION of new bells (8) at Biggleswade, Beds, will take place on Sunday afternoon next, May 26th, at 3 o'clock. Bedfordshire members kindly note.—F. Blood, District Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Westerham on Whitsun-Monday, May 27th. Committee meeting in Vestry, 11 a.m. Service at 12, preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Rochester. Dinner in the Public Hall, 1 p.m. Towers open for ringing: Westerham (8), Brasted (6), Limpsfield, St. Peter's (6) and St. Andrew's (6). The elected Central Council Representatives will be expected to attend the meeting on Whitsun-Tuesday.—For dinner tickets, etc., apply to Fred. J. O. Helmore, Honorary Secretary, The Precincts, Canterbury.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The next general meeting will be held at Gosberton on Whit-Monday, May 27th. Divine service in the church at 3.30 p.m. Dinner at the Public Hall at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Business meeting immediately after dinner. Bells available all day.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at North Wingfield on Whit-Monday, May 27th, Church of St. Lawrence, 8 bells (tenor 16 cwt.). Available 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Rector, with his usual generosity, has offered to provide tea in the schoolroom about 5 p.m., but only to those who inform me by p.c. of their intention of being present not later than May 22nd.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kettering on Whit-Monday, May 27th. Bells available from 10 a.m.; service in the Parish Church at 12 noon; luncheon and business meeting at the Royal Hotel at 1 o'clock. — F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at West Hartlepool. Bells of St. Oswald, St. Aidan, and Stranton available all day. Committee meets at Grand Hotel 1.0 p.m. Dinner at 1.30.—Members intending to be present please notify Chas. Todd, Hon. Secretary, 26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at Kelvedon. 11.0 Divine service at St. Mary's Church, with address by Rev. H. S. Sanders, Vicar of Woodford. 12.0 Annual meeting at the Infant School. 1.30 Dinner at the Church Hall. A brake will convey ringers to the neighbouring towers after the meeting.—Henry T. W. Eyre, Honorary Secretary, Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Thornaby-on-Tees on Whit-Monday, May 27th, 1912. Bells of Thornaby (8), Stockton (10) and Middlesborough (8) will be available all day. Committee meeting at 11.30 a.m. Divine Service at Thornaby Parish Church, 12. Dinner will be provided at the Saddlers' Hotel, Thornaby, members, 1s., non-members, 2s. 6d. each, at 1 p.m. prompt.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Isle of Ely District.—A meeting will be held at Chatteris on Whit-Monday, May 27th. Towers open: Chatteris (6) and Doddington (5) during the afternoon. Short service parish church 5.30 p.m., tea at 5.45 p.m. Will members intending to be present please notify me before May 25th.—F. Rowlinson, District Secretary, Burnsfield Street, Chatteris.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, June 1st, 1912. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. in the Harwood Road Schools.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tong on June 1st. Peal attempt at 2.30; business meeting at the Greyhound Inn at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Shenley, Bucks, on Saturday, June 1st. Bells ready 2 p.m. Service at 3 p.m. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—F. W. Booth, Honorary Secretary, Emberton, Newport Pagnell.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of this society will be held at All Saints (8 bells), Sheffield, on Saturday, June 1st. Tower open at 4 p.m.—J. Evinson, Honorary Secretary, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hornsey on Saturday, June 8th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. Bernard Spink). Bells available at 3.30. Meeting at 6. All are

welcome.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

HARBORNE, STAFFS.—On Easter Sunday, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins., the first rung by the local company: T. Gibbs 1, J. W. Tilley 2, G. Hitchman 3, H. Pratt 4, H. Grosvenor 5, A. T. Hyland (conductor) 6, A. Beachman 7, J. Such 8. For evensong, another quarter-peal in the same method, in 42 mins., rung as a birthday compliment to J. Eaton: G. Hitchman 1, G. W. Tilley 2, H. Pratt 3, H. Grosvenor 4, J. Eaton 5, A. T. Hyland (conductor) 6, A. Beachman 7, J. Such 8.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Saturday, April 13th, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but it came to grief, after ringing 2100 changes, in 1½ hours: *Mrs. R. Whittington 1, W. Streeter 2, R. Whittington 3, H. Charman (longest on a bob bell) 4, *C. Charman 5, A. Charman 6, T. Worsfold 7, W. Charman (conductor) 8. *Longest length of Major.

SWANSEA.—West Wales Association.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on April 14th, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Curtis 1, Frank Morgan 2, A. Searle 3, P. Kneath 4, J. Davies 5, C. Hoare 6, J. Hoare (conductor) 7, E. Davies 8.—On April 13th, a half-peal of Stedman Triples in 1hr. 33 mins.: P. Kneath 1, Frank Morgan 2, W. Rice 3, C. Morse 4, J. Davies 5, C. Hoare 6, J. Hoare (conductor) 7, E. Davies 8. Rung after an attempt for a peal came to grief, time not allowing for a fresh start.

KIRKHEATON.—Yorkshire Association.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a date touch of 1912 changes was rung in 1 hr. 10 mins., consisting of Violet, New London Pleasure, and Oxford Treble Bob: W. Swift 1, N. North 2, F. Hardy (conductor) 3, H. Hanson 4, J. Bottom 5, J. Rangely 6.

ST. ALBANS.—At St. Peter's Church, on April 8th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 16 mins.: T. Seymour 1, E. P. Debenham 2, F. C. Rice 3, T. J. Hull (conductor) 4, R. A. Kirby 5, H. G. Lightfoot 6, H. J. Fewell 7, E. A. Hull 8. This is the first date touch ever rung in the tower. The above are all members of the St. Peter's Society.

LIVERPOOL.—The Lancashire Association.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, Tuebrook, on Easter Eve, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: P. M. Hayes (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 1, G. R. Newton 2, H. Fyles 3, G. Woodhall 4, S. Stewart 5, W. Twist 6, E. Caunce (conductor) 7, W. Mansell 8. At St. Mary's Church, Grandsire, on Easter Sunday morning, for 6 a.m. Celebration, 720 Cambridge Surprise: T. J. Morris 1, R. H. Green 2, G. R. Newton (conductor) 3, E. Caunce 4, W. Hughes 5, J. Turner 6. For morning service, 720 Plain Bob: T. J. Morris 1, R. H. Green 2, T. Jennwin 3, E. Caunce (conductor) 4, J. Turner 5, J. Allen 6. For evening service, 720 Woodbine, standing as before, conducted by J. Turner.

COSELEY, STAFFS.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—On Good Friday evening, Mr. Henry W. Wilde, of Pulford, near Chester, visited his native place (Coseley), and was received in the tower by the local band and other members of the above Society. For evening service, 276 Erin Triples (conducted by Geo. Hughes), and a course of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, and after service 240 Bob Major, conducted by W. Fisher.—On Easter Sunday, the following touches were rung: For 6.0 a.m. Holy Communion, 308 Grandsire Triples; for 7.30 a.m., 288 Canterbury Pleasure Major and 97 Grandsire Triples; for 11.0 a.m. Choral Communion, 240 Bob Major and a course of Canterbury Pleasure Major; for evensong, 210 Oxford Bob Triples, and after service, another 210 Oxford Bob Triples. The two touches of Oxford Bob and 97 Grandsire Triples were conducted by B. Gough, and the remainder by W. Fisher.

WARWICK.—On Easter Sunday, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 50 mins.: Miss J. I. Williams (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Male 2, F. Brassington 3, J. Ambrose 4, J. Jones 5, T. Male 6, E. Brassington 7, W. Collett 8, E. H. Adams (conductor) 9, G. Lapworth 10.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.—On Easter Monday, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief, through a change course, after 2 hrs. good ringing: G. J. Taylor 1, W. J. Taylor (Shrewsbury) 2, F. S. Wilson (Ludlow) 3, J. Clark (Ross) 4, F. Downing (Coalbrookdale) 5, W. Overton (Bridgnorth), conductor, 6, W. Saunders (Coalbrookdale) 7, W. R. Nash (Ludlow) 8. The band wish to thank the Rector of Ludlow for the use of the bells; also Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Wilson for kindly entertaining them to a splendid tea, at which the Vicar of St. John's presided.

WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Easter Sunday, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 50 mins.: H. Walter 1, C. Edwards 2, F. Shepherd 3, A. F. Shepherd 4, W. Shepherd (conductor) 5, A. H. Winch 6, J. H. B. Hesse 7, J. Howes 8.

CHORLEY, LANCS.—At St. Mary's (R.C.) Church, on April 6th, 720 Bob Minor (first in any method on the bells): T. Lofthouse (conductor) 1, F. Rigby 2, T. Lucas 3, H. Jones 4, W. H. Hunter 5, J. H. Gartside 6.

CHATHAM.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, on Good Friday, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Springate 1, S. Shellock 2, E. Sills 3, G. Riordan 4, F. Belsey 5, F. Riordan 6, C. Norris 7, G. Lawrence 8.—On Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Springate 1, G. Riordan 2, J. Hunt 3, H. Hogarth 4, F. Belsey 5, J. Bennett 6, F. Riordan 7, G. Lawrence 8. Both conducted by F. Belsey.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.—On Easter Day, for early service, a 504 and 336 Grandsire Triples, by: J. Yates, junr., H. Whittle, G. Wilson, W. Pervin, J. Yates, senr., W. Trigg, W. Thorley, A. Harred. Two touches were rung for morning service. A peal of Stedman Triples was attempted in the afternoon, but a misplaced call ended it, after 1½ hrs. ringing: J. Oldham and E. Reader (Loughborough), H. Whittle (Stanford), W. Pervin (conductor), Coventry, W. Trigg and A. Harred (Stanford), W. Johnson (Nottingham). Before evening service, time put an end to (672) a short distance from the end.

CHARING, KENT.—The Kent County Association.—On Easter Sunday, at 6 a.m., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 1260 changes: H. Willard 1, C. F. Good 2, H. E. Good 3, J. Edwards 4, C. L. Prior (conductor) 5, J. Colbreay 6. Also a 720 in the same method on April 1st, by the same ringers.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. John's Church, Deritend, on Easter Sunday, after morning service, the late H. Johnson's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Coley 1, A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 2, E. Large 3, J. T. Perry 4, E. Mansell 5, W. F. Webb 6, J. B. Collett 7, T. Pearce 8. Rung as a compliment to W. F. Webb, who has just been appointed tower keeper to the above church. The above band, except the ringer of the 5th, are service ringers at Bishop Ryders Church, where Mr. Webb also has rung for some years.

STISTED—Essex Association.—On Easter Sunday morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: C. Duncombe 1, A. Chaplin 2, G. Chaplin 3, E. Chaplin 4, E. Radley (conductor) 5, A. Saunders 6. For evensong, 720 Double Court: E. Newman 1, A. Shufflebotham (conductor) 2, E. Radley 3, E. Chaplin 4, F. Radley 5, A. Chaplin 6. Also 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and New London Pleasure: A. Saunders 1, A. Chaplin 2, A. Shufflebotham 3, E. Chaplin 4, E. Radley 5, E. Newman (conductor) 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—Bedfordshire Association.—At the Parish Church, on Easter Day, for a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 48 mins.: H. Shepherd 1, J. Rookwood 2, F. Hunt 3, W. Payno 4, B. Wilson 5, C. Wing 6, H. Walker 7, A. King (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells by an entirely local band.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Clement's Church, on Easter Sunday, for morning service, 720 Double Court Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: F. Howell 1, F. Kinsey 2, F. J. Long 3, H. Cook 4, W. Kinsey 5, A. Howell (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: F. Kinsey 1, W. Brown (Bramford) 2, F. Long 3, H. Cook 4, W. Kinsey 5, A. Howell (conductor) 6.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.—At All Saints' Church, on Easter Monday, 360 Double Court Bob Minor: F. Howell (Ipswich) 1, G. Mee 2, W. Brown (Bramford) 3, H. Cook (Ipswich) 4, W. Kinsey (Ipswich) 5, F. J. Long (Ipswich), conductor, 6.

BRADFORD.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, April 21st, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal, in 49 mins.: H. C. Buckley 1, J. Hardcastle 2, J. Poddy 3, Geo. Titterton 4, Ed. Wheeler 5, J. W. Cundall 6, J. Watton 7, J. H. Mawson 8, Wm. Boocock 9, J. Perfect (conductor) 10.

POTTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 14th, a quarter-peal of Minor, in four methods (180 Plain Bob, 360 Single Court, 360 College Single, 360 Single Oxford Bob): F. Carter 1, W. G. Inskip 2, A. O. Bailey 3, F. Blood (conductor) 4, W. H. Compton 5, C. A. Pratt 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. Long (Vicar of Potton), on the occasion of his preaching his farewell sermon.—On April 16th, 720 Single Court, by F. Carter 1, W. G. Inskip 2, A. O. Bailey 3, W. H. Compton 4, S. Stubbings 5, F. Blood (conductor) 6. Rung on the eve of the reverend gentleman's departure.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.—On April 18th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1313 changes), in 52 mins.: H. Wright 1, S. Elson 2, M. Newton 3, J. Priestley 4, Samuel Stott (conductor) 5, A. Waites 6, J. H. Barton 7, H. E. Fielding 8, S. M. Butterworth 9, J. Garlick 10. The bells were deeply muffled, as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. John Dodd, of Oldham.

DEPTFORD.—The Kent County Association.—At St. John's Church, on April 22nd, previous to an organ recital, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46½ mins.: E. F. Pike 1, A. G. Bennington 2, F. Davis 3, F. W. Richardson 4, G. Durling 5, J. E. Davis 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, J. Law 8.

BRENT KNOWLE, SOMERSET.—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—On Tuesday, April 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire and Bob Doubles (1260 changes): C. Bird 1, B. Ham 2, J. Steer 3, J. Peters 4, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 5, W. Webber 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect for the Rev. W. H. Beach, who was interred in the churchyard on the same day.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On April 27th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: A. Coote 1, W. Denman, junr., 2, H. Turrell 3, G. Lucas (conductor) 4, O. Sippets 5, W. Denman, senr., 6.—On Sunday, April 28th, 720 Violet Treble Bob: A. Coote 1, J. Howell 2, C. Killick 3, G. Lucas 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman, senr. (conductor) 6. First 720, both methods by A. Coote.

LONDON.—The Whitechapel Foundry Band.—On Sunday, April 28th, at St. John's, South Hackney, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by M. A. Wood), in 46 mins.: L. A. Hughes 1, A. Hughes, junr. (conductor) 2, Wilby Hazell 3, D. Gibbons 4, A. Hughes, senr., 5, F. Conn 6, John Thomas 7, T. Lawrence 8.

CREWE.—On Sunday, April 21st, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1368 changes), in 59 mins.: W. S. Holding 1, R. Langford, senr., 2, J. H. Riding 3, A. Crawley 4, R. T. Holding, junr., 5, G. H. Crawley 6, J. Dentith 7, C. J. B. Cooke 8, R. T. Holding, senr. (conductor) 9, R. Langford, junr., 10. The above is the longest touch of Caters for all the band except the ringers of the 3rd and 9th, also the longest touch upon the bells.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD.—On Wednesday, April 24th, a quarter-peal (1320 changes) of Double Norwich Major, in 48 mins.: S. Thomas (conductor) 1, *T. O'Hara 2, *J. E. L. Cockey 3, F. Ward 4, M. Ward 5, *J. Evinson 6, R. W. Collier 7, C. Hayner 8. *First quarter-peal in the method. Also three courses of Superlative Surprise Major: J. Evinson 1, T. O'Hara 2, L. Charlesworth 3, S. Thomas (conductor) 4, M. Ward 5, F. Ward 6, W. S. Plant 7, C. Hayner 8.

LAVERHAM.—On April 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Fakers 1, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 2, F. Parker 3, F. A. Poulson 4, A. Symonds 5, G. Lambert 6, W. A. J. Poulson 7, T. Pryke 8.

THORNTON CURTIS.—Lincoln Guild.—On April 23rd, a date touch (1912 changes), in 1hr. 12 mins., consisting of Plain Bob, Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: H. Thompson 1, J. Atkinson 2, S. Bromfield 3, W. Goddard 4, G. Atkinson (conductor) 5.—On April 28th, 240 Stedman Doubles, for evening service: S. Bromfield 1, G. Atkinson 2, J. Major 3, J. Atkinson 4, W. Goddard 5.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, April 28th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Pincott 1, F. Abbott 2, W. Tebey 3, T. Worsley 4, W. Pennington 5, T. Jackson 6, T. Barlow (conductor) 7, P. Nuttall 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Thornley 1, J. Nuttall 2, R. Fiddies 3, G. Pincott 4, J. Gregory 5, R. Barlow 6, W. W. Pennington (conductor) 7, P. Nuttall 8.

CLAPTON.—At St. Matthew's Church, on Sunday evening, April 28th, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. H. Cooper 1, H. J. King 2, F. E. Ringrose 3, P. R. Hilsop 4, W. J. Kemp 5, H. F. Hull 6, W. Bottrill (conductor) 7, S. S. Dummore (first quarter-peal) 8.

SCUNTHORPE.—On Sunday evening, April 21st, for the "Titanic" disaster, with the bells half-muffled, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: W. J. Thyng 1, N. Short (conductor) 2, W. Miller 3, G. Oliver 4, T. P. Hocknell 5, Chas. Bird 6, G. Vamplew 7, H. Strickland 8.—On Sunday evening, May 5th, 742 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): G. Oliver 1, N. Short 2, T. P. Hocknell 3, Chas. Bird 4, W. J. Thyng (conductor) 5, A. Moss 6, G. Vamplew 7, Hy. Strickland 8.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Saturday, May 4th, 840 Doubles, being 480 Plain Bob and 360 Grandsire: A. Smith 1, F. Smith 2, W. M. Martin 3, W. Martin 4, A. E. Clayfield (conductor) 5.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.—On Sunday, May 12th, at St. Illtyd's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: *Willie Evans 1, A. J. Stanley 2, T. J. Evans 3, R. Evans 4, Rees James 5, J. Evans 6, J. Cox (conductor) 7, *J. Fisher 8. *First quarter-peal and longest touch.—On Sunday, May 5th, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: *R. Gregory 1, A. J. Stanley 2, T. J. Evans 3, J. Evans 4, *W. Hardwick 5, R. James 6, J. Cox (conductor) 7, —, Smith 8. *First quarter-peal.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On May 1st, 720 Superlative Surprise: H. Crick 1, S. H. Symonds 2, W. R. J. Poulson 3, T. Hollock 4, A. Symonds 5, W. Hollock (conductor) 6. Also 360 of Cambridge Surprise.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, April 28th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. E. Moore 1, R. Wilding 2, F. Levitt 3, W. P. Johnson 4, O. Bullman 5, H. W. Foulger (conductor) 6.

WALTHAM.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday morning, April 28th, 720 Bob Doubles, each six-score called differently: G. White 1, A. Scorsen 2, J. Powell 3, D. Scott 4, H. Kendall (conductor) 5, R. Thornton 6. For evening service, another 720 Doubles, with H. Saunders 6. These are the first 720's by all the band, and first ever rung by local ringers, who are all Sunday service ringers.

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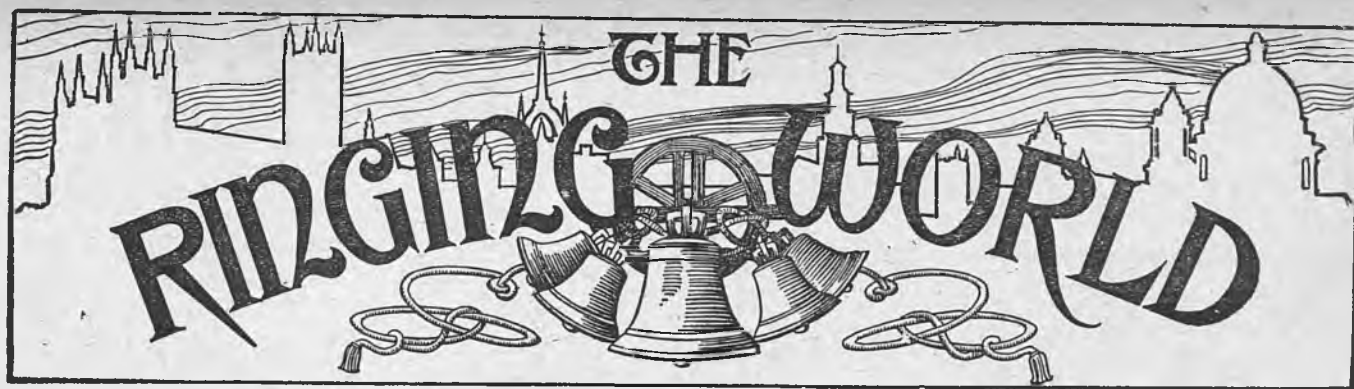
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MODERN WORK.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Another Central Council Meeting has come and gone and in certain respects, at any rate, it may be said to have been more interesting than some of the gatherings that have been held. The agenda was a very full one and the five hours allocated to the business proceedings were not even sufficient for the purpose. We are able to give this week the first instalment of our full report of the meeting, together with a summary of the other items, which space forbids being dealt with in extenso in this issue.

Our hope is that by the prompt publication of the doings of the Council we may help to increase interest in its proceedings among the thousands of ringers who have been hitherto indifferent or only lukewarm in regard to the discussions of this authority. As we have pointed out before it is necessary that a body, so large as that embraced by the Exercise, and organised into so many territorial units, should have a representative central government, to which it can look for guidance in ringing matters where individuals disagree. If progress is to be made there must be some authority to set the standard, some organisation that can become a Court of Appeal. If the Central Council in the past has failed to establish for itself, among a section of the general body of ringers, that prestige which it ought to hold, it has not, perhaps, been altogether the fault of the ringers.

The Council itself has been sometimes to blame and there have been occasions when it has failed to interpret accurately the feelings of the Exercise. Then, too, the belated publication of its reports have not enhanced its reputation. We intend to do what we can to improve matters in this latter respect and to awaken interest as far as is possible by emphasising in this column some of the points which the debates have brought out. We feel it is rather a pity that individual associations do not, at their meetings, discuss some of the subjects which are dealt with by the Council. They might indeed provide the Council with material for legislation by first giving consideration to matters affecting their interests and then getting their views ventilated through their representatives at the Council meetings. The rank and file would take far more interest in the Council's attitude over matters introduced in such a way as this, than, say, in some abstruse proposition put forward by a member who may have a pet subject to air. To reach the ideal aim the Council ought to be the means of embodying into laws, that should be respected and observed by all ringers, all the best considered views of the ringing associations, and not to be, as it is largely content to be at present, merely an advisory body. Someday, perhaps, we shall get nearer this ideal.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Four Hours,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 33 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lbs.

†ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT ...Treble	†GEORGE HUGHES ... 7
*JOHN BASS ... 2	†THOMAS J. ELTON ... 8
†GEORGE PIGOTT ... 3	†JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 9
†JOHN C. ADAMS ... 4	†WILLIAM FISHER ... 10
†REV. E. V. COX ... 5	HERBERT KNIGHT ... 11
†ROBERT PICKERING ... 6	*ROBERT MATTHEWS ...Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and
Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Maximus. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob Maximus and first peal of Maximus on the bells. It is also G. Hughes' 100th peal, and the first peal of Maximus by the Society.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Four Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANCES;

JOHN N. ONBORROW ...Treble	JAMES WILLSHIRE ... 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 2	WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... 8
THOMAS FAULKNER ... 3	FREDERICK DENCH ... 9
HARRY R. PASSMORE ... 4	JAMES R. MACKMAN ... 10
HERBERT LANGDON ... 5	JOHN W. GOLDING ... 11
ALFRED B. PECK ... 6	HENRY R. NEWTON ...Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by H. R. NEWTON.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. James Pettit.

TEN BELL PEALS.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.

RICHARD BUCKLAND ...Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 7
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 3	REUBEN SANDERS ... 8
GEORGE SPENCER ... 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 9
JOSEPH J. PRATT ... 5	HENRY H. CHANDLER ...Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, May 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in D.

HENRY SPRINGALL ...Treble	SAMUEL JOYCE ... 6
EDWIN HORREX ... 2	CHARLES BURDEN ... 7
EDWIN GIBBS ... 3	ALFRED B. PECK ... 8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 4	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 9
ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 5	EMANUEL HALL ...Tenor

Composed by JOHN BARRETT, and
Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled in loving memory of the late Mr. James Pettit.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES FAULKS ...Treble	WILLIAM GOODMAN ... 6
GILBERT GUEST ... 2	JOHN GOODMAN, Senr. ... 7
THOMAS HUGHES ... 3	JOHN SMITH ... 8
SAMUEL SPITTLE ... 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 9
JOHN GOODMAN, Junr. ... 5	HARRY GOODMAN ...Tenor

Composed by the late W. MICKLEWRIGHT, and
Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.

This peal was rung on the anniversary of the wedding of the Vicar, the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, and Mrs. A. Gray Maitland.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ASTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM DAVIES ...Treble	JAMES HOPKIN ... 6
JAMES JONES ... 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 7
*ALFRED JONES ... 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS ... 8
JOHN CORRIGAN ... 4	FRANK BENNETT ... 9
WILLIAM H. JONES ... 5	CHARLES ALLEN ...Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

* First peal of Caters with a bob bell. All the above, with the exception of the ringers of the 4th and 7th, belong to the local band.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ASTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER & PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM G. ANKER ...Treble	JAMES HOPKIN ... 6
JAMES JONES ... 2	JOSEPH PORTER ... 7
WILLIAM H. JONES ... 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS ... 8
JOHN CORRIGAN ... 4	FRANK BENNETT ... 9
JOHN T. PERRY ... 5	WILLIAM DAVIES ...Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

First peal in the method on the bells. All the above ringers hail from Aston, Birmingham. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also the tower keeper, Mr. E. Thompson, for having everything ready.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

THE SURPRISE MAJOR RECORD.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Nine Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 15,264 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS ...Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	ERNEST PYE ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ...Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above is the longest length ever rung in any Surprise method and is the longest peal by the Middlesex Association. The band wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. Herbert Dale, for the use of the bells, and Mr. J. Dale, the steeple keeper, for having everything in readiness.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*FRED WATSON Treble	J. R. KEEN 5
WILLIAM BROWN 2	ALFRED HILLIER 6
JAMES ROBINSON 3	†GEORGE SIDDLE 7
†B. C. DIXON 4	WILLIAM STOREY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE SIDDLE.

* First peal. † First peal in method. ‡ First peal as conductor.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 15, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WM. BROWN Treble	J. CRAWFORD 5
JACKSON PALLISTER 2	T. J. BROWN 6
G. H. TAYLOR 3	J. ROBINSON 7
*F. WATSON 4	GEORGE SIDDLE Tenor

Composed by H. DAVIS, and
Conducted by GEORGE SIDDLE.

* First peal.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM ORSLER Treble	JOHN C. SELF 5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 2	WILLIAM BURGESS 6
WILLIAM FLORY 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7
*E. HOBART SMITH 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, May 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

SAMUEL PEARCE Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
ARTHUR BAKER 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
WALTER GRINSELL 3	RICHARD DUNN 7
GEORGE HUGHES 4	WILLIAM FISHER Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

First peal in the method on the bells by all except the ringers of 5th and tenor, and first in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Law, a much respected member of the local company.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON Treble	*TOM WILDE 5
*HAROLD JACKSON 2	*JOHN W. HARTLEY 6
*WILLIAM JACKSON 3	GEORGE D. WARBURTON 7
ALFRED BARNES 4	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

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

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 22, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HAROLD BURTON Treble	*CHARLES T. COLES 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	THOMAS LANGDON 7
REUBEN SANDERS 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lbs.

FRANK W. ROMAINE Treble	SIDNEY MACEY 5
HARRY C. MARSH 2	FREDK. PRECEY 6
JOHN S. RUMMING 3	ROBERT P. KNIGHT 7
LEONARD HARRIS 4	CHARLES CAISFORD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT P. KNIGHT.

First attempt for a peal as conductor.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs.

*ALBERT E. RICHARDS Treble	ROBERT SPERRING 5
*JOHN CLUTTON 2	*GEORGE VAUGHAN 6
GEORGE JONES 3	RICHARD JONES 7
HENRY MOORE, Junr. 4	JAMES MORGAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th and 6th.

CLANFIELD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK WEBB Treble	RAYMOND JUDGE 5
WILLIAM JUDGE 2	JOHN MONK 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr. 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 7
FRANK WEBB 4	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Senr. Tenor

Conducted by REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

Rung on the occasion of the spring meeting of the above Branch at Langford.

NETHERSEALE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANK SHEPHERD Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY 5
HERBERT HURDMAN 2	JOHN H. SWINFELD 6
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3	DAVID COTTON 7
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 4	JOHN HOUGH Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by JOHN HOUGH.

First peal of Kent Major by the ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, and first peal as conductor on eight bells.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER S. WISE Treble	AMOS M. CLARK 5
THOMAS H. COLBURN 2	MARTIN STEWART 6
DAVID WRIGHT 3	CYRIL F. JOHNSTON 7
THOMAS R. HENSHER 4	WILLIAM GROVES Tenor

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Mr. Martin Stewart was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER Treble	CECIL A. VALENTINE 5
JOHN MEAD 2	HARRY HOPKINS 6
CHARLES W. SMITH 3	HARRY SEAR 7
ALBERT J. GREEN 4	WALTER W. BONHAM Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

It was arranged for several towers to be represented in this peal, viz.: 1, Eastleigh; 2 & 7, Bletchley; 3, Watford; 4, Wicken; 6, Newton Longville; 5 & 8, Stony Stratford.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

FRED WILFORD Treble	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 5
JOHN J. MAWBY 2	JAMES HOUGHTON 6
ALFRED H. MARTIN 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE 7
JAMES T. WARD 4	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Arthur Chapman to Miss Christina Hobbs, of Wellingborough.

EDMONTON.
SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt., in F.

LIONEL H. PAGE Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
GEORGE A. CARD 3	JAMES PARKER 7
JOHN H. BENSTEAD 4	GEORGE PAICE Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	ERNEST PYE 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

HULL, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr.

*FRANCIS WILLIAM DALE ... Treble	ALFRED NAYLOR 5
*MARK HEDGES 2	HENRY RODMELL 6
GEORGE DOWLING 3	LEONARD RODMELL 7
CHARLES JACKSON 4	*JOHN H. CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

* First peal.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES ... Treble	WILLIAM STOREY 5
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 2	EDWIN H. LEWIS 6
JOSEPH W. PARKER 3	REV. A. G. LANGDON 7
REV. H. T. S. RICHARDSON 4	WILLIAM BIBBY Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

RADYR, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

DAVID THOMAS Treble	TOM COX 5
*JOSEPH BAILEY 2	JOHN W. JONES 6
WILLIAM B. BISS 3	SIDNEY DAVEY 7
CLARENCE O. HOBBS 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

* First peal in the method.

DERBY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HAROLD INCKLE Treble	CHAS. DRAPER 5
ARTHUR BRAINES 2	JOHN FLOWER 6
GEORGE WARD 3	EDMUND WILLIS 7
CHAS. E. HART 4	JAMES PAGETT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

This peal is now rung by the Association for the first time and is the first peal by all the band in the method and the first rung in Derby and was rung at the first attempt. J. Flower hails from Duffield.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lbs., in E flat.

GEORGE CROSS Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN 5
HARRY PAGE 2	TOM PAGE 6
JAMES CROSS 3	GEORGE WINES 7
WILLIAM PAGE 4	SAMUEL WEAVER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

Rung on the sixtieth birthday of the ringer of the tenor.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE Treble	HARRY CHAPMAN 5
*WILBY J. HAZELL 2	*TOM KING 6
JOHN H. BENSTEAD 3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7
*DANIEL F. GIBBONS 4	JAMES PARKER Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

* Elected members of the Association before starting for the peal.

WALTHAM ABBEY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

LIONEL H. PAGE Treble	GEORGE A. CARD 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 2	GEORGE B. LUCAS 6
HENRY DAINS 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
A. F. MARTIN STEWART 4	GEORGE PAICE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Minor, and one 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, each called differently.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE E. NAUNTON ... Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4
JOHN SPENCER 2	JOHN LARTER 5
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by N. R. BAILEY.

First peal in four methods on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Larter.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

CHARLES GOLDRING ... Treble	HORACE TULETT 4
HARRY EVANS 2	GEORGE M. KILBY 5
JOSEPH FARMER 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP ... Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

G. M. Kilby was elected a member of the Association before starting.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

FREDERICK C. WOOLLEY ... Treble	GEORGE HOLLAND 4
MATHIAS HOBBS 2	WILLIAM JACQUES 5
PERCY J. LENTON 3	HORACE W. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by H. W. SHARMAN.

First peal in seven methods as conductor. Arranged for W. Jacques of Olney, Bucks, and as a birthday compliment to F. Woolley.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... Treble	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 4
JOHN LARTER 2	EDWARD NUNN 5
JOHN SPENCER 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Bob IV, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lbs., in B flat.

EDGAR VALLANCE ... Treble	WALTER J. HORTON ... 4
REV. R. P. FARROW 2	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 5
GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ... 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

BELTON, RUTLAND.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, AND

BELTON ST. PETER'S GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently.

ERNEST BARTRAM ... Treble	THOMAS ATKINS 4
CHARLES REEVE 2	ALBAN JARMAN 5
J. JAMES JACKSON 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... Tenor

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

First peal by Ernest Bartram, son of the conductor, for whom the peal was arranged, and who wishes to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells for the occasion.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

E. WEBB Treble	WILLIAM SCOTCHER ... 4
*ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 2	*L. GEORGE MALLION ... 5
JOHN STALLEY 3	BASIL D. BUTTRISS ... Tenor

Conducted by BASIL D. BUTTRISS.

* First 720 of Double Bob and Double Oxford. First peal in seven methods by all the band.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, May 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 1-2	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 5-6
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3-4	J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 7-8

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

First handbell peal as conductor. Quickest peal by the Guild.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, May 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOM, TRINITY COLLEGE,

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

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS	... 5—6
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	3—4	*EDWIN H. LEWIS	... 7—8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

Umpires: WILLIAM BIBBY and REGINALD O. STREET.

* First peal of Double Norwich in hand.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANCES;

ALFRED H. PULLING	... 1—2	MAURICE SMITHER	... 5—6
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD	... 3—4	JAMES HUNT	... 7—8
FRANK BLONDELL	... 9—10		

Composed by C. CHARGE, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: S. RADFORD.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to F. Blondell.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

JAMES HUNT	... 1—2	*CLEMENT GLENN	... 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. Mr. Glenn was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting. This composition is No. 5 on the Broadsheet.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in One Hour and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION.

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD	... 1—2	JAMES HUNT	... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING	... 3—4	FRANK BLONDELL	... 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

ALFRED H. PULLING	... 1—2	JAMES HUNT	... 5—6
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD	... 3—4	FRANK BLONDELL	... 7—8

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MISS HAWKINS, MRS. BLONDELL and MRS. PULLING.

These two peals were rung on the lawn and were much enjoyed by the ladies. Rung as a birthday compliment to James Hunt.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PLEASANT MEETING AT GUISELEY.

Representing 36 towers, some 250 ringers, many accompanied by their good ladies, made it their business and pleasure to attend the meeting at Guiseley on Saturday week. Doubtless the lovely weather was in great degree responsible for the attendance of so many of the

fair sex. The bells of St. Oswald's Church, a merry little ring of eight (tenor 10½ cwt.) had been placed at the members' disposal throughout the day, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. J. F. Howson, M.A., and were made good use of, the striking of some of the touches being well-nigh excellent.

The parish of Guiseley, distant 9½ miles from Leeds and 7 from Bradford, is prettily situated, and has many charms and interests. The Norman Church was built about A.D. 1100, and of this the south-west door and south arcade remain, good specimens of early Norman work. About A.D. 1450 the tower, with the west window and arch, and the middle arcade were built by Simon de Warde, whose family were for many years Lords of the Manor of Guiseley. The Rectory, built in 1600, is a perfect specimen of the architecture of that time. The present Vicar has carried out a complete renovation quite in keeping with the venerable-looking building, and has also transformed the grounds into a dream of beauty. During the afternoon, many availed themselves of the privilege of a tour through the house and grounds, and admiration was expressed on all sides, both of the general effect, and the many interesting features pointed out by the Rector, who proved a most willing and entertaining guide. Meanwhile, handbell enthusiasts were tapping off touches on the springy-turfed lawn.

After a short service in church, a splendid tea was partaken of in the schools. The business meeting followed, with the President, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, in the chair, supported by the hon. secretary, Mr. C. Glenn, the hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Cottrell, and the principal officers.

The official notice of motion by the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer to delete the existing Regulation re Report Warrants and substitute the one given in the circulars was put to the meeting, and unanimously carried.

Mr. T. Smith's proposition to increase the total subscriptions for fully-paid life membership from 12s. 6d. to 15s. 6d., after having been amended by him so as not to affect the present life members, was lost, only five voting for the same.

Mr. J. McKell withdrew his motion relative to six-bell peals, which had sought to preclude those not containing seven methods.

PRESENTATION TO MRS. SNOWDON.

The committee of the William Snowdon Testimonial had obtained with the balance in hand a silver mustard pot, suitably engraved, and presented the same to Mrs. Snowdon, on behalf of the Association. In a letter of thanks, Mrs. Snowdon said it was a great delight to have this little memento, and she would treasure it as her husband did his tray.

A kind invitation to hold the September meeting at Gargrave was put forward by Mr. J. McKell, and a letter of cordial endorsement by the Vicar was read. The invitation was accepted with appreciation.

A vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. B. T. Copley, and of appreciation of his services as a past officer, was endorsed by the meeting in silence, all members standing.

On a motion from the chair, with Mr. H. Williams as seconder, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells and schools, and for the privilege of walking through his beautiful grounds and rectory.—In reply, the Rector said it was a very real pleasure for the churchwardens and himself to welcome the Association that day. He expressed his appreciation of the art of ringing, being pleased that it was associated with Church work. The Rectory, he said, was his hobby, and was a great treasure in that part of Yorkshire. He was very pleased to say that his ringers were connected with Church life in many ways.—Mr. Churchwarden Pinder also expressed his appreciation of the vote of thanks.

On the proposition of Mr. G. Bolland, seconded by Mr. J. McKell, a most hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Guiseley branch for their arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the members, and to the ladies who kindly assisted in preparing the tea and in presiding at the tables.—This was suitably responded to by Mr. F. W. Dixon, the esteemed hon. secretary of the local branch.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded another enjoyable meeting to be added to the annals of this great Association.

SIX-BELL RINGING IN MIDDLESEX.

On April 30th, a visit was paid by the Master and Hon. Secretary of the North and East District of the Middlesex Guild to Northaw, a pretty country village about 2½ miles from Potter's Bar. The sweet-toned peal of six (tenor 13 cwt.) were soon set going to Bob Minor, a well-struck 360 being rung by: T. French 1, J. Armstrong 2, I. Bryant 3, C. T. Coles 4, G. Stevens 5, the Rev. F. R. Bonsey (conductor) 6. At the second attempt, a 720 was achieved, this being the first 720 by the ringers of the treble and tenor: T. French, C. T. Coles, I. Bryant, J. Y. Roberts, J. Armstrong (conductor), Rev. F. R. Bonsey. Afterwards another 360 was rung, with G. Stevens on the tenor, and the visitors departed, with many good wishes for the welfare of the band, and hopes that at no very distant date, another visit may be made.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Sunday evening, May 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: W. C. Fox (first 720 in the method) 1, Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake 2, F. Blood 3, C. A. Pratt 4, S. R. Roper (conductor) 5, L. F. Taylor 6. Rung to oblige Messrs. Taylor and Roper, who hail from Croydon, and who were rehanging Biggleswade bells.

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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS—YORK.

York Minster has the somewhat unique record of having possessed two peals of twelve, and one peal of ten bells, all within a period of 79 years. How this came about will appear presently from the following account :—

The earliest notice of the bells is found in an old record extracted from the fabric rolls, dated A.D. 1371, written in mediæval Latin, wherein it appears that several bells were recast and rehung, and some work done to the clock, which altogether amounted to the sum of £60 10s. 1d. Later on, in Torre's manuscript, we find that certain metals were delivered to Thomas Innocent, bell founder of York, for casting four bells on July 11th, 1466.








In the 16th century there appear to have been four bells in the north-west tower and eight in the south-west one. On January 7th, 1655, these four were removed to the









YORK MINSTER.

south-west tower, and this seems to have formed the first peal of twelve in England. In 1657 the eleventh bell was cracked; the fourth, also, being untuneable, both were recast. The metal of the largest of the three bells of St. Nicholas-without-Walmgate (at that time pulled down) was added to make up the weight required. A further record stated that: "T. Dickinson, being Lord Mayor of the City of York in the year 1657, in conjunction with the Alderman and Councillors, gave £130 towards refounding some of the old bells, and making the chimes sound delightfully and perfectly on them all." According to the dates on the old bells the fourth, seventh and eleventh seem to have been the ones recast at that time; and possibly also one or more of the smaller bells. Notwithstanding all this the four bells from the north-west tower did not even then harmonize with the other eight. So in 1681 Samuel Smith, bell founder of York, was employed to recast them. The inscriptions on the twelve bells at this time were as follows :—







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DEO  ET  REGI  SACRVM  1681 
 (SS) 
 Ebbr








Second.

IVBILATE  DOMINO  PSAL. LXVI  1681 
 (SS) 
 Ebor

Third.

EXVLTATE  DEO  PSAL. LXXXI  1681 
 (SS) 
 Ebor

Fourth.

GLORIA  IN  EXCELSIS  DEO  1681 
 (SS) 
 Ebor

Fifth.

† Sum . . . Rosa Pulsata . . . Munda Maria . . . Vocata
 [The 3 dots represent 3 lions passant, the two upper ones crowned.]

Sixth.

I WILL SOVND AND RESOVND TO THY PEOPLE
 LORD WITH MY SWEET VOICE TO CALL THEM
 TO THY WORD. 1599.

Seventh.

BEATVS EST POPVLVS QVI AGNOSCVNT
 CLANGOREM. 1657.

Eighth.

TE DEVM LAVDAMVS. 1671. IOHANNES LAKE
 RESIDVS ROBERTVS HITCH DECANVS
 ROBERTVS SORESBY PRECANTOR
 CHRISTOPHERVS STONE CANCELLARIVS.

Ninth.

PETRVS PSALLO PETRVS PPE TIBI
 DVND RESONAT CHORVS JSTE.

Tenth.

SWEETLY TOLLING MEN DO CALL TO TASTE
 ON FOOD TO FEED THE SOUL. 1627.

Eleventh.

FVNERA DEPLORO, POPVLVM VOCO, FESTA
 DECORO. THOMAS DICKENSON MILITE MAIORE
 CIVIT: EBORACI VICE 2 DA SVMPITBVS
 PROCVRANTE 1657. H. HARWOOD, E. CALVERT,
 E. ELCOCK.

Tenor

EXVLTATE DOMINO. 1627. PHINEAS HODSON
 CANCELLARIVS WICKHAM ARCH-NVS
 EBOR.

These bells were hung in two tiers, the front five above, and the back seven below. They were never perfectly in tune. Even after being recast by Samuel Smith the front four were too light for the back eight, the treble being only two feet in diameter, and the second, third and fourth in the same proportion; there being a difference of nearly six inches between the fourth and fifth. It may also be noticed that the treble of the present peal of twelve is two feet six inches diameter, whereas the present tenor is quite three cwt. lighter than the one cast in 1627.

In 1733 it was decided to try what rehanging would do towards improving matters. For the account of this and the subsequent exchanging for a peal of ten I am indebted to an article published some ten years ago by the late Mr. Howard, the head ringer at York Minster. At the same

time I must thank Mr. G. Benson, of York, for copies of inscriptions, rubbings and other details concerning the bells. Mr. Howard gives an account taken from the *York Courant* of November 26th, 1733: "On Monday Mr. James Harrison, of Barrow, in Lincolnshire, finished the rehangings of the peal of twelve bells in the south-west tower of the Cathedral, according to the article entered into by him with the Venerable Dean and Chapter. This was the first peal of twelve bells in England, the tenor or largest bell being upwards of a note deeper than the tenor of any other peal of twelve, and is near six foot in diameter. The eleventh is about 54 hundredweight. The rest of the bells indeed are not in proportion to those, in which disadvantage the skill of the undertaker appears very much, for they perform their revolutions very regularly, and their clappers are so well managed as to make every agreeable harmony. All twelve are hung upon one surface, or plain, in one frame. After this alteration several peals of Triples, Bob Minor and Caters have been performed on the said bells by the new Society of York Scholars, who design to shortly attempt those of Bob Major, Cinques, and Maximus. The tenor may be rung by one man for some time; but two can manage it with ease. All the rest are raised and maintained by one man to each bell for a considerable time. The whole is completed to the satisfaction of the church, and is agreed by most able judges to be the best finished piece of work that has been known in these parts. The said Mr. Harrison has also regulated the chimings upon the said bells in a very elegant manner."

We must here observe that this account requires some explanation and correction. In the first place the performances spoken of as peals were evidently only touches, change ringing in 1733 being only in a very elementary stage. Secondly, the actual weight of the eleventh (said to be 54 cwt.) was only 42 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs. The tenor, reputed to weigh 63 cwt., was found to weigh only 55 cwt. 1 qr.

(To be continued.)

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

A new record length in Surprise ringing was set up on Monday when the long peal of Bristol was rung at Hornchurch, Essex, and Mr. William Pye and his band added further to their laurels. The peal, 15,264 changes, occupied 9 hours 49 minutes, and we have it upon the authority of independent listeners that the striking from beginning to end was splendid.

This was the greatest length which the Middlesex Association have rung, in fact, it is the only really long peal to their credit, although, curiously enough, six at least of the band have helped to set up many records for other associations.

What a remarkable man Mr. I. G. Shade is! Although well advanced in years he stood through the peal at Hornchurch and finished as fresh as any. He has more than once been described as "evergreen" and the longer he lives the more he justifies the description. He keeps on adding to his long list of peals and we look forward to the day when he will complete his thousand. He has already left 900 behind. Bravo, George! More power to your elbow.

Next Thursday is the 20th Anniversary of the long peal of Oxford Treble Bob (16,608 changes), rung in 10 hours 32 minutes at Debenham. A commemoration peal is to be attempted on the same bells, on Saturday week, but not sixteen thousand this time.

The rehangings of the bells at St. Anne's Church, Denton, Manchester, has been completed by Messrs. Warner and Sons, and an excellent job has been made of the work. A trial of the bells was made on Saturday, by the local men, and the bells were also rung for service on Sunday, the "go" giving complete satisfaction.

Messrs. J. Jarrold and A. Jacob, who have been carrying out the work for Messrs. Warner and Sons, have each brought away an interesting and useful memento of their visit. Denton is a centre for the manufacture of hats, and the ringers presented the two gentlemen named with a new hat each.

Since the above paragraph was written we have received an intimation of the tragically sudden death of Mr. Arthur Jacob.

On Saturday, May 18th, a successful meeting for combined practice was held at Burnham, Bucks, when seven towers were represented and touches of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent and Bob Major were rung. A meeting for White Waltham is being arranged.

DEATH OF MR. ARTHUR JACOB.

The death occurred suddenly at Liverpool, on Monday, of Mr. Arthur Jacob, of London, formerly for many years Master and Hon. Secretary of the Royal Cumberland Youths. He was 59 years of age and at the time of his death was employed by Messrs. Warner and Sons, Limited, in fixing the new ring of six bells at Childwell, Liverpool.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PHOTOGRAPH.

The photographic group of the Central Council will be published in our next issue. Copies of the original may be had from this office, post free, 2s. 3d. Orders, with remittance, should be sent at once.

ONE-ARMED RINGER'S RECORD.

MR. G. HUGHES' 100 PEALS.

A really wonderful record for a one-armed ringer has been made by Mr. George Hughes, of Wednesbury, who, with the peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Wolverhampton, recorded in another column, completed his century. Mr. Hughes had the misfortune to lose an arm many years ago, but that has in no way prevented him taking part in ringing, and his record shows that he has rung peals on all numbers from six bells to 12, and conducted peals on most of them. His peals, also, cover a great variety of methods, including Surprise. It need only be added that Mr. Hughes is a splendid striker, and safe at all times. His 100 peals are made up as follows:—

Bob Minor, 1; five Minor methods, 1; seven Minor methods, 1; Grandsire Triples, 14, conducted 6; Darlaston Bob Triples, 1, conducted 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 1, conducted 1; Stedman Triples, 18, conducted 7; Bob Major, 16, conducted 10; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; Double Oxford Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 8, conducted 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 2; Norfolk Surprise, 1; Cambridge Surprise, 3; New Cambridge Surprise, 1; Bristol Surprise, 3; London Surprise, 1; Grandsire Caters, 5, conducted 2; Stedman Caters, 10, conducted 6; Bob Royal, 1, conducted 1; Double Oxford Bob Royal, 1 (the only one rung); Stedman Cinques, 2; Erin Cinques, 1 (the only one rung); Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Bob Triples, 2; conducted 1. This list does not include one false composition.

St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch.

"ORANGES AND LEMONS,"

ARRANGED FOR

HANDBELLS.

12 : 10 : 12	10 : 8 : 9.10	11 : 9 : 12	10 : 8 : —	12.12 : 10 : 12	10 : 8 : 9.10
Oran-ges and D.C. When will that	le-mons says the be says the	bells of St. bells of Step	Clemen's; - ney;	You owe me five farthings I do not know,	says the

11 : 9 : 12	10 : 8 : —	9 : 7 : 9	7 : 5 : 6.7	8 : 6 : 9	7 : 5 : —
bells of St. great bell of	Martin's Bow.	When will you	pay me says the	bells of Old	Bai-ley;

9 : 7 : 9	5 : — : 6.7	8 : 6 : 9	5 : — : —	D.C. 10 : 8 : 12	10 : 8 : 9.10
When I grow	rich,	says the	bells of Shore-ditch;	Here comes a	can-dle to

9 : 11 : 7	8 : — : 9	10 : 8 : 12	10 : 8 : 9.10	11 : 10 : 9	8 : — : —
light you to	bed,	And here comes a	chop-per to	chop off your	head.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TUESDAY'S MEETING IN LONDON.

SPECIALLY REPORTED BY OUR OWN REPRESENTATIVE.

The Central Council held their 22nd annual meeting on Tuesday, when, according to the rule requiring that the first session of each new Council shall take place in London, the "Ringers' Parliament" gathered at the Church House, Westminster. The business proceedings were held in the Small Hall, where, prior to the sitting of the Council, the Standing Committee met.

For some little time before 11 a.m., at which hour the meeting began, representatives from all over the kingdom were assembling, and there were many greetings to be exchanged. This gathering of the leading lights of the Exercise is always an enjoyable social event, as well as being a business assembly, and the meeting of old friends in the minutes that precede the formalities of the day is not the least pleasant part of the proceedings. It being a newly-elected Council, there were, of course, some new faces to be seen, while some of the old were missing, but altogether there did not seem to have been any big change in the representation.

The appended schedule gives the complete list of members of the Council, and shows both those present and those absent.

College Youths.—Present: W. T. Cockerill, T. Faulkner, A. Hughes, T. H. Taffender.

Cumberland Youths.—Present: F. Bennett, H. Dains, J. D. Matthews, J. Parker.

Bath and Wells.—Present: A. E. Coles. Absent: E. E. Burgess, J. Maddock and Rev. C. C. Parker.

Bedfordshire.—Present: Rev. W. W. C. Baker.

St. Martin's Guild.—Present: W. H. Godden.

Cambridge University.—Present: E. H. Lewis.

Chester.—Present: Rev. A. T. Beeston and W. Bibby.

Devon.—Present: Rev. M. Kelly. Absent: A. W. Searle.

Durham and Newcastle.—Present: W. Story. Absent: C. L. Routledge and C. Todd.

Ely.—Absent: Rev. J. M. Clarkson.

Essex.—Absent: C. H. Howard, W. H. Judd, W. J. Nevard and N. J. Pitstow.

Gloucester.—Present: J. Austin.

Hereford.—Present: J. Clarke. Absent: R. Marston.

Hertfordshire.—Present: B. Prewett.

Irish.—Absent: Lord Justice Cherry.

Kent.—Present: E. Barnett, T. Groombridge, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore and W. J. Jeffries.

Lancashire.—Present: Rev. H. J. Elsec, J. H. Banks, H. Chapman and T. Redman.

Leeds.—Present: P. J. Johnson.

Lincoln.—Present: Rev. H. L. James, G. Chester and R. Richardson. Absent: J. W. Scamer.

Liverpool.—Absent: W. Bentham.

Llandaff.—Present: J. W. Jones.

London County.—Present: H. S. Ellis and E. A. Young.

Middlesex.—Present: J. H. B. Hesse, A. T. King, W. Pye and J. R. Sharman.

Midland Counties.—Present: Sir A. Heywood, E. C. Gobey, J. Griffin and J. W. Taylor.

Central Northants.—Present: F. Wilford and D. J. Nichols.

North Notts.—Present: H. Haigh.

North Wales.—Absent: Rev. T. Lewis Jones.

Norwich.—Present: G. P. Burton. Absent: C. E. Borrett, W. L. Catchpole and J. Motts.

Oxford.—Present: Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, J. Evans and F. Hopgood.

Salisbury.—Present: Rev. F. L. Edwards and A. F. Martin Stewart. Absent: Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett and J. S. Running.

Salop.—Absent: J. Bradney.

Stafford.—Present: R. Cartwright and S. Reeves.

Surrey.—Present: Dr. A. B. Carpenter and C. F. Johnston.

Sussex.—Present: K. Hart, G. H. Howse and G. Watson. Absent: P. B. Tompkins.

Truro.—Absent: J. C. Daubuz.

Warwickshire.—Present: H. Argyle.

Winchester.—Present: Rev. C. E. Matthews and J. Whiting. Absent: H. White and C. Willshire.

Worcester.—Present: T. J. Salter. Absent: J. R. Newman.

Yorkshire.—Present: Rev. C. C. Marshall, G. Bolland and C. Glenn. Absent: C. H. Hattersley.

Hon. Members.—Present: A. F. H. Boughey, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rev. Canon Papillon, J. W. Parker, J. S. Pritchett, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, W. Snowdon, J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde and G. Williams. Absent: C. E. D. Boutflower, J. Carter, W. H. Thompson.

	Present	Absent
Representative Members	64	29
Hon. Members	13	3

Total 77 32
Associations fully represented 20, partially represented 12, unrepresented 7; total 39.

PRESIDENT AND HON. SECRETARY RE-ELECTED.

The first business being the election of a president, the hon. secretary temporarily took the chair. He said he had received only one nomination, and that was Sir Arthur Heywood.—On the motion of Mr. A. T. King, seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Sir Arthur was unanimously elected.

The President said he was extremely indebted to the members for the expression of their further confidence, but he was really beginning to think the time had come when they ought to be considering whether it would not be for the good of the Council to change their president ("No, no"). He was not an advocate for anybody holding office for too long a time, whether it was a Government, a president, or anybody else, and he only asked them, in giving him their renewed confidence, to bear in mind that they should consider, not the compliment to him, but the good of the Council. If they considered it was still for the good of the Council that he should continue to be their president, he bowed to their decision, and recognised most gratefully the compliment they did him. He would endeavour to justify their choice.

On the motion of the Rev. C. E. Matthews, seconded by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary, the President remarking that in the Rev. C. D. P. Davies they had got the best secretary anybody ever had (applause).—The Rev. C. D. P. Davies briefly acknowledged his election.

COUNCIL'S FINANCES.

The Hon. Secretary then presented the statement of accounts. The balance in hand at the end of last year was £63 15s. 8d., and the receipts from subscriptions amounted to £11 12s. 6d., making a total of £75 8s. 2d. After meeting expenses, there remained in the bank a balance of £71 12s. 6d. In addition to that they had an asset of £125 3s. 8d., the net value of publications on hand.—The publications account showed a loss of 6s. 8d., due to the fact that a guinea had been paid for printing the decisions of the last Council.—The accounts were adopted, on the motion of Mr. R. Cartwright, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin.

ELECTION OF HON. MEMBERS.

The following hon. members were re-elected: Mr. G. Williams, Mr. J. Carter, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, and Mr. J. A. Trollope. On the ground of ill-health, Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower did not seek re-election. The following who had ceased to be representatives of Associations were added to the hon. members' list: Canon Papillon, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Mr. R. A. Daniell, and Mr. W. Snowdon.—The President said that those members of the Council who knew what the work of these gentlemen had been would be of opinion that the Council could ill-afford to lose their services (hear, hear), and the Standing Committee had, therefore, recommended their election.

CONGRATULATIONS.

The introduction of new members to the President then took place, Sir Arthur congratulating Mr. W. Pye upon having added to his honours by ringing the 15,264 of Bristol Surprise on the previous day.

The President said there was one other congratulatory word to offer, and that was upon the fact that they had with them Mr. William Banister (applause). He need not tell Mr. Banister what a great honour it was to see with them a ringer 89 years of age, and one who had identified himself so long and so eminently with the interests of the Exercise. He conferred by his presence a great honour upon that assembly (applause).

Mr. Banister, who despite his years was in excellent health, had a very cordial reception in rising to reply. He said he had been out of the ringing world for some years, and very few of those he used to know in London were now left. His old friend Mr. Matthew Wood was one, and Mr. Cooter, who, unfortunately, he was told, was too much of an invalid to recognise anybody, was another. He (the speaker) had been associated with the Church now little or much for the past 70 years, and as far as the ringing exercise was concerned, his interest in it had never fallen off from the commencement. He was very pleased to find the advance that had been made since he left London. Through the introduction of the county and other associations, and the interest which the clergy had shown in the matter, ringing stood much better than it did when he began. He had some eight or ten miles to walk there and back, if he wanted a peal, for there were no trains or conveyances except their legs. He again thanked them for their reception, and hoped the Associations would go on and do well (applause).

THE LATE MR. PETTIT.

The President said before they passed on to the next business, he wished without moving a formal resolution to express, what he was sure they all felt, the great loss which the Exercise had sustained by the death of that eminent London ringer, Mr. James Pettit. He thought the ringing world had seldom seen a man who so thoroughly exemplified the type of a really useful member of the community. He was an absolutely reliable man, who did not indulge in many words

or waste people's time, but everything he took in hand he did well. He was one of the safest and most successful conductors. He (the speaker) recalled that he rang his first peal of Stedman Triples, Stedman Caters and Stedman Cinques under Mr. Pettit's conductorship. His manners were charming, and yet at the same time he was so very businesslike and so downright in everything concerning the work in hand that he would be very difficult to replace (hear, hear).

A full report of the remainder of the proceedings of the Council will appear in future issues, but we give below, for the convenience of our readers, a summary of what took place.

The President spoke on the Welsh Disestablishment Bill, and moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. A. T. King, and carried unanimously: "That this meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, representing 39 associations, protests against the Bill now before Parliament to disestablish and disendow the Church in Wales as a measure entirely devoid of justification."

The Standing Committee of the Council were re-elected.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported progress by the Collection of Peals Committee, who were re-elected.

Mr. R. A. Daniell reported progress by the Church Press Committee, whose title was changed to the Literature Committee, and the members of which were re-elected, with the exception of the Rev. M. Kelly, who wished to retire.

The Rev. H. Law James reported on the work of the Legitimate Methods Committee, from which Mr. John Carter expressed a wish to resign. Mr. E. H. Lewis was elected to fill the vacancy.

The report of the Peal Values Committee (already published) was presented by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and at the suggestion of the committee themselves, their work was handed over to the Analysis Committee.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Newcastle.

The Rev. H. Law James moved that "a peal of Minor must consist of at least seven true 720's, and the bells must strike rounds only once at the end of each, and immediately go into the next. The peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 720's fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 720 changes to make up some definite number."

An amendment substituting the word "should" for "must" after the word "Minor" was carried by a large majority.

In view of the adoption of the Peal Values Committee's report and the merging of their work with that of the Analysis Committee, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter withdrew the following resolutions, of which he had given notice:—

"(a) That a committee of five (?) six-bell ringers be appointed to draw up a scale of points for performances on five and six bells.

"(b) That this committee, together with the Peal Values Committee, try to find a common denominator by means of which the value of such performances, compared with that of peals on higher numbers, can be fixed."

Mr. George Williams was added to the Analysis Committee to assist them with his advice upon peal values.

The following resolution was moved by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies:—

"That it is desirable to reconsider some of the conditions laid down for the legitimacy of methods as stated on page 18 of 'Rules and Decisions,' 1904."

After a long discussion, it was put to the meeting and defeated.

Mr. J. A. Trollope moved, the Rev. H. Law James seconded, and it was resolved:—

"That this Council, in extending its hearty welcome to the 'Ringing World,' has heard with satisfaction from the hon. secretary that he has from the first appearance of the paper sent for publication in its columns all essential official notices and reports of the Council, and notes with pleasure that the Analysis of Peals for the past year has been compiled from and has appeared in identical terms in both ringing papers alike."

A discussion ensued upon the following, moved by Mr. E. H. Lewis: "That the hon. secretary of the Council be instructed to write to the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and request them to meet a deputation from the Council, and discuss the supposed danger to towers caused by substituting steel or iron bell frames for wooden frames. That the hon. secretary also bring to the notice of the Royal Institute of British Architects the Council's recommendations with regard to the proper height to hang bells relative to the belfry windows."

At the suggestion of the President, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Young (a member of the Institute of British Architects) and Mr. J. H. B. Hesse, with the President and Secretary, were appointed a committee to see what could best be done in the matter.

On the motion of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. A. T. King, the following was agreed to:—

"That the Council, while itself declining to take part in the formation or subsequent management of such an enterprise if set on foot, and without in any sense pledging its individual members, would nevertheless view with satisfaction the establishment on a sound financial basis of a Benevolent Fund for the benefit of members of the Exercise, who may stand in need of help."

The Rev. J. A. Cockey moved (for Mr. Boutflower), and the Rev. F. L. Edwards seconded, the following resolution:—

"That this meeting of the Council, while recognising the value of peal ringing generally, and the laudable desire of the members to assist in placing their own Association at the head of the peal table,

wishes to express the strong conviction that the chief aim of all members should be the encouragement in all towers of ringing, rather than chiming the bells for Sunday services, thus helping to achieve the primary objects for which the bells are hung, viz., the Glory of God, and the calling of the parishioners together for His worship."

The motion was carried with the addition of the words (suggested by the Rev. F. L. Edwards), "and on the festivals of the Church and their eves," after "Sunday services."

A vote of thanks to the President concluded the proceedings, and in the evening a social, at which ringers and their friends were entertained by the President, was held at the Westminster Palace Hotel. There was an extremely large gathering of well-known members of the Exercise, including some of the lady ringers.

LINCOLN GUILD MEETING.

A successful meeting of the Gainsborough district was held at Willingham on Saturday week, there being a representative attendance from Gainsborough, West Stockwith, Brigg, Scunthorpe, Loughborough and Brantston, in addition to some of the local company. Early in the afternoon the bells were rung half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Ven. J. Bond (Archdeacon of Stow and Precentor of Lincoln Cathedral), and Mr. F. M. Burton, of Highfield, Gainsborough, who were hon. members of the Guild, and had passed away during the week. Tea was provided at the Half Moon, and at the business meeting, which followed, the Vicar of Willingham (the Rev. C. H. R. Baldwin) presided.—The Chairman made reference to the Welsh Disestablishment Bill, and urged his hearers to stand firm by their Church, irrespective of their views in regard to politics. One performing member (Mr. W. Epworth, Blyton), and one honorary member (the Rev. C. H. R. Baldwin) were elected.—A resolution that letters of condolence and sympathy be sent to the friends and relatives of the two deceased honorary members was moved by Mr. J. C. Tinker, and carried by the whole of those present standing in silence.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to those who had been responsible for providing the tea, concluded the meeting.

The methods rung during the afternoon were: Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, including 720 of Plain Bob Minor by: W. Ayre 1, F. W. Atkinson, junr., 2, J. W. Bartram 3, C. H. Baker 4, C. Crawford (conductor) 5, J. T. Ladd 6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Swindon branch took place at Castle Eaton on Saturday week. There was a fairly large number of members present from Coln St. Aldwyns, Down Ampney, South Cerney, Stratton St. Margaret, Christ Church, Swindon, and St. Mark's, Swindon.—The Rev. C. M. R. Luckman (Vicar) granted the use of the bells, and during the afternoon several six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. An excellent tea, provided by Mr. W. Greenaway, of the Red Lion Inn, was thoroughly enjoyed, and a business meeting followed.—Mr. O. W. Layng presided, in the absence of Mr. E. Bishop, branch president. One new member was elected, and it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Grittleton, on Saturday, June 8th.—A vote of thanks to the Rev. C. M. R. Luckman was heartily accorded, and a similar compliment was paid the Rev. A. N. Scott (Vicar of Kempsford), whose invitation to ring at that Church was taken advantage of in the evening. The party then re-united at Castle Eaton, where Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were practised until 9 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The spring meeting of the above was held at Staplehurst, on Saturday, May 18th, but, no doubt owing partly to the meeting of the Ashford district being held at Eastwell on the same day, was rather sparsely attended. Unfortunately the district secretary missed the connection of the train service at Tonbridge, and did not arrive until after the service (which had been specially arranged by the Rector, the Rev. J. S. Chamberlain) was over.—Afterwards other members began to arrive, and the following towers were represented: Chiddingstone, Hadlow, Lamberhurst, Marden, Tonbridge, Benenden, Tunbridge Wells, and Kildown.—The business meeting was held in the belfry, Mr. G. Edwards of Chiddingstone, being in the chair.—Nine new members, including the band at Kildown, were elected, and the Benevolent Fund Scheme was further discussed, and various suggestions made.—It was decided to attempt the next quarterly peal at Edenbridge. Method: Treble Bob.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for arranging the service, to the organist and choir for their services, and to Mr. H. G. Pope for making the arrangements.—This concluded the business.

A FAREWELL.

At Teignmouth, Devon, the ringers have taken farewell to Mr. J. G. M. Bower, who has gone to Vancouver, and on May 11th, in 3 hrs. ringing at St. Michael's Church, 1,500 call changes were rung as a parting "peal." Mr. Bower takes with him the best wishes of his brother ringers for his success and happiness in his future career.

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.

"Doubtful."—I have been able to verify my opinion expressed last week, that a peal of Grandsire Triples cannot be got with common bobs and singles, and a call at every lead. I have taken the opportunity of consulting one of our leading Grandsire composers, and the author of many peals, Mr. J. J. Parker. I give his reply fully because the information will be interesting and instructive to a large number of readers. He writes, "On referring to the notes that I made 30 years ago, I find a peal of Grandsire Triples, with a call at every lead with common Band S cannot be got. The longest length is 336. A 5-part touch of 1,680 may be had with one plain lead in each part. That calculation suggests that a five-part peal might be had with 25 plain leads, a six-part with 30, and a ten-part with 50. I should say that the peal might be had if the student were allowed to use three or four different kinds of singles. Of course, lots of things could be done if we gave ourselves that much license."

"Plain Bob."—No singles are required in a 120 of Bob Doubles because, as a matter of fact, an ordinary plain lead is in effect a single, and turns the changes from "even," or in-course to "odd," or out-of-course, and vice versa. The first lead consists of all even changes. The second's and fifth's places made when the treble leads, leave only one pair of bells to change, and so the next lead is entirely composed of odd changes, while the next treble lead reverses them again. This goes on for the whole 120 changes and thus it is possible to get the 60 out-of-course changes without calling a single. A plain lead or a bob in Grandsire Doubles does not have the same effect, as the bells go on changing in "doubles," i.e., two pairs each time, and the rows of changes remain "even" until a single is called.

As to your further question, I have already in this column given the calling of Bob Doubles. You can begin by calling a bob at either of the first four leads and, dividing the twelve leads of the 120 changes into three parts, call the bobs at the corresponding leads in each of the remaining two parts. Thus a bob at the first lead requires bobs also at the 5th and 9th leads; a bob at the second lead requires bobs also at the 6th and 10th, and so on.

CONDUCTOR.

HEATHFIELD RINGERS' OUTING.

Owing to the fact that the competition for the silver challenge cup, presented by Mr. B. S. Hassell, of Horeham Road, annually contested for by the ringers of Heathfield, Waldron, and Warbleton, could not be held this year owing to Waldron bells being in the hands of the bell hangers, the Heathfield ringers utilised the occasion to have an excursion to neighbouring towers. They visited East Hoathly, where touches of Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung, and Uckfield, where Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung. Tea was partaken of at the King's Head Hotel, and the return journey made via Heathfield. The ringers express their thanks to the Rectors of both parishes visited, for the use of the bells.

The Heathfield ringers showed a patriotic spirit on Empire Day, when Messrs. J. Collins (captain) and O. Collins met at the Church, at 5 o'clock in the morning, and, mounting the ladders of the steeple to the flag staff, ran out the Union Jack. In the meantime five other ringers had not in belfry, and 360 Grandsire Doubles were rung by: J. Collins 1, G. Taylor 2, H. Brook 3, W. Booth (conductor) 4, J. Collins 5, R. Allen 6.—Afterwards, with W. Barrow on the 3rd, 480 in the same method was tapped off in good style. The bells were then rung down in peal, and the ringers left well pleased with their early morning recreation.—On Whit Sunday (Queen Mary's birthday), for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes) was rung in 44 mins.: J. Collins 1, W. Barrow 2, H. Brook 3, W. Booth (conductor) 4, O. Collins 5, R. Allen 6. For evening service the same day, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor was rung in 48 mins., by: J. Collins 1, G. Taylor 2, W. Barrow 3, H. Brook 4, O. Collins 5, W. Booth (conductor) 6.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

THE PRESIDENT'S PRIZE.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Sedgley, Staffordshire, on Saturday week, between 40 and 50 members being present from Dudley, Tipton, Netherton, Old Hill, Christ Church and All Saints', West Bromwich; Blakenhall, Coseley, Rowley, Oldbury, Brierley Hill, and Sedgley. A bright service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. G. Swindell), who also gave a very encouraging and interesting address, at the commencement of which, he said, he welcomed the Guild there that day with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret. He deeply regretted the cause which brought them to Sedgley, as he understood the meeting was to have been held at Coseley but for the painfully sudden death of the well-beloved Vicar and Rural Dean (the Rev. W. Spencer, M.A.). By that death, Coseley, Sedgley, and the whole of the Rural Deanery had sustained a loss, the greatness of which it was impossible to realise. Personally he had lost an invaluable friend, and the district an unknown benefactor. His many quiet acts of kindness, his generous care of the poor would never all be told, but they would be missed. The reverend gentleman then went on to say how pleased he was to welcome the Guild to Sedgley, for he recognised that that and other kindred societies were doing a good and useful work in the church. They, by their precept and example, had lifted bell ringers to the position they ought to hold, viz., that of workers with the clergy and the choir each in their several stations, making their sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord. The preacher then gave some very useful lessons to his hearers copiously illustrated with fitting examples.

At the close of the service, an adjournment was made to the school-room, where a substantial tea awaited them, kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Vicar presided. The first annual report, which had been printed, was distributed among the members. One item in the report was the scheme for awarding the prize given by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, President of the Guild. The committee had decided that the company who made the highest percentage of attendances for Sunday services (matins and evensong) should receive it.—The report as a whole was unanimously adopted.

Several new members were elected.—Tipton was the place selected to hold the next quarterly meeting; it was decided to attempt about 10 peals during the quarter, as well as those that were not attempted last quarter.—A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for their kindness in providing the tea, also to the ladies who had assisted in preparing and serving it, to the Vicar for conducting the service in church, for his address, and for presiding at the meeting, for the use of the schoolroom, tower and bells.—A special vote of thanks was also given to Mr. B. Fullwood in making the necessary arrangements for holding the meeting at so short a notice, and also to Mr. Westwood, the organist, who so readily assisted to make the service bright and happy.

The bells were kept merrily going in various methods until 9 p.m.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARY DEANERY BRANCH MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Castle Cary branch was held at Ditchat on Saturday last, when between 40 and 50 members were present, representing Bridgwater, Street, Glastonbury, Barton St. David, Bruton, West Lydford, East Pennard, Ditchat, Castle Cary, Batcombe, Evercreach, Queen Camel, North Cheriton. The ringers were honoured by the presence of a lady ringer (Miss Ruth Coles, from Bridgwater), the first lady to ring at Ditchat. Although the bells were rather too heavy for her, she made a plucky attempt, and rang twice with other ringers. A short service was held in the Church, the Rev. — Duckett, Vicar of East Pennard, delivering a most interesting and instructive address. The clergy and ringers were then entertained to tea in the Sunday Schools.—The Rev. C. E. Leir, Rector of Ditchat, presided at the meeting which followed, supported by the Rev. H. E. Walse (Castle Cary), Rev. Duckett (East Pennard), Rev. Morratt (Batcombe), Dr. Stockwell (Bruton), Mr. T. G. Vincent, senr., etc.

Mr. T. G. Vincent, senr., was then again unanimously elected President for the year, and Mr. T. G. Vincent, junr., elected hon. secretary of the branch.—Dr. Stockwell, on behalf of the Bruton ringers, proposed that Bruton be chosen for the next place of meeting. This was carried unanimously.—Sixteen new members were proposed and one tower affiliated to the Association.—Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. C. E. Leir for the use of the bells, to the Rev. Duckett for his interesting address, and to the choir and organist for their services.—The Rev. H. E. Walse then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who had so kindly entertained the party to tea.—At the conclusion, Mr. Coles, of Bridgwater, remarked upon the growth of the Castle Cary branch. He congratulated those gentlemen who had been the means of working up the branch to the excellent state it had risen to. He also congratulated their hon. secretary for having invited ringers to attend from other branches. This, Mr. Coles considered, was a splendid idea.

After the meeting the tower was again visited, and the bells were kept going until 8 p.m., when, owing to sickness near the tower, the bells were lowered.

IN MEMORY OF JAMES PETTIT.

(BY REQUEST OF MY FRIEND, T. FAULKNER).

Ye College Youths, didst thou behold that bier
Moving to Pettit's tomb without a pensive tear?
No pomp or wealth was there for vulgar eye,
No heir to claim a specious legacy.

One wreath adorns his cortege to the grave,
Where we return to Nature all she gave;
Around his corpse all ringers now unite,
No foe had he to fear or expedite.

See how his comrades in sympathy attend
That last dread scene as his remains descend;
He is not there—the Pettit of our trust—
His soul has left its casement in the dust.

In mute affection there Ted Horrex stands,
Like a lone giant of a vanished band,
Whose deeds and records must all time endure
Upon the scroll of fame in memory pure.

What joys were theirs, what hopes of earlier years,
How many victories won in their careers!
Where are the men like Haley, Dwight and Hayes,
That gained such unfeigned, universal praise?

* * *

Bring forth the bells in this dark hour of grief—
Fit requiem for your departed chief!
He sleeps among the poor, yet was a peer
In talent, virtue, and in all sincere.

Above his pillow, in that narrow cell,
Ring soft those changes Pettit loved so well;
His gentle spirit breathes in their responsive sound,
And bids us calm our sorrow in the peace he's found.

G. F. MARGETSON.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, June 1st, 1912. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. in the Harwood Road Schools.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tong on June 1st. Peal attempt at 2.30; business meeting at the Greyhound Inn at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Shenley, Bucks, on Saturday, June 1st. Bells ready 2 p.m. Service at 3 p.m. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—F. W. Booth, Honorary Secretary, Emberton, Newport Pagnell.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of this society will be held at All Saints (8 bells), Sheffield, on Saturday, June 1st. Tower open at 4 p.m.—J. Evinson, Honorary Secretary, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hornsey on Saturday, June 8th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. Bernard Spink). Bells available at 3.30. Meeting at 6. All are welcome.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—(Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 6th and 20th, at St. John's, Hackney, on the 11th and 25th, at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 11th, at Southwark Cathedral on the 18th, and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th at 8 p.m., also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at

7.30 p.m.—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 St. Thomas, Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, June 8th, 1912. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Brent on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, meeting to follow.—J. Harris, Hon. Local Secretary, Burnham.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Burton-under-Needwood on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m.—Harry Wakley, Local Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bakewell on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting in the Church Institute at 4.30. Tea (1s. 3d. each) at the Queen's Arms Hotel at 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. W. Hopkins, Coombs Road, Bakewell, by Thursday morning, June 13th.—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the South and West District will be held at Norwood Green, on Saturday, June 15th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector at 5. The bells at Heston will probably be open during the evening. All are welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

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. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, June 15th. The tower will be open from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting immediately after. All members and friends cordially invited.—William H. Hotten, Hon. Secretary, 42, Thornhill Road, Barnsbury, N.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting and contest will be held at Heptonstall on Saturday, June 15th, 1912. Bells available from 3 p.m. Ballot for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. in the schoolroom. Tea 6d. each to all visitors ordering same from the secretary by June 10. Visitors should book to Hebden Bridge by train.—George Naylor, Hon. Secretary.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.—Practice night at the above church is Wednesday in each week at 7.45 p.m. Applications for attempts for peals should be made to Mr. H. Whittle, Stanford-on-Soar.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.—The bells at St. Catherine's will be available for quarter peal ringing on the third Sunday afternoon of each month from 2 to 3. All ringing friends are heartily welcome.—A. H. J. Denford, Hon. Secretary.

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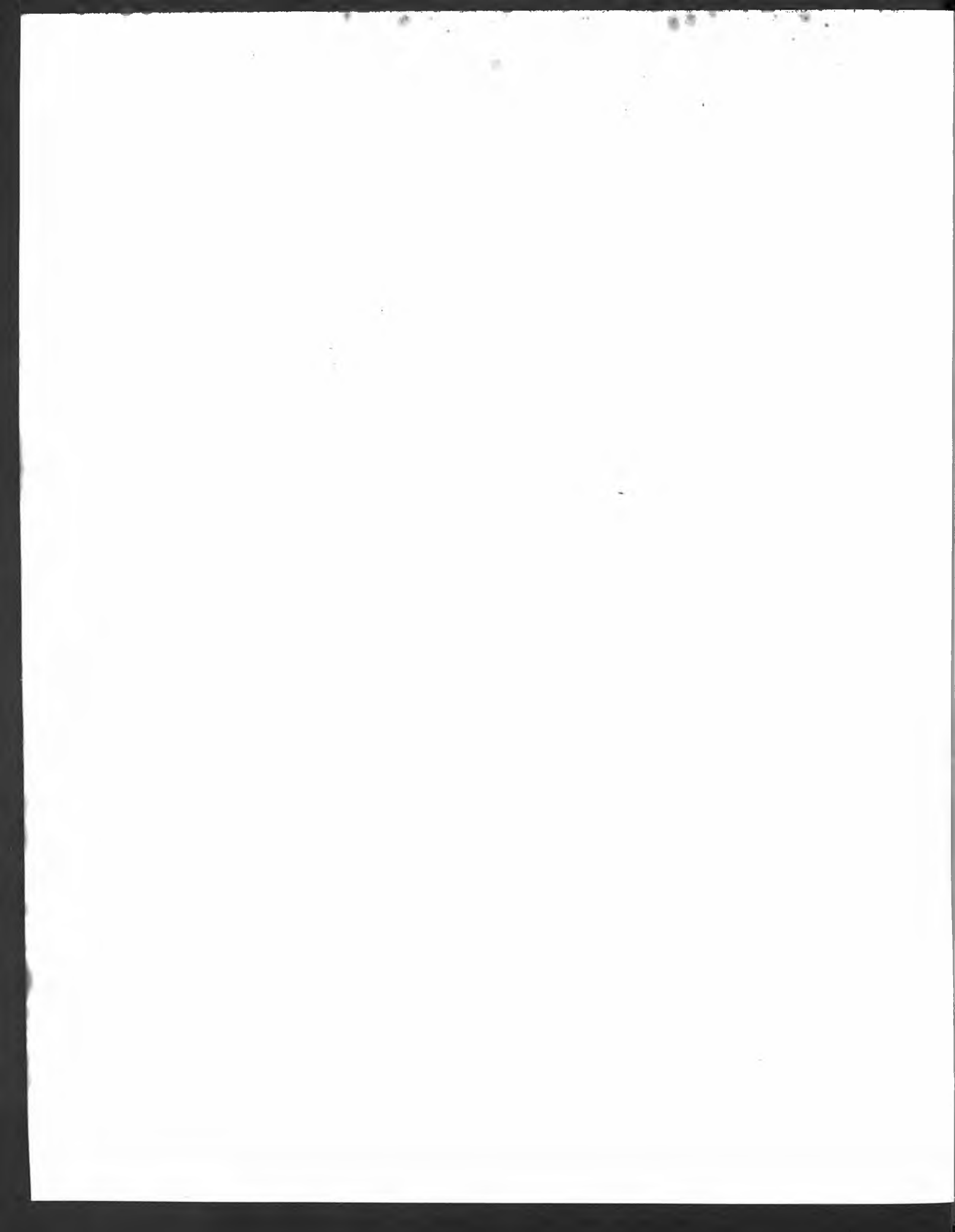
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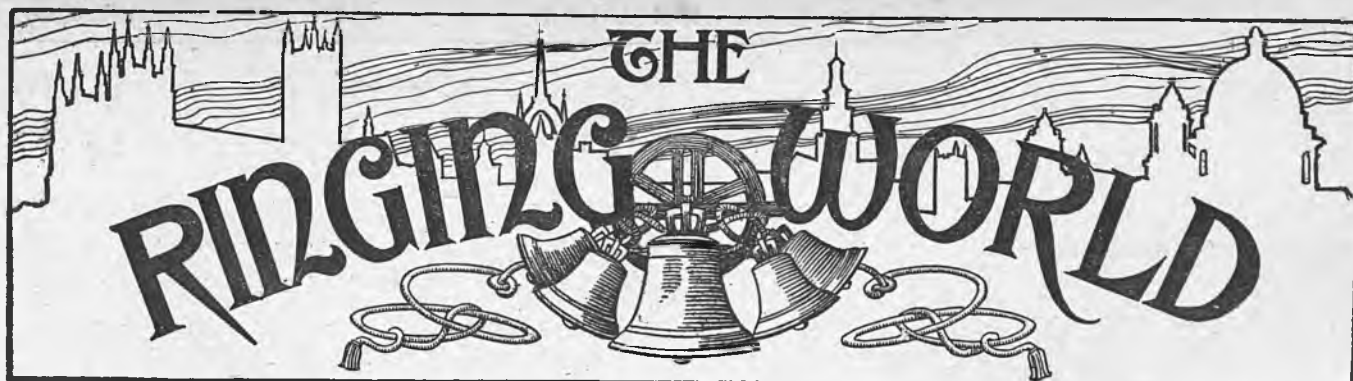
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CENTRAL COUNCIL AND "THE RINGING WORLD."

Our readers will probably be aware from the summary of the Central Council meeting which we published last week, that the relations between the Council and this journal have been placed upon a perfectly amicable footing. The resolution, carried on the motion of Mr. J. A. Trollope, puts upon the minutes of the Central body a recognition of the claims of "The Ringing World" to be able to provide its readers with first hand information concerning Council matters. Our position all along has been that those ringers who are readers of "The Ringing World" are as much entitled to know what the Central Council are doing as the readers of any other paper, and, as we mentioned a fortnight ago, despite the action taken by the Council at the Leicester meeting, the officials have recognised that such a step was in the interests of the Council as well as of the ringing community, and throughout the year have done exactly what was asked by the resolution shelved in 1911. The Council themselves have now endorsed this attitude and all's well that ends well.

The explanation that last year the question was really deferred because the resolution was premature, needs no comment, except to say that at the Leicester meeting no mention of prematurity was ever made. This was a point that was brought out afterwards. But we do not intend at this date to re-open any old issues, for we are certain that the Council is now wholly with us, and these things are matters which may be allowed to pass.

There still seems to be, however, one or two misconceptions which it may be well to remove. What we agitated for, and what we have now got, is the assurance that the official communications of the Council will appear in our columns, and that the peals published exclusively in "The Ringing World" will figure in the analysis. We have never asked to be provided by the Council with a report of their annual meeting—we prefer to have that done by our own representative, and for this reason chiefly, that we like to publish matters of this importance while they are fresh. The Council's specially prepared report of the proceedings is always some weeks late, and interest in it therefore, has by that time to a certain extent evaporated. Our early publication of the proceedings is not only appreciated by ringers, but immensely increases the interest in the Council's doings. It is for this reason and not from any lack of gratitude, that we shall be unable to avail ourselves of the duplicated report which the Council very considerably decided to provide for us.

And while on this matter there is one other point we

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should like to deal with, if only for the sake of our own reputation. When informed that "The Ringing World" had its own representative present to report last week's meeting, one speaker pointed out that no ordinary reporter could intelligibly report discussions upon such technical matters as came before the Central Council. With this, of course, we agree, but lest the Exercise may imagine the reporting of this meeting was entrusted by us to one uninitiated in the art we would at once allay misgivings by stating that our report is done by a journalist who is also a ringer of not inconsiderable experience. Our readers can, therefore, rely upon the proceedings being reported for them by a trained hand and an unbiassed mind.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANCES;

Tenor 40 cwt.

EDWIN H. LEWIS	Treble	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS ...	7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	2	JOSEPH RIDYARD	8
HENRY W. WILDE	3	FREDERICK PAGE	9
REV. A. T. BEESTON	4	WILLIAM DAVIES	10
GEORGE R. NEWTON	5	HARRY CHAPMAN	11
REV. H. J. ELSEE	6	RICHARD NEWTON	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
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Rung on the 98th anniversary of the opening of the bells. First peal of Stedman Cinques by all except the ringers of 2, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12. B. A. Knight's first peal on twelve bells as conductor, he never having called a bob in Cinques before. H. Chapman's 300th peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,
At St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lbs.

GEORGE R. PYE	Treble	FRANK BENNETT	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	8
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	REUBEN SANDERS	9
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	10
CHARLES T. COLES	5	ERNEST PYE	11
WILLIAM J. NUDDS	6	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

TEN BELL PEALS.

READING.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	Treble	*HARRY BUNGAY	6
RICHARD BUCKLAND ...	2	ROBERT H. YOUNG	7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	3	ARTHUR HARDING	8
*RICHARD N. RUNHAM ...	4	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE ...	9
*ERNEST C. LAMBERT ...	5	REUBEN SAWYER	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. The above and the peal of Treble Bob were rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Buckland. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking Mr. A. W. Osborne for his kindness in making all the necessary arrangements.

STROUD, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JESSE GILLET	Treble	HUBERT SCRIVEN	6
FRANCIS E. HART	2	ERNEST E. DAVIS	7
HARRY LEWIS	3	ALFRED T. BRUNSDON ...	8
FRANCIS J. LEWIS	4	GEORGE CONDLICK	9
CHARLES H. AUSTIN	5	THOMAS J. WHITING ...	Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM T. HOLDING ...	Treble	*ALBERT CRAWLEY	6
*RICHARD LANGFORD, Senr.	2	*GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ...	7
JAMES HENRY RIDING ...	3	*C. J. BOWEN-COOKE ...	8
*HARRY F. HOLDING ...	4	†RICHARD T. HOLDING, Senr.	9
*RICHARD T. HOLDING, Junr.	5	*JOHN DENTITH	Tenor

Composed by H. COOPER, and
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* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were recast and augmented to ten. The composition is No. 9, page 42 C.C.C.

BEDDINGTON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5027 CHANCES;

HENRY SPRINGALL	Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE	6
ALFRED B. PECK	2	FREDERICK J. HARDY ...	7
WILLIAM E. GARRARD ...	3	FREDERICK DENCH	8
CHARLES S. BURDEN	4	HERBERT LANGDON	9
WILLIAM A. GARRARD ...	5	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD	Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(St. Stephen's Guild.)

On Tuesday, May 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt., in E.

JESSE B. TYLER	Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT	5
HENRY BROWNJOHN ...	2	GEORGE CONDLICK, Junr.	6
RICHARD CLARK	3	JOHN A. BURFORD	7
HENRY PRING	4	WILLIAM A. CAVE	Tenor

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CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

J. TULETT	Treble	†S. J. SHELLOCK	5
*J. HUNT	2	F. BELSEY	6
F. A. HOLDEN	3	W. HAIGH	7
W. EASTER	4	†E. D. SILLS	Tenor

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At Christ Church, Cubitt Town, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HALEY'S VARIATION

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE Treble	HAROLD W. CLARK 5
ARTHUR J. NEALE 2	TOPHAM CUTFORTH 6
WILLIAM J. KEMP 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	DALBY HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

This peal was arranged for Mr. H. Argyle, of Nuneaton, one of the Central Council representatives.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

BENJAMIN THORP Treble	SAMUEL BOOTH 5
*NORMAN NORTH 2	JOSEPH E. SYKES 6
THOMAS JAKEMAN 3	*C. H. CRAVEN 7
TOM WILDE 4	ALBERT HOUGH Tenor

Composed by DANIEL WOODS, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. F. E. Sykes, of Huddersfield.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 1½ cwt.

*HENRY F. EWINS Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
*HAROLD BURTON 2	KEITH HART 6
WILLIAM HEWETT 3	*GEORGE F. HOAD 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
*HAROLD BURTON 3	WILLIAM HEWETT 7
ISAAC EMERY 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method with an inside bell. First peal of Major on the bells.

ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM H. WOOD Treble	EDWARD E. FOREMAN ... 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 6
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 3	PHILIP H. PIERCE 7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4	ARCHIBALD C. KAY Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

The band wish to thank the Vicar, Rev. Canon Tindall, M.A., for the use of the bells.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM STENNING Treble	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 5
GEORGE TOMSETT 2	HERBERT TOMSETT ... 6
ERNEST E. BISH 3	THOMAS STRINGER ... 7
HENRY J. GRAVETT 4	WILLIAM ASHDOWN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE TOMSETT.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

EDWARD H. JOHNSON Treble	WALTER MALINS 5
JOSEPH B. FENTON 2	JOHN W. CHANDLER ... 6
THOMAS H. CHAPMAN ... 3	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 7
WILLIAM T. COX 4	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. JAGGAR, and Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

This peal is No. 157 C.C. "Peal Collection," Section III.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND
THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 5
*HERBERT DAY 2	JOHN C. DICKEN 6
WALTER ALLWOOD 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. F. H. Baker, brother of two of the local ringers, and Miss Emily Hadcock.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lbs., in F.

THOMAS SMITH Treble	JOHN B. HESSEY 5
HARRY WALTER 2	ALBERT E. GRAY 6
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	WILLIAM WELLING ... 7
ALFRED FUSSELL 4	JOHN H. CROPLEY Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

First peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Smith and Cropley were elected members of the Guild previous to starting.

BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew, WALCOT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lbs.

FREDERICK C. RICH Treble	CHARLES COLLIER 5
GEORGE H. HILL 2	CHARLES W. BELL 6
THOMAS HOGSFLESH ... 3	THOMAS F. KING 7
GEORGE TEMPLE 4	LUTHER P. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. BELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick C. Rich. The ringers tender their thanks to the churchwarden, Mr. E. A. Bagshawe, and the Rev. W. J. Dennis, M.A., for their kindness in granting the use of the bells.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

ANNABLE'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lbs., in E.

GEORGE ANDREWS Treble	WILLIAM SABAN 5
FRANK JELF 2	HENRY G. ROWE 6
GEORGE GRAY 3	GEORGE MAXIM 7
HENRY CORNWALL 4	*DAVID TUCKER Tenor

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

* First peal. Rung on the first anniversary of the induction of the Rev. C. B. Law, as Vicar of Cheshunt; also in honour of the silver wedding of the Marquis of Salisbury, patron of the living.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES H. AUSTIN Treble	ALFRED T. BRUNSDON 5
HARRY LEWIS 2	GEORGE CONDIK 6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3	ERNEST E. DAVIS 7
JESSE GILLET 4	THOMAS J. WHITING Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED T. BRUNSDON.

READING.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT H. YOUNG Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 2	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	ARTHUR HARDING 7
*HARRY BUNGAY 4	RICHARD BUCKLAND Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.

EDWIN WHITING Treble	GEORGE SNELLING 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	FREDERICK HOWCHIN 6
GEORGE HOWCHIN 3	JOHN SNELLING 7
ALFRED SMITH 4	†FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Composed by JAMES TANN, and
Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

† First peal on eight bells.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, May 28, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	*CHARLES BEECH 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 2	BERT HORTON 6
EDGAR MARLOW 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
GEORGE PEATE 4	HOWARD W. CATTELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the coming of age of Mr. T. Hughes, of Wednesbury.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

ARTHUR G. JAMES Treble	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 2	*CECIL C. MAYNE 6
RICHARD BUCKLAND 3	JAMES W. WILKINS 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	ROBERT H. YOUNG Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

On Thursday, May 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

*JESSE TAYLOR Treble	FREDERICK INCH 5
THOMAS CHINNERY 2	*GEORGE BERNARD WARD 6
ARTHUR MAXIM 3	ARTHUR TAYLOR 7
SIDNEY GRIDLEY 4	SAMUEL EVANS Tenor

Conducted by S. EVANS.

* First peal of Bob Major.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

*PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble	†ALBERT WALKER 5
CHARLES DICKENS 2	SAMUEL GROVES 6
EDMUND J. HYLAND 3	ALF. PADDON SMITH 7
†MORRIS J. MORRIS 4	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by PERCY O. LAFLIN.

* First peal in the method as conductor. † First peal of Cambridge Major. The band wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Swindell, for the use of the bells on this and other occasions.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ALBERT C. HARDY Treble	EBENEZER ANDREWS 5
ERNEST G. FENN 2	GEORGE W. FAULKNER 6
WILLIAM TRUSS 3	ROWLAND FENN 7
YORK GREEN 4	THOMAS FAULKNER Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIX-PART No. 13 C.C.C.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	JAMES ELDERFIELD 5
REUBEN FLAXMAN 2	JAMES BLACKMORE 6
JOSEPH J. PARKER 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
HAROLD T. BATTEN 4	*WILLIAM CLARKE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

* First peal. Rung on the 35th anniversary of the re-opening of the tower and six bells, which were augmented to eight in the year 1898 to commemorate the late Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter ad-Vincula,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lbs., in F.

WALTER SADLER Treble	JOHN SADLER 5
JAMES FLEUTY 2	ERNEST NEWMAN 6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM ... 3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

EDWARD EVANS Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON ... 2	JAMES MOTTS 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	ERNEST F. POPPY 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

REGINALD BROUGH Treble	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 5
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6
THOMAS BOOKER 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 7
REUBEN BALDWIN 4	FRANK GATES Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

This peal was rung in honour of the coming of age of T. Groombridge, Junr., on May 30th, the band wishing him many happy returns. Meeting one short (through a misunderstanding) for Stedman, Mr. T. Booker obliged at the last minute by standing in the above.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 20 cwt., in E flat.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Treble	*ALBERT G. WARNES ... 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2	BENJAMIN THOMPSON ... 6
GEORGE HOWCHIN 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
WILLIAM GRIMES 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and

Conducted by WILLIAM RUMSEY.

This peal was arranged for the ringers of the 3rd, 5th, 6th and tenor, who hail from Norwich. It was Peter Laflin's 50th peal.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Deptford, S.E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble	GEORGE DURLING ... 5
*ALFRED G. BENNINGTON ... 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 6
*FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... 3	*†WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES ... 7
ALBERT E. GODDARD 4	JOSEPH LAW Tenor

Composed by REV. EARLE BULVER, and

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor. Great credit is due to both treble and tenor men who are aged 72 and 70 respectively. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

IRTHLINGBORO', NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN J. MAWBY Treble	JAMES HOUGHTON 5
ANDERSON Y. TYLER 2	WALTER J. GERMAN 6
JAMES T. WARD 3	JAMES GARRATT 7
J. HUBERT HORN 4	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

First peal in the method on the bells, first in the county and first by the association. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. Rung for the King's birthday.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CLAPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 College Single, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*LEWIS HENRY MOORE, Junr. Treble	JOSEPH CAPLE 4
JACK AHERTON 2	LEWIS HENRY MOORE, Senr. 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	GEORGE HENRY GALE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. GALE.

* First peal. First peal by all in four methods.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat.

E. WEBB Treble	W. SCOTCHER 4
*E. G. HIBBINS 2	*L. G. MALLION 5
J. STALLEY 3	B. D. BUTTRESS Tenor

Conducted by B. D. BUTTRESS.

* First peal of Minor. The ringers of the 2nd and 5th hail from Fen Ditton; the rest from Fulbourn.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE BUSELEY Treble	HERBERT HURDMAN ... 4
*WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON ... 2	JOHN HOUGH 5
*WILLIAM J. SMITH 3	DAVID L. COTTON Tenor

Conducted by J. HOUGH.

* First peal in seven methods.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ippolyts,

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.

NATHAN PATMORE Treble	ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4
BARNARD PATMORE 2	ARTHUR WOOLSTON 5
ALBERT CARTER 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

The band were generously entertained to lunch and tea by the Vicar, the Rev. H. R. Foster.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

JOHN BATES Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON 4
WILLIAM JACQUES 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
WILLIAM STAPLETON 3	CHARLES A. ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

W. Jacques hails from Olney and H. W. Gayton from Harrold, and the peal was arranged for them.

MALDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, New London, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

EBENEZER W. FINCH ... Treble	FRED CHALK 4
HAROLD FINCH 2	THOMAS C. GOZZETT ... 5
ALFRED GOZZETT 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. A. South (one of the local ringers) and Miss E. L. Mansfield, sister of the conductor, who were married at All Saints' Church, on June 1st.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Bob Minor. Tenor 13 cwt.

TOM STOCKDALE Treble	HENRY RODMELL 4
CHARLES JACKSON 2	ARTHUR E. WEST 5
ROBERT RODMELL 3	*LEONARD RODMELL ... Tenor

Conducted by L. RODMELL.

* First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. A. W. Wilson and Miss May Calvert, eldest daughter of Mr. J. S. Calvert, one of the local ringers, whom the band wish to thank for his kind hospitality after the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HANDBELL RECORD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Seven Hours and Three Minutes,

In the Ringing Chamber of Holy Trinity Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 14,031 CHANCES;

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 1-2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	JAMES HUNT 7-8
FRANK BLONDELL 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpires: T. W. and S. RADFORD, and J. S. GOLDSMITH.

Witness: M. SMITHER.

Messrs. Hutton, Raddon and Hazelden, of Guildford, and C. J. Hamblin, of Woking, heard portions of the peal. This is the greatest number of changes ever rung on handbells retained in hand. It was A. H. Pulling's 100th peal as conductor on handbells, and J. Hunt's 300th peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

In Holy Trinity Belfry,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

*REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 1-2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	JAMES HUNT 7-8
FRANK BLONDELL 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Umpire: S. RADFORD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters in hand. The conductor's 100 peal on handbells. This composition is No. 6 on the Broadsheet.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

At St. Michael's Rooms,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

*WILLOUGBY E. MAULDEN 1-2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 5-6
*E. HOBART SMITH ... 3-4	WILLIAM FLORY 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Umpire: JOHN C. SELF.

* First peal on handbells.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. H. F. Cross,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

FREDK. J. CROSS 1-2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 5-6
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL ... 3-4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by G. H. Cross.

The peal of Stedman at Blackburn, on May 18, was W. Mallinson's and not J. P. Foulds' 50th peal.

SPORTING CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

NORTHAMPTON RINGERS' SUCCESS.

To celebrate a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung at St. Edmund's, Northampton, on May 2nd, the Ex-Mayor (Councillor S. Yarde) has entertained not only the ringers, but the clergy, officials and choir of the church. The event was brought about by a sporting challenge made by Mr. Yarde, who, when unveiling a peal tablet in the belfry, noticed that the quickest peal on the bells had been rung in 2 hrs. 53 mins., and offered the local band medals, to which he subsequently added a dinner, if they could beat that record. The result was the peal on May 2nd in 2 hrs. 47 mins. The dinner in celebration was a most enjoyable affair.—The Chairman, after the loyal toast had been honoured, submitted "The Bell Ringers of St. Edmund's." He referred to his challenge, and congratulated the company upon having broken the record. He humorously confessed his ignorance of what Grandsire Triples were, and dissociated them from anything to do with "grandfather's triplets" (laughter).

Mr. J. Metherell first replied, thanking the Ex-Mayor for his hospitality. Councillor Yarde's offer came quite as a surprise, and the first attempt to achieve the feat failed, but Mr. Yarde's kindness in extending the period led to another and successful attempt. A number of ringers who heard the peal had said it was a very satisfactory one.

Mr. F. Wilford also replying, said it was difficult to say what was the record for England, for bells varied so much not only in weight but in the "go." Fast ringing was not the main aim of ringers, but it did require extra brain power. He was glad to see the ringers being taken more notice of than used to be the case, for as secretary of the local Association, it was to him a special pleasure. The ringers were just as much Church workers as the choir, but it had been very much a case of "out of sight, out of mind." To him the peal was notable particularly as his hundredth peal for the Central Northants Association, for which he was to receive a gold medal.

Councillor Yarde here announced that he had hoped to present the medals that evening, but they were not ready. He had, however, approved a design of a silver medal with a gold medal as centre-piece, and hoped to be able to make the presentation in a few weeks.

Among the other toasts submitted were "The Clergy and Officials of St. Edmund's," proposed by Mr. Fred Smith, and acknowledged by the Vicar, and Mr. J. E. Perkins (churchwarden); "The Mayor and Corporation," submitted by Mr. W. Mills, J.P., and responded to by Alderman Tomes; and "The Chairman," given by the Vicar, who paid a warm tribute to the public spirit and generosity of Mr. Yarde.—The Chairman briefly replied, and Mr. Cyril Yarde was also called upon for a speech.—A most enjoyable musical programme was also carried out during the evening, songs by individual members of the company being supplemented by glee by the choir; violin solos by the Rev. W. E. Weighill; and selections by the handbell ringers.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AND "THE RINGING WORLD."

A RESOLUTION OF WELCOME.

THE QUESTION OF THE REPORTS.

The relations between the Central Council and "The Ringing World" were discussed at the meeting at the Church House, Westminster, on Whit-Tuesday, on a motion, of which Mr. J. A. Trollope had given notice in the following terms:—

"That this Council, in extending its hearty welcome to 'The Ringing World,' has heard with satisfaction from the hon. secretary that he has from the first appearance of the paper sent for publication in its columns all essential official notices and reports of the Council, and notes with pleasure that the Analysis of Peals for the past year has been compiled from and has appeared in identical terms in both ringing papers alike."

Mr. Trollope said the Council would remember that at the meeting at Leicester he moved a resolution, which asked that the Analysis should consist of the peals published in both ringing papers, and that all official reports of the Council should be sent to both, but a lot of people at that time seemed to think that the matter was premature, and the previous question was moved, and the subject shelved. Between last year and now a good deal had happened, and that was why the resolution this year was altogether different to what it was last year. Everything that was asked for then had, as a matter of fact, been given, and all that had to be done now was simply to say "Thank you" for it. Last year, at Leicester, the Analysis Committee were, as the Council knew, strongly against the resolution, but they found that public opinion was against them, and, like the honourable men they were, they reconsidered their position, and had fallen into line.

Mr. A. T. King: No.

Mr. Trollope: I meant to be complimentary, but if I have misunderstood you, I withdraw everything I have said. Continuing, Mr. Trollope said last year it was not his intention, and he did not think it was anybody's intention, that the official reports of the meeting should be sent to "The Ringing World," simply because "The Ringing World" provided its own reporter, but he only took over the resolution on the night before the meeting, and he had no opportunity of considering it or of approaching the people likely to be affected to see if they had any objections, and if so, how they could be met. This year, however, he had been able to do this.

THE COUNCIL'S OFFICIAL REPORT.

Proceeding, Mr. Trollope said the Council paid two guineas a year to have their meetings reported. That was done because, when the Council was started, unless a report had been provided there would have been no report at all, and no ringer would have known what had taken place, as "Bell News" could not or would not provide a reporter. At first, he believed, the President provided the reporter, but now the Council did it. That necessity, however, had to a large extent ceased to exist, for they could now get an independent report from "The Ringing World." The point had arisen, and several people had put it to him, why should they continue to pay for this at all. There was not only the cost of the thing which, after all was not great, but there was certainly a great deal of work thrown on the officials of the Council. He thought this matter might very well be left to the Standing Committee to settle. He always understood that the late editor of "Bell News" was under a written obligation to print free of charge everything that was sent by the Council.

The President said that was correct, and related the circumstances under which the obligation was entered into.

Mr. Trollope: The point is, is that agreement legally binding upon his successor?

The President: I think distinctly not.

Mr. Trollope said that under the circumstances it might be worth while to have a fresh start entirely and for the Standing Committee to make what fresh business relations they thought fit with the papers. Mr. Trollope concluded by remarking that everything that had been asked for last year had been granted, and whatever feeling there was was due to a series of misconceptions which ought never to have taken place. The Council had, perhaps, to move a bit slowly, but he thought from the start it was entirely in favour of the new paper. If the Council now passed the resolution which he moved, it would remove any misunderstanding that had taken place.

The Rev. H. Law James formally seconded.

THE ATTITUDE OF THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

Mr. A. T. King said, to remove any misconception, he would like to say that, as a member of the Analysis Committee, he never, from the very beginning, had any difficulty whatever with regard to including every peal that was published, wherever it was published. Some of them had their own personal views, and they were simply these, that the new paper had been in existence so short a time that it would be wise to wait until the present meeting before they came to any definite decision. There was nothing unreasonable in that. The new paper had made itself acceptable to everybody with whom he had come in contact, and—he was going to give it the best advertisement he could—it had proved itself entirely worthy of the ringers' support,

and if they were not satisfied he really did not know what else could be done for them. But they must not find fault because at that time last year the Council did not think the time was ripe to express an opinion. That was why the previous question was moved. As regards the Analysis, he was not going to let the public write him down a lunatic if he could help it, for if they took the peals from only one paper, of what value would the analysis be? They, therefore, used their own judgment. It had commended itself to the members, and with that they were entirely satisfied.

The Hon. Secretary said, in giving his hearty support to the motion, he would like to add that what it contained was absolutely and literally true. What he had done he had done simply as part of his regular official duty, as laid down in the rules of the Council, which stated that "the names of the members present, the business transacted at each meeting"—that was the official minutes—"be entered in the minute book and reported to the ringing papers" (hear, hear).

THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS.

The President said there had been some misunderstanding, and no small amount of nonsense written and talked about this matter. Mr. King had clearly set forth what the position of the Council was at the meeting at Leicester. It did not seem to have been adequately recognised that the Council were obliged to take up the attitude they did. They had to wait until the new paper had justified its existence by proving it was not one of those mushroom growths of which they had had several previously before they gave consent to treat it as they were treating the paper which for a large number of years had been practically the only organ of the Exercise. So far as his part in the matter was concerned, it was simply this: He pointed out then that the correction of the report of the meeting was a very tedious and troublesome matter, both to himself and to the hon. secretary, and he flatly declined then, as he flatly declined now, to do that work twice over. He was perfectly content that day if the Council said, "Send the report to 'The Ringing World' instead of to 'Bell News,'" to send it, but to do the work twice over he would not, however kind the hon. secretary might be in saying that he would do his part. The origin of their report of the meetings was that they felt themselves bound to give to the constituents, who sent the members at considerable expense to represent them, as nearly as possible a verbatim account of what took place. A report, such as, for instance, the report, excellent as it was in many respects, which appeared in "The Ringing World," of the Leicester meeting, was not a report such as would satisfy the constituents of those who sent the members there, and it was open to this further difficulty that all condensed reports of that kind were largely tinged by the particular predilections of those who wrote them, and it would lead, if they trusted entirely to them, to a misrepresentation, he would not say wilfully, but accidentally or ignorantly, of the views of members which would lead to trouble by-and-by.

"NOT GUILTY OF ERROR."

Even as it was, with all the care that Mr. Davies and himself bestowed upon the official report, they did not manage to be guiltless of error. What he wanted to insist on was that if they were content to take a report, which might be, as he said, one-sided, not wilfully so, but which might be so, he should be only too thankful to get out of the job, and he was sure Mr. Davies would be, too. They must settle once and for all what they wanted done in this matter. He did not mind a bit to which paper it went. He asked them when they passed the resolution, to which there was no possible objection, to deal with that matter.

Canon Papillon suggested that when the manuscript of the report had been corrected, two typewritten copies should be obtained, and one sent to each paper. That would not entail a very serious expense.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews seconded.

Mr. J. Parker asked if the Council were satisfied with the report of the last meeting that appeared in "The Ringing World." He considered it was quite sufficient. He did not see why the Council need have a report at all. If a paper wanted a report they should send their reporter, as "The Ringing World" did.

The President: Of course they should.

Mr. Parker said he would suggest that each paper should send their own reporter, and give a separate report of the meeting.

Mr. R. A. Daniell said it was perfectly true that papers sent their own reporters to meetings, but it would be impossible for an ordinary reporter intelligibly to follow debates on the technical subjects which the Council discussed.

Canon Papillon's suggestion was agreed to, and Mr. Trollope's motion was then put, and carried.

[We think the President is under some misapprehension as to our report of the Leicester meeting. Apart from the summary of the proceedings which we gave, we devoted no less than five full pages in small type to the debates. That can hardly be called a "condensed" report.—Ed.]

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Sunday, April 28th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: H. Wolstencroft 1, C. Broadbent 2, H. Palmer 3, R. Wimpenny 4, Geo. Garnett 5, Wm. Gordon, junr. (Stockport) 6, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, E. Barton (first quarter-peal) 8.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**GOLD MEDAL FOR THE HON. SECRETARY.**

The annual meeting of the members of the Central Northants Association was held at Kettering on Whit-Monday, over 100 being present. The proceedings commenced with a service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. A. M. Luckock, while the Rector (the Rev. C. B. Lucas) was the preacher, basing his excellent discourse upon the message spoken by the bells. At one o'clock about 100 members sat down to luncheon at the Royal Hotel, an excellent repast being provided by Host and Hostess Collings. The chair was occupied by the President (the Rev. St. George Coldwell, of Islip), who was supported by the Rev. C. B. Lucas (Rector of Kettering), Rev. A. M. Luckock (Kettering), Rev. A. I. Greaves (Finedon), Rev. E. J. Atkins (Isham), Rev. R. Copeman (Stoke Albany), Councillor A. Mackay, J.P. (Chairman of the Kettering Urban District Council), Mr. W. Martin (churchwarden), and Mr. F. Wilford (Northampton), hon. secretary.—At the outset the Rev. St. Geo. Coldwell thanked the members for electing him as President.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. Wilford) presented the annual report, which showed that 65 peals had been rung during the year 1911. He was not quite certain whether that was the greatest number of peals rung in connection with the Association in one year, but it was one of the greatest numbers. There was only one year placed higher on the annals, and that was in 1897, when they were placed 10th on the analysis, whereas this year they were 12th, which was very good indeed—if they did not ring quite so many peals there was better quality. The congratulations of the Association were due to the Kettering company upon having rung a peal of London Surprise, and to their energetic leader (Mr. D. Nichols) in persevering with his band of men in such a way as he had done (near, hear). Congratulations were also due to the Irthlingborough company, who had hard luck in not completing a peal of Bristol. The places where restorations were in hand in belfries and bells were Finedon and Tichmarsh. The report regretted the deaths since the last meeting of Mr. Newman, of Higham Ferrers (late secretary of the Wellingborough District), and an hon. member, the Rev. F. M. Stopford, of Tichmarsh. The finances showed a balance in hand of £28 18s. 10d.—The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The Chairman then presented a gold medal to Mr. F. Wilford, the hon. secretary, in recognition of his having taken part in 100 peals by the Association.—Several new members were elected to the Association.—Upon the proposition of Irthlingborough, it was decided to send two delegates to the Central Council instead of one as hitherto, and Messrs. Wilford (hon. secretary) and Nichols (Kettering) were appointed. It was decided to make a grant of two guineas towards the restoration and improvement to Finedon belfry and bells, the Rev. A. I. Greaves, in returning thanks, remarking that they intended to do the work thoroughly.—It was suggested, that instead of peals being artistically inscribed in the "Peal Book" at a cost, they should be written in free of cost, was not adopted.—It was decided that a member should be appointed in each belfry to collect subscriptions, and forward them to the district secretaries.—The Chairman then thanked the Rector of Kettering for allowing them the use of the belfry and bells, and for being present at the meeting, and Councillor Mackay for his presence, both gentlemen suitably replying, the latter extending a hearty welcome to the ringers to Kettering.—A vote of thanks to the President closed the meeting.—Ringing was indulged in during the day upon the bells of the Parish Church, and at Isham and Rothwell.

THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD

The sixth meeting of the year of the above Guild was held at St. Mary, Stone-in-Oxney, Kent, on Saturday, representatives attending from Appledore, Iden, Rye, Tenterden and the local tower. Grand-sire Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were the methods practised, and excellent striking was obtained.—The Master (Mr. G. Billenness) presided at the business meeting, held in the belfry.—It was unanimously resolved, on the proposition of Mr. C. Tribe, seconded by Mr. C. Wenham, to hold the next meeting at Appledore on the last Saturday in the month, and at that meeting the officials hope as many as possible will attend, as the question of holding an outing in July is to be discussed, and it is the desire of the officers to fix a convenient date, which could be settled upon easier, and to the satisfaction of all the members by a large assembly.—The proposal by Mr. C. W. Player, seconded by Mr. G. Johnson, to attempt a peal of Grand-sire Triples at Romney on the third Saturday in the month was unanimously passed.—This concluded the business, and after several more touches had been rung, the bells were lowered in peal.

MEETING OF THE ELY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Ely Diocesan Guild was held at Chatteris, on Whit-Monday. The first touch was 1008 Grand-sire Minor, by: E. W. Cattell (Sutton) 1, D. Crashlev (Chatteris) 2, R. Knight (Sutton) 3, J. Rawlinson (Chatteris) 4, G. Few (Sutton) 5, A. Abrams (Chatteris), conductor, 6. Afterwards 360 Grand-sire Minor was rung. Tea took place in the Parish Room (the Rev. F. H. Bagshaw) presiding. Afterwards touches of Oxford Treble Bob and Grand-sire were rung, and the bells were lowered at 9.30 by the Sutton and Chatteris bands. The peal, tenor 11½ cwt., were hung about two years ago by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**PRESENTATION TO THE HON. SECRETARY.**

The 32nd annual meeting of this Association was held at Kelvedon on Whit-Monday. For upwards of 30 years the annual meetings had been held at Chelmsford, but last year the Association decided to visit each district in rotation, and the new venture proved an unqualified success in every way. Over 100 ringers were present from upwards of 30 parishes, many old faces appearing that had not attended the annual gathering for many years.

The proceedings commenced with a service in the Parish Church. The prayers were intoned by the Vicar (the Rev. E. F. Hay), the lesson read by the Rev. A. F. Curtis, Vicar of Feering, and Rural Dean, and a very appropriate address given by the Rev. H. S. Sanders, Rector of Woodford. The Rev. J. Valpy (curate) was also present, as also was the surplised choir in full strength.

The business meeting followed in the Infants' Schoolroom, Mr. C. H. Howard (Master) presiding.—The report showed a most satisfactory state of affairs, the membership of 773 establishing a record, and finances, as shown in the balance sheet, were considered in excellent condition.—Discussion arose with reference to the reserve fund, now standing at £105. A scheme was suggested whereby older members of certain years' standing should be relieved of payment of subscription and become honorary members, and it was resolved to refer the matter to the general committee to report upon at the next annual meeting, to be held at West Ham.—All the officers were re-elected.

A letter was read from Mr. J. F. Penning, Saffron Walden, upon the question of forming a benevolent fund, and after discussion, it was deemed not advisable to proceed with the matter until after the Insurance Act was in operation.

The Master called the attention of the members to the Shoreditch bells restoration fund, reminding them that the Association had no fund to meet such appeals, and urging the members to send their contributions to Mr. J. Bradley, hon. secretary of the fund.

THE REV. H. T. EYRE'S SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGED.

A very interesting ceremony then took place—the presentation of a silver rose bowl on plinth, with suitable inscription, a pair of silver vases, and a travelling suit case, to the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, in appreciation of his valuable services as honorary secretary for 21 years.

The Master, in making the presentation, spoke of the great work accomplished by Mr. Eyre. He wished him many years of health to enjoy the gifts offered him in gratitude, and expressed a wish that he would continue his services as hon. secretary for many years to come.

The Hon. Secretary, in thanking the members for their handsome presents, gave a short sketch of the history and progress of the Association during its existence, and mentioned that only six members now remained upon the books of those who formed the Association at Writtle in 1879, and four of them were present at the meeting that day, viz.: Messrs. W. Chalk, senr. (Maldon), C. Bearman (Bocking), and W. H. Dyson and F. Rudkin (Braintree).

Thanks were accorded the preacher for his address, to the various incumbents for the use of the bells, and to the Vicar of Kelvedon for the kind way he had received the ringers, and to the choir and organist for their attendance at the service. The members afterwards dined at the Parish Room, the churchwardens of Kelvedon, and the Rev. W. A. Errington, Rector of Hunsdon, being among those present.—The members afterwards proceeded in brakes to Great Tey, Feering and Coggeshall, for ringing. The Rector of Hunsdon also kindly conveyed some in his motor-car. Touches were brought round in various methods, ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise, and Messrs. C. Fenn, R. Fenn, T. Faulkner and A. C. Hardy, of Barking, gave an exhibition of their skill in ringing a touch of London Surprise Major, double-handed.

The unanimous opinion prevailed that the Association had held the most successful and enjoyable gathering for many years.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The Whit-Monday meeting of the above Association took place at West Hartlepool, the towers of Staunton, St. Oswald's and St. Aidan's being opened all day to the visitors. Dinner was partaken of at the Grand Hotel, the Rev. B. Jealous presiding.—Letters of regret for non-attendance were received from the President (Mr. C. L. Routledge), also from Mr. W. Story and Mr. J. W. Parker, who were attending the Central Council meeting.—After the loyal toast had been duly honoured, the Chairman spoke of the splendid facilities for ringing in West Hartlepool, the town now possessing three peals of bells.—Mr. W. H. Porter moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of the respective churches, who had so kindly allowed the Association the use of the bells that day.—Mr. T. Langley seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously, and acknowledged by the Rev. C. B. Code. Subsequently the ringers dispersed, and ringing was continued for the greater part of the day.

The summer meeting of the Association will be held at Corbridge and Stenham on July 27th.

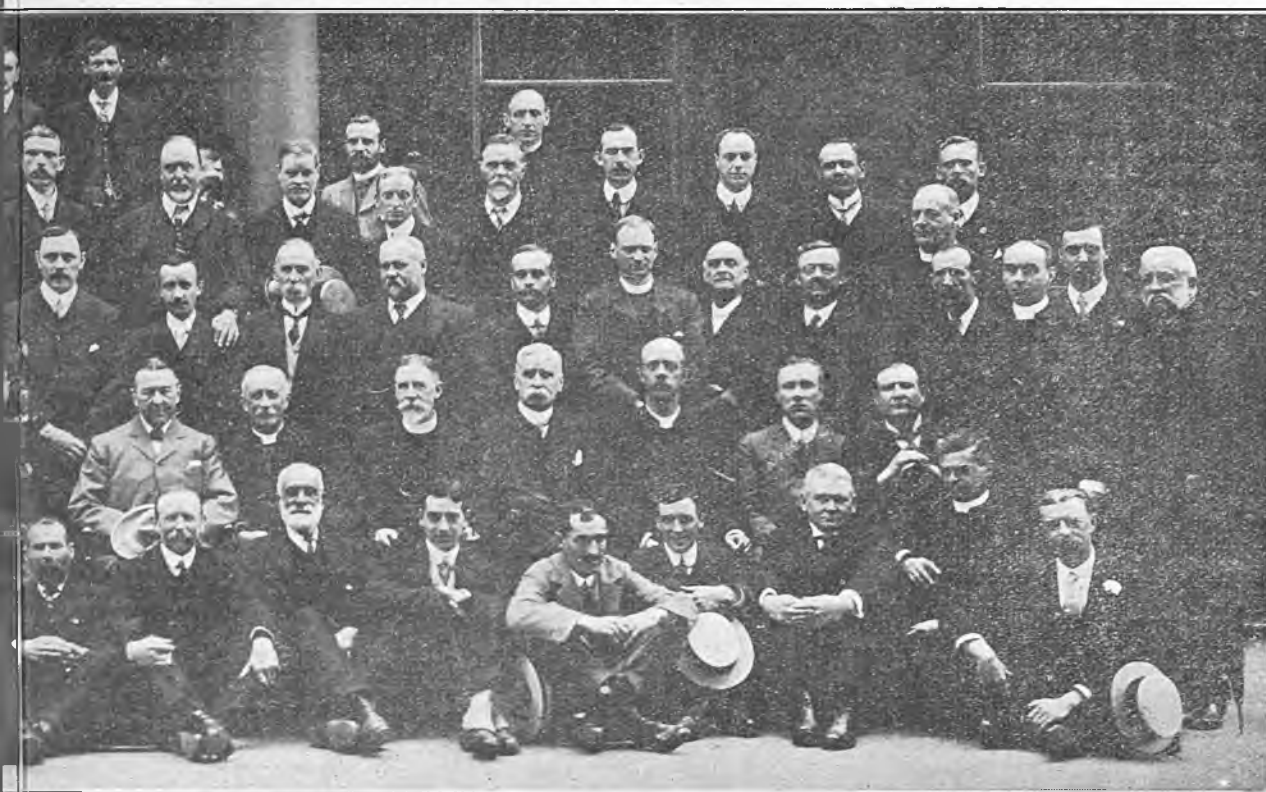
WARWICK.—On Sunday, May 5th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Caters (1277 changes): Miss J. I. Williams 1, E. H. Adams 2, F. Moss 3, T. Male 4, J. Jones 5, F. Brassington 6, W. Male 7, J. Standby 8, H. Middleton (conductor) 9, G. Lapworth 10.

A large group photograph of approximately 40 men, likely the members of the 1896-97 Board of Directors of the University of Chicago. The men are arranged in several rows, posing in front of a building with large windows. They are dressed in formal attire, including suits, ties, and hats. The photograph is in black and white.

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This handsome gift should give a great stimulus to peal ringing. Ever since the analysis has been on the present basis of point scoring there has been keen competition among, at any rate, most of the leading societies for the place of honour at the head of the table, but hitherto there has been nothing tangible to mark the success of the association occupying the premier position. Now, however, the Exercise will be in possession of a trophy worthy of the Art and one which any association successful in winning it may be proud to hold.

Some there may be who prefer to see the societies contesting purely for the honour of gaining the coveted position, but we think the general body of ringers will welcome the idea of having a trophy which they may hold as a recognition of their prowess, especially when that trophy is such a magnificent one as that which Messrs. Warner have now presented.

The cup is to be competed for annually and, as already mentioned, will go to the association which holds the highest aggregate of peal points for the previous twelve months. Beyond this Messrs. Warner attach no conditions to the competition, except that the first holders of the cup will be the association who top the analysis for the present year, 1912.

The trophy, which will be known as "The Warner Cup," is valued at 50 guineas, and is of splendid workmanship. An excellent photograph of the cup is given in the art supplement with this number, but some further particulars will be of interest. Made of solid silver, the cup stands 23 inches high, is 17 inches wide and weighs no less than 120 ozs. As will be noticed, the knob at the top is shaped like a bell, while the cup, which is of handsome proportions, is suitably engraved. The Latin quotation, "Ars non habet inimicum nisi ignorantem," means, very freely translated, "only the ignorant despise the art," a very apt phrase. The cup is mounted upon a plinth containing 12 silver bells which are intended for the names of the successful associations as they become the holders.

This trophy should be a great encouragement to ringers to go forward in the Art, to aspire to higher methods and so bring to the credit of their association increased points for the peals they ring. The generous gift which Messrs. Warner and Sons have made to the Exercise will be highly valued by ringers who will fully appreciate the spirit of encouragement which prompted the provision of such a handsome cup.

A large clock and chimes are to be fixed in the Parish Church of Maulden, Bedfordshire, which is to be of the finest construction and to keep accurate time. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, are carrying out the work. The same firm recently fixed a clock in the neighbouring church of Silsoe, and they are also making a large clock for Pennington, Hants.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Although we have enlarged this issue to 20 pages, the pressure on our space is so great that we have unavoidably been obliged to hold over several reports. The next instalment of the history of York Minster bells will appear next week.

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The excellent photograph of the Kent Association members at Westerham, was taken by Mr. F. G. Benson, Keswick Studio, Westerham, from whom copies may now be had.

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We are indebted to Mr. C. T. Coles for the photograph of the Hornchurch long peal band.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL PHOTOGRAPH.

Photographic copies of the Central Council group can be obtained from the office of "The Ringing World," price 2s. 3d. post free. Orders, with remittance, should be sent without delay.

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Records are made but to be broken. On Whit-Monday a new surprise Major record was set up. On Saturday, the previous hand-bell record was beaten by five members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, who, as our peal records show, rang 14,031 Stedman Caters in hand in seven hours three minutes. It is a splendid performance, and one worthy of ranking among the greatest achievements in the art. It is a crowning success to the splendid efforts of the Winchester men who, both at Guildford and elsewhere, have done a great deal to popularise handbell peals.

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It is interesting to note that although the peal at Guildford contained nearly 600 changes more than the 13,440 Bob Major rung on Whit-Monday, 1911, at Pudsey, Yorks, and that there were two more bells, the time actually occupied was four minutes less. The average pace of the 14,000 was practically 2,000 an hour, although at one time the bells were running at the great pace of 37 changes per minute.

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A hitch in the going off course caused a second start to be made, but the peal was rung with extremely few faults. The slightest hesitation on the part of either of the ringers and the brilliant conductor, Mr. A. H. Pulling, had the whole position well in hand in a moment; indeed, the trips seemed to be corrected almost before they were made. The turning course, which came up in 3 hours 34 minutes was absolutely perfect, and in the last 2,500 changes—unquestionably the severest tax of all—there was hardly a blow out of place.

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It was really a magnificent performance upon which the band deserves the greatest congratulation. It was an interesting coincidence that the peal was Mr. A. H. Pulling's 100th on handbells as conductor, and also brought Mr. J. Hunt's aggregate up to 300.

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A meeting for combined practice for the Sonning Branch of the Oxford Guild was held at Waltham, St. Lawrence, on Saturday last. Owing to the uncertainty of the weather the attendance was rather below the average, only ten

members being present, representing Binfield, Sandhurst, Hurst, and the local band. Touches of Kent and Plain Bob Minor were rung, also Grandsire and Stedman Doubles on handbells.

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The Central Council meeting on Whit-Tuesday was the most largely attended in the history of that body. It surpassed by two the previous best.

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Peals of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus are few and far between, and this makes the peal at Cripplegate, recorded in our last issue, all the more interesting. The previous peal of Oxford Maximus, so far as we can ascertain, was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on August 2, 1897. At the time it was claimed, and the claim was not disputed, to be the first peal of Oxford Twelve with the big bells in plain course order for 95 years, the previous one having been the 7,104 by the Royal Cumberland Youths at St. Saviour's, Southwark, in 1802, conducted by George Gross, junior.

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The special reference to the big bells in the plain course order was necessary, because the Norwich Association had also rung (on November 25th, 1887, at Ipswich), a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus with the bells in the tittums—the only peal of Oxford Twelve of its kind ever rung. Both the Norwich Association peals were conducted by James Motts, and, in addition, his brother William, and Edgar Pemberton, W. L. Catchpole and Robert Brundle were in the two.

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Owing to the death of Mr. Arthur Jacob, the meeting of the Middlesex Association, which was to have been held to-morrow, at Hornsey, with which tower the deceased was connected, has been postponed.

THE RECORD PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE.

MR. G. LINDOFF'S 15,264.

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CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The 14th annual meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Thornaby-on-Tees, including Stockton and Middlesbrough on Whit-Monday. Ringers attended from Carlton in Cleveland, Guisbrough, Hemingbrough, Marske, Middleham, Middlesbrough, Robin Hood's Bay, Redcar, Sharow, Stockton, Selby, Skelton, Ormesby, Thornaby and Whitby. A committee meeting was held in the morning, and a special service took place in the Thornaby Parish Church at noon, the address being given by the Rev. R. Hawley Sharpe, who welcomed the Association most heartily to Thornaby, and hoped that the work they had taken up would be most successful. Dinner was provided at the Sadler's Hotel, Thornaby, the President (the Rev. W. P. Wright) being in the chair, supported by the Vice-Presidents (Dr. H. C. Pauli and G. F. Alexander), and the secretary. Between thirty and forty members sat down to a most substantial dinner.

Afterwards the loyal toast was duly honoured, and Dr. Pauli gave "The Archbishop, Bishop and Clergy." He referred to the great interest the clergy took in ringers and their Associations, and coupled with the toast the names of the Rev. R. Hawley Sharpe (Vicar of Thornaby), whom he thanked for his magnificent address, and for the use of the bells; the Rev. Canon Martin (Vicar of Stockton), and the Rev. F. H. Stock (Vicar of Middlesbrough), whom he also thanked for the use of their bells.—The President replied, and stated that at a special committee meeting, held at Ormesby, it was suggested that the new Bishop of Ripon should be asked to allow his name to remain in the report as patron of the Association, and also that the Archbishop of York should be asked to become a patron of the Association. He (the President) had written to both, with the result that the Bishop of Ripon would gladly allow his name to remain, while the reply from the Archbishop was also in the affirmative. The Archbishop sent a cheque for two guineas as a life member of the Association, and wished them every success in their work (applause).

The Secretary's report showed that the Association was in a most prosperous position, and was doing a great work in the art of change ringing in the wide area of Cleveland. The membership was growing gradually, and the finances were going in the right direction. Several handbell peals had been rung during the year at Robin Hood's Bay, through the energy and perseverance of one of their vice-presidents (Mr. G. F. Alexander), who was to be congratulated upon such interesting work.—The President congratulated the secretary upon the excellent report, and moved that the best thanks be given to Mr. Metcalfe.—This was carried by applause.—The President reported that some time ago that he had had some conversation with the Rev. J. C. Fowler, Vicar of Whorlton and Swainby, about the repair of their bells. Seeing that there was a good balance at the bank to the credit of the Association, and also that there was a recommendation from the committee that a grant of £5 be made to the Rev. J. C. Fowler towards the repair of the bells, the suggestion was carried unanimously.

The places for the meetings to be held during the year are (September) Marske, Saltburn, Skelton and Guisbrough, (Easter Monday, 1913) Whitby and Robin Hood's Bay; the annual meeting, Ripon and Sharow.—A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Newton, and seconded by Mr. F. A. Millanby, to the retiring officers, Mr. G. F. Alexander replying.—The chair was then taken by Mr. Newton, and the retiring officers were unanimously re-elected.

This terminated the business meeting, and the ringers dispersed to the various towers, the majority going to Stockton to try their hand on the ten. During the evening some good ringing was done in various methods.

LEEDS SOCIETY AT TONG.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Tong on June 1st. No attempt was made for a peal, but touches in various Minor methods were rung by visitors. The business meeting was held in the evening at the Greyhound Inn.—The President occupied the chair, supported by members from Armley, Bramley, Bolton, Guiseley, Holbeck, Headingley, Leeds, Mirfield, Pudsey, Queensbury, and the local band. Arising out of the minutes was the question of the next meeting, and the President announced that he had not yet received any reply from Tadcaster, but the next meeting place would be announced in "The Ringing World."—Mr. B. Coupland, of Pudsey, was elected a member of the society.—Mr. P. J. Johnson, as Central Council representative, then gave an account of the Council's meeting, and a vote of thanks to him for his report was passed, on the motion of Mr. E. Mann, and seconded by Mr. G. Bolland.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Tong, and to the local company, was proposed by Mr. J. Whitaker, seconded by Mr. F. W. Thorpe, and carried.—Mr. G. Bolland responded, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting. The tower was then again visited, and further ringing done.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Sunday evening, May 12th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Long 1, A. Brooks 2, L. A. Smith (Leckhamstead), first quarter, 3, T. Bull 4, G. Brooks 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, C. Walker 8.

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12 : 10 : 12	10 : 8 : 9.10	11 : 9 : 12	10 : 8 : —	12.12 : 10 : 12	10 : 8 : 9.10
Oran-ges and D.C. When will that	le-mons says the be says the	bells of St. bells of Step	Clemen's; - ney;	You owe me five farthings I do not	says the know, says the

11 : 9 : 12	10 : 8 : —	9 : 7 : 9	7 : 5 : 6.7	8 : 6 : 9	7 : 5 : —
bells of St. great bell of	Martin's Bow.	When will you	pay me says the	bells of Old	Bai-ley;

D.C.					
9 : 7 : 9	5 : — : 6.7	8 : 6 : 9	5 : — : —	10 : 8 : 12	10 : 8 : 9.10
When I grow	rich, says the	bells of Shore-ditch;		Here comes a	can-dle to

9 : 11 7	8 : — : 9	10 : 8 : 12	10 : 8 : 9.10	11 : 10 : 9	8 : — : —
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

SPECIAL REPORT BY OUR OWN REPRESENTATIVE.

(CONTINUED).

We continue on this page the full report of the 22nd annual meeting of the Central Council, held at Church House, Westminster, on Whit-Tuesday.

DISESTABLISHMENT BILL PROTEST.

The President (Sir A. P. Heywood) said that as that was a meeting of Churchmen, he did not think it would be out of place; in fact, he thought it would be in every respect a mistake if at that gathering they failed to express an opinion upon the Bill now before Parliament, which concerned their own interests by and bye, and at the moment, the interests of their Welsh brethren (hear, hear). He referred, of course, to the Bill for the disestablishment and disendowment of the Church in Wales. He did not propose that there should be any discussion upon the matter, but he did think that at this time, when every Church body throughout the length and breadth of the land was passing resolutions on the subject, it would ill-become them to let the opportunity go by without an expression of their opinion (applause). This was a Bill which affected them primarily as Churchmen, because if the Church in Wales were disestablished it would be only a preliminary to demanding the disestablishment of the Church in England. He did not want to put the matter forward on the grounds of personal interest, because he would prefer that they should state first that in their opinion it was a very unfair Bill to the clergy, but it would of necessity militate against the interests of ringing, first of all because any Church that had its income depleted must necessarily have less money to pay away. It was true ringers did not get largely paid, and in many cases did not get paid at all, but if they looked back a few hundred years they would see that when the churches were in financial difficulty the first thing to go was the church bells. He was not prepared to say that would happen again, but when one was starving one was not very particular what one did to get food. There was one question that had been asked in connection with this Bill, but never answered, and that was, "Who was going to benefit by it?" When a Bill was brought forward in Parliament they wanted to justify it by showing that it was going to benefit somebody. They had a Bill brought forward recently for giving each Member of Parliament £400 a year. That was intelligible. It benefited every member of Parliament to that extent (laughter). Then they had the great National Insurance Bill. That was a magnificent endeavour on the part of the Government to deal with a most complicated question. In it the Government had tried to do their best for the poorer members of the community. There was a definite benefit in that Bill, but no one had yet shown who was going to benefit under the Welsh Disestablishment Bill. It was perfectly clear who was going to lose. The clergy were going to lose 13s. 4d. out of every £1 of their income. It was a little bit hard, as had recently been pointed out by Lord Selborne, that the gentlemen who had just voted themselves £400 a year each, should go on to try and take away from the poor clergy, with possibly less than £200 a year, what they had. There did not seem the fairness about it that one would have expected in the House of Commons.

DEVOID OF JUSTIFICATION.

As regards taking away the income, the argument that had been used was that a church without an income would be a better church, it would have to work harder, it would have to do more to justify its existence. Very well, let them admit that argument for the moment. The proposal was originally to take away all but 1s. 6d. in the £, then, under pressure, the Government had given way to the extent of proposing to take away all but 6s. 8d. in the £, but if their contention that the poorer the church was the better, why in the world did they not stick to their first proposal to take away all but 1s. 6d. There was no logic about it at all. Another strong argument, and one that appealed to him most strongly of all, was that if it were such a bad thing for the church to have an income, if it were supposed that a church without an income could do better work than a church with one, why was it that the Nonconformists throughout Wales, and England as well, over and over again had stated through their principal ministers that what was impeding their work was want of funds; that they could not deal with the large masses of people in populous places as thoroughly as they wished because they had not got the money to pay their ministers? What was sauce for the goose was sauce for the gander, and if they were going to apply the same reasoning to the Church of England there was no earthly reason why they should attempt to take away the present small income that went to the Church clergy. He proposed: "That the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers protests against the Bill now before Parliament to disestablish and disendow the Church in Wales as a measure entirely devoid of justification" (hear, hear).

Mr. A. T. King seconded, and remarked that the resolution was couched in terms which could not fail to commend itself to everyone of them (applause).

The Rev. A. T. Beeston thought they should indicate that the Central Council represented so many ringers throughout the country.—The President said they would insert the words "representing 39 associations of England containing approximately so many members." The actual number could be inserted when ascertained.

The resolution, on being put, was carried unanimously.

The President said he might add that no one talked of disestablishing the Church without disendowing it. He did not know that he had any objection to it being disestablished, but those who wanted to disestablish it wanted to disendow it. They wanted the money, that was what they wanted.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews asked where the resolution was to be sent. The President said he did not know there was any object in sending it anywhere. He thought it would be a good plan to put it in the Church papers. They might send it to the "Telegraph" if they liked.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews suggested it should be sent to Mr. Bonar Law.—A Member: Send it to Mr. Asquith, too.—The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards suggested that as Mr. McKenna and the Chancellor of the Exchequer did not read the Church papers, it would be well if it were sent to them.—The President: If you were the minister in charge of a contentious Bill you can just imagine what you would do with it.—Eventually the matter was left to the President and Hon. Secretary.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Rev. A. F. H. Boughey proposed the re-election of the Standing Committee: The President, the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. H. Law James, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Mr. H. Dains, Mr. J. Griffin, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Mr. R. A. Daniell and Mr. W. Snowdon.—Canon Papillon seconded, and the motion was carried.

PEAL COLLECTION PROGRESSING.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported on the work of the Peal Collection Committee. There was not, he said, very much to say except that the work was going steadily on. They had not as yet availed themselves of the permission to publish by instalments, but that did not mean to say that final publication was not nearer. Week by week they eliminated a lot of false peals. There were a great many more false ones than he expected when he took the work in hand. He was very anxious when the publication was made that the book should be really accurate, without any falseness in it. If this were to be secured it meant going slowly and having the work checked over twice, if not more than twice. The committee were doing their best to ensure that there should be no mistake, and that any conductor might take a peal from the book as it stood, and be quite sure he was not ringing a false peal.—On the motion of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, the committee was re-elected.

A CHANGE OF TITLE.

Mr. R. A. Daniell reported progress on behalf of the Church Press Committee. He said he had hoped to be able to present the report. The catalogue of books he had practically done. The general books, particularly the books on county bells, and of bells and steeples, were practically complete, and he was glad to tell them that Mr. Walter, of the British Museum, had promised to revise that list, so that it would be as accurate as was possible. As regards the manuscripts, he had thought that he had done with them, but he found reference to a manuscript at Oxford, which he did not know of, and he had not yet had the opportunity of going to see it. He hoped soon, however, to send the draft report round to the committee. He was sorry not to have had it finished, but it really took a great deal of time.

Canon Papillon said the work of the committee was started originally when it was thought desirable to call the attention of the clergy to ringing matters through the Church Press. A certain amount was done in the way of articles and letters to the "Guardian" and other papers, and now that that work had been done he would like to see the committee called the Literature Committee.—The Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded, and thought it was a good suggestion.—The Rev. Maitland Kelley expressed a desire to retire from the committee, which, with that exception, was re-elected, viz.: Rev. H. A. Cockey, Canon Papillon, Mr. Daniell and Mr. Dains.

The President said he hailed with delight the information that before long they would have the results of the inquiry which had been going on now, he thought, for 22 years (laughter, and hear, hear).

FIFTEEN HUNDRED TREBLE BOB METHODS!

The Rev. H. Law James, reporting for the Legitimate Methods Committee, said they had been quietly going on with the work behind the scenes. There were two books in the room, containing something like 1,500 Treble Bob Major methods and 300 or 400 Surprise methods—which was the instalment they had been dealing with this year. It meant a good many years yet before they got real fruit, but they were going quietly and steadily on. The committee wanted to give them the real thing when they had done.

The Hon. Secretary said Mr. J. Carter had written signifying his desire to resign from the committee.—The Rev. H. Law James suggested that Mr. E. H. Lewis be added to the committee, he having consented to help them.—The committee, consisting of the Rev. H. Law James, Mr. H. Dains and Mr. J. A. Trollope, with the addition of Mr. E. H. Lewis, were re-elected, on the motion of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, seconded by Mr. H. W. Wilde.

PEAL VALUES.

The Hon. Secretary presented the report of the Peal Values Committee, which was as follows:—

Your committee, having carefully considered the questions referred to them at the meeting of the Council, at Leicester last year, beg leave to report as follows:—

As regards points for peals on seven bells and upwards, they recommend the adoption of the schedule brought forward by Mr. J. Griffin, and supported by Mr. A. T. King, and calculated from the formula.

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In the matter of points for peals of Minor, they recommend: 1 point for each 720 rung in any plain method, 2 for each 720 in any Treble Bob Method, 3 for each such in any method with "Broken Leads," and 4 for each such in any Surprise Method, each 720 to be counted as such, whether rung all through in one and the same method in the usual manner, or composed of touches in more than one method, making up, when taken together, one true 720. Also, in addition to the points thus apportioned to the seven 720's, of which the peal consists, they recommend that a point be given for each method rung, commencing with the second method. Thus, for a peal consisting of seven 720's in one and the same plain method, such as Plain Bob, 7 points would be given; and for one consisting of seven 720's in fourteen Surprise Methods 41 points would be given; that is, 28 points for the seven 720's, and 13 points for the fourteen methods.

(Signed ARTHUR B. CARPENTER,

JOHN CARTER,

HENRY DAINS,

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Note.—Though signing this report, Mr. Carter wishes it to be stated that he is strongly averse to any 720, consisting of portions in different methods. He considers that each 720 should be rung straight through in one and the same method.

The Hon. Secretary added that all the members of the committee were strongly of opinion that they could do no more, and they really wished to resign. Of course, they left it entirely to the Council, but their own personal feeling was that the work would be far better done by the Analysis Committee. This was not through feeling of any sort—the relations between them and the Analysis Committee had always been most delightful, but the committee felt strongly that they had done all they could.

The President said those who could cast their minds back to the last meeting would remember that some difficulty was expressed as to the awkwardness of that committee and the Analysis Committee not being one and the same committee, and it was felt that the work of the Peal Values Committee might very well be done by the Analysis Committee. The Standing Committee advised, and he hoped the Council would agree to the suggestion, that the report of the Peal Values Committee be deferred until they reached the resolution on the agenda dealing with the same subject. There might be matters cropping up which would necessitate these two being considered together.—This was agreed to.

PEALS OF MINOR.

The Rev. H. Law James moved that "a peal of Minor must consist of at least seven true 720's, and the bells must strike rounds only once at the end of each, and immediately go into the next. The peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 720's fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 720 changes to make up some definite number." He said he brought the motion forward last year, and it was slightly amended into the form of a recommendation, because it was thought hardly fair it should be carried without giving the six-bell ringers all over the country a fair amount of notice. Practically, the Council agreed with the spirit of the resolution last year. It was carried in the form it was, with the understanding that he should bring it up again this year. Let them look at the matter from the point of view of what really was a peal. A peal of Doubles was 120 changes—that was on pure theory—a peal of Minor was 720 changes, a peal of Triples 5,040 changes, a peal of Major 40,320 changes. That had been the ideal right the way through. Then came the practical difficulty, how were they to compare these different numbers. With regard to Major, it had been got over by making Triples the standard, and 5,000 of Major was called a peal. When it came to Doubles and Minor they had to ring an equivalent number of peals to make up one 5,000, and so the custom had arisen of ringing seven 720's. The thing could be done in true 720's up to, he believed, 31 Minor methods in the seven 720's, so there need be no difficulty from that point of view. The band that rang 31 methods in seven true 720's would have done a performance well worth talking about. His experience of 14 Minor methods was that they were a considerably more severe tax on the mind at the time than a 5,000 of London Major.—Mr. R. Richardson seconded.

Mr. Dains said he did not like these restrictions. In Minor, after ringing 720, what else was there to do? All they could get was repetition, and there was nothing else but the method. The more method they could put into it the better. He would like to propose an amendment to add after "720's," "or the equivalent number of eighteen-scores to make up 5,000." A true peal of it they could not make if they tried, and why they should limit it to 720's he could hardly see.

(To be Continued).

HEREFORDSHIRE GUILD COMPETITION.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED AT GLASBURY.

The first ringing competition, held under the auspices of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, took place at St. Peter's Church, Glasbury-on-Wye, on Empire Day. The proceedings began with the hoisting of a magnificent new "white ensign" on the tower, the gift of Capt. A. Glen Kidston, who was also the originator of the contest. At eleven o'clock, the time fixed for the commencement of the competition, the genial captain arrived, and amidst the rousing cheers of the assembled ringers, proceeded to the ringing chamber, where he presented the local band with a splendid eight-day clock. The draw for places was performed by Captain Kidston. Eleven bands had entered, and the test was 360 Grandsire Doubles. Mr. H. Withers was the adjudicator. The first band started shortly after eleven o'clock, and at one p.m. a halt was made, and at the kind invitation of Capt. Kidston, the competitors were enabled to partake of an excellent luncheon, provided by Host Reading in St. Peter's Hall. Capt. Kidston presided, and after proposing the toast of "The King," gave "Success to the Hereford Diocesan Guild." He said it was the first time a competition had been held in that Association, and it would not be right to part without wishing them success. He had the church very near at heart (hear, hear), and he felt that those who rang the bells were a credit to the Guild. He welcomed them all to Glasbury, and hoped the competition would instil enthusiasm, and that the ringers would not rest content until they had reached the goal of perfection. Last, but not least, he wished success to the Church, and long life and prosperity to the Rev. H. H. Gibbon (applause).—The Master of the Guild (Mr. John G. Buchanan) replied for the Guild. He remarked that he had great doubt as to whether many teams would enter because the Guild was somewhat old-fashioned, and he was greatly astonished to hear there were eleven entries. It was very creditable to see such fruitful results at the first performance. It was, he added, most kind of the captain to entertain them in the way he had—providing lunch, paying expenses and giving the prizes. They found friends where they least expected them. They should remember that they were taking part as servants of the church, and should conduct themselves respectfully and reverently. He asked them to drink to the health of Capt. Glen Kidston.—This was done with musical honours, and the Rev. H. H. Gibbon then responded to the toast of "The Church." Afterwards, while lingering over the fragrant weed, Mr. H. Withers held the company spellbound while he gave a selection of tunes and change ringing on his dulcimer. The competition was then resumed, while those that had rung strolled leisurely about admiring the beautiful scenery and listening to the bells. Others went as far as "Gwenyfed," the seat of Capt. Kidston, and there spent their time in inspecting the well-kept grounds. The competition over, two members of the committee totalled up the faults of each band recorded by the adjudicator, and Capt. Glen Kidston then declared the result of the contest as follows: 1 Glasbury, 2 Talgarth, 3 Leintwardine, 4 Cradley, 5 Bracon, 6 Hereford Cathedral, 7 Bosbury, 8 Whitbourne, 9 Llangattock, 10 Bredenbury, 11 Built Wells. The ringers afterwards adjourned to the Three Cocks Hotel for tea. They spent a most enjoyable day, through the kind generosity of Capt. A. Glen Kidston, who paid the whole of the expenses, including return railway fares. It is intended by the Captain to make this an annual affair, and he is providing a challenge shield to last for six years, the band winning it most times to retain it.

The committee responsible for the arrangements consisted of the Rev. H. H. Gibbon, Mr. E. Butler, Capt. A. Glen Kidston, Messrs. L. Lewis, E. R. Jones and J. P. Hyett. It being their first experience of a ringing competition they are to be congratulated on the way they carried out their programme. It will be a day long to be remembered by the 70 odd ringers present.

ST. STEPHEN'S, WEST EALING.

In the presence of a large congregation, the new Vicar of St. Stephen's, West Ealing (the Rev. Wm. H. Thompson, LL.D.) was collated and inducted by the Bishop of Kensington on Thursday week.

The procession, headed by the choir, and Messrs. L. S. Guy and A. J. F. Gunning (churchwardens) entered the church by the north door, filed up the centre aisle towards the Bishop's chair, the university hoods of the numerous clergy making pleasing notes of brilliant colour. Every detail of the ceremony was watched with interest by the congregation, and after the reading of the Mandate, the newly inducted Vicar, with the Rural Dean, went to the church door, and took possession of the key, afterwards tolling one of the bells in conformity with custom.

The offerings at the service were devoted to the fund for hanging the bells, which are castings of a high standard from the foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and have recently been hung for ringing. Prior to the service, by request of the church authorities, the following well-known members of the Middlesex Association rang a 504 of Steadman Triples. The ringers were: J. J. Pratt, Hillingdon (conductor) 1, G. Ransom (Isleworth) 2, Wm. Lawrence (Hanwell) 3, W. Lidbetter (Brentford) 4, T. Beadle (Isleworth) 5, W. H. Fussell (Slough) 6, J. H. B. Hesse (Teddington) 7, A. Harding (Ealing) 8.—At the conclusion of the ringing, the new Vicar, with the churchwarden Mr. A. J. F. Gunning, visited the belfry, and complimented the band on the excellence of their performance, and said how glad he was to find so good a peal of bells there.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT WESTERHAM. BENEVOLENT FUND STARTED.

Delightful weather favoured the thirty-third annual meeting of the Kent Association, which was held on Whitsun Monday, at Westerham, a picturesque little town just on the borders of Kent and Surrey. Not so accessible as Tonbridge, where the meeting has generally been held when it comes to the Tonbridge district's turn, nor as Sevenoaks, from which for many years past the Association has been excluded by local prejudice, Westerham, the birth-place of General Wolfe, with its beautiful church and fine ring of eight (tenor 23½ cwt.) and its able band of ringers, seemed to the committee a suitable place for the annual meeting; and the 130 members or so who attended from various parts of the county and from London, were not disappointed. Ringing began shortly after 10 a.m., and many short touches were rung before the service, and also in the afternoon. Other towers open were: Brasted, Sundridge, and the two Limpsfield churches in Surrey, all six-bell towers.

A meeting of the Central Committee was held, as usual, in the morning. At the service at noon, the Form prepared by the Rev. P. A. L. Clarke (Rector of St. Alphege, Canterbury), and the hon. secretary (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore), and sanctioned by the Archbishop and Bishops of Rochester and Southwark, was used for the first time. Several of the adult members of the Westerham choir attended, and Mr. C. H. Drake, organist, of Ospringe, himself a ringer and member of the Central Committee, ably presided at the organ. The prayers were intoned by the hon. secretary, the lesson was read by Col. H. Bonham Carter, the Vicar (the Rev. S. Le Mesurier) only announcing the hymns, which were: "Father of heaven," "Come, gracious Spirit," and "Now thank we all our God." The offertory, "for benevolent purposes," amounted to £1 5s. 8d.

The address was given by the Bishop of Rochester from Numbers x, 1-2, "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, make thee two trumpets of silver . . . that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly and for the journeyings of the camps." The Bishop's kindly and sensible address was listened to with evident attention and interest by the large congregation present, while he compared the uses of the silver trumpets in the old Israelitish wanderings with those of the church bells to-day, the call to awake, the call to assemble, the marking of the passing of time, the sound of alarm.

THE LUNCHEON.

Service ended, the Bishop and others made their way at once to the Public Hall for luncheon, at which the Bishop had promised to preside, but for which he had little time, as he was engaged to be present at an inspection of Church Lads' Brigades and Boy Scouts in Knole Park, some miles away. But the "demon photographer" lay in wait for the officers and such members of the Association as he could inveigle into the Vicarage garden for the fell purposes of his craft, and thereby luncheon was delayed a good half-hour. It was suggested, as also on the following day at the Central Council meeting, that as strikes were so fashionable nowadays, ringers (and others, e.g., kings and princes) might well strike against the incessant photographic group. But in neither case was the suggestion acted upon. Ringers are so tractable and docile, or, perhaps, so many have a secret liking for seeing their own and their friends' faces "photo-ed," that they would be disappointed if the aforesaid demon were not allowed his opportunity. At last, however, the Bishop and the rest, to the number of 140, got their mid-day meal in the Public Hall. At the high table were seated beside his lordship, the Revs. S. Le Mesurier, C. G. Acworth, V. S. Turnbull (Limpsfield Chart), F. J. O. Helmore, Col. Bonham Carter, Major Pilkington, Messrs. Tribe and Latter (district secs.), W. J. Jeffries (Deptford), T. Mannering (Maidstone), E. Barnett (Crayford), G. B. Selby (Westerham), C. H. Drake (Ospringe), and C. F. Johnston (Croydon). Mr. T. Groombridge and other members of committee were seated among the general company.—The Bishop, after grace had been said by the Vicar, briefly proposed the loyal toast, "The King, Queen and Royal Family," and then left for the C.L.B. inspection. The Vicar then took the chair.—Mr. W. Latter proposed the health of the "Archbishop, Bishops and Clergy," to which is generally added at these meetings, "with special thanks to the preacher." On this occasion, however, the preacher had already gone, and so the Vicar responded.

A GRATIFYING REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary then read the annual report, which showed that the Association was in a very flourishing condition, and still on the up-grade. There were now 106 towers in union, and a total membership of 1,206. After recording losses, by death, and other matters, reference was made to the sad accident to the Rev. C. S. M. Playfair, at Folkestone, after the meeting at Folkestone last Whitsun Monday, in order to emphasise the importance of providing a "danger board" to warn anyone who might get up into the belfry that the bells were up, and, therefore, ropes must not be touched. Grants to the amounts of £11 11s. had been paid from the belfry repairs fund, and several others promised, the balance to the credit of the fund being now £112 0s. 4d. The balance in the ordinary account was £98 8s. 3d.

Ninety-eight peals were rung in 1911, including the first peals by the Association of Duffield Royal, Cambridge Royal, and Erin Triples (the

last by eight members of the Crayford band). The first peal of Norfolk Surprise had been rung this year, and also of Waterloo Major, only, unfortunately, the latter turned out to be false. Mr. F. Bennett was to be congratulated on his successful conductorship of these peals. The Association were also delighted to congratulate his daughter, Miss E. L. Bennett, on having rung the first peals on handbells of Grandshire Triples, Bob Major, Grandshire Caters, and Bob Royal.—Mr. Pitman (Lyminge) proposed the adoption of the report and balance sheet, the motion being seconded by Mr. Haigh (Rochester), and carried.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND.

The Hon. Secretary then proposed the formation of a benevolent fund. The subject had been discussed in all the districts, and there was a general consensus of opinion in its favour. He proposed that a start should be made by deducting 15 per cent. from the last year's subscriptions, which, together with the offertory that day, would make about £17 or £18, leaving details of administration to be settled by the Central Committee or by a sub-committee specially appointed by them. It might be objected, he said, that this was a very meagre sum, but the belfry repairs fund was started with less only sixteen years ago, and although they had paid in grants something over £40, their balance to-day was £112. It was a great mistake to "despise the day for small things."—The proposition was seconded by Mr. T. Saunders (East Peckham), and carried.

The re-election of officers was proposed by Mr. G. B. Selby (Westerham), seconded by Mr. F. Bennett (New Cross), and carried, the Revs. H. P. Brawer (Sturry) and F. L. Schreiber (Shipbourne) to be added to the committee.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries (Deptford) proposed the health of the visitors, mentioning by name Col. H. Bonham Carter and Major A. J. Pilkington, both these gentlemen suitably responding to the toast.

The voting for representation on the Central Council resulted in the election of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (105), T. Groombridge (79), E. Barnett (67), and W. J. Jeffries (54), the two other candidates, Messrs. Haigh and Buesdon being just behind with 51 and 48 votes respectively.

After the conclusion of the business, a few short touches were rung on handbells in the hall, Miss Bennett being one of the ringers.—No report has been received as to what ringing was done at the outlying towers, but at Westerham many good touches in various methods were brought round, among them an exceedingly good touch of London Surprise.

FUNERAL OF MR. A. JACOB.

The tragically sudden death of Mr. Arthur R. Jacob, briefly reported last week, cast quite a gloom over the ringing circle with which the deceased was connected. Mr. Jacob, who was in his 60th year, was ringing at Grassendale and Garston on Whit-Sunday, and on the following day seemed in quite his customary health. In the evening, however, while returning from Gateacre Station, in company with two of his fellow workmen, he had a seizure, and died quite suddenly.

The late Mr. Jacob, who was a past Master and hon. sec. of the Royal Cumberland Youths, had a fine peal record. He was associated with the late Mr. George Newson in many peals, and altogether had rung nearly 300, including 13,440 Double Norwich Major. On his fiftieth birthday he rang the tenor to a peal of Treble Ten, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and there and then "booked" the bells for his 60th birthday. He was looking forward to ringing this peal next October, but, alas, it was not to be. The interment took place on Saturday at the Great Northern Cemetery, New Southgate, well within the sound of Southgate bells, where probably he rang more peals than in any other tower. The first part of the service was read in Hornsey Church, in the presence of a good number of ringers. There were also a large number present at the graveside, over which a course of Grandshire Triples was rung by: Miss E. K. Parker, 1-2; F. Smith, 3-4; J. D. Matthews, 5-6; R. Bevan, 7-8. Mr. G. B. Lucas, senr., also played one verse of "Lead, kindly Light."

Among those present were: Mr. R. Warner and Mr. Howell (representing Messrs. Warner and Sons, by whom deceased was employed), Mr. R. A. Daniell, Mr. E. F. Cole, Mr. Henry Dains, Mr. Ben Foskett, and many other old friends of the deceased.

Following the funeral 420 Stedman Triples and 740 Double Norwich were rung at Southgate, with the bells half-muffled, by: E. Bonfield 1, B. Foskett 2, A. Brightman 3, A. N. Hardy 4, J. Miller 5, R. Bevan 6, J. D. Matthews 7, F. Smith 8. There were a number of beautiful wroaths, including one from Messrs. Warner and Sons, and another from his "fellow workers."

NOTICES.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Owing to the sudden death of Mr. Arthur Jacob, the meeting arranged at Hornsey for Saturday, June 8th, has been postponed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes on Saturday, June 8th. Bells ready at 4.—Walter Hughes, Honorary Secretary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sandy tomorrow (Saturday), June 8th. Bells available at 5 p.m.—F. Blood, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas, Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, June 8th, 1912. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Brent on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, meeting to follow.—J. Harris, Hon. Local Secretary, Burnham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stretford. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Hon. Secretary, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—(Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 20th, at St. John's, Hackney, on the 11th and 25th, at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 11th, at Southwark Cathedral on the 18th, and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th at 8 p.m., also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The monthly practice will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Wednesday, June 12th, at 8 o'clock sharp.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bakewell on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting in the Church Institute at 4.30. Tea (1s. 3d. each) at the Queen's Arms Hotel at 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. W. Hopkins, Coombs Road, Bakewell, by Thursday morning, June 13th.—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the South and West District will be held at Norwood Green, on Saturday, June 15th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector at 5. The bells at Heston will probably be open during the evening. All are welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

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. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, June 15th. The tower will be open from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting immediately after. All members and friends cordially invited.—William H. Hotten, Hon. Secretary, 42, Thornhill Road, Barnsbury, N.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Stapleford on Saturday, June 15th. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30.—P. Webb, District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, June 15th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7.30 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting and contest will be held at Heptonstall on Saturday, June 15th, 1912. Bells available from 3 p.m. Ballot for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. in the schoolroom. Tea 6d. each to all visitors ordering same from the secretary by June 10. Visitors should book to Hebden Bridge by train.—George Naylor, Hon. Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 15th, at Wolverley. The bells, and also those at Cookley (6) will be available at 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 4.45. Tea and business meeting at 5.30. Tea will be provided (free) for all who let me know on or before Wednesday, June 12th.—E. J. Dowler, Branch Secretary, 9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead and Dorking District.—A meeting will be held at Ashted on June 15th. Bells available after 3 p.m. Tea 6d. to members, 1s. to non-members.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Lincoln District will be held at Heckington on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available in the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Temperance Hall.—George Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Brewood on Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing at 3. Service at 5.30, with an address by the Rev. Preb. C. Dunkley. Tea (9d.) at 6. A brake will leave Wolverhampton (top of Railway Drive, Lichfield Street) at 2.15; fare 1s. 3d. Send word not later than 18th. Report now ready.—H. Knight, Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held on Saturday, June 29th, 1912, at All Saints, Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppy. Tower open from 3.30 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. District Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Winchester on Saturday, June 29th. Meeting at the Guildhall at 2 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. The Cathedral bells will be available.—W. E. Colchester, Honorary Secretary.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.—Practice night at the above church is Wednesday in each week at 7.45 p.m. Applications for attempts for peals should be made to Mr. H. Whittle, Stanford-on-Soar.

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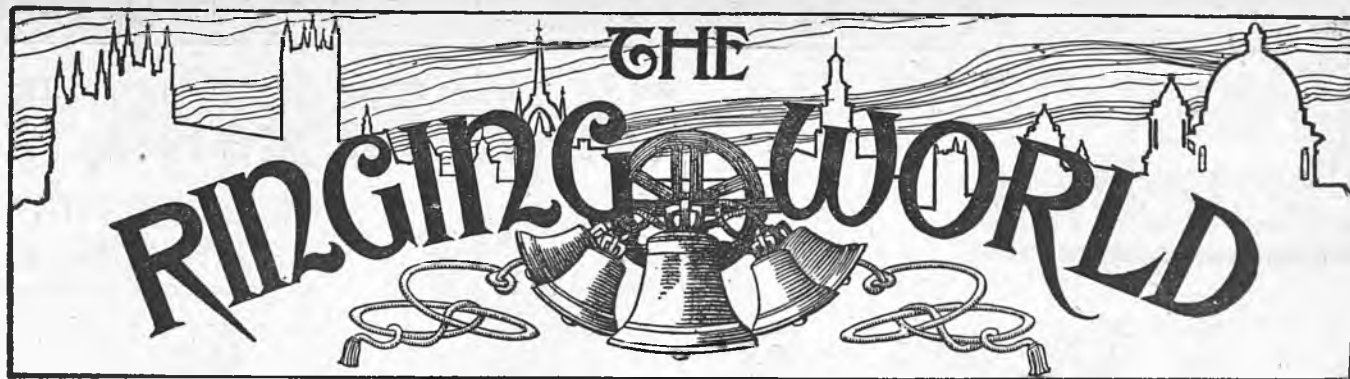
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PEALS OF MINOR.

All ringers among whom there is a desire to raise still higher the standard of change ringing from the scientific standpoint, must appreciate the efforts of the Rev. H. Law James to secure that in future peals of Minor should consist only of true 720's. The Central Council have, for the time being at any rate, declined to insist upon this provision, but we believe the time will come when the Council will lay down a rule on the lines of the resolution and refuse to recognise peals on six bells unless they are rung with the least repetition possible. At the moment there seems to be a kind of conservative feeling against the new departure, but everyone acknowledges that Mr. James' proposal provides the highest type of six-bell peal. That being so, no doubt in due time the spirit of progress will demand the obliteration of peals made up of what are merely a series of touches each ending in rounds, and by which it is possible and even probable that the extent of the changes on six bells would not be rung in the whole course of the 5040.

One of the difficulties, however, with which the general body of Minor ringers is confronted is that at present they have no means of knowing which methods may be spliced together, or how the splicing may be effected. It is true Mr. James has published one 5040 in 14 methods got by seven true 720's, but before the practice of ringing in this way can become general, the Exercise must have a wider knowledge of the means by which it is accomplished. If we may throw out a hint to Mr. James, therefore, it is this, that to popularise the scheme of Minor peal ringing which he advocates, he should publish the list of methods which can be spliced, showing how and where they can be pieced together. If it has to be left to the ringers themselves to find out what can be done in this direction, the ideal, which obviously should be every ringers' aim, will never be achieved. At the moment, the Exercise has not this information before it, and without it it was perhaps hardly to be expected that the six-bell representatives would, as a whole, welcome the laying down of a hard and fast rule. Mr. James told the Council that it is possible to include no less than 31 methods in seven true 720's, and he rightly remarked that whoever rings a peal of Minor thus composed would have something to talk about.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERGA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lbs.

MISS C. E. SPARSHOTT Treble	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 6
GEORGE PRESTON 2	G. W. FOWLER 7
J. S. RUMMING 3	A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 8
CYRIL F. JOHNSTON 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS 9
F. W. TOWNSEND 5	C. W. GOODENOUGH ... Tenor

Composed by H. V. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Grandsire Caters rung on tower bells in the Diocese. It is also the first peal of Caters by the ringers of the treble, 3rd and 7th, and it is the first time a lady has rung in a ten bell peal for this Guild.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5151 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED ADAMS Treble	*FRANK HALLSWORTH, Junr. 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	WALTER R. HUGHES ... 7
GEORGE HUGHES 3	JOHN C. ADAMS 8
EDGAR T. SMITH 4	THOMAS J. ELTON 9
GEORGE PEATE 5	HOWARD W. CATTELL ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Stedman away from tenor. Rung as a compliment to A. Adams on his 23rd birthday.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

J. FRANK PROCTOR Treble	WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 6
HARRY THORPE 2	*FRED TURNER 7
ERNEST NIDD 3	ARTHUR MARKWELL ... 8
DAVID B. OVERTON 4	SIDNEY PROCTOR 9
ALBERT C. DARNELL 5	THOMAS H. HALL ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and
Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Caters. Arranged for Mr. A. Markwell, the new secretary of the Southern Branch, also as a birthday compliment to Miss Ida Proctor, sister of the conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5025 CHANCES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

*ERNEST LESLIE Treble	ERNEST CAULSON 6
JOHN SMITH 2	JOHN OLDHAM 7
HORACE F. STUBBS 3	HORACE ABBOTT 8
WILLIAM SMITH 4	EDWARD READER 9
ERNEST ABBOTT 5	WILLIAM THORLEY ... Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT, and
Conducted by EDWARD READER.

* First peal in any method. This peal was rung by the special wish of the Rector, Canon Pitts, to commemorate the silver wedding of himself and Mrs. Pitts. They very kindly entertained the ringers after the peal and congratulated them upon the excellent striking throughout.

BRISTOL.

THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Monday, June 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL 5040 CHANCES;

FRED. G. MAY Treble	*NORRIS WAY 6
WILLIAM LANSDOWN ... 2	*GILBERT WILTSHIRE ... 7
ALBERT STOWELL 3	ALFRED E. REEVES 8
*FREDK. W. WADE 4	ISAAC LONG 9
*CHARLES PERRY 5	HENRY HOWELL ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and
Conducted by FRED. C. MAY.

* First peal of Bob Royal. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT KELLY Treble	JOHN ALLEN 5
THOMAS J. MORRIS 2	GEORGE WOODHALL ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
THOMAS JENNION 4	SAMUEL MILLERSHIP ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. P. W. Barr, the Vicar of Garston's father-in-law, and Mr. Arthur R. Jacob, of London. Garston was the last tower in which the latter rung. This was the conductor's 100th peal.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER S. INWOOD Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 6
ARTHUR W. DIX 3	ROBERT E. STAVERT ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung on the 18th anniversary of the wedding of the Vicar, Archdeacon the Hon. K. F. Gibbs, and on the 70th birthday of Mr. J. Prewett, father of the conductor. Both these gentlemen are hon. members of the Herts Association. First peal in the method on the bells.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

LATES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

JAMES PAGET Treble	FREDERICK J. COPE 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	JAMES PRATT 6
JOSEPH W. TIMMS 3	ALBERT E. YOUNG 7
*E. HARRY STONELEY ... 4	DAVID COTTON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES PRATT.

* First peal of Stedman. Joseph W. Timms and Albert E. Young were elected members of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 24 cwt., in E.

EDWARD E. DIAPER Treble	WILLIAM SOUTER 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	ERNEST POPPY 6
JAMES MOTTS 3	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 7
WILLIAM ROSE 4	JOHN SOUTER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

J. Motts hails from Ipswich, J. Souter from Diss, W. J. Nevard from Great Bentley, C. Baker from Pulham Market, E. Poppy and W. Rose from Eye. E. E. Diaper and W. Souter belong to Stowmarket.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

*ERNEST BARBER Treble	ABRAHAM WINTERTON 5
*GEORGE HINTON, JUNR. ... 2	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON 6
*WILLIAM ROUSE 3	WILLIAM PAGE 7
*THOMAS BULLOCK 4	†JAMES PARDOE Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

* First peal of Stedman † First peal of Stedman Triples. This is the first peal of Stedman in the Worcester district ever rung south of Kidderminster without outside help.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT A. HUGHES Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
REUBEN SANDERS 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
WILLIAM J. KEMP 4	HENRY J. CANTOR Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and to the ringer of the tenor.

NORTH-STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs., in G sharp.

CHARLES GOODENOUGH ... Treble	*ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 5
LIONEL H. PAGE 2	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... 6
JOHN S. RUMMING 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
HENRY W. WILKES 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble	J. R. NEWMAN 5
GORDON CHECKETTS 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
WILLIAM SHILVOCK 3	WILLIAM PAGE 7
ALBERT HILL 4	OLIVER JAMES Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

†GEORGE POVEY Treble	†EDWIN F. PIKE 5
†WILLIAM FLETCHER ... 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
†REGINALD BROUGH ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 7
*RICHARD CONSTANT ... 4	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on attaining his 50th birthday.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND (R.C.),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS WARD Treble	GEORGE ROBERTS 5
*JACOB SEABOURNE 2	THOMAS BLOORE 6
CHARLES WAITHMAN ... 3	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 7
GEORGE PARSONS 4	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

* First peal of Stedman.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANK LUSH Treble	SAMUEL PAICE 5
AMBROSE W. OSBORNE ... 2	WILLIAM J. PAICE 6
HARRY BUNGAY 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 7
JOHN RANCE 4	*GEORGE GREEN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the band wishing him many happy returns. It was intended to ring Stedman, but meeting one short, Mr. S. Paice kindly took the vacant rope, and the above was substituted.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

*ERNEST BARTRAM Treble	THOMAS SQUIRES 5
WILLIAM E. WHITE 2	RICHARD MOUNT 6
REV. C. J. STURTON ... 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... 7
JOSEPH LORD 4	WALTER WHITE Tenor

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

* First peal on eight bells. Arranged by Mr. W. E. White, as a welcome to the new Vicar of Colston Bassett.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE WILSON Treble	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 5
CHARLES F. BAILEY 2	GEORGE HARDY 6
*LEONARD P. BAILEY ... 3	ERNEST S. BAILEY 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	EDGAR H. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by THOMAS DAY, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

ASHTREAD.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN HOYLE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
THOMAS H. COLBURN ... 2	CYRIL F. JOHNSTON ... 6
WALTER S. WISE 3	DAVID WRIGHT 7
SIDNEY R. ROPER 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE, and Conducted by DAVID WRIGHT.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt., in F sharp.

JOSEPH B. FENTON Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5
ALFRED J. HESSIAN 2	HARRY ARGYLE 6
E. HARRY STONELEY 3	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON ... 7
THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 4	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOSEPH B. FENTON.

LONDON.

THE WHITECHAPEL FOUNDRY BAND.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, SOUTH HACKNEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

SYDNEY LAWRENCE Treble	ARTHUR HUGHES 5
ALBERT A. HUGHES 2	*FREDERICK H. CONN ... 6
WILBY J. HAZELL 3	JOHN THOMAS 7
DANIEL F. GIBBONS 4	†TOM LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

First peal by the Whitechapel Foundry band. * First peal. † First peal on tower bells.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

GEORGE B. LUCAS, Senr. Treble	ERNEST D. LILLYWHITE ... 5
JAMES C. ADAMS 2	ALBERT A. HUGHES 6
*WILLIAM J. COOPER 3	HENRY RUMENS 7
WILLIAM J. KEMP 4	ROBERT MAYNARD, Senr. ... Tenor

Conducted by H. RUMENS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. B. Manning. Mr. Robert Maynard, Senr., who was re-elected a member of the above association before starting, has now rung all the bells in this tower to a peal.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 20 cwt., in E flat.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 5
WILLIAM MOTTS 2	DAVID COLLINS 6
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal was rung to commemorate the 20th anniversary, on June 6th, of the 16,608 of Oxford Treble Bob Major. Further reference next week.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES ;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDWARD C. GOBEY Treble	JOSEPH HALL 5
ALLEN R. HICKTON 2	ALBERT COPPOCK 6
RICHARD HICKTON 3	RICHARD DRAGE 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by RICHARD DRAGE.

First peal as conductor.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD GOODSSELL Treble	*RAYMOND WOOD 5
STEPHEN STONE 2	PERCY H. DOICK 6
WILLIAM DENYER 3	ALFRED GREENFIELD ... 7
JAMES BURDFIELD 4	JOHN NETLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

* First peal with a bob bell. The composition is a transposition of J. J. Parker's 12-part, with all the 6-7's the right way.

WEST TOFTS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST W. FISHER Treble	HARRY CROOK 5
FREDK. SALTER 2	WILLIAM ADCOCK 6
ALFRED MACRO 3	THOS. FITZJOHN 7
*PERCY FORDHAM 4	CHAS. CARTER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by T. FITZJOHN.

* First peal on eight bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being two 720's Oxford Single Bob, two of Canterbury Pleasure and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*ALFRED J. CHUTER Treble	HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 4
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... 5
*ALFRED CROUCHER 3	JOHN HALL Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal upon the bells. First peal ever rung in the garrison town of Aldershot.

FRENTHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS Treble	ALFRED CROUCHER 4
*ALFRED J. CHUTER 2	HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 5
JOHN HALL 3	WILLIAM HORN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal with a bob bell.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one of Double Court, and two of Plain Bob, each called differently.

CHARLES BAILEY Treble	CHARLES CHENERY 4
OLIVER BULLMAN 2	GEORGE BAILEY 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	ARTHUR BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR BAILEY.

First peal by O. Bullman in four methods. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to E. Bailey.

BRADFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BRADFIELD DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

MISS MARY CHILLINGWORTH Treble	JOHN BOWER 4
*SIDNEY CHAPMAN 2	JAMES ABERY 5
*GEORGE PARSON 3	GEORGE ABERY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES ABERY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

CHILDWALL, LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

*THOMAS JENNION Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 4
HENRY FYLES 2	JOHN ALLEN 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Jr. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal on six bells. This is the first peal ever rung in the tower, which has contained a peal of six since the year 1751. The bells have only just been recast and rehung in steel frame by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London, the work giving entire satisfaction.

OAKS, CHARNWOOD FOREST, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Grandsire, three 720's of Oxford Bob, two 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

EDWARD GEARY Treble	GEORGE H. GEARY 4
FRED BALL 2	VICTOR GEARY 5
JOHN W. SPENCER 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on the bells.

COLNE ENGAIN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR SANDERS Treble	ALBERT CATTERWELL 4
JAMES FLEUTY 2	JAMES FRENCH 5
OLIVE BROYD 3	ERNEST RIDGWELL Tenor

Conducted by E. RIDGWELL.

BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES MORTIMER Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON 4
WILLIAM JACQUES 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
ALBERT J. GREEN 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

A. J. Green was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal. It was the first 720 of Cambridge Surprise by the ringers of the 2nd and 4th.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Double Court, Double Bob, Oxford Bob, Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*HENRY A. TRAYNAR ... Treble	JOHN W. LAKE 4
ARTHUR I. HOLMES 2	JAMES OSBORN 5
*JOHN J. JUTSON 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal in seven methods. The ringer of the treble was proposed a member of the Guild previously to starting for the peal.

CAWTHORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, and Oxford.
Tenor 9 cwt.

TOM SHAW Treble	ARTHUR GILL 4
DAVID BREARLEY 2	LEWIS WILKINSON 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	GEORGE HILL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HILL.

First peal on the bells by the above association. It is 30 years since the last peal was rung on the bells. L. Wilkinson was elected a member before starting.

GRISTON.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt. 0 qr. 10 lbs.

ERNEST FISHER Treble	WILLIAM ADCOCK 3
HERBERT FISHER 2	WILFRID ALLEN 4
* HERBERT MASON Tenor	

Conducted by H. MASON.

First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
IN THE RICHARDSHAW LANE BOYS' SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WM. FRED. THORPE 1-2	ERNEST MANN 5-6
FRED. WM. JONES 3-4	ERNEST HOYLE 7-8

Composed and Conducted by E. MANN.

Umpire: C. BARTON.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 2, 1912, in Two Hours,
At the Residence of Mr. Osborn,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's in eight methods; i, Double and Single Court; ii, College Single; iii, Double Bob; iv, Oxford Bob; v, Plain Bob; vi, Kent Treble Bob; vii, Oxford Treble Bob.

†JOHN W. LAKE ... 1—2 | RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3—4
JAMES OSBORN ... 5—6

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

Witness: MRS. OSBORN.

† 50th peal. This is the first time that seven true and complete 720's have ever been rung in eight methods on handbells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
At "GEORGE THE FOURTH," BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE R. PYE ... 1—2 | ERNEST PYE ... 5—6
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 3—4 | ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7—8

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At 22, MALCOLM STREET,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 1—2 | E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5—6
WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 3—4 | *J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 7—8

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire, F. R. WHITE.

* First peal in the method. This peal contains the full extent of 5th and 6th in 5—6, and is the first 5000 to be rung containing this property.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
In the Belfry of St. Stephen's Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

MERVYN DUCK ... 1—2 | GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... 5—6
*ALBERT COATES ... 3—4 | †RICHARD DUCK ... 7—8

Composed by GEORGE F. ALEXANDER, and
Conducted by RICHARD DUCK.

Umpire, FREDERICK TOWNSEND.

* First peal of Major on handbells. † First peal as conductor.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
At 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

JOHN THORPE ... 1—2 | CLEMENT GLENN ... 5—6
GEORGE LEWIS ... 3—4 | *BEN THORP ... 7—8

R. WILFRED COLLIER ... 9—10

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpires: S. F. PALMER and J. ATKIN.

* First peal on handbells.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, June 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

At St. John's College,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 518 CHANCES;

REGINALD O. STREET ... 1—2 | E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5—6
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3—4 | WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 7—8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. C. Howchin,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANCES;

FREDK. J. CROSS ... 1—2 | WILLIAM A. HEMPEL ... 5—6
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 3—4 | GEORGE H. CROSS ... 7—8

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

Umpire; BERTIE FRY.

This peal was rung on the lawn.

The umpire to the peal at Norwich published last week was Bertie Fry.

The peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Macclesfield has been sent without date.

A FALSE PEAL.

Mr. G. F. Williams writes: "I regret to say that I find the peal of Forward Major, composed by me, and rung at Hughenden on October 5th, 1910, is false, and I apologise to the remainder of the band who took part."

MR. H. CHAPMAN'S 300 PEALS.

	Rung Conducted	
7 Minor Methods	6	
Bob Triples	1	
Bob Major	14	
Bob Royal	1	
Bob Maximus	1	
Grandsire Triples	11	1
Grandsire Caters	20	1 (including 601f)
Grandsire Cinques	9	
Stedman Triples	27	
Stedman Caters	12	(including 6591)
Stedman Cinques	4	
Kent Treble Bob Major	90	29 (including 6080)
Kent Treble Bob Royal	15	3
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	20	2 (including 12,240)
Oxford Treble Bob Major	3	2
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1	
Darlaston Bob Triples	1	
Duffield Major	1	
Double Norwich Major	9	
Forward Major	1	
Superlative Surprise	39	21 (including 9312)
Cambridge Surprise	1	1
New Cambridge Surprise	2	
Bristol Surprise	1	
London Surprise	10	(including 14,112)
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

SPECIAL REPORT BY OUR OWN REPRESENTATIVE.

A HARSH DEPARTURE.

In continuing the discussion upon the Rev. H. Law James' motion, Mr. Snowden said he admired Mr. James' manner of splicing the methods into the 720's—it was one of the prettiest things they had before them, but his feeling was that if Mr. James would take up a more persuasive position, and say the Central Council advised that this should be done, a great many would fall in with him, but if they said it should be done it would meet with a very proper amount of opposition, and opposition that would break down what was a very pretty thing. To ring a peal with the methods spliced in the way suggested required a clear-headed set of men, who deserved a great deal of credit, but to insist upon this departure would be extremely harsh and hard, and he did not think it would be a popular thing for them as a Council to say to the six-bell men, "You are to do it."

The Hon. Secretary suggested that the motion should simply read "should" instead of "must." That seemed to him to be a very small alteration, but one which would meet the occasion, because he believed the Council had declined to define what a peal of Minor was.

The Rev. H. Law James said the motion was carried in that form last year, on the understanding that it was coming up again.

The President: That is no reason why it should be carried in that form this year.

Mr. G. Bolland said he would like to move that "a peal of Minor, unless it be a record, must consist of at least one 720, and the remainder may consist of touches of not less than 240 in any method the performers desire, to make 5,040." He said the reason why he stipulated for one 720 was because they got in it the whole of the working bells at a bob, whereas in half peals they did not, but got "half-hunt" bells, as they were called. He thought Mr. James' resolution, if it were carried, would be a great blow to the six-bell ringers. They ought to be encouraged to ring as many methods as they could.

The Rev. H. Law James: My dear Mr. Bolland can you get 31 methods in, in 240's? You cannot do it. I get more methods than you do. Mr. James added that the difficulty came in when they changed at every course and from one method to another.

Mr. Bolland said Mr. James' motion would cause people not to press forward.

Mr. J. H. Banks asked whether the Analysis Committee would recognise 14 360's as a peal if this resolution were passed?—The Rev. H. Law James: No, certainly not.—Mr. J. W. Taylor thought they ought to have seven true 720's in a peal.

The President said for the information of those members of the Council whose memories did not carry them so far back, the Council defined a peal of Minor, along with peals of Triples and peals on a larger number of bells, but shortly afterwards so many difficulties arose that they were compelled to rescind their definition of a peal of Minor, and it was decided that the Council should not define a peal of Minor at all, seeing that there was no such thing as a true peal of Minor. He could appreciate the excellence of Mr. James' suggestions, but he thought it would be wise, if the resolution were passed, to accept Mr. Davies' proposal and substitute the word "should" for "must." They would then put before the Exercise the highest type of a peal of Minor that could be rung. If they passed a drastic proposal of this kind they would only be faced in another session or two by having their friends, who were so keen about six-bell ringing, rising up and saying they would not have it.

Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. H. W. Wilde, who both said they spoke from experience of ringing Minor in Mr. James' way, supported his motion.—Mr. Wilde said he did not think it inflicted any hardship on the ringers.

The Rev. H. Law James said he did not take a great deal of interest in points, but it appeared that the analysis was to stand, and points were to be considered. If they allowed these 360's to go on being rung as in the past, and to count as a fourteen method peal, they could not give the same number of points for a pile of rubbish like that, as for a true peal of Minor in 14 methods. He had crossed out one of his peals of London Surprise, because the composition was false. He had done the same with a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, and a peal of Minor, consisting of seven 720's, because one of the 720's was false; also four peals rung in Lincolnshire which had false 720's. Was he to count these as true peals, for they were just as much peals as these piles of 360's.

Mr. Bolland and Mr. Dains, having consulted, decided to withdraw in favour of the amendment put forward by the hon. secretary, and in this amended form the motion was carried by a large majority.

RELATIVE VALUE OF PEALS.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter submitted the following resolutions:—
 "(a) That a committee of five (?) six-bell ringers be appointed to draw up a scale of points for performances on five and six bells. (b) That this committee, together with the Peal Values Committee, try to find a common denominator by means of which the value of such performances, compared with that of peals on higher numbers, can be fixed." He said that for some time it had seemed to him that to leave the Peal Values Committee to deal with six-bell performances was not quite the right way to go to work because he had a rather shrewd suspicion that the members of that committee knew practically nothing about six-bell ringing, and that it would be much better if those who

did understand six-bell ringing should make up their minds what they thought the points should be, if points were to be awarded. They should draw up a scale of points entirely independent of the points awarded to peals on the higher numbers. Then, to come to the second part of his resolution, his idea was that the committee, having got their scale of points fixed up to their own satisfaction, should discuss with the Peal Values Committee what performances on six bells were equal to a certain peal on seven bells. If, for instance, they could get at what peal on six bells was equal in value to a peal of Grandshire Triples, then they would have a common point from which to fix the other peals. He did not think in any other way they would get a really satisfactory arrangement.

At this point the discussion on this subject was adjourned until the Peal Values Committee's report was taken.

THE NEXT MEETING.

The Council then considered the place for the next meeting, the Standing Committee having recommended Durham, suggesting that in the following year they should go south to Winchester, Salisbury, Portsmouth, or some such town.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge proposed that the Council should go to Durham in 1913.—Mr. J. Griffin seconded.—Mr. W. Storey said the Council would find much better accommodation at and a far better train service to Newcastle, and suggested that the Council should go there in preference to Durham.—This proposal met with general acceptance, and, on being put to the vote, was carried by a large majority.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Mr. J. Carter, the Rev. J. M. Clarkson, Mr. C. E. Boufflower, the Rev. H. Tilney Bassett, Mr. F. B. Tompkins and Mr. H. White.

The Council then adjourned for lunch, and were photographed for "The Ringing World," an excellent picture being procured by Mr. A. J. Bailey.

THE LEGITIMACY OF METHODS.

When the Council met in the afternoon, the Hon. Secretary moved: "That it is desirable to reconsider some of the conditions laid down for the legitimacy of methods as stated on page 18 of 'Rules and Decisions,' 1904." Mr. Davies said his particular attention was called to the rule when one of his friends told him that "Sparkbrook Major," which he composed for the purpose of trying on Mr. John Carter's ringing machine, was not a legitimate method. On looking into the definition of a legitimate method, he found one very arbitrary rule indeed, and he hoped the Council would see fit to give instructions that these explanations and definitions of what was a true and legitimate method might be so remodelled as to wipe away what he called a blemish. The particular definitions which he should be glad to see remodelled were four on page 18 and one on page 22. There might be others, but the ones he particularly directed attention to were the following:—

"The working bells shall be in the same coursing order at each lead head, and end in the plain course."

A plain lead is a succession of rows so arranged that when the hunt (or hunts) has completed its work from the lead head to the lead end, it is in a different relative position among the working bells, but the working bells are in the same coursing order.

A bob lead is a succession of rows so arranged that when the hunt (or hunts) has completed its work, it is in a different relative position among the working bells, and the working bells have three of their number in a different coursing order.

A single lead is a succession of rows so arranged that . . . the working bells have two of their number in a different coursing order.

In the construction of principles and methods, continued the Hon. Secretary, there were certain rules upon which they had always been agreed, and with which he agreed absolutely; first that no bell should move more than one place at a time, and that no bell should stay in any one place more than two consecutive blows. As they all knew, when they applied these rules to Triples, they got continuous triple changes, and so long as that rule was kept he did not see what more they wanted. In order to produce different methods, instead of a bell lying in 7th's it might lie in 3rd's or 5th's. They thus still got continuous triple changes, and he contended that if a method fulfilled these conditions it was, to adopt a phrase which they found in the Acts of the Apostles, a burden too heavy for them to bear, if they lay on them more than that. Provided they had in any method of Triples only odd places made, that was all he wanted—he was not talking about singles, he meant in the ordinary plain course and at a bob. Coming to the question of Major, when they started they first of all had a Cater change, which, from rounds produced, what in the old days they used to call an in-course row. Their next row was a triple change, and produced what they used to call an out-of-course row.

THE REGION OF ARBITRARY RULE.

Then they had another Cater change, which produced another out-of-course row. Thus they got a succession, after the first in-course row, of two out-of-course rows and two in-course rows. If those rules were kept, and they were necessary rules if they were to have any rules in change ringing at all, they were all they wanted, and the moment they went beyond them they entered the region of arbitrary rule. What he contended was that to lay down such a rule as that which said that the bells at the end of any lead must be in the same coursing order throughout the plain course was an absolutely, utterly arbitrary rule. If in any Triple method at the first lead-end they had

a row which was capable of being extended to five leads, then they had a perfect Triple method. In a Major method it must be capable of being extended to seven leads. He was perfectly content with the rules, that a bell should only move one place at a time, that a bell should not lie more than two consecutive blows in any one place, and that every one of the bells except the treble, or the bell in the hunt, must be capable of taking one another's place in the succeeding leads. When they had done that they had, he maintained, fulfilled all that was necessary to a good method. If that were so, then the definitions on page 18 all wanted modifying. It was, he contended, not a fault at all that the lead ends should not be the same as the lead ends of Bob Major, but a fault imposed on it by this arbitrary rule, which said that at every lead end the bells should be in the same coursing order. His suggestion was that the rule relating to a plain lead should read something like this: "A plain lead is a succession of rows so arranged that when the hunt (or hunts) has completed its work the row then produced is capable of so many repetitions," seven-fold repetition in the case of Major, five-fold in the case of Triples, and so on. Then, "that a bob lead should be a succession of rows so arranged that when the hunt (or hunts) has completed its work, three of their number have had their work interchanged," and, for a single, "two of their number have had their work interchanged," while with reference to the rule requiring all methods to have Bob Major lead ends, he would cancel that altogether.

Dr. Carpenter said it had long seemed to him that a rule which said Union Triples was not to be rung must be wrong. It was a most delightful method to ring. They could ring the whole extent in Triples, and if they had got to ring the whole extent, what did it matter whether the changes that mixed the tenors occurred in the plain lead or somewhere else? When treating of Major there might be a little something in it in not parting the tenors too much, because they had to get as much music as they could. But when it came to knocking out Triple methods it seemed to him perfectly ridiculous.

THE THREE LAWS.

The Rev. H. Law James said he welcomed the resolution because it gave him the opportunity of saying something about the Report on Legitimate Methods, which was a statement, not of arbitrary rules at all, but of natural facts. To begin with, he was perfectly certain the great majority of the ringing Exercise had not understood the report, and he was very anxious that they should do so. Mr. Pye rang a 15,000 of Bristol the day before. Mr. Davies, by his argument, had promptly declared that it was not a peal (laughter). In the second place, Mr. Davies had declared that never a single peal of London Surprise Major had been rung yet. In the third place, he had ruled out Kent Treble Bob Major; and Cambridge Surprise Major was also condemned. (A Voice: Hard lines: laughter.) He did not think Mr. Davies was going to give him such an easy task. He must ask Mr. Davies to read the thing through again, and think a little more about it. He (the speaker) had to justify the statement he had made that these things were not arbitrary rules. There were two sorts of laws. There were positive laws and there were natural laws.

A Member: And there is Law James (loud laughter, in which Mr. James heartily joined).

The Rev. H. Law James, continuing, said a positive law was an arbitrary rule laid down for a certain definite purpose; the laws of England, for instance. The law that a peal must be true was an arbitrary law. Natural laws were not laws in the same sense. Thus, when they had studied a particular subject they found it worked out in a particular way and, having found that out, they put it down, and said it was a natural law. They had found it out; they had not made it, and they could not alter it. The Council could alter the name, but they could not alter the law. They could call the moon a green cheese if they liked, but they could not make it so. Let them take the definition of a plain lead, and Bob Major, Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol all agreed. The three definitions of a plain lead, a bob lead and a single lead were definitions of three kinds of leads that actually existed. On five, six, seven, eight and nine bells they might write out any leads they liked, and every one of them would come in one of these three definitions, and not one would escape from being classified in that way. When they got to ten bells and upwards they got a five-bell shift, but they could not get that below ten bells, and the three definitions covered everything up to Caters. But if they took Union Triples and examined it, it was a different thing from a lead of Grandsire Triples. They might call it a plain lead if they liked, but nothing on earth would make it so. It was one of those laws that man did not make, and that no man could ever alter. He would like to remove a misconception. People had come to the conclusion that because the Council had laid down what was legitimate that nothing else might be rung. He believed in the Council saying "must," but there was one thing the Council could not do and that was, when they had said "must," they could not make people do it, and it was no use trying. The Ten Commandments said "must," but they could not make people carry them out.

NATURAL CLASSIFICATION.

With regard to legitimate methods, however, the Council had never said "must" or "must not." In dealing with Doubles, they gave every legitimate principle and legitimate method, and they gave New Doubles

and Reverse New Doubles, but they were careful to say they were not legitimate. They did not say they were not to be rung, on the other hand they said they were worth ringing. The Council had never said that Union Triples must not be rung. That was a musical question, and they must keep the musical question out of it. The question of what was legitimate and what was not legitimate was a question of natural classification, and they were not going to get any further forward unless they stuck to natural laws. To adopt the motion would be to go back into the darkness of the dark ages, and they might as well throw away all the work they had done in the last 20 years. It had been laid down that Grandsire Triples might not be rung with more than five 5th's-place bobs in a peal. Whether those bobs were called or not there were more than five 5th's-place bobs in a peal of Union—it was full of them. Nothing, continued the speaker, would ever bring him to admit that what was commonly rung as Stedman Triples was Stedman at all (laughter). He loved calling a peal of what was commonly called Stedman, but real Stedman Triples was a long way higher up, and when they came to ring it they would find it out. When they came to Minor they were on different ground. With a few exceptions, the moment they began to ring illegitimate methods the tenors would come up the wrong way at back. When it came to Major it was the same thing. Unless a Major method was a legitimate method the music was bad. He did not mean to say that every legitimate method was good, but Oxford Major was nothing like as bad as it was painted, and London Major was a good deal better than Superlative ("Oh!") Let them work the method out and see for themselves. He could get plenty of peals of London without the 2nd and tenor coming together in 7-8, but show him a peal of Superlative that did that in more than twelve courses, and they would show him something he had never seen yet.

THE METHODS THAT LIVE.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, who mentioned that he had been in correspondence with the Rev. H. L. James for the last 14 years on the subject of methods, said that anyone who went into methods thoroughly, who understood the matter and went into it with an open mind and used logical arguments, could not escape the natural law to which Mr. James had referred. The whole construction of methods, as outlined in the method report, was bound up with it. If they were going to give that rule up they would cut away the foundations, and the top would fall. The trouble of it all was that the ordinary man who approached a method, approached it from an entirely different way from what anybody must do who would understand what a method really was. Ringers as ringers approached methods as finished methods. What they ought to do was to build upwards. That was where he and others did not agree with Mr. Snowdon on Surprise. He was working one way, they were working another. If they started from the bottom they found that certain rules were inevitable. Ringing had been in existence about 300 years, and the development of ringing had been to a certain extent natural. Methods had grown, and it was a curious thing that the methods that had lived were the methods that were legitimate. Whether they gave the latitude asked for by Mr. Davies or not, he believed it was only the legitimate methods that would really be rung.

Mr. J. W. Parker said he started composing late in life, and he came into the matter with an open mind. The result of his studies led him to agree with Mr. James and Mr. Trollope. There was a natural law dealing with the course order of a method and, as they had said, the bells must come into proper coursing order at the lead end. What was the good of putting bob work in the plain course of a method? If there were a bob at a lead end, it could not possibly be a plain course. In Major, for instance, they must have a bell lying behind or a bell making second's place; if not they were bound to shift the course of the bells. What was a legitimate method had been decided by natural law, and the years of labour spent by some of the members in drawing up rules for legitimate methods would be of no avail if they passed the resolution of the Hon. Secretary.

METHODS IN PRACTICE.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker said he was a little bit puzzled. His idea had been that when the Council laid down certain methods as legitimate, and certain methods as illegitimate, it meant that they were to practice the legitimate methods and not practice the illegitimate. Therefore, he had been confused by now having it laid down by Mr. James that though a method might be illegitimate yet, for its musical or other qualities, they might practice it. It was, in his opinion, a waste of time to discuss whether a method was illegitimate and yet allow it to be practised. The point ought to be cleared up as to what was meant when the Council said a method was illegitimate, and whether it was still open to them to practice those that were not legitimate.

The Rev. H. L. James said the Council might declare a thing illegitimate, but that would not prevent it being practised. Ringing "stony" was illegitimate, but he knew of no power except Act of Parliament on the one hand, or the vicar of the parish on the other that could stop it. As far as Union Triples and Stedman were concerned, and also New Doubles, he saw no objection to ringing them, but those were practically the only exceptions he knew. Every other legitimate method was worth practising, and every other illegitimate method was not. When they said that a method was illegitimate it meant that the Council considered it best left alone.

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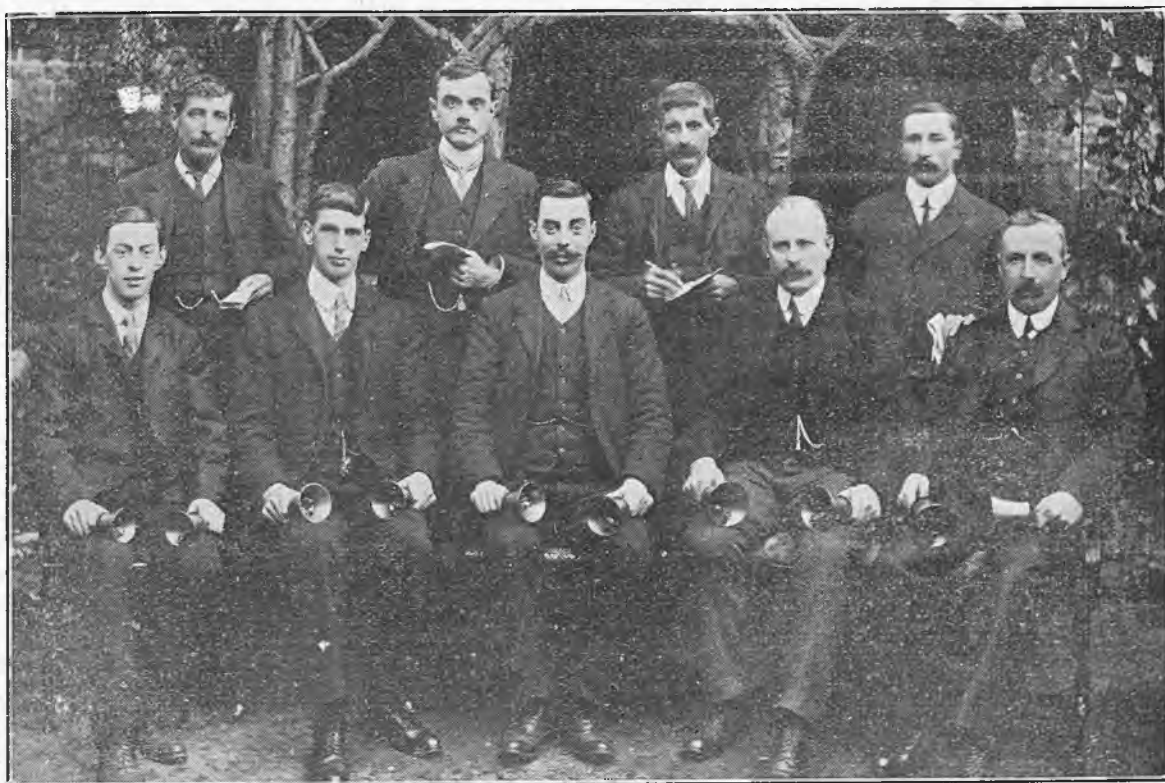
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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS— YORK.

(Continued from page 370.)

By J. R. JERRAM.

Notwithstanding the rehanging by Harrison the old peal of twelve bells was still considered unsatisfactory, and in Dean Fountayne's time an estimate for a new peal of ten was obtained from Lester and Pack, of the Whitechapel Foundry, London; the new peal to be as nearly as possible like the peal of ten at St. Mary-le-Bow, London, cast by the same firm in 1762, just three years previously. The estimate was to cast a peal of ten bells, weighing collectively ten tons, at 13d. per pound, £1,213 6s. 8d. To take 13 old bells, computed to weigh 12 tons 18 cwt., and allow 10d. per pound for them, £1,201 19s. 8d., leaving a balance of £11 7s. The 13 old bells mentioned were presumably the back seven of the old peal of twelve, the old hour bell and two quarter bells of the clock, and the three bells formerly at St. Michael, Spurriergate, to which church the front five of the old Cathedral bells were removed, where they still are; a treble having been added to them to make a peal of six.

The Cathedral bells were accordingly taken down in 1765, and it appears that then the eighth bell was sold to a Mr. Beckwith for eleven pence per pound. The back six bells were then found to weigh as follows :—

	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.		cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Seventh ...	14	2	16	Tenth	40	3	26
Eighth	19	2	11	Eleventh ...	42	1	14
Ninth	26	1	7	Tenor	55	1	0

From this it appears that not only were the front four bells of the old peal too small for the back eight, but there was also an immense disproportion between the ninth and tenth, nearly 15 cwt. There was a difference of quite seven inches in the diameter of these two bells.

The order to cast the new peal of ten as nearly as possible like "Bow bells" was faithfully carried out, the tenor weighing 53 cwt. 0 qrs. 25 lbs., just 3 lbs. heavier than Bow tenor. The bells were opened on August 19th, 1765. Mr. Howard, in his account, gives the following copy of an advertisement relating thereto.

"This is to give notice to all Gentlemen ringers and others that there is a new peal of ten bells (cast by Lester and Pack, of London), to be opened on Monday, the 19th of August next, at York Minster, and allowed by the best judges in London to be as fine a peal of that number as any in the kingdom, and as heavy. Free liberty being given any strangers to open the peal. Any ringers that choose to come the Sunday evening before will be allowed to ring a round peal upon trial. They are now hanging by Samuel Turner, bell hanger to the above firm. If any gentleman, churchwardens, or others want any new peals of bells, or any that want new casting, or hanging, by sending a letter to the said S. Turner, at the Cross Guns, near the Minster, betwixt

this and the first of September next, they shall be waited upon immediately, and their work faithfully executed after the very best manner by their most obedient and humble servant, S. Turner."

The inscriptions on this peal of ten, as taken from an old history of York Minster, printed in 1783, are as follows :—

On each bell : LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT. 1765 ; and, in addition, on the *fifth*, MUSICK IS MEDICINE TO THE MIND ; on the *sixth*, OUR VOICES SHALL WITH JOYFUL SOUND : MAKE HILLS AND VALLIES ECCHO ROUND ; on the *seventh*, IN WEDLOCK BANDS ALL YE WHO JOIN, WITH HANDS YOUR HEARTS UNITE : SO SHALL OUR TUNEFULL TONGUES COMBINE, TO LAUD THE NUPTIAL RITE ; on the *eighth*, YE RINGERS ALL THAT PRIZE YOUR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS : BE SOBER MERRY WISE AND YOU'LL THE SAME POSSESS ; on the *ninth*, TO HONOUR BOTH OF GOD AND KING : OUR VOICES SHALL IN CONCERT RING ; and on the *tenor*, J. FOUNTAYNE, DEAN. W. COWPER, W. BERDMORE, W. CAYLEY, W. MASON, RESIDENTARIES.

We must here notice that an old clock bell used to hang in the south transept. It was 43 inches in diameter, and weighed about 14 cwt, and was inscribed *Abe Gratia plna Dominus tecum*. The clock, being worn out, was removed in 1752 ; and this bell, together with the two quarter-jack bells was removed in 1762 and sold to Lester and Pack with other old bells, as before stated.

There was also a service bell which formerly hung in one of the turrets of the south transept. It measured 30 inches in diameter, and was inscribed as follows :—

**SURGE CITO PROPERA CUNCTOS CITAT EXCITAT HORA
CUR DORMIS VIGILA ME RESONANTE LEVA, 1592.**

This bell was removed in Dean Gale's time to the top of the central tower ; and later on to the south-west tower, where it was destroyed in the fire of 1840. Lester and Pack's peal of ten bells escaped the fire of 1829, caused by Jonathan Martin, the mad incendiary, which only destroyed the eastern part of the Minster. On May 20th, 1840, about nine o'clock in the evening, another fire broke out in the south-west tower, which quickly spread to the roof of the nave. In a short time the whole tower was on fire, and Lester and Pack's peal of ten bells was totally destroyed, as well as the roof of the nave, and the old service bell.

When the Cathedral was restored after this second fire Stephen Beckwith, M.D., presented the present magnificent peal of twelve bells, which are in the key of C, the same key as the former peal of ten. The tenor weighs about half a hundredweight more than the old one, and was put up, together with the clock, before the rest of the peal. At a meeting of subscribers to the restoration fund, held in the De Grey Rooms on October 6th, 1842, the Rev. S. Creyke, chairman of the committee, reported that "The great tenor bell has been raised into the tower, and securely suspended in a solid frame, in such a position that no alteration will be necessary when the whole peal of bells may hereafter be supplied." A substantial and convenient case for the clock, with all requisite appendages, has been erected in the clock chamber, and the clock itself fixed and set in motion, again notifying the hour, very greatly, it is believed, to the satisfaction of the inhabitants of the city, by whom the want was severely felt."

(To be concluded.)

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ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

No less than 160 years have elapsed between the time that a ring of bells were first placed in Childwall Church, and a peal rung in the tower. Messrs Warner and Sons have just recast and rehung the bells, and a peal of Minor was rung on them on Wednesday week.

An interesting event took place at Penwortham, Lancs, on Saturday, when the 200th anniversary of the bells was celebrated. It was a commemoration in which the village, as well as the ringers throughout the Preston district, joined. What a pity it is that anniversaries of this kind are not more generally celebrated ; it would help the public to a greater appreciation of the value of their church bells. We hope that one result of the Penwortham festivities may be a permanent memorial of the event in the shape of two additional bells to complete the octave. The squire talked about it, so perhaps the County Palatine may have one more peal of eight before long.

An unique performance was put up on Saturday, when a peal on tower bells was rung by a band all associated with the well known Whitechapel Foundry.

Misfortune dogged the efforts of the local men at Barley, Herts, in their attempt for a peal on Wednesday week. They met in the afternoon for a peal of Doubles, but, after 50 minutes, the tenor clapper broke. After repairs had been effected another start was made, but the attempt came to grief after 1 hr. 50 mins., owing to one of the ropes breaking. Up to that time 720 each of Oxford Singles, Morning Star, Dream and Plain Bob, and 360 St. Dunstan's had been rung by N. Hayes 1, H. Howard 2, W. Manfield 3, H. Slater 4, R. Howard (conductor) 5. This was the longest length in the methods by all the band. Better luck next time !

The band at Nutfield, Surrey, are fast adding to their repertory of methods. Recently we recorded their first 720 of London Surprise Minor, this week it is their first 720 of York. It was rung on Tuesday week by T. S. Leeson 1, F. Hawkins 2, F. Bashford 3, O. Gilbey 4, W. Cheesman 5, A. Harman (conductor) 6. It was the first in the method on the bells, and rung at the first attempt. This is the way to get on.

The peal of Bristol Surprise at Bristol, recorded last week, is worthy of special notice, it being the first peal in the method in the city from which it took its name. It has, perhaps, been a long time coming, seeing that it was practised there ten or eleven years ago. St. Stephen's Guild, since its formation, has rung peals in various methods in the following order : Grandsire Caters, Treble Eight, Stedman Caters, Treble Ten, Double Norwich Major, Superlative Major, Cambridge Major, Cambridge Royal, London Major and now Bristol. This is surely a record to be proud of. They stand with very few other Sunday service bands in England in having a Cambridge Maximus company, and one over.

Mr. J. E. Davies has been appointed steeple keeper at St. Margaret's, Westminster. A more suitable man for the position could not have been found.

St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool.

The ring of 12 bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, were rehung by Messrs. JOHN WARNER & SONS, London.

The Tenor bell was recast, and the whole ring were rehung upon the original oak framework with modern fittings throughout, and, with the exception of the Tenor bell, the whole of the work was carried out in the Tower, without the bells being taken to the foundry, and, in consequence, without the aid of modern machinery.

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The last peal rung upon the bells before rehanging upon modern methods by JOHN WARNER & SONS, was as follows:—

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On March 12, 1878, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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ISAAC MEADOWS 2	GEORGE HELSBY 8
CHARLES ALBERT HERON... 3	THOMAS HAMMOND 9
JOHN H. MOORE... .. 4	JAMES EGERTON 10
WILLIAM WOODHEAD... .. 5	WALTER LITTLER 11
WILLIAM HERON 6	ROBERT THISTLEWOOD 12
	THOMAS METCALF Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN HERON, Junr.

1912.

LIVERPOOL.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs.

ARTHUR R. JACOB Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 7
HARRY BOWER 2	SAM THOMAS 8
GEORGE HOLMES 3	RICHARD NEWTON 9
JOHN THORPE 4	WILLIAM DAVIES 10
WILLIAM BURGAR 5	FRED SALMONS 11
GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 6	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

1912.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANCES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs.

EDWIN H. LEWIS Treble	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD 8
HENRY W. WILDE 3	FREDERICK PAGE 9
REV. A. T. BEESTON 4	WILLIAM DAVIES 10
GEORGE R. NEWTON 5	HARRY CHAPMAN 11
REV. H. J. ELSEE 6	RICHARD NEWTON Tenor

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PENWORTHAM'S TWO-HUNDRED-YEARS-OLD BELLS.

Last Saturday, the two hundredth anniversary of the bells at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Penwortham, Lancs, was celebrated. Originally they were a ring of five, cast by Abraham Rudhall, with a 9 cwt. tenor, the treble being added just over 50 years ago to make the present ring of six. The church is very prettily situated on a wooded hill overlooking the town of Preston, and is well known as a beauty spot for miles around, the avenue leading to the church and the view from the north end of the churchyard being particularly fine.

Elaborate arrangements had been made by the energetic Vicar, in conjunction with the ringers, for the celebration of the interesting event, and everything was a complete success. The whole of the members of the Preston branch of the Lancs. Association had received a personal invitation to be present, together with a number of friends and unattached ringers. The bells were available for ringing from two o'clock till 4 p.m., at which hour service was held. The general public were also invited to the service, which was of a special character, appropriate to the occasion, the preacher being the Rev. H. J. Elsee (President of the Lancs. Association). The Rev. O. Burton, Vicar, conducted the service. Judging by the number present in church, there were very few ringers who had not responded to the invitation to be present. Mr. Elsee preached an eloquent sermon, the first part of which he devoted to a short history of the bells, and how times had changed since they were hung in the tower 200 years ago. He then passed on to explain the message of the bells and their uses. Being a practical ringer he had his subject well in hand from start to finish.

An excellent tea was afterwards provided for the choir and the visiting ringers in the schoolroom, about 150 sitting down. The company included the Vicar and wardens, Squire Rawstorne and the Rev. H. J. Elsee.—At the conclusion, the squire made a neat little speech. He extended a hearty welcome to the visiting ringers, and, alluding to the bells, said their only fault was that they were two short of the complete octave. He hoped, however, before long to see the work of augmentation taken in hand. Referring to the service, he said how glad he was to see so many present, and in complimenting the preacher, said that if he could ring as well as he could preach a sermon, he must be a very good ringer indeed.

Mr. Elsee thanked the Vicar and authorities, on behalf of the ringers, for their kind invitation, and for the handsome way in which the visitors had been treated. He hoped at some future time to receive an invitation to be present at the dedication service of the complete octave. One face, which, he said, he had missed that day, was that of Mr. J. R. Taylor, the leader of the local company. He was sorry to hear that he was confined to bed, but hoped he would soon recover.—The Vicar paid a high compliment to Mr. Taylor, who, he said, was mainly responsible for that day's proceedings. He then invited all who wished to have a look round the vicarage grounds, and, of course, to ring on the bells which were at their disposal. Both invitations were fully accepted, and all were sorry when the time for departure arrived. Thus a pleasant afternoon, and one which will long be remembered by all who had the pleasure of attending, came to a close.

Of the five bells hung in 1712 only one is perfect, the remaining four having lost their crowns, while one is badly cracked. The present tenor was added in 1858 by public subscription, but as its note was not in perfect harmony, it was recast in 1891, and replaced, with the inscription, "Recast at Mary Rawstorne's cost." The inscriptions on the old bells are: "God save Queen Anne"; "Prosperity to the Church of England, 1712"; "Abram Rudhall cast us all. A.D. 1712"; "Ralph Loxam, minister, 1712 A.D."; while on the fifth bell are the names of the churchwardens of that time, "William Farrington, William Bickerstaffe, William M. Slater, Euan Maudsley, A.D. 1712." The bells are among the oldest in this part of Lancashire, and have been hung about two years longer than those at Goosnargh, which are similar in character, and by the same founder.

FATALITY TO A RINGER.

KILLED WHILE CYCLING.

A distressing cycling fatality occurred on Bank Holiday, by which one of the Sonning ringers, Mr. William Hands, lost his life. While cycling down a hill between Pangbourne and Yattendon, his machine seems to have skidded, and thrown him heavily on to the road. When picked up he was found to be suffering from a fractured skull, and he died in the Royal Berkshire Hospital. At the inquest a verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

The deceased, who was 53 years of age, and leaves a widow and three children, was interred at Sonning Churchyard, the funeral service being conducted by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild), and the Vicar. Evidence of the esteem in which Mr. Hands was held was provided by the large number of villagers who attended the funeral, in addition to his employer and fellow workmen, and the parish ringers, who followed the coffin to the grave. As the Sonning bells have been sent to the Loughborough foundry to be recast, they could not be rung on this occasion, and four of the Reading ringers attended, and rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave: A. E. Reeves 1—2, A. Pike 3—4, J. E. Hiern 5—6, W. Newell 7—8.

A NOISY BELFRY.
INFORMATION WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Our church, which contains a peal of eight bells, is situated in the centre of the town, and the church authorities have from time to time received complaints from residents in the vicinity of the noise of the bells. This, of course, means restricted opportunities for attempting peals, and we are afraid that even practice and Sunday ringing may be curtailed if something is not done to reduce the noise to a minimum. This is, of course, very discouraging to a band making good progress in change ringing.

It has been suggested by several ringers who have heard the bells that the clappers of the tenors might, with advantage, be reduced in weight, and thus do away with unnecessary noise. The weight of the tenor is 24 cwt. 3 qrs. 8 lbs., the clapper weighing 38 lbs. The seventh weighs 17 cwt. 0 qrs. 11 lbs., and the clapper 30 lbs. The tenor is in the key of D. We are rather reluctant to do anything in the matter without expert advice, and should be very much indebted if any of your ringers could say whether a reduction in the weight of the clappers would have any material effect on the tone of the bells, also to what weight the clappers might with advantage be reduced.

Perhaps the experiment has been tried at other places; if so, we should be glad to know with what result. Hoping your readers will favour us with their views in the matter, Yours faithfully,

"TENOR."

THE LONG PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me, through the medium of your columns, to congratulate the band who rang the 15,264 of Bristol Surprise at Hornchurch, Essex, on Whit-Monday. I should dearly have liked it to have been credited to the Essex Association, but being an old pupil of the conductor, Mr. W. Pye, I happen to know the reason why it is not, and I think the few who are responsible for such an able ringer leaving the Essex Association by this time will regret that anything was ever done or said to cause him to leave the Essex Association. I notice now, that although he has left the Essex for three or four years, he still stands second for number of peals rung for the Association, so that after all there was not much to call out about. I notice, also, that some at least of those who made a lot of fuss about it in the past do not credit all their own peals to the Essex Association. It seems to me like trying to turn one out of office, and jumping into it oneself. With this letter I have begun and ended my remarks. I do not blame Mr. Pye, as I should have done the same thing had I been treated as he was. Had it not been as I state, we should have had at least his last performance booked to the Essex Association, for most, if not all, the peals are credited to the county in which they are rung. I think the majority of Essex ringers who have met and rung with Mr. W. Pye, and all the brothers, will, like myself, feel sorry he left us. Again my heartiest congratulations to the band.—Yours truly,

Belchamp Walter.

H. W. CATTERWELL.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A meeting of the above Society was held at North Wingfield on Whit-Monday, and proved most enjoyable. The following towers were represented: Bolsover, Chesterfield, Dore, Hoyland Swain, Norton, Rammoor, together with the local company. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to Grandsire, Stedman, Superlative, Treble Bob, Bob Major and Double Norwich.

The Rector, with his usual kindness, provided a substantial tea, 26 sitting down to the meal beneath a weeping ash on the Rectory lawn, a charming spot indeed. After tea, Mr. J. P. Tarlton (the vice-president) was voted to the chair, and, the usual business over, Mr. S. Thomas proposed, and Mr. C. Maron seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Boden for their great kindness in entertaining the members, and for the use of the bells.—This was carried with acclamation.

The Rector replied, and in the course of an interesting little speech, said how very pleased he was to welcome the Society once again to North Wingfield, his greatest regret being that the attendance was not larger. Nevertheless, he hoped those present would enjoy themselves thoroughly, both in the tower and in the gardens, which were at the disposal of any who cared to take advantage of them.—Mr. W. Lambert proposed, and Mr. G. Davies seconded, a vote of thanks to the local company and steeplekeeper for having the bells in readiness.—This was replied to by Mr. Tarlton, in the absence of Mr. T. Allibone, who, to the regret of all, was unable to be present.—The members then dispersed, some to the tower where the bells were set going in various methods, others to the lawn, where "Ye Anciente Game" of bowls was indulged in, surprising form being shown where least expected.

THE DUPLICATION OF PEAL RECORDS.**AN APPEAL TO CONDUCTORS.**

Mr. A. T. King, the chairman of the Peals Analysis Committee, writes: May I call your attention to pages 366 and 382 of "The Ringing World," and point out that these pages contain a record of the same six-bell peal rung at Stapleford, Cambridgeshire. It is true that the particulars differ slightly, but substantially it is one and the same peal, sent by two different persons probably, to make assurance doubly sure, from their point of view, but with the only result of increasing the difficulty of the Peals Analysis Committee.

I am speaking from memory, but I think that this is the third case we have come across in the present year. The proper persons to see to the prompt and correct publication of a peal is obviously the conductor, or some person authorised by him to act on his behalf.

In sending peals of Minor for publication, may I ask conductors to be kind enough to group the methods rung into so many Surprise, Broken Lead, Treble Bob or Plain Methods—as the case may be.—Yours very faithfully,
ARTHUR T. KING.

DEDICATION OF CHAWLEIGH BELLS.**DEVONSHIRE FESTIVITIES.**

The re-opening of the new bells and the annual ringing festival for the parishes, comprising Chulmleigh Deanery, attracted a much larger gathering of people than can be remembered for many years. The bells are a ring of six, with a 15 cwt. tenor in F, and these have been hung in a modern steel framework and fitted with all the latest fittings, including cast iron headstocks, etc., by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London, who have executed the work in their usual splendid manner, and who are to be congratulated upon the perfect "go" and the fine tone of the new bells.

Ringing commenced early in the forenoon, and except for a short interval, continued till dark. The eleven sets of ringers who took part were from Chulmleigh, Burrington, Coleridge, East and West Worlington, Lapford, Winkleigh, Bondleigh and Zeal.

A public luncheon was provided at the Royal Oak Hotel, and was partaken of by a company numbering 130, including several ladies.—During a short, but interesting toast list, the Rector, churchwardens and parishioners generally were congratulated by the visitors on the restoration of their fine peal of bells, and on having obtained the funds so readily.

The Rev. H. A. Hill, secretary of the Deanery Ringers' Association, gave an encouraging account of the year's proceedings, whilst Mr. W. Hosegood (treasurer) announced a balance in hand of £2 19s. 5d.

Divine service was held in the afternoon, when the church was quite filled. The prayers were read by the Rector (the Rev. F. Hudson), the first lesson by the Rev. A. R. Stogdon, the second by the Rev. W. M. Parker, and an eloquent sermon was preached by Preb. P. Williams, Rector of St. James', Exeter. The other clergy present were the Revs. Bremridge, J. D. W. Worden, H. A. Hill, and A. P. McCarthy (Zeal). Special hymns and psalms were rendered by the choir, with Miss C. Baker at the organ. During the service, the bells were dedicated by the Rector, and the chimes were presented by the donor (Mr. Isaac Phillips). A fine brass tablet relative to the chimes has been fixed in the belfry. It bears the following inscription: "Presented by Isaac Phillips, a former churchwarden, in his 50th year, 1912. 'We to the Church the living call, and to the grave do summon all.'"

Among the numerous visitors during the afternoon were the Countess of Portsmouth, Lady Margaret Watney, and the Hon. John Wallop. Thanks to the ladies committee—the Mesdames F. Hudson, T. Baker, W. Tucker, E. Webber, C. Tucker, and J. Baple—an excellent tea was provided in the adjoining schoolroom, and was appreciated by over 200, chiefly adults. Tea for the ringers was provided at the Portsmouth Hotel. Numerous sports and games were indulged in by the youngsters in a field kindly lent by Mr. Thos. Baker, of Barton.

BEACHAMPTON BELLS OPENED.

The three old bells at Beachampton, Bucks, have been recast and tuned on the Simpson principle, two more added, and the peal hung in an iron and steel frame, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The opening of the bells took place on May 24th, when 720 of Grandshire Doubles were rung, by: A. J. Green (conductor) 1, C. A. Valentine 2, H. C. Edwards 3, W. W. Bonham 4, E. Yates 5. The local men took part in a few rounds.—After the ringing, the Rector entertained the ringers, and everyone expressed themselves well pleased with the splendid "go" and tone of the bells. The dedication will be performed later on.

A LANCASHIRE MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch was held on Saturday last at St. Thomas', Moorside, Oldham, about twenty members being present from Moorside, Oldham Parish, Glodwich, Middleton, Milnrow, Balderstone St. Albans, Rochdale, Todmorden Parish, and Todmorden Unitarian.—At the business meeting, Mr. F. Chapman, of Moorside, presided, and Newhey was selected for the next meeting. The bells were kept going till 9 p.m., in Grandshire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, and Kent Treble Bob, while an attempt was made for a touch of Oxford Treble Bob.

TOWCESTER ASSOCIATION.**THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.**

That thriving organisation, the Towcester and District Association, held its nineteenth annual festival at Passenham, a village near Stony Stratford, on Thursday of last week, and attracted a large number of ringers. Service was held in the interesting old church in the morning, the clergy taking part being: The Rev. G. M. Capell (Rector), the Rev. R. M. Gore-Browne (Leckhampstead), and the Rev. H. P. Brown (Middleton Cheney), the sermon being preached by the Rev. R. F. Rumsey (Calverton) from 1 Cor. xii, 12, on the subject of membership of and work in the Church. The offertory was for the Passenham belfry fund.

The business meeting was subsequently held in the Tithe Barn, which had been pleasingly decorated with flags, bunting, evergreens, coloured paper bells, etc., the work having been carried out by the Misses Capell, assisted by Miss Byam Grounds, and Messrs. J. B. Reeve, J. and H. Church, and F. Payne. The Rev. W. H. Barry, of Blisworth, President of the Association, presided, and in addition to many clergy, representatives were present from Wicken, Leckhampstead, Passenham, Cold Higham, Pattishall, Lois Weedon, Middleton Cheney, Blakesley, Bradden, Greensnorton, Blisworth, Gayton, Easton Neston, Courteenhall, Milton, Towcester and Paulerspury.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. C. Timms, S. Williams, W. Penn (Middleton Cheney), H. Whyman, H. Franklin (Blakesley), M. Townsend (Towcester), Fred Reeve (Pattishall), and R. Taylor (Wicken).

All the officers were re-elected

THE LUNCHEON.

A company of about 100 sat down to a cold collation served by Mrs. Duffett, of Wicken, after which the Chairman proposed "The King," which was heartily drunk.

Mr. Frost (Paulerspury) gave "The Bishop and Clergy," to which the Rev. G. M. Capell responded.

The Rev. G. Gibson, in eulogistic terms, proposed "The healths of the President and Secretary." In regard to Mr. Causebrook, the speaker's suggestion that some recognition should be made for his services was warmly applauded.—Musical honours were accorded the toast, and the President having briefly expressed his thanks, the Hon. Secretary, in acknowledgment, said that during the nine years of office he had tried to serve them faithfully. He emphasised the position of ringers as an important body of Church workers, and urged them to attend Divine service after their labours. He concluded with an expression of thanks to the preacher for the day.

ASSOCIATION MAKING STRIDES.

The Rev. F. H. Mentha proposed "Success to the Towcester District Bellringers' Association." He thought bell ringing lent a charm to village life, and they would contemplate with sorrow any decline or cessation, but as long as they had associations supported like theirs there was no danger of that.—In response, Mr. J. Read (Wicken) asserted, amidst laughter, that there were still some empty-headed clowns who looked down on bell ringing, but he could assure them it required a good head of brains.—Mr. Slarke also responded, and said it had been his privilege to be a ringer for 58 years, and, although he had reached the allotted span, he hoped that he would be allowed to go on a bit longer (applause). This year the Association had made very good strides in the way of change ringing, but he urged the members to take a deeper interest in method ringing. He also appealed to the clergy to increase peals of five to six.

An invitation from the Rev. Nelson-Ward to visit Wicken was postponed until the next annual gathering, for which Greensnorton had been accepted.

The Chairman, with a view to the better conduct of the business, suggested the appointment of a committee, comprising two from each belfry, to whom powers could be delegated.—This course was adopted, on the motion of the Rev. Gore-Browne, seconded by Mr. C. Tack (Milton).

Discussion took place on the alteration of the day for the annual festival.—Eventually, on the suggestion of the Chairman, it was decided to hold next year's festival on Saturday instead of Thursday as an experiment, the permanency of it being left to that gathering to decide.

On the motion of Mr. Slarke, seconded by Mr. Read, it was decided to admit life members into the Association.

The Rev. G. M. Capell entertained the ringers to tea in the evening, and the day proved thoroughly enjoyable, both from a ringing and social point of view.

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RINGERS' OUTINGS.

WORKSOP.

One of the most enjoyable outings by the Worksop Priory Church ringers took place on Whit-Monday. The party, including ringers, wives and children, numbered 16, started at 9 a.m., and had a delightful drive across the Sorby estate and through country, rendered beautiful by its spring garb. Miston was the first objective, and the visitors were met at the church by the Vicar and churchwardens, who extended to them a hearty welcome. The ladies were entertained at the Vicarage by the Rev. F. W. Keene, and the male contingent by Mr. S. W. Law. The bells were then raised in peal, and after a few six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, 720 Bob Minor was brought round, conducted by Mr. H. Haigh, this being the first by all except the bells. Miss Evelyn Steele arrived while this was in progress, and she afterwards took part in some Treble Bob and Grandsire Minor, conducted by Mr. Haigh and Mr. F. S. W. Butler, of Gainsborough, respectively. After partaking further of the hospitality of the Vicar and Mr. Law, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded, the party left for Harworth, stopping en route for an al fresco meal beneath a spreading elm (a chestnut tree could not be found). On reaching Harworth, the Vicar was found waiting to welcome the party. The bells were found a little tricky owing to the heavy ropes, but the Vicar was able to give the ringers a demonstration as to how to handle the bells. After Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob had been rung as a "feeler," 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was brought round, the lady taking part controlling her bell with much skill and judgment. Afterwards, the journey was resumed to Tickhill, which was reached in time to hear the Staveley ringers come to grief in a peal of Kent Major, after 1 hr. 25 mins. good ringing. After tea, with some of the Staveley company, a touch of Treble Bob was rung, followed by touches of Grandsire and Union Triples, and Bob Major, the bells being lowered in time to hear "The blue bells of Scotland" rung on the carillon at 8 o'clock. The visitors then took their departure, and enjoyed a beautiful ride home in the twilight. They desire, through this journal, to thank most warmly the incumbents, churchwardens and all who made their excursion so delightful.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.

On Whit-Monday, the Stoke Parish Church ringers had their annual outing, first visiting Bakewell, which was reached about 11.15 a.m. Making their way to All Saints' Church, where there is a fine peal of eight bells, the visitors rang several touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, which were greatly enjoyed, and then made for Youlgreave, about three miles distant, where ringing again was indulged in, Grandsire and Stedman Triples being rung. Next, Rowsley was visited, and afterwards the return train for Derby was caught, Stoke being reached at 8.30, after a very enjoyable day. The band wish to thank the ringers and authorities at the respective towers for the use of the bells.

BOYNE HILL.

The ringers of Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, had their outing on Whit-Monday, when they visited Thame, Hadkenham and Long Crendon. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Double Norwich were rung, and a pleasant day spent. The ringers wish to thank the respective clergy for the use of the bells, and the local men for having them ready.

KENSINGTON RINGERS AT LINCOLN.

The St. Mary Abbot's Guild visited Lincoln, with a call at Grantham, for their annual outing on Whit-Monday, the party numbering 17. Mr. S. Proctor, of the local band, met the visitors, and escorted them to the stately edifice of St. Wulfram, with its magnificent tower and spire reaching to a height of 270 feet. The bells, a fine ring of ten, were set going to Stedman, members of the local band joining in the ringing.

Lincoln was reached at 12.15 p.m., the party being met at the station by Messrs. Watson and Clifton. After lunch, the grand old Cathedral was visited, but ringing was out of the question, as the bells were at the Loughborough foundry. It is sincerely to be hoped that Lincoln will soon possess a peal of ten, there being only two peals of that number in the whole county. Other places of interest were visited. Newport Arch, an erection of some eighteen hundred and seventy years; the "Adam and Eve," with its many curios, and the museum, in which, among other objects of local interest, is deposited the old leathern jack, or jug, which was presented to the St. Peter at Arches or City Ringers by the Corporation in 1752. When considering the capacity of this old jug one cannot help thinking what a terrible thirst those old ringers must have had, and that there being very few teetotallers in those days, they would stand a poor chance of getting much farther than the peal of "Garthorne's Triples" recorded at St. Peter's belfry in that period.

At St. Peter at Arches, which contains a fine eight by Rudhall, the visitors were met by the Rector (the Rev. R. Bond), who rang touches with the party, in which members of the local band, and Mr. D. Brearley also joined.

A call was made at Grantham on the return journey, and touches of Stedman Caters and Kent Royal were brought round. King's Cross was reached at 10.40 p.m., the journey being enlivened by touches on a peal of Messrs. Warner's pocket handbells, which are invaluable for use in railway travelling. The Kensington ringers desire to take this opportunity of thanking Messrs. Proctor, of Grantham, and Watson and

Clifton, of Lincoln, and other members of the local bands for their assistance in making the day so enjoyable, and the Vicar of Grantham and the Rector of St. Peter at Arches, Lincoln, for the use of their bells.

YORKSHIRE RINGERS IN SURREY.

A number of Yorkshire ringers spent a very enjoyable Whitsuntide holiday in Surrey. The party that reached London early on the Saturday, were: Messrs. Cotterell, Salmons and Ambler, of Halifax; G. Naylor, of Lightcliffe; W. Pearso, of Pontefract; G. B. Bolland, of Tong; W. Idle, of Dewsbury; F. W. Dixon, of Guiseley; and P. J. Johnson, of Holbeck. On reaching the metropolis, the visitors were met at King's Cross by Mr. W. H. Pasmore, who piloted them through London, with an early morning call at Covent Garden Market, and a visit to St. Saviour's, Southwark, where the steeplekeeper, Mr. G. Mash, insisted upon the visitors trying the bells, and three leads of Treble Bob were rung on the front eight of this magnificent peal.

Croydon was the objective of the party, and reaching the Surrey town, the works of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were visited. The party were met by Mr. C. F. Johnston, who conducted them through the clock factory, where clocks in all stages of construction were seen and their manufacture explained. Mr. and Mrs. T. Maude, of Pudsey, and Mr. T. R. Hensher swelled the ranks of the party, who then visited the bell tuning house, where they saw a bell being tuned on the new Simpson principle, and then went into the foundry, where two small bells were cast for their edification. Afterwards, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone, senr., the party were entertained to lunch, and the handbells were brought into requisition.

An attempt for a peal of Treble Ten was made at Beddington in the afternoon, but a missed bob brought it to an abrupt conclusion, after an hour and five minutes' ringing. Touches were afterwards rung, and in the evening, at George IV Hotel, a social gathering was held. Mr. C. Glenn, of Sheffield, Mr. A. M. Stewart (Master of the Salisbury Guild), Mr. and Mr. T. R. Hensher, and a numerous company of London ringers joined the party, and a musical programme was carried out, the vocal items being interspersed with touches on handbells. On Sunday, the visitors rang at Mitcham Church in the morning, and Croydon Parish Church in the evening. On Monday they went a long brake drive through the beautiful Surrey scenery, ringing at Carshalton, Banstead, Ashted and Epsom. Touches of Double Norwich, Bob Major, Treble Bob and Stedman were rung, and the handbells were also brought into use during the stay at Banstead, for Grandsire Caters and Royal. Another convivial gathering at the George IV brought the day to a close.

On Tuesday, the Central Council meeting claimed the attention of some of the party, the rest explored hitherto unknown ground in London, meeting again at the Westminster Palace Hotel in the evening, where farewells were taken before the rush for the train at King's Cross. The party wish to thank all who helped to make the outing a success, the various clergy for granting the use of the bells, and the steeplekeepers for kind arrangements. Their special thanks are due to Messrs. C. F. Johnston, W. H. Pasmore and T. R. Hensher, while the kindness and courtesy extended to them on all sides will long remain a pleasant memory.

BIGGLESWADE BELLS DEDICATED.

A new ring of eight bells has been put in the tower of St. Andrew's, Biggleswade. They were cast and hung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The new bells, tenor about 14 cwt., are very pretty castings, and the tone is decidedly good. They are hung in a heavy H iron frame, and the "go" and "correct speaking" leave nothing to be desired.

The dedication service took place on Whit-Sunday. The lesson was read by the Rev. H. G. Strange, and the service by the Vicar, the Rev. R. S. Bagshawe. The anthem, "The Lord is King," was rendered boldly and vigorously. After the presentation, dedication, and a few rounds rung, the Vicar addressed the donors, then the congregation, and offered special prayers for the worshippers. The Vicar, in a short address, said he little thought when he spoke on St. Andrew's Day that they would have at Whitsuntide such a fine peal of eight bells, and those, hung with all the latest scientific improvements. The old five bells had been recast, the old inscriptions being retained, and three new bells had been added. The gifts had lifted a load of anxiety from his mind, and he felt especially thankful to the donors and subscribers. Little troubles very often occurred in the business life of a church, but he hoped when the bells were rung, that each one would remember what a lot could be done by a little charity and self-sacrifice, and by all working together with one mind for the common good.

The service concluded with the hymn, "Lifted high within the steeple," and the recessional hymn, "Now thank we all our God." Mr. J. W. Barker took a party of ringers from St. Paul's, Bedford, and a number of ringers from the surrounding villages were also present. Some excellent touches were rung in various methods, including Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative. On Whit-Monday, at the invitation of Mr. Blood, the ringers again attended, and the bells were kept going, giving everyone an opportunity to have a pull. Before leaving, Mr. Barker, on behalf of the ringers present, thanked the Vicar and churchwardens for entertaining them, and Mr. F. Blood for welcoming and making the necessary arrangements for the ringers.

THE LATE MR. A. R. JACOB.

The following is the list of peals rung by the late Mr. A. R. Jacob, whose sudden death we recorded a fortnight ago: Minor in 7 Methods, 2; Grandsire Triples, 28; Caters, 11; Cinques, 2; Stedman Triples, 19; Caters, 31; Cinques, 13; Bob Major, 6; Kent Treble Bob Major, 58, conducted, 4; Royal, 30, conducted, 6; Maximus, 9; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Double Norwich Major, 65, conducted, 7; Cambridge Surprise, 2; Superlative, 16; London, 1; total, 295, conducted, 17.



The peals were rung in 106 towers in 17 different counties, and include 13,440 Double Norwich rung at Romford, the first true peal of Cambridge Surprise ever rung in London, and the first peal of London Surprise by a band of London ringers. Mr. Jacob was also one of the band that attempted a 20,000 of Double Norwich at Erith, which came to grief, after ringing 5 hrs. 6mins. He was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, London County Association, Waterloo, and St. Margaret's, Westminster, Societies, Norwich Diocesan, Yorkshire, Midland Counties, Oxford Guild, Norwich Scholars, Essex, Kent, Surrey and Middlesex Associations, All Saints' Society, Fulham, and the Ashton-under-Lyne Society.

BELL RESTORATION AT TOPSHAM.

The bells of Topsham, Devon, have been rehung by Messrs. Stokes and Son, of Woodbury, who have made an excellent job of the work entrusted to them. The peal, which consists of six bells, the oldest of which is dated 1640, had not been rung for at least 34 years, mainly because of the impression that one of them was cracked. An inspection, however, disproved this, but on the advice of the diocesan architects, it was decided to renovate the upper part of the tower, and restore the bells. Messrs. Stokes and Son have provided a new oak frame with all new fittings: the bells have been tuned and quarter turned, and the Ellacon bell-chiming apparatus fixed. There was a large congregation present at the dedication by the Bishop of Exeter, when a hymn written in anticipation by the late Vicar, was sung, the first and last verses respectively being as follows:—

Lord, give these bells of Topsham Church
Thy Blessing and Thy voice,
To spread the news that all must learn
Who make Thy law their choice.
But ring, sweet bells of Topsham Church,
Your six glad voices raise;
From such sure preachers man may learn
The joy of prayer and praise.

The bells were rung and "fired" during the ceremony, after which the Bishop preached an eloquent sermon, in the course of which he dwelt with thankfulness upon the fact that the faithful to-day were willing to spend their work and substance that the Church should go down to the generation to come as complete, stable and beautiful as the present generation had received it from those who had gone before.

A collection was taken for the purpose of purchasing a set of hand-bells for the use of the ringers, and after the services Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung on the tower bells by the ringers of Clyst St. George.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT BOTTESFORD.

A beautiful peal board, recording the first peal of Grandsire Triples ever rung by a local band at Bottesford, Leicestershire, has been unveiled by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Vincent Jackson).—After the ceremony, a short touch of Triples was brought round, the ringers standing in the same places as when they rang the recorded peal.—An adjournment was then made to the parish room, where a bountiful tea, kindly provided by the Rector, and presided over by his daughter, was partaken of, thus bringing to a close an eventful afternoon in the ringing history of Bottesford.

DEATH OF AN OLD WINCHESTER GUILD MEMBER.

The Winchester Guild has lost one of its earliest members, by the death of Mr. J. Charman, of Cranleigh, Surrey. He paid his first subscription to the Guild in 1880, the Guild having been founded only in the previous June. He started to ring at Cranleigh 55 years ago, when there was a band practising Doubles and Bob Minor, on their heavy ring of six. About 1874 some of the older members of that band left, and Mr. Charman was elected captain, and soon recruited some younger blood, and introduced other Minor methods to the tower, including Kent Treble Bob, with which method, however, they did not make much progress until later, when the leadership was given over to his son William. In those early days the band were among the leading ones in the Guild, and were appointed to open the bells at Hawley and Eagsot, and it was no doubt largely owing to the interest taken in change ringing by Mr. Charman, in the early days of his captaincy, that the band were able to ring these methods at that early date. His name is in no danger of dying out of the ringing circle at Cranleigh just yet, for in the last peal that was rung there, two of his sons took part (one as conductor), and two of his grandsons, the old gentleman himself hearing the peal from one of the Cottage Hospital beds (exactly opposite the church). The deceased had not done any ringing for several years, owing to ill-health, but had managed a short touch or two of Grandsire Triples since his old peal of six had been augmented to eight. He passed away at the age of 75, and was buried to the sound of the old tenor on which he had rung many a 720. He was carried to his last resting place by four of the present band, Messrs. W. Streeter, R. Whittington, F. Worsfold, and H. Tidy. The whole of the band had subscribed for a large wreath, made by Mr. F. Worsfold, representing a bell wheel, on which was mounted a floral bell, encircled by a miniature bell rope with sally woven in, the work of the lady ringer belonging to the band.

A MEMORIAL BELL.

At a meeting of the joint class of young men and young women, in connection with Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, Lancs., held on a recent Sunday, it was decided to place a treble bell in the tower of the church, to the memory of the late Mr. William George Graham, for several years teacher of the class, who died unexpectedly after a very brief illness, on May 19th, and was interred at Immanuel Church on the 22nd. Mr. Graham was a ringer at Immanuel several years ago, and occupied several other positions in connection with the Church and school at the time of his death. He was held in the greatest respect by all who knew him. A scheme is also on foot to complete the octave in commemoration of the Coronation of King George V.

SALISBURY GUILD MEETING.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF DEVIZES BRANCH.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Upavon, on Saturday, 1st June.—The Rev. J. A. Sturton, Vicar of Market Lavington, occupied the chair, and was supported by Mr. Hy. Brownlee West, of Devizes, hon. branch secretary, and ringing members from Urchfont, Devizes St. John, Chilton, Pewsey, Devizes St. Mary, Southbroom, Upavon, Bechingsstoke, Market Lavington and Great Cheverell, 37 sitting down to an excellent tea kindly provided by the Vicar of Upavon in the schoolroom adjoining the churchyard.

A short business meeting followed, the first item of which was the election of a new chairman to fill the place rendered vacant by the retirement of the Rev. J. H. Burn.—Mr. C. D. Heginbotham proposed, and Mr. Hillier seconded, the election of the Rev. J. A. Sturton, and this was carried unanimously.—Mr. Sturton, in replying, expressed the pleasure it gave him to accept the office, as he was himself a ringer, and took great interest in the Exercise.—A letter of regret for absence was read from the Rev. N. Ll. Jenkins.—Two new unattached members were elected, one from Urchfont and one from Poulshot, and seven new ringing members from Fittleton and eight from Market Lavington.—A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar of Upavon for the generous tea he had so kindly provided, and also for the use of the bells.—The Rev. J. A. Sturton was thanked for presiding at the meeting, and welcomed by all present as their new chairman.—The bells were kept going until 8 p.m., when a pleasant gathering was brought to a close.

THE FIRST PEAL ON TEN AT CREWE.

This peal, recorded in our last issue, was rung on the occasion of the unveiling of two bronze busts (one at the Crewe Cottage Hospital, and the other at the Webb Orphanage), and an oil painting in the Orphanage, of the late Mr. F. W. Webb, a munificent donor to the town of Crewe. The bust in the hospital was presented by Sir Henry Robertson, who unveiled it, and that in the Orphanage (unveiled by Mr. R. Brocklebank, a director of the company) by the workmen in Crewe Works and Steam Shed, who also gave the oil painting. The latter was unveiled by Mr. C. J. B. Cooke, chief mechanical engineer of the L. and N.W. Railway. The late Mr. Webb was the donor of the tenor of the old peal of eight at Crewe, erected 34 years ago, and the ringers thought the ceremony last Saturday a very appropriate occasion on which to attempt the first peal on the new bells.

J HUNT'S 300 PEALS.

The 14,031 Stedman Caters, at Guildford, on Saturday week, was J. Hunt's 300th peal, made up as follows.

On Tower Bells:—

	Rung	Conducted
Seven Methods of Minor (on treble)	1	
Grandsire Triples	21	6
Grandsire Caters	8	2
Bob Triples	1	1
Bob Major	20	6
Bob Royal	2	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	13	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3	
Stedman Triples	71	3
Stedman Caters	21	4
Stedman Cinques	2	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	24	4
Superlative Surprise Major	27	2
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	
Cambridge Surprise Major	3	
Bristol Surprise Major	4	
London Surprise Major	2	

Total on tower bells 224

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Rung in 68 different towers in ten counties.

On Handbells:—

Grandsire Triples	9
Grandsire Caters	4
Stedman Triples	19
*Stedman Caters	43
Stedman Cinques	1

Total on Handbells 76

* Including 7,023, 7,777, also 14,031 record.

G. R. NEWTON'S 100 PEALS.

Three Minor Methods, rung 1, conducted 1; 4 Minor Methods, 1, conducted 1; 5 Minor Methods, 4, conducted 1; 7 Minor Methods, 12, conducted 9; 10 Minor Methods, 1 (7200); Grandsire Triples, 17, conducted 10; Union Triples, 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 1, conducted 1; Stedman Triples, 16, conducted 1; Plain Bob Major, 8, conducted 4; Little Bob Major, 1; Double Oxford Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 15, conducted 5; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 3, conducted 2; Double Norwich Major, 9, conducted 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 2; Bristol Surprise Major, on the treble, 1; Grandsire Caters, 3, conducted 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Cinques, 1; Treble Bob Maximus, 1; total, 109, conducted, 39. Rung in 40 towers in seven counties, with nine societies.

PETER LAFLIN'S 50 PEALS.

On six bells, 2; Bob Major, 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 7; Kent, 3; Aston, 1; Handsworth, 1; Double Norwich, 9; Superlative, 12; Cambridge, 5; Stedman Triples, 1; Caters, 1; Cinques, 3; Grandsire Caters, 2; Aston Royal, 1; total, 50.

THE "WARNER" CUP.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It was with appreciative interest that I read the announcement of the generous and munificent gift by Messrs. John Warner and Sons to the Exercise, of a sterling cup for the highest scoring of points for peal ringing generally. At the present time I am inclined to think that in many instances the scoring for points in peal ringing is made at the sacrifice of good striking. The points for method ringing should or ought to be in conjunction with the best of good striking, and judged accordingly, but how is this to be attained? As in the old days of prize ringing contests no one but the most reliable of men should be appointed for such a task. Nowadays, with the increased ringing of so many peals, I think this subject would and should form a very interesting and animated discussion at the next Central Council meeting. All the same, Messrs. John Warner and Sons deserve the thanks of the whole Exercise for their noble efforts to promote and to encourage the art of change ringing to a higher standard. Wishing the idea which prompted such a generous nature every success. Yours truly,

CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

LANGPORT BELLS REHUNG.

Last Sunday was observed at Langport, Somerset, as a day of thanksgiving for the completion of the work of restoration that has been carried out on the tower and south side of the church, and the re-hanging of the bells. The latter has been carried out by Mr. Sully, of Stogumber, the six bells (tenor 17 cwt.) having been re-hung in a massive oak frame, with space left for the addition of two trebles. The Bishop of the Diocese was the preacher at the afternoon and evening services, both before and after which touches of Grandsire Doubles and Minor were rung on the bells by the local ringers and visitors from Kingsdon, Curry-Rivel, Somerton, etc. All the ringers testified to the excellence of Mr. Sully's work.

NOTICES.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bakewell on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting in the Church Institute at 4.30. Tea (1s. 3d. each) at the Queen's Arms Hotel at 5 p.m.—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the South and West District will be held at Norwood Green, on Saturday, June 15th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector at 5. The bells at Heston will probably be open during the evening. All are welcome—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

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. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, June 15th. The tower will be open from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting immediately after. All members and friends cordially invited.—William H. Hotten, Hon. Secretary, 42, Thornhill Road, Barnsbury, N.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Stapleford on Saturday, June 15th. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30.—P. Webb, District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, June 15th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7.30 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting and contest will be held at Heptonstall on Saturday, June 15th, 1912. Bells available from 3 p.m. Ballot for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. in the schoolroom. Visitors should book to Hebden Bridge by train.—George Naylor, Hon. Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 15th, at Wolverley. The bells, and also those at Cookley (6) will be available at 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 4.45. Tea and business meeting at 5.30.—E. J. Dowler, Branch Secretary, 9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Lincoln District will be held at Heckington on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available in the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Temperance Hall.—George Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stretford on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Honorary Secretary, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Brewood on Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing at 3. Service at 5.30, with an address by the Rev. C. Dunkley. Tea (9d.) at 6. A brake will leave Wolverhampton (top of Railway Drive, Lichfield Street) at 2.15; fare 1s. 3d. Send word not later than 18th. Report now ready.—H. Knight, Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Polesworth on Saturday, June 22nd.

Bells available at 3.30 p.m. The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on July 27th. Notice of any resolution to be moved at this meeting should be forwarded to me by July 6th.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shotton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—A bye-meeting will be held at Shenfield on Saturday, June 22nd. Fryerning bells at 2, Ingatestone at 3, Shenfield at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided to those sending word by the 19th inst.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

BEDFORD ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, June 22nd, for the election of officers. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—A. King.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Walton-on-the-Hill on Saturday, June 22nd. Full particulars by circular.—Rev. W. L. Bulpit and W. Bentham, Honorary Secretaries.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Established 1623.—The 289th anniversary will be held on Thursday, the 27th inst. All ringers welcomed.—R. Strong, Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held on Saturday, June 29th, 1912, at All Saints, Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppy. Tower open from 3.30 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. District Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, June 29th. Particulars later.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Winchester on Saturday, June 29th. Meeting at the Guildhall at 2 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. The Cathedral bells will be available.—W. E. Colchester, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chipping on June 29th. Bells available from 3.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 13th, special service in the Cathedral at 11.30. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Business meeting in the Chapter House at 12.20. Dinner in the dining hall at Christ Church at 1.30. Dinner tickets at 2s. each will be forwarded to those members only who send their money with the order to me on or before Saturday, July 6th. 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, Guild Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.—The bells at St. Catherine's will be available for quarter peal ringing on the third Sunday afternoon of each month from 2 to 3. All ringing friends are heartily welcome.—A. H. J. Denford, Hon. Secretary.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The relatives of the late Mr. A. R. Jacob, of Hornsey, Middlesex, desire to thank the ringers for the respect and sympathy shown in their bereavement, by the attendance of so large a number at the funeral.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

FOTTEN, BEDS.—On Sunday morning, May 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: A. O. Bailey (first in the method) 1, F. Pratt 2, F. Blood 3, C. A. Pratt 4, L. F. Taylor 5, S. R. Roper (conductor) 6.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—The Towcester and District Association.—On Sunday, May 19th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): A. J. Green 1, J. W. Unwin 2, G. Basford 3, J. W. Sharp 4, C. Faulkner 5, T. Law 6, F. Hopper (conductor) 7, T. Denney 8.

SPELDHURST.—Kent Association.—On Monday, May 20th, 720 Bob Major: E. Turley 1, Geo. Fuggle 2, A. Maynard 3, G. Thompson 4, C. Chapman 5, J. Maynard 6, J. Thorpe 7, Geo. Turley (conductor) 8.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—On May 17th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 52 mins.: F. S. W. Butler 1, W. Ayre 2, C. H. Baker 3, J. C. Tinker 4, J. T. Ladd (conductor) 5, W. Dickenson 6, H. Torr 7, A. H. Curtis.—On May 20th, another quarter-peal in the same method, in 48 mins.: F. S. W. Butler (conductor) 1, C. H. Baker 2, J. T. Ladd 3, J. C. Tinker 4, W. Ayre 5, W. Dickenson 6, H. Torr 7, R. S. Lakin 8. Both the above touches were rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Archdeacon Bond, and Mr. F. M. Burton, who were for many years honorary members of the Guild.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Easter Sunday morning, at 5.30 a.m., 720 of Old Oxford Modernised Treble Bob: R. Kilby 1, G. Kilby 2, L. Porter 3, G. Chalkley 4, T. Langdon 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise, conducted by T. Langdon; and 720 of College Single, with Frank Barrett, treble.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—On Saturday, May 25th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, 1024 of Kent Treble Bob Major: C. O. Hobbs 1, A. E. Morgan 2, N. Morgan 3, W. B. Biss 4, J. W. Jones 5, F. Chamberlain 6, S. Dawe (conductor) 7, W. Bolton 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On May 14th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Avis 1, F. Hayes 2, J. Burles 3, G. Morrad 4, G. Ambrose 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6. This was the 100th 720 by the conductor. On the same evening, 720 College Single: J. Avis 1, G. Ambrose 2, J. Allen 3, G. Morrad 4, J. Burles 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6.

OOBHAM.—Kent County Association.—On May 22nd, 720 Plain Bob: G. Mungam 1, F. Hayes 2, F. Mitchell 3, C. Waterman 4, J. Wood (first in the method with a bob bell) 5, G. Morrod (conductor) 6. 720 Grandsire Minor was lost owing to 3-4 shifting.

ROWLEY REGIS.—Dudley and Districts Guild.—On May 23rd, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Brown 1, F. Willetts 2, A. Timmins 3, T. Clarke 4, E. Homer 5, H. Dowell 6, J. Goodman (conductor) 7, S. Detheridge 8.

HILLINGDON.—The Middlesex Association.—On May 22nd, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1280 changes), in 49 mins.: B. Prewett (conductor) 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, W. S. Inwood 3, C. C. Mayne 4, W. Welling 5, R. Buckland 6, J. J. Pratt 7, G. F. Williams 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Bird, wife of the Rev. H. G. Bird, M.A., President of the Association.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—At St. Peter's Church, on May 9th, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was attempted, but came to grief half-way, after 1 hr. 40 mins. ringing, by the local band: J. Muggridge 1, J. Perkins, junr., 2, G. Thompson 3, A. Verrall 4, W. Smith 5, W. Latter 6, F. White 7, S. Perkins (conductor) 8.—On May 14th, a course of Duffield Major, and three courses of Forward Major: W. Latter 1, S. Perkins 2, J. Perkins, junr., 3, A. Verrall 4, W. Smith 5, H. Porter 6, F. J. Laker 7, F. White (conductor) 8.

STAMFORD HILL.—On May 20th, at St. Ann's Church, a date touch of Plain Bob Minor (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 9 mins.: E. Davidson 1, T. C. Ringrose 2, F. E. Ringrose 3, A. Howell 4, F. Fensom 5, C. H. Ross (composer and conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and to H. C. Stubbs.—On May 12th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, for evening service: A. Keay 1, W. Jacob 2, T. Sharman 3, F. A. Gerken 4, E. Davidson (conductor) 5, C. Davidson 6.

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MODERN WORK.

PEAL VALUES.

The Central Council made another attempt at their annual meeting to settle the vexed question of peal values by adopting a new schedule of points. It has been a long business—extending over years—and probably the committee themselves will be ready to agree that they have not yet reached the counsel of perfection. It is not for us, perhaps to quarrel with the table, which gives as many points for Double Norwich Major as for Stedman Triples, or that gives Cambridge Royal 11 points more than Superlative Royal, which is infinitely more complicated if less musical, but we mention these points in passing to show that there is likely still to be some anomalies.

And in regard to the points for Minor, we have had our attention called to the following result of the adoption of the committee's report: Fourteen Surprise Minor methods in seven true 720's: 4 points for each 720, and 13 points for the number of methods, total 41. Fourteen Surprise methods rung in 360's: No 720, no points; 13 points for the number of methods, total 13. This surely was not the intention of the committee, yet that is the strict reading of their report, which, in speaking of the 720's, refers to them as "rung all through in one and the same method, or composed of touches in more than one method making up, when taken together, one true 720." The difficulty of satisfactorily allotting points is admitted by everyone, and the value of any particular method is largely one of opinion. For instance, most ringers, who are competent to speak on the subject, do not agree that, in actual practice, Bristol Surprise is equal in complexity to London, although it is given the same number of points.

But the committee to which was entrusted the settling of the question of points has long applied itself to the task in the most assiduous manner. Year after year the subject has been referred back to them, but at last, having made the report now adopted by the Council, they have given up their efforts, convinced that they can do no more. They recommended that their duties should be taken over by the Analysis Committee, who are more in touch with what is going on on the practical side of ringing. This suggestion was adopted, and now a fresh set of ringers will be able to turn their attention to the matter, although they are more or less tied to the formula adopted by the Council. They have before them, however, the somewhat difficult task of classifying the methods. On the question that was raised as to the points to be allotted for peals over 12,000 surely this has already been settled in practice? The committee have a precedent in what was done in the case of the seventeen and eighteen thousands of a few years ago.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	*HAROLD CLARK... .. 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 8
REUBEN SANDERS 4	WILLIAM PYE 9
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 5	ERNEST PYE Tenor

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt., in G.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	WALTER LAST 5
ERNEST POPPY 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6
WILLIAM ROSE 3	GEORGE ROWE 7
WILLIAM GROOM 4	WILLIAM GRIMES Tenor

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On Monday, June 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM G. MAYERS ... Treble	*WILLIAM W. GOODBOURN 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	ALFRED FUNNELL 6
JOHN F. WILSON 3	WILLIAM STEELE 7
FREDERICK J. WHITHAM ... 4	GEORGE POYNTZ Tenor

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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in E.

*ERNEST HARRIS Treble	*JOHN J. HENSMAN 5
*ALFRED P. HENSMAN 2	*HENRY BLUNDELL 6
HERBERT RAINBOW 3	WILLIAM FAREY 7
JOSEPH S. WHITE 4	*WILLIAM J. ALLEN Tenor

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On Thursday, June 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED NAYLOR Treble	HARRY C. WALTERS 5
WILLIAM PEARSON 2	FREDERICK MOODY 6
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SAMUEL BROOK 4	ARTHUR GILL Tenor

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THE WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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HARRY ARGYLE Treble	*ERNEST STONE 5
*ROWLAND O. POLLARD 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
*GEOFFERY STONELEY 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 7
*THOMAS VALLANCE 4	*JOHN GREASLEY Tenor

Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

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

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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*HARRY W. GAYTON Treble	JAMES T. WARD 5
HERBERT SHARP 2	WALTER J. GERMAN 6
JAMES HOUGHTON 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
ANDERSON Y. TYLER 4	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
ERNEST S. BAILEY 2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 6
FREDERICK J. SMITH 3	CHARLES SAMSON 7
*GEORGE WILSON 4	EDGAR H. BAILEY Tenor

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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERNEST BARTRAM Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
ARTHUR PETTIT 2	JOSIAH MORRIS 6
LOUIS E. ALLEN 3	RICHARD H. BARTRAM 7
FRED. H. DEXTER 4	CHARLES H. FOWLER Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER, and
Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

LONDON.

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Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH WAGHORN, Senr. ... <i>Tenor</i>	EDWARD F. COLE 5
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
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ISAAC G. SHADE 2	ERNEST PYE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
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ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,*

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lbs.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT G. WARNES 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	WALTER MOBBS 6
WILLIAM STEELE 3	FREDERICK SMITH 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 4	JAMES SOUTER <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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At the Church of the Holy Trinity,*

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Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs.

ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG ... <i>Treble</i>	JAMES ARMSTRONG 5
*JOHN WILLIAM FITCHIE ... 2	FRED HARWOOD 6
†WILLIAM SHARPLES 3	ROBERT SANDERSON 7
E. ROGER MARTIN 4	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE ... <i>Tenor</i>

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Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr.

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EDGAR HUMFREY 2	JESSE BROOKS 6
HARRY MILES 3	REV. CYRIL O. JENKYN ... 7
JOHN MONK 4	GEORGE BROOKS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM J. BROWNING ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN WHEADON 5
REGINALD BROUGH 2	†EDWIN F. PIKE 6
WILLIAM FLETCHER 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 7
*JOHN BURLES 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,*

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENRY F. EWINS <i>Treble</i>	JOHN RICE 5
OSCAR GILBEY 2	GEORGE F. HOAD 6
ALFRED D. MILLS 3	FREDK. W. RICE 7
ALBERT HARMAN 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

*On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ALBERT MILLS <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE HUGHES 5
THOMAS HUGHES 2	JESSE SCREEN 6
†CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
ALFRED ROWLEY 4	WILLIAM COOPER <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

* First peal of Major. † Proposed a member of the above Guild previous to starting for the peal. This composition has only the 5th and 6th in 6th's place.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, May 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

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

*STEVEN J. PERKINS ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM E. SPIGE 4
CECIL BISHOP 2	WILLIAM SPIGE 5
THOMAS JULL 3	W. H. B. WILKINS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

* First peal of Minor by S. J. Perkins, who hails from Tunbridge Wells.

MACCLESFIELD.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, June 8, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At Christ Church,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 0 qr. 11 lbs.

E. GREENWOOD <i>Treble</i>	S. STANWAY 4
F. STONLEY 2	N. H. WHEELTON 5
F. HIRST 3	C. GALLYMORE <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by F. STONLEY.

First peal by all except the conductor. It is the first peal on these bells for a hundred years and it was rung by all Christ Church ringers.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 14½ cwt., in F.

LIONEL HAMMOND Treble	HERBERT PRATT 4
FREDK. C. LAMBERT 2	THOMAS CRANE 5
*LEONARD HEMBLING... .. 3	JOHN PUNCHARD Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal. Rung on the eve of, and to celebrate St. Barnabas' Day; also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

TIBENHAM.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich Surprise, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH Treble	GEORGE SNELLING 4
BERTIE TURNER 2	JOHN SNELLING 5
ALBERT BROWN 3	FRED. SEAGER Tenor

Conducted by B. TURNER.

First peal as conductor. This peal was rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Bishop Sheepshanks, for many years Bishop of the Diocese.

CLENCHWARTON.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. BEAUMONT Treble	*W. STRIKE 3
J. WELTON 2	W. PAINTER 4
S. VINCENT Tenor	

Conducted by J. WELTON.

* First peal. Rung with bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Bishop of Norwich.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALLEN GWYNNE Treble	EDWARD SUMMERS 4
HARRY MARKLOVE 2	WALTER POSTON 5
JOHN GWYNNE 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

Rung as a farewell peal to the ringer of the 5th, who is leaving the band.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich Surprise, College Exercise, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH Treble	GEORGE SNELLING 4
BERTIE TURNER 2	JOHN SNELLING 5
ALBERT BROWN 3	FRED. SEAGER Tenor

Conducted by B. TURNER.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and one 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE E. NAUNTON ... Treble	CHARLES NUNN 4
EDWARD YOUNGS 2	ALPHAUS BERRY 5
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

Arranged for Messrs. F. W. and G. E. Naunton, of Wrentham.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

*H. STRICKLAND Treble	CHAS. H. BIRD 4
NORMAN SHORT 2	*WILLIAM J. THYNG 5
*R. OLIVER 3	*GEO. VAMPLEW Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN SHORT.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

SHEEPY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANK SHEPHERD ... Treble	HERBERT HURDMAN... .. 4
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 2	JOHN HOUGH 5
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3	DAVID COTTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HOUGH.

* First peal in seven methods. This is the first peal on the bells.

WHITCHURCH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*LEWIS WRIGHT Treble	DAVID THOMAS... .. 4
*CLARENCE O. HOBBS ... 2	WILLIAM B. BISS 5
FRANK JOSEPH BAILEY ... 3	FRED. CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by DAVID THOMAS.

* First peal of Minor.

BLAKESLEY.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS AND THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*CECIL H. SLARKE ... Treble	J. WILLIAM UNWIN... .. 3
FRED HOPPER 2	†WALTER T. WILSON ... 4
WILLIAM ROGERS... .. Tenor	

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Previous to the start for this peal, J. W. Unwin was elected a member of the Central Northants and the Towcester and District Associations, and W. T. Wilson a member of the Towcester and District Association. The ringer of the treble is the grandson of Mr. J. Slarke, Towcester. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven different 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES ROBBINS Treble	WALTER POSTON 4
EDWARD SUMMERS 2	JOHN CLARK 5
FRANK VOYCE 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

BINSTEAD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, College Single, and Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt., approx.

*GEORGE FISHER... .. Treble	HUBERT CHAFFEY 4
WILLIAM HORNE 2	JOHN HALL 5
ALFRED CROUCHER 3	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

COBHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 each of Grandsire Minor, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

JOHN AVIS Treble	FREDERICK HAYES 4
CHARLES WATERMAN... .. 2	GEORGE MORRAD 5
GUY R. AMBROSE 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung in honour of the King's birthday. The band wish to thank the Rev. Berger, for the use of the bells, and Mr. G. Mungeam for having everything ready.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT COMMERCIAL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S No. 33.

MAURICE SMITHERS... .. 1-2	JAMES HUNT 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	FRANK BLONDELL 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

F. Blondell's 50th peal on handbells.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

JAMES R. KEMP 1-2	FRANK R. CUNDALE 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	WILLIAM T. POWELL 7-8

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Witness: E. BERRY.

First handbell peal of Triples by all except the conductor.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

SYDNEY R. ROPER 1-2	ACKLAND J. PERKINS 5-6
WALTER S. WISE 3-4	CYRIL F. JOHNSTON 7-8

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Umpire, THOMAS H. COLBURN.

Mr. C. F. Johnston's first peal in hand and first attempt.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL 5040 CHANCES;

Size 16, in B flat.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2	FRANK BENNETT 5-6
*ARTHUR W. SHEPHERD 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS 7-8
ALFRED W. GRIMES... .. 9-10	

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Umpire: H. J. RANZETTA.

* First peal of Bob Royal.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;

SYDNEY PECK 1-2	GEORGE D. COLEMAN 5-6
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN 3-4	HERBERT FIELDS 7-8

Composed by C. R. LILLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

Witness, ARTHUR ADAMS.

Rung on the local company's new set of handbells and believed to be the first handbell peal rung at Eaton Socon.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND
THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

On Sunday, June 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. MOORE, CEMETERY ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE.

ARTHUR E. MOORE 1-2	HARRY A. TURNER 5-6
FREDERICK DEWELL 3-4	*CHARLES WOODCOCK 7-8

Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

Umpire, FRANK LEVITT.

* First peal double-handed.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

LINDOFF'S TWELVE-PART No. 8.

MAURICE SMITHER 1-2	JAMES HUNT 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	FRANK BLONDELL 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witness: WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

At TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5184 CHANCES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 1—2	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 5—6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3—4	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 7—8

REGINALD O. STREET ... 9—10

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

This peal, the first of Little Bob Royal rung, contains the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6th's place and is the first 5000 of Royal rung with this property.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, June 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

At TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5—6
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3—4	*WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 7—8

*REGINALD O. STREET ... 9—10

Composed by W. T. ELSON, and
Conducted by REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

Umpire, J. B. WILLIAMSON.

* First peal of Caters in hand.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, June 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At TRINITY COLLEGE,

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

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5—6
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3—4	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 7—8

Composed by A. B. CARPENTER, and
Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, June 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 1—2	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 5—6
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3—4	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 7—8

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire, J. H. R. FREEBORNE.

This is the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob by the Guild.

BATH.—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—On May 13th, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins., by: W. Seers 1, R. E. Waterson 2, A. E. Alexander 3, T. Hogsflesh 4, C. Densley 5, A. E. Seers (conductor) 6, R. J. Cousins 7, G. Crisp 8.

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PEAL POINTS QUESTION.

DISCUSSED BY MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Once more the Peak of Derbyshire was chosen for the quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association, and about 50 members assembled at the beautiful town of Bakewell, on Saturday last. A good peal of eight bells by Mears hangs in the tower of the Parish Church, upon which touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Duffield, Superlative, and Cambridge Major were rung during the afternoon and evening. Members were present from Burton, Cotgrave, Darley, Derby, Duffield, Loughborough, Orston, North Wingfield, Wirksworth, etc.

After tea, which was served at the Queen's Arms Hotel, the Vice-President (Mr. J. W. Taylor) took the chair for the general meeting, and was supported by the Rev. C. J. Sturton, of Orston, Notts, Mr. E. D. Taylor, Mr. W. C. Wakley (treasurer) and Mr. W. E. White (secretary).

Mr. Taylor reviewed the peals rung during the last quarter, which totalled 38, including two on handbells at Burton-on-Trent. The first peals on the bells at Oaks, and Copt Oak, and a peal of Superlative at Ilkeston, were also among the performances. Proceeding, Mr. Taylor reported on the Central Council meeting, to which he had been one of the delegates, and passed some interesting remarks on the discussions which had taken place. Mr. Taylor was of the opinion, and the members present agreed with him, that accuracy of striking was more important, and more worthy of points, than quality of methods, desirable as the latter might be.

Mr. Griffin, a member of the C.C. Analysis Committee, also spoke on the subject, remarking that the new powers given to the committee were beyond anything that had been bestowed before. They were at liberty to assign the value to any new peal at once, and include it in the Analysis when it was for the Council to alter it if it thought fit.

Eleven ringing members, including Miss W. Sanders, of Burton, one life member, and the Rev. R. B. Disney, of Leicester (honorary), were unanimously admitted.

It was announced that a false peal had been rung at Nottingham last year, and also that a peal rung at Eastwood had been omitted from the report, the number being thus balanced. The Eastwood peal will be printed next year under the number (1931) of the false one, which is withdrawn.

A vote of thanks to Bishop Abrahams, the Rev. T. B. Brown and the churchwardens of Bakewell for the use of the bells, was moved by Mr. White, who expressed regret that they were unable to be present at the meeting. Mr. White also welcomed the Rev. C. J. Sturton to the Association as a valuable addition to the ringing clergy in the district.—The Rev. C. J. Sturton, in seconding the vote of thanks, thanked the members for their welcome, hoping that he would be able to attend many of their meetings in future (applause).—A vote of thanks to Mr. J. W. Taylor for presiding, proposed by Mr. Fox, closed the meeting.

Mrs. Taylor and other ladies were present at the tea and meeting.

CHILDWALL BELLS.

The peal of six bells, which were originally cast and hung in the ancient Parish Church of Childwall, Liverpool, in 1722, by Mr. A. Rudhall, of Gloucester, have recently been recast by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London. The old oak frame-work and fittings have all been removed and replaced by modern steel, independent girder frames, constructed for upon one level, and fixed clear of the walls so as to obviate any risk of injury to the building. This frame has been bolted to heavy steel girders built into the walls of the towers. The treble, which was apparently added in 1751, bears the names of the wardens: Wm. Brownlate, J. Whitfield. The second has the inscription: "Peace and good neighbourhood." The third bears the legend: "Prosperity to this Parish." The fourth bears the words: "Prosperity to the Church of England." The fifth, which had no inscription upon it, now has these words: "God bless King George and Queen Mary," and the wardens names: Henry E. Abbott, J. Garner Highton. The tenor, which is 12½ cwt., in G., has these words upon it:

"I to the Church the living call
And to the grave doe summon all."

After the short service of dedication, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Ainslie), 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung by: Messrs. J. Turton, J. Roberts, Ed. Gittins, W. Booth, G. R. Newton (conductor), and T. Groombridge (tenor).

On the evening following the dedication, a peal of Minor in seven methods was rung—before the bell hangers had left the job. One of Messrs. Warner's employes, Mr. T. Groombridge, junr., took part in the peal.

THE LATE MR. A. J. DAY.

In connection with the fund being raised to assist the widow and family of the late Mr. A. J. Day, of Tunstall, Kent, the following amounts have been received: Already acknowledged, £17 14s.; Beckenham, 5s.; Bobbing, 3s. 6d.; Chiddingstone, 5s.; Cobham, 2s. 6d.; Deptford (St. Nicholas), 5s.; Dover, 8s.; Mrs. Goldsmith, 2s.; E. C. Lambert, 1s. 6d.; Marden, 7s. 6d.; Ospringe, 3s.; Upchurch, 10s. 6d.; R. and F. Whittington, 2s. 6d.; Woolwich (St. Mary), 3s.; total, £20 13s.

"ORANGES AND LEMONS."

LONDON BELLS IN A NURSERY RHYME.

Miss Margaret W. Nightingale, of Blewbury, writes: In a recent issue you asked if any of your readers can supply information of the origin of the words and music on the old manuscript, re "Oranges and Lemons," discovered by Messrs. Warner and Sons. The facsimile of the manuscript is to be found in the "Baby's Opera," illustrated by Walter Crane, and published by Frederick Warne and Co. The first edition was published about the year 1874. Therefore, it would seem that the manuscript is Walter Crane's, or a copy of his manuscript. As to the origin of the music and words, I am afraid I have no information on the former, but can give you the whole rhyme from a very old book of Nursery Rhymes in my possession. I imagine they are the old original verses.

Gay go up and gay go down	Say the bells at St. Helen's.
To ring the bells of London town.	Pokers and tongs
Bull's-eyes and targets	Say the bells at St. John's.
Say the bells of St. Mar'gret's.	Kettles and pans
Brick bats and tiles	Say the bells at St. Ann's.
Say the bells of St. Giles'.	When will you pay me?
Halfpence and farthings,	Say the bells of Old Bailey.
Say the bells of St. Martin's.	When I grow rich
Oranges and lemons	Say the bells at Shoreditch.
Say the bells of St. Clement's.	Pray when will that be?
Pancakes and fritters	Say the bells of Stepney.
Say the bells of St. Peter's.	I am sure I don't know
Two sticks and an apple	Says the great bell at Bow.
Say the bells of Whitechapel.	Here comes a candle to light you to
Old Father Baldpate	bed
Says the slow bells at Aldgate.	And here comes a chopper to chop
You owe me ten shillings	off your head.

Ringers desirous of obtaining a copy of the words and score of "Oranges and Lemons," and, incidentally, of helping the Shoreditch bell restoration fund, should send 3d. in stamps to Mr. H. J. Bradley, the Parish Church, Shoreditch, and a copy on art paper, suitable for framing, will be sent post free. The proceeds of these sales will be devoted to the fund.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

On a recent Sunday a few members of that once flourishing fraternity, the Birmingham Amalgamated Society of Change Ringers, met to honour their old friend, Mr. William Brooks, on the occasion of his golden wedding. After ringing a quarter-peal of Bob Major, which is, unfortunately, the greatest length Mr. Brooks' health will allow, the party repaired to the house of Host Collins, and there, over a social cup, became very reminiscent of former accomplishments. The evening was very enjoyably spent. The ringers congratulated Mr. Brooks, and expressed the hope that he would be spared many years to come. The band who rang the quarter-peal were: J. Porter 1, E. Mullins 2, W. Brooks 3, J. Corrigan 4, C. Mackenzie 5, G. Taylor 6, J. Collett 7, J. Perry (conductor) 8.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A most successful quarterly meeting of the Peterborough Association was held at Whittlesea on Whit-Monday, the towers represented being: Peterborough Cathedral, St. John's and St. Mary's; Wisbech, Ramsey, Maxey, Yaxley, Bourne, Castor, and the local company.—Short touches of Bob Major, Minor, Doubles, and Grandsire Triples and Doubles, were rung during the day on the bells of St. Mary's (6) and St. Andrew's. Service was held at St. Andrew's Church, conducted by the Rev. R. Y. Holmes.—The business meeting followed, at which Mr. J. J. Jutson, Peterborough, presided.—Twelve new members were elected, including the Rev. B. H. Durrant Field, assistant curate of Tansor.

It was decided to hold a district meeting at Alwalton and Castor, on Saturday, 29th June.—This concluded the business, after which short touches were again rung on the bells of both churches.

A LONG PEAL COMMEMORATED.

We recorded last week a peal of Oxford Treble Bob rung at Debenham to commemorate the 16,608 of the same method rung at the same tower on June 6th, 1892. It was arranged in order that as many as possible of the original band should meet. Five of the surviving ringers were able to take part, including Mr. James Motts, the conductor, and his brother William, of Ipswich; Mr. R. H. Brundle, of Ipswich; Mr. W. G. Crickmer, of Monk Soham; and Mr. David Collins, of Worlingworth, whose esteemed brother Edgar, now deceased, rang the 7th 20 years ago. The vacant places were filled by Messrs. C. Sedgley, of Ipswich; W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley; and A. W. Grimes, of London, the last-named fresh from the honours of the record peal of Bristol. A well-struck 5088 was rung, and afterwards at the old hostelry, the Red Lion, the party were entertained to tea by Mr. W. Grimes and other old friends of Debenham. A most enjoyable hour or two was spent together in the pleasant atmosphere of reminiscence.

PROOKE. — On Easter Monday, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Bob Minor: J. F. Duffield 1, E. Duffield 2, W. C. Duffield 3, F. Middleton 4, P. Sadler (conductor) 5, W. L. Duffield 6.

BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS—YORK.

(Continued from page 408.)

By J. R. JERRAM.

The inscriptions on the new peal of twelve, together with the weights and diameters is herewith given. For the sake of comparison the diameters of the old peal of twelve, taken down in 1765, are also given.

Bell.	Inscription.	Weight.	Diameters.	
			Present Peal.	Old Peal taken down 1765
		ewts. qrs. lbs.	Inches.	Inches.
<i>Treble</i>	Carolus et Georgius Mears, Londini, fecerunt MDCCCXLIV.	7 2 22	30	24
<i>Second</i>	Ditto	7 1 1	31	27
<i>Third</i>	Ditto	8 0 2	32	28½
<i>Fourth</i>	Ditto	8 1 12	33	30
<i>Fifth</i>	Ditto	9 2 15	36	36
<i>Sixth</i>	Ditto	13 0 8	39	39
<i>Seventh</i>	Ditto	14 1 2	42	42½
<i>Eighth</i>	Ditto	17 3 18	45	47
<i>Ninth</i>	Ditto	19 3 4	48	52
<i>Tenth</i>	Ditto	25 1 10	52	59
<i>Eleventh</i>	Soli Deo Gloria Anno Domini MDCCCXLIII. Regina Victoria Britanniarum Regno Septimo. Archiepiscopus Edwardi Archiepi: Ebor XXXV33. Stephanus Beckwith. Medicus Doctor inter Eboracenses Primarius Testamento Legabit. Carolus et Georgius Mears, Londini fecerunt. Carolus et Georgius Mears, Londini fecerunt. MDCCCXL33.	33 3 9	57	62½
<i>Tenor</i>		53 3 7	65	69½

The new peal of twelve was rung for the first time on Thursday, July 4th, 1844.

The old service bell, before mentioned, which was destroyed by the fire, together with the peal of ten, was never replaced.

In the following year, 1845, the large bell, known as "Great Peter," was cast. The total cost, amounting to £2,000, was defrayed by subscription.

Great Peter bears the following inscription:—

IN SANCTAE ET AETERNAE
TRINITATIS HONOREM. PECUNIA
SPONTE COLLECTA. EBORACENSIS
FACIENDA CURAVERUNT. IN
ANNO ECCLESIAE METROP: B. PETR3.
EBOR.

Arms of York city.
Argent a cross gules,
charged with 5
lions or.

Arms of See of York.
Gules; charged with
cross keys, surmounted
by a crown, or.

(Below) **AMMO. SALUT3S. MDCCCXLV.**
VICTORIAE. REG: V333. EDWARD3.
ARCHIEP3. H3V333. C. ET. G. MEARS.
LOND3IN3. JECERUAT.

This bell is hung in the north-west tower, and weighs 10 tons 15 cwt.; diameter 8ft. 4in.; height 7ft. 4in.; thickness of sound bow 7in.; note F sharp below middle C. It is hung with two wheels, each 14 feet in diameter, but has never been raised.

(Concluded.)

A NOISY BELFRY. REPLY TO "TENOR."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Tenor's letter in last week's "Ringing World," he will find if he does the following, a great improvement will be the result. Brick up the inside of the louvres to about 18 inches above the highest reach of the bells when on end, and avoid all openings below this level. The exit for the sound should always be well above the highest point to which any of the bells reach. Boarding up will improve matters, but will not have the same effect as bricks.

Reducing the clappers only, would not remedy the trouble.

JOHN H. B. HESSE.

Park View, Teddington.

Dear Sir,—If "Tenor" is sure about the note being D, his tenor is a thin bell, and over-clappered. But if the general effect is satisfactory at a radius, say, of half-a-mile, with the trebles clear and distinct, no alterations should be attempted except under the personal direction of an expert.

It does not seem to strike very many people that a lot of unnecessary distress occurs close to towers by reason of the slant of the shutters in the belfry windows being wickedly directed downwards at a fixed angle. The Central Council considered this matter some four or five years ago, and recommended an upward slant, so as to divert the sound into free and open space. Simply, the shutters should revolve, in order that they could be adjusted each time of ringing. This seems a reasonable solution of the difficulty since it spreads the sound and extends the area of usefulness of the bells instead of contracting it, as in the case of bricked-up windows. And, lest anybody should imagine that the sound would be lost and never come down again, let me invite attention to the bird on the bush. Notice that he invariably directs his song upwards.—Yours, etc.,

C. A. LINE.

MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Maldon and District Guild was held at Great Totham, on Saturday last, 34 members attending from six towers. The visitors were entertained to strawberry tea on the lawn by the Vicar (the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre), who is also hon. secretary of the Essex Association. — At the business meeting, the officers were re-elected, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar for providing such an excellent tea, and placing the bells, and also his splendid garden at the disposal of the members, was unanimously carried.

The bells were raised at 4 p.m., and kept going until nine o'clock, touches being rung in the following methods: Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, and London Scholars' Pleasure, whilst some rang touches of Triples and Bob Major on the handbells, and others amused themselves by playing bowls, the time for departure coming all too quickly.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery branch was held at East Brent on Saturday week, over 30 members being present from East Brent, Brent Knoll, Bridgwater, Burnham, Berrow, Churchill, Congresbury, Cheddar, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare, and Easton-in-Gordano. At the service, held in the Parish Church, a capital address was given by the Rev. A. P. Wickham. Tea was partaken at the Vicarage, and the business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Rev. A. P. Wickham. One honorary and three performing members were duly elected. Weston-super-Mare was chosen for the next quarterly meeting in September. Axbridge was chosen for the intermediate meeting.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. A. P. Wickham for the use of the bells, arranging service and tea, and presiding at the meeting.

The ringers were honoured by the presence of a lady ringer, Miss Ruth Coles, of Bridgwater, who rang in a few touches. The bells were kept going till late in the evening with Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. — During the evening, several members visited Brent Knoll tower, and rang touches of Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles, and Plain Bob Minor. — The ringers wish to thank the Rev. P. W. Brancker for kindly granting use of the bells at this latter tower.

DEATH OF A STRETFORD RINGER

The parish church of Stretford has lost its oldest ringer, by the death of Mr. William Birchall, which took place on Wednesday week, after a very brief illness. The deceased, who was 65 years of age, had been a ringer at the Parish Church over 41 years, being a member of the band formed when the bells were hung in 1870. The funeral took place on Saturday, when the bells were rung, muffled, as the remains were borne to the church by his fellow ringers. After the service, the organist played the "Dead March" as the funeral procession left the church, and after the committal prayers, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave. Afterwards a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung on the tower bells, by: G. Astbury 1, H. Wilson 2, A. Barnes 3, W. H. Shuker 4, J. T. Bottrill 5, W. J. Moss (conductor) 6.

THE FIRST LANCASHIRE PEAL OF STEDMAN PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

An interesting event took place at a meeting of the Manchester branch of the Lanes Association at Eccles, ringers being present from Manchester, Pendleton, Hyde, Worsley, Ashton, Stretford, etc. — A hearty welcome was given to Mr. F. S. Butler, of Gainsborough, who came down specially to attend the meeting. The Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A. (President) occupied the chair at the business meeting, prayer being offered by the Rev. Canon Cremar, M.A.—Mr. J. Hall, of Ashton-under-Lyne, was elected a member of the Association, and the place selected for the next meeting was Stretford.

The President, in a felicitous speech, greeted all present, both old members and new, and spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be with them that day. As had already been announced, the special feature of the meeting was to be the unveiling of a peal board, recording the first peal of Stedman Triples rung by the Association. It was over twenty years since the peal was rung, and looking back, it made him feel he was becoming a very old president. At that time, Grandsire was the principal method rung in Lancashire, but since then rapid strides had been made in more intricate and advanced methods, the Pendleton company coming in for the highest honours, having rung peals of Superlative and Cambridge, whilst Worsley had put Double Norwich to its fame.

The President then unveiled the peal board, which he asked the Rev. Canon Cremar to accept.

In a humorous speech, the Vicar accepted the board on his own behalf and the wardens, and expressed the hope that ere long the bells would be recast and brought up to the melodious standard desired by all true lovers of bell ringing.

Votes of thanks was tendered and accepted to all having the arrangements in hand. Touches were afterwards rung in various methods.

RINGERS' OUTING. STAVELEY.

The members of the Staveley Parish Church company, and a few friends, visited Tickhill for an outing on Whit-Monday, calling en route at Worksop, where, thanks to the arrangements made by Mr. H. Haigh, they were enabled to have a pull on the Priory Church bells. At Tickhill, Mr. White conducted the party round the Castle and church, and after dinner the bells were set going. Ringing was indulged in again in the evening, when Mr. Haigh and other members from Worksop, and Miss Eveline Steele, joined the party. The visitors had a most enjoyable day's outing, and desire to thank all who helped to make it a success, especially the Rev. H. E. Booty for granting the use of Tickhill bells.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Swindon branch was held at Grittleton on Saturday week, when ringers were present from Bremhill, Corsham, Chippenham, Swindon, Stratton St. Margaret and Marshfield. There was also a full muster of the local ringers. At the service at St. Mary's Church, the Rev. C. N. Wyld (Rector) officiated, and his son, Mr. P. Wyld, was at the organ. The special form of service for ringers was used, and in his address, the Rector welcomed the members of the association to Grittleton, and expressed his pleasure at the re-construction of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Guild. He had been a clergyman for nearly 50 years, and had seen a great improvement take place in the tone of bell ringers, for which he thanked God.

Tea, very kindly provided by the Rector, took place in the reading room.—A short meeting followed, at which Mr. E. Bishop (Swindon) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. C. N. Wyld.—The motion was carried with acclamation, and Mr. J. I. Storrer (Sir Audley Neeld's estate agent) responding on behalf of the Rector, said they were pleased to welcome the association to Grittleton.

The visitors then spent a most enjoyable time in inspecting the gardens and grounds of Sir Audley Neeld's beautiful home.—During the day, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday morning, May 12th, 720 Plain Bob: A. Mitchell (first 720) 1, L. Turrell 2, C. Killick 3, A. Coote 4, W. Denman, junr., 5, H. Turrell (conductor) 6.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE NEW SECRETARY OF THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

One of the first members of the North Notts Association, which was founded in 1886, few men have done more to build up this bell ringers' organisation than Mr. Herbert Haigh, of Worksop, and formerly of Retford, whose portrait, taken specially for "The Ringing World," appears on this page. Mr. Haigh was among the little band of enthusiasts who met at the Priory Schools, Worksop, with the late Vicar of Worksop (the Rev. H. T. Slodden), and formed the present association with the Lord Bishop of Southwell as president, and the Dukes of Portland and Newcastle as patrons, and the Vicar as secretary. Mr.



MR. HERBERT HAIGH.

Haigh has been a member since that date, and now succeeds as secretary the Rector of Harthill (the Rev. B. Darley) after 17 years' service. Born at Ordsall, Retford, on September 22nd, 1866, he learnt to ring a bell at the early age of ten years, and used to toll the three bells for Sunday morning and evening services. From his earliest memory bells have always had a wonderful attraction, but it was not until March 11th, 1886, that he was invited to join the East and West Retford Amalgamated Societies as a probationer. The ringers at that time belonged to the "old school," and there was little chance of a beginner making rapid progress. He was put on the 25 cwt. tenor or a bad going 6th, and told to stop there. This sort of thing, however, did not appeal to him, and he had to walk a distance of 20 miles to Gainsborough and back to let the old hands see he could conduct a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, while many times he walked 18

and 20 miles to ring Treble Bob methods on six bells. By this time he had trained sufficient juniors to form almost a new band.

During the year 1890 he played an important part in helping to get the East Retford bells rehung and augmented to a ring of ten, and the ringing chamber put in good order. Under the skilful tuition of the late Mr. Thomas Hattersley, of Sheffield, Mr. Haigh was successful in scoring his first peal of Grandsire Caters. He also worked hard, along with the incumbents of Ordsall and Misson, to have their bells augmented to six and rehung, and tuned on the most modern principle, and he had the honour conferred upon him by these gentlemen and also the incumbents of East Markham and Wheatley, in 1892, 1894, 1895, and 1896, of selecting the teams to reopen the bells of these villages after restoration and augmentation.

He conducted the first peal rung on Retford bells by a Retford company on March 21st, 1893, and also the first peals of Treble Bob Royal and Stedman Caters by the association. In the year 1900 he moved to Woodhouse, midway between Sheffield and Chesterfield, and came in closer contact with Mr. Arthur Knights, the Hattersley brothers, and many other Sheffield celebrities, and to these gentlemen he owes a great deal, although his record of peals is not a large one. Anxious and invited though he has been to ring a 5000 in the higher methods, owing principally to isolation and the exigences of his duties as a railway guard, he has frequently and reluctantly had to decline the invitations.

On removing to Worksop in the year 1906 Mr. Haigh found change ringing on eight bells at a low ebb, but succeeded in five practices in getting the old ringers through their first quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. After the death of the Rev. H. S. Slodden and the advent of the new Vicar (the Rev. G. J. A. D'Arcy) he was appointed to teach a new band of ringers, and was elected ringing master. As the bells were in a most deplorable state at the time he laboured under most trying circumstances, but succeeded in getting the new band, 12 in number, through their first quarter-peal within twelve months. He then took steps to have the bells rehung, and was chiefly responsible in collecting the sum of £66, made up of amounts from guineas to shillings, towards the restoration of the peal. The ringers succeeded in ringing their first 5040 in December last—the first by a band of Worksop ringers. This was conducted by Mr. Haigh.

With all his enthusiasm and love of bells Mr. Haigh is one of those who is opposed to peal ringing in the ordinary way; that is to say he holds that a 5000 in the same method on tower bells over and over again is too lengthy, but he is a firm believer in every ringer scoring a 5000 in every method he is the master of. Except in special cases, however, he believes that the practice of constant peal ringing in some localities creates much ill will towards the Art from many people residing at close quarters. His motto is to practice on practice nights, and on Sundays to give the very best services in ringing for the honour and glory of God. He is also a firm believer in every ringer attending the church services, at least once a day, and becoming a communicant, while he makes a point of choosing all probationers from the congregation. The band appointed by him in 1909 have all remained loyal except one, and all are communicants. Despite other claims upon his time Mr. Haigh has set an almost unique example of regularity in the belfry for practice and Sunday ringing.

On the occasion of his marriage on December 26th, 1893, he was presented with an illuminated address, and also a marble timepiece and bronzes by the East and West

Retford and Ordsall Societies, as a token of their appreciation of his eight years' service. Mr. Haigh is a firm believer in the open hand stroke lead on six bells, although his views are not shared by the majority of six bells ringers of the North Notts Association. However, he has the courage of his convictions, and respects those of others. He is one of those ringers who have always exhibited the keenest desire to assist beginners, and to his services a great many owe their belfry education. Although he is not now, through other demands made upon him, able to devote as much time as in former days to the active pursuit of the Art, his interest is no less keen, and his service no less willing.

In addition to his love for the bells he is a man of many hobbies. In his younger days he was a keen cricketer, and played some good innings for local clubs. His interest in the game is to-day as keen as ever, and his enthusiasm to see Notts or Yorkshire win the championship does not wane. From 1890 to 1905 he collected almost £100 for the East Retford Cricket Club, for which the Rev. W. C. Ridding, now of Wolverhampton, presented him with a beautiful smoking cabinet. In 1905 he was elected as a representative of the Executive Committee of the Great Central Railway and Joint Lines Friendly Society, which consists of 14,000 members, and by a majority of three votes to one over his opponent, who had held the office for ten years. Mr. Haigh still holds the office, to which he has been re-elected without contest every year. This he highly values as a token of his fellow-workmen's appreciation. He is also a member of the Foljambe Lodge of Odd-fellows, Nottingham Order, and has passed through all the offices from Tyler to Provincial Grand Master; serving as secretary for seven years. He is also representative on the executive body of the Sheffield and District Railway Servants Universal Privilege Ticket Movement. He is a sidesman at the Priory Church, Worksop, and has just been re-elected. He was the first representative of the North Notts Association to be elected on the Central Council, and this office he still continues to hold, although he wished to retire at the end of the last term. Mr. Haigh is a member of the following ringing societies: Yorkshire, Midland Counties, North Lincolnshire, North Notts, Sheffield and District and Old East Derbyshire, and the St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield. He has rung touches in 111 towers from five to twelve bells, from Grandsire Doubles to Stedman Cinques, and the following peals, all on working bells:—

Stedman Caters	1	Conducted	1
Grandsire Caters	12	Conducted	3
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1	Conducted	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	1	Conducted	1
Stedman Triples	1		
Grandsire Triples	5	Conducted	3
Minor in Treble Bob Methods	1		

Total ... 22 Conducted 9

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Sunday, June 30th, all being well, four members of the Norwich Diocesan Association will attempt a peal of Bob Major (on handbells), 14,336 changes, at 42, Wymer Street, Norwich, commencing at 2 o'clock sharp.

TASTURGH, NORFOLK.—At Mill House, 720 Bob Minor: J. F. Duffield (conductor), aged 11, 1—2, E. Duffield (aged 13) 3—4, W. C. Duffield (aged 16) 5—6.—On April 12th, by the same three brothers, a different 720 Bob Minor, conducted by E. Duffield.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

What a source of delight and gratification it must be to the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey that the Cambridge University Guild has now in residence such an accomplished handbell company. There have been long periods when the Guild has, so to speak, been in an almost dormant condition, but, with the advent of Messrs. E. M. Atkins and W. D. James, and the return to Cambridge of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, the Guild has taken an entirely new lease of life, and just now some splendid handbell performances are being added to the records.

In this issue we publish no fewer than four peals rung within a week in four different methods on eight and ten bells, which reminds us that during this month the following peals have been rung:—

- June 4.—Little Bob Major.
- June 17.—Kent Treble Bob Major.
- June 11.—Little Bob Royal.
- June 13.—Grandsire Caters.
- June 13.—Double Norwich Major.
- June 17.—Oxford Treble Bob Major.

When we find ringing advancing in this way at this great seat of learning it is a healthy sign, indeed.

The bells at Stoke Poges have been reported to be in a dangerous state. The oak frame in which they are hung is beginning to give way, and a new steel or iron frame is recommended. Until this is provided the bells will not be rung again, on account of danger arising to the walls of the tower, and only chiming will be permitted.

On Saturday last a party of the Barking ringers visited Shenfield, Essex, and several 720's (including Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford) were accomplished by Messrs. Andrews, G. and T. Faulkner, H. Torble, Theobald and G. F. Margetson, Mr. W. Vale acting as tenor man to some 120's of Stedman Doubles. Mr. T. Faulkner conducted. Although a missionary spirit inspired the outing, the sound of the bells hardly awakened the deserts of "Stoneyland," only one local ringer responding to such an opportunity for practice.

Copies of the excellent photograph of the Kent Association at Westerham can be had from Mr. F. G. Benson, Keswick Studio, Westerham.

Not too soon, a correspondent writes, expert advice has been obtained as to the condition of the Warsop parish church bells. The tower contains a peal of four, dating back for several hundred years, and the result of the examination that has been made is that the frame is pronounced in dangerous condition, and, beyond chiming for Sunday services, further ringing is strictly prohibited until the bells have been rehung.

The report that has been made considers the possibility of recasting the third and fourth, and adding a new treble and tenor, making a handy peal of six, with tenor about 9½ cwt., and recommends the rehanging of the whole peal in a steel cage. A favourable estimate of the cost has been submitted. The churchwardens will therefore find a convenient use for the celebrated "Churchwarden Pipe."

St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool.

The ring of 12 bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, were rehung by Messrs. JOHN WARNER & SONS, London.

The Tenor bell was recast, and the whole ring were rehung upon the original oak framework with modern fittings throughout, and, with the exception of the Tenor bell, the whole of the work was carried out in the Tower, without the bells being taken to the foundry, and, in consequence, without the aid of modern machinery.

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The last peal rung upon the bells before rehanging upon modern methods by JOHN WARNER & SONS, was as follows:—

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On March 12, 1878, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANCES;

JOHN HERON, Junr. Treble	HENRY BROOKS 7
ISAAC MEADOWS 2	GEORGE HELSBY 8
CHARLES ALBERT HERON ... 3	THOMAS HAMMOND 9
JOHN H. MOORE 4	JAMES EGERTON 10
WILLIAM WOODHEAD 5	WALTER LITTLER 11
WILLIAM HERON 6	ROBERT THISTLEWOOD } Tenor
	THOMAS METCALF ... }

Composed and Conducted by JOHN HERON, Junr.

1912.

LIVERPOOL.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.		Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs.	
ARTHUR R. JACOB Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 7		
HARRY BOWER 2	SAM THOMAS 8		
GEORGE HOLMES 3	RICHARD NEWTON 9		
JOHN THORPE 4	WILLIAM DAVIES 10		
WILLIAM BURGAR 5	FRED SALMONS 11		
GEORGE R. NEWTON 6	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor		

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

1912.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANCES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs.	
EDWIN H. LEWIS Treble	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS ... 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD 8
HENRY W. WILDE 3	FREDERICK PAGE 9
REV. A. T. BEESTON 4	WILLIAM DAVIES 10
GEORGE R. NEWTON 5	HARRY CHAPMAN 11
REV. H. J. ELSEE 6	RICHARD NEWTON Tenor

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

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

SPECIAL REPORT BY OUR OWN REPRESENTATIVE.

Continuing the discussion upon the Hon. Secretary's motion, as to the definition of a method, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said he thought a great deal of difficulty was in the word "legitimate" itself. The word really meant "regular," but because they used the word "illegitimate" a thing was condemned off-hand. The word really described the method, it was not a pronouncement as to its value; it had reference only to whether or not it conformed to certain laws. The word was an unfortunate one, and he would be glad if, instead of the word "legitimate" they could agree to use the word "regular." By that means they might avoid confusion in the future. To accept the Hon. Secretary's motion would be a backward step on all they had learned, and would be throwing up the attempts to classify methods.

Mr. W. Snowden said he fully agreed with Mr. Law James on the question of the Bob Major lead ends. He (the speaker) had been exercising his mind as to what was a Surprise method, and any Surprise method which had not Bob Major lead ends was absolutely out of it. It would, he agreed, be a backward step if they carried what Mr. Davies proposed. Stedman gave them College Bob V, but it had irregular lead ends. In the 1702 "Campanologia" the lead ends were put right, and it was called Westminster Bob. He had never heard of College V again, but Westminster was one of the standard methods which they would find in nearly all ringing books. That went to show that when a method was knocked into such a shape that it took up legitimate lead ends, it would stand, and would pass muster for all time. Although Mr. Davies had added to their knowledge upon many things, especially Grandsire, he felt he was wrong in this, and he should vote against the motion.

Mr. Dains pointed out that for over 300 years nothing but methods with Bob Major lead ends had stood, all the rest had been naturally cast aside.

Mr. G. P. Burton said Mr. Davies had not shown one iota of good that the motion was going to do; he had not attempted to justify it. He simply wanted it passed so that they could ring Sparkbrook Major, when they already had a great bookful of methods, which were legitimate. As an ordinary ringer, he protested against piling up method after method, and he appealed to the Council not to open the doors any wider. They had methods enough to smother them (laughter). Although one might be able to ring a number of methods, it was possible to go into a tower and find the ringers ringing something different, of which one knew nothing. Ordinary bands could not keep in practice with more than six or eight methods; what was the use, therefore, of having 200 or 300? They wanted to encourage ringers to stick to well-known and well-tried methods and theoretically sound methods, from which they could get any sort of music they desired; they did not want to open the doors so that they could run riot on any sort of rubbish.

HON. SECRETARY REPLIES TO CRITICS.

The Hon. Secretary, replying to the discussion, said Mr. James had told them that if the resolution were carried, a lot of methods now rung and rung with considerable pleasure and producing good music, would be ruled out—such as London Surprise. But he had said no such thing. All he wanted to do was to lay down a rule, not of maximum, but of minimum. He had never said a word which would lead anyone to suppose that, if the resolution were carried, London Surprise would be ruled out. It would remain just as it was. There should be certain rules which should be the minimum.

Mr. Trollope: If you get a proper Cater and Triple succession in Major you rule out all Surprise methods with the exception of Superlative. I understood that was your minimum.

The Hon. Secretary: What this report has done is to lay down these rules, and some extra ones.

Mr. Trollope: These laws are the counsel of perfection.

The Hon. Secretary: I should be quite content that things should be so modified as to leave London and Cambridge in possession of the field, provided that such things as Sparkbrook Major and many other things are not ruled out. It was not my intention at all to rule out such methods as Cambridge and London. I do not like them structurally—they may be musical—but I should not be for forbidding them at all. Then Mr. Law James mentioned the definitions of a plain, bob and single lead, but these definitions are merely the definitions of one class of bob or plain lead, not of all.

The Rev. Law James: It covers all the ground.

The Hon. Secretary: No.

The Rev. H. L. James: Then send me another by post. Mr. James was proceeding to speak, when he was called to order by the President, who remarked: "This is not the House of Commons" (laughter).

The Hon. Secretary said if they adopted his definition of a bob and single, he really could not see how it infringed on any of Mr. James' or Mr. Trollope's definitions. Instead of proposing that the definition read that the coursing order of three bells be changed, it simply proposed that the work of three bells be interchanged. Mr. James had talked a lot about natural laws, but it seemed to him that Mr. James had got a lot of artificial laws. Nothing could be more artificial than to say that the lead ends of a plain course must be the lead ends of Plain Bob Major. It was tying them down quite unnecessarily.

With regard to the 5th's place bobs in Grandsire, they enabled them to get a peal with continuous triple changes. They were adopted as a necessary evil, but he would like to see 5th's place bobs done away with. As to the contention that bobs should only be made in certain places, he had always understood that a bob was simply caused by a place being made two places distant, either in front or behind, from the place that would have been made had there been no bob, the place made at the plain lead end being determined not by some fancy law at all, but by the structure of the method. The motion had been criticised as a backward step, but he thought it was anything but a backward step to cast off unnecessary shackles. He should think it was a forward step to make oneself more free. Another speaker had said he could not justify his contention because it would be an inducement to them to ring a lot of bad methods. How did he know that? How did he know it would not open the way to a lot of beautiful methods? Mr. Carter's machine rang three or four leads of Sparkbrook Major, and he (the Hon. Secretary) thought it was a very pretty method. They went on ringing Cambridge Surprise because their grandfathers rang it, but it seemed to him to be a very bad method. If they followed Mr. Burton's argument, it would be good-bye to all progress in every direction.

THE PRESIDENT'S SUGGESTION.

The President said when they heard those discussions about matters upon which many of them were very partially informed, it was quite impossible that they, as a Council, could vote in what they might call a really intelligent manner (hear, hear). It seemed to him that there were a number of methods which they called standard methods, such as London and Cambridge, and Treble Bob, which did not agree with the canons of change ringing, which had obtained generally for many years. The principal canon was that every bell that could change should change its place at each change, and Mr. Davies had clearly shown what that canon really was when it was put into practice. They could not deal with this matter in a drastic way, and say the excellent methods which had been rung in the past were not worthy of being rung in the future. In his estimation Cambridge was by far the most interesting method he had ever rung the whole way through, although he would admit that it was structurally inferior to Superlative. They could not say that those methods, compiled by our forefathers before they had the knowledge which was possessed to-day with regard to method building, should be ruled out. If they did people would not consent to abide by their ruling. He believed Mr. James and those who supported him had done their best to try and put the thing upon a sound basis, but it seemed to him extremely desirable that they should not knock on the head every endeavour to revise what they had already done, if there seemed to be any ground for revision. He should personally be prepared to advocate the passing of the resolution, because it would lead to those who had the dealing with those matters looking into the question again, and making quite sure there was no possibility of improving their former definitions. It would be foolish to say that their rulings were never to be capable of improvement.

The Rev. H. L. James said he was not going to say he was going to stand by the report as it stood to-day. The reason he opposed the motion was on account of the grounds Mr. Davies laid it down upon. He could see that they would have to revise these things themselves, some day.

On being put to the vote, the motion was lost.

Mr. J. W. Taylor said he met a great number of musical people, many of them amongst the highest order, and they were dead set against change ringing simply for the abominable music that at times it produced. Did this not point to the time coming when the whole system of change ringing would have to be revised, so that they would get the second eliminated entirely from dodging with the tenor behind?

PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter presented the following report of this committee for the year ending December 31st, 1911: In presenting the Analysis for 1911 we have to state in the first place that we have endeavoured to deal with the peals reported in both ringing papers; and, in view of the additional labour entailed, we would earnestly ask conductors who send reports to both papers to be careful to make them identical. Attention was called at the last meeting of the Council to one glaring instance of two reports of the same peal, which differed in no less than seven particulars, including the name of the conductor and the Association. This is an extreme case, but differences give a great deal of unnecessary trouble to the committee, and may make the Analysis faulty. One instance has come to light after the Analysis was complete. A peal of Stedman Triples was attributed in one paper to the Essex Association, and in the other to the Hertfordshire Association, and was counted to both in the Analysis. As the name of neither Association "appears first," and both accounts were published in the same week, we had no means of deciding to which Association to allot the peal. Correspondence with the conductor has enabled us to come to a decision, but it is not satisfactory to be told that the mistake was a "printer's error!" If the peal were correctly sent up to both papers, it was clearly someone's duty to see that the "printer's error" was duly rectified. As it happens, the correction of this error alters the order of the associations in the Analysis. Several peals appeared without a conductor's name, and though in some cases the name was supplied later, there remain three peals, whose

conductors have not thought it worth while to record their names. We would suggest that conductors should look carefully through the reports as published, and at once notify any imperfection. If they only see one paper they should not send reports to both. We would also suggest that, in sending reports of peals great care should be exercised in writing them, and it would be well if all initials were inserted in printing letters. Peals are still sent in for publication a second time, and, where this is on account of inaccuracies in the first report, the fact should be plainly stated. One peal of Minor was really a peal of Treble Bob Minor, though the fact was not stated, and we have given it its value as such; but we have heard nothing of any peals in "broken lead" methods.

With regard to a scale of points for Minor and Doubles, we are of opinion that a committee of Minor ringers should be appointed to deal with the question, and a motion to that effect will be brought forward. The committee would like instructions as to the Associations and Guilds which should be given a separate existence in the Analysis.

THE OCCASIONS OF PEALS.

The number of those who rang their first peal as conductor in 1911 was 83, two more than in 1910, so that the supply of conductors does not appear likely to run short. Those who rang their first peal numbered 604, of whom 97 rang a covering bell. First peals away from the tenor were 13, and with a bob bell 74. The number of towers in which peals have been rung continues to mount up. The "first on the bells" numbered 65, while there were 18 peals after addition, and 25 after restoration. Local bands rang their first peal in 30 cases. Birthday peals were 158, wedding peals 45, muffled peals (one on Good Friday) 40, farewell peals 39, and peals of welcome 24. Inductions, anniversaries, etc., gave occasion for 35 peals, while there were six association quarterly peals, and one peal rung by Association officers. A considerable number of peals were, of course, rung in honour of the Coronation, apparently 72, but it is not easy in every case to determine whether the peals were rung to celebrate the Coronation or not. Accession Day was marked by three peals, and 11 were rung on Royal birthdays. A very notable peal was rung at Vancouver on Dominion Day, the first peal in Canada. The battle of Trafalgar was commemorated by three peals, six were rung on Empire Day, and nine on New Year's Eve.

Coming now to Festivals of the Church, which we, as Church bell ringers, might be expected to mark, there are of course difficulties in the way of peal ringing on the great festivals themselves, and no doubt a great deal of ringing of touches for service on these occasions takes place. But, as has been pointed out lately in the ringing papers, the eves of festivals are the appropriate times for peal ringing, though ringers do not yet seem to have learnt the fact. Two peals were rung on December 25th, but the fact that it was Christmas Day was not mentioned, and one of these was to commemorate an ordinary birthday. Three peals were rung on Easter Day, one being a golden wedding peal, and one on Whitsun Day, while Ascension Day was quite ignored, and the peals rung on its eve were in honour of Empire Day! On Patronal Festivals seven peals were rung, and two on St. George's Day.

Young ringers are, we are glad to see, coming on. We note one 13 years of age, four 14, six 15, one of whom conducted the peal, while the average age of the ringers of one peal was 19, and of another under 20. At the other end we find three peal ringers of 70, and one of 74. It will be noted that the arrangement of the Analysis is slightly different this year. We are of opinion that it gives a better view of the peal ringing that has been done, and groups the six-bell performances in a way which is easier for reference and for separate treatment, if it should at any time be found desirable. We may add, however, that there would be no difference in the order of the first eight at least of the associations if the six-bell performances were excluded from the general reckoning in the present Analysis.

QUESTIONS TO BE SETTLED.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter, in presenting the report, said there were two questions which, it seemed to the committee, were of considerable importance, and which, if they were to carry on the work, they would like to have settled. The first was what associations were to be given a separate existence in the analysis? He was personally under the impression that the associations and guilds which should have a separate existence were those which were affiliated to the Council, but he was told he was not quite correct in that. Another question which they wanted settled was what was intended by the statement that had always appeared at the head of the analysis, "In reckoning points for peals those over 7,000 and under 10,000 count as two, over 10,000 and under 12,000 count as three, and so forth." What they wanted to know was what they were to take as representing the value of four peals. Were they to go on in arithmetical progression? The next difference would thus be 1,000, and they would get four peals for over 12,000 and under 13,000. The next step would then reduce the difference to nothing, and if that were so, what were they going to do about the peal rung on the previous day (the 15,264 at Horncchurch)?

Mr. A. T. King said since the Council had taken over the analysis the committee had put their own interpretation upon one or two things. They would like to know, however, how they were to classify certain of the methods. He was told that Cumberland Delight was of sufficient complexity to be classed with London, but who was to settle

the point? The only Double method in the classification was Double Norwich, but where did the other double methods come in? In the table there was no mention of Aston, and Mr. Bankes James told him that Little Bob Major was worth a good deal more than a plain method. Of course it was a matter of opinion on a good many of these points. With regard to the classification of Surprise, Norfolk, and others, were not mentioned. Were they to be a job lot of 30 points each, or were some to be classed with Cambridge and some with London? He felt with the Rev. E. W. Carpenter that a separate existence should only be given in the analysis to those societies that were affiliated to the Central Council; the peals by the others would be included under independent societies.

Mr. Griffin said before Mr. Carpenter joined the committee they put into the analysis those associations that rang more than one peal, with a view to getting them to be represented on that Council, but he agreed that the time had come when they should say what associations should be included.

The Rev. H. Law James moved that no association be represented in the analysis unless it was represented upon the Council by the maximum number of representatives that it was qualified to elect.

Mr. Hopgood pointed out that if the Analysis Committee would consult the Peal Values Committee all the difficulties to which they had referred would be solved.

THREE NORWICH PEALS.

Mr. Burton said he had been asked to state that three peals which had been rung by his association (Norwich) were not published until several months after the analysis was completed, although they were rung in January and February last year. These peals put his association up a place in the analysis, and he thought it should be mentioned so that the association which was now patting itself on the back upon occupying second position should know that the Norwich Association ought to have been there.

The President: If your association did not send proper reports of its peals how can anybody else be considered responsible?

Mr. Griffin: Did those appeals appear in the Association's own report for 1911?

Mr. Burton: I am afraid not. At the same time the analysis professes to be an analysis of all the peals rung.

The President: It is really idle to contend that when you do not send them up other people are going to credit you with them.

Mr. Burton: I don't wish to suggest the members of the committee have not done their duty. I was asked to bring this forward on behalf of the Association, simply that it should get its due. I do not wish to insinuate that the committee have not done their duty; the members of the Council would like to have heard how they managed to sort up all the peals that appeared in the papers.

Mr. King said Mr. Burton was quite correct. More than twelve months after the peals were rung they asked one of the ringing papers ("The Ringing World") as a favour to publish them. They now know that had these peals been sent up at the proper time it would have made a difference to the order of the associations, and he thought it was rather a poor thing to bring up at this time. They (the Middlesex Association) did not care whether they were second, third or fourth. Here, however, were men who did not send up their peals for publication wanting credit for a place to which they were not entitled.

A Member: To my knowledge they were sent up to "Bell News."

Mr. Griffin: When your own association does not know anything about the peals until after their report is printed, I don't think the Norwich Association has a leg to stand upon.

The President asked that the matter should be dropped, as it was outside the discussion altogether.

COMMITTEES' WORK MERGED.

The Hon. Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Analysis Committee for the enormous amount of labour they had undertaken with such great success, exactness and thoroughness. The Council owed a great debt of gratitude to them for their hard labour. The Hon. Secretary then returned to the subject of the Peal Values Committee's desire that their work should be taken over by the Analysis Committee. They felt strongly that the work they were doing could be much better done by the Analysis Committee. They were more in touch with the matter than anyone else could be. They were brought face to face with different methods as they were rung, in a way that the Points Committee were not. The Points Committee had carried out absolutely and literally the instructions given to them at previous meetings, and unless some special method was referred to them they had not reported upon it. They all knew that the Analysis Committee had just about as much as they could do, and he would suggest that the Council should elect an additional member on the committee to help them.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston seconded the vote of thanks.

Replying to the President, Mr. Griffin said the Analysis Committee would welcome an expert member of the Council to assist them if the Council decided that they should take over the work of the Points Committee. The committee, he added, would only have to call on the new member for consultation as to point values.

The committee (the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and Messrs. King and Griffin) were re-elected, with thanks for their services, and Mr. G. Williams was added to the committee.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn seconded Mr. James' motion as to the

associations that should be given a separate existence in the analysis, but Mr. Snowdon moved, and the Rev. W. W. C. Baker seconded, an amendment to the effect that all affiliated associations should have a separate existence in the table.—The amendment was agreed to, and the question of the interpretation to be put upon the allowance of points for peals over 12,000 was left to the committee.

The motion to merge the work of the Peal Values Committee with that of the Analysis Committee was agreed to, and the Analysis Committee's report was adopted.

The Peal Values Committee's report (which has previously appeared in our columns) was adopted, on the motion of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. Griffin, and in view of this the Rev. E. W. Carpenter asked permission to withdraw his motion as to the appointment of a committee to consider the scale of points for five and six-bell peals.—This was agreed to.

METAL VERSUS WOOD.

Mr. E. H. Lewis moved the following resolution: "That the hon. secretary of the Council be instructed to write to the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and request them to meet a deputation from the Council, and discuss the supposed danger to towers caused by substituting steel or iron bell frames for wooden frames. That the hon. secretary also bring to the notice of the Royal Institute of British Architects the Council's recommendations with regard to the proper height to hang bells relative to the belfry windows."

He said there was at the present time a great difference of opinion, when the restoration of bells was in question, on the subject of iron and steel or wooden frames, that was to say, whether the bell frames should be of what were known as the rigid type or non-rigid. It was a matter which, in the interests of ringers, ought to be settled by experts. All the bell founders had come into line in recommending the rigid frame, and they knew that ringers preferred bells in this kind of frame. On the other side there was the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings saying most emphatically that absolutely rigid frames were very destructive to old towers. He had been in correspondence with the secretary and had asked him for a list of the towers damaged by steel frames, and he had given him a list of three, but he had not given him any list of towers damaged by faulty wooden frames (laughter). Either the bell founders were right in recommending rigid frames, or the society were right in recommending what they called "strung" frames. It was a question which should be decided, because these two opinions were in direct opposition. The society were interfering with the work of the bell hangers, by writing to the local papers, and by bringing influence to bear on those responsible for bell restoration. A recent instance occurred in a letter in the Cambridge "Daily News," but it seemed to him that the letter was based upon an entirely wrong conception of the action between the bells and the tower, and it was fairly obvious they wanted talking to by an engineering expert. He thought they would be able to find some experts in that Council who could meet the society and discuss the matter, and get it settled one way or the other. If the society were right, let the ringers abide by their decision and recommend, when they were called in to advise, a strung frame. The society were quite willing, if the method suggested in the resolution were carried, to meet a deputation of the Council and discuss the matter. They would produce evidence and try and prove their case, and no doubt the Council would be able to bring evidence to prove their own point.

TO INFLUENCE ARCHITECTS.

With regard to the second part of his resolution, his experience was that when new towers were erected the bells were hung with the lip well above the sill of the window in direct opposition to the recommendation of the Council, with the result that outside the tower the noise was simply deafening, and there was strong objection by the residents to any ringing. As the Council's recommendation did not seem to have had any effect upon architects generally, it would, he thought, be a good thing if the hon. secretary would take steps to get into touch with the Institute of British Architects and try and get them to adopt the Council's resolutions. It would be of great advantage to the architects if they could produce better effects, and a great advantage to ringers.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who seconded, said they all of them felt, when they were called in to advise, how difficult it was when they found that the society had either been at work before them or were working at the same time. They had to recognise that the society was doing what was right, according to its own lights, and they could not possibly get on until they met and thrashed the matter out. It was no use sending these people their suggestions. The society thought they had a sort of axe to grind, and that they wanted bells hung for their own use and their own selfishness, and that they did not think about the tower—which was absurd. They did not understand what went on in the place where the bell frame was and what went on where the ringers were, or they would not put windows in the absurd places they did. If they met and talked the matter out they would get on better afterwards.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said there was one other important point that ought not to pass unnoticed in connection with this matter, and that was the distance at which the floor under the bells was placed. It was most important there should be a strong recommendation on this point. Another point on the first part of the resolution was that

there was nothing said on what was really a most essential feature of the matter, and that was the difference, real or imaginary, in the tone of the bells caused by the material of the frame. He believed he would not be far wrong if he said the representatives of the principal firms would say that it made no difference to the tone, but such was not for a moment a foregone conclusion. The idea was that the bell, and not the frame, made the tone, but they knew what a difference it made to a piano whether they stood it upon a wooden, glass, or iron floor, or on a pile of carpet. He thought it was important that they should get the opinion of those unprejudiced on the point as to whether or not iron frames caused the tone of the bells to be of a more harsh or metallic character in the vicinity of the tower. After listening to a good many peals in iron frames, he was coming to think there was some amount of truth in it. It would be a fatal thing if they recommended something which would have the effect of having bells beautifully rehung from a ringer's point of view, but ruined as to the tone of them.

Mr. Young, speaking as a member of the Institute of British Architects, said that as a body they had to plead guilty. There might be a few who knew the mysteries of the bell tower, but as a body there was a considerable amount of ignorance among them. If a letter went to the Institute, he was afraid it got into the waste paper basket, and the only way definitely to affect architectural opinion over a number of years was to have a pamphlet printed, which would go into the library and be readily accessible. The Institute was most anxious that all members of the profession should know more about the subject. With regard to the question of semi-rigid or rigid frames, it occurred to him as a surveyor that the rigid frame was better for an old tower, but he could see that the matter was one of great controversy.

(To be continued.)

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT WOLVERLEY.

Amid the most beautiful surroundings, and under ideal conditions, a very successful meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held on Saturday last, at Wolverley. At the service, which was very well attended, the Vicar (the Rev. E. P. Rowland) gave an interesting and instructive address on sounds, bells, bell ringers and their duties as Churchmen, which was listened to with close attention.—After the service, a move was made to the Vicarage, where on the lawn a "knife and fork" tea was laid out, kindly provided by the Vicar and friends. Needless to say, the tea was much appreciated by the company, which numbered about 70, including some of the ringers' wives.—The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. Both the Vicar and Mr. A. E. Parsons said how pleased they were to see the branch secretary with them again, after his serious illness, and trusted he would continue to improve in health. The Vicar also welcomed the Association, and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present at the service in church. He trusted that the ideal of all ringers was to be good Church workers, as well as good bell ringers.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Bellbroughton, the quarterly peal to be attempted at Wolverley.

One hon. life member (the first for the Association), two hon. members (the Vicars of Selly Oak and Cookley), and 28 performing members, including the Cookley, Elmlay Lovitt, Wordsley and Selly Oak companies, were elected. Ringers were present from Worcester, Cleut, Stourbridge, Old Hill, Hartlebury, Arley Kings, Wordsley, Elmlay Lovitt, Kidderminster, Brierley Hill, Netherton, Wollaston, Oldswinford, Rowley, and Selly Oak.

A very hearty vote of thanks was moved by Mr. A. E. Parsons to the Vicar for his address, to the donors of the tea, and to the ladies for their services.—The Vicar briefly replied, and invited all who cared to have a look round his garden, a privilege which was much appreciated. The bells and also those at Cookley were taken advantage of during the afternoon and evening, and touches in different methods rung.

ST. STEPHEN'S, WEST EALING.

With further reference to the report of the induction of the Rev. Wm. H. Thompson, LL.D., as Vicar of St. Stephen's Church, West Ealing, and the ringing that took place on that occasion, which appeared in our columns, we are now able to give further particulars with regard to the bells. They were originally hung for chiming only, and came from the Whitechapel Foundry, three being cast in 1906, two in 1908, and the three trebles in 1911. Subsequently it was decided to have the bells hung for ringing, and the completed octave was sent to the Spitalfields Foundry to be fitted with modern cast-iron headstocks, etc. After being tuned they were hung in a steel frame, and credit is due to Messrs. John Warner and Sons for the design of their frame, by which they were enabled to erect the whole ring upon one level. The bells were duly tested by a company of ringers of St. Mary Abbots Guild, Kensington, who pronounced the "go" of the bells to be perfect, and this opinion was further corroborated by the many members of the Middlesex Association, who were present at the official opening and dedication, which took place upon the following Saturday.

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NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—(Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on the 25th, and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th at 8 p.m., also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stretford on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Honorary Secretary, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Brewood on Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing at 3. Service at 5.30, with an address by the Rev. Preb. C. Dunkley. Tea (9d.) at 6. A brake will leave Wolverhampton (top of Railway Drive, Lichfield Street) at 2.15; fare 1s. 3d.—H. Knight, Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Polesworth on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on July 27th.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shotton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—A bye-meeting will be held at Shenfield on Saturday, June 22nd. Fryerning bells at 2, Ingatestone at 3, Shenfield at 4 o'clock.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

BEDFORD ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, June 22nd, for the election of officers. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—A. King.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Walton-on-the-Hill on Saturday, June 22nd. Full particulars by circular.—Rev. W. L. Bulpit and W. Bentham, Honorary Secretaries.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Established 1623.—The 280th anniversary will be held on Thursday, the 27th inst. All ringers welcomed.—R. Strong, Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held on Saturday, June 29th, 1912, at All Saints, Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppy. Tower open from 3.30 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. District Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, June 29th. Particulars later.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Winchester on Saturday, June 29th. Meeting at the Guildhall at 2 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. The Cathedral bells will be available.—W. E. Colchester, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chipping on June 29th. Bells available from 3.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowdon and Stockport Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Disley, Saturday, June 29th.—A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Collingham on June 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m., business meeting at 7 p.m. Cycling party leaves bottom of Roundhay Road, Leeds, at 2 p.m. All cyclists invited.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Alwalton on Saturday, June 29th. Service at 4.30; tea and meeting after. Bells (5) ready at 1 o'clock. Castor bells (6) available in the evening.—F. T. Cooke, Honorary Secretary, 195, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual summer festival will be held at Biggleswade (8 bells) on Saturday, June 29th, 1912. Cricket match 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock. All those taking tea please let secretary know by Thursday, the 27th.—F. Blood, Branch Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Bolsover, on Saturday, July 6th. Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence, 8 bells, tenor 15 cwt., available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Boxley on Saturday, July 6th, 1912. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea on the Vicarage lawn 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after. Through the kindness of the Rev. J. R. Hale, Vicar, tea will be provided for all members who notify me not later than Tuesday, July 2nd.—G. Moore, District Secretary, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—A quarterly general meeting of the association will be held at St. Boltolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C., on Monday, July 8th. Tower open at 8 p.m. Business meeting 9.30 p.m. All members should endeavour to attend.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 13th, special service in the Cathedral at 11.30. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Business meeting in the Chapter House at 12.20. Dinner in the dining hall at Christ Church at 1.30. Dinner tickets at 2s. each will be forwarded to those members only who send their money with the order to me on or before Saturday, July 6th. 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, Guild Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—In order to facilitate the publishing of future reports, conductors of peals are requested to send particulars of peals called by them within seven days of such performance to T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport, Assistant Honorary Secretary.

N.B.—Will conductors of peals since 1st January, 1912, also oblige?

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THE WARNER CUP.

Dear Sir,—As my very old friend Mr. Hattersley has written you on this subject, may I say that my feeling, and the unanimous feeling of all the ringers I have spoken to, is that this or any other cup is a mistake. We fully appreciate Messrs. Warners' kindly motives, but, to quote a well-known ringer, "We don't want ringing brought down to the level of football."—Yours truly,

Ealing.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry branch was held at Stapleford, on Saturday, and was well attended. A short service was held in the Parish Church, a striking address being given by the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Hawes).

Tea was provided in the Sunday School, and the business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding, supported by the Rev. A. F. H. Boughey, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, and other members of the Cambridge University Guild. Members were also present from Cambridge, Fulbourn, Fen Ditton, Shelford, Ickleton, Melbourn, Newmarket, Lawton, and the local men.—Several new members were elected, and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson was elected on the district committee.—The Vicar was elected an honorary member.—It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Cottenham, in October.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for presiding, and also for the use of the bells.—The Vicar, in reply, welcomed the Association to Stapleford, and said he felt sure that if the meetings were carried out on the same lines as the meeting that day, the Association had a prosperous future before it. He did not understand the Art, but he knew it required a lot of study and practice to become a good ringer. He hoped his own ringers would take courage and attend the practices on handbells as well as on the ropes. They had youth on their side, and he hoped they would one day have a first-class band of their own.

The handbells were then brought out, and some double-handed ringing was done. A good selection of tunes were played by Mr. F. Handscombe, of Melbourn.—Other members went back to the tower, where touches of Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob were brought round, the captain of the local company ringing an inside bell to 720 Bob Minor.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET.—May 11th, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. Moulden 1, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 2, R. W. Hyner 3, J. Herbert (Putney), first 720, 4, W. G. Lancaster 5, G. Lancaster 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, May 12th, 1248 Double Norwich: L. A. Wilson 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner 3, G. W. Townsend 4, E. J. Oliver 5, J. Herbert (longest touch in the method) 6, S. Palmer 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.—On May 14th, 364 Superlative Surprise Major: C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 1, G. W. Townsend 2, R. W. Hyner 3, F. Looker 4, E. J. Oliver 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, G. Lancaster 7, E. Bishop 8. First touch in the method on the bells.

STOWMARKET SUFFOLK.—On May 13th, 1008 of Double Norwich: W. Welham 1, W. Souter 2, C. Alderton 3, A. Grimwood 4, F. Allard 5, W. Tydeman 6, E. Diaper 7, F. Watling (conductor) 8. On the previous evening three courses of Stedman Triples and several touches of Double Norwich and Treble Bob, with C. Gillingham, E. Welham and S. Slater taking part.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On May 15th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Bransden (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Stenning 2, C. Stephenson 3, W. Vincent 4, F. Stoner 5, T. Gasson 6, F. Attwater (conductor) 7, D. Davey 8. The ringers of the 1st, 2nd and 8th belong to Hurst, the rest to Bolney and Cuckfield.

MALVERN LINK.—Worcester and Districts Association.—At St. Matthias's Church, on Sunday, May 12th, a quarter-peal Stedman Triples, in 51 mins.: W. Niblett 1, E. E. Barber 2, F. Stanton 3, J. Brown 4, H. Chance (longest length) 5, F. Bryan 6, R. G. Knowles (conductor) 7, A. Richings 8.

PARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday evening, May 12th, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: E. Bish 1, J. Parsons 2, J. Peist 3, W. Pelling 4, A. J. Turner (conductor) 5, R. Edwards 6. First 720 on the bells.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At Emmanuel Church, on Sunday evening, May 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Davey 1, J. Woodley (first as conductor) 2, W. Hobbs 3, W. Rundle 4, W. Ford 5, W. Richards 6, G. H. Myers 7, G. Keeswell 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—Central Northants Association.—At All Saints' Church, 1280 Superlative: E. Harris 1, A. P. Hensman 2, H. Rainbow 3, H. Blundell 4, J. Hensman 5, J. White 6, W. J. Allen 7, W. Farey (conductor) 8. Also 1280 Double Norwich, conducted by A. P. Hensman, and 1280 Superlative, conducted by A. W. Coles.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Ascension Day, for evening service, 336 Stedman Triples: F. Hedges 1, J. Mead 2, T. Best 3, S. Smith 4, L. Meager 5, E. Marks 6, H. Scar (conductor) 7, V. Scar 8.

DIDSBURY, MANCHESTER.—On Sunday evening, May 19th, at Christ's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Chantler 1, J. Mellor 2, W. Holbrook 3, H. Brickill 4, W. Britton 5, F. Peacock 6, J. Leigh 7, B. Davies 8. W. Britton is a member of the Cumberland Association, Workington branch.

HOLBECK, LEEDS, YORKS.—On Sunday evening, May 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 43 mins.: M. Tomlinson 1, P. J. Johnson (conductor) 2, G. A. Jowett 3, H. H. Hoyland 4, J. Woodhead 5, F. R. Cundale 6, J. R. Moger 7, P. Cooper 8.

PENDLETON.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sunday, May 19th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Cross 1, W. Dyer (Cheltenham) 2, J. Lowe 3, J. Winterbottom 4, C. Spreag (Cheltenham) 5, J. T. Bottrill 6, H. Chapman 7, W. H. Shuker 8.

WEST HAM.—The Essex Association.—At Holy Trinity Churchroom, on May 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Prior (1st in method) 1, G. Joyce 2, R. Sanders 3, E. Wigg 4, W. Doran (conductor) 5, A. N. Other 6.

RUGBY.—The Warwickshire Guild (The St. Andrew's Society, Rugby).—On Sunday evening, May 12th, 608 London Surprise Major: W. Tayler 1, A. J. Hessian 2, H. O. White 3, C. M. Wheeler 4, W. Malins (composer and conductor) 5, J. A. Fenton 6, J. B. Fenton 7, J. W. Chandler 8.—On Ascension Day, for evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 54 mins.: *G. Watson, junr., 1, R. Watson, senr., 2, J. B. Fenton 3, *W. H. Cole 4, W. Tayler 5, H. O. White 6, J. George (conductor) 7, W. Malins 8. *First quarter-peal.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Sunday morning, May 12th, at St. Giles' Church, 720 Violet Treble Bob: A. Clark 1, H. J. Tucker 2, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 3, A. J. Green 4, C. A. Valentine 5, E. Yates 6. For evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. Clark 1, H. J. Tucker 2, E. Yates 3, *T. C. Tompkins 4, C. A. Valentine 5, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 6.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—On Sunday morning, May 12th, at All Saints' Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob: C. W. Clarke (conductor) 1, C. A. Valentine 2, G. Tompkins 3, T. C. Tompkins 4, A. J. Green 5, G. Valentine, junr., 6.

PASSENHAM.—On Sunday, May 12th, at the Parish Church, for afternoon service, several six-scores Grandsire Doubles, the following taking part: H. Ridgway, C. W. Clarke, G. Valentine, junr., C. A. Valentine, F. Canvin, H. Hurst, E. Wyatt, and — Grant.

WORKSOP.—North Notts Association.—On May 8th, 336 of Bob Major, first touch by S. Tallents, of Ordsall.—On Sunday, May 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: H. Haigh (conductor) 1, H. H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, *W. Roberts 5, C. E. Peck 6, T. Wilson 7, *E. Clark 8. *First quarter-peal.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On Sunday, May 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: C. Mortimer 1, H. W. Gayton 2, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 3, F. C. Tompkins 4, W. Jacques 5, F. J. Mynard 6, W. Webb 7, W. Ellis 8.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday, May 12th, for the morning service, at St. Alfege Church, 1010 Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: A. S. Beer (Portsea) 1, W. J. Hawkins 2, J. J. Lamb 3, H. Hoskins 4, I. G. Shade (conductor) 5, W. Berry 6, T. Jakeman 7, S. J. Norton 8. Longest length in the method by the ringers of the 2nd and tenor.

BIRMINGHAM.—Midland Counties Association.—At Bishop Ryder's for evening service, on School Anniversary, on May 19th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 50 mins.: S. Coley 1, A. T. Scrivens 2, G. A. Taylor 3, J. Porter 4, J. T. Perry (conductor) 5, W. H. Carrod 6, J. B. Collett 7, W. Ellis 8.

BROCCLES.—Norwich Diocesan Association.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, May 5th, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Goate 1, H. Hopson 2, T. Eckett 3, H. Reynolds 4, C. Parnell 5, G. Baxter 6, H. Ling (conductor) 7, E. Ettridge 8.—On April 23rd, 504 and 168 Grandsire Triples.

NEWPORT, MON.—At the Church of All Saints, on April 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: N. Morgan 1, J. Builen 2, J. W. Jones 3, W. Millard 4, F. Chamberlain 5, F. Charles 6, A. E. Morgan (conductor) 7, T. Max 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, in honour of the birth of a son to the hon. secretary of the Llandaff Association (the Rev. Connop L. Price) and Mrs. Price.

HESTON.—Middlesex Association.—On May 5th, for morning service, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. W. Cowley 1, H. C. Chandler 2, T. J. Barker 3, C. S. Bird (conductor) 4, C. J. Edwards 5, E. R. Gladman 6, G. A. Gladman 7, F. Curley 8.—On April 26th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, as a token of respect to the victims of the "Titanic" disaster: W. H. Biggs 1, G. A. Ransom (conductor) 2, T. Beadle 3, H. W. Lidbetter 4, C. Dell 5, W. H. New 6, G. Spencer 7, A. Sheard 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

ISLEWORTH.—Middlesex Association.—On Sunday afternoon, May 5th, for men's service, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. J. New 1, C. A. Hughes (first quarter-peal) 2, H. C. Chandler 3, C. S. Bird (conductor) 4, T. Beadle 5, E. F. Cole 6, A. Harding 7, A. Beckensale 8.—On Sunday, April 21st, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the victims of the "Titanic" disaster, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. A. Ransom (conductor) 1, T. Beadle 2, H. W. Lidbetter 3, W. H. Biggs 4, C. Dell 5, G. Spencer 6, A. Beckensale (first quarter-peal) 7, A. Sheard 8.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on April 21st, 800 Bob Major: Fred Hancock 1, J. H. Humphries 2, Jos. Morton 3, R. Booth 4, E. Bolsover 5, P. Jervis 6, A. West 7, W. Robinson 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of those who lost their lives through the "Titanic" disaster.

TAMWORTH.—On Sunday, April 21st, 504 of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to those who lost their lives in the "Titanic" disaster: R. P. Brindley 1, A. E. Young (conductor) 2, W. Chapman 3, A. Marks 4, A. Chaplain 5, C. Chapman 6, J. Pratt 7, G. Chaplain 8.

SOUTHWARK.—On Sunday, April 21st, at Southwark Cathedral, the bells were rung half-muffled, on account of the "Titanic" disaster, for morning and evening service by the Southwark Cathedral Society, viz.: T. Nash, F. Smith, T. Bugbey, A. Ackins, H. Dare, G. Harmon, A. March, T. Coxhead, L. Rayfield, T. Elliss, T. Cooledge, G. Rosbrook, G. Fellows, T. Oliver, G. Edwards and F. Knight.

COLCHESTER.—At St. Peter's Church, in commemoration of St. George's Day, 336 and 1024 Bob Major: G. Burch 1, F. L. Bumpstead 2, H. T. Pye 3, W. J. Schofield 4, G. W. Dixon 5, S. Hull 6, H. Evers 7, D. Elliott 8. 704 and 1204 Kent Treble Bob. 784 Double Norwich, by: G. Burch 1, F. L. Bumpstead 2, H. T. Pye 3, W. J. Schofield 4, H. Evers 5, S. Hagger 6, W. Chalk 7, D. Elliott 8. 1008 Bob Major. All the above are members of the local company, with the exception of D. Elliott, who belongs to Coggeshall, and who acted as conductor.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: E. Runter 1, J. Tarbun 2, A. Speller 3, W. Wellington 4, W. Everard 5, A. Tarbun, junr. (longest length with a bob bell) 6, A. Tarbun (conductor) 7, G. Usher 8.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sunday, May 5th, 1008 Grandsire Triples: J. Butler 1, T. East (conductor) 2, A. Yates 3, W. Napper 4, E. Butler 5, J. S. Napper 6, J. Butler 7, W. J. Napper 8.

LEYTONSTONE.—Essex Association.—On April 29th, at the Parish Church, 720 London Surprise Minor: F. Doran 1, H. Torble 2, W. Doran 3, W. Theobald 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, J. E. Sykes 6.

WEST HAM.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, May 5th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes): W. Doran (conductor) 1, A. Scambler 2, A. Neale 3, T. Cutforth 4, J. Scholes 5, E. Andrews 6, W. Theobald 7, R. Sanders 8, G. Haydon 9, G. Potter 10.

ASTON MANOR.—On Sunday, May 5th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: J. Jones 1, W. G. Ellis 2, H. Jones 3, J. Hopkin 4, A. Jones 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6, W. Davies (first quarter with a bob bell) 7, C. Allen 8. For evening service, 1277 Grandsire Caters, in 49 mins.: C. Wood 1, A. Scrivens 2, A. Jones 3, C. Large 4, J. Corrigan 5, J. Hopkins 6, J. Collet 7, W. G. Ellis (composer and conductor) 8, F. Bennett 9, C. Allen 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by the 1st and 4th, and first with a bob bell by the 3rd. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Corrigan.

BRIERLEY HILL.—At St. Michael's Church, on May 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the tenor covering: J. Faulkner 1, C. E. Perkins 2, H. Hill 3, A. Greenfield 4, A. Prestidge 5, H. Price (conductor) 6, J. W. Williams 7. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. C. Spencer, the Vicar of Coseley, and Rural Dean, who passed away Saturday, April 27th, 1912. The band met for a peal of Stedman Triples, but were short.

BERGHAMPTON.—On Easter Monday, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor by the same band. First 720 in the method by the ringers of the 1, 2 and 3. Also touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Kent Minor, with the local men.

OXLEY, YORKS.—On May 5th, with the bells muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. John Nunn, who was formerly one of the company, 360 Bob Minor for morning service, and 720 for evening service, with 7-8 covering: C. Ralph 1, G. Thornton 2, T. Hathaway 3, F. Maston (conductor) 4, J. Horner 5, W. D. Clough 6, J. L. Phillips 7, J. Searle 8.

BATTERSEA.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, May 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: W. J. Barber 1, G. Watkin 2, H. Burton 3, F. W. Perrons 4, L. A. Reeve 5, W. Essery 6, A. G. H. Newman (first quarter Stedman as conductor) 7, F. Gibbard 8.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.—The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, May 12th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but unfortunately it failed half-way, owing to a shift course, after some good ringing: J. S. Rumming 1, A. K. Harrison 2, G. H. Harding 3, T. F. King 4, A. F. Martin Stewart 5, S. Hillier 6, W. J. Prescott (conductor) 7, S. J. Hector 8.

ROTHERFIELD.—At St. Deny's Church, on May 26th, for Whit-Sunday afternoon flower service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by: H. Hammond 1, E. Bishop 2, A. Harman 3, O. Holmwood 4, H. Smith 5, C. Brasier (conductor) 6, E. Bishop, senr., 7, F. Hammond 8. First quarter-peal for ringer of 3rd.

EDGBASTON.—Recently at the Parish Church, the following 720's of Minor have been rung: 720 each of Christmas Eve, Plain Bob, Grandsire, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, and Double Court. The ringers were: J. Johnson, W. Bryant, T. Collinson, J. Eaton, A. Gardner, H. Withers. Conducted by H. Withers, except Plain Bob, which was conducted by T. Collinson.

CRANSLEY, NORTHANTS.—A quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: W. Bolland (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Sharman 2, G. Holland 3, P. Lenton 4, F. Woolley 5, A. E. Wykes (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6. Rung on the occasion of the unveiling of a peal board recording the first peal rung by an entirely resident band.

WINKFIELD, BERKS.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On April 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Brunt (first in the method) 1, J. Rance 2, A. Pierce 3, E. C. Lambert 4, G. Martin 5, J. North (conductor) 6. Also some touches of Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles. A course of Grandsire Triples, on handbells: A. Pierce 1-2, J. North 3-4, E. C. Lambert 5-6, G. Martin 7-8; and a course of Grandsire Caters: J. North (first course) 1-2, W. H. Fussell 3-4, E. C. Lambert 5-6, G. Martin 7-8, J. Rance (first course) 9-10.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On May 4th, at All Hallows' Church, 720 Bob Minor: W. Teague 1, W. Greet 2, H. Chegwidan 3, A. D. Sowell 4, J. Thomas (conductor) 5, Rev. R. H. Sowell 6. Also 720 Bob Minor: H. Chegwidan 1, W. Greet 2, W. Darey 3, A. D. Sowell 4, J. Thomas (conductor) 5, Rev. R. H. Sowell 6.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, May 5th, at St. George's Church, for evening service, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 43 mins.: C. H. Hughes 1, J. Town 2, G. L. Joyce (first quarter-peal) 3, H. T. Gowell 4, E. Wigg 5, A. Turner 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, A. D. Barker 8.

STOKE COVENTRY.—The Warwickshire Guild.—On Sunday, May 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. E. Pervin 1, J. H. White 2, W. H. Brunson 3, A. Roberts 4, W. T. Cox 5, C. Freeman 6, J. F. Smallwood (conductor) 7, H. G. Kettle 8.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.—On April 30th, at All Saints' Church, 1302 Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins.: W. Cockings 1, V. Cockings 2, H. Stapleton 3, A. Stapleton 4, M. Savage 5, W. Jacques (conductor) 6, G. Allen 7, W. H. Cockings 8.

FAREHAM.—The Winchester Guild.—At SS. Peters and Paul's Church, on May 3th, for the anniversary of the Accession of King George V, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: H. Pink 1, J. Churcher 2, A. Cumtins 3, F. L. Tull 4, H. Barry 5, S. R. Churcher (conductor) 6.

BILLINGSHURST.—On Sunday, May 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: P. Wood, senr., 1, M. Ireland 2, R. Wood (conductor) 3, J. Newman 4, J. Burdfield 5, G. Matthews 6.

BARNET.—Middlesex Association.—At St. John the Baptist Church, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: P. Chandler 1, W. Baldwin 2, F. Chandler 3, H. Burlingham 4, Wm. Soer 5, R. Roffey 6, W. Childs (conductor) 7, B. Slow 8.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On May 7th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: J. Thomas 1, R. W. Green 2, F. Matthis 3, P. Carter 4, A. Rideout 5, J. Sinden 6, W. Franks (conductor) 7, R. Dennis 8. Longest length by ringers of 1, 4 and 5.

ST. LEONARD'S, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church, on May 6th, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Alcock 1, J. Livermore, junr., 2, F. Medhurst 3, R. W. Green 4, F. A. Keunett 5, W. Franks 6, G. Watson (conductor) 7, H. Denman 8.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—On May 10th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: N. Morgan 1, J. Bullen 2, F. Charles 3, S. Jones 4, J. W. Jones 5, C. F. Johnston (Croydon) 6, A. E. Morgan (conductor) 7, J. Goddard 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—At All Saints' Church, for Sunday evening service, on May 12th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, in 50 mins.: H. Stubbs 1, R. F. Lane 2, E. Leslie 3, E. Cartwright 4, J. Smith 5, C. Harriman 6, J. Oldham 7, E. Reader 8, J. Hutchley (conductor) 9, J. Powell 10.

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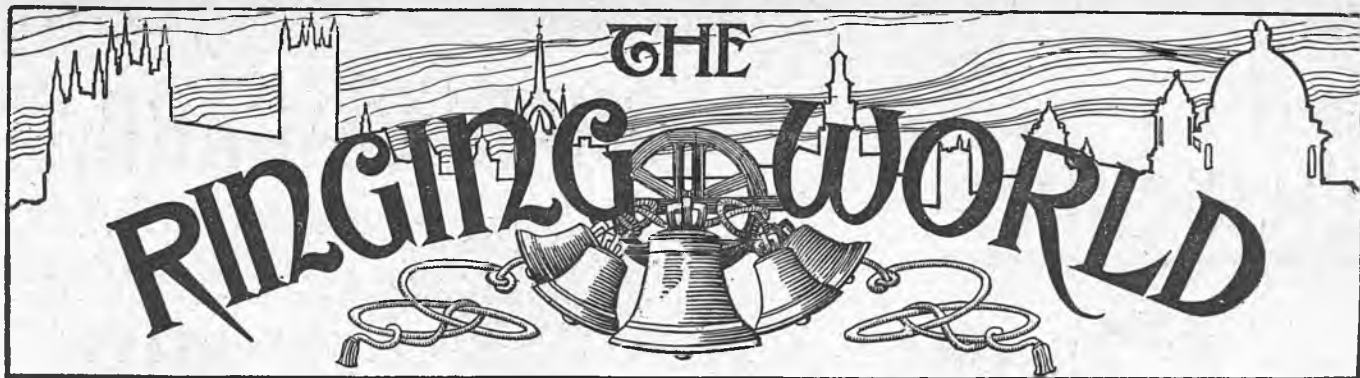
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MODERN WORK.

TOWERS AND BELLS.

As the President rightly remarked, one of the most important subjects ever before the Central Council was that introduced by Mr. E. H. Lewis, suggesting a meeting with the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings for the settlement of the question of wood or metal frames for old towers, and a means of bringing before the Institute of British Architects the subject of the proper position for bells in a tower. Both these matters are practical questions, and are of the utmost importance, because they affect ringers where their interests and those of the public meet, and, sometimes, come into conflict. In regard to the first part of Mr. Lewis' resolution engineering and architectural principles are involved, and upon them we would not venture to proffer an opinion, but we would call attention to the weighty and practical words that fell from the President, and which are reported this week. To the lay mind, at any rate, it must seem that either a wood or metal bell frame might damage an ancient tower unless the frame is properly erected. A bell frame, whatever its material, if it is so built as to "spread" the tower instead of binding it together, as it would if braced through the walls, must have a tendency to weaken the building.

The other part of the question is an equally vital one to ringers' interests, for the noise which bells make is the only point from which they are considered by the general public. Many a good peal is all but silent because of the din in the street and in a large number of cases clergy have to appease the parishioners, who from "nerves" or other causes make complaint when the bells are rung. Very often, however, the application of a simple and inexpensive remedy would put an end to all the trouble. As pointed out by two correspondents last week, what is necessary to check the volume of sound is that the only openings to the bell chamber should be above the highest reach of the lip of the bell. It is certainly curious that architects, as a body, have not yet grasped the point, and if the Central Council can do anything to ensure that when, in future, towers are built, there shall be a correct relation between the level of the bells and the height of the louvres they will have done the Exercise a great service. The fault, according to Sir Arthur Heywood, lies at present in the antiquated text books from which architects now draw their knowledge upon this point of their profession. If the Royal Institute is approached, as is suggested, perhaps they will be able to do something to educate their members in this important, but, among them, apparently unconsidered matter. Meanwhile incumbents who receive complaints might well try the remedy of bricking up the louvres above the height of the inverted bells, and ringers will be studying their own interests if, at noisy towers, they bring this matter to the notice of the responsible authorities.

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HIGH WYCOMBE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt., in C sharp.

RICHARD BUCKLAND Treble	JOHN GRANSBURY 6
RALPH COLES 2	ROBERT H. YOUNG 7
FRANK HOPGOOD 3	*WILLIAM PHIPPS 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JAMES W. WILKINS 9
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 5	BENJAMIN PAGE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND
THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REEVES' VARIATION REVERSED. Tenor 28 cwt.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble	THOS. FITZJOHN 5
PERCY FORDHAM 2	CHARLES WOODCOCK 6
FREDK. A. POULSON 3	W. R. JOHN POULSON 7
JOHN SPARROW 4	ARTHUR SYMONDS Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

This peal was arranged for Mr. P. Fordham, of Mildenhall, Suffolk, and is his first peal in the method.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

RICHARD JENNER Treble	WILLIAM LATTER 5
*ALBERT BELTON 2	THOMAS WALLIS 6
*GEORGE MALVAN 3	JOHN W. STEDDY 7
JAMES HEASMAN 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

* First peal of Major; also first on the bells. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Wallis and Steddy.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

WILLIAM C. HART Treble	RICHARD STREDWICK 5
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6
JOHN CAPP 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ALFRED JAMES Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	GEORGE DURLING 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. This peal was rung after meeting short for Bristol.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Modwen,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.	
WILLIAM J. SMITH Treble	GEORGE BULL 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY 6
*HARRY KENDRICK 3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7
*JOHN HOUGH 4	FRANK SHEPHERD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

* First peal in the method.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

CHARLES W. SMITH Treble	GEORGE N. PRICE 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	WILLIAM HODGETTS 6
ARTHUR W. DIX 3	HUBERT EDEN 7
CHARLES N. LEMAN 4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.

This peal was rung on the 25th anniversary of the opening of the bells. The above ringers are all members of the local company.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, June 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew the Great,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES ... Treble	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 5
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 2	J. H. R. FREEBORN 6
REV. W. C. PEARSON 3	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON ... 7
E. MAURICE ATKINS 4	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN CAPP Treble	GEORGE ADES 5
HERBERT RANN 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
RICHARD STREDWICK 3	KEITH HART 7
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 4	PHILIP ALLFREY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, June 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Great,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES

Tenor 28 cwt.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... Treble	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE ... 5
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2	J. H. R. FREEBORN 6
REV. W. C. PEARSON 3	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON ... 7
E. MAURICE ATKINS 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled, in memory of the Master of Caius College, who was buried on June 19th, and of Prof. Verrall, of Trinity College, who was buried on June 21st.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Sunday, June 30th, all being well, four members of the Norwich Diocesan Association will attempt a peal of Bob Major (on handbells), 14,336 changes, at 42, Wymer Street, Norwich, commencing at 2 o'clock sharp.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 0 qr. 8 lbs.

ALFRED KIRK Treble	WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... 5
FRANK KIRK 2	WALTER GILBERT ... 6
FRED. STUBBS 3	HENRY STUBBS ... 7
*HENRY W. GAYTON ... 4	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal in the method. Mr. Clarke hails from Bedford and Mr. Gayton, for whom this peal was arranged, from Harrold.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

*ARTHUR MADELEY Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... 5
ALBERT H. WARD 2	FRED HICKLING ... 6
WILLIAM BATES 3	HENRY LETTS ... 7
GEORGE DAWSON 4	JOHN FLOWER ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs.

JOHN T. RICKMAN Treble	CHARLES PALMER ... 5
ALFRED J. TURNER 2	†BERT CHALLEN ... 6
JAMES W. WHITE 3	ROBERT J. DAWE ... 7
*JAMES HART 4	HENRY STALHAM ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and
Conducted by HENRY STALHAM.

* First peal of Major away from treble. † First peal of Major.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ARTHUR KEYTE Treble	*FREDK. JORDAN ... 5
*JAMES HEMMING 2	*FREDK. JOHNSON ... 6
*THOMAS EDWIN 3	*JAMES ADDIS ... 7
*HERBERT JORDAN 4	FRANK COOK ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and
Conducted by FRANK COOK.

* First peal of Major. This is the first peal of Major this side of Worcester by local men and was rung to commemorate the opening of a drinking fountain by Mr. Eyes Monsell, M.P., and Mrs. Monsell.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

PHILIP ALFREY Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	ALBERT HARMAN ... 6
RICHARD STREDWICK ... 3	ALBERT D. STONE ... 7
GEORGE GATLAND 4	KEITH HART ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

*JOHN ALDIS, Senr. Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 5
*JOHN F. WILSON 2	ALBERT G. WARNES ... 6
ALFRED FUNNELL 3	GEORGE HOWCHIN ... 7
*FREDERICK J. WHITHAM ... 4	WILLIAM STEELE ... Tenor

Composed by J. B. FENTON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

* First peal in the method.

BARNARD CASTLE, DURHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES ;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*JOHN T. GRAVES, Junr. ... Treble	FREDERICK BARKER ... 5
WILLIAM RUDD 2	THOMAS LANCASTER ... 6
CYRIL POLLARD 3	JOHN H. BLAKISTON ... 7
JOHN APPLETON 4	EDMUND MILBURN ... Tenor

Composed by HY. DAINS, and
Conducted by JOHN H. BLAKISTON.

* First peal. Rung on the anniversary of the Coronation of their Majesties King George and Queen Mary. It was the first peal in the County of Durham by the Yorkshire Association.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM ORSLER Treble	E. HOBART SMITH ... 5
STANLEY BONNEY 2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ... 3	WILLIAM FLORY ... 7
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ... 4	CHARLES BUTTON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and also to celebrate the wedding of Mr. David White and Miss Ethel Trim, of Rose Farm, Framlingham.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES ;

Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY BOTTRILL Treble	WILLIAM WHEELER ... 5
HARRY SMALE 2	JOHN SMITH ... 6
HENRY J. TUCKER 3	JOHN CORDELL ... 7
GEORGE DENT 4	WALTER TARLING ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by G. DENT.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES E. CLARKE Treble	†HENRY BROWN ... 5
*SIDNEY COX 2	PERCY CARTER ... 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	CHARLES H. FOWLER ... 7
JOSIAH MORRIS 4	ALBERT BELL ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Quickest peal on the bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES ;
Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

*EDWIN WELLSTEAD Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY 5
LIONEL H. PAGE 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
JOHN S. RUMMING 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7
HENRY W. WILKES 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD, Bart., and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Major. Rung to celebrate Coronation Day. The Rector, the Rev. E. Kenworthy-Brown, kindly provided refreshments at the Rectory after the peal.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6368 CHANCES ;
Tenor 15 cwt.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM Treble	TOM WILDE 5
JOHN J. PEMBERTON 2	ISAAC SCHOFIELD 6
JOSEPH GODDARD 3	TOM BOTTRELL 7
SAMUEL STOTT 4	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.
Mr. T. Bottrell was elected a member before starting.

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

On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANCES ;
Tenor 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

THOMAS J. BARKER Treble	CHARLES S. BIRD 5
ERNEST R. GLADMAN 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3	GEORGE A. GLADMAN 7
CHARLES I. EDWARDS 4	SYDNEY CARTER Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Rung on the 31st anniversary of the opening of the bells, this being the first peal of Major on them. Also rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the Coronation of King George and Queen Mary.

WJVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;
Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qrs.

*WILLIAM H. CHAPLIN ... Treble	HENRY NORMAN 5
HENRY J. CREED 2	ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS ... 6
HERBERT SCOTT 3	WILLIAM CHAPMAN 7
ISAAC CREED 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal on eight bells and first attempt. Rung in honour of Coronation Day and as a birthday compliment to H. J. Creed. It was also the conductor's 460th peal, and the 60th time he has called the above composition. It is also the first peal of Triples conducted from the tenor in this Association.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.

*SYDNEY GASKIN Treble	*WILLIAM MEARS 4
ALFRED NEWSON 2	SYDNEY ANNISON 5
*HORACE HAYLETT 3	FRED BURROWS Tenor

Conducted by FRED BURROWS.

* First peal.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTON-ON-THE-HILL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;
Comprising 720 each of London, Canterbury, Chester, Carlisle,

Beverley, York and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

HENRY HARRISON Treble	JAMES W. BELL 4
JOHN WILKINSON 2	HERBERT H. BARKER 5
THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... 3	JAMES MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT H. BARKER.

Rung as a compliment to the Venerable Archdeacon Spooner, Rector of Walton. This is the first Surprise peal in the City of Liverpool, and also by all the band. H. Harrison was elected a member of the Lancashire Association prior to starting.

STURRY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR 5040 CHANCES ;
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt., in G.

*S. R. JEZARD Treble	WILLIAM WOOD 4
STANLEY WHITE 2	*EDWIN HARTOP 5
*FRANK JONES 3	ERNEST SLINGSBY Tenor

Conducted by F. JONES.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. F. Wood, son of Mr. T. Wood, Vicar's warden, and Miss N. Jezard, daughter of Mr. J. Jezard, parish warden. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to supper at Homewood Hall, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. Wood.

PATISHALL.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three

720's of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED ROWLEDGE Treble	FRANK RAWLINGS 4
*THOMAS LAW 2	FRED. HOPPER 5
*BERT SODEN 3	WILLIAM ROGERS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Minor in three methods. This peal was rung to celebrate the Prince of Wales' birthday.

GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;
Being 42 six-scores each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lbs.

CHARLES SWAN Treble	CHARLES COOPER 3
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	EDGAR REID 4
ROBT. G. BLACK Tenor	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;
SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS*.

MAURICE SMITHER 1-2	JAMES HUNT 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	*WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At 43, Heath Road,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES;

HUBERT EDEN 1-2	WILLIAM HODGETTS ... 7-8
GEORGE N. PRICE 3-4	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ... 9-10
HENRY HODGETTS 5-6	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire, ARTHUR W. DIX.

This peal has the 6th 24 courses in 6th's place and the 5th 18 courses in 5th's place in the titlums position. It was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Albert John Hodgetts.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,
At 58, Manor Street, Clapham, S.W.,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT ... 1-2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 5-6
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7-8

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER, and

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire, F. G. WOODISS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
At 13, Harbledown Road, Fulham, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WALTER S. WISE 1-2	CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 5-6
HERBERT LANGDON 3-4	ALFRED B. PECK ... 7-8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpire, JOHN N. OXBORROW.

This is A. B. Peck's 150th peal.

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GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 1-2	JAMES HUNT 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	*JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 7-8
FRANK BLONDELL 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire, T. W. RADFORD.

* First peal of Stedman on handbells. It was the conductor's 50th peal of Stedman Caters "in hand." The composition is No. 11 on the Broadsheet.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. G. HOWCHIN,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL 5040 CHANGES;

*FREDK. J. CROSS 1-2	*GEORGE H. CROSS ... 5-6
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 3-4	*WILLIAM A. HEMPEL ... 7-8
BEN S. THOMPSON 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

Umpire: BERTIE FRY.

* First peal of Royal. First peal on handbells by B. S. Thompson. First peal of Royal on handbells by all. Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of H.R.H. Prince of Wales.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
In the Belfry of St. Stephen's Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MERVYN DUCK 1-2	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... 5-6
ALBERT COATES 3-4	RICHARD DUCK 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by RICHARD DUCK.

Umpire, FREDERICK TOWNSEND.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
At the Residence of A. W. CLARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

SYDNEY R. ROPER 1-2	ACKLAND J. PERKINS ... 5-6
WALTER S. WISE 3-4	AMOS W. CLARK 7-8

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Witnesses: Mrs. A. CLARK and Miss J. SMITH.

The peal of Minor at Frensham, June 1st, was rung in three methods by two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, two of Oxford Single Bob and three of Plain Bob.

DEATH OF A KEIGHLEY RINGER.

The death has occurred of Mr. James McGoun, a life member of the Yorkshire Association. The deceased, who was 58 years of age, had been a ringer at the Parish Church, Keighley, for about 11 years, and had rung 15 peals with the Yorks Association.

The interment took place at the Keighley Cemetery, the deceased being carried to his last resting place by his fellow ringers.—The Vicar (the Rev. L. S. Robinson) officiated, and at the graveside a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by: J. Edmondson 1-2, R. W. Jennison 3-4, S. Bateman 5-6, S. Bancroft 7-8. After the service, the church bells were rung, fully muffled, for a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, and for the morning service on the following day.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge and District Branch took place at Stone, on Saturday last. Over 30 members attended, representing Berkeley, Dursley, Thornbury, Wotton-under-Edge, Coaley and Slinchcombe, with a good muster of local ringers. Special service was held in church, when the Vicar (the Rev. T. Veal) gave an excellent address from Psalm 98, verse 5.—Tea was partaken of in the schoolroom by kind invitation of the Vicar, who presided at the subsequent meeting. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Olveston on July 27th.—Mr. H. W. Fussell proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in granting them the use of the bells, and for providing such an excellent tea.—Mr. F. K. Howell, who seconded, remarked that it was a pleasure for them to come to Stone, for they were always sure of a hearty welcome from the Vicar and Mrs. Veal. It was very gratifying to know that the clergy were recognising more the value of bell ringers as Church officers.—The Vicar, in responding, said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the Association at his church. Ringers held a very important office in the work of the Church, and he was very pleased to see so many at the service that afternoon.—Votes of thanks to the organist, Miss E. Lippiatt, and to Mr. G. Sheppard, captain of the local ringers, for making the necessary arrangements, brought the meeting to a close.—During the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob were rung.

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HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S CONTEST.

The annual meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Heptonstall, on Saturday, June 8th, when six companies of ringers entered, each set ringing 504 changes, preceded by three leads for practice. The judges were: Mr. Broadley, of Bradford, Mr. Robertshaw and Mr. Nowell, of Heptonstall. During the afternoon a splendid tea was served to the visitors, who numbered 100.

The annual meeting was held in the schoolroom at the conclusion of the ringing, the President (Mr. Lawson) being in the chair, supported by the Vicar (the Rev. E. D. Williams, M.A.), and the society's officers. The balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £17 10s., was adopted.

Mr. Lawson, the retiring president, expressed his pleasure at seeing so large a gathering there, a pleasure which was increased by the presence of so many ladies, whose attendance showed they must take an interest in ringing. Having reviewed the growth of the Association, Mr. Lawson added that he desired to resign his position as President, as he thought these honours ought to go round. At the same time he would continue to do his best to further the society's interests.—There were three nominations for the office: Mr. Sharman, of Lightcliffe; Mr. Drake, of Brighouse; and Mr. Cotterell, of Halifax. Mr. Cotterell was elected, and on taking the chair, thanked the members for placing him in that position. He then proposed a vote of thanks to the late President, and the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ambler, was carried.—Mr. Lawson, Mr. Carter, Mr. Hardcastle and Mr. Hardy were elected vice-presidents; Mr. F. Salmons, secretary; and Mr. J. S. Ambler, treasurer.—The place of next meeting was left in the hands of the secretary.—On the motion of Mr. Hardy, seconded by Mr. Rylands, it was resolved that the secretary be paid 10s. per year, with expenses, for his services.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of their bells, and to the local company and the ladies for so kindly entertaining the visitors to tea, was proposed by the chairman, seconded by Mr. Sharman, supported by Mr. Whittaker, and carried unanimously.

THE WINNING TEAM.

The judges' decision was then announced as follows by Mr. Broadley: Earleheaton, 174 faults; Halifax 1st team, 268 faults; Halifax 2nd team, rung out; Haworth, 321 faults; Kirkheaton, 138 faults; Brighouse, 198 faults. Kirkheaton were declared the winners.

The Vicar, in responding to the vote of thanks, and in presenting the cup, said what a pleasant afternoon he had spent in listening to the bells. This was the first time he had heard the bells rung in a contest, but not the first time he had handled the cup, as his own ringers had brought it to Heptonstall more than once. He was proud of his own ringers, because they struck the bells so well for service, which he thought every ringer should try to do. He was very pleased to see so many ringers and friends present. The Vicar also made reference to the bells which are about to be recast and augmented into a peal of eight, and he hoped to have a peal of bells second to none in the district. He then presented the cup to Mr. Hardy, the conductor of the winning team.

Mr. Hardy thanked the Vicar for presenting the cup, and said how pleased he was to have won it upon that occasion, as they had a lad 19 years old in their set, and it was the first time he had rung in a contest. Mr. Hardy concluded by proposing a vote of thanks to the judges, which was seconded by Mr. Nowell, and carried.—Mr. Broadley, in reply, said it was the twelfth time he had been judge for the Association, and he was proud to have the confidence of its members.—A vote of thanks to the retiring officers and to the Chairman brought a very successful meeting to a close.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The quarterly meeting, held at Brewwood, on Saturday last, was quite a pleasurable one. The seven-mile drive from Wolverhampton in beautiful summer weather was greatly enjoyed, as was also the ride by cyclists from various quarters. Ringing was unavoidably delayed on account of a funeral service, and time thus being cut short, it was deemed advisable to abandon the usual ringers' service under these unfortunate circumstances. When opportunity permitted, the bells were made good use of. A capital tea was provided at Mr. J. Perry's, to which about fifty sat down—some being lucky enough to have theirs in the open-air, which made the rest somewhat envious. After further ringing, etc., the return journey was made, all apparently having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

A FALSE PEAL OF TREBLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It has been pointed out to me by Mr. Arthur Knights, that the very ordinary common-place peal of Treble Bob in the Midland Counties Report of 1911, No. 1931, has the home treble leads over again. I am exceedingly sorry that such a peal has been rung, and apologise to the Midland Counties Association generally for being the means of contaminating one of their very excellent reports. The greatest novice could not make a more hare-brained blunder, as the error is discernable at sight. It is quite certain that I never checked the course ends, for the peal in its most intricate form of proof is true, that is the changes within the leads are true. Had the peal been more complex in its composition, it is quite possible that such a stupid error would not have happened. Again expressing my regret to the ringers and conductor.—Yours truly,

CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

HYTHE.

The Hythe Society, Kent, had their annual outing on Monday week. Leaving Hythe at 6 a.m., by motor coach, the party proceeded via Ashford and Lenham to Maidstone, where breakfast was partaken of. From thence through Wrotham, from the hill of which a splendid view is obtained of the surrounding country, the route took them through the fruit-growing district of Farningham and Swanley, and on through Eltham and New Cross, along the Old Kent Road, over the Tower Bridge, and through the Minories to the "Three Nuns," at Aldgate. After visiting the Tower, the party assembled at 12.30 at the "Three Nuns," where a splendid dinner was provided. Afterwards, they visited the bell foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, where they were most courteously met by Mr. Hughes, whose son showed them over the foundry, where the bells of Saltwood, a village adjoining Hythe, were shown and sounded. The tone is excellent, and when the bells are hung Saltwood will possess one of the sweetest peals of six in that part of the country. The inspection of the foundry, handbell tuning, and the various other work, proved exceedingly interesting and instructive, whilst the ever-obliging "Bert" of the handbell department favoured them with "Eileen Allannah," and other tunes on the handbells. Bidding adieu to London at 4.30 p.m., the homeward journey was taken by way of Bromley to Sevenoaks, where tea was had, then through Tonbridge, Pembury, and the Weald of Kent to Ashford. After stopping at Sellinge to renew acquaintance with the landlord of the "Duke's Head" Inn, Hythe was reached at 11.15, all the party having had a thoroughly enjoyable day, their best thanks being due to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for their kindness.

FEN DITTON.

The annual outing of the Fen Ditton ringers, on June 13th, embraced calls at half-a-dozen towers. After starting with 240 Bob Doubles on the home bells, a brake took the party to Old Chesterton, where 360 Bob Minor was rung. The next place of call was Histon, where Chivers' Preserve Factory was the chief item of interest. The six bells at the parish church were in an almost unringable condition, but the visitors managed to score a couple of six scores of Bob Doubles upon them. At Cottenham, two miles further on, the bells were found in fine ringing order, but time only permitted 120 each of Bob and Grandsire Doubles. After lunch, a further drive of five miles brought the party to Willingham, where on the nice peal of five 120 New Doubles, 120 Lincoln Singles and three six-scores of Bob Doubles were brought round. On the way to Swanesey, the ultimate destination, an afternoon meal was partaken of in picnic fashion. When Swanesey was reached, an attempt for 720 Bob Minor was made on the fine ring of six, but it came to grief near the end, owing to a shift course. Afterwards, 120 Bob Doubles were rung, and this concluded the day's ringing, in which J. Martin, H. Wisbeach, H. Newman, E. G. Hibbins, L. G. Mallion, A. Palmer, H. Haybow, A. Turner, J. Nicholls, C. Hancock, and H. L. Frobock, took part. The return journey of about ten miles was very pleasant, and the party, who numbered 15, were all agreed it was one of the most enjoyable outings spent by the company. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicars of the various parishes for the use of the bells.

WEST GRINSTEAD.

On Saturday, the 8th inst., the West Grinstead ringers, accompanied by Messrs. W. Denman, senr., T. Adams and J. Howell, of Shipley, had an outing. Starting at 7.30 a.m., the first tower visited was Ditchling, where the church was found to have a nice ring of six. A 720 of Oxford Single Bob was brought round, after which touches of Plain Bob were rung. On leaving Ditchling the party drove to Danny Park, the beautiful Elizabethan seat of Colonel Campion (father to the Rector of West Grinstead), and here, through the kind hospitality of Colonel and Mrs. Campion, the ringers sat down to an excellent luncheon. Subsequently the ringers proceeded to Hurstpierpoint Church, where 720's of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob were rung. After tea, the return journey was commenced, Cowfold Church being visited on the way, and here 720 of Plain Bob and touches of Oxford Single Bob were rung. Home was reached at 10 p.m., the ringers being very satisfied with their day's "work." The ringers would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Rectors of the churches visited for their kind permission in allowing the use of their belfries, and for having everything in readiness. They also wish to thank Col. and Mrs. Campion for their kind hospitality in giving them luncheon at Danny.

ST. CHAD'S, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday week the Sunday ringers of St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral had their annual outing, Solihull, Warwickshire, being visited. Leaving Birmingham by the 2.59 p.m. train, Solihull was early reached, and the afternoon spent in rambling through the beautiful country lanes, that are so interesting and refreshing after the bustle and noise of a great city. Arriving at the Parish Church at 6.30 p.m., everything was in readiness for ringing, thanks to the kindness of Mr. Bragg, and the bells were soon swinging to the tune of Grandsire Triples, Caters and Bob Major and altogether a most enjoyable time was spent. Mr. Miller, the captain, led the ringing with his accustomed zeal. Every one was delighted with the musical qualities of the bells. Birmingham was reached on the return at 11 p.m. The party wish to thank Mr. Bragg and all those who assisted him in making the party so welcome, and for having everything in readiness.

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A POPULAR COMPOSER.

Among the men who have assisted in raising the art of composing to its present high level is Mr. Henry Dains. His contributions to this side of ringing have been both extensive and valuable, and, among conductors, at any rate, his name is a household word. Nearly all his life, the subject of our sketch has been interested in ringing, and for the last 40 years has been closely identified with the Exercise. Mr. Dains comes of ringing stock, and was born at Tibenham, Norfolk, on October 29th, 1837. The art, like his trade—"an artificer in wood"—was inherited, and he had his father as tutor on the peal of six at his native village. The bells, tenor 19½ cwt., came from the Dobson foundry, and Mr. Dains first learnt to handle a rope while a choir boy. He subsequently took



MR. HENRY DAINS.

part in a 720 of Bob Minor at Banham, in which his father rang the treble, but before making a serious study of ringing, Mr. Dains became a student at the Working Men's College, Great Ormond Street, London, for many a term, and here he fathomed some of the mysteries of isometric, ornamental, freehand and perspective drawing, and subsequently studied practical geometry, which made him an expert of the intricate work of scrolls, ramps and wreaths, and master of his trade, enabling him in after years to occupy responsible positions in charge of important works, upon which he generally found a job for a ringer or two, and sometimes for nearly a band of them.

In 1872 he joined the Waterloo and St. James' Societies, and later became a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, with whom he used to practice. Subsequently he was elected secretary of the last named, a position he held for several years without a break, and again at intervals

afterwards. During this time he was instrumental in raising, with the assistance of a committee, a testimonial for the then conductor of the society, Mr. John Cox, a sum of £72 being got together. Afterwards a jubilee fund for the same purpose was started, and this produced over £40. Meanwhile the old veteran passed away, and was buried by the committee, who placed a splendid headstone over his grave at Nunhead, and handed the balance of the fund to the widow. When the late George Newson, one of the ablest of the Cumberland conductors, passed away in 1896, Mr. Dains was once more instrumental in raising funds for a memorial.

Mr. Dains' first peal was Grandsire Triples, rung on September 13th, 1873, conducted by George Newson, and his performances of 5000 and over now number 220, from Triples to Maximus, his first peal in the Stedman method being one of Cinques. Some of the performances have been exceedingly noteworthy, one of them being the 13,440 of Double Norwich at Romford, rung within a month after the attempt for the same length which came to grief after 8 hours 14 minutes through the treble rope breaking. He also once lost a peal of Stedman Caters after 6½ hours' ringing, and a peal of Treble Bob Major when 6000 changes had been rung.

But it is in the realm of composition that Mr. Dains is best known. His first idea of becoming a composer was stimulated by reading a tablet in the belfry of St. Clement Danes, and, with the meagre assistance upon the false course ends which he was able to obtain, he set to work upon Treble Bob. But all efforts were unavailing until a copy of "The Clavis"—one of the original issue—came into Mr. Dains' hands. This gave him a new start, and, with the writings of the late Jasper Snowdon, enabled him to make peals of Treble Bob. In this method he made his debut as a composer in 1876. On April 27th of that year he rang his first peal in the method—Harrison's 8864, the extent with the tenors together—and on November 4th assisted in ringing his own first composition. This was at St. George's, Camberwell, and was, like the 8864, conducted by George Newson. From this time onward, compositions from his pen were numerous. His 5056 in two equal parts, with the 6th the extent in 5-6 placed at the last four course ends of each part has been described as "a gem," while his 5024's, with the 6th placed at home at seven, eight, nine and ten course-ends respectively are models of construction in Treble Bob composition. He has peals with the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6 in variety; one with a bob before in every course, and another without a call before. He also has a peal in two equal parts in which both the 5th and 6th are in 6th's place at five course-ends. He it was who first split up the 8-6's and 8-6-7's, and by using them at a greater number of course-ends, extended the music over many additional courses. He has many other excellent peals in this method which space forbids us mentioning. In January, 1879, he rang and conducted one of his own compositions for the first time, and this was a 5088 of Treble Bob Major.

Having rung his first peal of Double Norwich in 1877—the first in London for over 27 years—he was led to study its composition, and, old masters having obtained peals with the 6th at home up to eleven course-ends, Mr. Dains set out to obtain the twelfth. He solved the problem while on the sands at Southsea during a holiday and amid marine target practice by bluejackets. He was late at the dinner table that day—the reason why has never before been told. The result of his discovery was that subsequent compositions of Double Norwich were fashioned on these lines, with the addition of the 6th twelve course-ends

in 5th's place, and the improvement thus obtained in the composition led to greater attention being paid in the practice of the method.

Superlative and London has also claimed Mr. Dains' attention, and he scored a triumph in the former when he obtained a peal in two equal parts with the 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6, without the 2nd and 3rd in 6th's at a course-end, and got by the use of the 24365 course-end. This peal was subsequently reduced to 5248, and then to 5056. His original 5088 with the 4th and 6th extent in 5-6 was the first of its class, and he has also peals in the method without a bob at H. In 1895 he composed and published the first peal of London in three equal parts, with the 6th the extent in 5-6 in 5088 changes; while he was also the first to obtain a peal in the method in five equal parts in 5120 changes, and the first to get a two-part peal with the 6th the extent in 5-6 in 24 out of a possible 28 courses. This composition he assisted in ringing at Clerkenwell on May 18th, 1895—the first peal in the method in London by a London society, the Royal Cumberlands. With members of this same society Mr. Dains rang his first peal in the method at Cuckfield, Sussex, in October, 1894, conducted by his old friend, Mr. G. Williams. The composition of Cambridge Royal, upon which he has recently written an able article, and Stedman Caters has formed part of Mr. Dains' study, and he is also the author of several methods. In this latter direction he is best known perhaps as the author of "Alliance," a highly musical method, in which the treble dodges in front and behind, and plain hunts through the middle. The first peal in the method was composed and conducted by Mr. James Parker, a friend of many years standing, at Crawley, Sussex, in November, 1894.

In connection with the method known as "Original," which is on the plain hunt principle, it was Mr. Dains who pointed out how composition can be made of it on any number of bells, either odd or even. The first 120 of Doubles known was by the late Benjamin Annable, and was found in his notebook in the British Museum by Mr. Dains. Benjamin Annable died about 1756, and so he never knew of his method, "Original." A peal on this principle—Major—was subsequently composed and conducted by Mr. Sam Thomas at Sheffield in 1909. This led Mr. Dains to set touches of Original Triples and Caters and Alliance Major and Royal to music for the piano, the performance of which has proved very entertaining at many an evening party.

Reference to Annable's notebook recalls the fact that Mr. Dains has done a good deal of research, and many interesting facts he has discovered by perusing the originals of Stedman's "Campanologia" (published 1686) and "Tintinnologia" (published 1677). In the former he discovered, in Imperial Bob, the first Treble Bob Major method ever published. Its constituent elements are the interior places that go to make the Surprise methods of a century later, viz., in 1788. In the latter he found Reading Doubles, which contain the ground work of all Doubles except Stedman Original. Annable's notebook also furnished some instructive material. In his long ringing career Mr. Dains has had many interesting experiences. He is one of the links with the masters of a bygone generation, but among composers of this or any other time he has had few equals. His efforts have been devoted to something more than a mere stringing together of sufficient courses to make a 5000. He has

been a pioneer in many fields, and his name in composition will have a lasting place. Mr. Dains has been an elected member of the Central Council from its commencement, and has attended all but two of the meetings until prevented by impaired health in the last few years. He has been a member of the Standing, Literature, Methods, Points and Peal Collection Committees from their inception, and his counsels are valued by his colleagues. He is a member of fourteen associations and societies, and has rung peals in sixteen counties, the following being a list of his performances:—

Grandsire Triples	..... 18	(including one on handbells)	
Grandsire Caters	..... 15		
Grandsire Cinques	..... 2		
Stedman Triples	..... 15	(including one on handbells)	
Stedman Caters	..... 16		
Stedman Cinques	..... 15		
Kent Treble Bob Major	... 38	Conducted	3
Kent Treble Royal	..... 25		
Kent Treble Maximus	... 7	Conducted	1
Double Norwich Major	... 40	Conducted	1
Cambridge Surprise Major	1		
Superlative Surprise Major	24		
London Surprise Major	... 4		
Total	... 220	Conducted	5

This list comprises half-muffled performances in memory of dear old friends and acquaintances, upon each number of bells from Triples to Maximus inclusive.

ODD CHANGES.

The new ring of eight at All Saints' Church, Waldron, Sussex (tenor 12½ cwt.) were dedicated yesterday (Thursday) by the Bishop of Lewes. The peal has been cast and hung by Messrs. Warner and Sons.

To commemorate* the long* service* of the late Richard Ridyard, as a ringer, the Church Council of Worsley has decided to undertake the necessary repairs to the bells, and to erect a tablet in the ringing chamber in his memory. The total cost will be £75, towards which the trustees of the repair fund are subscribing £35, and an appeal has been issued for the remainder. The four bells which specially need repair have been hung in the tower for nearly forty years.

Mr. Francis Ward,* of Sheffield,* who has just entered the ranks of the benedicts, has been presented by his brother ringers at Ranmoor, Sheffield, with a handsome walnut overmantel. The Vicar (the Rev. J. G. Williams) made the presentation, and dwelt upon the spirit of unity which exists among the ringers at Ranmoor.*

The Hampshire village of Clanfield, near Porchester, was in uproar one day last week when, owing to a disagreement, the Rector refused to allow a wedding to be celebrated in the church, and took charge of the keys. The marriage was solemnised in the next village, but some of the parishioners climbed into Clanfield belfry by means of ladders with a view to ringing the bells. The ropes broke, but, nothing daunted, the clappers were swung by hand, and the village constable was called in before the "ringers" would desist.

St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool.

The ring of 12 bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, were rehung by Messrs. JOHN WARNER & SONS, London.

The Tenor bell was recast, and the whole ring were rehung upon the original oak framework with modern fittings throughout, and, with the exception of the Tenor bell, the whole of the work was carried out in the Tower, without the bells being taken to the foundry, and, in consequence, without the aid of modern machinery.

1878.

The last peal rung upon the bells before rehanging upon modern methods by JOHN WARNER & SONS, was as follows:—

LIVERPOOL.

On March 12, 1878, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANCES;

JOHN HERON, Junr. Treble	HENRY BROOKS 7
ISAAC MEADOWS 2	GEORGE HELSBY 8
CHARLES ALBERT HERON... 3	THOMAS HAMMOND 9
JOHN H. MOORE... .. 4	JAMES EGERTON 10
WILLIAM WOODHEAD... .. 5	WALTER LITTLER 11
WILLIAM HERON 6	ROBERT THISTLEWOOD } Tenor
	THOMAS METCALF }

Composed and Conducted by JOHN HERON, Junr.

1912.

LIVERPOOL.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.		Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs.	
ARTHUR R. JACOB Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 7		
HARRY BOWER 2	SAM THOMAS 8		
GEORGE HOLMES 3	RICHARD NEWTON 9		
JOHN THORPE 4	WILLIAM DAVIES 10		
WILLIAM BURGAR 5	FRED SALMONS 11		
GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 6	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor		

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

1912.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANCES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs.	
EDWIN H. LEWIS Treble	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS ... 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD 8
HENRY W. WILDE 3	FREDERICK PAGE 9
REV. A. T. BEESTON 4	WILLIAM DAVIES 10
GEORGE R. NEWTON 5	HARRY CHAPMAN 11
REV. H. J. ELSEE 6	RICHARD NEWTON Tenor

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

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

SPECIAL REPORT BY OUR OWN REPRESENTATIVE.

(Continued.)

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

The President said he looked upon this resolution as extremely important, and there was great difficulty in bringing the thing home to those whom it concerned. It was probably a good deal owing to him that there were iron frames at all. He could not remember whether it was Mr. Taylor or his father with whom he argued the question, and told him he ought not to have wood in the tower at all. The difficulty really was this, and many architects had told him the same thing, the knowledge with regard to these matters was largely knowledge obtained from ancient text books, and until they got those ancient text books altered they would find that architects were continuing to imbibe a wrong opinion. He was afraid they would find, as had just been said by a gentleman competent to speak on the matter, that there was a great deal of ignorance amongst architects in regard to these questions. The President quoted the instance of one of the foremost architects of his time, who, to avoid risk to the celebrated St. Hugh's tower, built up a wooden staging inside to a height of 70 feet, and placed a peal of eight bells on top. He (the speaker) remembered looking at that peal, and observing that there were a large number of tongues of wood stuck in between the frame and the tower. There they had one of the first architects honestly believing that was the best thing he could do for the tower. The only way that this ignorance could be cured was by a practical exposition. He did not think bell foundries were always sufficiently careful about it. A large part of the value of an iron frame was lost if it was not bolted through the tower to plates outside. If they only put their iron frames on girders, so far through the tower, they might be pulling it to pieces. These were points that wanted careful attention, and he thought, in those cases which the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings quoted, the bell hanger had not been at pains to brace the iron frame through the tower. The frame which bound the tower together must strengthen the tower, as against the loose frame put on corbels, which might spread it and not pull it together. Turning to the example of the tone of a piano, quoted by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, the President said that was not quite a fair way of putting it. The bell frame was like the structure of the piano, and iron was far more largely used in pianos to-day than it was 30 years ago. It did not matter what the bell frame was made of, but it did matter what the floor was made of. The ideal tower would be one not open at the sides at all, but opening at the top, and the nearer they could get to that the more even the sound would be and the softer the tone. He had ventured to enlarge somewhat upon this matter, because it had been very near his heart for many years. He did not think they would move the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings, for those good people were so fossilised that they could not be moved to recognise anything that was new. They wanted to preserve everything that was old until it rotted clean away.

Mr. Lewis said he thought Mr. Edwards' contention could only be proved by putting a peal in a wooden frame, and then putting them in an iron frame.

Mr. Taylor said it might amuse the Council to know that in one case he was blamed for having spoiled a peal of bells by hanging them in an iron frame. When he asked the name of the church, he found as a matter of fact they had rehung the bells in the old wooden frame (laughter).

Mr. Banks asked if there was a liability of iron frames rolling and not lasting so long as wooden ones. The tower where he rang was a very damp tower, and he had been thinking that the damp might cause corrosion, so that iron frames would not last so long as wooden ones.

The President said cast iron would go on for centuries and not corrode perceptibly, but steel corroded much more rapidly. He thought it was advisable in all bell hanging work that rolled iron joists should be used if they could be obtained. Steel joists would rust rapidly if exposed to damp.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson thought they could do no harm if the Council passed the resolution before them, and appointed a committee who had engineering experience.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards moved to add to the resolution the words "and to the position of the ringing floor."—Mr. Taylor seconded.

The President thought it would be wise to ask Mr. Lewis to collaborate with Mr. Young in the matter. It would be better than tying the Council by a resolution. He looked upon the matter as one of the most important they had ever had before them. Would the Council, therefore, consent to appointing Mr. Young and Mr. Lewis and one or two others to collaborate with the President and hon. secretary to see how they could best deal with the matter?

Mr. Lewis agreed. He said it was such a difficult thing to move this society, that he would much rather leave it to the Council to attack the problem in any way they thought fit.

The President's suggestion was agreed to, and Mr. J. H. B. Hesse was added to the committee.

APPROVAL FOR BENEVOLENT FUNDS.

The Hon. Secretary moved the following resolution: 'That the Council, while itself declining to take part in the formation or subsequent

management of such an enterprise if set on foot, and without in any sense pledging its individual members, would nevertheless view with satisfaction the establishment on a sound financial basis of a Benevolent Fund for the benefit of members of the Exercise, who may stand in need of help.' He said he thought it would be good thing if the Council once and for all said quite plainly that, while they could not take in hand the inauguration or management of a benevolent fund, or anything of that sort, they would view the establishment of such a fund on proper lines with satisfaction. He moved the resolution because there was lurking in the minds of some members of the Exercise the idea that, because the Council had always rejected motions having for their object the establishment of a benevolent fund, they did not agree with benevolent funds, and did not like them. He wanted that idea dissipated because everyone of them would do all they could to help their poorer brethren. The resolution spoke for itself, and he hoped there would in future be no idea that the Council had any sort of feeling against it, but very much the reverse.

Mr. King seconded. There had been, he said, among many people a misconception as to what was meant by benevolence and benefit. Benefit was a thing for which they paid, and for which they got a distinct quid pro quo. Benevolence was doing good, hoping for nothing in return. There was room for benevolence everywhere, and at all times. Among ringers it was better exercised in the associations, where the case was better known than it would be to those who administered a central fund. It had transpired within the last few weeks that many associations were seeing their way to taking steps to set on foot such a fund, and he noticed that some of them were proceeding with considerable caution, and that before anybody could reap any benevolence they must have been a member for five years, and, he thought they should have added, should have paid their subscriptions. That would be one way of inducing those sturdy shillings to come into the association coffers. Administration of these funds would require a great deal of caution for the reason he had pointed out, that there was many a man who, if he gave anything to a fund, would have something out of it some day by hook or by crook. If, however, a man gave anything to a benevolent fund he must do so hoping to get nothing out again. That sort of benevolence was certainly one that should be encouraged, and he believed it would be encouraged generally. But they never found a case in any tower, where a man was hard up, that was not met at once locally. Why, then, should all this machinery be set up by the Central Council? He could not see that it was at all necessary. It seemed to him, however, that they must all look upon it favourably, and give it their blessing, so to speak, wherever people thought they could in a proper way set up and formulate rules for such a fund.

Mr. G. Watson said Mr. King had mentioned the case where it was necessary to be members of an association for five years before they could reap benefit. That happened to be the county with which he was connected. In Sussex they proposed to exercise benevolence in this way. They had been in the habit of paying for the tuition of bands, and they had also been in the habit of giving money where they had been asked for help when bells were to be restored. When they had spent their money in that way the association did not get any benefit from it, for incumbents did not always induce their ringers to become affiliated to the association after they had had the help. He had, therefore, thought it would be a very good thing if any money they had to spare was car-marked for any of their poorer members who might be in need. The Association had been in a position in the last two or three years of making a profit. Through being economical they had got £14 or £15 a year, which they could see their way to putting aside for this purpose, and they did not ask their members to put their hands into their pockets at all, so it was not a benefit, it was purely a benevolent fund.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore said as one who had also been instrumental in starting a fund, he thought it would be a great mistake for the Council to take on a matter such as this, which could better be worked by the associations themselves. In Kent they were going to work very much on the same lines as in Sussex, and the only thing he was sorry about was that the Sussex had taken the wind out of their sails in being the first to form such a fund, but he hoped they would beat them in the amount of it before long (applause).

The motion was then put to the meeting, and carried.

THE PRIMARY USE OF BELLS.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey moved the following resolution on behalf of Mr. Boutflower: "That this meeting of the Council, while recognising the value of peal ringing generally, and the laudable desire of the members to assist in placing their own Association at the head of the peal table, wishes to express the strong conviction that the chief aim of all members should be the encouragement in all towers of ringing, rather than chiming the bells for Sunday services, thus helping to achieve the primary objects for which the bells are hung, viz., the Glory of God, and the calling of the parishioners together for His Worship." They had all heard a good many sermons, he said, applied to their own particular art of change ringing, and they must all feel that their ringing should be done for the glory of God. If only they kept that idea before them they must see at once that the greatest object of their work was to call parishioners together for worship on Sunday, or whenever the church might be open for service. Unfortunately it had been considered for many years that the chiming

of the bells was more appropriate for calling people together than the ringing of them. He had never agreed with that idea himself, and he did not suppose that anyone in that room would agree with it. The sound of the bells was never so good as when they were in full swing, therefore they got the best sound out of the bells when they were being rung. Surely when they were trying to call people to worship God they wanted to use their instruments at their highest and best capacity; therefore, ringing was the appropriate thing in every respect. There were sometimes two difficulties. One was the difficulty of getting permission from the parson, and the other the difficulty of getting a band. There were many ringers who objected to going to ring the bells for service on Sundays, and he was sure Mr. Boutflower's idea in mentioning this was to try, as ringers, not only to get the clergy to allow ringing of their bells for services, but, having got permission, to take care there should always be a band present to ring the bells, and to ring all the bells. When they were ringing for the glory of God they wanted to ring as well as ever they could. They did not want to look on Sunday ringing simply as a little further practice, but they should strike the bells as well as they possibly could, and ring the most beautiful and musical changes they were capable of producing. In order to do this, peal ringing was a very great help, because, as they all knew, long length ringing did really improve ringing, and they got the best striking by those who were capable of ringing peals and striking them well. It was very nice to ring as many peals as they could, and the more they rang the better strikers they would be, but it was not a good thing that their sole object should be to ring the largest number of peals they could merely to get their association at the head of the peal table. He trusted that they would all be ready to acknowledge that the real and highest object of peal ringing was to make themselves thoroughly proficient for ringing the bells for the glory of God. He hoped the members would do their utmost, wherever they might be, to influence those whom they represented to try, in the first place, if they had no Sunday ringing, to persuade their clergy to allow it, and when they had got permission to ring, to be regular and careful in the ringing when they were calling people to God's House.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who seconded, suggested the addition of the words, after the words "Sunday services," "and on the Festivals of the Church and their eves."

The Rev. H. A. Cockey accepted the suggestion.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said after the extraordinarily erratic occasions for the ringing of peals enumerated in the Peals Analysis Committee's report he did not think there would be any divergence of opinion in that assembly as to the propriety of including the principle which his amendment involved, viz., that ringing should be done regularly on those days which were appointed by the Church to be observed as feast days. There was also another point, a point of expediency to ringers. They lived in an age when people with weak nerves and unspeakable cranks seemed to have a free hand through the House of Commons, the County Councils, and through local authorities to impose their cranks upon any other section of their fellow men, and they never knew what moment there might be passed through the House of Commons, by a private member, an order that the ringing of Church bells should cease, except upon certain stipulated occasions. A good many of those present might, perhaps, be aware that some society with its headquarters in London actually had such a thing in their programme. The point was that if ever such a thing were passed, the matter of greatest importance to them as ringers would be on what occasions the House of Commons would kindly permit them to ring. They wanted to be in the position to say as the Frenchman said, "Ici je suis, ici je reste"—"here I am, here I stay." If they allowed their ringing to be confined, apart from practices, to Sundays, they might at any moment get a Bill passed confining ringing to Sundays. They wanted to be able to say that it was the custom to ring Church bells on every festival and its eve, and then, if ever such a Bill were before Parliament, they would be able to turn to the Prayer Book and say: "The bells have been rung on every Sunday and on festivals and the eves, here is the list of occasions." The great majority of peals were rung on Saturdays, and while ringers could not say that they had any canonical right to ring three hour peals, they would be able to rise to their position and their privileges, and say they had a sacred right by the immemorial tradition of the Holy Catholic Church, to ring, not only every Sunday, but every Saturday, because it was the eve of Sunday (hear, hear). He hoped, therefore, from the ringers' practical point of view, as well as from the point of view of service to the Church, the Council would pass the motion.

The resolution was put, and carried, without further discussion, and the meeting then terminated with a vote of thanks to the President, moved by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge.

A. B. PECK'S 150 PEALS.

With a peal of Stedman Triples, on handbells on Saturday, Mr. A. B. Peck completed his 150 peals, which are made up as follows: Grandsire Triples, 2; Grandsire Caters, 2; Stedman Triples, 26 (1 on handbells); Stedman Caters, 23; Stedman Cinques, 9; Treble Bob Major, 2; Treble Bob Royal, 9; Treble Bob Maximus, 8; Double Norwich Major, 11; Double Norwich Royal, 3; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 2; London Surprise Major, 36; London Surprise Royal, 1; Bristol Surprise Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 14; total, 150.

DEATH OF THE REV. J. M. CLARKSON.

We much regret to announce the death of the Rev. J. M. Clarkson, which has occurred at Brington Rectory, Huntingdon, at the age of 60 years. Mr. Clarkson was a foundation scholar of Clare College, Cambridge, and was ordained in 1877. He became a naval chaplain in 1878, and served in various vessels on different stations, subsequently becoming chaplain at Devonport Dockyard. While filling this latter office, he interested himself greatly in the furtherance of change ringing, took a practical part in the meetings, and had the dockyard bells rehung, while he also introduced many improvements. Since 1901 he has been Rector of Brington-with-Bythorn and Old Weston, in Huntingdon, and has continued his connection with the Devon Guild. He also became an officer of the Ely Association, acting as District Secretary for the Huntingdon Archdeaconry, and representing the Association on the Central Council. Ill-health, however, kept him away from the last meeting in London.

WISBECH RINGER'S DEPARTURE.

The Wisbech band have lost one of their number, Mr. S. Collinson, who has obtained a post in the Royal Infirmary, Hammersmith. He takes with him the best wishes of his colleagues, among whom his splendid example and good spirit has earned him the respect of all. Farewell touches were rung on Sunday week, conducted by R. Narborough. In the morning, 720 Bob Minor, tenor covering: G. Duffield 1, S. Andrews 2, H. Piggins 3, T. Haines 4, G. Piggins (first on an inside bell) 5, R. Narborough 6, H. Cheesewright 8. For the afternoon service, 280 Bob Doubles on the back six. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor, with 7 and 8 covering: G. Duffield 1, S. Andrews 2, T. Haines 3, H. Banham 4, R. Narborough 5, G. Piggins 6, S. Collinson 7, H. Cheesewright 8.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Lincoln district was held at Heckington on Saturday week. Like many other places in Lincolnshire, Heckington is not served by one of the best train services, but thanks to the energy of the Washingborough branch, who arranged a drive of some 23 miles each way, and ardent cyclists from other places, a good muster appeared, if rather late in the afternoon. A mixed company attempted a peal of Little Bob Major in the morning, but it came to a sudden stop, after the bells had been rolling along for considerably over an hour. An attempt was also made for a handbell peal which met the same fate. A company of 39 sat down to tea, which had been arranged by the local band, including the Vicar and churchwardens, and the Rector of Washingborough.—A business meeting followed, at which a resolution was passed recording the loss the Guild, and, indeed, the whole Diocese, had sustained by the recent and sudden death of Precentor Bond.—The District Secretary gave a short resume of the matters dealt with at the Central Council meeting held at the Church House, Westminster, on Whit-Tuesday, and urged all members to carefully peruse the full report which was appearing in the "Ringing World," and further to take care that the deliberations of the Council were brought before the various incumbents whenever any point appertaining to bells or bell ringing arose.—Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung, and some of the members visited the adjoining church of Great Hale, where there is a handy ring of six.

"THE CATHEDRAL OF EAST SUSSEX."

Much work of beautifying the spacious Church of St. Mary, Rye, Sussex, which is known as "The Cathedral of East Sussex," has been carried out during recent years. Among other things, has been the erection of a new portico at the north door, and two magnificent screens on the north side of the chancel. Altogether about £1,800 has been subscribed toward the improvements, £900 of which was given through the munificence of the late Mr. Edward Henry Liddell, who died about twelve months ago, and who was Vicar's warden for several successive years.

Naturally the members of the congregation desired to erect some kind of memorial to the memory of such a munificent donor, and a handsome screen now stands on the south side of the chancel for this purpose, to be called "The Liddell Memorial Screen." The widow of the deceased and his son (Mr. Geoffrey Liddell) have given a large and handsome stained glass window, which has been inserted in the Chapel of St. Clare, which is used for daily services. The Bishop of Chichester (Dr. C. J. Ridgway) visited the church last Friday week, and dedicated the window, the memorial screen, and the other additions. Before the service, a well-struck 700 of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells by: Messrs. P. Giles 1, L. T. H. Seers 2, H. F. Cobon 3, G. Kenward 4, W. Bennett 5, V. D. Laurence 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, G. J. Youngs 8. A touch of Bob Minor was also brought round.

The late Mr. Liddell, previous to coming to Rye, resided at Curdridge, Hants, where, as at Rye, it would be difficult to tell exactly what he gave for Church purposes. Ringers, however, especially in Hampshire, owe a great debt of gratitude to him, for we have it on good authority that his first wife and himself presented the beautiful peal of eight bells to Curdridge Church. The late Mr. Liddell appeared to delight in contributing to any scheme for the welfare of the Church, and was one of the largest subscribers to the Rye Bell Ringers annual appeal at Christmas time. He was one who recognised, in no small measure, that the first charge on his income was the Church.

TROWBRIDGE BELLS.**EXTENSIVE RENOVATION SCHEME COMPLETED.**

The renovation of Trowbridge Parish Church bells has just been carried out, the contract having been very satisfactorily fulfilled by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol. The bells, originally a heavy ring of six, were recast into a peal of eight and rehung by Wells, of Aldbourne, and in 1800 and for over a century they had pealed out sometimes gladly, sometimes mournfully, until at last their condition required attention. The well-known Bristol firm were called in, and Trowbridge is now again in full possession of its bells, which have been dedicated by the Bishop of Salisbury.

The contract was an important one, and over £370 has been spent upon the bells, the whole amount being raised by the time the peal was re-opened. In carrying out the work of renovation, it was found necessary entirely to dismantle the belfry. All the old tangle of wooden beams was cleared away, and a new steel frame provided. The treble, second and tenor were recast, the last-named being now 23 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs., and the other five retuned. The result is a magnificent peal of eight, which do great credit to the firm, on whose behalf the work was superintended by Mr. F. E. Taylor.

There was a large congregation present at the impressive dedication service, the Bishop preaching a most appropriate sermon from John xiv. 2. The ringing which took place during the service was done by: W. McCaffrey (captain) 1, H. Butcher 2, C. Raisen 3, A. K. Harrison 4, J. Francis 5, S. Aldom 6, G. Harding (conductor) 7, S. J. Hector 8. Ringers were also present from Devizes (St. Mary's and St. John's), Bath, Bradford-on-Avon, Steeple Ashton, Keevil, Westbury, Melksham, etc., and many of them took a turn at the ropes after the service. They all agreed that the bells went beautifully, and were of a fine tone.

Afterwards, the ringers, numbering about 40, at the New Inn were entertained to a most satisfying repast by Mr. F. Hobson, one of the churchwardens. Mr. McCaffrey presided, and referred with pride and pleasure to the work which had been done in the tower. He also expressed the thanks of all to Mr. Hobson for his kind hospitality. His remarks were heartily endorsed.

Mr. Prescott (of Bath) added a few words, referring to the excellent work of Messrs. Llewellyns and James, and saying if a man could not ring at Trowbridge he could not ring anywhere, as the bells went so nicely. He was pleased to see so good a band at Trowbridge, and hoped they would all stick to Mr. McCaffrey.

Mr. Burbidge (of Melksham) said he was very pleased with the "go" of the bells, and hoped that gathering would be a means of promoting even greater unity amongst the different towers.

Songs were sung by Messrs. Prescott, Offer (Frome), Francis (Hilperston), Smith (Bath), and several touches on handbells of Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor, and Grandsire Doubles were rung by Messrs. Prescott, Harding, Harrison, and Hector.

SALISBURY GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF THE WEST DORSET BRANCH.**

At the invitation of the Rev. W. Jacob, the West Dorset branch of the Salisbury Guild held a meeting at Lyme Regis, on Saturday, the 8th inst., when a large number of members turned up. Travelling facilities are not of the best in that part of the Sarum Diocese, where "Dorset meets Devon," but difficulties exist only to be overcome. To reach the place of meeting a drive of from ten to sixteen miles was negotiated by many while others, despite the steepness of the hills, brought the bicycle into requisition. The towers of Lyme Regis (eight bells, tenor 10 cwt.) and Uplyme (six bells, tenor 15 cwt.) were at the disposal of the members, and were made good use of during the afternoon and evening.

A bountiful tea, with strawberries and cream, was generously provided by the Rev. W. Jacob, on the lawn of his tastefully arranged grounds, and 53 partook of his hospitality, the wants of the company being most assiduously studied by the ladies of the house. After a photograph had been taken, a short business meeting was held under the presidency of the Rev. C. F. Langford (chairman of the branch). In the absence of the hon. secretary, the Master (Mr. T. Hervey Beams) gave a report of the work of the branch, which showed a slowly progressive state of things.

On the proposition of the Rev. W. Jacob, seconded by Mr. J. Lathey, several names were added to the roll of members, including those of Drs. Collins and Ramsden-Wood. Maiden Newton was selected as the place for the next meeting. A cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality, the ladies for their presence and assistance, and the incumbents of the churches for the use of the bells was carried with acclamation, on the proposition of the Rev. Langford, seconded by Mr. W. S. B. Northover. The company then adjourned to the parish church, where full evensong was rendered, the music being led by a large surpliced choir, accompanied by the organ. At this service a collection in aid of the Litton Cheney Bell Fund was made. Subsequently further ringing brought to a close a most successful meeting.

Besides those already named there were present: The Revs. E. V. Cox (Walsall), G. E. F. Molineux (Colyton), C. F. Urquhart (Lyme Regis), Dr. Ramsden-Wood (Lyme Regis), and representatives from Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Litton Lyme, Netherbury, Whitechurch, etc.

NOTICES.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held on Saturday, June 29th, 1912, at All Saints, Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppy. Tower open from 3.30 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chipping on June 29th. Bells available from 3.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual summer festival will be held at Biggleswade (8 bells) on Saturday, June 29th, 1912. Cricket match 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Address by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake. Meat tea on Vicarage lawn at 6.15 at 1s. each.—F. Blood, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil to-morrow (Saturday), June 29th. Dinner at the Half Moon Hotel at 1.30 p.m. Meeting to follow service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. The bells available are: St. John's, Yeovil (10) after 11.30 a.m., East Coker (8), West Coker (8) and Martock (8) all day.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on July 4th and 18th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 9th and 23rd; at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 9th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd. All at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Bolsover, on Saturday, July 6th. Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence, 8 bells, tenor 15 cwt., available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Boxley on Saturday, July 6th, 1912. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea on the Vicarage lawn 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after. Through the kindness of the Rev. J. R. Hale, Vicar, tea will be provided for all members who notify me not later than Tuesday, July 2nd.—G. Moore, District Secretary, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas', Newhey, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place to Pattingham (8) on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available at 3.30.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Honorary Secretary, 6, Upper Forster Street, Walsall.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hathersage on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (6) ready at 4 p.m. This is a grand outing, and all members and ringing friends are invited to attend.—J. Evinson, Secretary, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Walberton, near Arundel, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business to follow. Members intending to be present please notify me by Thursday, July 4th.—H. Evans, Honorary Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Martley on Saturday, July 6th. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting at the Rectory at 5.15.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting of the N.W. Division will be held at Wenden on Saturday, July 6th. Littlebury, Rickling and Clavering towers will be open. A brake will leave Stansted at 2 o'clock for Rickling and Clavering. A free tea will be provided by the Vicar to those sending me word by the 3rd inst. Business meeting immediately after tea.—W. Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Colsterworth on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available all day. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the George Inn. All members and friends are earnestly requested to attend, and should give notice not later than July 2nd.—A. Markwell, District Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—A quarterly general meeting of the association will be held at St. Boltoph's, Bishopsgate, E.C., on Monday, July 8th. Tower open at 8 p.m. Business meeting 9.30 p.m. All members should endeavour to attend.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 13th, special service in the Cathedral at 11.30. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Business meeting in the Chapter House at 12.20. Dinner in the dining hall at Christ Church at 1.30. Dinner tickets at 2s. each will be forwarded to those members only who send their money with the order to me on or before Saturday, July 6th. 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, Guild Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Ashted on Saturday, July 13th. Tower open at 3. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.45. Business meeting after.—Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at East Markham on Saturday, July 13th. Tuxford bells will also be at the disposal of ringers during the afternoon. Tea will be provided, 1s. per head, to those who notify William Freeman, London Road, East Markham, Newark, by July 10th.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—In order to facilitate the publishing of future reports, conductors of peals are requested to send particulars of peals called by them within seven days of such performance to T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport, Assistant Honorary Secretary. N.B.—Will conductors of peals since 1st January, 1912, also oblige?

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BELL FOUNDRY STAFF'S OUTING.

On Saturday last, the staff of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's Whitechapel Foundry held their annual outing at Rye House. Permission was obtained for the use of the bells at Broxbourne Church from 9 till 10 a.m., and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were brought round, the band including Messrs. A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, S. Lawrence, T. Lawrence, J. Thomas, F. Conn, W. Hazell, D. Gibbons and S. Dunwell.

The rest of the party were joined at Rye House, and the morning was occupied by a single innings cricket match. This was finished just in time for luncheon, and after justice had been done to the good things provided, the whole party embarked on a steam launch for a trip up the Lea River as far as Ware, returning for tea, which was followed later in the evening by a smoking concert.

A full and varied musical programme included handbell ringing (double-handed Grandsire Triples) also a course of Grandsire Cinques and two leads of Treble Bob Maximus by Mr. J. Thomas on his set of "fairy bells," the time of departure coming all too soon. The day throughout was most enjoyable, ideal weather prevailed, and the whole party look forward to the pleasure of many more similar outings.

WHITWICK RINGER'S FAREWELL.

Another member of the Whitwick (Leicestershire) Ringers' Society, Mr. Joseph Sharp, sailed for Australia on the 8th inst. A farewell quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the previous Sunday for evensong by Messrs. H. Pegg 1, Thos. Belcher 2, S. W. West 3, B. West 4, H. Partridge 5, J. Rawson 6, W. Fern (conductor) 7, J. Sharp 8.—On the following day, the ringers, with the Vicar (Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie) and churchwardens (Messrs. J. P. Roulsham and S. W. West) met to show their esteem by presenting Mr. Sharp with a ringers' silk handkerchief, with an inscription on either end as follows: "With best wishes to Mr. Joseph Sharp from the Whitwick Church Bellringers, 1912." This was neatly worked in blue on a white ground.—In making the presentation, the Vicar remarked that in about two years two of his ringers had left for America, two for Australia, and two for different parts of England. While hoping they would all be successful, it was a severe drain on the home band to lose them.—Mr. Sharp suitably replied, and the rest of the meeting was spent in ringing farewell touches, after which an adjournment was made to the Hastings Arms Hotel, where the evening was concluded with a convivial gathering.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LUTON DISTRICT OFFICERS ELECTED.

A meeting of the Luton District was held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday last, when there were present members from Luton, Dunstable, Woburn, Husbourn Crawley, Linslade, Tring, London, and the local tower, about 40 in all. During the afternoon and evening, touches of Treble Ten, Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, Stedman, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung. The Linslade tower was also placed at the disposal of the ringers.—After tea, a meeting was held, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker being elected President of the branch, and Mr. A. King of Luton, secretary, and a committee, comprising a member of each tower, was decided upon.—It was proposed that a monthly meeting be held at Husbourn Crawley, on July 13th, 1912.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.—On May 15th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Saddington 1, B. Saddington 2, F. Lewin 3, H. Willis (first 720) 4, G. Betts 5, B. J. Saddington (conductor) 6.

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